

Scouting News...

CUB SCOUTS

Pack 397 has just completed their summertime activities and earned the "Summertime Award". Last Tuesday the Pack had fun, games & pizza in front of the Scout Hut. All parents and boys had a great time and no rain. Now is a great time to join the Cub Scouts for this coming year. Grades 1-5 in Dens make up the Pack. Pack 397 meets on Tuesdays 6:30—7:30 pm in the Youth Building and Scout Hut. For more details, contact Cubmaster Eyde Moran at 776-6137 or emoran1@bellsouth.net or Pack Chairman Phil Charpie at 865-9023.

BOY SCOUTS

The Troop 397 had a good time at summer camp at Camp Barstow on Lake Murray in June. The scouts earned many merit badges. Troop 397 is a boy led troop. They are in the process of planning the program and outings for next year. Normally the troop has 8 campouts and one summer camp per year. The weekend of August 27th and 28th we camped at Lake Monticello. At present, the troop has 15 members. August is a great time to join.

All boy scouts meet in the Scout Hut on Mondays at 7:00—8:15 pm. Courts of Honor are held three times a year on Mondays in the Youth Lounge. For more details, contact Scoutmaster Jeff Bloom at 261-4576 or JPBloom803@aol.com or Troop Chairman, Frank Claytor at 776-3715.

Thank You...

Thank you to all the We Three Class members for your support and continued kindness during my almost three week stay in the hospital.

....*Jean Slider*



Thank you for all the acknowledgements in the loss of my brother, William Jennings Burgin.

....*Jim & Betty Burgin*

Dear Friends of Asbury,

I don't know that words exist to express my gratitude for the outpouring of love that has been sent to me through Asbury. Your cards, calls, visits, and gifts mean more to me than I can express. Your prayers, the most important of all, have once again pulled me through. Thank you so much!

...*Joanne S. Dent & my nurse, Cal*

Financial Statistics...

Presence and Participation	08/01	08/08	08/15	08/22	08/29	2010 Goal
Asbury Alive (9:00 a.m.)	95	105	85	101	104	125
Traditional Service	88	74	78	103	86	150
Sunday School	104	108	98	102	102	125
Youth Attendance	-	12	14	-	11	

Our Gifts	08/01	08/08	08/15	08/22	08/29	2010	
Received Budget	\$8,571.00	\$8,654.00	\$6,312.00	\$6,555.00	\$10,698.10	WEEKLY TARGET \$7,769.00	
Received Budget YTD	\$197,367.20	\$206,021.20	\$212,333.20	\$218,888.20	\$229,586.30	YTD TARGET \$271,915.00	YEAR TARGET \$403,988.00
Rec'd Capital Improvement Fund	\$20.00	N/A	\$25.00	\$581.00	\$560.00	RECEIVED YTD \$3,341.00	
Rec'd on Apportionments 2010 Goal: \$49,302.00	\$158.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	-0-	\$175.00	REC. FROM INDIVIDUALS YTD \$8,218.00	PAID TO CONFERENCE YTD \$20,823.00

Ever wonder about when Sunday School started? Wonder no more.

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see un-schooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn't know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England's prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the only day children didn't have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people's opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ's light and love to children around the world.

By the way Sunday School starts here at AMUMC every Sunday at 10:00.