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Vacation Bible School—July 16—20, 2017



It's time to start preparing for Vacation Bible School (VBS) so that we will be ready in July.

Would you like to help?

There are many ways to get slightly involved or heavily involved. What is God calling you to do today?

We need volunteers to act, help with crafts, lead students, help with snacks, decorating...and the list goes on.

See Maria Cruz, Deborah Venizelos or Dianne Hooten to offer your services.

- ◆ God's Heroes Have Heart! - Samuel Anoints David
- ◆ God's Heroes Have Courage! - Abigail Saves the Day
- ◆ God's Heroes Have Wisdom! - Jesus Goes to the Temple
- ◆ God's Heroes Have Hope! - Beatitudes
- ◆ God's Heroes Have Power! - Pentecost



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THE PASTOR'S PEN



I hate commercials. I don't mind watching them during the Super Bowl, because I like to see what companies come up with, but otherwise I hate them.

I endure them not only on the TV but also on the Internet. If I want to watch a video on YouTube, I have to wait 30 seconds for the commercial to run its course. Sometimes they give a 5-second option in a rectangular box at the lower-right corner. The "clock" counts down from 5 to 0, and then the rectangle says that I can "Skip the Ad." I always click that option, when it appears. Also, there are commercials for apps now! I like to play three puzzle games, which I downloaded free from the App Store, and they insist on putting up commercials from time to time. Again, I might have the option to skip them, or else I have to tolerate the 30-second to 45-second interruptions. I hate commercials. I would like to skip every one of them altogether.

It dawned on me once, while I was rolling my eyes at yet another commercial, that companies are trying to get our attention. They have something to say, whether we need to hear it or not, and they believe so strongly in their messages that they inundate us with them. They broadcast them on the TV and the Internet, on "free" apps, in magazines, and on billboards. Even during the last Super Bowl, companies spent \$5 million for a 30-second chance to get our attention and convince us of their all-important messages. Some people are more susceptible to them. I admit that once in a blue moon a commercial will catch my attention and I feel the need to investigate.

God is also trying to get our attention. God is always trying to tell us something, always trying to show us something. God has grace and love to share. God has a path for us to walk and spiritual disciplines to practice as we walk. God is trying to attract us to Him, and we need to pay attention. God's message is way more vital, way more life-giving, than any commercial could be.

Lent is one time that we have to pay closer attention to God. God doesn't speak only during Lent, but Lent puts us in frame of mind to listen and grasp God's messages. We set aside this time several weeks before the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we take seriously what Christ's sacrifice means to us whom are broken and lost. We need a Savior. We need a Savior to clean us from our sin and renew our bodies from death and destruction. During Lent this message becomes so much clearer to us. The practices of giving up something or taking on something make the messages of salvation much plainer, and we are able to understand that God is willing to rescue and restore us.

We do a little more personal reflection, a little more worshipping and reading, a little more praying and devotional activity. We find that we can hear God more clearly. We find that we can see God more plainly. The messages are coming through with little static or interruption.

We could probably do without commercials, but we cannot do without God's advertisements of love and grace. We don't roll our eyes at God's messages. We don't want to skip over them. Let God speak and speak every moment of the day. During Lent let us pay closer attention and receive what God has to offer.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of John Costa (Chris Costa's father), Laura Bland & family, Bernie Pascual, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, David Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Susan Brown, Emrie Buchanan, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Bill & Lucie Cantrell, Christy Cavender, Betty Colwell, Tanya Costa, Laura Dempsey, Ilona Dorsey, Sherrie Esquivel, Hannah Freeman, Jessica Giddens, Robert Gore, Bob Grandinetti, Lila Haney, Robb Haney, Charles Hoequist, Jennie Johnson, Tricia Koehler, Leah Lipps, Noli Luna, Carrilton Marsh, Rev. Elizabeth "Libby" McAilley, Mack McKee, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, Nan Norton, Ray Norton, Michelle Oswalt, Virginia Oswalt, Rick Peel, John Popovich, Beverly Pruettt, Jeff Ragan, Pat Randolph, Jean Rathbun, Wendy Ray, Gary Robinson, Bob Schrepfer, Linda Souza, Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Emily Starr, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Stuart Updike, Eddy Wheeler, Gene Williams, Terry & Margie Williams, Cheryl Wilson, Bruce Winkles, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** SGT Kevin **Brown**, Army—Afghanistan; SGT Jaime **Brown**, Army, Afghanistan; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joseph **Eason** – Iraq, PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** – Air Force, CO. **Our College Students.**

A full prayer list is available in the narthex next to the library.



