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"Reflecting Christ Together"

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Family Night Supper



**Be sure to come to
Family Night Supper
on October 16 at 6:00
p.m. for a Hymn Sing
and Study.**

Our guest leader will be
Mr. Phil McPherson, friend
of Bruce and Carol Camp-
bell. Phil is a very talented

pianist and singer. He teaches various music studies
in the Clayton County School system and has served
as Music Minister at several churches including
Jones Memorial Methodist Church and Riverdale
Methodist Church. He will lead us in a "Journey
through the hymnbook". We will be singing some of
your favorite hymns as well as learning some new
ones. Phil will share some hymn stories with us and
enlighten us on how hymns have influenced the
church through the years. Make sure you're there,
and perhaps you'll gain a new knowledge and appre-
ciation of the music we use in the church today.

Attention: Kids and Youth



PUMPKIN PATCH TIME!!

Sunday, October 2, 2011

Kids' Club - 4 to 6 p.m.

Youth - 5 to 8 p.m.

**(the youth — Middle & High school
only—will experience the Grant's
new *Fear the Woods* attraction)**

**All children and youth should meet
at the Grant's Pumpkin Patch.**

Kids—meet in front of the milking cow!

Youth—meet near the petting zoo.

Directions: The Pumpkin Patch (Yule Forest) is located at
3565 Hwy 155 North, Stockbridge. Take Hwy 138 toward
Conyers. When 138 and 155 intersect, turn right and go ap-
proximately 4 miles. Yule Forest will be on the right.

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The Pastor's Pen



Here's a stupid little story I am going to share... I was relaxing in the sweat-box at LA Fitness after a wonderful workout. I don't go to the sweat box often, but when I do I like to relax in silence. I mean, SILENCE. There are no speakers inside, playing dance music I don't care to hear. There is no loud conversation or weights clanking together. It is the only spot in the whole building where I can collect my thoughts. It is the only spot, I believe, that should remain silent, because there is so much other noise surrounding us.

Well, this guy entered the sweat box with a MP3 playing through his headphones. The guy must have been deaf, because the music was blasting and I could clearly hear every note. This guy was big, as in chiseled like a Michelangelo statue. I definitely wasn't going to say anything to him about the disturbance. So I sat there annoyed, inventing all sorts of things I would say if I was Superman, steaming both physically and emotionally.

Yes, this is a silly story. What was the big deal? The guy entered the room to enjoy the sweat box just like me, and he happened to bring personal music with him. I wasn't going to be there for long, so I could have put up with the music, right? The silly part of the story is my stewing and inventing scenarios in my head of how I could tell him to shut off that rotten music.

We do the same thing, when we see a girl enter the room wearing inappropriate clothing. Or when we walk by a man smoking next to the entrance of a store, while the sign says not to do so. Or when we see a table of DOT workers, swearing and laughing audibly. Or when somebody sitting next to us at the ballgame keeps saying, "Jesus Christ," and she isn't worshipping. We pass judgment when we experience something offensive. We gossip to our friends about how terrible those people are. They are in the wrong and we are in the right, and God looks down on both of us and might condemn us for our reaction to the other person's action. We are all guilty of reacting negatively toward things that displease us. There has to be a solution.

Jesus says, "Love your enemies." That muscular dude in the sweat box had become an enemy by invading my personal space. But a little voice (the Holy Spirit, perhaps?) told me to pray for him. Not the kind of prayer that goes, "Dear Lord, strike his MP3 with lightning, so it doesn't work anymore! By the way, strike *him* with lightning, too!" No, I thought about the guy himself. What are his dreams and aspirations? Are they in line with God's plan for him? I prayed about those things. If he is a child of God, as I am, I hope he glorifies and thanks God for his life. If so, great. If not, I hope he will someday.

