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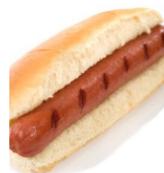
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Kids' Club Kick-Off, Sept 13

**Kid's Club Kick-Off
Sunday, September 13
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 13, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.



Youth Fall Kick-Off -Aug 9

**Youth Fall Kick-Off
Sunday, August 9
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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We now return to our Gutenberger/Googler series, specifically to a discussion about Bibles.

No longer are Bibles just in print. People may download apps that direct them to God's word. Instead of carrying around a heavy book, a person can open his/her smartphone and start reading The Gospel of John or Psalms while taking the subway to work or sitting in a doctor's office. It is fun to have the Bible in such a convenient way. There are times I've needed to read a Scripture passage and forgotten my Bible from the car, so all I did was open the app on my iPad. Of course, you can write yourself little messages in your electronic Bibles. Each app has a way of highlighting passages and adding notes for later reference. It really is no different from writing in the margins of a printed Bible, except that the app gives more room to write. Each Bible app is different – check them out and see which one best fits your needs.

Here is a warning, though: even though we could have a Bible app, we still need to find time and space to read it. I've told people that when they want to carry out their daily devotions, they have to find a solitary place to do so. They need to eliminate as many distractions as they can, so they may focus on God's word. No one bugging you, no other things that need doing, and no phone calls or texts. And there is the rub. If you have a Bible as an app, it is on the same device you use to receive texts and phone calls.

If you are reading Scripture as printed text, you can silence your phone and even hide it in a drawer. But if your phone and Bible are one and the same, there is a greater chance to be distracted. Even though you silence your phone, calls still may come in. A text message or a Facebook post will still pop up, demanding your attention. It is too tempting to exit from the Bible app and answer those requests, completely disrupting the flow of communication with God. The call or text might become too much of a distraction, so that we do not come back to the Bible reading altogether.

Suggestions? Well, on the one hand, it is probably a good idea to have a printed Bible as our main form of devotion, whether we are a Googler or a Gutenberger. The printed Bible doesn't need to be recharged and isn't connected to an outside line such as Wifi, so there are little distractions from it. This also means that we should have a prescribed time and place, in which we carry out our devotions. For example, if we meet with God at home, we know that our Bible and/or notepad and pen will always be in the same drawer where we left them. They aren't going anywhere, because we always visit the same place at home to read God's word.

On the other hand, we do live in a mobile world. Maybe we cannot always visit the same place for our devotional times. Maybe we have designated two or three places (such as Starbucks) where we may encounter God. If this is the case, then understand the risks. The smartphone or tablet does more than one thing. If we are reading our Bible, that is the only thing we should be doing. Ignore all the other stuff that our electronic devices can do. Read texts and posts later. Let the call go to voice mail and answer it later. Now is our time with God, and it is precious. It is our time to build on faith, so that our love and service to others is enlarged.

I have both printed Bibles and Bible apps. I love reading both. I enjoy what each can do and the different ways they present Scripture. When it comes down to it, it is wonderful to have more than just one avenue to meet with God.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John



Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Jean (requested by Rita Coughlin), Ruby Avery, Amy Bailey, Jennifer Barber, Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Rev. Earl Bland, Esther Bland, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Mary Butler, Cathy Chambers, Inez Coke, Betty Colwell, Chris Dyche, Donald Dyche, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Jeffrey Frysh, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Shane Giddens, Penny Gordon, David Hadler, Erin Harkens, Beth Harper, John Henrickson, Paula Hewitt, Rev. Penny Hill, Betty Janes, Jim Jenkins, Vickie Loper, Barbara Lukat, Noli Luna, Carillon Marsh, Marcia McCord, Glenda McCray, Richard McCray, Julia McLeod, David & Faye Moss, Jimmy Mullinax, Nan Norton, Nuss Family, Sara Ruth Owens, Shanti Paramanandam, Gwen Pearce, Rick Peel, Beverly Pruett, Wendy Ray, Gordon & Shirley Richardson, Lacita Robinson, Keith Stanley, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Angel Thomas, Telly Thomas, Ann Thornton, Frank Warlick, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Allen Wilson. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin & Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** – Air Force, CO.; SPC Justin **Warlick** – Army, TX.

Update from Administration/ Stewardship Ministry Team



The **Administration/Stewardship Ministry Team** is pleased to update you on our congregation's current financial status. As you know we have again fully entrusted our financial well-being on faith in the congregation's generosity, rather than solicit giving commitments. A few weeks ago you received the sealed pledge commitment you made last November so you can see how well you have been able to meet the commitment you made between you and our Lord concerning your giving of time, talent and money to God's work through the Morrow Presbyterian Church.

So far this year we have received tithes and offerings of \$142,400 and incurred expenses of \$136,946. Our current positive position has resulted from your regular giving and several very generous gifts to the church. To meet our budget, our weekly offering needs to be \$5,402. Currently, our weekly rate of donations will enable us to meet a budget of \$253,979, whereas our budget for this year is \$259,077.

As you can see we are in pretty good financial shape at this time. Please continue to pray about our mutual stewardship of the blessings God has showered upon us. Continue to yield your heart, your talents and your wallet to our Lord's leading in your life.