MOUNTAIN TOP MISSION JULY 20 – JULY 23

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| COST: | 12 years and under - | \$55.00 | DEADLINES: | March 10 (half of fees) |
| | 13 years and over - | \$65.00 | | May 12 (balance due) |
| | Family Max - | \$225.00 | | |

Mountain T.O.P. (Tennessee Outreach Project) is an interdenominational, non-profit Christian Mission dedicated to rural life ministry in the Cumberland Mountains of Tennessee. They seek to meet the physical, emotional, spiritual & social needs of people through the love of Christ.

During Family Weekend, their mission is to offer a unique opportunity to serve families in the Cumberland Mountains through working and worshipping with your own family. There, you will find a place to work on replenishing, renewing and reclaiming the needs of your family. The location will be in Spencer, TN – north of Chattanooga.

Families arrive on Thursday night, work in the community Friday and Saturday and leave Sunday morning after breakfast. Projects are based on the skills of family members and the expressed needs of the families they work with. On Saturday evening, everyone gathers together for worship. Other programming options include group morning devotionals and/or personal reflection time.

Your "family" can be any group that wants to work together. It can be your own family or a group that you put together as a family.

A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Checks should be made out to **Morrow Presbyterian Church** and earmarked, "Mountain TOP." If you have any questions, please see Allen Grant.

Bridal Shower, March 19, 2 p.m.



Bridal Shower – March 19, 2:00 p.m. The Morning Glory Circle invites all of the ladies of the congregation to a bridal shower for **Arrah Grant**. The shower will be on **Sunday, March 19 at 2 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. Arrah & Joseph are registered at Amazon, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Target.

YAH Outing, March 21



Young at Heart Outing – March 21, 10:45 a.m. The Young at Heart will be going to Clayton State University on Tuesday, March 21 at 10:45 a.m. to hear the Emory University Concert Choir. Cost is \$2.00 plus lunch.

Pictorial Directory Photo Shoots

Rescheduled for April 1 and 2

Watch bulletin, website, and narthex for time slots.



SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS

For March
KLEENEX

Presbyterian Women

PWCT— March 5, 12:30 p.m. The PWCT will meet in the Pacer's classroom.

Virginia Dews Circle, March 13, 6:30 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on March 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacers' classroom. Susie Grant will provide the devotion and refreshments. Lei Eason will provide the Bible Study. The March project will be to assist Albany, GA in their recovery efforts with a monetary donation.

Dorcas Circle—March 14, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall. Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible study. Hostesses are Tricia Koehler and Marilyn Mitchell. Janis Campbell has the devotion.

Morning Glory Circle— March 26, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet in the McNair/Seekers classroom and discuss ideas for the next Bible study.

Mission Possible: 3 This year's PW project is called Mission Possible:3. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to raise as much money as possible for 3 Mission Projects that are dear to the heart of MPC.

Part 1 – The Uptown Congregation – all money raised will go towards purchasing Bibles for the Uptown Congregation and to help in building a new road.

Part 2 – Our Missionaries – The Turks – all money raised will help fund their mission work

Part 3 – Carlos and Raisa Sanchez (Costa Rica) there are many needs for their community and some of us have seen it firsthand. Things we take for granted – they would mean the world to them.

There will be a special donation box sometime in March for all donations. The goal is \$1000 for each Part.

Kids Club Program & Fundraiser Dinner, March 26



Kid's Club Program & Fundraiser Dinner– March 26. The children have been working hard on their spring program, "My God Is Mighty!" Please make sure to put March 26 on your calendar to come and support them. The Kids Club Team & Parents will provide dinner at 6 p.m. on March 26 with the program following at 7 p.m. Funds collected will go to assist our kids with scholarships for The Great Escape (rising 6th graders) and Camp Calvin.

Ash Wednesday, March 1



Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – Call the church office for the **Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil**. Open time slots still available are from 12 noon—5:30 p.m. We are trying to keep a steady prayer going.

The Ash Wednesday Service will begin at **7 p.m.** in our sanctuary.

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available in the narthex.

Baskets & More, April 30, 12:15 p.m.

Baskets and More has been scheduled and it will be April 30, 2017! We hope you all have been thinking about what you will create and now you can plan on that date. We do apologize for the delay in getting the date scheduled due to other calendar schedules.

Please call, text or email Susie Grant, 404-514-9561 or Marcia Cartledge, 770-597-3232/ bmcfam@mindspring.com. Let us know your item to be put up for bid and know about how much it will cost you to put it together. We look forward to the pies, cakes, plants, quilts, woodworking items, picnic baskets filled with delicious food ready for you to eat! Some meals will probably be eaten in the Fellowship Hall afterwards and everyone pitch in to EAT!! If you haven't entered our Auction before, you have a pleasant surprise in store for you. It is such fun and we can explain anything you don't understand! The proceeds from this auction goes to our Relay for Life Team and will help fight cancer. We all have been touched either having cancer ourselves or knowing someone who has dealt with this angry disease. Please join in to support our Team. Also, call Albert Coughlin, 404-384-0977 if you want to be part of this great team!!
Marcia and Susie