

THE  
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HELLO  
*August*

The Anthony United  
Methodist Church

225 N. Bluff

Worship: 9:30

Church School: 10:45

## NEWS FROM THE ANTHONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

### *A Word from Pastor Bruce Wilson*

Do you often find yourself wondering why God doesn't answer your prayers or why, despite all your best efforts, the circumstances of your life still don't work out? The answer could lie in your level of obedience to God.

In Dr. Charles Stanley's "Life Principles Bible", he says in principle #5, "God does not require us to understand His will, just obey it, even if it seems unreasonable." Dr. Stanley goes on to say that the most profound truth he could give from his life was to obey God and leave all the consequences to Him. If God tells you to head toward a brick wall, you head for the brick wall. And when you get to that wall, God will make a hole in it for you. (Think Noah building the Ark for a hundred years before the rain.) Obedience to God is essential to living a life that honors God. You'll be blessed when you obey Him!

Therefore, any area of disobedience needs to be addressed. Sin prevents us from experiencing God's best for our lives. Perhaps God has asked something of you, and in response, you have either ignored His words or done only part of what He asked. True obedience to God means doing what He says, when He says it should be done, and for as long as He says to do it until what He says is accomplished...regardless of whether or not you understand the reasons for it.

Is there a particular area of your life in which you struggle to obey the Lord? My colleague Kim Hoy teaches a class on honoring God through food choices and recently applied this question of obedience regarding food. She asks, "Do you eat when you are hungry and

Pastor Bruce announced his reappointment to AUMC/HUMC for another year!



stop when you are satisfied, listening intently to the promptings of the Holy Spirit?" Great question. Of course, I already know everyone's answer is, "No!" Okay then, let's pick a different area of obedience. In John 13:34 Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." So I ask you, "Is there someone in your life you dislike, or some people group you hate, or someone you refuse to forgive? I know your answer is, "Yes." Okay then, here's one more... "When the church invites your generosity, or a school kid solicits your fundraising support, or a non-profit seeks a donation from you, do you open your wallet and pull out the smallest bill you can find in there? Sadly, the

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*psalms 119:105*

answer for most Christians is "Yes". These are but a few of many examples of Christian disobedience towards God. Dr. Stanley said, "Following God's will instead of your own can make a tremendous difference in your life, which is why you must make obedience to Him your top priority. It is the only way you will ever become the person God wants you to be and the only way you will ever achieve the things in life that He has so wonderfully prepared for you." God truly has your best interests at heart!

Continued Blessings,

Pastor Bruce

### MINISTRY TEAM JUNE MEETING

Those present: Mary Chandler, Robert Chandler, Karen Cather, Lucinda Gates, Pastor Bruce Wilson

#### Old Business:

- Lucinda and Pastor Bruce are working on the directory and hope to a copy ready to proof by June 11.
- For June 8 Joint Worship Service: Chandlers taking care of tableware/serving ware. Lucinda has ordered pulled port and will pick up June 9. She will also bring hand sanitizer, extension cords and hot pads. Karen will get water, tables, podium, and collection buckets, Pastor Bruce will see that sound system and communion elements get to lake.
- Father's Day: Crissa has ordered cookies to pass out to men during worship June 15.

#### New Business:

- An ice cream social at Country Living and a pool party are planned for July 20. The ice cream social starts at 2:30 and the pool party is 7:00-9:00. Christel reserved the pool.
- It was decided not to participate in the Harper Co. Fair this year.

- Blessing of the Backpacks will be Aug. 24. The team will make buttons to pass out.
  - Outdoor movie night is on hold. The frame for the screen could not be located.
  - Pastor Bruce announced he is offering a confirmation class in Sept. We will discuss further at next meeting.
- Meeting adjourned.  
Next meeting will be Aug. 6

### ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES FOR JULY

The July 2025 monthly meeting of the Anthony UMC Administrative Leadership Team was called to order by Vice Chairman Charlie Coggins. Members present: Dan Cashier, Martha Hadsall, Pastor Bruce Wilson, Charlie Coggins, Lucinda Gates, and Mike Cather. Pastor Bruce led the team in a devotion

on Grieving the Spirit, wandering off on our own. Charlie asked for discussion on Youth and Children's ministries at AUMC. After various members shared thoughts on the viability of the day care and what direction to go with children's and youth ministries there was discussion on finding ways to include Harper UMC in these ministries if they have interest. In the past, both churches have worked together. Children's ministries will likely remain the responsibility of each church. The day care at Anthony will continue. There is a need for interested people to serve on the day care board. The current members have

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## TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO AND THEN GO THAT WAY TOO...

