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**Young-at-Heart News**



**BRANSON  
TRIP —  
September 18 -  
24:** The Young-at-Heart group is "off and running again!" On Sep-

tember 18, the loaded motor coach will leave the church for Branson, Missouri. Several from our church and some folks from other churches will join together for this fun trip. They will see several shows including the Osmond Brothers, The Twelve Irish Tenors, Baldknobbers Jamboree, and more. They will also enjoy a ride on the Showboat Branson Belle with dinner and Broadway-style entertainment. On the way home, they will make a stop at the Bill Clinton Library in Little Rock, Arkansas. They will return home on Saturday, September 24.

Please keep the Young-at-Heart in your prayers while they are traveling.



**Coming Up in October**



**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 approximately 4 miles. Yule Forest will be on the right.

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**The Pastor's Pen**



AT&T is very worried about me. Or, at least the company appears to be.

I keep getting these emails from AT&T in regards to my email account. "This is for your own safety," they tell me, "to avoid the closure of your AT&T mail. You will have to verify your account by filling out your Log-In information below by clicking the Reply button." They are very worried about me because they don't want me to lose my account for any reason.

Now, my email account for the church is an AT&T account, and I use it *quite frequently*. It isn't as though I check my email once every two months. I check it more than once or twice a day on most days. I could see if I only opened my email on every blue moon, there could be, might be, the possibility of losing my account. But then, email providers do not cancel people's account due to infrequent use. At least this has been my experience in the past. I think my wife still has a certain email account that she hasn't used in over a decade.

AT&T – or the dudes who are posing as AT&T – seems to be very worried about me. Their emails are obviously spam-related and fraudulent. If I click to reply, I must give my User ID, my Current Password, my Occupation, my Birth Date, and my Country of Residence. That is a huge red flag! Doesn't the true AT&T have this information about me already? They want to make sure I have the information, I guess. Well, I know full well that if I only give my user ID and current password, I will become another victim of identify fraud. So I always send these emails to Spam or just delete them.

I will say this about the spammers out there: they are persistent. They appear to be concerned about us, and they are persistent in sharing that concern. Makes me think of how God loves us, and how persistent God is in loving us. God's love is true – there is nothing fake about it or in it. Throughout the Bible we read stories of how God constantly revealed his love to his people, enduring their hardships with them, bearing their unfaithfulness toward him, opening the path of life to them.

"The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD," Psalm 33:5 says. "In your unending love you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling... But I trust in your unending love; my heart rejoices in your salvation... [Nothing] in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Exodus 15:13, Psalm 13:5, Romans 8:39). This is genuine, honest-to-goodness, from the tips of your toes to the top of your head, down to the very core love that God expresses for us. It never diminishes. It is never conditional. It will always flow.

When we don't love ourselves, God is persistent in revealing that we are special and worth loving. When we don't love others, God is persistent in filling our hearts with love, so we may sympathize and work alongside others.

There are crooks out there who try to grab our attention, so they might steal something from us. God is out there and in here, trying to grab our attention to give us something. His love. Whether it comes in email form or through a warm sense of joy, we willingly open it and respond.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests



**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Family of Becky Tri (Gary Johnson's sister), Family of Gene Cathey (Janis Campbell's brother), Family of Darnell Bell, Family of Franky Cassidy, Family of Rona Whatley (Jordan Whatley's great-aunt), Angelica Delgado, Eddie Hooten, Jaime Moriles (Romy's brother), Reshawn Pitts, David Turner, Bartow Bevil, Jo Bevil, Zachary Bradley, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Dick Brown, Randy Buck, Jean Costa, Fannie Crain, Felix Cruz, Paula Dashtpeyma, Mary Beth Duke, Spencer Grant, Gene & Euna Hammond, Bryant Harden, Everett Hill, Carl Kirkley, Richard & Florence McCray, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Linda Morgan, David Moss, Carol O'Neil, Jorgel Orozco, Gladys Oliver, Sonny Oswalt, John Randolph, Lloyd Sanders, Viola Shell, Margaret Strelsky, Michael Thraikill, Forrest & Ann Thornton, and Jeff 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 - 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.

## VBS 2012—Operation Overboard

**Why are we thinking about VBS 2012 already?** Because we are needing a couple of people or a group of people to volunteer to head it up next year. In order to get the biggest bang for our buck, plans need to be made early to receive the most discounts.

So...are you creative or organized? Do you have a friend who is one or the other that could work with you to take on this fun project? The materials give you all the ideas and organization you need to follow to have a fun, outstanding VBS in 2012. If you feel that God could be leading you in this direction, please contact Dianne Hooten.

