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**VBS 2014 Workshop of Wonders**



*Rivet,  
the Ant  
needs your help,  
please!*

**Vacation Bible School 2014**

**July 6—10**

**All ages - including adults**

**Help Wanted!**

**Please see Maria Cruz to apply  
for acting and teaching positions.**

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

**Construction paper; •pool noodles; •crayons; •poster board (color varieties); •wooden clothes pins; •aluminum foil; •empty soup cans; •empty paint cans; •colored bulletin board paper; •caution/work zone tape; •colored plastic/vinyl tablecloths.**

**If you can supply any of these items, please bring them to the church. Thanks for your help.**

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Daylight Savings begins the second Sunday of this month. In the spring we have to set the clocks forward, and in the fall we set them back. At least twice a year we have to think of time, if we don't already think about it every single day of our busy lives.

Time is an intriguing thing. Sometimes it goes really fast and sometimes really slow. We might say, "Boy, that hour went by too quickly!" while watching a favorite TV show, or we might say, "When is the hour going to end?" when we are sitting in a boring class. We try to make the best of our time, realizing that we may not have enough time to do what we want. We make time for the things we like and the people we love, but we lose time when that project didn't work out as we planned, and we have to start again.

Charles Swindoll is a well-known preacher. He is intrigued with time, just as we are. He says in his devotional, *Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life*, that time is extremely unpredictable. We want time to zip by, but it decides to drag on. We want it to drag on, and it is tomorrow already. Time can be a great healer: six weeks of taking it easy can pretty much heal any bone or muscle (except for my broken right clavicle that took several months!). But it also can be a rotten beautician, due to the fact that we are all getting older and less younger-looking with every passing year.

Swindoll reminds us that every hour is exactly sixty minutes, no matter how we perceive its passage. A week is always seven days. We know this, although time still feels like it moves at varying intervals. And Swindoll reminds us that God is the Master of all time, no matter how fast or slow it appears to move. God gives us each day to rejoice and glorify His name. God gives us the minutes and hours to carry out the work of the kingdom. God ends the day, giving us a chance to rest, so we may be energized for the next day God provides.

Here is a Scripture verse to consider: "But as for me, I trust in you, O Lord. I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands" (Psalm 31:14-15). Whether time is flying by or crawling along, we turn around and say, "I am going to trust God with this day. I am going to put my full confidence in God in everything that could happen." Time doesn't dictate what we can or cannot do. Neither does time limit us nor free us to live. God does. God sets the boundaries in wonderful places (Psalm 16:6), and God gives us the time to accomplish that which God wants us to accomplish.

So, as Swindoll suggests, when time is dragging along, we trust in our God, for God has our times in his hands. When deadlines are coming up too quickly, we trust in our God who has our times in his hands. That diet or exercise program getting old? Trust. Beginning to feel older and weaker? Trust. Prayers keep going out without an apparent answer? Trust. Decisions getting complicated? Trust. Relationships not blossoming? Trust. School or work less satisfying? Trust. Dreading the weather? Trust. Turn it around and place it squarely on God. Time is not in control. God is. Even time must bend a knee to God and submit.

Every second, every minute, every hour, we are God's and God's alone. Come what may, we will trust in our God and keep moving forward.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

<sup>1</sup>Charles R. Swindoll, *Growing Strong in the Seasons of Life*, 370.

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Bob Hardy, Victoria Hart (Bob & Gail Hardy's granddaughter), Carl Kirkley, Norman Lillie, Emily Starr, Kathleen Marshall (close friend of the Cruz's), Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, David & Mae Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Bobbie Burke, Wendall Byars, Miguel Calderon, Marcia Cartledge, Delgado Family, Mary Dyche, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Vera Flint, Spencer Frye, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Spencer Grant, Erin Harkins, Eddy Hooten, Lisa Hulbert, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, David & Faye Moss, Beth Newman, Ken Reichert, Keith Rhoden, Mery Saavedra, Gary & Christa Snyder, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Vrina Stebbins, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Mary Varnom. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Kevin **Brown** - Army, Afghanistan; 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 **Venezelos** - Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, Afghanistan.

A full prayer list is available in the narthex near the library.

