

## **This Week in the Church**

7/31 – 8/14

**Epworth is ramping up.** The CEO of Epworth Homebuilders in South Carolina visited BFUMC. The office in the church will consist of its director (Shannon Effah is in place) and three field workers. One field worker is in place now; and two more are being sought out. There will be many ministry opportunities with Epworth in the future!

**The owner of the trailer park is asking for our help.** Steve is hoping to install a white vinyl fence along the property line, in early November. He is willing to provide all labor, equipment, and grading. He is asking us to provide as many sections of fencing as we can. Due to the escalated cost of building supplies, a six foot section of fence presently cost about 150.00 dollars. Hopefully that price will go down before November. We need this fencing installed visually and practically. I hope we can install some simple attractive landscaping on our side at some point. Please consider what you can do to help, and let myself or Dena Nalley know.

**The discussion about air conditioning in the Gym continues.** We are still waiting for two additional quotes. We have received three very different approaches to solving the problem, which the Trustees will discuss thoroughly. Once the Trustees make a decision, a final recommendation will be made to Ad. Council. The CDC will be funding ninety percent of the cost of installation, per previous Ad Council vote.

**The discussion about improving audio and video capabilities in the sanctuary continues.** Once a plan is finalized, discussed by Trustees, and presented to the congregation we will see where things go.

**Ad Council met on August 13, 2021.** There was some miscellaneous small business discussed. My main take away from the meeting is that planning for our Homecoming Oct 24<sup>th</sup> continues. A basic layout of the weekend's activities was created. Outreach, Family Ministries, and others will be responsible for finalizing and implementing the layout decided upon. If anyone has interesting ideas for a Homecoming event, please let myself or Vickie Failor know.

**A generous donation has been made.** The new guttering in front of the picture window outside the Nursery, and along the UMM's storage building, has been donated. Trustee Rick Greer has been in charge of the improvement, and has not specified the donor by name. I am thinking the Greer family is intimately involved with the donation. This improvement was much needed! Please thank the Greer family.