



**MORROW  
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**Kid's Club Kick-Off— Sept 8**



**Kid's Club Kick-Off  
Sunday, September 8  
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 8, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.



**Coming in October...**

**PUMPKIN PATCH TIME!!**



**Sunday, October 6, 2013  
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**



Years ago Tamara and I had a wonderful vacation, in which we camped in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. We didn't take our kids, which meant we had free reign to bike and hike at our leisure.

As we were hiking up a mountain in New Hampshire, the fable of the Tortoise and the Hare became a part of our conversations. The moral is "Slow and steady wins the race," and it made us think about how we needed to pace ourselves as we climbed toward the summit. Because we had much time to talk and think, I started to wonder if old Aesop had gotten the moral all wrong. I do not think it is "Slow and steady wins the race," but "Pride and arrogance will lose the race."

The issue was not the hare ran the race too rapidly. It was his self-importance that made him take a nap before the finish line. You see, the hare prided himself on being able to beat the tortoise. He was fast and agile, and he could easily have won three or four races before the tortoise could complete half of one. When the race started, the hare had a commanding lead. He should have won the race; the tortoise didn't stand a chance. But pride got the better of him. The hare saw his lead, and being full of himself he stopped. Pride and arrogance told him that he had the quickness and agility to do anything, and he ended up doing nothing. He should have been more humble.

Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" (NIV). Sound like the hare? Proverbs 29:23 says, "A [person's] pride brings him or her low, but a [person] of lowly spirit gains honor." The best cure for pride and arrogance is a good dose of humility. It is bred within the person who realizes that all good things come from God and not by his or her hand. Humility reminds a person that his or her talents are not to be used for self-gain but for the service and glory of Jesus Christ. A person who is lowly in spirit places people and God first. If any reward or honor comes, he or she receives it graciously, not striving to gain more attention from others.

There was a song I used to sing as a teenager in my youth group, and it went, "Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord ('Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord' was the echo). Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. And he shall lift you up, higher and higher, and he shall lift you up." The lower we make ourselves, the higher God will raise us. If we take on the attitude of a servant just as Jesus did (cf. Philippians 2:5-11), we will find ourselves doing mighty things for our church, family, and community. The Holy Spirit's power will flow through us and touch people around us, and they will be able to come humbly before God and serve alongside us.

The hare would have fared better, if he wasn't so arrogant about winning races. His life would have been more fulfilling, if he had used his quickness and agility to help the tortoise run errands or clean the house or mow the lawn, all of which would have taken the tortoise hours to do. Neither pride nor arrogance may surface, when one is using one's talents for the good of others. The hare could have used his talents for his fellow creature, and both would have gained from the experience a hundredfold.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests



**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Tom Darga (requested by Dianne Hooten), Beth Newman (Don & Carol McGhee's niece), Bobby Costa (Maria Cruz's brother-in-law), Frank Archer, Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Winkie Brinson, Charlie Brown, Christopher Carlton, Christiana Corley, Stephanie Cruz, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Kristen Floyd, Connie Funk, Ann Goza, Spencer Grant, Bob Hardy, Eddie Hooten, Sherry Johnson, Berniece Lillegard, Greta McCart, Julia McLeod, Audra McMillian, Dahlia Minton, David Moss, Breanna Ordaniel, Keith Rhoden, Luis Saavedra, Stephanie Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Vrinda Stebbins, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Josephine Tinio, Edith Walston, Terry Williams, Fahy and Keith Wright, Jeff & Linda Yarbrough, Anna Zegland. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** SPC Jonathan **Amason**, - National Guard, Anniston, AL; Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Jaime **Brown** - Army - Fort Benning, GA; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Kevin Brown - Army, Afghanistan; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Jeremy **Butler** - Marines; 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt Chris **Chastain**, Army; PFC Daniel **Costa** - Army; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; SPC Joseph **Eason**, Fort Bliss, TX; Kevin **Krebs**, AL; Capt. Adam **Martin**; Brent **Paul** - National Guard; SrA Richard **Venizelos** - Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, Ft. Hood, TX; *A full prayer list is available in the narthex near the library.*

## PW Circle News



**Virginia Dews Circle.** The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on **Monday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.** The circle has finished their current Bible study, so they will be starting a new one.

**Dorcas Circle Update.** With summer behind and the hint of fall in the air, please plan to join us at **10 a.m., Tuesday, September 10** for fellowship, brunch, and Bible Study when we will be completing our study of the *"Dispatches to God's Household - The General Epistles."* Our project will be can openers for the kitchen, or school and other supplies for Rainbow House. Also, mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 8**, when we will begin the study of the book of Ruth led by Suzanne Lukat.

