

The Rec-Connection

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Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is much more important, for it promises a reward in both this life and the next. 1Timothy 4:8

The Time Has Come For A Revival!

Oh what a scary word...revival. I like to think that revival means "an awakening of the Spirit" and never has there been a better time. Honestly, the sooner the better, but now is as good as any! Methodists don't typically have your traditional tambourine shakin', "big tent revival." And that's not what I'm talking about here. I'm speaking in less specific terms, more about attitude.

The Christian Life Center and Recreational Ministries was created as a place for the church to fellowship, but also as an outreach and ministry to the surrounding community. For the past 2 years we have hosted a Fishing Derby and while it has been a success, we think it can do more. This year we are ramping it up and turning it into the "Churchwide Cookout and Fishing Derby." The purpose is two fold.

1: With 6200 members this can be a hard place to get connected. We have been very intentional about involving other groups because in a church this size, who knows what's going on! The cookout is a chance to meet new people and learn about other groups in the church that you may not know existed. So goal #1 is bring the church together for fellowship and to make new friends.

The second goal is to take the church beyond the physical building. Let's face it, church can be scary. I have grown up in the church, but some of my very good friends have not. Asking them to go to church is like asking them to walk a tightrope or march into the lions den. There is a very real barrier that can prevent people from coming to church for anything other than a wedding or funeral. In my opinion, the best way to break down this barrier is to take the church to them and be in the community. Jesus is the role model of how to live our lives. He did not spend his ministry at the temple expecting people to come to him. He went out and met them where they were. He associated himself with the people that needed him. Christ was the church and he went out and met them face to face. I honestly believe that the Cookout should be exactly that-another step by CUMC to go beyond our walls and take the church to Plano.

Our timing could not be better. If you know anything about the Compass Committee, you know that CUMC has decided to examine the possibility of expanding our church beyond our current campus to east and northwest Plano. Now is the time for a revival! Big, bold plans that awaken the Spirit of God within ourselves for a calling to something truly amazing. Branch out! Spread the Good News! No longer will our church be confined to this address. We will be alive and active throughout the community. And when this event has come and gone, always be looking for new and inventive ways to spread the message of God. Worship does not end on Sundays, and neither should your faith. Remember, you are a witness right where you are; at work, at home, and at play.

Romans 13:11-12

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

Chris Jones

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Featured Program

Churchwide Cookout and Fishing Derby

June 4th 8am - 1pm

Russell Creek Park Pavilion

- Fishing Derby and Prizes hosted by Recreational Ministries
- Games by Women In Mission
- Food by the Methodist Men
- Volleyball Games hosted by the Singles Classes
- First Aid Tent by the Disaster Response Team

Come out for this great event! Those participating in the *Komen Race For The Cure* get 1/2 price lunch! Prizes for the Kids largest fish and Dad's Smallest Fish.

Tickets are on sale now at the CLC.

Upcoming Events

Do any of the following clubs get your attention? Do you have an idea for a new club? The CLC is always looking for new and inventive ways to involve the community and congregation. Call today if you would like to help organize any of the following clubs or start one of your own!

- **Motorcycle Riding**
- **Skeet Shooting**
- **Waterskiing**
- **Stroller Exercise**
- **Hunting**
- **Fishing**

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