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Big News

From

Littleton United Methodist Church



Pastor Rob Licht

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The theme of Annual Conference 2008 was "Witnessing in the light of God" and it was a time in which both clergy and lay delegates reflected on the making of disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. On Wednesday, we were excited to receive Bishop Gwinn's "State of the Church" address in which we were challenged to "never lose sight of why we exist". Bishop Gwinn reminded us that "our call is to serve as Christ's representatives in the world." On Wednesday evening, we celebrated one of the annual highlights of the conference, the service of commissioning and ordination. Bishop Gwinn ordained one deacon and six elders to full-time set-apart ministry. In addition, he commissioned one probationary deacon and seventeen probationary elders. Throughout Wednesday, numerous other actions were taken including the reception of an offering of almost \$29,000.00 for the repair of the dam at Lake Junaluska, an agreement was reached on restructuring the internal workings of the conference and we celebrated the election of our own Dr. Belton Joyner to the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church, our denomination's supreme court.

On Thursday, the clergy and lay delegates voted to approve the sale of the United Methodist Building in Raleigh and the relocation of our Conference offices to Garner, NC. Numerous ministry awards were accorded and the conference watched a video of a round-table discussion from the "Unity Dialogue on Human Sexuality." We also celebrated our selection of Dr. Paul Leeland, presently serving as Assistant to the Bishop, as our conference candidate



Pictured above: Annual Conference 2008 LOGO

for the episcopacy.

On Friday, we received reports from a variety of Conference agencies and celebrated a Memorial Service for those clergy and clergy spouses who have gone to their rest during the course of this past year. During the afternoon session, we celebrated the retirement of a total of eighteen clergypersons and thanked them for their many years of service.

Throughout the course of the conference, a number of resolutions were adopted. North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church has resolved itself to be in intentional ministry to and with people with mental health issues and to help remove the stigma that is sometimes associated when someone needs professional mental health services.

We also resolved to honor the memory of all hate crime victims across the world and to support the adoption of anti-discrimination and anti-bullying policies in all educational institutions. We reaffirmed that homosexual persons, no less than heterosexual person are individuals of sacred worth and recognized that discrimination, in any form and for any reason, is incompatible with Christian teaching.

Our Conference along with other conferences of the Church adopted a resolution on Immigration Reform calling upon all United Methodist Christian to appreciate and affirm the dignity and work of immigrant peoples and to understand these peoples to be citizens of the world and children of God. We assert that immigrant peoples and their children have a right to education, medical, legal, and social services and assistance, a voice in the decisions that affect their lives, and full access to the justice of our society. We call for immigration reform that reunites families, ensures the civil and labor rights of immigrants, increases options to legal permanent residency and citizenship for

undocumented families, workers and communities, allowing immigrants who want to live and work an opportunity to contribute to our society and provide for their families.

We called for an immediate stop to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids that terrorize our communities and a critical examination of ICE's detention and removal plans, including "End Game" and ICE's current raids action called "Operation Return to Sender" to deport 12 million undocumented immigrants, including families, children and workers. We shall not be silent in the face of unjust treatment of immigrant peoples nor participate in any activities that demean, oppress, persecute, or criminalize immigrant peoples and their children and families that live in the United States. We shall support ordained clergy, probationary members, licensed local pastors, faith workers, laity, immigrant advocates, and community allies who work with immigrant people. We shall support local churches and their appointed clergy that God calls to provide sanctuary to undocumented immigrants and their families. The conference also called upon all state officials in North Carolina who could be enlisted to support the federal government in immigration raids to refuse to do so. A resolution on intolerance and racism on North Carolina radio was also adopted in which the conference is asking the Federal Communications Commission to investigate Clear Channel Communications Corporation's operations in North Carolina and has called for the dismissal of radio personality, Bob Dumas. My prayer is that you have found this brief and by no means comprehensive report on Annual Conference both informative and helpful.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Rob Licht

Newsletter Has a New Look

Sherry Watson - Newsletter Editor

The last four years I was able to produce and print the newsletter, through my company, as a donation. Now with the cost of laser toner increasing and my work schedule overloaded, I have asked the Administrative Council to take on the printing and finishing of the newsletter. For now I will continue to donate my time for the layout of the newsletter.

Sue Merchant does a fabulous job producing the Schedule Page, calendars and the website for you. She will continue to do that and she and Sherm will help the church with the printing and finishing process.

