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In Memory of June Greer



Mrs. June Parham Greer, of Forest Park, passed away on May 29, 2012 at the age of 72. She was a loving mother and grandmother. She was a dedicated wife to her husband, Bob Greer, until his death in 1990.

June joined Morrow Presbyterian Church in 1997 along with her daughter and son-in-law, Angela and David Turner, and attended frequently until her health made it too difficult for her.

June is survived by Angela and David Turner of Forest Park, Teresa Greer and Kenneth Norwood of St. Simons Isl., Eddie and Deana Greer of Covington; brother, Rev. Sam Parham of SC; grandchildren Ian, Shelby, and Colin Turner, Melissa, Robin and Evan Greer.

Donations may be made to the Morrow Presbyterian Church food pantry.



We will miss you, June.

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The Pastor's Pen



It feels good to have money in the bank, doesn't it? It feels good when we have money for the daily operations of life, and maybe a little bit more for a vacation we've dreamed about or some disaster that might come our way. Money may give us a sense of security because we know life is not cheap, especially as we get older and have to pay college or doctor bills.

However, money may also give us a false sense of security, making us think that all we need in this world is money and nothing more. It has been said that 1 of 3 lottery winners goes bankrupt within five years. They put too much stock in the money, and so they spend, spend, spend like there is no tomorrow. Tomorrow comes eventually, and the person has nothing left. Money buys us temporary happiness, but it never gives us eternal satisfaction. Money can't buy love, to which the Beatles once testified. We cannot make people love us with money; and if we think we can, we fail to see that they are only using us to drain us of our money. Money may become a burden, because no matter how much we have, we always want more. This may cause us to seek money exclusively: it is all we think about and dream about. There is no room for God, and the people we love are left in the dust.

I was reading Haggai once (the third to last book of the Old Testament), and in the middle of the letter, the Lord of Hosts says to the people, "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine" (Haggai 2:8, NKJV). The Lord is speaking about the temple of God, in its former glory and its present glory after it was built. The Lord says that, in a little while, he will shake the heavens and earth, the sea and land, and everybody will come to the Desire of All Nations, namely to God. Not only will people come in line with God, but also their worldly possessions. All things we have, even the silver and gold, will be God's, just as we will be and are God's own.

Since all things will eventually come in line with God, why not start today? Why not beat the Christmas Rush, and get ourselves and our stuff in line with what God is doing right now?

God has an idea of how he wants us to look as his disciples. God wants us to be clothed in peace and joy, love and grace, kindness and hospitality (to name a few), so that we may be his witnesses to the good news that all may have life in God. When stress and strife take over, we may be the calm in the storm. When arguments arise, we may help to seek solutions. When somebody is in need, we may provide assistance. When somebody needs God, we may point him or her in the right direction. God has an idea of how he wants us to live and breathe, which involves the whole church and the community that surround us.

God also has an idea of how he wants us to use our stuff, like money. It is a thing to be used for his glory, not a thing to be propped on a pedestal for all to admire. It is a thing to be used for ministries that benefit all inside and outside the church, not a thing that must be hoarded at all costs. It is a thing we use for our daily needs, knowing that our daily bread comes from God and God alone (look at Matthew 4:4).

It is nice to have money, but it is a servant to God ("Mine is the silver, and Mine is the gold"), and God asks us to manage it for him. Let's try to find out what the Owner wants. We can get ourselves and our stuff in line with God, and find more happiness, more success, and more life than we can ever find anywhere else.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Bernard Mock (Tanya Costa's step-father), Butch Stavely (Libby McNair's niece's husband), Frank Archer, Wilma Bell, Jo Bevil, Martha Bowman, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Darren Buchanan, Marcia Cartledge, Jean Chase, Shenequa Dennis, Tom Eason, Paula Echols, Will Felt, Alquon Flowers, Earl Funk, Spencer Grant, Howard Harden, Kelley Harden, Sheridan Hicks, Eddie Hooten, Lynn Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Frank Line, Vickie Loper, Scott Lunsford, Mary McBath, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Linda Morgan, Grandma Moriles, David Moss, Luis Saavedra, Nerys Saavedra, Emeric Sesay, Audrey Sharpe, Natalie Sledge, Joe & Betty Spier, Margaret Strelsky, Susan Tate, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Elizabeth Turk, Ian Turner, Marie Tuttle, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin **Brown** - Army-Fort Benning, GA; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** -Japan; 1st Sgt Chris **Chastain**, Kosovo; PFC Daniel **Costa** - Fort Huachuca, AZ; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Germany; Najee **Hall**- San Diego, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. **Lillegard**; Adam **Martin**; SGT Edward "Buddy" **McKenzie**, III, - Milledgeville; Brent **Paul** - Military College of GA; Cole **Springer** - Army; SrA Richard **Venizelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin **Warlick** - Ft. Lewis, WA.

