

Selma United Methodist Church is a seeker-friendly, disciple-making, servant-equipping, mission-sending, and God-honoring fellowship of believers. Our primary ministry focus is youth, children, and serving our community and world in Christ's behalf.

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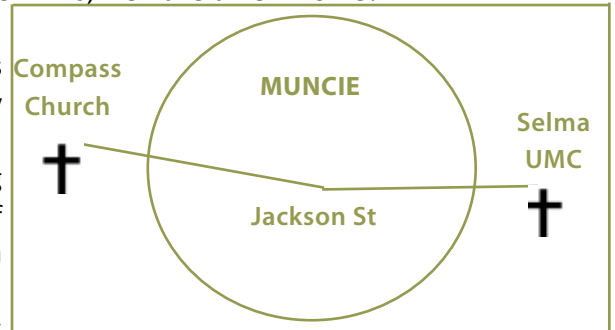
sharing God's vision with His family

The Compass Point West

By Pastor Mark Ellcessor

In October last year, Selma UMC launched a 2nd campus of our ministry in order to reach people living on the other side of Delaware County. We call it The Compass Church. For the past ten months this campus has been meeting at Northside Middle School, which has been a great place for us to get started. Now, under the excellent leadership of our campus pastor Jeff Ellis, we have a new home!

Beginning in August, The Compass Church will be meeting in an empty building on the corner of Jackson Street and 500 West. This amazing building has a sanctuary, lots of classrooms, a huge kitchen, and a gym! Jeff and his leadership team have a vision of reaching families with children and youth in this fantastic facility. Praise God!



Looking at a map of Delaware County, you will see how strategic our new location is. Selma UMC is due east of Muncie; The Compass Church is due west. While Selma UMC has always reached a few families living in the Wes-Del, Yorktown, and Daleville school districts, the drive across the county has kept that limited. Now we have a campus right in the west region, also very accessible to folks living there.

Here is the plan for our new site:

Aug 1 & 8 - The existing Compass Church will meet at the new site to work out all the kinks.

Aug 15 - We will re-launch the Compass Church, inviting people from the west side to attend.

What can you do? The number one thing is to pray.

- *Pray that we will be able to overcome and challenges from moving into a different facility.
- *Pray that we will be able to reach new people who do not have a church home.
- *Pray for Jeff, the leadership team, and the whole Compass Church organization as they transition to the new building.
- *Pray that God would have His way with us, and that we would open to His way in us.

I challenge you to pray for the Compass Church every day for the whole month of August.

May God Bless you!



Insight

For Kids....

UPGRADE SUNDAY AUGUST 8 9:00 & 10:45 AM

It's time to move up! Join us on August 9, as the elementary children and youth will be promoted to the next grade.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

Selma United Methodist Church is honoring 3rd grade children by presenting them with their very own Bible.

PURPOSE:

Bless 3rd graders with a gift (God's Word) from the church.
Incorporate the importance of the Bible in Children's Church.
Believe God's guidance through scripture.
Learn together and grow in love for God's Word.
Encourage scripture verse memorization.

If you have not been contacted about your 3rd grader receiving a Bible, please call Susan Koebcke, acting Children's Director.

GOD'S PEOPLE CELEBRATE!!

God's family always has the best reason to rejoice: we know who God is and realize what he has done for us. This year's curriculum will help the children discover how God's people—around the world and throughout time—have celebrated God's gifts to us. Every lesson includes learning words in American Sign Language and exploring the background of the holiday or celebration focus for each lesson.

Learn How to Pray!

"Someone has to do it besides a few old ladies!"

"Is prayer really boring?"

"Does God care to talk to me?"

"Selma UMC is amazing... but I feel one thing we lack is depth of prayer."

Here are the dates:

- * Thurs. Sept 9 - 6:30-8:00pm Evening Worship Service filled with music, the arts and our guest preacher James Tharp. Everyone is invited to this special worship service.
- * Fri. Sept 10 6:30-8:30pm The School of Prayer (Pizza Party between teachings)
- * (9/11) Sat. Sept 11 9:30am-12:00noon The School of Prayer (snacks during break)

The Details:

James Tharp is a Nazarene pastor who conducts seminars and revivals throughout the United States emphasizing the need for revival in America. In 1985, Jim got pulled by the Holy Spirit into prayer and it changed his life. Jim states, "Prayer warriors are not found like discovering oil or gold. They are raised up in the church and taught to pray by Spirit-filled leaders who are themselves devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word." He has served churches across America including working with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association.

- Thursday Evening worship will have a free will offering- all are invited
- The other 2 sessions cost a total of **\$20 per person** (or \$30 per household).
- We are a host church, so we will be inviting other churches to come too.
- Free babysitting for children infant through 3rd grade.
- Questions? Call Lisa Ellcessor 282-1648



Selma UMC is hosting Evangelist James W. Tharp
from the School of Prayer on
September 9, 10, 11



Back to School Bash Follow Up!

By: Kristen Herbst

SUMC's 4th Annual **Back to School Bash** was a great success thanks to the generosity of our church and community! This event proves that SUMC really does care about the people in our community. We had over 100 volunteers the day of the event—wow! We even ran out of jobs to give to people! Thank you for setting up, tearing down, manning bouncies, serving snowcones, preparing hotdogs, serving hotdogs, toting ice, registering guests, handing out backpacks, playing awesome music, dancing, donating blood, cutting hair, sweeping hair, painting faces, gathering donations, giving out door prizes, greeting guests, providing directions, donating supplies, clean-up, smiling, and just loving people. I wish I had room to name everyone!!