Because color printing is costly, the newsletter will be printed in black & white. Special issues will be considered for color. Everyone with an email address will not receive a mailed copy of the newsletter. You will receive an email directing you to the LUMC website where you can read and/or print the newsletter and it will be in color on the website.

Email from Pastor David

During my recent trip to El Salvador I arranged to meet and photograph the girl that the Littleton UMC UMW sponsors at the Methodist High School there. Her name is Silvia. She is in her third (and final) year of high school. Her mother lives and works in the city of San Salvador about 1-1/2 hours away. Her father is a drug addict. Therefore she lives alone and goes to school. I think she may do a little work also, but opportunities are limited. Your financial support is making it possible for this young woman to get an education. She hopes to go to the university after high school and study business. I'm attaching several

pictures including one of Binky, our friend Estefany and I in front of Pizza Hut!

Pictured Left: Pastor David & Silvia.

Pictured Right: Binky Haley, Estefany and Pastor David



Out Reach Committee

Helen Burtchell, Chairperson

The Outreach Committee gave the teachers at Mclver School a "Thank You" breakfast. We have done this for about four years now, and the teachers really like this. We talk and laugh with them, and tell them how much they mean to this community and the children, it is a good way to bond our church and the school. That is "Faith in Action."

We do need help for food delivery and the nursing home birthday party. If you can help by filling in this summer please call me. We would not want to disappoint these people who are in need. My phone number is 586-4682.



Pictured above front row L-R: Helen Burtchell, Pat Ziesmann, Darla Angel, Laine Parks, Sue Merchant, Loretta Woodburn, Susannah Sherman. Pictured in rows 2-4 are the Mclver teachers.



Pictured above: Silvia with her classmates.



5th Sunday BRUNCH



Liz Solovieff

June 29th is our next "5th Sunday Brunch." Don't forget this special opportunity to share in extended fellowship with old and new friends. Bring your family, invite your neighbors, call your friends—you'll want everyone to join in on our extra special, after worship brunch held in the chapel.

Future 5th Sunday Brunches: August 31st and November 30th.



Serve the Lord as a Lay Reader on Sunday mornings during our 10:00a.m. Worship Service. Let Pastor Rob know that he can count on you to attend the training class scheduled for August 24th at 11:15a.m.

Shepherding Committee

Informational meeting for Shepherds August 10th at 11:15a.m. (directly after the Worship Service).

Publicity Committee

Sherm Merchant, Chairman

Please contact me whenever you have an upcoming event and I will get the word out to the media. Email your information to: shermanmerchant@gmail.com allowing three weeks to ensure publication.



Age-Level & Family Ministries

Sherm Merchant

We are still operating without a chairperson. At present I am continuing the family movie night all summer, the first Friday of each month, even though it may be sparsely attended. Remember this program is for our church members as well as the community. Whenever you see the signs up please tell your friends. The popcorn is good too!



From the Financial Secretary

Marie Fields
Financial Secretary

By the time you read this, you will probably have received a statement from the financial secretary reporting on how much you pledged versus what your contributions have been to your church for the 2008 financial year (or it will be arriving soon). Please look over this and, if you have questions, contact me at 252-586-4757 or by e-mail at marie@schoollink.net. Sometimes we mean to do something, get busy, then don't, or, if you are like me sometimes, can't remember exactly what we DID do. This statement will serve as a reminder for you concerning what you actually have done through June, 2008 concerning your church finances. Remember, the church's bills will come in regularly and it helps your treasurer if your pledges do the same.

I hope you are having a great summer so far—we are our usual busy selves—often away on the weekends and missing our church family. We are with wonderful people at the tournaments, however, and, at most of the tournaments, Lewis helps conduct the informal, beside-the-lake church services by playing guitar. Love to you all, Marie

President's Report

Ed Angel

We have many activities going on in the next several months. Please pay attention to the church calendar, and individual reports in our newsletters, for activities that may interest you.

A synopsis of some of the upcoming events are: a trip to the MERCI Center on June 17; Two hours before the Littleton 4th of July parade a pancake breakfast is planned; on July 30 Richard Sherman and Lisa Hardy's son Josh will travel to El Salvador to construct homes for the Methodist needy; the UMW scheduled a mission study on Aug 16; a blood drive is planned for Aug 26; Stop Hunger Now event scheduled for Sept. 20; Littleton Fall Festival in October; Thanksgiving dinner for our community on Nov. 20.

