



**MORROW
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VBS 2014 Workshop of Wonders



Join
Rivet
the Ant Puppet

Vacation Bible School 2014

July 6—10

All ages - including adults

Help Wanted!

**Please see Maria Cruz to apply
for acting and teaching positions.**

Session 1 - Imagine with God!
The Story of Esther (Book of Esther)

Session 2 - Build with God!
Rebuilding the Lord's House (Ezra, 3:8-13)

Session 3 - Grow with God!
Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:1-2, 31-32)

Session 4 - Work with God!
Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:1-13)

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The Pastor's Pen



I happened to be in the paint section of Lowe's, and I noticed all the names given to paint colors. There wasn't plain red or green printed on the labels. No, there was Salmon Coral, Crushed Strawberries, Eternal Sea, Blue Silk, Deepest Night, and my favorite Filoli Ginkgo Tree. I also saw a peach-colored paint called Peach Fuzz. What is the color of peach fuzz anyhow? I can imagine a group of executives pondering and debating for hours the hue of the hairs on a solitary peach, resting on the boardroom table. I'm sure that would have been time well spent.

We give names to paint colors as well as to pets, babies, and vehicles. We even give names to Jesus that suit us. Some use the name Jesus, plain and simple. Some add the word Christ, which is not Jesus' last name (it most likely was Bar Joseph, which means "son of Joseph") but is his royal title. One person calls Jesus Savior in light of his death and resurrection, another person calls him Son of Man in light of being a sinless human, and still others call him Son of God in light of being born of the Holy Spirit. We all have different names for Jesus, and most likely we use those names because they reveal who Jesus is to us. What is your favorite name for Jesus, the one you use often when talking with or about Jesus? What does that name or title mean to you? Do you feel closer to Jesus when you use it?

However we may call Jesus, one thing we may not realize is that Jesus is beyond our imagination. He is above our thoughts and emotions. He is above any name we can think up, and he cannot be defined conclusively by any given name or a hundred names. Jesus is other worldly and cannot be grasped or manhandled.

In Joseph Girzone's book, *Joshua*, a prim and proper Episcopal priest (he even had a chauffeur for his car!) wanted Joshua to carve a statue of Peter as the Apostle, grand in stature. At about the same time, another minister wanted his statue of Peter to be carved just as humbly as he was. Joshua agreed to do the work and finished both at the same time. When the minister and priest arrived to pick up their statues, Joshua switched them. The priest got the "humble Peter" and the minister got the "grand Peter." Of course, they were puzzled. Joshua explained that he gave the correct item to each man, so each would understand Peter was not just a one-dimensional man. Peter was definitely not the man they imagined him to be.

Just like the wooden statues that Joshua carved (Joshua was Jesus' Jewish name, by the way), we cannot assume there is only one side to Jesus. We cannot say that Jesus is this or is that. We cannot give him names and then define them for our own purposes. Jesus is who Jesus is: Savior and Son of God and Son of Man, all at once and beyond those names we conjure up. Christ, Lamb, Author and Perfector of our faith, Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, and a billion other names, all at once and beyond the meaning we may assume each name holds.

Don't stop using the names you give to Jesus, but maybe think of another name that you might not use as often. Possibly it is one you might not feel comfortable with. Why don't you feel comfortable with that certain name? Does it bother you, not allowing you to understand who Jesus is truly? Don't get rid of it. Use that name instead of the comfortable ones, and Jesus will be revealed to you in a different light. You will see Jesus as you haven't before, and you just might grow to love him even more.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS David & Mae Bradley (Frank Bradley's brother & sister-in-law), Emily Starr, Family of Fahy Wright (Shirley Thraikill's sister), Family of Sherry Johnson (the Lillie's nephew's wife), Vera Flint (Mimi England's grandmother), Brenda Garner, Gary & Christa Snyder (requested by Shirley Bradley), Jo Bevil, Charlie Brown, Marcia Cartledge, Frank Archer, Ruth Batchelor, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Wendall Byars, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Spencer Frye, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Spencer Grant, Bob Hardy, Erin Harkins, Eddy Hooten, Carl Kirkley, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, David & Faye Moss, Beth Newman, Ken Reichert, Keith Rhoden, Mery Saavedra, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Vrina Stebbins, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Franklin Warlick, Mary Ann Warlick. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Kevin **Brown** - Army, Afghanistan; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Jeremy **Butler** - Marines; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; SPC Joseph **Eason**, Fort Bliss, TX; Jonathan **Johnson** - National Guard - OK; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SrA Richard **Venzelos** - Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, Afghanistan.

A full prayer list is available in the narthex near the library.