*"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it" Proverbs 22:6*

What a seemingly simple, but overwhelmingly complicated verse! It's one of the most quoted—and often misquoted—verses in the Bible.

People often use this verse as a guarantee that if you raise your children *"in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"* (Ephesians 6:4), they'll always stay on the right path. That interpretation can be problematic, particularly for the "good parents" I know who have seen their older children stray from the faith. We all know that we can try our best, and sometimes the results are different than we would have hoped. God has given us free will to make our own choices, after all.

I'm no theologian or Bible scholar, so I'm not an expert in these matters. I am a parent however, and I do know that *"all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"* (2 Timothy 3:16).

Regardless how you interpret this complicated verse, I believe there are several important implications we should all be able to agree on.

#### 1. You have a responsibility as a

**parent.** Throughout Scripture, God is pretty clear about the responsibility He places in the hands of parents. We are to teach our children what matters to God. That means demonstrating a real faith—one that puts the focus on loving God and loving others. In my opinion, there's not a greater purpose we can have in life that reflecting God's image for our children to see.

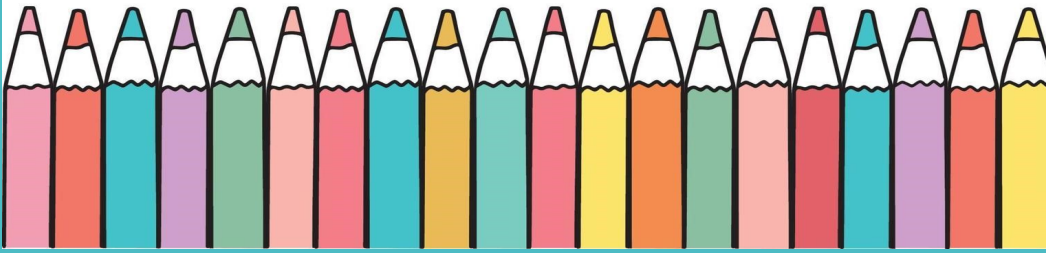
#### 2. You have influence as

**a parent.** Children are sponges and will soak up everything—good and bad. Think about this: the moon reflects light from the sun. And just as the moon reflects the sun, as a Christian, I should reflect the Son. We are works in progress but as we grow closer to Him, there should be some family resemblance between us and our Father. The things I say and do should be characteristic of Him. If we truly reflect Him and shine his glory, others will, including our children. *"Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"* Matthew 5:16

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# August 2025

| Sun  | Mon                                  | Tue                                       | Wed                                       | Thu                                | Fri  | Sat                                   |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>NO OPEN TABLE MEALS SERVED IN AUGUST—SEE YOU SEPT. 3!</b> |                                      |   |   |                                    | 1<br><i>Girlfriend's Day</i>               | 2<br><i>Sunflower Day</i>             |
| 3<br><i>Communion Sunday</i>                                 | 4<br><i>Nat'l Chocolate Chip Day</i> | 5<br><i>Fellowship Hall in use 6-8 pm</i> | 6<br><i>Ministry Team Meeting at 7 pm</i> | 7<br><i>Lighthouse Day</i>         | 8<br><i>Wear Your Mother's Jewelry Day</i> | 9<br><i>Middle Child Day</i>          |
| 10   | 11<br><i>Popsicle Day</i>            | 12<br><i>World Elephant Day</i>           | 13<br><i>Nat'l Lefthander's Day</i>       | 14<br><i>World Calligraphy Day</i> | 15<br><i>Nat'l Relaxation Day</i>          | 16<br><i>Nat'l Honey Bee Day</i>      |
| 17   | 18<br><i>Serendipity Day</i>         | 19<br><i>Int'l Hairbow Day</i>            | 20<br><i>World Mosquito Day</i>           | 21<br><i>First Day of School!</i>  | 22<br><i>Be An Angel Day</i>               | 23<br><i>Find Your Inner Nerd Day</i> |
| 24<br><i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i>                       | 25<br><i>Kiss and Make Up Day</i>    | 26<br><i>Nat'l Dog Day</i>                | 27<br><i>Just Because Day</i>             | 28<br><i>Nat'l Thoughtful Day</i>  | 29<br><i>Nat'l College Colors Day</i>      | 30<br><i>Int'l Bacon Day</i>          |
| 31   |                                      |   |   |                                    |  |                                       |



# OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN JULY!

**Almost 1000 meals were served at AUMC in July to the children in our community!**



**You never know who you will find helping with harvest!**



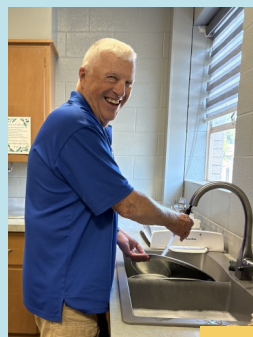
**4TH of July fun!**



**AUMC hosted an Ice Cream Social at Country Living. Lots of laughter and sundaes!**



**Brad shows off his catch!**



**Who says helping in the kitchen isn't fun?**







## ANNIVERSARIES

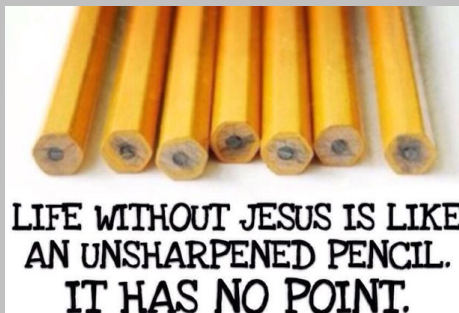
08/06/25—Kyle and Crystal Carothers  
08/15/25—John and Kathy Francis  
08/22/25—Ron and Sue Poor

## BIRTHDAYS

08/04/25—Dedra Rathgeber  
08/06/25—Danny Moore  
08/07/25—Allison Hasling  
08/07/25—Sue Poor  
08/10/25—Rhett Cashier  
08/10/25—Jace Cashier  
08/10/25—Jarom Reeves  
08/11/25—Ron Poor  
08/15/25—Kenny Clark  
08/20/25—Macy Reed  
08/22/25—Pat Bertholf  
08/22/25—Dan Cashier  
08/25/25—Fiona Carothers

## USHERS

08/03/25—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen  
08/10/25—Brian Hess/Dorothy Nickel  
08/17/25—Kathy Stewart/Wanda Harnden  
08/24/25—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen  
08/31/25—Albright Family



## GREETERS

08/03/25—Matt Wilson/Cate Jensen  
08/10/25—Brian Hess/Dorothy Nickel  
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## TECH DESK

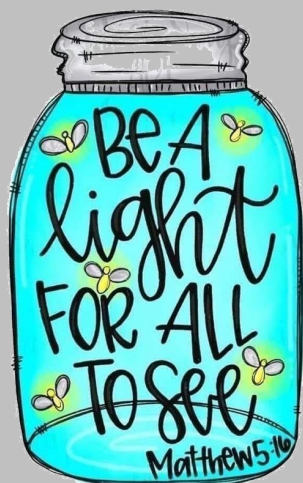
08/03/25—Lori Wilson  
08/10/25—Jennifer Wolff  
08/17/25—Jennifer Wolff  
08/24/25—Suzanne Clark  
08/31/25—Lori Wilson

## LITURGIST

08/03/25—Wanda Harnden  
08/10/25—Kathy Stewart  
08/17/25—Suzanne Clark  
08/24/25—Susan Croft  
08/31/25—Karen Cather

## CHILDREN'S TIME

08/03/25—Karen Cather  
08/10/25—Crystal Carothers  
08/17/25—Pat Bertholf  
08/24/25—Linda Francis  
08/31/25—Karen Cather



Thank you to the volunteers who cooked, served and cleaned during the Summer

Food Program! Thank you to those who keep the Prayer Garden looking beautiful! Thank you to those who donate desserts every week! Thank you to the planners, the prayers, the participants and the proactive!



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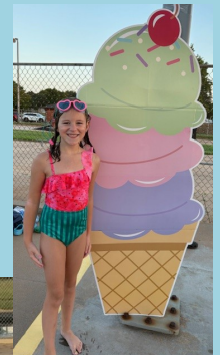
3. *You will have results—either good or bad—as a parent.* The years we have our children in our homes are critical. These formative years when they are developing their entire worldview. The majority of adult Christians became Christians before turning 18. Actually, many follow Christ between the ages of 4-14. On the other hand, we've all seen the troubling numbers of young people who are much more likely to lack any religion at all. Belief systems tend to form early, and while they can and do change sometimes, it's critical for parents to have an active role in a child's spiritual development early on.

Proverbs 22:6 isn't a guarantee of success for committed, Christ following parents. But, it is important to recognize the truth the verse contains. The family is a primary mechanism God uses to grow His kingdom and grow His people. As a result, it's our duty to teach our children about God. We are in an influential position, and what we do today will matter in our kids' lives tomorrow.