**Morning Glory Circle.** The Morning Glory Circle will meet on **Sunday, September 22, at 9:45 a.m.** They will be studying Chapter 4—Time for Change, in their book, *"Stressed-Less Living."*

## Car Wash—September 14

**Car Wash - September 14, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.** The Clayton State University's Chapter of the National Association for Music Educators (NAME) will be having a car wash at Morrow Presbyterian Church on September 14, from 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Every year the group attends state-wide conferences (such as the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) Conference), sponsor events, and participate in service projects. This year the group is trying to raise funds to not only attend the GMEA Conference, but participate in a Color Run, help fund a school to attend a Spivey Hall Young People's Concert, provide lessons for All-State auditions, sponsor a social event for the CSU campus, and sponsor guest speakers for the CSU student body. If you have a dirty vehicle and would like to support Jessica West and her CSU group, mark your calendar for September 14.

## Thank You Notes

**From The Fellowship and Congregational Care Team ...** A big thank you to Don and Brenda Garner for arranging for the great seats and parking passes at a discount price for the Braves game against the Washington Nationals. Even though the Braves lost, we got a great bargain as we almost saw two games for the price of one. (Braves lost in the fifteenth inning).

**The Discipleship Ministry Team** would like to welcome Stephanie Lozel as our new church Librarian! Stephanie has a lot of experience, having recently retired as Media Specialist at Oakland Elementary School. The team would also like to thank Mary Ann Warlick for the wonderful job she has done keeping our library organized and running. Thank you, Mary Ann and Stephanie!

## New Member's Class

**New Members' Class — The Discovery Seminar** will take place on **Saturday, September 7, 2013, from 9 a.m. – 12 noon** All who would like to become members of Morrow Presbyterian Church and those who are already members who would like to "brush up on the basics" are invited to attend. This class will be led by Pastor John. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

## Pull Tabs



**Pull Tabs.** If your child's school is collecting pull tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House, please contact Libby McNair or the church office. The Presbyterian Women are looking for a new avenue in which to donate the tabs that the church congregation collects.

## 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 8** - Discipleship Ministry Team

**September 15**- Elementary I, Elementary II, and Middle School Classes

**September 22** - McNair/Seekers Class, Arnold/Bates Class, Pacers Class

**September 29** - 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.



## Financial Update



In the August newsletter we updated you on the financial position of our church. The response of each member of the congregation shows just how generously our Lord takes care of His church. The grace and mercy of God is clearly illustrated by your response.

Date	Offering	Percent of Budget Donated to Date
8/ 4/2013	\$16,901.05	105%
8/11/2013	\$ 4,656.25	104%
8/18/2013	\$ 2,555.61	103%

On average we find that the weekly offering needs to be approximately \$5,290 in order for us to meet the normal expenses and payroll budgeted for this current year. We pray that you will continue to keep the work and worship of our congregation as a part of your Christian commitment.

## Volunteer Opportunities

**MPC Sign.** The Facilities Maintenance Ministry Team is looking for a volunteer to change the letters of our church sign on a regular basis as needed. Free training! Wording provided! If you are willing to give this a shot, please contact Dianne at the church office (770-961-5444).

**VBS Director(s).** If you would like to use your creative and/or organizational gifts that God has given you in a way that will impact the lives of many children, youth, and adults, this is the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. The theme will be *Workshop of Wonders* (unless you have your own wonderful idea). Detailed ideas and instructions are given to you. You just pull it all together. This position comes with a plethora of willing volunteers just waiting to be asked to help. If you feel God's nudging in that direction, please see Maria Cruz.

If you are thinking *SOMEONE* needs to go ahead and volunteer for these positions, maybe you are that *SOMEONE*.

## Recognition of Sharon Goza— Sept. 15



**Reception.** Sharon Goza has faithfully served Morrow Presbyterian Church for the past 30 years. We will be recognizing her during our worship service on Sunday, September 15 and with a reception following the service. Please plan to attend to show Sharon how much we appreciate her sharing of her gifts.

## Stop Hunger Now

**Stop Hunger Now Update.** The meals from the Stop Hunger Now Community packaging event have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from the Atlanta warehouse. The meals will be received by Kidz Konnect 4 Jesus in Belize. Kids Konnect 4 Jesus implements children and student ministry into schools and churches, establishes free feeding and food distribution programs, organizes and provides quarterly medical treatment with free medicine and vitamins, provides leadership development and training programs and also assists with a variety of basic physical needs. Thank you to all who participated in the Stop Hunger Now packing event.

## Young at Heart

The Young at Heart will carpool from the church at **8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 27** for "Go Fish," the Georgia Fishing Exhibit at Perry, GA. Cost will be \$10, plus lunch. Reserve with Ken.