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### In Memory of Crawford Bell



**Crawford Bell** was born on April 23, 1927, in Searcy, AR. He served as a Corporal in the Army during World War II. He graduated from Northeast Louisiana State University with a Civil Engineering Degree. He worked for the federal railroad administration for 18 years. After he retired from there, he became a substitute teacher. Crawford later went to work for WalMart and enjoyed his time as a greeter.

Crawford married Darnell on November 23, 1955 and they were together almost 56 years. Crawford was very proud of his two daughters and sons-in-law, Marian & Dennis Meyer and Laurie & Keith Rowell; seven grandchildren, Taylor, Aaron, Whitney, Eli, Jason, Amy, and Sarah; and his four great-grandchildren, Drew, Will, Isabelle, and Everett.

Crawford and Darnell moved to Atlanta in 1973 and joined Morrow Presbyterian Church in 1986. Crawford loved being active in many areas of church life.

As an Elder on the MPC Session, Crawford served as the Building & Grounds Chair. Crawford helped Darnell when she served the church as Co-Chair of Interior Design during the church building expansion. He also enjoyed being involved in the food pantry. While he worked at WalMart, Crawford was successful at getting the company to donate shopping carts, broken packages of things such as socks & underwear, returned items, and leftover seasonal items to our pantry. Crawford was a fun man who never met a stranger. He will be greatly missed.



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## The Pastor's Pen



Read Luke 18:1-8

It never hurts to ask.

Starbucks was running a special on drinks months ago: You buy five drinks and get one free. Your purchases were recorded on a folded slip of thick paper, which could be easily tucked in your wallet. The catch was that you had to purchase certain beverages to receive the stickers for that folded slip. I started the process by purchasing one of those drinks, but the next one I wanted would not have counted. I knew it was not a specified drink, but I thought I could show my slip to the cashier and ask for a sticker. What would it hurt: if I didn't get a sticker, would I cry or complain? No. The cashier said what I expected – my next drink didn't count. But she gave me the sticker nonetheless. I graciously thanked her and walked away with a smile and with one reward closer to my goal.

It never hurts to ask.

What did the widow in Luke 18 care? She was going to ask the judge for help nonetheless. It didn't matter if she was a widow, and thus had no money from her dead husband, because inheritances didn't go toward living wives or daughters. It didn't matter if she was a widow, and thus had no standing in the community, because being a widow was somehow a disgrace in everyone's sight. She had nothing to lose, so she asked the judge for help.

What did she care, if the judge was a harsh man. It didn't matter if he feared no god or human being, but did exactly what he wanted in his mighty legal position. It didn't matter if he could fine her heavily for her harassment, or throw her in a dark jail for her contempt. She had to ask. She needed justice, and she needed this one judge's help. It never hurts to ask.

Surprisingly, she got what she needed. The judge was fed up with her pestering. No threat of jail or fine would shut her up. No amount of ignoring her would keep her from visiting his court. Out of exhaustion, the judge submits and gives aid. The widow's problems are solved.

Strangely, Jesus seems to compare God the Father to this unfeeling, unreligious judge. It is as though God is just as heartless and annoyed, but God will answer our prayers just to get us out of his hair. Of course, this isn't the case. Jesus isn't saying, "Unjust judge = God." Jesus is saying, "If a cruel judge (who is powerful and well-known) will give way to the unrelenting pressure of a widow (who should have no social standing with anyone), how much more will God (who loves us and cares about us) listen to any of our requests, small or large?"

God is never too big to listen to our small requests. God, who manages the universe with its billions of galaxies and billions of stars just in our Milky Way, has the time to hear what we have to say.

Don't be afraid to ask. You might not know how to ask, but there is no specific way. Just ask. God works with our prayers, and brings the solutions and changes that are necessary. For the widow it was justice against an enemy, but for us it is something else. Maybe not what we are looking for, but something that we will need. Maybe not when we want answers to occur, but that which will carry us forward at the right time. So ask. See what happens. Watch how God moves.

It never hurts to ask.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Breanna Ordaniel (requested by Mary Ann Moriles), Brittney (requested by Jim & Ruth DeCamp), Ruth Batchelor, Helen Bell, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Patty Bormolini, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Charlie & Susan Brown, Wendall Byars, Marcia Cartledge, Bud Chapman, Betty Colwell, Tanya Costa, Shelva Davis, Alonna Dawes, Shannon Delgado, Sonja Delgado, Mary Dyche, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Spencer Grant, David Hadler, Bob Hardy, Erin Harkens, Katelyn Hartley, Steve Hayner, John Henrickson, Joyce Howell, Lisa Hulbert, Julia McLeod, Mary Mickles, David & Faye Moss, Sarah Pardue, Keith Rhoden, Keith Scott, Isabel Sierra, Joe & Betty Spier, Vrina Stebbins, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Tishua Taylor, Ann Thornton, Emily Thompson, Bill Thrailkill, Michael Thrailkill, Terry & Margie Williams, Bruce Winkles. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; SPC Kevin & Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; 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 **Venizelos** - Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, Afghanistan. *A full prayer list is available in the narthex near the library.*

## Father's Day Breakfast, June 15



**Father's Day Breakfast and Man of the Year - Sunday, June 15.** Make plans now for a time to honor and remember our dads and other important men in our lives. Breakfast will be provided during the Sunday School hour. 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.

## Young at Heart News



**Young at Heart Picnic, June 25, 11 a.m.** Young-at-Heart folks, it's time for our **ANNUAL PICNIC!** On Wednesday, June 25, plan to join in the fun and fellowship of the day! Bring your favorite veggies, salads, desserts, etc. to go with the Chick-fil-A chicken that will be provided for you. We will gather at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy a great meal together. Hope to have a good crowd for this fun day! See you there!

