

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TEAM MEETING
JUNE 8, 2009
4:45 PM

Present: Paula Baughman, Chris Edwards, Rev. Russ Smith, Diane Pierson, Gail Lester, Mark Anderson

Apologies: Nancy Barnett, Barb Coker, Karen Ingledue, Tracy Scoggins

Chris opened the meeting with a prayer. The following items were discussed:

M.A.P.P. VISIONING

M.A.P.P. team representative, Gail Lester, presented the M.A.P.P. teams' goals and ways that the education committee could play a part in achieving these goals. The Education Committee has been asked to focus on Goal #2 – "Attract and be in ministry with families, youth, and young adults." Some of the ways this team will be involved is through Vacation Bible School and the Heritage Days parade and booth.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The dates for vacation bible school are August 2-6, 2009. Many people have volunteered to help with VBS, but many more volunteers are still needed. Discussion took place regarding a VBS float for Heritage Days. Rev. Russ had some design ideas and Mark Anderson volunteered materials to use for the float. Paula also has signed up for a booth at Heritage Days to advertise and sign up children for VBS. A large number of volunteers are needed to help work at this booth, as it will be open many hours during Heritage Days.

TEACHER RECOGNITION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

This is scheduled for June 14 at the 8:30 service.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION

This is scheduled for Sunday, September 13. It was discussed that we need to make sure parents are aware of this so they may encourage their children to participate. It will also be at this service that bibles are presented to third grade Sunday school students.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Substitute teachers are needed for Sunday school and the nursery so regular teachers can have a break during the summer. However, with low Sunday school attendance numbers the last couple of weeks, consideration is being given to combining additional classes together, which would reduce the number of teachers needed.

SENIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP UPDATE

The senior high mission group will be going to Dulac, Louisiana this summer. They will be helping with hurricane recovery efforts. This is a bayou area at the very southern tip of Louisiana, inhabited by 51% Houma Indian. Dulac has been hit by six hurricanes in the last six years and the effects are evident everywhere.

THE NEXT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2009, AT 4:45 PM IN THE JUNIOR CHURCH ROOM.