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Welcome to Our New Members!

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Ruth comes to MPC by *Transfer of Letter* from New Bethel Presbyterian Church in Piney Flats, TN. She works in inside sales at M&A Supply Company. Ruth is married to David. They have two daughters, Anna and Tori, who also joined MPC. Ruth enjoys gardening, sewing, cooking, singing, and reading.

VICTORIA "TORI" LASTER

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Tori comes to MPC by *Profession of Faith*. Her interests are youth advisor and children's helper. She joined with her mother, Ruth Laster.

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Hannah rejoins MPC by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. She is the granddaughter of Charles & Barbara Lester. Hannah is an ER Nurse at Southern Regional Medical Center. Her interests are teaching (nursing—CPR, ALLS, PALS), scrapbooking, and all sports. Hannah is married to Cal. They are expecting their first child very soon.

WALTER HOWIE

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Walter joins MPC by *Transfer of Letter* from Greater Atlanta Presbytery (due to the closing of Riverdale Presbyterian Church). Walter is retired.

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The Pastor's Pen



One of the teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:28-31).

Tamara and I once parked next to a car that had two stickers on the rear window. One sticker was in the form of a quotation bubble you see in comic books, and it said, "I can only please one person per day. Today is not your day, and the rest of the week isn't looking good either." The second sticker proclaimed the old patriotic message, "United We Stand." Funny thing was the first sticker had the point of the quotation bubble right above the patriotic sticker, as though the patriotic sticker was saying, "United we stand" but "Neither today nor tomorrow do I have time for you."

We like to think we live as united people, but we don't want people bothering us with their concerns. "United we stand," just as long as you stand over there, away from me. We tend to be selfish. We don't like people entering our "personal space." How many people do we know who tell us, "I can manage; I don't need your help," but we can see clearly that they need our help? How many people do we know or see who live in isolation with their personal views and loud opinions, and they look miserable?

Jesus says in the second commandment above, "Love others as you love yourself." That means we are involved with others. That means we allow them to be involved with us. There are no limits to our love. There might be times we need our space, but if somebody "invades" it we cannot respond with a rebuke or a shove. We have to hear what they have to say, and think about how to respond and help. God created us to be in community with him – "United We Stand" – and that community extends to the people around us.

A priest shares a story about coffee with his fellow brothers. One day there wasn't enough coffee left in the kitchen. The priest says, "I was worried about not having any, about spending a few hours feeling dull and weak, and so – without perceiving the evil I was doing – I went into the kitchen before the others and drank up all that was left. Afterwards, having suffered all day and made my confessions, I thought in shame of my selfishness, of the ease with which I had excluded my two brothers from those black, bitter remains. It seems a tiny thing, yet in that cup of coffee, taken and not shared with my brothers, is the root of all evil which disturbs us, the poison of all the arrogance which selfishness, riches, and power create. The difference between me and Jesus is right here, in an affair that seems simple but isn't at all; after a whole life time it is still there to make you think. Jesus would have left the coffee for his brothers..." No greater commandment does Jesus give us than to love our neighbors as ourselves. United we do stand, together, in love and care.

What a powerful gift we give to others, when we support them in their struggles and in their triumphs. What a powerful message we speak, when we show others how special they are to us. Don't just share the coffee; share yourself.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Robert B. Edwards, Jr. (Elaine Hayes' cousin), Family of Scotty Ulmer (friend of Jack Bell), Family of Helen Harper (Andra Gammage's grandmother), Linda Morgan, Wes Basham, Darnell Bell, Jo Bevil, Zachary Bradley, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Randy Buck, Mrs. Cooper, Fannie Crain, Paula Dashtpeyma, Hazel Fink, Spencer Grant, Gene & Euna Hammond, Bryant Harden, Elaine Hayes, Gale Hopkins, Tom Janes, Talia King, Charles Lester, Dahlia Minton, Russell Moore, David Moss, Jorgel Orozco, Gladys Oliver, Sonny Oswalt, Lloyd Sanders, Viola Shell, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Michael Thraikill, Becky Tri, Brandon Williamson, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin **Brown** - Army - Fort Sam Houston, TX; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** - Japan in July; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Germany; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. **Lillegard**, Ft. Campbell, KY; Adam **Martin**; SGT Edward "Buddy" **McKenzie**, III, - Milledgeville; Cole **Springer** - Army basic training, Columbus, GA; A1C Richard **Venezelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin **Warlick** - Ft. Lewis, WA.

Christian Love and Sympathy to the Family of Lori Pullan, former member and daughter of the late Pete & Pat Arnold, who died on June 11, 2011. Lori and her husband, Reed, were married at Morrow Presbyterian Church in 1984. Please remember her husband and son, Reed and Robert Pullan, 636 Trace Crossings Trail, Hoover, AL 35244, in your prayers.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Update



Recently, **Sonny Oswalt** was the very proud recipient of a lapghan from the Prayer Shawl Life Group. Hearing that Sonny was a proud fan of the Crimson Tide, his lapghan is red and white and he received an Alabama flag and American flags!!

