



**MORROW
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Kid's Club Kick-Off— Sept 8



**Kid's Club Kick-Off
Sunday, September 8
5 – 7 p.m.**

All children ages 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to start coming on Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. for singing, Bible study, recreation, and food. **On Sunday, September 8, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.



Youth Fall Kick-Off—Aug 11

**Youth Fall Kick-Off
Sunday, August 11
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

The Campbell's Home & Pool
3493 Overland Court, Ellenwood
770-960-1145

Bring your swimsuits and towel.
Pizza, Drinks, and Dessert provided.



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The Pastor's Pen



For what do you go to Orlando? That is an easy question for any excited vacationer. You go to visit Disney World! That is what Orlando is known for. You may also go for the Universal and SeaWorld theme parks, then you might have time to explore the LEGOLAND Florida park. With all those attractions, there is so much to do around Orlando.

Would you go to Orlando to pray? A group of pastors and lay members of the Disciples of Christ Church did. In July, a pastor friend of mine went to the General Assembly of her denomination (the Disciples of Christ has a GA just like the PCUSA), held in Orlando. The theme of the meeting was, "Lord, Teach Us to Pray." Not teach us how to pray, but teach us, Lord, to be mindful of this direct line of communication that we have with you, which we like to call prayer.

What better place to learn to pray than in the middle of one of the most touristy spots in Florida. Nobody thinks about prayer in Orlando, do they? They are too busy seeing Mickey, Shamu, and Harry Potter. They are too excited about jumping from one park to another, getting in as many rides as possible. There is so much to do and see at Disney World, let alone in the other three theme parks, that there cannot be any time to pray, to actually speak directly with our God about anything.

Yet, that is what a cruiseship load of Christians from the DCC hoped to do. Amid the other exciting things they could have been doing, they dared to find space and time to speak with God, directly asking God to teach them to pray. This is what their website says, "[Our] motivation for action comes from our vital relationship with the living Christ. Our energy for mission comes from the Spirit of God. We are fueled for our mission by a life of communicating with God through prayer."

Life itself is even more distracting than Orlando. We don't need magic kingdoms and wands to shift our minds from the concerns of God to the concerns of human beings. C.S. Lewis mentions that thinking about lunch is a distraction enough to keep somebody from thinking about God. But we have bigger distractions every day: immediate deadlines at work and busy schedules at home, financial and physical anxiety, troubling thoughts about the present and future, and the needs of spouse and children, just to name a few. Do we have time to pray amid them? Do we give ourselves the chance to sit down with God and communicate with the Source of Life?

It is Martin Luther who is usually attached to the following quote (I'm paraphrasing): "I am too busy to pray all the time, and because I am I pray even more." Bill Hybels wrote a book called *Too Busy Not to Pray: Slowing Down to Be with God*. You don't have to read it to understand what he is getting at. The title says it all. Yes, we are distracted with so much, but not long enough not to speak with God. We can speak with God at any time. We can break through the busyness and business, and find out what God wants us to do. Our mission, our energy, and our relationship still grow every day with God in prayer.

We may find that all these distractions motivate us to pray even more, just as with Martin Luther. They egg us on to dare to set time aside, and challenge us to keep the line of communications open with God. We are up to that challenge, and we will be fueled for anything.

Peace in Christ,

<http://www.disciples.org/GeneralAssembly/TheTheme/tabid/725/Default.aspx>.
The Screwtape Letters, Chapter 1.

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Barbara Lester, Southern Regional, Linda Reece (Libby McNair's sister), Kevin Brown (Dianne Hooten's nephew)- deploying to Afghanistan; Frank Archer, John Barlow, Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Winkie Brinson, Charlie Brown, Jim Campbell, Jackie Cramer, Gwen Denny, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Gertrude Ferraro, Kristen Floyd, Ann Goza, Arrah Grant, Spencer Grant, Bob Hardy, Eddie Hooten, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Ron Lukat, Greta McCart, Julia McLeod, Audra McMillian, Eddie Miller, Dahlia Minton, Bernard Mock, David Moss, Breanna Ordaniel, Roger Reece, Keith Rhoden, Luis Saavedra, Joe & Betty Spier, Vrina Stebbins, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Josephine Tinio, Edith Walston, Eddy, Virginia, and Beth Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Fahy and Keith Wright, Jeff Yarbrough, Anna Zegland. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** SPC Jonathan Amason, - National Guard, Anniston, AL; Scott Bland - Navy, Virginia; Shaun Bland - Navy, Georgia; Stephen Brown - Army Reserves, Arizona; Jaime Brown - Army - Fort Benning, GA; Jeffrey & Maribel Brown - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy Butler - Marines, Japan; 1st Sgt Chris Chastain, Army; PFC Daniel Costa - Afghanistan; Sk2 Robert Crain, Tennessee; SPC Joseph Eason, Germany; Kevin Krebs, AL; Capt. Adam Martin; Brent Paul - National Guard; SrA Richard Venizelos - Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Justin Warlick - Army, Ft. Hood, TX; *A full prayer list is available in the narthex near the library.*



