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Youth News

The Great Escape & FITS Deposits Due. If you know you are going to attend either The Great Escape or Fun in the Son next summer, you can **SAVE \$25!!!** by giving Andra your \$90 deposit no later than November 25, 2012.

The Great Escape - June 10—15 (\$389)
Fun in the Son (FITS) - July 14—18 (\$399)

Hanging of the Greens



Hanging of the Greens – November 30, 10:00 a.m. Many volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent season. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Sunday, November 4

Don't forget to set your clocks/watches back one hour when you go to

November FNS—November 18



Thanksgiving Dinner and Program

Sunday Evening, November 18th @ 6:00 p.m.

Make plans to join together as we share a time of thankful fellowship at our Thanksgiving Family Night Supper, Sunday, November 18 at 6:00 p.m. Delicious turkey, dressing, and gravy will be prepared by David and Angela Turner. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish to complete our dinner. After dinner, a program has been planned for a few of our families to share their Thanksgiving memories and traditions from their past. Please remember to indicate how many members of your family plan to attend the dinner on the signup sheet in the narthex.

Mason Barfield Honored



Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 6:30 p.m. Clayton State Athletics has invited the MPC congregation to the naming ceremony of **MASON BARFIELD COURT**, at their Athletics & Fitness Center on Tuesday, November 13, 2012. The reception will be at 6:30 p.m. with the Naming Ceremony to follow at 7 p.m. **Please RSVP by November 9 to patkeane@clayton.edu if you plan to attend.** Congratulations, Mason Barfield!

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The Pastor's Pen



Tamara and I used to read a story to our children that might be familiar to you. It's called *Drummer Hoff* and was a favorite story of our childhood. The illustrations are beautiful and attractive, and we loved them just as much as the story.

Drummer Hoff tells of a group of officers and soldiers who are charged with loading a huge cannon and firing it toward the enemy. Drummer Hoff himself never moves because his task is to fire the cannon. The other officers and soldiers take turns in loading the cannon to ready it for firing. At the end of the story we read that:

General Border gave the order, Major Scott brought the shot, Captain Bammer brought the hammer, Sergeant Chowder brought the powder, Corporal Farrell brought the barrel, Private Parriage brought the carriage, but Drummer Hoff fired it off.

When the General gives the order ("Ready, Aim, FIRE!"), Drummer Hoff pulls the trigger. The cannon goes off with a deafening KAH-BAH-BOOM!!! Some damage had to be done, right? Well, the blast is so enormous that, on the last page, the cannon is damaged beyond repair. The cannon is soon abandoned and surrendered to tall grass, spider webs, and birds' nests.

Although the story was written for children, my adult mind could not help but wonder what sort of message the story gives. May we assume that the destruction of the cannon lost the war for Drummer Hoff's army? Without it, all is lost. So then, who is to blame? We would think everyone was, because each officer and soldier provided the equipment and seemed responsible to make the cannon work. But throughout the story, it is Drummer Hoff who fired it off. Notice above it doesn't say, "and Drummer Hoff fired it off," showing that everyone was to blame. It says, "but Drummer Hoff fired it off," showing that only one person is to blame. Someone had to be the fall guy, right? Blame the one who pulled the trigger. Besides, Drummer Hoff was the low man on the totem pole in the army, so he should get the full blame for his own incompetence and inexperience.

Don't we do this too often, blame the other guy? It is always someone else's fault when things go wrong. A husband forgets to do something, but he told his wife to remind him. Who's to blame? He thinks she is. A boss gives his secretary a lengthy and important report at the end of the day, which she cannot finish in the remaining 15 minutes of her scheduled time. Who's to blame? The secretary is, according to the boss and to the other company waiting for the report to arrive. Too many times we blame the other guy in the car for driving too fast or too slow, or the other woman for searching her purse for every penny to buy groceries at the counter. Is it ever our fault?

Yes, it may be. Sometimes we cause people to mess up. Sometimes we are careless and cause accidents or mishaps. We were not careful enough to keep things from going wrong. Even if someone else messes up, it is our fault for becoming so angry and critical that we make him or her feel useless.

Before blaming people for mistakes, we have to evaluate the situation and ask ourselves, "How might have I contributed to the problem?" Before blaming people for laziness and tardiness, we have to consider how we might not have helped them complete their tasks. It is so easy to make excuses and try to separate ourselves from the situation. It is so hard to take or share in the blame, because we don't want to think that somehow, somehow, we are just as sinful as the other person. We are just as clumsy or careless as anyone else on the planet.

What does Mark 12:28-31 say? Blame God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength? Blame others, but never yourself? No. It says love the Lord your God with all you've got, and love others as you love yourself. There is no blame or scapegoating found there. Compassion, forgiveness, and encouragement are present, and those things right the wrongs and move everybody forward.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS 2012 Elections, Cathy Purvis (cousin of Debbie Tyner), Luis Saavedra (Rita Coughlin's father), Michael Scott (requested by Suzanne Lukat), Pastor John, Marcia Cartledge, Mike Martin (requested by Carol Oswalt), Frank Archer, Ruth Batchelor, Wilma Bell, Jo Bevil, Cindy Bond, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Jo Calhoun, Jean Chase, Jean Costa, Bob Crain, Maria Cruz, Rose Dills, Chrissie Edwards, Ralph Fadner, Will Felt, Earl & Connie Funk, Brenda Garner, Heather Gerald, Georgene Grant, Spencer Grant, Delores & Jack Hall, Gene Hammond, Howard Harden, Eddie Hooten, Adolpho Incerry, Gabyjudy Jeffrey, Jonathan Johnson, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Julia McLeod, David Martinez, David Moss, Josiah Moss, Gladys Parkerson, Jane Pate, Donna Randolph, Keith Rhoden, Ellen Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Ian Turner, Beth Wheeler, Mollie Williams, Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** SPC Jonathan **Amason**, - National Guard, Afghanistan; Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin **Brown** - Army-Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** -Japan; 1st 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; Cole **Springer** - Army; SrA Richard **Venzelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Afghanistan; Aaron **Wescott** - Navy Special Forces - Afghanistan

