



**Cooper Memorial United
Methodist Church**
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My mind is a garden. My thoughts are the seeds. My harvest will be either flower or weeds.

-Mel Weldon

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September/ October Calendar Inside!!!

November/December Calendar & Newsletter Submission

Deadline is October 15th.

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Join us for worship!

9:00 AM Traditional Worship
10:10 AM Sunday School
11:15 AM Contemporary Worship

Pastor: Rev. Patricia Smith

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Educational Opportunities

Sunday Morning Classes

10:10am

Nursery: birth – age 2

Preschool: age 3 – age 4

Elementary A grades k - 3

Elementary B grades 4-5

Mid and Senior High

Twenty/Thirty Class

Friendship Class

Christian Service Class

Cooper Memorial UMC



Connections

September and October 2009

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Meet the Church...

Becky Gent and Donnie Mills were the directors of Upward Basketball for 7 to 10 years. About three years ago they decided they needed a break from basketball. After the first year of their break, God asked them to start Upward Soccer Ministry. Why we are doing this ministry? Upward allows us to reach out for the lost people to share the love of Jesus Christ.



Donnie Mills and Becky Gent

Upward is a Christian sport program that helps children get closer to God and Jesus Christ through coaches, referees, and directors. Before every game everyone prays. During half time in a game there are devotions. There are devotions during every practice.

In the parable of the sower, Jesus talks about a farmer scattering seeds in the field. Some fell along the path and was eaten by the birds. Some fell on the rocks, where there wasn't much soil. Those plants withered and died because they had no roots. Some fell among the thorns, which grew around the tree and choked out the fruit. But the other seeds fell in good soil, where the plants grew and produced fruit.

You have to have good soil to plant seeds. You have to do Upward right. How do you do that? 1) lift up your league in prayer. 2) present the Gospel and Scripture. 3) Want every child to know Christ. 4) Actively develop leadership. 5) Reinforce Christ as the character model for coaches and referees. 6) Deliver a fun experience for every participant.

Every child is a winner in Upward. It's a race to the heart of a child; first one there wins.



Be a part of Upward Soccer

To get more information or to be a part of this ministry,
contact Donnie Mills or Becky Gent

It is a race to the heart of a child, and the first one there wins. Help us with the race for Christ.

Cooper Memorial: Offering Hope and Love through Jesus