



**MORROW  
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CHURCH**

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**Kids' Club Resumes—Sept 9**



**Kid's Club Kick-Off  
Sunday, September 9  
5 – 7 p.m.**

All children ages 4 years old 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 9, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.



**Coming in October...**



**PUMPKIN PATCH TIME!!  
Sunday, October 7, 2011  
Kids' Club - 4 to 6 p.m.  
Youth - 5 to 7 p.m.**

**(the youth — Middle & High school only—will experience the Grant's *Fear the Woods* attraction, if they desire)**

**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**



I was visiting my uncle Bill and aunt Vivian once in the northwestern part of Pennsylvania. We decided to take a trip to a pottery store, since my uncle is a potter, and along the way we passed a small dilapidated church on the right side.

My aunt asked, "John, do you know the story of that church?" and I said no. She said that my uncle wanted to purchase the building and property in the mid-1960s, when the members of the church put it up for sale. The price tag was \$1200. My uncle said that it took some work, but he came up with the money. He wanted to convert the church into his home, restoring the stained-glass windows if possible, using the wood from the pews for furniture, and turning the choir loft into the main bedroom. My uncle was and is a talented guy, and so his dreams for the old church were wide and attractive. It would have been an interesting house.

However, the members did not sell him the church and property. You see, in the mid-1960s, my uncle was a hippie with long hair and interesting clothing. The people of the area would not have his kind living nearby, so they blocked the sale. They allowed another man to purchase the lot, and he kindly converted it into a junkyard full of rusted cars and dented refrigerators. He let the church fall into further disrepair, so at the time I saw it, it sure was an eye sore on the side of the road.

Sadly, we judge people by whatever standards we want to use. We see how a teenager dresses and make snap judgments. We look at the color of someone's skin and immediately feel uneasy. We listen to how someone talks and decide not to associate with that person. We don't view people as God does, who looks not at what is on the outside but what is inside.

One of the classic passages in the Bible about judging others is found in 1 Samuel 16. God calls Samuel to find a king for Israel. Samuel wants to find the perfect man. Yet God says to him, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart" (16:7). The interesting thing is: the previous king, Saul, is a stud, as handsome as Brad Pitt and taller than any other man around (see 1 Samuel 9:2). God does not choose Saul based on his good looks. Sadly, what is inside Saul becomes corrupt with power and prestige, so God has to choose another king. David is selected, being good looking himself but also being the youngest of all the brothers. God sees something within him that he can work with.

God looks in our hearts and minds, and examines them to find what is right or wrong. When God does, he imparts his love and grace in order to clean out what is wrong and replace it with what is righteous (see Psalm 139:23-24). His hope is to find a home with us. That's how God wants us to view others.

Granted, we might not act or think the same way, but we may view people by their intentions and the fruit they bear. When we do, we should then find ways to get to know them better. We should discover their likes and dislikes, their joys and fears. We may share our stories with them, and love and support them in times of need. By seeing what is inside someone's heart, we may find new friends, partners in ministry, and people just like us who need the love of God.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Keith Rhoden (Mimi England's brother-in-law), The Phillipines, Military in Afghanistan, Ralph Fadner (neighbor of the Cantrells), Heather Gerald (friend of the Cantrells), Frank Archer, Richard Banks, Wilma Bell, Jo Bevil, Cindy Bond, Martha Bowman, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Jean Chase, Debbie Crain, Felix Cruz, Rose Dills, Paula Echols, Espinoza Family, Will Felt, Earl Funk, Spencer Grant, Gene Hammond, Kelley Harden, Bob Hardy, Adolpho Incerry, Eddie Hooten, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Scott Lunsford, Julia McLeod, David Martinez, Bernard Mock, Linda Morgan, David Moss, Gladys Parkerson, Luis Saavedra, Nerys Saavedra, Victoria Salmon, Shelly, Ellen Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Margaret Strelsky, Susan Tate, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Ian Turner, Marie Tuttle, Beth Wheeler, Terry Williams, Pat Willingham, and Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Kevin **Brown** - Army-Fort Rucker, AL; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** -Japan; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **Venizelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Afghanistan; Aaron **Wescott** - Navy Special Forces - Afghanistan

## 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 9** - Discipleship Ministry Team

**September 16** - Kindergarten and Elementary classes.

**September 23** - Young Adult Class, McNair/Seekers Class, Arnold/Bates Class, Pacers Class

**September 30** - Middle & Senior High 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.

## Young at Heart



**Southern Living "Idea House" - September 19.** Young-at-Heart group friends, mark your calendars for **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19** for something special. We will go to the Southern Living Idea House, featuring a classic farmhouse renovation in Senoia, Georgia. We will step back in time and discover just how great southern living can be. Of course, we will have lunch while we are out. We will car-pool from the church at 10:00 AM. Cost is \$15.00, plus lunch. Please make reservations with Ken Campbell at 770-961-2272. Looking forward to having you with us!