## Our Current Financial Status



**We want to thank everyone for their generous donations and tithes** to the ministries of Morrow Church. We continue to support the children and youth through their Sunday School and evening groups. Soon the youth will be going to Costa Rica on a mission trip or to Great Escape and Fun in the Son for spiritual enrichment. We continue to feed hundreds of families per month through our Food Pantry, a number of them being new clients who need our help. Our worship is full of life with songs and prayer and God's word flowing all around. This is just a few things we do in and around our church. We have a great church that has seen 50 years of faithful service in Morrow, and we hope to continue that work for the next 50 years.

Your donations and tithes are **vital** to the ministries of our church. When the summer comes and families travel on vacation, the giving does decrease and we find it harder to carry out our key ministries. We do not want anything to hinder what we do for God's kingdom. We ask that you continue to be faithful in your giving of time and talent, and especially of money, during these summer months.

God is good, all the time! God continues to fill our hands with good ministry. We have a congregation full of hard-working and devoted stewards (us). Let us prayerfully consider our commitment to our mission here, as we make our weekly donations and tithes.

## Stop Hunger Now, June 7



**Stop Hunger Now, June 7, 8 a.m.** Stop Hunger Now is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. Stop Hunger Now's meal

packaging program provides volunteers the opportunity to package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals that are used primarily to support development programs and to save lives in developing countries around the world. Morrow Presbyterian, First Baptist, and Morrow First UMC will gather together at **Morrow First United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 7, at 8 a.m.** to put together these meal packages. Our goal is 14,000 packages.

## Gallon Jug Caps Needed

**Caps Needed.** The Elementary I class needs milk caps, tea caps, or water caps. If it comes on a gallon jug, they need it! You can place them in the container in the fellowship hall.

## Congratulations to Berniece Lillegard— 2014 PW Life Member



**Congratulations to Berniece Lillegard** our newest addition into the Morrow Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership. She was honored on May 11 for her many contributions to this church.

Berniece was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa: one of 7 children, with 5 sisters and 1 brother. She met Don, her husband, when she was 15 at a roller skating rink and they married on August 5, 1953. Don's career was in the Army and they started out in California, and have lived in 6 states, Germany, and Puerto Rico. Don and Berniece have 3 children: Brian of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Bruce of Washington, D.C. and Gay Marie of Hampton, GA. They also have 5 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. During his Army career Don had 3 tours of duty overseas; Berniece was a homemaker and stepped in as both parents during Don's deployment.

Don retired from the Army in 1972 after 20 years and then secured a position with GE here in Atlanta. They moved to the Atlanta area; settling in Conley, GA. After 20 years with GE, Don retired in 1992 and he and Berniece moved to Hampton, GA in 1997 where they reside today. Don and Berniece joined Morrow Presbyterian Church on January 9, 1994. Berniece has been the Church Historian since 1998; serving in this position for over 16 years. She has been chairperson of the Dorcas Circle (1996) and served as co-chair for at least 3 years, in 2011, 2012, 2013. For many years she has given her time and talents to our church. She helps with Circle Projects, especially those involving handwork or sewing, has served as Pastors Aid and Treasurer of the Arnold/ Bates Sunday School for years. She has also been active in the Young at Heart. Her biggest contribution, time-wise, has been her position as Church Historian gathering and recording information for the preservation of our church (very helpful for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.) These are but a few details of her service to MPC. To quote several of her peers; Berniece "works tirelessly behind the scenes," "has a quiet in the background spirit," and "exemplifies the true meaning of a Christian lady." We thank Berniece for her willingness to serve in many capacities and her commitment to the Presbyterian Women and MPC!

## Thank You Notes...

**From Berniece Lillegard...**It is such an honor to be the 2014 Life Member of the Presbyterian Women. I will cherish the lovely pin and the plaques forever. Thank you. In His name...

**From The Family of Marc UpDeGraff (Susan Wolpin, Jeannie Hodges, Mo UpDeGraff)...**Dear friends and church family, Thank you for your expressions of love, sympathy, and support in the recent loss of our brother, Marc. Your words, cards, and prayers have given us comfort at this time reminding us of God's abiding love and care for His children all the time. May God continue to bless each of you and our church. Thank you for your care.

**From Tanya Costa...**A big "thank you" to everyone for their calls, cards, prayers, and concern following my recent foot injury. Although it is still sore, I am improving.

## Volunteers Needed:



Kids Club has taken a break for the summer. It will start again on the Sunday after Labor Day. Volunteers will be needed to help with this wonderful, fun program. If you would like to volunteer, or get more information, please see Donna Boggs at church or call her at 770-233-0394.

## Presbyterian Women

**Virginia Dews Circle—June 9, 6:30 p.m.,** Pacers' classroom. They will have a surprise moderator since Lei will not be in town to deliver the message. Refreshments will be provided by Maria Cruz and the devotion will be presented by Tricia Koehler. Their project will continue to be helping those who plan to go on the Youth Mission Trip.

**Dorcas Circle—June 10, 10 a.m.** Please join the group for Bible study: Book of James; Project: Diapers or money for diapers for food pantry; Bring your favorite salad for the annual salad luncheon.

**Morning Glory Circle—June 22, 9:45 a.m.** The group will be meeting in the McNair/Seekers classroom and will continue in their book, "Stressed Less Living," Chapter 11, *The Reset Button*.