## Young at Heart News



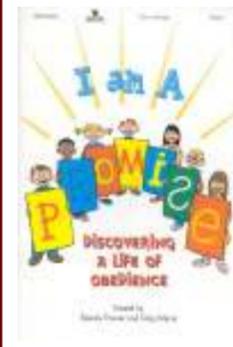
**Smart Driver Training Course, March 12** The Young at Heart will sponsor the AARP "Smart Driver" Training Course on Wednesday, March 12, from 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Cost is \$20 per person (\$15 if AARP members). Completion may qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance. You also may become a better driver. Drivers of all ages are encouraged to take this course. Sign up with Ken Campbell, 770-961-2272.

### Explorations in Antiquity, March 26, 8:30 a.m.



The Young-at-Heart group will carpool to "EXPLORATIONS IN ANTIQUITY" in LaGrange, Georgia, leaving the church at 8:30 AM. Expositions display many historical items and conditions of Biblical days many centuries ago. Cost is \$18 per person, plus lunch which will be at a local restaurant. Be sure to mark this date on your calendars and make your reservations with Ken, 770-961-2272.

## FNS—Kid's Program, March 30



**Kids' Club Spring Program March 30, 6 p.m.** Kid's Club will present an *I Am a Promise* fundraiser dinner and program on Sunday, March 30. Dinner will be provided by the Kid's Club parents and team. The program will consist of special numbers such as *Being Me, the Answer is "Yes,"* and *He's Still Working on Me*. All proceeds from this fundraiser this year will go to support our Costa Rica Youth Mission trip.

*As a deer pants for water, so my soul thirsts for you, O God.* Psalm 42:1

## Ash Wednesday, March 5



**Lenten Prayer Vigil, March 5, 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.** We will begin the Lenten season with a 12-hour prayer vigil. The sanctuary will be open for prayer. The congregation is invited to sign up for 30-minute or 1-hour time periods. Devotion materials and a prayer list will be available. You are asked to remain in the sanctuary until the next person enters for his/her time slot. Sign up Sunday.

**Ash Wednesday Service, March 5 at 7:00 p.m.** We will serve communion at this time of worship.

## Baskets & More, April 27



**Baskets and More Auction, April 27.** Our annual Baskets & More silent auction fundraiser for our Relay for Life Team will be April 27 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!!

## Honorary Life Membership



**Presbyterian Women 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 30.

The winner will be announced at our annual Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 10, and the award will be presented on Mother's Day, May 11.

## MPC Youth Mission Trip 2014

**Supplies Needed.** When the youth and adults go to Costa Rica in June, they will be taking supplies with them. If you would like to help with these supplies, below is the list of needs.

- Vitamins
- pain relievers
- hydrocortisone cream, triple antibiotic cream
- clothes for children & babies
- school supplies—especially notebooks
- peanut butter
- Velveeta cheese
- maple imitation flavoring
- chocolate chips



## Thank You Notes...

**From Judy & Bud Chapman and family ...** We would all like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and concerns during our daughter-in-law Mandy's surgery for her kidney stone. She has made a good recovery and appreciates the thoughts and concerns from Morrow Presbyterian's caring congregation.

**From Betsy Hilliard (Pastor John's mother)...** Dear Congregation, Thank you so much for all your prayers and love during my hip replacement recovery. I'm coming along just fine with the exercising and gaining more strength in it. God bless all of you. I love you.

**From Emily Starr...** To My Morrow Church Family, Just to say "thanks" isn't enough for all the concerns, prayers, and love shown to me during my recent fall at church. Rehab is helping. Pray that I will continue to move ahead. Much love to all!

**From MPC Worship Ministry Team...** Thank you to Ronnie Hooten for installing a new board in the hallway between the parlor and narthex for our volunteer badges. This board holds badges for our ushers, greeters, liturgists, and pastor's aides. It makes it a lot easier to find your badge now. Thanks again!



## Young at Heart Visited Fernbank

The Young at Heart went to see *Jerusalem* in IMAX showing at the Fernbank Science Center on February 26. "*Jerusalem* is a captivating new film that explores the intersection of science, history and religion in this enigmatic city." They enjoyed lunch at Mary Macs before the film.



## Presbyterian Women

**Virginia Dews Circle**—March 10, 6:30 p.m. Project: items for Youth Mission Trip; Hostess: Judy Chapman

**Dorcas Circle**—March 11, 10 a.m.

**Morning Glory Circle**—March 23, 9:45 a.m. They will continue in their book *Stressed Less Living*. The lesson will be Chapter 9 - *Choose Your Weapons*.