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General Assembly Recap by Bob Lukat



When the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta asked me to become a commissioner to the 222nd General Assembly, I was complimented and excited. Those emotions soon faded as I realized how much preparation would be necessary in order to be adequately prepared. This GA included nearly 80 overtures from presbyteries around the United States, more than 30 resolutions from agencies and permanent committees of the General Assembly, minutes of each of the six agencies and two dozen boards of divisions, and recommendations submitted for GA consideration. Many of these documents had to be researched to understand what was behind the actions being requested.

Then, on top of this came sincere requests from 4 or 5 friends in the church that I do a blog each day to keep everyone informed of what was going on in Portland. Not being a very literary individual, I was less than excited about this prospect, but I agreed to give it a try. I did read a blog or two, especially the one by Jim LeDuke about his mother. It was then that I realized I was in trouble. However, following my second submission, several people sent me e-mails letting me know how much it meant to them to get the information I had provided.

Thank you for your encouragement and especially for your prayers. When I was tired and the hour of the night was late, the Spirit provided the energy for me to compose the words for you. I deeply appreciate your interest and that you kept me sustained with your concern and prayers.

Bob Lukat



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The Pastor's Pen



I've been thinking about all the work we have done inside and outside the church, especially during the last weeks of June.

Our Missions Days happened from June 20-23, and on the first day we visited the Calvary Rescue Center in Forest Park, where they shelter and feed homeless people. A team from our church cleaned and mopped and disinfected floors and walls and countertops. We cut food in the kitchen and raked pine cones in the yard and installed toilet paper in the restrooms. On Tuesday we invited teenagers from the Rainbow House to our church, where we taught them how to change the oil in a car, cut wood to make a planter, sew buttons on a shirt, manage bank accounts, give medical attention, and even fly drones.

On Wednesday we received about 4500 pounds of food for our Pantry, and teenagers and adults stored the cans and boxes, made grocery bags full of food, and set up the Fellowship Hall to welcome clients on Thursday. Speaking of that day, a group went to a member's home to manage her yard full of vines and branches, and then some came to the church in the afternoon to distribute food at our Food Pantry. Of course, we had the same dedicated members serving as they normally do throughout the year.

And if that wasn't enough, there was Vacation Bible School the next week, starting June 26. Actually, it all started the day before, June 25, with people decorating the hallways and Fellowship Hall and classrooms. We cut sheets and taped flags and inflated beach balls. The Sanctuary was turned into a beach bum's paradise with rocks and sand and ocean (not all of those were real). People stepped up to be teachers and actors and cooks. We had science and recreation and music and lessons and food, all facilitated by people who wanted to provide a place for the young ones to learn about Christ. One member came to me and said, "Isn't our church great? We are so blessed."

I've been thinking about all of this, and the word that pops in my mind is Available.

I thought about all the people who were available to serve God in many different capacities. It didn't matter how old they were, if they were out of school for the summer or completely retired from the workplace. It didn't matter if they knew what they were doing, if they had all the tools and know-how or needed much direction to do so. We all were available. God dropped something in front of us, and we questioned it not. God gave us the ministry to touch people's lives, and we did it with delight and thanksgiving.

There was a song that Steven Curtis Chapman sang back in 1999 called Whatever. The lyrics are: "I formed a plan it seemed to make good sense/ I laid it out for You so sure You'd be convinced/ I made my case, presented my defense/ But then I read the letter that You sent me/ It said that all You really want from me is just/ Whatever, whatever You say/ Whatever, I will obey/ Whatever, Lord, have Your way/ 'Cause You are my God, whatever." Here is what Jesus says in Matthew 16:24, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

That is what we want to be: Available. Give us the task and give us the time, Lord. We hope to do a lot of good work for you. Thanks to all who were available those last weeks in June. And thanks be to God for making us a blessing to others.

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Dr. John



Prayer Requests



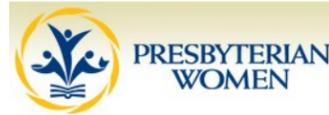
PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Breckin Parton (8 mos. Old. requested by Bruce Campbell), Jeanine Jenkins & her sister Wanda (friend of Janis Campbell), Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Jeff Blanton, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Susan Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Grace Cabrera, Betty Colwell, Kayla Coleman, Tanya Costa, Felix Cruz, Ilona Dorsey, Lei Eason, Sherrie Esquivel, Alma Evans Will Felt, Winderful Foster, Betty Freeman, Jessica Giddens, Ruth Ginsberg, Wayne Goza, Rev. Penny Hill, Charles Hoquist, Laura Howard, Otisha Howell, Charlie Johnson, Priscilla King, Leah Lipps, Missy Trotter Luce, Noli Luna, Carrilton Marsh, Maliki Marshall, Jeannell McElrath, Julia McLeod, Marian Meyer, Linda Morgan, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, David & Faye Moss, Nan Norton, Oba Odu, Michelle Oswalt, Janice Palmer, Destiny Perry, Samantha Phillips, John Popovich, John Prince, Beverly Pruet, Rey Ramos, Rob Rathbun, Gordon Richardson, Kenneth Roberts, Sr., Gary Robinson, Natalie Sledge, Keith Stanley, Butch Stavely, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, the country of Venezuela, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin **Brown**, Army—Fort Riley, KS; CPL Jaime **Brown**, Army, KS; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joseph **Eason** – deployed to Iraq, PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** – Air Force, CO. **A full prayer list is available in the narthex next to the library.**

Ice Cream Social—July 17, 12:15 p.m.