It was easy for me to pray those things, because I chose to stay relaxed in the sweat box until my time was finished. It is not so easy when we just walk by people, or they happen to walk by us. The temptation to judge is much too great, while the opportunity to pray is such a tiny window. If we are dwelling mentally on how terrible that person is, we should turn our reaction into prayer. Again, not the kind of prayer in which we wish evil things upon them; but rather, the kind of prayer that considers the whole person, who has hopes and dreams like us, fears and concerns like us, good days and bad days like us.

If we pray for them, we have little to no criticism to offer. We harbor no ill will in our hearts. Instead of saying, "Strike them down, Lord," we can say, "Love them, Lord, like you love me. Direct and guide their lives, so they may have heaven as a reward, which is also my greatest desire."

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Bill Cantrell (Piedmont), Kelley Harden (Suzanne Knapp's nephew), Doris Mullinax (Shirley Bradley's friend), Shirley Tinio (mother of our missionary Al Tinio), Christina Baker, Bartow Bevil, Jo Bevil, Zachary Bradley, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Dick Brown, Dianne Clements, Edna Cox (friend of Jo Calhoun), Fannie Crain, Paula Dashtpeyma, Mary Beth Duke, Spencer Grant, Gene & Euna Hammond, Beth Harper, Everett Hill, Eddie Hooten, Carl Kirkley, Patrice Marsh, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Linda Morgan, David Moss, Carol O'Neil, Jorgel Orozco, Gladys Oliver, Sonny Oswalt, John Randolph, Gordon Richardson, David Rowe, Lloyd Sanders, Margaret Strelsky, Michael Thraikill, Forrest & Ann Thornton, David Turner, Gary Waters, Virginia Wheeler, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al Tinio & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth Turk & children at Mission Haven in Decatur. Bryant Harden, Peace Corps, Mongolia, **OUR MILITARY:** Scott Bland - Navy, Virginia; Shaun Bland - Navy, Georgia; Stephen Brown - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin Brown - Army-Fort Benning, GA; Jeffrey & Maribel Brown - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy Butler -Japan; Robert Crain, Tennessee; PVT Joseph Eason, Afghanistan; Najee Hall- Afghanistan; Kevin Krebs, Tennessee; Capt. Walter D. Lillegard, Ft. Campbell, KY; Adam Martin; SGT Edward "Buddy" McKenzie, III, - Milledgeville; Brent Paul - Military College of GA; Cole Springer - Army; A1C Richard Venizelos - Scott AFB, Illinois; PFC Justin & Tierney Warlick - Ft. Lewis, WA.

Christian Love and Sympathy to Bob & Gail Hardy upon the death of Gail's mother, Viola Shell, on September 29, 2011. Please keep the family in your prayers. Bob & Gail Hardy, 104 Tooweka Circle, Loudon, TN 37774.

Breast Cancer Awareness



It's a "Think Pink - Crop for the Cure" Saturday, October 15, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a fun day of working on your scrapbooks and photo projects. **Two Options: \$40 Fee** - Includes all day scrapbooking, snacks, goody bag, fun make n' takes, a *Think Pink* paper pack, with \$25 of the fee going to Breast Cancer Research; or **\$10 Fee** - Come at 1 p.m. - includes Beginning Class materials and gift with \$10 fee going to Breast Cancer Research. More information on breast cancer table (Fellowship Hall). Donations accepted. There is a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall to register for the class. See Rita Coughlin for more information.

VBS 2012



Many Thanks! A special thanks to **Maria Cruz** and **Angela Turner** for agreeing to head up VBS 2012—Operation Overboard next year! It will be an exciting and fun VBS!

New Addresses

From Daya Rose and Blesson Tenson and Tenson Pitchaimani... We have moved to Morgan County. Because of the distance, we can only attend the church once in a while. We thank God for the wonderful time we had with Morrow Presbyterian Church. **Our present address is: 1141A Micha Way, Madison, GA 30650.**

John & Linda Campbell
706 Morgans Ridge Drive
Monroe, GA 30656

PW General Meeting

Annual Presbyterian Women's General Meeting—Sunday, October 2, 12:15 p.m. All women are invited to attend the Annual Presbyterian Women's General Meeting on Sunday, October 2, 2011, immediately following the worship service. We will be voting on the 2012 Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team (PWCT) Officers, and will approve the 2012 PW Budget. Please bring a salad to share, and be a part of the wonderful fellowship of women at the Morrow Presbyterian Church doing God's work.

