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Youth News

Shine & Dine, May 18



Bring your dirty vehicles to church on **Sunday, May 18**, 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 9-14) is held at Lee College in Cleveland, TN. It is for middle school students.

Fun in the Son (July 13-18) will be held at Hilton Head, SC. 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. Gifts may be given at any time for the **Youth Scholarship Fund** to help more youth attend.

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.

Lock-In, May 17



Youth Lock-In

May 17, 2014

6:00 p.m.

(Youth will be returned to church on Sunday morning, the 18th.)

All youth - middle school and high school - are invited to attend the lock-in on Saturday, May 17.

The girls will meet at The Tuttle's new home at 1060 Shumard Lane, McDonough.

The boys will meet at The Gammages home at 6235 Montlake Avenue, McDonough.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Hanna Warlick for being selected as the Valedictorian for the Ola High School Class of 2014. Hanna was chosen from 396 students. Earlier this school year, Hanna was STAR Student for Ola High School. **Way to go, Hanna!**

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The Pastor's Pen



Wasn't our 50th Anniversary last month fun? We had some wonderful food and fellowship, filling our stomachs with great BBQ and reconnecting with friends from the past. During the morning opening (before Sunday School), my wife Tamara read an article from GraceThruFaith.com, which had to do with another 50th anniversary, the Jubilee. It matched well with our celebration, in which we were mindful of our history and ministry, only as God has given us both. I think the article below is something worth mentioning once again. Enjoy!

The Jubilee Year is explained in Leviticus 25. Like other Sabbaths (holy days), it is a day set apart for both historical and prophetic fulfillment. Its exact timing is subject to controversy, due to confusion as how the years between Jubilees are reckoned. Most believe that Jubilee years can no longer be calculated.

To over simplify, every 50th year was a Jubilee year, and to commemorate that year the Israelites were to do three things. GIVE IT BACK: First, recognizing that the land was really the Lord's and they were but tenants, any land they had acquired since the last Jubilee had to be returned to the original family to whom the Lord had granted it. He clearly told them that His land could neither be bought nor sold. If a family somehow lost their land through default or bankruptcy, it was up to the next of kin to buy it back immediately if he could. If not, it was returned anyway the next Jubilee year.

PAID IN FULL: Second, all debts were to be forgiven. Any money owed you by another was to be written off, and the debt canceled. Same with money you owed.

I'M FREE: In those days, if you incurred a debt and somehow became unable to pay, you enslaved yourself or a member of your family to your creditor to work off the balance. Thus the third provision of the Jubilee Year; all slaves were freed and returned to the family land.

Under these provisions then, about once in every lifetime the slate was wiped clean. Those who had not fared well got another chance, but this restart also took away much of the motivation to amass wealth or create a large estate for one's heirs.

Wait a minute, you say. A program like that would ruin today's economy; perhaps even destroy our way of life. That's right, and that's just the point. Our way of life was never intended by God. He never wanted us to experience the stress, anxiety, disappointment, and down right fear that is so prevalent in peoples' lives today, as they struggle to either get or keep more of "the finer things of life." He never intended for us to become so preoccupied by material wealth and comfort that we lost sight of Him; to be so focused on the transitory treasure of this world that we would actually be willing to forfeit the permanent wealth of the next one.

WHAT'S NEXT? The prophetic fulfillment should be obvious. One day soon, all the land called Planet Earth will revert to its only original Owner, the one who created it. (Remember, our Father God created Mother Nature). All the debts we owe to Him will be forgiven – in fact as they have been in faith – and all the slaves (to sin) will be freed from that curse forever.

So when you pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done," you're really praying for that final and ultimate Jubilee year.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

<http://gracethrufaith.com/topical-studies/holidays-and-holy-days/the-year-of-jubilee/>

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Crawford Bell – hospice, SPC Kevin Brown – HOME from Afghanistan – PRAISE!, David Hadler (Marcia Cartledge’s uncle), Nuss Family (Hearn relatives), Patty Bormolini (requested by Pat Randolph), Terry & Margie Williams, Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Charlie Brown, Susan Brown, Bobbie Burke, Wendall Byars, Marcia Cartledge, Shelva Davis, Alonna Dawes, Mary Dyche, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Spencer Frye, Connie Funk, Evelyn Garrison, Jessica Giddens, Spencer Grant, Bob Hardy, Katelyn Hartley, John Henrickson, Joyce Howell, Lisa Hulbert, Mr. Jones, Patrice Marsh, Julia McLeod, David & Faye Moss, Keith Rhoden, Joe & Betty Spier, Emily Starr, Vrina Stebbins, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Tishua Taylor, Ann Thornton, Michael Thraikill. **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; 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.

Young at Heart News



The Young at Heart will be on a motor-coach trip to New York, Atlantic City, and Philadelphia from May 3—May 9. Please keep this group in your prayers as they travel. If you would like to participate in the next trip or activity, please talk with

Ken Campbell when he returns. 770-961-2272.