## Flower Calendar

**Flower Calendar - Open Dates.** There are several dates available on the Flower Calendar for 2011. The calendar is hanging on the library window for you to sign up for a special date to place flowers in the Church. You will be billed directly by Morrow Florist following the Sunday you choose.

## Baby Baskets



The Presbyterian Women have placed baby baskets in the fellowship hall for **Scott & Emmanuella Bland** and **Allen & Stephanie Grant**. Please help fill the baskets by donating items such as onesies, wipes, lotions, shampoo, socks, utensils, washcloths, etc. Your gifts are appreciated. How exciting to have so many babies on the way!

## Thank You Notes

**From Judy & Bud Chapman...** We would like to thank everyone for the cards, emails, prayers, and meals while Judy was recuperating from her heart catheterization. Our church family helped us get through it easier. God bless you all.

**From Ken & Janis Campbell...** Many thanks to you, our dear friends, for all the beautiful cards, telephone calls, and most of all your prayers for us and our family at the death of my brother, Gene, in North Carolina. It is so good to have the support of all our friends, both in good times and bad. You are always there for us and we thank you so much. There are no friends like MPC friends!

## New Members

**Welcome to our new members Gene & Euna Hammond** who joined by *Transfer of Letter* from Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in Lake City, GA. Gene & Euna have been attending MPC since 2008. Gene is retired from Heating and Air Conditioning work, and Euna is a retired beautician. Their address is:

1083 South Avenue, Forest Park, GA 30297  
404-363-2268

## Family Night Supper— September 18, 6:00 p.m.

**Family Night Supper.** Please plan to come to the 6:00 p.m., September 18, 2011, Family Night Supper. Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Planning and Economic Director for the City of Morrow, and Mr. Jeff Eady, City Manager, will be our guests to present a program in regards to the future of the City of Morrow. It is a very enlightening program that features a study commissioned by the Morrow City Council that proposes future enhancements that are being considered for our city. Please plan to attend this informative event. Remember to bring a covered dish and/or dessert.

## 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.

## September is Christian Education Month

**September is Christian Education Month.** All of our Sunday School classes will participate in the worship service during the month of September.

### Schedule for Worship Service:

**September 4** - Discipleship Ministry Team

**September 11** - McNair/Seekers Class, Arnold/Bates Class, Pacers Class

**September 18** - Middle & Senior High Classes

**September 25** - Pre-K/K, Elementary I & II classes.

Members of all classes are encouraged to be present and participate on their special Sunday when their class is recognized. See your teacher to find out your assignment.

### Schedule for Sunday School Fellowship:

**September 4** - Arnold Bates Class

**September 11** - Pacers Class

**September 18** - McNair/Seekers

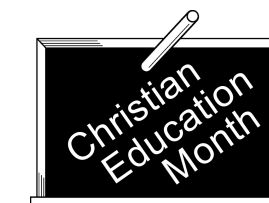
**September 25** - High School

**October 2** - Middle School

**October 9** - Elementary II

**October 16** - Elementary I

**October 23** - Pre-K/K



## Kids' Club Kick-Off

**Sunday, September 11**

**5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

All children ages 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to start coming on Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. for singing, Bible study, recreation, and food. **On Sunday, September 11, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.

**Kids' Club Teacher Needed.** Is God calling you to work with young children? The Kids' Club team is looking for a teacher for the 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Materials and instructions will be provided to you. You provide the love. If you would like to volunteer or get more information, contact Donna Boggs at 770-233-0394.

## 5K Autumn Fun Run—September 24

**5K Autumn Fun Run/Walk - September 24, 2011.** Calvary Refuge Center is one of the sponsors of the Forest Park Recreation Department's 5K Autumn Fun Run/Walk event.

Volunteers are need to:

- Enter the race as runners or walkers.
- Help set up booths for water and for distributing information about Calvary Refuge.
- Help disassemble booths after the race.
- Help in other assignments that may become available which promote Calvary Refuge.

To volunteer to help or to enter the race as a runner or walker, see the forms on the table outside of the library.



## Congratulations!



**Congratulations to Justin & Tierney Warlick** on their marriage July 26, 2011! Justin and Tierney met while being stationed in the same unit in Washington. Tierney is also from Georgia. Please keep Justin and Tierney in your prayers as they will both deploy to

Afghanistan in February.

**Congratulations to the newlyweds!**

**Congratulations to Kevin Brown** (Ronnie & Dianne Hooten's nephew and Mary Butler's grandson) who graduated from training and is now an Army Medic. He is stationed at Fort Benning, GA. His address is:

PV2 Brown, Kevin

Box 124

6651 Ashley Avenue

Fort Benning, GA 31905

**Thank you for your service!**