The Trustees activities include finalizing the design for a church sign, to be located on the corner of our new parking lot. Replacing the old wood chairs in the chapel with more comfortable, stackable and more attractive chairs. Additional hymnal racks will be added to the pews; approximately 30 additional hymnals are on order. And of course, continued upkeep of our church, fellowship hall and parsonage.

We are truly a God serving church. God Bless you and all our friends of Littleton United Methodist Church.

Ed Angel
President, LUMC Administrative Council



Book Review - From the UMW Library

UMW Library News

Shirley Anschutz

New in the UMW library: **"Leap of Faith: Memoirs of an Unexpected Life" by Queen Noor.** In her book, American-born Queen Noor tells the remarkable story of her life as the wife of the late King Hussein of Jordan. As she relates her story, Queen Noor paints a detailed picture of Middle East culture and history. She speaks out on issues of world peace and tolerance, as she urges Muslims, Christians and Jews to come together in harmony.

The UMW Library has relocated to the Conference Room. The books are there for

everyone to enjoy, we encourage you to check out a book soon!



During the relocation of the UMW Library some of the older books belonging to the UMW were apparently misplaced. Although the books were older, they were still in good shape and the UMW wanted to find a new home for them. We talked about donating them to the local library, or to the Spanish church (Stan Hope UMC), or offering them to our members. We have looked everywhere for the books—if you know what happened to them please let Shirley Anschutz know.

Church Library News

Loretta Woodburn
Librarian



Reading is FUN for Everyone!

Betsy Howell has made a recent donation to the church library. "The Secret to Happiness" by Billy Graham. Check out our extensive, great selection of books in the library located in the Conference Room.

Today

A poem submitted by Margie Drescher The author is unknown to us at the time of this publication. Margie said, "This poem has been on my refrigerator for many years now, since my Mom was struggling with Lou Gerrhig's Disease." Margie finds comfort in these words found in the poem titled "Today".

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, it aches, and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet UNBORN.

That leaves only one day -- TODAY.

ANYONE CAN FIGHT THE BATTLE OF JUST ONE DAY.

It is only when we add the burden of those two awful eternities; yesterday and tomorrow, that contentment will escape us.

On The Road Again

Richard Sherman
Missions Committee Chairman

Once again the Methodist/Baptist Mission Road Crew of East-Central NC is on our way to El Salvador. There are 28 people ages 16 to 70 from nine different churches to be led by crew chief Rev David Haley. The July 30th through August 7th dates allow for five days of work and a weekend to visit churches, do some sight seeing and a little shopping. LUMC members of the crew are Josh Dillard and Richard Sherman. Other Littleton area travelers are Bonnie Currin, Allison & Abby Daniels and Clyde Johnson. This is the first mission trip to El Salvador for Josh. The others are on either their 4th or 5th trips. We will partner with the Methodist Church of El Salvador and be working in western El Salvador near the city of Ahuachapan.

This will be another multi-purpose mission. We plan to build three homes, finish work on a new Methodist Church Medical Clinic, transport medical supplies, help at VBS and a start up project of food distribution. A little something for every interest, skill or sweat level.

The price of staple food items like rice, beans, corn and cooking oil has risen dramatically recently, an obvious consequence of making gasoline and diesel fuel additives out of food. Some of the funds that would have been used to build a house will be diverted to buy bulk items for the church to distribute. For people who earn less than \$2 a day (when they can find work) and spending 2/3 of that on food, doubling the price of their basic food items spells hunger. If anyone would like to pass up their next bag of Oreos and give me the money instead, I'll put it to better use.

This year's house building will partner with the Methodist Church instead of Habitat for Humanity. Habitat in El Salvador builds about a \$4500 house for people who can afford a 10 year no interest mortgage. An obvious need across all of Central America. The Methodist Church house will meet the same need of a decent home but is targeted at the lowest economic part of the population. The house is 20 feet by 20 feet cement block construction with earthquake, hurricane and termite protection. It will have one room, no electricity, no bathroom and a sort of

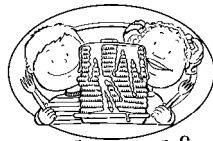
stucco floor. The cost is about \$3300. It will be a gift to the new owner.

