

Announcements

Schedule Change - Please mark your calendars! On **Sunday, December 27th** and **Sunday, January 3rd** we will be having only one worship service at 9:30 AM. Nursery and Kids' Worship WILL be available as well.

End of the Year Giving - We are so thankful for the financial support we have received this year. When considering your year-end giving, please consider Good Samaritan as we look toward the continuation of existing ministries and the development of new ministries. All 2009 contributions must be received at the church, or postmarked by December 31, to receive credit for the 2009 tax year.

Blessing Of The Toys—Join us for a special Blessing Of The Toys at the beginning of our worship service the Sunday after Christmas (Dec 27th) at 9:30 AM. Children can bring their favorite toy from Christmas to church for this special lesson and liturgy.

New Sermon Series - Please join us beginning January 17th for a new sermon series entitled, *God Gave Us Stories*, as we work through stories from the book of Genesis in 5 weeks. Come see Adam & Eve, Noah's Ark and others through new eyes.

The Arts at Good Samaritan - When thinking of a last minute gift this holiday season, consider giving the gift of music or dance. Classes and lessons are available to all ages and levels in piano, voice, guitar, percussion and dance. Contact Martha Stubbs (325-6753 or 321-5656) for more information.

Center for Biblical Studies - Would you like to earn a college degree in Biblical Studies? Take a class for personal growth? Tallahassee's CENTER FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES offers flexible course and seminars for all walks of life at affordable fees. For information about individual classes, a certificate program, training for ministry, or a college degree, call 850/513-1000 or check our website at www.CenterForBiblicalStudies.org We're here for you!

Beth Moore Women's Bible Study - Jesus The One and Only by Beth Moore, is an in-depth study of the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke. Come along with Beth on a life-changing journey which will lead you through the hills of Galilee with the Teacher, across the lake with the Master, and finally, on the road toward the cross with the Savior. Get to know Jesus intimately.... as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry. The 11-week study begins Thursday, January 14 from 9:30- 11:30 am and will include personal assignments and weekly group sessions during which you will view Beth's video sessions taped on location in Jerusalem and throughout Israel.

Good Samaritan Academy - If you are looking for a fresh start in schools for the new year, please consider Good Samaritan Academy. The school serves children ages 18 months through 5 years. We are open 7 AM - 6 PM and participate in state subsidized programs including VPK. Please contact Dawn Williams at 325-6752 to arrange a tour.

Upcoming Events & Special Days

Dec 27th: Blessing of the Toys @ 9:30 AM

Dec 27th & Jan 3rd: Only one morning worship service at 9:30 AM

Jan 3rd: Wesleyan Covenant Renewal Service 9:30 AM

Jan 4th: The Arts at Good Samaritan lessons & classes resume

Jan 10th: Pastor Erick's Last Sunday

Jan 17th: New Sermon Series Starts *God Gave Us Stories*



Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2009

7:00 PM

Betsy Ouellette, Pastor

Erick Ashley, Assistant Pastor

Welcome To Worship

Welcome to Good Samaritan, we are so glad you came to our 3rd Annual Christmas Candlelight Worship Service. We are currently worshipping at 9:30 & 11:00 AM each Sunday on the 2nd floor of our education building, although we will be meeting at 9:30 only the next two Sundays (Dec 27 and Jan 3).

Children’s Ministry—We have a nursery for children from 4 weeks through 4 years at both worship services. We offer a children’s worship experience called “Kids’ Worship” at 9:30 & 11:00 AM for children in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Remember we will only be meeting at 9:30 the next two Sundays (Dec 27 and Jan 3). Both the nursery and Kids’ Worship are staffed by wonderful people who have been fully interviewed and background checked.

Home Groups—We currently have 4 home groups meeting in the southeast part of town on Sunday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. Home Groups are intergenerational groups that share a meal followed by a Bible study. They are a great place to get better connected to others at Good Samaritan UMC.

Classes & Studies—Various classes and studies happen throughout the year. Some are short term over a few weeks and others are for an extended period of time. A list is kept up to date on our website.

Men’s Ministry—The GSUMC men’s group is meeting each Monday morning from 7-8 AM in Room 217.

Good Samaritan Academy offers a weekday preschool for children ages 18 months through 5 years. We are open Monday through Friday from 7 AM to 6 PM. We offer both full and part time classes and participate in all state subsidized programs, including VPK. You are invited to contact the Academy Office for a personal tour at 325-6752.

The Arts at Good Samaritan provides music and dance instruction for children, youth and adults. Currently we have private and group lessons in piano, voice, strings, guitar, percussion and Kindermusik. We also offer a variety of dance classes for all ages. Contact The Arts office and start off the year 2009 with some new lessons or classes.

Contact Information

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Prayer & Prayer Requests: For personal prayer, please contact one of the pastors by phone or email. For prayer requests that you would like to have lifted up by prayer intercessors and the pastors, please visit the “Prayer Requests” section on the left hand side of the website or fill out a prayer request card and drop it into the request box located in the 2nd floor lobby.

Order of Worship

Prelude	Worship Band
Welcome & Announcements	Erick Ashley
Call To Worship *	Erick Ashley
Processional Hymn *	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i> Worship Band
Lighting of the Christ Candle	The Ashley Family

Lessons & Carols

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7.....	Howard Ashley
	<i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel *</i>
Luke 1:26-38.....	Gwen Wharton
	<i>Bethlehem Night</i>
	Ensemble from the Good Samaritan Children’s Choir
Matthew 1:18-23.....	Jim Crosby
	<i>Away In A Manger *</i>
Luke 2:1-7.....	Jim Richmond
	<i>Angels We Have Heard On High *</i>
Luke 2:8-20.....	Sarah Brown

Special Music	<i>Joy To The World</i>	Worship Band
Offertory Prayer		Erick Ashley
Special Music	<i>I Wonder As I Wander</i>	Worship Band
Message	Fear Not	Betsy Ouellette
Passing of the Light		Erick Ashley
Carol *	<i>Silent Night</i>	Worship Band
Benediction		Betsy Ouellette
Prelude		Worship Band

* Please stand as you are able

Following tonight’s service we invite you to hang around to enjoy a variety of beverages and desserts that will be served in the first floor gathering room. You are invited to grab some refreshments and hang out on the front porch, in the tent or in one of the rooms in the education building. Take some time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.