

**GENESIS NEWSLETTER**  
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## A New Year Message From Pastor Kip

### Greetings and Happy New Year!

Think back to this time of the year, a few years ago, to 1999. Remember that? Remember what the big deal was then? It was “Y2K”. There was the fear that any and all computers would not be able to distinguish the correct year when December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1999 suddenly became January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000. The concern was that the computers might think the new year was really 1900 instead of 2000.

If the computers had failed as many believed they would, our world as we knew it then, would have come to a sudden stop. All the luxuries that we experienced in 1999 through the wonders of computer technology would have ceased. So if you think of all the different aspects of our lives which were computer driven, it would have been a mess, to say the least.

Fortunately the change in year did not bring the catastrophic disaster which was feared. In fact to most folks, very little if anything seemed to be effected. Life just went on as usual. We welcomed a new year, a year that many people had a hard time accepting – the year “2000”. Our rolling over from the 1900’s into the year 2000 seemed

huge. It was a milestone event. Some older folks never thought they would see such a historic event as this. And now here we are a mere twelve years later, looking into the reality of another new year coming; 2013.

Check out the following scripture from Isaiah: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Isaiah 43:18-19.

As we prepare to enter into this new year there are new concerns on many people’s hearts. There are the unknowns of the job market, the housing market, the economy, the impact of the new health care, the apparent inability of our two political parties working together and the list could go on and on and on. Some folks say that we were lucky with Y2K and that we will not be so lucky with the arrival of 2013. In the scripture above from Isaiah it appears that God, speaking through Isaiah is attempting to assure the people of His wondrous care for their lives. He urges them to let go of yesterday and to begin to work on perceiving the newness of tomorrow. His words say that He is doing a new thing.

What new thing would we ask God to do for us, our church, our country, and our world? My guess

is that we are certainly free to express our deepest concerns while petitioning His divine help for them. That's what Jesus did in the garden just prior to his arrest ("take this cup from my hand..."). However, following Jesus' model, then it appears that we should really be simply asking that His will be done in our lives, our church's life, and our country's life. I believe that in allowing His will to be done, we will begin to perceive the new thing He is doing. However, we will have to be on the lookout for it. We'll have to be attentive to the happenings around us to see His hand at work.

At the end of the above scripture, God tells the people that He will do two things that had to sound impossible to them. He promised to make "a way in the wilderness" and "rivers in the desert". The folks of Isaiah's day

knew the difficulties of forging **3** through the wilderness and the absurdity of river waters flowing through desert sands. But that was God's promise. That promise is also ours. I believe that God is always doing a new thing. He's busy doing a new thing in all of our lives, our church's life, and our country's life. And that all of these new things are in accordance with His will for us, the church, and the country. So what are we to do? We should expect a clear way to be opened in the wilderness and for river waters to flow over desert sand. What will that really look like? Who knows yet? It's not 2013 yet. But be assured, God already knows. He already can see it, because He is already there in 2013, waiting for us to arrive filled with hope and great expectations. Let's plan to greet Him with both.

God Bless – enjoy the New Year –  
Pastor Kip

### **Are You Experiencing a "Winter" in Your Life?**

In addition to the cold weather outside, many people experience "winters" in their personal lives. A recent loss through death, divorce, or relocation may leave them feeling lonely. A hospitalization, cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems may leave them feeling isolated. The loss of a job, fear of layoffs, or a financial setback can devastate one's self-esteem. Family and personal struggles may leave them with no-where to turn for support.

If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can help, thru confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately to listen, support and encourage you, to pray with you and for you, and to walk along side you for the duration of your crisis.

Contact any one of our Stephen Leaders, Kay Bast, 382-4908, Karen Kline 382-7263, or Carol MacKenzie 382-8926. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



**Happy New Year from the Christian Education Department**

We are blessed with many more families and children in our 9:30 service; please welcome them when you have the opportunity to do so.

Two new short term Disciples classes will be offered this quarter. Jan Wise will be leading: Invitation to John. This study will be a nice follow-up on Pastor Kips' recent sermons. Please sign up at the office by phone or in person for the class. The class will be held on Tuesday's from 10 to 12 noon, beginning on January 22, 2013 and will continue for 10 weeks.