One of the Methodist churches in Ahuachapan has recently built a new church building for a growing congregation - good news! Their old church, in a poor section of town, is being converted/renovated to a medical clinic - also good news! Some of us will get to work on it to speed up the opening and we will be bringing some medical supplies to help stock its opening - even better good news!

Some team members will work in the El Salvadorian version of VBS held in the Methodist Church's High School (ask the UMW about the HS - they support a student there). Playing with the kids is more appealing than playing with cement blocks to some people. Of course they miss out on playing soccer in the street at the house building site with the neighborhood kids. Hey, we don't work every minute! I love this job.

Missions Committee Calendar

The following events/ trips are being planned by the LUMC Mission Committee. Don't sit at home - jump in and make someone's life a little better.



Pancake Breakfast

Jul 5th - - - - -
Pancake Breakfast.
It will be from
8:00a.m. - 9:30a.m.
at our fellowship hall
on Saturday July 5th,
before the Littleton
parade. The parade starts at 10a.m. The cost will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under. We will be serving pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Please contact Richard Sherman if you would like to volunteer at the event and/or donate supplies. All proceeds will be used for missions projects.

- Jul 30 - Aug 7th - Mission trip to El Salvador
- Aug 19th - - - - - Merci Center work day
- Sep 20th - - - - - Stop Hunger Now II at Fellowship Hall
- Nov 4th - - - - - VOTE!
- Nov 27th - - - - - Community Thanksgiving Dinner II at the Fellowship Hall

Membership Committee

Marj Prescott,
Chairman

There's good news in the air! By the time you receive this newsletter, we believe the new pictorial church director will be available to you. We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to Susan Merchant for taking the individual photos and for creating a picture collection of the life of our church.



Address Updates:

Hal & Dianne Goff - Email address changed to diannegoff@earthlink.net and their postal address should be - PO Box 271 instead of 390 Harbor Dr, as they do not have rural delivery.

Don & Connie Henry - Email address is condonhenry@3rddoor.com.

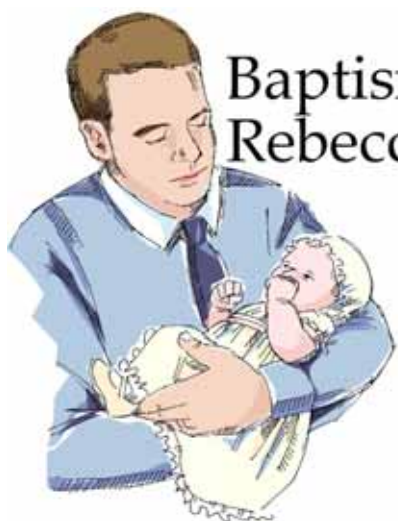
Trustee Report

Shirley Anschutz, Trustee Chairman

The following items were discussed and approved at the June 9, 2008 Trustee's meeting:

1. The purchase of 50 new chairs for the Chapel, thereby replacing the present wooden chairs.
2. Lighting fixtures are to be installed on the outside of the north wall of Fellowship Hall to illuminate the parking lot and walkways. This will provide better conditions for the safety and security of these areas.
3. We are awaiting the receipt of the quotation from Lynch's Signs & Graphics for the parking lot sign.
4. We discussed the new replacement church sign on US-158 at the eastern entrance to Littleton.
5. We also discussed the strip of land between the parking lot and the walkway along the north side of the Fellowship Hall to provide a better appearance. We noted additional crush and run stone has been spread on the parking lot.
6. We briefly discussed several other projects, however these are still in the planning stage.

Our meetings are open and we welcome members of our church. The next Trustee's meeting is tentatively planned for 11:15a.m., July 7, 2008 at Casa Mia's Restaurant.



Baptism of Rebecca Lynn Moore


Daughter of Tiffany & Robert Moore & Granddaughter of Maj Johnston

April 27th, 2008



Pictured Above: Rebecca's family, friends, and LUMC church members witness her baptism. Pictured Left: Pastor Rob is holding Rebecca after the service. He is all smiles but tired little Rebecca seems to be saying "Enough already!" Below: Everyone gathers in the Chapel for a reception in Rebecca's honor.



