

Pastor's Report – September 2005 – August 2006
Annual Business Meeting – September 17, 2006

Sunday Worship - Preaching and Teaching Series

September – November – “Learning from Nehemiah”

November – December – “Christmas in the Old Testament”

January – March – “The Daily Adventure of Rebuilding” (I Peter)

March – April – (Easter) “Glad you asked that, I’ve got Good News!”

April – June – “Know the Truth” (Jude) (DaVinci Code)

July – August – study in Ephesians

Wednesday Midweek Service

November – December – “How to Study the Bible”

January – February – weekly Bible Study

When hurricane Katrina hit, Gulfhaven ministries were stopped and we gathered weekly on **Sunday morning for Worship** at 9:30 am. Soon some ministries resumed. **Young Adults** met weekly on Sunday nights at Pastor and Pam’s home from November to present. **Men’s Breakfast** started up again with their monthly breakfast time in November to present. Most months this past year Oren and Roland lead the way in feeding not only Gulfhaven men but also any volunteer workers who may have been present that Sunday. The **Youth** began meeting weekly again in November to present on Wednesday night. **Senior Ministry** was started in February. The first get-together was on Thursday, February 9. Seniors met weekly through May with a church provided meal, time in the Word and a fun time together. In July they had a fish fry and are planning monthly events for the current ministry year.

Gulfhaven Relief

We were so blessed by the money and the man-power that came to the Gulf Coast to bless others through Gulfhaven. Over a thousand volunteer served during the eleven months. Here are the three front page titles of articles about Gulfhaven by Robert Rhodes to tell the story. September 12, 2005 “Destruction, Determination in Hurricane’s Wake,” February 6, 2006 “Building, Giving in Mississippi,” and September 4, 2006 “Gulfport, MS, Church Reaches Out to Others in Wake of Katrina’s Destruction.” Eyes have been on Gulfhaven, and following a summit in July to debrief with thirty denomination leaders, Linda Williams, editor of “The Fellowship” put it this way in their Fall issue on page eight. “Gulfhaven shared about their well-run program of restoration which their congregation has been running on their own. They were held up as a role model for recovery to other churches and agencies to learn from.” We are grateful for all the Gulfhaven volunteers who helped with the relief and rebuild programs. Also, a big thanks to **Stan and Joan Roberts, Jim and Lola Suderman, Ed and Ethel Miller, and Steppin-Out Missions** who provided leadership as long term volunteer directors.

Believer’s Baptism

(August 21, 2005 – Marie Hibbs)

September 4, 2005 – Milton LaViolette and Daniel Dix

March 12, 2006 – Sheila Brown, Bev and Don Powell, and Barbara Rippy

July 9, 2006 – Billy and Kim Davison, and Tina Hawley

(September 3, 2006 – Jordon Boone and Jared Sison)

New Members Received

September 4, 2005 – Milton LaViolette and Daniel Dix

October 2, 2005 – Milton Lavolette, Lacey Lindsey, James Ross, Rita Thieme, George and Ginny Hall

October 9, 2005 – Marie Hibbs

March 12, 2006 – Ron and Sheila Brown, Marvalyn Nix, Bev and Don Powell, Barbary Rippy, and Brad and Shauna Waelterman.

July 9, 2006 – Billy and Kim Davison, and Tina Hawley

Weddings

Lacey Lindsay and Isaiah Newman – December 10, 2005

Cherri Sposito and James Asher – April 29, 2006

Brenda Plaice and Jimmy Deen – June 19, 2006

Special Speakers

Ted Shattuck - November 27, 2005

Ed Miller – March 19, 2006

Jeff Landis, Pine Lake Camp Sunday – May 14, 2006

Jeff Hegstrom – June 11, 2006

Ed Miller – June 18, 2006

Marcus Smucker – August 27, 2006

Special Events

Thanksgiving Dinner – November 20, 2005

Annual White Christmas – “Celebrate the Birth of Jesus” – December 18, 2005

Youth Winter Jam in Mobile - February

Women’s Retreat – February 26, 2006

Baby Shower for Kandice - February 26, 2006

Youth Rally at Pine Lake Camp - March

Upper Room Service – April 13, 2006

Youth Mission Week (on the Gulf Coast) – June 11-17, 2006

VBS (4 year olds to 6th grade) – June 13-15, 2006

Ed Miller’s Celebration of 60 years ordained – June 17, 2006

Five Weeks of Summer Camp (7 year olds to 17 years) at Pine Lake during June and July

Men’s Softball and Women’s Softball during July and August

Hosted “The Summit” July 5 and 6, 2006

Children’s Ministry Information and Training – August 19, 2006

Family Fun Night and Shrimp Boil, Youth Fund Raiser – August 19, 2006

Kitchen and Quilting Room Expansion

The project was presented to the congregation and each person had a chance to make pledges. The response would determine whether to move forward with the project. There was an overwhelming response of pledges to be given on or before Easter Sunday, April 16.

A big thank you to the **Usage Team** and **Decorating Team** that were instituted in January to help with the rebuild process at the church. On the Usage Team was Ginger Bunn, Brenda Deen, Esther Horst, Edna Moran, and Ashley Swan. Ginny Hall, Judy James, Pam Roth, and Karen Walkinshaw served on the Decorating Team.

A special thanks to our wonderful **elders** for their service and ministry this past year – David Bunn, Jay Burns, Scott Miller, Nelson Roth, Howard Walkinshaw, and Dave Weaver.

Exciting News! The **Mortgage Burning and Celebration** that was cancelled last fall is now rescheduled and being planned for the weekend of January 12-14, 2007!