The second class led by Wayne Brown will be: Invitation to the New Testament. Wayne will start the class on Friday, February 1, 2013. Hours for the class are 7 pm to 9 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for people who have busy daytime schedules. Please sign

up by phone or in person at the church office. This is an 8-week course. If there are any questions please call Kay.

Laurie Painter, our children's Sunday school teacher, has scheduled a Saturday Bible Adventure for children and youth on Saturday, February 16, 2013. This is our first try at a weekend event and we are very excited. Laurie has a niece and nephew who are part of a well known Praise Band for the 1st Baptist Church in Orlando. They are college students and really motivated to bring Jesus to young people through music. They will be here for that entire day. Plans are being made as I write –watch for more information and remember us in prayer please.

As a reminder to the entire congregation who attend the 9:30 service, Jan Wise offers a Sunday school class in room 114 at 10:45 each Sunday. They are currently studying from Max Lucado's book on Galatians. They welcome new members, just come on in!

*Kay*

*In Sympathy*



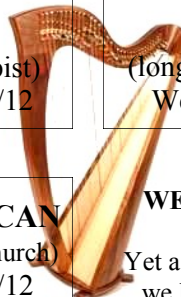
**JOANNA MILLER**  
(member & church harpist)  
Went to the Lord 11/10/12



**IRENE STONE**  
(long time church member)  
Went to the Lord 11/8/12



**MARY (Betty) DUNCAN**  
(longtime friend of the church)  
Went to the Lord 11/24/12



**WE GIVE THEM** back to you, dear Lord, who gave them to us. Yet as you do not lose them in giving, so we have not lost them by their return.



Many smokers may **5** understand the health risks but do not take them seriously if they are not feeling any of the effects. Unfortunately, by the time the effects are felt it may be too late to reverse them. Because smoking provides a certain amount of pleasure, the smoker needs to be led to embrace the idea of how much better life can be without smoking.

### **Resolve to Kick a Bad Habit**

It is time to start planning for those New Year Resolutions. Are you a smoker, or do you know a smoker who would like to stop?

If you are thinking about stopping and need to review reasons to stop, the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Preventions) has a great article on Health Effects of Cigarette Smoking. The general overview of the article stresses the fact that smoking harms almost every organ of the body!

Tobacco use causes more deaths each year than the HIV virus, illegal drug use, alcohol use, motor vehicle accidents, suicides and murders combined! Smoking causes an estimated 90% of all lung cancers in men and 80% in women, as well as a long list of other types of cancer, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases..

Making the decision to quit smoking is the best news you can give yourself and your family; but it is not an easy task and you may need help. Wendy Hall from Robert Boissoneault Oncology Institute (RBOI) will be conducting a FREE six week tobacco dependence class at our church beginning January 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM. This program is funded by the Florida Department of Health. Participants will be provided with optional supplies of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) including patches, gum or lozenges. To register for this program call 813-929-1000 or visit [www.gnahec.org](http://www.gnahec.org) You can also call the church office and get more information from the Parish Nurse.

### **A NEW YEAR PRAYER!**

Lord, this year I want to change, and I've said that in the past, but now my prayer is different 'cause I understand at last. I wanted my own way before, I ignored your loving plans. But now I'm putting everything into your nail-scarred hands. I promise to obey you out of gratitude and love. I won't be giving orders to my Father up above. I finally realize the truth and so I've changed my prayer. The safest place for me to be is in your gentle care. Please be my shepherd, Jesus, that's all I ask of you. In good times and in bad this year, take my hand and lead me through. Amen.