Young at Heart Activities

The Young-at-Heart will sponsor a "50 and Over AARP Driving Training Class" on Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 9:00 AM. This class is **FREE for VETERANS**, their spouses and children, widows/widowers. Non-veteran related will pay \$12.00 if AARP member; \$14.00 if not. This training may qualify you for an insurance discount. Please register using the sign up sheet in the narthex.. Call early to confirm your reservation (class may be limited). Should you wish to take the ON-LINE VERSION of training: www.aarpdriversafety.org:50%offforveterans. (use promo code "veterans")

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON. Be sure to mark **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**, on your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon at the church. We will meet at 11:00 AM. Ham and turkey will be provided. Bring salads, veggies, and desserts to go along with the meats. We look forward to our usual large crowd for this special time of fun, food and fellowship. See you there!!!



Young at Heart go to North Georgia on their annual apple-picking trip.

Can you find the differences in the pictures?



Flower Calendar



Sanctuary Flowers. If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary, there are a few openings left for the remainder of the year. Days available are: December 2, 23, 30. You may put the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. You will be billed directly by Morrow Florist.

Website Overhaul



Have you got it?" The "it" we're looking for is information technology. The church website is in dire need of an overhaul to help keep the members informed, draw new people to our site, and take advantage of social media. If you are willing to share your time and talents by working on our website, please contact Linda Lillie or Pastor John.

Congregational Meeting— Nov. 18

Congregational Meeting – November 18. There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, November 18 for the purpose of presenting the new by-laws and electing elders. The names being placed in nomination for the Class of 2015 are: Frank Bradley, Sheila McKee, Mary Ann Moriles, H. R. Tuttle, and Mary Ann Warlick.

PW Slate of Officers—2013



2013 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE MORROW PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

MODERATOR	Sheila McKee
VICE-MODERATOR	Anne Fordham
MODERATOR-IN-TRAINING	Donna Boggs
SECRETARY	Maria Cruz
TREASURER	Carol Oswalt & Libby McNair
COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
SPIRITUAL GROWTH & ENRICHMENT	Mary Ann Moriles
MISSIONS & OUTREACH	Deborah Venzelos
SEARCH & RESOURCES	Pauline Buchanan
CIRCLE CHAIRS	
DORCAS CIRCLE	Berniece Lillegard, Lucie Cantrell, Brenda Garner
VIRGINIA DEWS CIRCLE	Connie Bell, Judy Chapman
MORNING GLORY CIRCLE	Tamara Callahan
CIRCLE BIBLE MODERATORS	
DORCAS CIRCLE	Barbara Lester, Suzanne Lukat
VIRGINIA DEWS CIRCLE	Lei Eason
MORNING GLORY CIRCLE	Donna Boggs
CHURCH HISTORIAN	Berniece Lillegard
CHURCH HOSTESSES	Libby McNair and Roxie Romine

PW Installation

Sunday, November 11, 11 a.m.
The Presbyterian Women voted on the new 2013 slate of officers at their general meeting and luncheon. The new slate of officers will be installed on Sunday, November 9, 2012 during the morning worship service. Please plan to attend that worship service to support all of our Presbyterian Women who work so hard to serve our congregation.

Veterans Dinner



Veterans Appreciation Dinner,

November 10, 4 p.m.

The Scouts of our church are sponsoring a Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 10 at 4:00 pm here at the church. We would like to invite all veterans in our church family and friends to attend. You can pick up an invitation from the table in the narthex and add your name to the signup sheet so we know how many will be attending.

**Be Still
and know
that I am God.** ... Psalm 46:10

Thank You Notes

From Pastor John ... I want to thank everybody for your compassion and appreciation during the last month. I enjoyed the cards I received, wishing me a speedy recovery from a broken clavicle. And, I enjoyed the cards and various gifts I received, thanking me for being your pastor. I am delighted and proud to be your pastor. I am in my fifth year as pastor of Morrow, and have enjoyed every minute of it. I love and thank God for all y'all, and I am fixin' to keep sharing in the great ministry we do here for the glory of God and His kingdom.

From Andra Gammage ... I want to send a very special thank-you to my ministry team and to all of the volunteers who helped out with the Fall Festival. Many thanks, also, to those who donated candy or cakes/cookies/etc. for the cake walk. It is because of all of you that it was such a success.

From The Youth & Youth Family ... A very heartfelt thank-

Santa Claus Express



Get on Board the Santa Claus Express 2012. Each year the Presbyterian Women celebrate the holidays with the residents of the health services centers at Presbyterian Home, Quitman, and Presbyterian Village, Austell. A list of suggested gift items is posted on our bulletin board. Please place your gifts in a clear, plastic sandwich or storage bag. Santa's elves pick up these gifts from depot churches and deliver them to campuses to be wrapped for the residents. Share the joy of the holidays! Please have your gifts in by November 25, 2012.

Cont...you to all who attended the Youth Missions fundraiser and Family Night Supper on Sunday. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone as we raised over \$2000!!! We know that God is blessing our efforts to go on a mission trip in 2014. We hope that everyone had as much fun as we did. Thank you, again!