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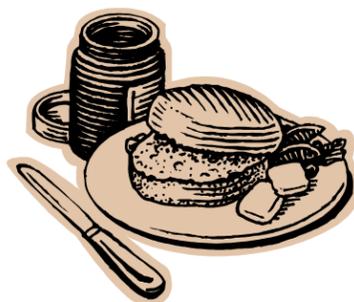
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## Scones and Fables

*Books and Baked Goods*

Saturday, March 16  
10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.



*Please donate your used books as well as CDs, puzzles, games,  
and DVDs to our annual book sale.*

*Then, come on Saturday and browse all the items, sit a spell, and enjoy some  
baked goods. Then take home those special books and something sweet for  
Sunday. Come, and bring a friend.*

Proceeds go to our Relay for Life Team in support of  
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# Morrow Presbyterian Herald

## The Pastor's Pen



Tamara and I used to know a woman in Scottsdale, AZ named Frances, and she liked rocks. More specifically, she stored a large collection of gem stones such as quartz, pyrite, amethyst, and others.

When Tamara and I were married a score of years ago, Frances sent us a gift in a Mikasa China box. I read the card and announced who the gift was from, to which Tamara replied, "It's probably full of rocks." I thought she was joking. Who would do such a thing? Besides, the box said "Mikasa China," so it had to be china teacups or something similar. Well, inside was a green coffee mug that commemorated some birthday Frances had celebrated at some hotel or conference center, and within the mug were three gems. Rocks. She even told us what they were on little notes. Admittedly, I was a bit disappointed.

I was expecting gifts that any newlywed would receive. We had sent out a registry for people to peruse, for heaven's sake, so there would be no mistake in wondering what we would like to have. Choose at least one thing on the list, and we would gratefully receive it.

Dear old Frances, however, stepped around the list and handed us what she thought we would like. She gave us rocks, because they were precious to her. A coffee maker or blender would not have held as much meaning. A card with \$200 in it would have been insincere. She gave from her vast, priceless treasure, and showed us how much she loved us as individuals and as a couple.

Paul once said in Romans that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:6-11). Were we expecting this? No, we were too caught up in our sin. Did we ask for this? Well, we might have asked God to remove our sin, but we would not have wanted him to send his only begotten Son as a sacrifice. No way would we have wanted to be responsible for Christ's death.

What is implied here is that God did something for us that we did not expect. We might have asked for something else, but what God the Father did was out of the blue and highly appropriate. We would never have dreamed of having our sin removed by the death of a Person, let alone by God the Son. We would never have planned for Christ to be that sacrifice. It was all God's doing, nevertheless. If he would have done anything else, it would have been meaningless and insincere. It would have accomplished nothing.

Some people view Christ's sacrifice as rocks. "So what, Christ died for me? That's not what I need," some may think. "Money, things, good looks, great vacations – those are what I need and even plead for."

What God the Father sent us was precious to him. He gave from the vast, priceless treasure of his love and grace. God gave us himself through Christ, even to the horrors of a sin-bearing death on the cross, and doing so for those who might be considered undeserving enemies. In light of that, how can we doubt the love of God? How can we doubt the gift he sent us? It is precious to us, so precious that we have built our lives around it, around Christ.

Sinners cannot be choosy. We take what we can get. And what we get will last forever, carrying us from here through eternity.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Alex Foss, Helen Carter & Family (Pat Randolph's daughter), Mary McBath (former member), Charles Campbell (Ken's brother), Jerry Coughlin (Albert's father), Valerie Sterzik (Deborah Venizelos' mother), Frank Archer, Wilma Bell, Jo Bevil, David Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Lucie Cantrell, Brian & Angela Cartledge & the triplets, Jean Chase, 1<sup>st</sup> SGT Chris Chastain, Clayton State University Campus Ministry, Inez Coke, Piper Eads, Sherrie Esquivel, Ralph Fadner, Will Felt, Earl & Connie Funk, Victor Garaffa, Pat Golden, Ramon Gonsalves, Spencer Grant, Gene Hammond, Bob Hardy, Eddie Hooten, Adolpho Incerry, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Jean Kester, Barbara Jo Massey, Julia McLeod, Audra McMillian, Dahlia Minton, Bernard Mock, David Moss, Cathy Purvis, Keith Rhoden, Luis Saavedra, Ellen Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Vrina Stebbins, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, James Tinsley, Ian Turner, Edith Walston, Eddy Wheeler, Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** SPC Jonathan **Amazon**, - National Guard, Afghanistan; 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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

## Congratulations! Congratulations to Brian & Angela Cartledge on the birth of their triplets,



**Brynton Elise** (3 lbs. 13 oz) born first; **Henry Nathan** (3 lbs 14 oz) born second; and **Charles Benjamin** (3 lbs 10 oz) born third. The proud grandparents are Ben & Marcia Cartledge.

