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Congratulations to Connie Bell—PW Life Member Recipient!



Connie Bell will celebrate forty years of serving our Lord at Morrow Presbyterian church this September. She has worked in the Presbyterian Women since becoming a member of the church, serving as Bible Moderator, and Treasurer. She was instrumental in forming the children's choir program during the early 1980's and worked in the program after it was started. She was teacher of the Junior II Sunday school class for a number of years. She has served in the Youth Family and attended the first trip and several more to The Great Escape as a chaperone. She has also attended the Fun in the Son on several occasions as a chaperone. She was ordained as an elder and has co-chaired the Building Committee and Worship Team. She is presently involved with the Hanging of the Greens at Christmas. She has been a member of the Canterbury Choir for most of her years at the church. During her time on the Worship Committee she felt the need to have continuity in the teachings presented to our children in Children's Church and, led by the Lord, arranged with Gordon and Shirley Richardson to come and lead Children's Church. She has taken over that responsibility and is assisted by Tori Laster since the return of Gordon and Shirley to responsibilities at First Baptist Jonesboro. She is now able to attend worship services on the fourth Sunday of each month and participate in the Canterbury Choir again thanks to Andra Gammage's graciously volunteering to teach Children's Church on that Sunday. She has recently accepted the job of Church Treasurer. She is well known for her Banana Pudding which at times has brought as much as \$125 in the Relay for Life fund raiser auction. She dearly loves the Morrow Presbyterian Family and is grateful to God for the many rich blessings that He has bestowed on her and her family these past forty years.

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The Pastor's Pen



I once spoke with a woman who said that she never planned to become a pastor. She went to seminary but only thought to carry out ministry on a more academic level, maybe as a professor. But the call changed. She said that "the Holy Spirit was redirecting her path." Opportunities were opening to learn about pastoral ministry in a church setting, and she liked it. Her vocal and leadership skills improved, and at the end of seminary she began to interview with churches. I was listening to the radio one morning, and heard the story of a 20-something who had no plans for college. The lack of funds killed any dream of earning a Bachelor's degree. Then a certain university created a program for low-income students to receive funding for their education. This man ignored the news until, as he put it, he had a "change of heart." He applied four days before the deadline, and after waiting several weeks was accepted. It was the best move he has made for his career and life, he said.

Some people "get an inkling." Their conscience tells them to do something. A light bulb goes off in their heads. Whether it is a change of heart or something pulling them toward a different direction, rest assured that it is all the work of the Holy Spirit. Whether they realize it or not, and give thanks to God for it or not, the Spirit is always moving through people to move them into situations, where God wants them to be.

Jesus tells Nicodemus one confused night that the wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound but cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going (John 3:8). He says the Holy Spirit is the same as the wind, because the words mean the same thing (*pneuma*). The Spirit moves as the wind moves. Everybody has felt wind, especially if they come from Chicago, the Windy City. Unless they live in a cave, all people have experienced the soft and strong force of the wind. They have also felt the soft and strong force of the Spirit. They may not know where it is coming from or where it is going, but it will take them to exactly where God wants them to be. They get an inkling, have a change of heart, and get on board with God's agenda.

Later in John, Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Counselor who comes after him (John 15:26-27, 16:12-15). Given the idea above, do not think the Counselor only counsels those who know God. The Spirit would not handicap himself but would be free to move through any person in any place. Sadly, not everybody understands that it is the Spirit moving them toward something. They pass off the experience as some quirky thing that happened to them. It is the Spirit moving those who are aware and those who are not.

Frederick Buechner mentions spirit as the power of life. "God is the power of the power of life itself," he says. God "has breathed [another word connected with *wind* and *Spirit*] and continues to breathe himself into his creation." Notice God doesn't just breathe into his church community, but into all creation. N.T. Wright talks about the Holy Spirit "coming to live within human beings, making them Temples of the Living God." God means to move through every corner of this planet and redeem all living things from sin and death. This is the work of the God's breathe/wind/Spirit, and will not stop and be hindered.

In a seminary student, in a college student, in a person who actively worships God, in a person who holds on to no god: All of us feel the effects of the Spirit. All of us feel the power of life coursing through our veins. We are lucky to know God well enough, so we give thanks to the Holy Spirit for working in our lives. The next time somebody tells you about their quirky experience, give a smile and let them in on a little secret.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Anne Fordham, Anne Mixon (Shirley Thrailkill's cousin), Grandma Moriles, Terry & Margie Williams, Frank Archer, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Winkie Brinson, Sherrie Esquivel, Ralph Fadner, Will Felt, Gertrude Ferraro, Kristen Floyd, Earl & Connie Funk, Ann Goza, Spencer Grant, Kelly Harden, Willie Haynes, Eddie Hooten, Adolpho Incerry, Sherry Johnson, Darby Jones, Barbara Kelly, Mary McBath, Greta McCart, Julia McLeod, Audra McMillian, Eddie Miller, Dahlia Minton, Celia Montgomery, David Moss, Breanna Ordaniel, Keith Rhoden, Luis Saavedra, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Vrina Stebbins, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Edith Walston, Eddy, Virginia, and Beth Wheeler, Fahy and Keith Wright, Jeff Yarbrough, Anna Zegland. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** SPC Jonathan **Amason**, - National Guard, HOME!; Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Jaime **Brown** - Army - Fort Benning, GA; Kevin **Brown** - Army - Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** - Japan; 1st Sgt Chris **Chastain**, Kosovo; PFC Daniel **Costa** - Afghanistan; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Germany; Najee **Hall** - San Diego, CA; SR Drew **Hayes** - Navy; Great Lakes, IL; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt.- Adam **Martin**; SGT Edward "Buddy" **McKenzie**, III, - Milledgeville; Brent **Paul** - Military College of GA; SrA Richard **Venizelos** - Keesler AFB, Biloxi, MS; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army; Aaron **Wescott** - Navy Special Forces - Afghanistan

Steel Magnolias

June 14-15, 21-22 at 8 p.m. and June 23 at 2:30 p.m.

