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## VBS 2011— Shake It Up Café



**Vacation Bible School 2011**  
**July 10 - 14**  
**All ages**



In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids **explore the Bible** as a cookbook filled with recipes for **living out God's word**. Through **interactive lessons**, that are easy for kids to **apply to their lives** today, boys and girls will celebrate **biblical festivals** that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.

- **Be ready for God** • **Give happily to God** • **Believe fully in Jesus** • **Remember Jesus often**

### Help Needed

Volunteers are needed in the following areas: Recreation Leaders, Bible Storyteller, Actors (Israelite Woman, Jesus, Townspeople, Disciples, Peter), Foodology Factory Leader (Science Lab), Craft Leader, Snack Helpers, Servers (Young Elementary, Middle Elem., Upper Elem. Leaders), and Cafe Photographer.

**Please see VBS Director Dianne Hooten to volunteer or for more information.**

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# Morrow Presbyterian Herald

## The Pastor's Pen



I used to visit a chiropractor regularly in Pittsburgh, and I got to know him on a less-than-professional basis. In fact, he graduated from Life University just north of Atlanta, and was envious of me moving here when I told him.

During one of my visits, he told me about a conference he attended in Toronto with 700 other chiropractors. The keynote speaker asked all those who had practiced for more than 15 years to stand up. About 150 doctors did. The keynote speaker then asked them to consider the numbers of patients they served over the years, and how many of them died from heart problems or cancer. Each chiropractor standing could think of several patients who did. Many of them were not regular visitors, and thus could not receive as many adjustments as they probably needed for better health.

My chiropractor reflected on that moment on his way back home, and he realized how important his work was for the well-being of his patients. Monthly adjustments not only relax muscles but also relax organs in the body and promote vitality. He decided to do everything he could to spread that message. He asked his patients to tell people about his work and how it helped with the restoration of the body. As he worked on me that day, he was genuinely fired up about everything he did in his office.

As I drove home, I had the chance to reflect on our conversation. My doctor believed the message he heard in Toronto. He believed in the message without wavering. Many of us might have a problem with chiropractics. Does "cracking" one's neck really help a person with neck problems, or are these chiropractors a bunch of charlatans? My chiropractor wasn't affected by the stigma: his belief in the message would not make him waver, because his convictions told him that chiropractics is a legit form of medicine which can restore health. And so, he spread the message and asked others to do likewise.

Quite frankly, the message about Jesus Christ and his salvation is better than the message my chiropractor wanted to share, but do we act like my doctor in sharing the message? Do we believe in the message about Jesus, or is there a bit of wavering or doubting going on inside us? Do we share the message, despite what people may think?

Listen to what John said in his letter: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the word of God – the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness and declare to you that eternal life which was manifested to us – that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full" (1 John 1:1-4).

One guy was called by Jesus to follow him. He heard and saw what Jesus did, so he decided to get the message out to others. He wanted others to be affected by the words of the Savior he heard. He wanted them to grow into better health – the health of eternal life – just as he had grown. Nothing kept John from sharing that message, even when he was exiled to an island to live out the rest of his days. He shared the message, so people would have fellowship with him and with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, *and* so their joy may be full just as John's joy was.

One chiropractor's motivation should make us consider our motivation. Christ motivates us. Christ goes along with us. We not only believe but also live the message he shared with our whole lives. Others hear, and we hope they may believe, and see how Christ goes with them.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Kelly Shipp (requested by Elaine Hayes), James Tinsley (Tanya Costa's father), Wes Basham, Darnell Bell, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Susan & Charlie Brown, Becky Busby, Bill Cantrell, Ted Cantrell & family, Dianne Clements, John & Jean Costa, Paula Dashtpeyma, Fannie Crain, Rev. Tom Dews, Jimmy Dixon, Lei Eason, Hazel Fink, Kristen Floyd, Kathey Fox, Connie Funk, Jean Hale, Gene & Euna Hammond, Kelley Harden, Barbara Kelly, Talia King, Charles Lester, Carol McGhee, George Medalle, David Moss, Anne Nixon, Gladys Oliver, Sonny Oswalt, Jean Peacock, Lori Pullan, Lloyd Sanders, Viola Shell, Margaret Strelsky, Christian Stutz, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Jane Thraikill, Michael Thraikill, Becky Tri, Virginia & Beth Wheeler, and Jeff & Linda Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin **Brown** - Army - basic training, Fort Sill, OK; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** - Japan in July; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Germany; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. **Lillegard**, Ft. Campbell, KY; Adam **Martin**, Afghanistan; SGT Edward "Buddy" **McKenzie**, III, - Milledgeville; Cole **Springer** - Army basic training, Columbus, GA; A1C Richard **Venezelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin **Warlick** - Ft. Lewis, WA.

### Christian Love and Sympathy to...

...Angela Turner and family on the death of her uncle, Ansel Greer, on April 6, 2011. Please remember Angela, David, Ian, Shelby, Colin and other family members in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.

## Community Renewal—May 1, 2, 3

### The Kingdom of God

May 1, 2, and 3

6 p.m. Catered Dinner 7:15 p.m. Worship

Our 7th Annual Community Renewal Services will be on consecutive evenings this year. Combined choirs will sing each night. The theme will be "The Kingdom of God." The schedule will be as follows:

#### Sunday, May 1 - Morrow First United Methodist

Dr. John Callahan preaching.