 Littleton United Methodist Church
Littleton, NC

Operation (\$) Catch-up"

The Finance Committee of LUMC
Wants You to Take on the Mission of
"Operation (\$) Catch-up"

We will be receiving our tax rebates shortly and before you rush out to help stimulate the local economy – please think about donating 10% of your gift to our Church to assist us to "catch-up" on our operating budget. If you decide to accept this mission, you will be blessed many times over for your act of stewardship to your Church.

Thank You
LUMC Finance Committee

UMW 

MISSION & MUSIC STUDY

August 16th from 10:00a.m. - 2:00p.m.

Pat Ziesmann & Helen Burtchell Leading

- You Don't Have to be a UMW Member to Come Other Community Churches are Invited
- Not Just for Women - Men Please Join Us
- Lunch Provided!

Learn about hymns and how and why they were written. Learn about the people that wrote them.

We will sing some of the wonderful hymns.

The preparation for our studies take a long time, so your support and attendance is important.



If you are new to our church, please give me your name and DOB (month and day only), and your anniversary date if you are married. (Sherry) Email: watsonventures@earthlink.net or call 586-7733.

July Birthdays	Date
Beth Story	1
Terry Newsom	2
Artie Wright	9
Sherm Merchant	10
Elizabeth Daniels	14
Shorty Bridges	15
Dana Keane	17
Helen Burtchell	26
Alvin Neville	29
Marj Prescott	29
Tommy Story	31

Aug Birthdays	Date
Trudi May	6
Amy Keeter	7
Glenn Keeter	8
Al Prescott	10
Sherry Watson	11
Michella Batts	24
Bob Workman	26
Rebecca Batts	28



July Anniversaries	Date
Blaine & Elaine Parks	4
Helen & Alan Burtchell	12
Macon & Duane White	26

August Anniversaries	Date
Susan & Jimmy Watson	18
Ann & Bobby Smith	21
Carol & Tim Townsend	22



Above: Pat Ziesmann leads the UMW in a "Celebration of Women" meeting. The ladies (and Pastor Rob—who is a UMW Executive Member) discussed women in the Bible who were admired, we looked at how they worked, raised their families, lived their daily lives, and how they compared to our own lives. We talked about women that have influenced us, those we honor.

Keeping with the "Celebration of Women" theme, everyone brought a picture of themselves as a young child. We had to guess who was who—Susan Merchant won the prize for getting the most correct answers.



Above: Sherry tells the group about the picture that has special meaning to her.

Each lady was asked to bring something that has special meaning to them. Sherry Watson brought a picture her grandmother drew on an old shoebox top when Sherry was 5 yrs. old.

The story is: Her "Granny Frye" had a bird named Nickie, and one day while babysitting Sherry, Nickie flew and perched upon a red rose stem that was sitting in a vase on the dining room table. Granny put Sherry up on the table where she watched Granny sketch the bird onto the old shoebox top. "There wasn't any money for fancy drawing paper."

Years later, while cleaning out her father's attic, Sherry found the picture. Later she wrote a poem about the picture that ended with these words: "Hanging on my wall today, is a memory—something no one can take away, and every time I look at it I see, my Granny Frye giving love to me."



Smile for the Camera



Above: AJ Lunde modeled her beautiful handmade hat at the Beckham-Ransom Circle meeting.



Above: Mother's Day at church - After communion Ed Angel, Admin. Council President, gave each lady a pink carnation.

Hey—Who is that lady KISSING Ed?????

Snapshots

Thank You Note Received via Email

From: Rick Kearney - Stop Hunger Now

Greetings,

We loaded a shipment on June 11 bound for the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The meals packaged by your group were included in this shipment. The meals will be distributed as part of the ministry of Food for the Hungry. Some highlights of FH's work is included below. Thank you for your groups commitment to fight hunger in the world. Together we will make a difference...we already have!

FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY'S CAPACITY

Food for the Hungry (FH) operates programs in more than 25 countries around the world. FH currently implements USAID Title II-funded food security development and relief programs in six countries—Democratic Republic of Congo, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda and Mozambique. It also carries out other USAID-funded food security relief and rehabilitative programs in a number of countries, including the DRC. FH maintains and expands its expertise in food security programming via a headquarters food security technical team that is responsible for developing cutting edge food security methodologies, training field staff, and backstopping programs. FH has previously demonstrated its ability to substantially decrease malnutrition and mortality in preschool children. For example, during the period 1998 to 2001, FH/Mozambique decreased malnutrition by 40% (from 50.4% to 30.3%, $p < 0.05$) with concomitant, dramatic changes in mothers' nutritional and other health practices in its Title II health program. A mortality study conducted with the support of JHU (2004) found that the U5MR dropped by 62% (107/1000 to 41/1000), from 1999 and 2003 in areas where FH's health program was active. The IMR decreased from 66 to 38 per 1,000 (by 42%).