And thank you to everyone who prayed for this event and the guests who attended. God truly blessed it in so many ways. One of the most obvious ways was how he sheltered us from the storms that surrounded us on all sides—amazing!

Thanks to the Planning Committee for all of the time and effort you put into making the Back to School Bash better than ever! Bob and Nancy Brake, Anita Glaze, Kendra Sipes, Mark Elliott, Staci Buck, Brooke Hughes, Jeff Overmeyer, Sandra Carpenter, Sara Turner, Barb Hoover, and Kindra Longfellow. Many of you were new volunteers this year and you did an amazing job! Thank you to all for your commitment and hours of your time that you sacrificed to this ministry. Each year this event gets better and better thanks to your insights and tireless efforts.

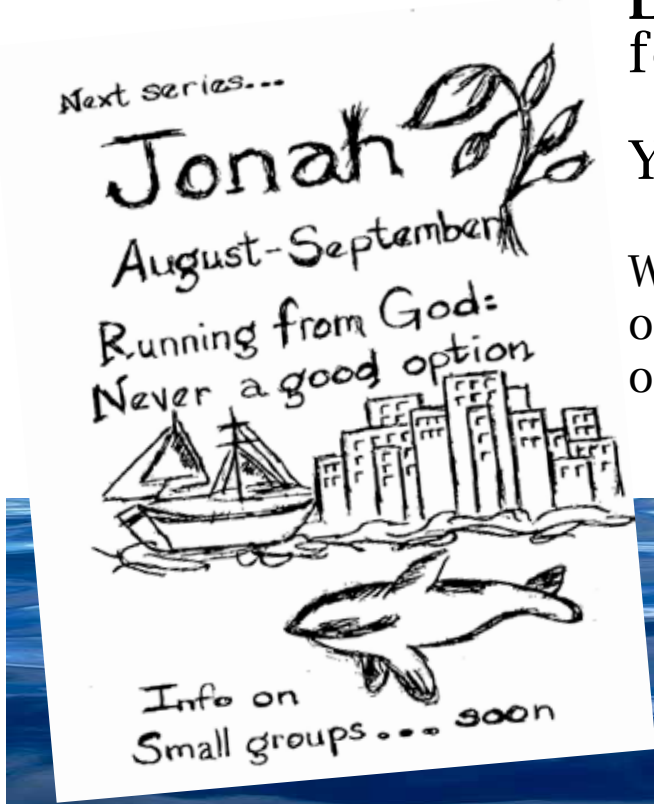
The Stats:

23 blood donors	83 haircuts
100 volunteers	323 backpacks distributed
464 backpacks collected	Over 50 Local business donors
800 hot dogs consumed	Over 1000 snowcones (I know my kids ate at least 3 each)

LIFE GROUPS starting soon for new **Jonah Series!**

You won't want to miss out!

Watch bulletin for more information or contact Kristen Herbst @ 282-1648 or KristenHerbst@SelmaUMC.org



1 year old **Matthew Eugene Kerkhoff** was baptized Sunday, July 11 by Rev. Mark Ellcessor. His parents, Mark and LeAnn Kerkhoff want to raise him in the Christian faith. Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not turn from it." Matthew's parents believe baptism is his first step towards leading a Christian life and they want the Selma United Methodist Church to love and help guide Matthew in his faith. Congratulations.

Roman William Ashcraft is one year old and was dedicated to the Lord Sunday, July 18, 2010. His parents, Paul and Karen Ashcraft, want a good relationship with God being active in their home. They have a strong supportive family involved in the church and "God is very important to us." Their desire is for Roman to get to know God and grow strong in his faith. Standing beside Roman during his dedication was his wonderful sisters, Zoe and Chloe.

Thank You....

Thank you for the camp scholarship! I really learned a lot at camp! Thanks for everything!
Shaun Hansel

We would like to thank Susan Koebcke and SUMC for making it possible for our daughter to go to elementary camp. We believe camp will not only allow our daughter the opportunity to meet new friends but will expand her Christian growth. We are thankful to have such a great church family!
Mike and Kimber Conner

Thank you to all of the food service and tent workers during the Back to School Bash! You made my job a breeze!
Bob Brake

Sunday Morning Worship:
 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

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August Calendar

- 1 Youth Theological Discussion @ Ellcessor's(6-8p)
Elementary Campers Leave
- 3 Food Pantry (9:30-11:00a)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 4 Elementary Campers Return
Summer Moms Group @ Middletown Water Park (10a)
Worship Team (6:30-8:00p)
- 5 **Shots for Tots (9:30-11:30a & 1:00-3:30p)**
AA Meeting (8p)
- 8 3rd Grade Bible Presentaton
Upgrade Sunday
Middle School Welcome Swim Party @ Ellcessors
(2:30-6:00p)
- 9 Ad Council Meeting (6:30-8:00p)
- 10 Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 11 Worship Team (6:30-8:00p)
- 12 AA Meeting (8p)
- 13 Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 14 Worship Team (6:30-8:00p)
- 15 Youth Group Laser Tag Ft. Wayne (1:30-8:00p)
- 17 Food Pantry (5:30-7:00p)
Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 18 Worship Team (6:30-8:00)
- 19 AA Meeting (8p)
- 22 Youth Group (6:30-8:00p)
- 24Exercise Class (6:30-7:30p)
- 25 Worship Team (6:30-8p)
- 26 AA Meeting (8p)
- 29 Jamica Mission Trip Meeting (5:30-6:30p)
Youth Group (6:30-8:00)
- 30 Little Learners Meet Teacher Night (5:30-7:30)

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