--Jack Zavada



## CHURCH MINISTRIES

### Within the Church

Greeters  
 Ushers  
 Music Ministries  
 Attendance Tracking  
 Biblical Travel Ministry  
 Christian Education  
 Communion Stewards  
 Counters  
 Disaster Relief Programs  
 Flower Arranging Ministry  
 Folding & Mailing Committees  
 Funeral Receptions  
 Genesis Newsletter  
 Library  
 Lenten Soup Suppers  
 Online Picture Directory  
 Parish Nurse Ministry  
 Prayer Ministry  
 Stewardship  
 Audio-Video Ministry  
 United Methodist Women  
 UMW Circles  
 Visitation Care Group  
 Wednesday Night Dinners/Pot Lucks  
 Youth Ministry

### Outreach Ministries

Annual Seminar for Elder Needs  
 Bus Ministry  
 Disaster Relief & Response Team  
 God's Clods (Clown Ministry)  
 Health Related Workshops  
 Hugs for Soldiers  
 Local Travel Ministry  
 Men's Monday Morning Work Group  
 Men's Wed. Morning Prayer Breakfast  
 Missionaries to Siberia

Nursing Home Ministries  
 Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 Holiday Prison Ministry  
 Shut-In Visitation  
 Stephen Ministry  
 Tuned To Revival Quartet  
 Thrift Shop  
 Vacation Bible School  
 Welcome Bags

### Small Groups

Bereavement Group  
 Cancer Survivors  
 Individual Bible Study Groups  
 PAWS

Saturday Sisters  
 Men's Serendipity  
 Women's Serendipity  
Support Groups  
*Alzheimer's Support*  
*Diabetes Support*  
*Memory Lane Respite*  
*Stroke Support*

### Discipleship Classes

(various classes & times)

### Benevolences

CROP Walk  
 Equipment for Handicapped  
 Food Pantry  
 Habitat for Humanity  
 Holiday Food Baskets  
 Methodist Children's Home  
 Salvation Army  
 St. Andrew's Mission  
 The Heifer Project  
 The Path

### Community Outreach

Blood Bank  
 Camp-E-Nini-Hassee  
 Hunger & Homeless Outreach  
 Kiwanis Breakfast  
 Our Father's Table

12/20/12



*Friday, 1/4*  
*for*  
*FEBRUARY*

**SMILE -**  
**LIFE IS TOO**  
**SHORT NOT TO!!**







## THE WAYS OF THE KINGDOM

**Now Lord, consider their threats and enable our servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus. (Acts 4:29-30)**

I wonder how often Christians remember that we are first citizens of the Kingdom of God and second citizens of the United States. We are not called to be politically correct but spiritually honest.

Many citizens of the Kingdom are alarmed by our changing nation. Being told that we are in a post-Christian era threatens us. How can this be? We still send missionaries around the world, spend millions to help the poor and feed the hungry, and make a point of attending a place of worship at least once a week. But as Christians could we have lost our single focus—that of rightly relating to our Lord Jesus Christ?

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, Jesus praised their hard work, perseverance and endurance. Then he said, “Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come and remove your lampstand from its place.” (Revelation 2:1-7)

Is it possible the church in America has left its first love? Have we become spiritually lazy? We do all the commendable things, just like the Ephesian church. But how often do we hear of a move of God bringing a revived faith, resulting in people being

saved, healed and discipled? As 7 Christians our commission isn't to save our “nation,” but to go and make disciples wherever God has placed us, teaching them everything Jesus commanded. If the church in the United States carries out this calling, we will bring blessing to our land.

Billy Graham once said that the United States is not at a crossroad. Instead, we are past the crossroad and far down the wrong road. Mr. Graham said our only hope is to turn around, go back to the crossroad and make the right turn. Could our post-Christian label be the result of God's removing the “lampstand” of the church in America so that we are no longer a bright light of God in this land?

In the Old Testament, the Lord promised his people that when they strayed away from him, if they would humble themselves, pray and seek his face, he would hear and heal their land. Today, if we humble ourselves, pray and seek his face, he will revive our faith, enabling us to fulfill our commission to reach people who don't know him. Such a revival would bring healing within our land.

A non-Christian wrote: “If the Christians don't do something, we are going to lose our country.” (Before you are critical of what he's not doing, consider that he recognizes where the spiritual power rests.)

If you are comfortable with the state of the church in our nation, then this challenge isn't for you. But if you sense our spiritual apathy, our serving well but not loving enough, I challenge you to pray:

**“Lord, send a revival and  
let it begin in me.”**

If not us, who? If not now, when?