Welcome, New Member!



Welcome, Luis Coughlin! This year we had one student in our communicants class that was taught by Pastor John and Elder Sheila McKee. Luis Coughlin joined the church on Palm Sunday, April 13. Luis is in the fifth grade at Unidos Dual Language School. He is the son of Albert & Rita Coughlin and younger brother of

Albert “Tico” Coughlin. Luis loves basketball, collecting cards, and playing computer games. He likes strawberries, Boy Scouts, mountain hiking, and traveling. Luis loves his dog Betsy, and wants to be a professional football player when he grows up. Luis just “graduated” from Kids Club and is excited about joining the youth group.

A Baby Basket to Fill

McLeod Baby Basket. A baby basket has been placed in the fellowship hall for baby boy McLeod. His future parents are Josh and Savannah McLeod, future grandparents are Steve and Jackie McLeod, and future great-grandmother, Julia McLeod. Let's fill it up with items he will need when he arrives in June.

50th Anniversary Coasters

If you did not purchase a 50th Anniversary Coaster, or found that you didn't purchase enough, they are still available for purchase in the church office. Cost: \$15.00

Community Renewal Service

“Encountering the Resurrected Christ”

May 4— First Baptist Church of Morrow

Dr. John Callahan preaching.

Stop Hunger Now

Our offerings during our community renewal services have been for Stop Hunger Now. **Stop Hunger Now** is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. The organization is driven by a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

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.

Our three churches 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.

2014 Graduates

On May 25, 2014, we will honor our four MPC high school graduates— Ruth Boggs, Jasmin Cos, John Knapp, and Hanna Warlick. If there are any other members who are graduating high school that we have missed, please contact the church office.

If you are graduating or have graduated from college this year, please contact the church office with your graduation plans so that you may be recognized in future newsletters and we may celebrate your achievement.

VBS 2014



**Vacation Bible School
July 6—10, 2014**

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. Volunteers are still needed—especially teachers.

Mother's Day Brunch, May 10



A Mother's Love. At our annual Mother's Day Brunch on **Saturday, May 10, beginning at 11 a.m.,** Amy Hanley, a former member of MPC, will speak to us about her journey with cancer during her last pregnancy. She was diagnosed to have Stage Three colorectal cancer when she was

just 38 years old. Amy was told to choose between her life or the life of her baby. Amy wrote a book, “Surrender,” where she shares her story of trusting God's faithfulness in the midst of a heartbreaking diagnosis. Amy lives in Carnesville, GA with her husband, Bobby, and her four children, Jonathan, Luke, Emma, and Joshua. They all plan to join us at our Mother's Day Brunch.

If you haven't signed up yet, please contact the church office.

Thank You Notes...

From Bob Hardy...From the depth of my heart I love my church in Morrow and the people there. Last weekend the 50th celebration was great! It reminded me of some of our past stewardship campaigns. It was good to see everyone, old friends included. It also brought thoughts of friends no longer with us. Thanks so much for the cards from the elders. They mean a lot. The coaster with the church on it has a special place in our home. Gail and I think about you and our church there often. Know that you all are in our prayers and heart. God's blessings.

From The Baskets & More Committee...Thanks to the congregation for the biggest Baskets and More in our history!!! We had 106 entries and raised over \$3,500 for our Relay for Life Team!! We surpassed any goal we could have thought of. If you haven't signed up to walk on the May 9th event, please do so or call our new Team Captain - Albert Coughlin, 404-384-0977, if you have questions. God blessed our church and the American Cancer Society Sunday with this great auction.

From Dot Coughlan and George Egbert...To Our Dear Friends at MPC, It was wonderful to see all of you on Saturday night at the music celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the church. You all are so fortunate to have the musicians that are so talented. It really makes worshipping pleasant. Thank you so much for inviting us and hope if you get to Clayton, GA, you will come to see us. The strawberry shortcake was delicious. Thanks to all the hands that prepared it. Love in Christ.

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.

Relay for Life, May 9, 6 p.m.

The MPC Crosswalkers, led by new team captain, Albert Coughlin, will walk to raise funds for the American Cancer Society on **Friday, May 9, beginning at 6 p.m.** The Clayton County Relay for Life will be at Charles Drew High School Stadium near Southern Regional Hospital.

Even if you cannot walk with the group, please come out to support those walking. You can bring your supper and lawn chairs with you to spend some time in fellowship.

Presbyterian Women

Dorcas Circle—May 13, 10 a.m. Please join the group for brunch, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. The group will begin a study of the book of James. Dorcas project will be items and/or money for the Youth mission trip.

Virginia Dews Circle—May 12, 6:30 p.m., Pacers' classroom. Devotion & Refreshments: Connie Bell; Bible Moderator, Lei Eason will continue the study of Esther.

Morning Glory Circle— *NO meeting in May.*