The Front Porch Players is a new acting troupe made up of people with varying levels of experience who have a love for little theatre. With the support of Historical Jonesboro / Clayton County, Inc., the troupe brought to life in March 2013 an original play, *Moonshine and Magnolias*. Their second production, *Steel Magnolias* will be performed on several different days.

June 14 - 15 - 8:00 p.m.

June 21 - 22 - 8:00 p.m.

June 23 - 2:30 p.m.

The performances will be in the Family Life Center of First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, 1842 Jodeco Road, Jonesboro.

If you would like to go with our Young at Heart on June 21, please see Ken Campbell for tickets.

For other show times, you can purchase tickets at www.thefrontporchplayers.com



Graduation Sunday Recap

Our 2013 high school graduates were recognized on Sunday, May 26, at the morning worship service. Our seniors this year are Christopher Campbell, Elizabeth Fincher, Matthew Hooten, Jonathan Johnson, Dionne Kemokai, Marissa McKee, Kathlyn Moriles, and Jordan Whatley.



Young at Heart News

 The Young-at-Heart ANNUAL PICNIC will be coming up before too long. Mark your calendars for WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, at 11:00 AM, for that special event. Meats and drinks will be provided. Please bring side dishes (veggies, salads, desserts) to go along with the meat. Hope you'll be planning to join in this special time of fun and fellowship!!!

Recognition for Pat Randolph

 On Sunday, June 9, 2013, Morrow Presbyterian Church will recognize Pat Randolph for her many years of service. Pat started working as our Financial Advisor in 1990. She set up ACS which we still use for financial accounting and reports today. Pat also created our weekly income reporting forms and check request procedure. She has tried to retire, but we haven't let her go completely. She continues to prepare our tax forms each quarter and is always available for questions. Please plan to join us in showing our appreciation.

Father's Day—June 16



Father's Day Breakfast and Man of the Year - Sunday, June 16

Make plans now for a time to honor and remember our dads and other important men in our lives. A program will be presented in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 a.m. Breakfast will be provided following the program. We will then present the "Man of the Year" during the worship service. This will be a special day to honor and remember the Godly men in our lives. Man of the Year nomination forms are available in your bulletin.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly, with your God? Micah 6:8

VBS 2013 Everywhere Fun Fair

Vacation Bible School 2013

June 23 - 27 Dinner at 6 p.m.

All ages - including adults



Join Godwin!



Everywhere Fun Fair takes children to a global celebration with the look and feel of a world's fair. Children will make friends with neighbors around the world and discover that God's love can be found everywhere, including their own neighborhoods. Children will be introduced to special places from all over the world and discover that we are all neighbors and all children of God.

Volunteers Needed! Still needed are teachers, actors, and set up help. Please see Maria Cruz or Angela Turner to sign up to help with this fun fair.

Neighbors are: • Friendly • Giving • Bold • Forgiving • Welcoming

Sunday - Covered Dish **Monday - Friday** - Supper is catered

Shirt Colors: Sunday - Orange Monday - Purple Tuesday - Blue

Wednesday - Green Thursday - Red

Thank you Notes

From Ben & Marcia Cartledge ... A big thank-you to all of our congregation for the volunteers and members donating various "wonderful" items for our fundraisers for Relay for Life this year! The weather didn't cooperate this year and those that made it to our site around the track looked a bit wind blown and frozen by the cold. That didn't really stop them from having a good time and walking the track. However, we did leave early to go home and get warm. We raised over \$3,900 to help fight cancer!!

From Ben & Marcia Cartledge with much love ... Once again, we would like to thank everyone for their love, gifts, prayers, and cards for our beautiful triplets born February 5. They get more beautiful every time we see them. Your support is needed and deeply appreciated. Keeping those little ones fed is a full day's job. And...they are growing and growing and we are so happy for that. You all mean so much to us and to Brian and Angela. Thank you and may God bless you all.

Save the Date— April 5 & 6, 2014

Morrow Presbyterian Church will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on April 5 & 6, 2014. What an exciting time! Stay tuned for more information.

Teacher Appreciation—June 2

This Sunday, June 2, we will have a reception following the worship service to show our Sunday School teachers how much we appreciate them. **Please remember to bring a pie to show your support.** At 9:30 a.m., we will promote our students who move up to the next class. Each of the classes will share what their class has been working on.

Stop Hunger Now—June 29



During our renewal services in April and May, we collected money for *Stop Hunger Now*. We mentioned the community project would be upcoming.

The day of the project will be **Saturday, June 29, 2013.** Set up will be at 8:00 am and we will pack and assemble boxes of food for Hunger Relief in the Morrow First UMC fellowship hall from 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m. For more information, you may contact our church office.

TGE— Mission Needs



The Great Escape youth are collecting **Ziploc bags** (quart and gallon size) to take with them to The Great Escape for their community service project. They will be putting

together supply bags for the refugees and each church has been asked to bring in a specified donated item. These bags may be placed in the green container located in the narthex.



The Butterfly Club - Available to all who are grieving. Meets every first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. in the parlor.