Our “Family Night Supper” for July will be an Ice Cream Social following the worship service on Sunday, July 17. Bring your favorite ice cream or frozen yogurt and toppings with you to church. Following the worship service, enjoy a bowl or cone before going back into what is sure to be a hot, Georgia summer day. What a fun way to cool off! Can't you just taste it already!

Presbyterian Women



PWCT— NO Meeting in July.

Virginia Dews Circle, July 11, 6:30 p.m.—The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on July 11, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the Italian Oven in Stockbridge, GA for dinner. They are located at 938 Eagles Landing Parkway, across from the Publix Grocery Store. Libby McNair will provide a devotion.

Dorcas Circle, Silver Bay Restaurant, July 12, 11:30 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet at Silver Bay Restaurant in Stockbridge on July 12 at 11:30 a.m. for their annual "out to lunch" meeting. Friends and spouses are invited.

Morning Glory Circle— July 24, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their book “Armor of God.” Be sure to be on time at 9:30 a.m. to discuss **Week 2—The Belt of Truth** before we watch the video for **Week 3—The Breastplate of Righteousness.** As you go through your study during the month, please add your “Actionable Intel” or other highlights you feel led to share on our Morning Glory Facebook page. We are collecting size 1 and 2 diapers for the food pantry, plus our change for our clean water project.

Clean Water Project Update: approximately \$800

July Santa Claus Express – Crafts and Party Items

Pianist Needed



Piano Player Needed. If you can play the piano and would like to share that gift to glorify God, we are needing a fourth person to play the preparatory music on Sunday mornings. You would be asked to play each third or fourth Sunday prior to the worship service. Please contact the church office if you believe that the Lord is speaking to you about this opportunity.

Young at Heart, Tomato Sandwich Luncheon, July 27



YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP (and others who may wish to join in!) Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 27, at 11:00 AM. Makings for the sandwiches will be provided, but please bring appropriate side dishes and desserts. Beverages will be provided.

Congratulations to Bruce Campbell—Man of the Year 2016



Congratulations to Bruce Campbell, our newest Morrow Presbyterian Women's Man of the Year for 2016. He was honored on June 19 for his many contributions to this church.

Allen Grant presented the award and said it best in his speech below:

“It is my honor to introduce this year's MPC Man of the Year. If he was up here right now, he actually would need no introduction. Let me tell you some things you wrote about him (in the nominations). He never meets a stranger. His love of Christ is obvious through his faith and works. He is a great and talented man. He is devoted to Christ, Church, and family. He is a loyal husband, caring father, and loving son. He is everywhere! He is a man of integrity and fully committed to serving our Lord and being a wonderful family man. He leads lovingly in his service to MPC.

Some facts about our Man of the Year. He has been a member here for over 50 years. He was ordained as a Deacon and has served for 5 terms as a ruling Elder. He has served on two Pastor Nominating Committees, served as Sunday School teacher, been involved in Promise Keepers, Men's Breakfasts, and an integral part of the Purpose Driven Church campaign ten years ago. He has served as youth leader and played on many MPC softball teams—including our championship team. I don't remember the year, but it was before gray hair set in! He is at most work days, every Kids Club program, every VBS, most decorating and set-up days, and countless other church events. MPC is clearly his passion. You can see the Spirit move in him through his music. He is always “all in” when it comes to music. He has been our Director of Music for 16 years. He loves to play guitar and trumpet in our church orchestra. He leads our Youth praise band and partners with Mrs. Goza in putting the music together for Kids Club and VBS. Most recently, he and Georgene Sneed have coordinated a contemporary worship service as an outreach program to the people in the surrounding areas. He will travel late hours in his work to make choir practice, a session meeting, or his children's events or games. He is an obedient and faithful servant of our Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Thank you, Bruce Campbell, for your service and dedication to God and Morrow Presbyterian Church.

Thank You Notes

THANK YOU! *From Donna, Ruth & Rachel Boggs ...* Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your prayers, thoughts, kind words and cards during my mama's illness and passing. My mom loved coming to our church whenever she had a chance. She was thankful that the girls and I are part of such a loving and supportive church family. I heard her tell many people what a great church we have. Ruth, Rachel and I are so appreciative of your love and support. Thank you!

From the Congregation ... Many thanks to **Jim Eason** for all of the hard work he did preparing and completing the wheelchair ramp at the fellowship hall door. Many sweaty hours went into its completion. Thank you to his helpers, Allen Grant, Dock Gammage, and Mike Sneed for helping with the pouring of the concrete.

Prayers for Schools—July 31

We will be praying for all of our schools during the worship service on Sunday, July 31. If your school was not represented with a sign last year, please make sure you check with the church office to add it for this year. **Wear your school colors on July 31!**

Contemporary Worship Service

Next Contemporary Worship Service, July 24, 6:16 p.m. The congregation is encouraged to put our next contemporary worship service on your calendars. Please plan to attend and bring your friends and family to our third Contemporary Worship Service on July 24 at 6:16 p.m. We will have a praise band and a message. Join us as we welcome the community to worship with us.

Playground / Eagle Scout Project



Our VBS mission project this year was to collect money to support **Justin Cos** as he works to complete his **Eagle Scout Project**. His project is to build a **new playground for Morrow Presbyterian Church**. You can see his plans and pictures on the table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to help with this project,

you can make your donations to Morrow Presbyterian Church earmarked “Playground.” Thank you for your help.

*“Life is like a bicycle,
you've got to keep moving.”*