



Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

May 2018

50 Ways To Take Church To The Community (Part 1)

Churches can no longer open their doors and expect that people will come in. Effective congregations go into the world to encounter those in need of the gospel. These 50 ways provide tips on reaching beyond the walls of our church with worship, community events, ministries, and service.

Embrace an expansive concept of community

1. Learn to regard your community as an extension of your congregation. A church's mission field goes beyond its membership to include all the people God calls it to serve. You are connected to individuals who never set foot in your building.

2. Know that what's happening within the church — preaching, worship, music, Bible study — is no longer enough to attract people in an age when church attendance is no longer a cultural expectation.

3. Don't sit in your church building waiting for people to come. Be prepared to meet people where they are.

Prepare spiritually

4. Acknowledge the synergy between the Great Commandment in Matthew 22 (love your neighbor as yourself) and the Great Commission in Matthew 28 (go and make disciples). Evangelistic outreach expresses our love of others.

5. Remember that Jesus primarily

engaged people through everyday encounters, rather than in the Temple or synagogues. He fed people, met their everyday needs, and enjoyed the fellowship of others.

6. Express love and compassion for your community in big and small ways. Avoid judgmentalism.

7. Pray regularly for your neighbors and lift up community concerns.

8. Attend to the faith formation of existing members. Willingness to share faith and reach out to others develops as one grows in faith and discipleship.

9. Prepare spiritually for the transformation that creative, risk-taking outreach will bring.

Get to know the community surrounding your church

10. Review demographic data from public, private, and denominational sources, but don't assume statistics alone will tell the whole story.

11. Get out in your neighborhood. Walk the streets. Map the area and record your observations. Note how the community is changing.

12. Assess community needs and assets. What are the needs of your context? Who are your neighbors, and how can you serve them?

13. Be attuned to where God is already at work in your community.

(Copied from the Lewis Center For Church Leadership)

ONE CHURCH

ONE WORSHIP TIME FOR THIS SUMMER

From May 20 to September 2, Wesley Chapel will worship together as one congregation on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

This "Summer Worship Schedule" will give us an opportunity to see and meet members we may not know or have not seen in a while. It is also a great time to invite friends and neighbors to join you for worship.

With our whole congregation together as one church, we know God's Holy Spirit will energize our worship, fill us with His presence, and move us into a deeper relationship with Christ. Spend your summer with us in worship as we share in rich traditions and reach out in spirit-filled praise of our God and King!

*Remember our first "one church" service is **Pentecost Sunday!** Wear red, help us welcome our Confirmation class into membership, and join us for a wonderful Missions Lunch after worship.*

Looking forward to seeing you there!

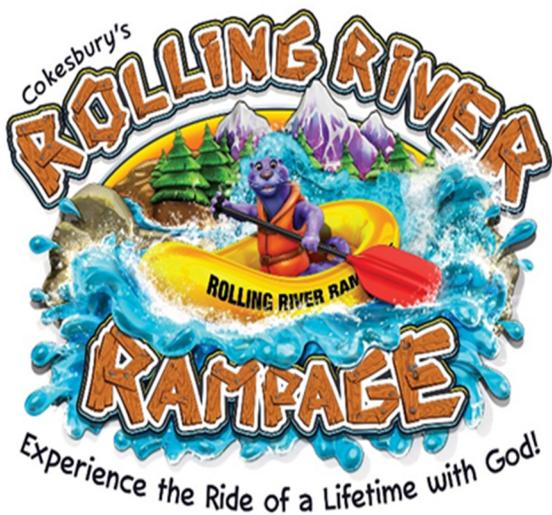
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CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it. — Proverbs 22:6

VBS registration is OPEN!



June 25-29, 1-4 p.m.

Pick up registration forms from Marcie, the front office or on the church website:

www.wesleychapelumc.com

Bring a friend – this is a VBS theme full of great Bible stories, splashing, camp crafts, campfire songs and S'more fun than you can imagine.

Please join us for Children's Sunday School.

We meet at 10 a.m. in the upstairs children's wing classrooms.