FH has been implementing food security based emergency relief and rehabilitation programs in the Eastern DRC since 1994. These programs have included support to unaccompanied children, provision of seeds, tools and fishing nets, rehabilitation of agricultural infrastructure, training of farmers and Ministry of Agriculture staff in improved agricultural practices and seed multiplication, improvements to key infrastructure to facilitate agricultural production in swamps, the provision of inputs and access to markets. These projects have assisted more than 3,000,000 people.

FH-DRC staff includes professional logistics and commodity managers, program management, emergency and rehabilitation

program managers and field staff across the proposed program area. FH field offices and infrastructure cover the program area of Northern Katanga and are complemented by the national FH headquarter office in Bukavu.

As a recipient of multiple USAID grants, including commodities, FH-DRC has extensive experience in receiving commodities, clearing them through customs, warehousing and distribution.

FH-CONGO RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

In May 2008, we received approval of a USAID Multi-year assistance grant for \$11.5 million over 3 years for Democratic Republic of the Congo! These US-Government funds provide a tremendous resource for providing physical help to extremely vulnerable people in rural areas of Eastern DRC. They also help to establish solid infrastructure and increase staff expertise in accounting, reporting, and program planning and implementation. However, these government monies are tightly allocated and cannot be used for any "spiritual" aspect of our work. For this reason, private grants and commodities, like the shipment from Stop Hunger Now, are a critical resource to help FH-DRC fulfill its calling to meet physical and spiritual hungers in the name of Christ.

THE NEEDS AND RESPONSE IN BUKAVU

While FH-DRC is headquartered in Bukavu, our USAID-funded programs all take place in highly vulnerable rural areas. In 2008 we are launching a new project in Bukavu focused on decreasing malnutrition in children under 5 years old. This project is being started with seed money from a private grant of \$40,000 and support from several U.S. churches. Below is a narrative of the need from the field staff in Bukavu:

From Katie Kotopoulos: ...I was able to visit the feeding center in Buhozi a couple times to distribute clothes! A family from Oregon gave a generous donation to the children at the feeding center. Since these kids wear dirty, holey, old clothes it was wonderful to see them receive almost new, clean clothes! It brought smiles to all the children and their parents.

Kostas (FH-DRC Country Director) and I returned to Buhozi last weekend...I learned that one of the mothers, Regine, had just delivered twins 3 weeks ago. This was a surprise as she already has a set of 2 year old twins and a 3 year old! On my way to visit her I learned that after the birth of the twin girls her husband abandoned her and their 5 children for another woman. He even took the roof off their small mud house. Regine and the 5 children have been sleeping on the dirt floor. They have very little possessions, including some thin blankets, a mosquito net, clothes I

gave her children at the distribution in December and some old pots for cooking. My heart sank at the sight of this. As I talked with her, through a translator, I witnessed her nursing one baby after the next. At that point I knew she probably wasn't eating much food and who knows if her baby girls were getting enough milk.

I went back to Buhozi yesterday to deliver some food and items to Regine. She had not eaten the day before and believes she has no breast milk to give her babies. Kostas and I know that about **45,000 people die every month in this country and 50% of them are children under the age of 5. I'm praying that Regine's children don't become one of these statistics.**

"Kostas and I are in the brainstorming phase of starting a Food for the Hungry project that would focus on vulnerable families in the Buhozi village. This would entail finding another church partnership, hiring a full time person to help me interview and work with the families of young children/babies and help develop a more sustainable community. We want to continue the work of bringing children under age 5 above the risk zone of malnutrition and starvation."