*A large crowd gathered at the pool July 20 to celebrate National Ice Cream Day !*



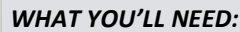
*Naenah Lawrence and Taryn Meek, 2025 recipients of the AUMC Hodges Family \$500 Music Scholarship performed a duet and solos during the July 27 worship service.*



*Melissa, Parker and Piper enjoy a craft at the Anthony Library. Anthony has so many fun summer activities available*







### Masking or painters tape

Pink and yellow acrylic paint

**Firmly press a band of tape around the can just below the smooth top of it. Now it's time to paint! (see picture) You can paint right over the tape because you'll be removing it anyway. You may need 2 coats. Once somewhat dry, remove the tape to reveal the silver band and admire your creation! If you decide to turn your can into a planter, you will want to drill or punch a few drain holes on the bottom. (Let an adult do that!) Enjoy on your desk or give to your teacher! Fill with a plant or yummy treats!**

# AUGUST 24

August 3: Parable of the Talents, Matthew 25:14-30  
August 10: Matthias the Apostle, Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
August 17: Peter and Tabitha, Acts 9:36-43  
August 24: Peter's Dream, Acts 11:1-18  
August 31: Ms Pat's choice



# Prayer Concerns

Pray for our community, country and world  
 Pray for Pastor Bruce, Melissa, Piper, and Parker  
 Pray for Pat Wolff as she continues to heal from a fall  
 Prayers for those traveling this summer  
 Prayers of healing and pain relief for Erick Francis  
 Prayers for June as she continues to heal and get stronger  
 Prayers for Gerri Highbanks as she continues treatment  
 Prayers of gratitude for our volunteers, particularly those making sure children in our community were fed this summer  
 Pray for those with unspoken needs  
 Prayers for Diane Leland's health  
 Prayers for Cate and her family  
 Pray for boldness to bring others to Christ  
 Prayers to seek ways to better serve others  
 Prayers for a successful school year for students, teachers and staff  
 Prayers for those affected by storms and flooding  
 Praying for a safe and bountiful harvest  
 Prayers for Cheris and her mom  
 Prayers for Piper facing tonsillectomy  
 Prayers for the family of Dennis Barnes, son in law of Roger and Dottie Koeppen



## August

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

### Bravery

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Day 1: Deuteronomy 31:6,8 | Day 17: Isaiah 41:13         |
| Day 2: 2 Samuel 10:12     | Day 18: Matthew 10:28        |
| Day 3: 1 Chronicles 17:25 | Day 19: Mark 5:36            |
| Day 4: 2 Chronicles 15:7  | Day 20: Acts 4:29-31         |
| Day 5: Ezra 7:27-28       | Day 21: 1 Corinthians 16:13  |
| Day 6: Psalm 27:1-3       | Day 22: 2 Corinthians 10:1-2 |
| Day 7: Psalm 27:14        | Day 23: Ephesians 3:8-13     |
| Day 8: Psalm 56:3-4       | Day 24: Ephesians 6:10       |
| Day 9: Psalm 62:6-8       | Day 25: Philippians 1:20     |
| Day 10: Psalm 118:6       | Day 26: Colossians 1:11      |
| Day 11: Proverbs 14:26    | Day 27: 2 Timothy 1:7        |
| Day 12: Proverbs 18:11    | Day 28: Hebrews 13:6         |
| Day 13: Proverbs 28:1     | Day 29: James 5:8            |
| Day 14: Isaiah 35:4       | Day 30: 1 Peter 3:5-6        |
| Day 15: Isaiah 40:26      | Day 31: Revelation 2:10      |
| Day 16: Isaiah 40:29      |                              |

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.  
 Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

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served several terms and want a break.  
 Mike moved and Dan seconded to spray bag worms at the parsonage. Motion carried.  
 Through June, income has exceeded expenses by \$21,210.92. Dan moved and Charlie seconded to accept the financial report. Motion carried.  
 Next meeting is August 20, at 7 p.m.  
 Charlie closed with prayer.

### OPEN TABLE

| DATE                        | SERVED        | DONATIONS |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| July 2                      | no meal       |           |
| July 9                      | 50            | \$189.00  |
| July 16                     | 65            | \$229.00  |
| July 23                     | 66            | \$277.00  |
| July 30                     | Not available |           |
| \$300 donation made July 9. |               |           |

### Pastor Bruce's Office Hours

Harper: Tues. 10:30-12:30  
 Anthony: Wed. 10:30-12:30  
 Thursday by appointment  
 Appointments welcome!

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### OBADIAH'S PANTRY AUGUST CHALLENGE:

CEREAL BARS, PREPACKAGED SANDWICH CRACKERS  
 (THINK AFTERSCHOOL SNACKS)

AUMC donated 19 boxes of cereal in July.

27 families including 10 children were served in July

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SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!