Monthly Financial Report



Your Administration and Finance Ministry Team has been asked to provide you with a monthly update on the congregation's support of our church's work and ministry relative to our budgeted ministry activities.

Our budget for this year is **\$289,102**. These funds are allocated to the following activities and ministries of our church:

Preaching the Word	\$ 93,039
Teaching the Word	\$106,109
Sharing the Word	\$ 89,953

The first five months of this year have been difficult for the church as it has been for many of our members. Even with the reduction in our budget expectations from last year's \$291,341 to this year's \$289,102 our giving has fallen short. At this point we are funding only 85% of our program and ministry expectations.

January through May 2012

Giving	\$ 98,745
Expenses	<u>\$101,213</u>
Shortage	<u>\$ 2,468</u>

We encourage you to prayerfully consider your commitment to and support of the ministry we are delivering in God's name here in our community.



Young at Heart Luncheon—July 25



The Tomato Sandwich Luncheon. Young-at-Heart members, be sure to mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 25. Time will be 11:00 a.m. That's the day for one of our most favorite things to do — the **TOMATO SANDWICH LUNCHEON**. You won't want to miss it. Just plan to bring a side dish—salad, dessert, or something you think would taste good with the sandwiches. We will have a group from the Morrow First United Methodist Church to join us, so please bring some extra food to share.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Roger & Meredith Foltynowicz on the birth of their daughter, **Brinson "Brin" Suzanne Foltynowicz**, on June 6, 2012. She weighed 9 lbs, 4 oz. and was 20 1/4" long. **Her maternal grandparents are Jack & Connie Bell. Welcome, Brin!**

Congratulations to Allen Grant—2012 Man of the Year



Congratulations to Allen Grant, our 2012 Man of the Year! Allen Grant is a dedicated member and an integral part of MPC. Allen joined MPC in 1990 and was ordained an elder in January, 1996. Allen has served three terms on the Session in different capacities, including the Youth Committee, the Building & Grounds Committee, and the Facilities Maintenance Ministry Team. While he was on the Building & Grounds Committee, MPC was awarded Garden of the Month under his care. (He gives credit for that to Don Lillegard.)

Allen has taught Sunday school to adults, and high school and middle school youth since 1995. He has been to Fun in the Sun numerous times, several youth group ski trips, and Camp Calvin retreats. Not only has he been a great mentor to young people, but an incredible role model to the community and friends at church.

Some other activities Allen has been involved in include MPC's basketball team, MPC's softball team, Marriage Enrichment Group, Men of Promise, Youth Family, Family of Friends Life Group, Relay for Life, Baskets & More Auction, and the Food Pantry. He has prepared several feasts from his own stock for the congregation to enjoy.

Allen has been married to Susie for 24 years. They have three children, Georgene, Arrah, and Allen, Jr., one daughter-in-law, Stephanie, and two grandchildren, Spencer and Stephan. Allen loves to hunt, fish, dance, share his faith, and spend time with his family.

Allen is a strong man in the Word of God, and has always made sure that God is the foundation to everything he does.

Earl Stewart, 330 E. College Street, Apt. 207, Griffin, GA 30224

Address Change

Pastor Earl has taken an interim position with First Presbyterian Church of Griffin. Lucy will be visiting periodically, but they have retained their home in California.

Family Night Suppers—July 22 and August 26



Ice Cream Social—July 22, 7 p.m. *"I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream."* Come join your church family for an ice cream social on July 22 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We'll provide the ice cream and toppings. You provide your wonderful self!

FNS—August 26, 6 p.m. Have you wondered what others do in their spare time, for example, what kinds of hobbies they enjoy? Well, wonder no more! For the August FNS, we are asking you to share an exhibit of your hobby, whether it be carving, painting, knitting, quilting, building model trains, planes or automobiles, or something else. We will all have a chance to see the hobbies that we each enjoy as well as enjoy the fellowship and good food. If you would like to share your hobby, you'll have a table available in the fellowship hall for you to display it. There will be sign-up sheet in the Narthex soon. Be watching for it!

Thank You Cards & Messages

From The Turner and Greer Families ... To our wonderful church family, Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits, calls, and love you blessed us with after the passing of our mother/grandmother. We could not have asked for more. The love and support we have received in the days since is greatly appreciated. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving group of people. God bless you all!

From the Delgados (Jesus, Shannon, Sonja, Jesus, Jr., Angelica, and Giovanni)... We as a family just want to send a special thank you for being a part of our lives. You have shown us unconditional kindness and support to our family. For that we want to say, "thank you!"

From Kimberly Moriles... Dear MPC Family, Thank you ALL so much for all the graduation presents and well wishes! Your continued support is an encouragement and a blessing in my life. I pray that the church's ministry continues to grow. You've all helped me grow into the person I am today, and I am forever thankful for that. Thank you ALL for everything!