*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
in Children's Ministry*

Please email Marcie at msmillholand@gmail.com if you want to help with any of the following:

- **Sunday School** (1-2 times a month on a rotating schedule)
- **Children's Ministry Action Team** (a planning and visioning group to meet periodically)
- **Vacation Bible School** (June 25-29, 1-4 p.m. Volunteer meeting May 6, 2:45 pm in the Great Room)
- **Nursery Volunteers** (one time per month on a rotating schedule. 18 years or older)

THIS MONTH AT WESLEY CHAPEL

Graduate Sunday is May 6.

VBS volunteer meeting May 6 at 2:45 p.m. in the Great Room.

Confirmation student/parent meeting May 6 at 4 p.m. in the Great Room.

Monthly Men's Breakfast is May 13 at 7:30 a.m.

Mother's Day is May 13.

Confirmation Sunday is May 20. There will be a **missions luncheon** following the 11:00 service. **We will be collecting party items to benefit the Confetti Foundation.**

We will serve breakfast at **New Hope Ministries** on **May 20** at **7 a.m.**

The **Christian Education Building** will host the **primary election** on **May 22**.

The **last day of school for Cobb County** is **May 23**. **Cherokee County** finishes on **May 25**.

Memorial Day is **May 28**.



The Heritage Club will meet on **Thursday, May 17 in the gym**. Gospel duo Linda Foster and Charlie Sexton will perform.

Youth News

When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday School for all 6th through 12th grades meets at 10 a.m. in the WCGym. Please do not be late – be considerate of your SS teachers and fellow WCYouth.

SUNDAY, MAY 6



Graduation Recognition at 11 a.m. Worship. Congratulations!

Praise Band and Puppets at 11 a.m. worship
VBS volunteer meeting (with snacks!!) **2:45 p.m. in** the Great Room for everyone who plans to volunteer. **VBS is June 25-2, 1-4 p.m. Confirmand and Parent** (at least one) **Meeting 4 p.m.** with Pastor Jimmy in the Great Room
UMYF 5-7 p.m. in the WCGym.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

UMYF 5-7 p.m. in the WCGym.

SUNDAY, MAY 20



Confirmation at 11 a.m. followed by a celebration in the WCGym.
UMYF 5-7 p.m. in the WCGym.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Honduras 2018 Mission Team Commissioning at the 11 a.m. worship service. **No UMYF.** Enjoy the holiday weekend and graduation celebrations with your family and friends.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, May 31 is the deadline to pay your balance for the SSI/Brunswick “Other Mission Trip.” You will receive an email with your balance due amount prior to the due date.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the **Spring Youth Yard Sale** mission fundraiser a success! We raised over **\$800** for our summer missions!!

CELEBRATE NEW MEMBERS & *THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH*

Confirmation Sunday is May 6 at 11 a.m. followed by a celebration in the WCGym. Bring your family and friends to our delicious **mission meal**, which will include a special dessert to recognize our new members, the confirmation class of 2018, as well as a celebration of Pentecost Sunday. So many special things are planned – you don’t want to miss out!



Pentecost Sunday (May 20) is the day the church celebrates the apostles receiving the Holy Spirit after the resurrection of Jesus. It’s often called “the birthday of the church.” To celebrate this day, we will be collecting new, unopened packages of birthday

party napkins, plates and decorations to donate to the **Confetti Foundation**. The Confetti Foundation supplies birthday party kits to children who are in the hospital on their birthdays. (Please note that they can only accept new, unopened products for the safety of children who are



already hospitalized. For more information, visit their website: <http://confettifoundation.org/>

The Honduras Mission Trip is June 2-9. Please be in prayer for the team, the people we encounter in our travels and for those we will be serving during the week.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May 2 Jim Ware
May 5 Doris Dunagan
May 8 Cindy Harder
May 10 William Reither
May 11 Carol Kile
Linda Brock
Ashton Smith
May 16 Chase Genn
May 17 Van Kile
May 19 *Jimmy & Lory Gross*
May 20 Robby Stephens
May 23 Eddie Resendez
Mary Anne DeMaria
May 24 Pat Gayle
Jessica Cox
John & Joan Hancock
May 29 Linda Bramblett
Pam Eskew
Jimmy & Debbie Hood
May 31 Misty Blackwell

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