**Menu:** Pork Tenderloin, Lima Beans, Corn Casserole, Rolls, Green Salad, Pound Cake and Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade.

Combined choirs sing, *How Can I Keep From Singing*  
Donna Weeks, director.

#### Monday, May 2 - First Baptist Church of Morrow

Dr. Ed Judy preaching

**Menu:** Lasagna, Salad, Texas Toast, and Cake.

Combined choirs sing, *The Heavens Are Telling*  
Dr. Richard Bell, director.

#### Tuesday, May 3 - Morrow Presbyterian Church

Dr. Peter Rhea Jones preaching

**Menu:** Ham, Ranch Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Cobblers, Tea, Lemonade.

Combined choirs sing, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
Bruce Campbell, director.

## Mother's Day Brunch

Mother's Day Brunch - May 7, 11 a.m.

This year the theme for our Mother's Day Luncheon table settings is the "Liturgical Calendar." Below is a listing of the available feast, events, and holidays on our Presbyterian Calendar:

Epiphany / Transfiguration Sunday / Lent

Ash Wednesday / Palm Sunday

Good Friday

Maundy Thursday / Pentecost / Trinity Sunday /

World Communion Sunday

Advent /

Christ the King Sunday / Ordinary Time /

Reformation Sunday

If you have not yet signed up for the luncheon, please contact Carol Oswalt, Mary Ann Moriles, or the church office.

## Young-at-Heart News

The Young at Heart Group will travel to historic Washington, GA on May 25. For additional information, contact Ken Campbell at 770-961-2272.

## Baskets & More—May 1

Baskets & More is coming this Sunday, May 1 following the worship service. Plan to stay after the worship service to bid on your favorite basket or item. The proceeds from this event will go toward our Relay for Life Team to help fight cancer.

## Eggrolls, Fun, and Entertainment

The congregation is invited to "A Night Under the Stars" on May 21, 2011 from 6—8 p.m. in the Morrow Presbyterian Church fellowship hall. This talent showcase is a fundraising event to help the youth of the First Baptist Church of Hapeville raise money for their summer camp. This church has been instrumental in helping Kimberly Moriles with her spiritual walk. She would appreciate your support of this youth group. Thank you.

## Graduation Sunday—May 29



We will recognize all of our high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 29. If you have not yet turned in your information, please submit a form, plus a picture, to the church office. All graduates are asked to bring their cap & gown for the worship service. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

## Thank You Notes

**From David & Angela Turner...** We would like to thank the entire congregation for their support of our Food Pantry through our fundraiser BBQ lunch. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$4,298! This will allow us to purchase over 25,000 pounds of food for families in our community. We would also like to give a special word of thanks to Allen & Susie Grant for supplying the guest of honor. This event would not be possible without all our cooks and the many faithful folks who volunteer their time every week to help those in need at our pantry.

**From The Cruz Family...** Thank you so much for all of the kind cards, prayers, well wishes, hugs, and wonderful attention that everyone gave us after the death of Maria's brother, Manny. Thank you, Presbyterian Women, for the delicious meal you prepared for our family. We love this church and appreciate the love you have always shown us.

**From the Congregation...** Many thanks to our Presbyterian Women for the beautiful, new, lacy, plastic tablecloths they purchased for our fellowship hall tables.

**From Paula Dashtpeyma (friend of Victor Garaffa and Elaine Hayes)...** Thank you very much for adding me to your prayer list. I have been a friend of Vic and Elaine Hayes for years. I am having a bone marrow transplant on April 29. Chemo started on April 18.

**From Sara Ruth Owens (Shirley Thraikill's cousin)...** "May the joy you give to others be blessings that come back to you." Thank you so much for the get well cards and prayers. I am feeling much better. Thanks to my Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Camp Calvin

Camp Calvin offers many different types of camps each week of June and July. Brochures are available on the table near the library. You may also go to their website [www.calvincenter.org](http://www.calvincenter.org). Please see Donna Boggs if your child is interested in attending Camp Calvin or The Great Escape. Remember that Kid's Club fundraiser monies help to fund these camps, so see Donna to know the distribution.

## Relay for Life—May 13

Have you signed up for Relay for Life yet? Ben Cartledge is signing up anybody who wants to walk at least 30 minutes or more on Friday, May 13. You can sign up to be a "Cross-Walker" directly at [www.relayforlife.org/claytonga](http://www.relayforlife.org/claytonga). Remember to bring your picnic supper to the track and have a fun evening visiting with other members and friends there. It's a great family night, and we look forward to seeing you there!

## Shine & Dine—May 15



### Following the Worship Service

Bring your dirty vehicles to church on Sunday, May 15, for the youth to wash while you dine on baked potatoes with all the fixings, salad, and dessert.

All monies received during this fundraiser go to help our youth attend The Great Escape and Fun in the Son—two wonderful, spiritual retreats. Our youth have been attending these summer retreats for many years.

**The Great Escape** (June 13-18) is held at Lee College in Cleveland, TN. It is for middle school students. Two of our youth, Marissa McKee and Matthew Hooten, will be on the work crew this year for the two weeks of this camp.

**Fun in the Son** (July 17-22) will be held at Jekyll Island, GA. It is for high school students.

Youth from all over the United States attend each of these camps to enjoy fun, fellowship, special speakers and bands, and most of all, to draw closer to God. Many lives are changed because your contributions make this experience possible for more of our MPC youth.

If you would like more information on either of these fine camps, or if you have not yet signed up, but would like to attend, please see Andra Gammage.