From Kostas Kotopoulos: [The program is] basically targeting vulnerable households with children under five who are at risk. We want to support the mothers so they can take care of the children until they are pushed out of the risk zone. FH Congo works in several remote sites but we do not do much in the city of Bukavu. Due to many displaced people running for safety in the city, abject poverty is rampant. My wife, Katie, and I have raised some money from our church to support a feeding center which provides meals for about 100 malnourished children...this could be the precursor to something FH does in the city. We will target vulnerable households in the city -- households where children are at risk due to the living conditions, especially under five year olds. A recent report from the IRC states that half of the 5.4 million deaths in the eastern DRC are children under five.

With this project in operation, vulnerable households will be identified and then supported through various interventions such as small house repairs, health check-ups for nursing mothers and babies, therapeutic milk, supplementary food and other supplies as needed. This will save lives and sustain these children until they are moved out of the risk zone. Another part of the solution would be to provide the family with some livestock which can reproduce and provide some protein and income. The exact activities will be determined by the needs assessment we are doing now.

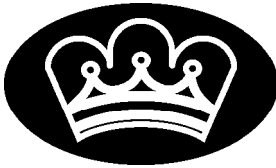
Guidance from Wesley

John Wesley (1703-1791) offered the following "Rules of Conduct" for Christians:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

Bible Quiz 1

Which king wrote a psalm begging God to cleanse him thoroughly after he committed adultery? Choose the correct name below.



- A. Saul
- B. David
- C. Solomon
- D. Uriah

Answer: B (See Psalm 51.)



Bible Quiz 2

Both the Old and New Testaments speak of God's people as seeking and achieving freedom. The freedom we Americans have to worship without government restriction has deep roots in our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Which Bible verse about freedom is inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia?

- A. "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV).
- B. "And ye ... had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor" (Jeremiah 34:15, KJV).
- C. "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" (Galatians 5:1, KJV).

D. "As free, and not using your liberty for a cloak of maliciousness, but as the servants of God" (1 Peter 2:16, KJV).

Answer: A

What Attracts People to the Church?

Why do people select a particular church? A convenient location? Yes. A good speaker in the pulpit? Yes. Inspiring music? Yes. An attractive building? Yes.

But a more essential element in attracting visitors, newcomers and prospective members is friendliness – both in the pew and throughout the community. Where there is a warm, dynamic congregation with an enthusiasm that's contagious, visitors will usually be found, and will return.

A church can buy many advantages with money, such as nice buildings, trained leadership, effective advertising and an abundance of supplies for spiritual and social use. But old-fashioned friendliness, of which the world is sorely in need, can't be purchased with money. It comes only from the hearts of dedicated people who love God and enjoy helping others feel at home in their church.

Enjoy your freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death. That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!

Outdoor Fun

God's Creation SCAVENGER HUNT

You can easily spot God's beautiful creation not just in majestic mountains and vast oceans but also in the smallest bits of nature. Try this fun activity at a park, in your backyard or on a hike.

What you need:

- Paper
- Pencils, pens or crayons
- Plastic cups or bowls



What you do:

1. Write out the same list of items for each player. One person can do this ahead of time, or the group can determine what to hunt for. Items must be small enough to fit in the container provided. Suggestions include: flower, grain of sand or dirt, seed, blade of grass, feather, small stick, pebble, insect (preferably alive), leaf, thorn, berry and so on.
2. Give a list and a cup (or bowl) to each player.
3. Designate a place to search for items, as well as a time limit (for example, look in the backyard for 15 minutes).
4. During the scavenger hunt, enjoy seeing the beauty of God's creation in the tiniest things. Players should cross off items when found.
5. When time is up, compare items. Point out similarities and differences. Discuss why these items are so amazing. Share Bible verses or stories about some items (for example, Isaiah 40:8 talks about grass and flowers, 1 Corinthians 10:4 talks about Jesus' being our rock, etc.).



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 8:45 am Early / Casual Service 10 am Worship Holy Communion	7 <i>It's Time for VBS!</i> 11:15 Trustees meeting	1 8 ← Vacation Bible School 9am - noon →	2 9 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3 10 Pastor Rob is away	4 11 1 pm Movie Food Delivery Warren Hills Birthday Party	5 12 8am - 9:30 Pancake 10:00 am Parade
13 8:45 am Early / Casual Service 10 am Worship	14 7 pm Admin Council	15 22 Pastor Rob is away	16 23 1:30 pm Blanket Bee	17 24 Pastor Rob is away	18 25 Warren Hills Birthday Party	19 26 Pastor Rob is away
20 8:45 am Early / Casual Service 10 am Worship	21 28 10 am Shepherd committee mtg.	29 30 10 am Shepherd committee mtg.	31 31 PRAY for our MISSION TEAM	31 31 El Salvador Mission Trip through August 6 →	31 31 PRAY for our MISSION TEAM	31 31 El Salvador Mission Trip through August 6 →