Young at Heart News



APPLE PICKIN' TIME October 26: Young-at-Heart folks (and all others who are interested), get ready for our Fall outing! It's Apple-Pickin' Time at Merciers!! On Wednesday, October 26, we will leave the church at 8:30 a.m., travel to Merciers to load up on apples, fried pies, apple bread, and lots of other goodies. Then we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Cost of the trip will be \$25.00 PLUS lunch. Reserve your seat on the van with Ken Campbell.

Thank You Notes

From Crawford Bell and Marian & Dennis Meyer... Words can never express our appreciation for all you all did to make our difficult time easier. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. It was easy to see why Darnell enjoyed Morrow Presbyterian Church so much. You all came together and made her service very meaningful! Thanks for everything.

From Gary & Annie Johnson and family... Thank you for the prayers, love, support, and cards after the passing of Gary's sister, Becky. Your love and concern are very much appreciated.

Baby Boy Corner—Congratulations!



Congratulations to Scott & Emmanuella Bland on the birth of their son, **Ethan Anvern Bland**, who made his appearance on August 31, at 4:12 a.m., weighing 5 lbs. 0 oz. The Presbyterian Women will send a cradle cross and gift card to the new family.



Congratulations to Virginie Nganyiep on the birth of her baby boy, **Alpha Mason Njeveme**, who was born on September 2, 2011, weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Congratulations, also, to the proud grandmother, Florette Njonu, sister, Allison Ngueyiep, and uncles Cedric Ndzomo and Rosner Njeveme. A rosebud, cradle cross, and basket were provided to the family by the PW in Alpha Mason's honor.



Congratulations to Allen & Stephanie Grant on the birth of their baby boy, **Stephan James Grant**, who was born on September 26, 2011, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congratulations, also, to the proud grandparents, Allen & Susie Grant, brother, Spencer, and aunts Georgene and Arrah. A rosebud, cradle cross, and basket will be provided to the family by the Presbyterian Women in Stephan's honor.

Congratulations to Chad & Carrie Harris

on the birth of their baby boy, **Grayson Edward Harris**, who was born on September 6, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congratulations, also, to the proud grandparents, Don & Carol McGhee. Grayson was presented a baby basket, rosebud, and cradle cross by the Presbyterian Women..



One boy, two boy, three boy, four...

Food Pantry News

Update from our Food Pantry Thanks to your generous support of our food pantry ministry, we have been able to help meet the needs of thousands of needy people in our local community. We wanted to share with you the current statistics for this year (Jan - Aug 2011):

Total families served 1,901
Total people served 5,513
Total children served 2,075
Total seniors served 627
Total pounds of food served 89,063



As we approach the holiday season, we are in need of several more volunteers. If you would like to help out, please contact Angela or David Turner.

I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live.

Advent Devotional Booklets

Authors Needed. The Worship Ministry Team is putting together an Advent Devotional Book similar to those we have created in the past where the pages were written by members of the congregation. Volunteers are needed to write a short devotion for a day of the season. Scripture verses and helpful instructions will be given to all volunteers. Please see Connie Bell or Suzanne Lukat to volunteer, and then see how God uses you to bring His message to the congregation. Deadline for submissions: November 6.

Fall Festival—October 31

Monday, October 31, 2010



6:30 p.m. — 7:45 p.m.

Candy!

Cake Walk

Games

If you would like to help with any of the games, decorations, cake walk items, etc., please contact Deborah Venizelos at 770-914-5529. Candy donations may be placed in the box in the fellowship hall. If you have any small items that would be great for prizes, please place them in the box, also.