## Church Work Day



**Church Work Day - March 9, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Please make plans to come help spruce up the church for the spring. Volunteers are needed for inside and outside duties.

## New Members Class

**New Members' Class - The Discovery Seminar** will take place on **Saturday, March 9, 2013, from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch will be served. All who would like to become members of Morrow Presbyterian Church and those who are already members who would like to "brush up on the basics" are invited to attend. This class will be led by Pastor John. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

## Easter Egg Hunt - March 31



**Easter Egg Hunt.** This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be on **Easter Sunday, March 31, at 9:45 a.m.** Prior to that Sunday, please bring in donations of individually wrapped, non-chocolate candy for the hunt. Children are asked to bring their Easter baskets that morning if they are going to participate in the hunt.

## Young at Heart News



**THE YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP** will visit the new and now-famous "GIBB'S GARDENS" at Ball-ground, Georgia on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13. EXPECT MILLIONS OF DAFFODILS!!! They will carpool from the church at 8:30 AM. Lunch is planned at THE LAST CATCH RESTAURANT in Jasper. They will return to the church approximately 4:30 PM. Cost of the trip is \$20.00 plus lunch. No charges for transportation. Be sure to reserve your place with Ken Campbell, 770-961-2272..

## Basket Auction - April 14



**Silent Auction - Baskets and More.** The second fundraiser for our Relay for Life Team will be April 14 right after church. Get those creative juices flowing and we'll be ready to add you to our list of donors. This is a wonderful day for families. Go together with your friends and buy one of those very large baskets and you all can picnic at church for your lunch. Remember these profits go toward our Relay for Life Team, The CrossWalkers!!

**Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.**

## Presbyterian Women Circles

**Virginia Dews Circle - March 11, 6:30 p.m.,** at the church. They will continue the Horizons Bible Study, "Dispatches to God's Household, the General Epistles," Chapter 5.

**Dorcas Circle - March 12, 10 a.m.,** at the church. They will continue the Horizons Bible Study, "Dispatches to God's Household, the General Epistles," Chapter 4.

**Morning Glory Circle - March 24, 9:45 a.m.** at the church. They are continuing in their book, "The Resolution for Women." They will be discussing the third section of Part 3 - This is What Matters to Me - Living With Grace"

## Thank you Notes

**From Frank Warlick...** I appreciate more than you know the calls, letters, visits, food--everything. It meant a lot to me during both hospital stays and afterwards. You made me feel better than I otherwise would have. Everyone let me recount my problem (though no one offered their arms for all the blood tests I had). Thank you so very much! I love you all.

**From Ole Rev. Bob Allman...** To the good folks at Morrow Prez--Thank you. Thanks so much for your cards and messages. You remain in my heart and prayers.

**From Haywood Fordham...** To all my friends at MPC: Thank you for all the cards, calls, concern, and especially for your prayers during my illnesses and surgery last year. You are all very special to me, and I wish all of you the best in the coming year.

**From Mary Bridges & Margaret Strelsky...** To the members of Morrow Presbyterian Church--Again we take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your many kindnesses--your food, notes, cards, telephone calls, visits, gifts--oh, so many things to cheer and comfort us. Thank you all so very much and know these things have given us much cheer and happiness. May God Bless you.

## Kids Club Spring Program



**March 24, 2013**

**Fundraiser Dinner**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Program**

**7:00 p.m.**

Kid's Club (with Youth helpers) will present a *Salute to America* fundraiser dinner and program on **Sunday, March 24**. Hotdogs, chips, apple pie, and ice cream will be provided by the Kid's Club parents and team. The program will consist of special numbers such as *Star Spangled Banner* and *America, the Beautiful*. All proceeds from this fundraiser go to support our kids at Camp Calvin and The Great Escape this summer. Brochures for Camp Calvin are available in the narthex.

## Presbyterian Women Award



**Honorary Life Membership** - Remember to nominate your special woman for her contributions to the Presbyterian Church each year by completing your bulletin insert and returning to the church office no later than Sunday, March 31. The winner will be announced at our annual Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 11, and the award will be presented on Mother's Day, May 12.

## PW Project



**Presbyterian Women Project.**

A reminder to all Presbyterian Women that the first quarter project is to support our food pantry by bringing in **diapers**. If you happen to find them on sale somewhere (or even if you don't), please pick up a pack or two and bring them to the church. All sizes are needed.

## Congratulations!



**Congratulations to Otis & Nnenna Onuoha**

on the birth of their baby girl, **Ijeoma Onuoha**, who was born on February 25, 2013, weighing 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 20½ inches long. Ijeoma's older siblings are Kibe, Ndiya, Obasi, and Ebere. The rosebud and cradle cross on the pulpit Sunday morning will be in Ijeoma's honor, provided by the Presbyterian Women. There is a **baby basket in the fellowship hall** for **Ijeoma**. Please help fill the basket with baby items such as wipes, toys, onesies, wash cloths, etc.