## Financial Report

The Session believes that it is in the best interest of our congregation to keep you informed of the current financial status of our church. For the seven months ending in July we have continued to have expenses that exceed our current level of giving.

Year-to-date giving	\$140,641.74
Year-to-date expenses	<u>\$141,039.93</u>
Year-to-date shortfall	-\$ 398.19

Although the current shortfall appears to be very nominal, we are in much more serious financial stress than this indicates. We made a commitment to tithe our giving to benevolent causes as part of our ministry to others. So far this year, we have made no contributions toward this tithing commitment. All of the giving has gone toward meeting the current operational expenses for our facilities and paying staff salaries.

When we consider our benevolence commitment, we are actually \$15,000 behind in our funding of the budget for this year. We ask you to prayerfully consider your pledge commitment from Stewardship Season last fall. As we trust in the promises from our Lord and Savior, we encourage you to be led forth in faith as you consider your giving to the work of God through the Morrow Presbyterian Church congregation.

## Congratulations!



**Congratulations to Bill Hearn, Bruce Campbell, and Tanya Costa** for completing the **10th Annual Peachtree City Sprint Triathlon!** The event was held at Drake's Field in Peachtree City on August 18, 2012. They had to swim 1/3 mile, bike 14 miles, and then run a 5K (3.1 miles). There were over 900 participants. It was the first triathlon for all of them. In Bruce's words, "It was a challenge, but we all survived." They are hoping to do it again next year, and are looking for others to join them.

Bill, Bruce, and Tanya have a 5K Mud Run Obstacle Course coming up on September 15 at 9 a.m. It's 3.1 miles of mud, ropes, tires, pipes, water, and more mud. Bruce is the captain of their team, the "Muddyterians." The course will be in the parking lot of Atlanta Motor Speedway in Hampton. So far they have seven on their team. If anyone is interested in joining them, please contact Bruce.

## Family Night Supper— September 23—Sports Tailgate



**Tailgate Supper—September 23.** Join with our MPC church family for our September Family Night "Tail Gate Supper," Sunday, September 23, in our church parking lot. Bring plenty of food and drink for your family and to share with others. A grill will be provided for those who wish to cook. Remember to wear your favorite team shirts and bring a lawn chair. Let's plan to have a spirit-filled evening of Fun, Food, and Fellowship as we "kick off" a new season at MPC.

## News from Our PW

**2012 Women of the Church Project - Refresh Fellowship Hall Update.** By now you have probably noticed the new Levelor blinds installed in the Fellowship Hall and the Pacers Sunday School classroom installed in late July. Thanks to your donations, along with the funds donated to the PWCT in Darnell Bell's memory, the new custom blinds are providing privacy and light control for slide shows and functions while reducing our utility bills. Your help in maintaining the blinds by treating them with care will be greatly appreciated. New, white tablecloths with skirts have also been purchased for receptions. Your continued collection of your loose change and donations will be used to fund other projects as we continue to refresh our church.



**Annual Presbyterian Women's General Meeting—Sunday, October 14, 12:15 p.m.** All women are invited to attend the Annual Presbyterian Women's General Meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2012, immediately following the worship service. We will vote on the 2013 Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team (PWCT) Officers, approve the 2013 PW Budget, and receive the Thank Offering. 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.

## Thank You Cards & Messages

**From Ken & Janis Campbell ...** It is with sincerest love and gratitude that we say "thank you" to our children, Bruce & Carol Campbell, and our grandchildren, Christopher, Kelsey, and Corey, and to our dear friends, Romy & Mary Ann Moriles and their family, for the wonderful 60th anniversary reception that was held for us on Sunday, August 12. It was a pleasure to join with Manuel & Romea Moriles who also celebrated their 60th anniversary and were also honored at the reception. We wish them much happiness in the coming years. It meant so much to have so many family members and friends to join with us in this wonderful reception. The many, many cards and notes we received have been read and re-read again and again. A special thank you also for the many gifts. Thanks to Libby for the pictures which we will enjoy. They will help us remember this special honor for a long time. God has given us many years together and has blessed us richly during those years. We give Him all the praise and glory!

**From Forrest & Ann Thornton ...** Ann and Forrest Thornton would like to offer a heartfelt "Thank You" to the congregation for your support. They miss coming to worship, and wish to get stronger and attend some time in the future. They love everybody for their prayers and cards, which Ann has kept in a basket next to her chair. They are settling in well at Elmcroft on Mount Zion Boulevard: Forrest loves the breakfasts they offer, and Ann is glad not having to cook. Again, the Thorntons appreciate and love you'all. - *Message passed on to MPC through Pastor John.*

**From Grandma & Grandpa Moriles ...** A big thank you to our children, the Campbells, and our church family for a wonderful and memorable Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We appreciated all of you who came, brought food and gifts, and helped in any way to make it an unforgettable day. Grandpa and I enjoyed the celebration of our wedding with the Campbells very much. May God bless you all. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 136.1