I would like to thank you for your support and kindness in the past 3 years. This year I am participating in a marathon as a member of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Team In Training. The marathon will take place in Savannah, GA. on November 9, 2013. Like the other members of TNT, I will be raising funds to help find cures for and better treatments for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma. This year I would like to dedicate this marathon to my father-in-law, Gerard "Pop" Coughlin, a wonderful husband, a great father and an excellent friend. He recently lost his battle against cancer. This event isn't easy, but I promise you, I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't believe 100% that it was worth every muscle ache and weary training run/walk! We all know somebody who has been touched by this illness. I believe that one day we will be cancer free and you should be proud to be a part of that day. I need your help! I have pledged to raise \$1900 to end this awful disease. *Rita Coughlin* To make a donation, simply go to <http://pages.teamintraining.org/ga/rnrsav13/RitaCoughlin> or if you would like to write a check, make checks payable to "Leukemia and Lymphoma Society" and mail it to Rita Coughlin, 660 Catherine Street, Forest Park GA. 30297 Cash donations are welcome and very much recommended as I have a business that is going to help me with Matching Gift contribu-

Young at Heart News

Holocaust Museum—August 21. The Young-at-Heart group will visit the Berman Jewish Heritage Museum (Holocaust Museum) on Spring Street in Atlanta. On Wednesday, August 21, we will carpool and depart from the church at 9:30 AM. Cost for the outing will be \$10 plus lunch. If you have questions or need more information, call Ken Campbell.

Peachtree Road Racers



Congratulations to H. R. Tuttle, Annie Johnson, Matthew Hooten, Ashley Brown, and Lauren Patrus for completing the Peachtree Road Race! This race is run on July 4 each year. This 6.2 mile race is capped at 60,000 people. The AJC Peachtree Road Race starts in Buckhead near Lenox Square Mall and ends in Piedmont Park.

New Member's Class

New Members' Class — The Discovery Seminar will take place on **Saturday, September 7, 2013, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon** Lunch will be served. All who would like to become members of Morrow Presbyterian Church and those who are already members who would like to "brush up on the basics" are invited to attend. This class will be led by Pastor John. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

"If my people, who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

School Prayer

On Sunday, August 4, we will pray for all of our schools - Pre-K through College during the morning worship hour. We will pray for our students and our teachers. As school resumes for the 2013-2014 year, the congregation is asked to keep all of our students and teachers in your prayers as they work hard and deal with different, and sometimes difficult, situations. Our congregation is widely spread over several counties and our children attend many different schools. Please keep the following schools in your prayers during this next year:

Berry College, Clayton State University, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University, Georgia College & State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Kennesaw State University, Mercer University, Savannah College of Art & Design, Southern Polytechnic State University, University of Georgia, University of North Georgia, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University, Community Christian School, Dutchtown High School, Elite Scholar School, Forest Park High School, Homestart Academy, Luella High School, Morrow High School, Ola High School, Riverdale High School, Spalding High School, Union Grove High School, Woodland High School, Carver Road Middle School, Madras Middle School, M. D. Roberts Middle School, Rex Mill Middle School, Stockbridge Middle School, Union Grove Middle School, Arnold Elementary School, B. C. Haynie Elementary School, Brown Elementary School, Eastlake Elementary School, Flippen Elementary School, North Fayette Elementary School, Red Oak Elementary School, Rising Star Montessori School, Snapfinger Elementary School, Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, Unidos Dual Language Center, LeVoyage Center for Growth, and Headstart. How wonderful and important to cover our schools in prayer and pray for God's protection and guidance!

Financial Update



Financial Update. We are half-way through our fiscal year, which puts us in the middle of a very active summer program for our mission work in the Morrow community. We offered a very successful Vacation Bible School program that had a major impact in our community. Quite a few children and their parents were introduced to Jesus and our congregation. Our youth had wonderful spiritual experiences at the Great Escape and Fun-In-The-Sun. The food pantry has provided support to a substantial number of new clients as well as clients that have depended on our pantry for some time. All of these ministries require our financial support over and above our regular monthly expenses.

Summer is also the time of year when donations normally are down due to vacations, back to school expenses and other financial commitments. Our giving has been down for the last six weeks so that we are currently very stressed in meeting our expenses. Giving is currently funding only about 97% of our budgeted expenses. We are actually \$6,670 short of meeting our current expenses.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider your financial support of our outreach programs and ministry work as you make your contributions to the work of Morrow Presbyterian Church.

Volunteer Opportunities

MPC Sign. The Facilities Maintenance Ministry Team is looking for a volunteer to change the letters of our church sign on a regular basis as needed. Free training! Wording provided! If you are willing to give this a shot, please contact Dianne at the church office (770-961-5444).

VBS Director(s). If you would like to use your creative and/or organizational gifts that God has given you in a way that will impact the lives of many children, youth, and adults, this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. The theme will be *Workshop of Wonders* (unless you have your own wonderful idea). Detailed ideas and instructions are given to you. You just pull it all together. This position comes with a plethora of willing volunteers just waiting to be asked to help. If you feel God's nudging in that direction, please see Maria Cruz.

Newsletter Submissions

News to Share. If you have special individual accomplishments or small group church events that you would like to share with the congregation, please submit them to the church office for publication in the next newsletter. The next newsletter deadline is August 26, 2013.

Flowers

Flowers in the Sanctuary. Would you like to celebrate or commemorate a special occasion with flowers in the sanctuary? Many Sundays are still available for the second half of the year. **Open Sundays are: August 11, 18, 25, September 1, 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 24, and December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29.** You can sign up on the calendar on the library window, or you can call the church office. Morrow Florist will bill you at the end of the month that your flowers beautified our worship service.

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.— 3:45 p.m.