



Trustees

The LSUMC Board of Trustees is the practical connection between the spiritual heart of the church and the secular world in which we live. As set forth in the Book

of Discipline, the Trustees are to see that all buildings, mechanical systems, motor vehicles and grounds of the Church are maintained and operated in a safe and efficient manner. We are responsible for everything on our main “campus,” our parsonage on Pine Street, our fleet of buses and Lystra, our lake retreat. In doing our jobs, we request and expend about one fourth of our Church’s annual budget—and sometimes more depending on such emergencies as plaster failures in the sanctuary and chapel, leaking roofs and gutters which caused the plaster damage and failures of expensive elements of our heating and air conditioning systems.

Because we support every ministry of our Church, we must coordinate with other committees to make sure they have what they need to work. We coordinate closely with the Finance Committee on money matters and the Church Council in its function as a central meeting place for all committees.

Recent tasks have included modification of the chancel area to accommodate the new organ and the acquisition of a fourth Church bus to meet transportation demands of several groups ranging from seniors to youth. We are currently working on a three-year project to identify and have installed new floor coverings in the hallway, gymnasium and classrooms of the Family Life Center. We are also in the early planning stage of performing rain gutter repairs and replacement on both the Family Life Center and the Education Building.

We are being careful not to undertake any project that might be affected by the Church Insight Survey—provided of course that unsafe conditions are resolved.

The Board itself is comprised of nine members serving staggered three-year terms, plus our Lay Leader and our minister. We also receive invaluable support from Office Manager Anita Crowley.

Frank Broom | Chairman

APRIL HAPPENINGS...

April 3	12pm Community Lenten Service @ LSUMC
April 4	2-7pm Youth Blood Drive
April 5-6	UMM Retreat @ Lystra
April 8	6pm Finance Committee
April 9	UMW Circles 6pm Trustees
April 10	12pm Community Lenten Services @ Camden Nazarene
April 11	6:30pm Evangelism Committee
April 14	Palm Sunday 3pm Ike Pitt’s Concert 4pm SPRC 6pm Global Missions
April 15	6:30pm elevate! Steering Committee
April 16	6pm LLP Committee 7pm NOW Council
April 17	11am Activity Club
April 18	7pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 19	Office Closed 12pm Stations of the Cross OLPH 7pm Good Friday Services
April 21	Easter Sunday Sunrise Services @ Camden 1st
April 22	Office Closed
April 28	3pm Festival of Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs
April 30	7pm Church Council

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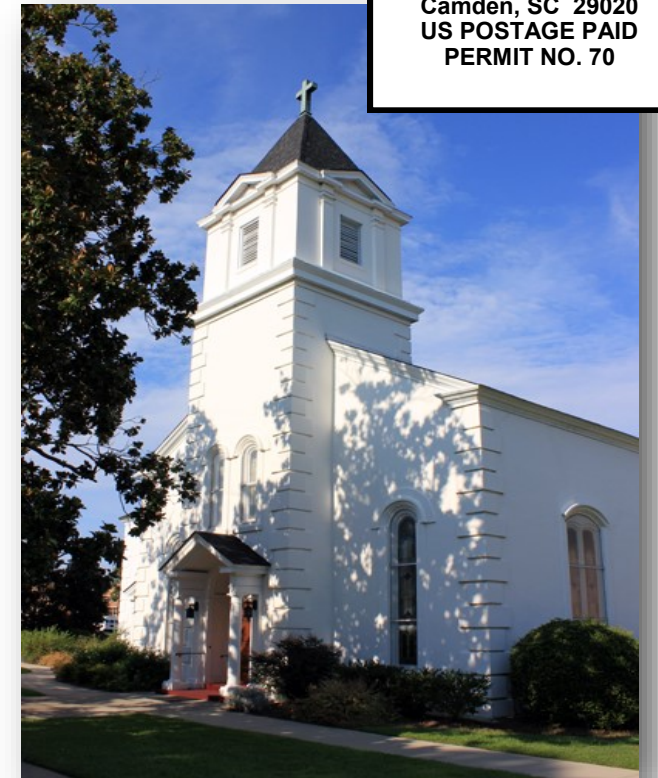
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Mission: To help establish God’s Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven through Nurture, Outreach and Witness.

**Michael Arant & Meegian Gossard,
Pastors**

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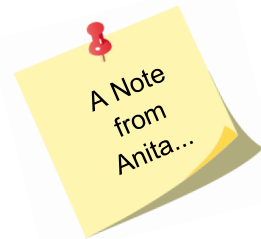
SPRING BREAK APRIL 15-19

2019 LSUMC SPRING FEST May 4th from 8am-12pm. Donations accepted starting April 1st.

SALKEHATCHIE JUNE 22-29

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS JUNE 2ND-AUG 11TH

2019 VBS JULY 23-25 9AM-NOON



TRUSTEES UPDATE

Here are some of the items your Board of Trustees have been working on....

- Purchased new bus! Thanks to David Weaver for the new lettering on the side!
- Repaired and replaced broken items on bus 3.
- Replaced 26-year-old HVAC unit in the FLC.
- Replaced 26-year-old furnace to HVAC in the Gym.



- Replaced broken control board in Sanctuary HVAC unit.
- Camp Lystra clean up prior to opening for the season.
- Replaced office lighting fixtures with LED fixtures.

Our next project is replacing the worn carpeting in the FLC hallways with new flooring!

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Meegian's Memo

Sometimes Church is Hard-By Arianna Freelen

I sat in a meeting. The discussion was heated. The conversation heavy. Hearts were burdened. Chests were puffed. Sorrow, pain, arrogance, curiosity, humility, fear, courage and forgiveness sat together in a single room. As I looked around the church, I just kept thinking-Church is hard.

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of judgement. Church is hard for the pastor's family, under the microscope of an entire body. Church is hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world. Church is hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn't. Church is hard for the couple who fought the entire ride to service. Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families. Church is hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service.

Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child. Church is hard for the choir member overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics in that song. Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader. Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man. Church is hard for the nursery volunteer who desperately longs for a baby to love.

Church is hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate. Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes. Church is hard for the gays, adulterers, liars, cheats and slanderers. Church is hard for the sinners. Church is hard for me.

It's hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect. Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But, here is the beauty of the church—Church isn't a building, mentality or expectations. Church is a body. Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints. Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love. Church is a holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace. Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors. Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration. Church is a lesson in faith and trust. Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope. Church is a family. A family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories. Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides, and if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church—The days when I am at odds with a sister. When I've fought with my husband because we're late once again. When I've walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I've worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I've longed for a baby to hold, or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I've walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away. I'll remember, He has never failed to meet me there.

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