Presbyterian Women



PWCT, August 9, 12:30 p.m.— The next PWCT meeting will be on Sunday, August 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Pacer's classroom. Judy Chapman has the devotion and Libby McNair is the hostess.

Virginia Dews Circle, August 10, 6:30 p.m.—The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on August 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacer's classroom. Pauline Buchanan will serve refreshments and Libby McNair will have the devotion. They will continue their study of Women of the Bible with Lei Eason. Their project is contributions to Heifer International.

Dorcas Circle—August 11, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet at the church on August 11 at 10:00 a.m. The project will be bringing school supplies for the food pantry children. Please bring assorted school supplies, or money, and they will be purchased for you. Refreshments will be supplied by Sharon Goza and Jo Calhoun. Devotion by Tricia Koehler.

Morning Glory Circle— August 23, 9:45 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their Bible study using the book, "The Best Yes," by Lysa TerKeurst. They will study Chapters 10-12 using the study guides handed out on Sunday to aid in experiencing the book.

Young at Heart, Bay Breeze, August 26, 11 a.m.



MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP...let's plan to enjoy LUNCH out together on Wednesday, August 26. We will meet at BAY BREEZE in Lovejoy at 11:00 AM that day to enjoy lots of fun, fellowship and good food together. Hope you will all put that on your calendars and plan to join in the party!!! You may call Ken, 770-961-

2272, if you need a ride. Otherwise, we'll see you at the restaurant at 11:00 AM sharp and expect a good time together!!! SEE YOU THERE!

Prayer for Schools, Sunday, August 2, 11 a.m.

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School



On Sunday, August 2, we will pray for all of our schools - Pre-K through College during the morning worship hour. As school resumes for the 2015-2016 year, the congregation is asked to keep all of our students, teachers, and employees 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:

Albany State University, Berry College, Clayton State University, Georgia College & State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Georgia Southern University, Georgia State University, Kennesaw State University, Mercer University, Mississippi College, Presbyterian College, Southern Polytechnic State University, University of Georgia, University of West Georgia, Valdosta State University, Community Christian School, Connections Academy, Elite Scholar School, Forest Park High School, Fulton County School Systems, M. E. Stilwell School of the Arts, Morrow High School, Northgate High School, Riverdale High School, Sandy Creek High School, Spalding High School, Stockbridge High School, Union Grove High School, Woodland High School, Hope Academy, Flat Rock Middle School, M. D. Roberts Middle School, Union Grove Middle School, B. C. Haynie Elementary School, Brown Elementary School, Eastlake Elementary School, Flippen Elementary School, Lovin Elementary, Mainstay Academy, Morrow Elementary, 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 Clayton County Headstart. How wonderful and important to cover our schools in prayer and pray for God's protection and guidance!

Family Night Supper/Ice Cream Social—August 16, 6 p.m.



Please join us for the Family Night Supper on Sunday, August 16, at 6 p.m. It is an Ice Cream Social! The congregation is invited to bring your favorite summer dish to share and enjoy different flavored ice cream/yogurt with assorted toppings.

The Moriles Family, along with Annie & Jonathan Johnson, will share their experience on their medical mission trip this past May. Bring a friend and come join MPC for a night of fellowship and fun!

Baby Basket to Fill

Sierra Baby Basket. The baby basket for baby girl Sierra (*Emmeline Marie*) is now in the fellowship hall. Jonathan & Kelley-Marie Sierra are eagerly awaiting their first baby who is due on September 28. Please join us in filling her basket with clothes, toys, and essentials that will be useful to the new parents when Emmeline makes her appearance.

Thank You Notes



From Pastor Al M. Tinio, Jr., Uptown Congregation, Philippines ... Dear Family Church, We always give thanks to God for the continued generous support of our Church Family, the Morrow Presbyterian Church. The Uptown Congregation received the amount of Five Hundred U.S. dollars from your church, delivered by Dr. & Mrs. Romeo Moriles during their vacation last May. Like many of the houses and buildings in our village, we are still recovering from the damage brought by the super typhoon in 2013. Through your donation together with Nanay's birthday offering, we started the repairs of the church's three (3) doors. Again, our utmost thanks for your continuous support.

From Eric & Sybil Asare ... We would like to thank God. Thank Pastor John for his visit and prayers. Also, like to thank Elder Tricia Koehler, Peacemaker Life Group for their cards and prayers. Thanks to all members of the church for their prayers. Thanks to Elder Dianne Hooten for her good work as Clerk of Session by sending message out.

From The Moriles Family... To Our Beloved Church Family, We would like to thank those who came to Grandma Moriles' 90th birthday celebration. Grandma is so grateful to God for the privilege of reaching 90 years in this world. Thank you for your presence, all the warm greetings, cards, and gifts. She felt so loved and appreciated. Much thanks for the monetary donations to the Uptown Congregation Church as this remains to be the mission closest to her heart.

From Grandma Moriles... My hope is that all of you will continue to have a close relationship with God and I believe you will be blessed. God is our hope, our shield, and our redeemer. Thank you once again, and may God bless us all.