Young at Heart News

Fernbank Science Museum, February 26, 10:15 a.m. The Young at Heart group plans to go to "The Jerusalem Film" showing in IMAX at Fernbank Science Museum on Wednesday, February 26. This 43-minute film will take viewers to such holy sites as the Dome of the Rock, the Jordan River, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Western Wall. The group will carpool from the church at 10:15 a.m. Dutch lunch at Mary Maes. Show and transportation is \$15. Reserve with Ken Campbell, 770-961-2272.



Smart Driver Training Course, March 12 The Young at Heart will sponsor the AARP "Smart Driver" Training Course on Wednesday, March 12, from 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. in the

fellowship hall. Cost is \$20 per person (\$15 if AARP members). Completion may qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance. You also may become a better driver. Drivers of all ages are encouraged to take this course. Sign up with Ken Campbell, 770-961-2272.

2013 Giving Statements

Your 2013 Giving Statements are available. They are on the counter in the narthex. If you do not see your name, please check with Dianne Hooten.

Youth Retreat—February 21-23

Progressive Youth Retreat. The Youth will have their winter retreat in the form of a progressive breakfast, lunch, and supper. The retreat will begin at the home of Ruth & Rachel Boggs on Friday night, February 21 at 6 p.m. The girls will spend the night at the Boggs and the boys will move on to the Gammages to sleep. The youth will then move to other youth family homes for different meals and activities throughout the weekend. The retreat will finish up with an 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the church on Sunday morning prior to worship.

Family Night Supper—Feb 16



Roses are red, violets are blue

MPC Family Night Supper will not be FUN without YOU!

Please come to our Valentine's Family Night Supper on **Sunday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m.** Please wear red, white, or pink and bring your favorite Valentine main dish and your best Valentine's Theme dessert or favorite Valentine candy to share.

Souper Bowl of Caring—Feb 2



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Following the worship service on Sunday, February 2, the youth will stand at the doors with pots/pans to collect dollars for the Souper Bowl of Caring. These funds collected around the country support local charities. Ours will support our MPC Food Pantry.

Winter Jam—February 8

Youth to Winter Jam at the Georgia Dome – February 8. Those interested in going will meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. to carpool. Doors open at 5 p.m.

Scout Sunday—February 9



Scout Sunday – February 9. Scout Sunday will be on Sunday, February 9. All Scouts in our church family are invited to be part of the service. If you would like to participate, please contact Twarna Johnson or David Turner.

MPC Youth Mission Trip 2014

Supplies Needed. When the youth and adults go to Costa Rica in June, they will be taking supplies with them. If you would like to help with these supplies, below is the list of needs.

- **Vitamins**
- **pain relievers**
- **hydrocortisone cream, triple antibiotic cream**
- **clothes for children & babies**
- **school supplies—especially notebooks**
- **peanut butter**
- **Velveeta cheese**
- **maple imitation flavoring**
- **chocolate chips**



Thank You Notes...

From Dock & Andra... Dear MPC Youth and Youth Family, Thank you so much for the Moe's gift cards and Tumbler cups that you gave us for Christmas. You are so generous and know us so well! We are so blessed by you all and consider it such a privilege to be a part of your lives and watch you grow up into the young men and young women that God has called you to be. May God richly bless you during this year. We love you!

From Tanya Costa... A big thank you to everyone for their prayers and support for Corey through his experience with Youth Conference Ministries this past summer as well as his recent move to Orlando to work for Disney. I would also like to include his address in the event someone would like to send him an encouraging note from "home." The address is 15658 Avenue of the Arbors, Winter Garden, FL 34787-8779

From Brenda Gossett... A special thank you to all who said a prayer and lifted our name to the Lord. We have experienced many blessings because of the dedication and love of Christian friends and strangers alike. You will always be in our prayers. May the Lord bless you and your church richly. I will forever be grateful!

From Manuel Moriles, Jr... On behalf of our family in the Philippines and the Uptown Church, we extend our heartfelt thanks for the donations you all have given. It has indeed lessened the darkness of having no electricity, the coldness of getting wet without the shelter from rain. God is good to spare our lives. We shall rise and rebuild our homes and church. At this difficult time, we cling on to your warm embrace of sympathy, unflinching love and support. We thank God for His continued blessings on us and for making you His instrument of mercy.

Sanctuary Flowers



Sanctuary Flowers. The 2014 Flower Calendar is available. If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary, the flower calendar is on the library window. You may put the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. You will be billed directly by Morrow Florist.

Presbyterian Women

Virginia Dews Circle—February 10, 6:30 p.m. Anne Fordham and Shirley Thraikill have the refreshments. Anne Fordham has the devotion. Please remember to bring your food for the homeless.

Dorcas Circle—February 11, 10 a.m. Please bring things for shut-ins' Valentine bags.

Morning Glory Circle—February 23, 9:45 a.m. They will continue in their book *Stressed Less Living*. The lesson will be Chapter 8 - *Addicted to Adrenaline*.