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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:45 am Early / Casual Service 10 am Worship	Pray for Our Military					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:45 am Early / Casual Service 10 am Worship 11:15 am Lay Reader meeting		BLOOD DAVE	1:30 Blanket Bee			BRING A FRIEND THIS SUNDAY
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8:45 am Early / Casual Service 10 am Worship 11:15 am 5th Sunday Brunch						

Nursery Volunteers	
* If you are unable to work on assigned day, please switch with someone on the list	
July 6	Ed Angel, Julie Johnston
July 13	Martha Hayes, Jean Houston
July 20	Lisa Hardy, Corinne Replogle
July 27	Loretta Woodburn, Maj Johnston
Aug 3	Susannah Sherman, Della Batts
Aug 10	Laine Parks, Susan Merchant
Aug 17	Mike Herman, Ed Angel
Aug 24	Julie Johnston, Jean Houston
Aug 31	Martha Hayes, Maj Johnston

**For All Ages -
No Sunday School Classes
May 25 thru Aug 31**

	Lay Reader	Scripture
July 6	Darla Angel	Genesis 24:33-38,42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a
July 13	Susannah Sherman	Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11
July 20	Matt Johnston	Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12,23-24; Romans 8:12-25
July 27	Corinne Replogle	Genesis 29:15-18; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Romans 8:26-39
Aug 3	Mike Herman	Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,15; Romans 9:1-5
Aug 10	A.J. Lunde	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b; Romans 10:5-15
Aug 17	Liz Solovieff	Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a,29-32
Aug 24	Bob Workman	Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8
Aug 31	Lois Weaver	Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,23-26,45c; Romans 12:9-21

**July Ushers - Lee Reinhardt - Sherman Merchant - Matt Johnston
August Ushers - Al Prescott - Bob Workman - Ed Angel**
(See Weekly Bulletin For Additional Ushers)




Note/Don't forget: Ushers will make a head count/attendance and give the number to Pastor Rob. After church they will stand at the narthex doors and speak to the congregation as they leave. Ushers should straighten the pews and replace hymnals. If you are unable to usher please call someone to take your place.

Altar Flowers	
July 6	Communion
July 13	Helen Burtchell
July 20	Need someone
July 27	Need someone
Aug 3	Communion
Aug 10	Maj & Julie Johnston
Aug 17	Need someone
Aug 24	Need someone
Aug 31	Need someone

	Greeters • West Narthex (Main door)	Greeters • East Narthex
July 6	Anna Brown	Martha Hayes
July 13	Jean Houston	Margie Drescher
July 20	Kay Newsom	Betsy Howell
July 27	Murlean Boswell	Marj Prescott
Aug 3	Erma Martin	Peg Fowler
Aug 10	Barbara Reinhardt	Gabrielle Pamer
Aug 17	Lisa Hardy	Corinne Replogle
Aug 24	Connie Henry	Marie Fields
Aug 31	Maj Johnston	Frances Howell

Note/Don't forget: After the service greeters should stand at the narthex doors and tell everyone goodbye. If you are unable to greet, please call someone to take your place.



The following will prepare Communion for the next three months. If you cannot be here on your assigned Sunday you may trade with someone else, but please notify the Pastor.

July 6	Lewis & Marie Fields
Aug 3	Greg & Elizabeth Solovieff
Sept 7	Ed & Darla Angel



Next Newsletter deadline is Aug 15th. This will be our Sept/Oct. issue.





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Don't miss the back page!
**COMMUNITY VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**
July 7-11, 2008
9:00 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.

Our 2008 Community VBS Theme is *"God's Big Backyard: Where kids have a blast serving Jesus!"* Each new day invites our children to learn about Christ, and how to grow serving Christ as we serve friends, family, neighbors, community and Jesus. This year we will learn Biblical examples and then practically apply this as we seek to serve others in the name of Jesus while growing in grace and knowledge of Him.

Clip Registration & return to Littleton Baptist Church, PO. Box 216, NC 27850 and/or littletonbaptist@embarqmail.com
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