New Addresses

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Prayer for Schools—July 31

Praying for Our Students & Teachers. We have many different schools represented in our congregation. On July 31, we will have posters to represent each school that our children attend. Students, teachers, and parents are asked to wear their school colors (or spirit wear) on Sunday, July 31, as we take time during the worship service to pray for God to be with all of those attending our schools.

Young-at-Heart News

YOUNG-AT-HEART TOMATO SANDWICH LUNCHEON The tomatoes are getting ripe, ready for picking and ready for enjoying good ole tomato sandwiches! The **YOUNG-AT-HEART TOMATO SANDWICH LUNCHEON** is coming up on **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 -- 11:30 AM.** The tomatoes, sandwich materials, bread, and drinks will be provided. Please bring salads and other dishes and desserts to go along with the sandwiches. This is a "highlight" of our year, so you won't want to miss it. Come on and join in the fun and fellowship of this special event!!!

Bone Marrow Donors Needed

One of the people on our prayer list, Paula Dashtpeyma, suffers from ITP, a platelet disorder. The Atlanta Blood Services at Northside Hospital administers treatment to many patients with this disease on a daily basis. Paula's treatment from the time of her bone marrow transplant has been daily for about 10 hours and is expected to last 100 days. The goal is to completely change her bone marrow DNA, as her DNA continues to kill her platelets from this autoimmune disease.

Donors are always needed. The donor coordinator can be reached at 404-459-8744.

Congratulations to Bob Lukat— PW Man of the Year for 2011



Congratulations to Bob Lukat, PW Man of the Year for 2011! Bob has been a life-long member of the Presbyterian Church and a member of Morrow Presbyterian since 1972. He was ordained a Deacon in 1973 and an Elder in 1979. Bob has chaired all of the Session ministry teams except for Worship. He has served more years as an elder at Morrow Presbyterian Church than any other elder. Bob is currently one of the three Trustees of MPC.

Bob has been the Pacer's Sunday School teacher for 35 years, and has been the Lighthouse Life Group facilitator since its inception. He has taught the VBS adult classes many times, and was also Mr. Wizard, teaching the children about science.

Bob is very creative and has headed up many memorable Stewardship campaigns. Most notably, the USO campaign complete with helicopter and Humvees, courtesy of the U.S. Army. He has created many artistic items for use in these campaigns such as a giant banana, a large stork and baby, and a large coffee cup among others. Bob created a Bible to be used to collect funds for the Uptown Congregation, and a replica of a well that was used to collect funds for the purchase of a well for Madagascar. Bob designed and built the cribs that are still in our church nursery. He also made the poinsettia Christmas tree stand used in the choir loft.

Bob was born in Terre Haute, IN but left at the age of three months for the South. Bob graduated from Georgia Tech with a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering and a Master's Degree in Metallurgy. He currently teaches chemistry, physical science, astronomy and environmental science to high school students.

Bob is a devoted family man who has been married for 43 years to Suzanne. They have two sons, Rob and Reed, who are married to Janet and Emily, respectively. Bob & Suzanne have a grandson, Taylor, and two granddaughters, Jordan and Morgan.

Congratulations, Bob!

Thank You Notes

From Freida Dews... Thank you so much for the beautiful memorial to Tom that was placed in the church newsletter. His years as your pastor were special to him and I have been honored to be accepted as a member of your church family for twenty-two years. Please keep me and his family in your prayers as we face life without God's great soldier. In Christian love...

From Irene & David Turner... Thanks to everyone for the cards and prayers for me. God bless everyone.

From Jo Calhoun and family... God shows His love through the warmth and kindness of special people like you. I thank you so much for sharing your beautiful church in our time of need...Jack would have been so honored to know he was surrounded by such special people. Carol & Sonny are so lucky to have a "home church." Rev. Cox was so impressed and honored to be a guest in such a lovely church. He spoke highly of you, being so generous as to open your church up to a Southern Baptist, Presbyterian, and Catholic, showing that God is everywhere.

From Ken & Janis Campbell... Dear friends of Morrow Presbyterian Church, we don't think we can say enough "thank yous" for all the wonderful things you have done in memory of Dianne and for us, but please know that we do appreciate your kindness and attention during the recent months. You have been so thoughtful and helpful and we do thank you for all the favors, gifts, cards, and donations to the church and to the Butterfly Garden. You are all a great blessing to us, and we pray that God will richly bless each and every one of you.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mark & Kristen Floyd on the birth of their baby boy, **Jakob Walker Floyd**, who was born on June 21, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations, also, to the proud grandparents, Norman & Linda Lillie, and Uncle Ben & Aunt Heather and cousins Madeline, Nathan and Camille. The rosebud and cradle cross on the pulpit last Sunday were provided by the Presbyterian Women in Jakob's honor.

Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting – July 10. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 10, immediately following the worship service for the purpose of discussing changes in the Book of Order including: (1) the need to determine our congregational meeting quorum as 15 percent, and (2) the need to determine that we will continue to follow Robert's Rules of Order during our congregational meetings.