### *A Trip to Georgia—March 19-22*

Dick and Myrna Evans will be back in town for three months, and Dick has planned a 4-day, 3-night trip to LaGrange and Pine Mountain GA March 19-22, 2013. The motor coach tour will include 3 nights at the Best Western Inn in LaGrange with full breakfast each morning.

Participants will visit the Explorations in Antiquities Center in LaGrange—an interactive living museum of daily life in biblical times featuring full scale archeological replicas created by Dr. James Fleming. It is the next best thing to an actual visit to the Holy Land to gain a better understanding of the Bible. The full day there, just before Holy Week, will include guided tours and an authentic 15 dish Last Supper meal. Dick says, “I have studied with Jim Fleming in Israel and no one knows the Holy Land any better than he does. His archeological re-creations here in the USA are among the best in the world!”

The trip will also include a full day at Callaway Gardens at Pine Mountain—just a half hour ride from LaGrange. The azalea gardens should be in full bloom. The tour there will also include the Callaway Discovery Center, the Day Butterfly Center, the Sibley Horticultural Center, and the Callaway Memorial Chapel. We will enjoy a full buffet lunch. Myrna says, “The Callaway Gardens are so beautiful! We are looking forward to being there again—this time in the spring.”

The cost for the trip is \$299 per person, double occupancy. (Single supplement is \$105). The price includes motor coach from FUMCH, 3 nights at the Best Western, 3 breakfasts, meals at the Antiquities Museum and Callaway Gardens, and trip insurance. **Not included:** 2 lunches at Cracker Barrel on travel days and 2 suppers at I-Hop on tour days.

For more information, pick up a flyer at the church office.

*To register, call J & L Travel at 382-7708;  
\$100 deposit with full payment by Feb. 28.*





Yes, we need your help in our recording of two of **9** the five Vital Signs of a Healthy Congregation. The two areas we need are Intentional Discipleship and Salty Service. Here is how you can help.

**Intentional Discipleship:** If you lead a small group of any type – Sunday School class, bible study, prayer group – any small group of any type of discipleship, please contact Kay in our office by phone or email, and inform her of the number of persons attending your group session, on a weekly basis. We need to record all the numbers of persons attending any small group session.

**Salty Service:** We are required to record the number of PERSONS who are involved in any community ministry or outreach of any type. We are not recording the number of hours invested, just the number of persons investing their personal time in community service of any type. So, if you serve for at least one hour, in a single event, turn in one Salty Service card. If you have served in more than one service or ministry during a week, turn in a card for each event. Again, we are measuring the number of persons involved in community service events each week. There will be “Salty Service” cards located in the pews to use for this recording. Simply remove the needed number of cards, and place them into the offering plates. Thank you so much for your help in this area. The measuring of these areas of ministry are critical for our church.

**MAKE WELCOME**

Nicole Furtado  
Administrative Assistant



Nicole was born October 26 in Fall River, MA. She was formerly employed as a secretary for Griggs and Browne in Providence, RI before moving to Florida in 2012.

You may contact her at the church office, 628-4083 after 12:30 p.m., or by email: [secretary@lumc.org](mailto:secretary@lumc.org)

*Thank You*

My family would like to thank you all for all the prayers and cards during the recent loss of my sister Estelle. We are so blessed to have a wonderful church family. Carol & Bob MacKenzie

**10** A NEW YEAR CALLS FOR  
NEW BOOKS

Our Church Library offers the following titles for your reading enjoyment:

**“Winner Take All”** by T. Davis Bunn – A top-notch legal drama, the book graphically depicts what can be accomplished when God-inspired individuals, without the fear of consequence, take a strong stand for the truth. It tells the story of Marcus Glenwood who is trying to rebuild his legal practice and tend to a deepening relationship with Kirsten Stansted. Marcus gets an unexpected plea for help from Dale Steadman, the new CEO of New Horizons. Steadman’s one-year old daughter has been kidnapped by his ex-wife, a renowned opera diva, and he fears his wife will hurt her. Marcus agrees to take the case, ignoring his instincts against getting involved with this man who once tried to have him killed. Marcus and Kirsten are soon drawn into a much darker side of this seemingly straightforward case and they are unsure whether they can trust their own client. Someone is trying to prevent them from following the kidnapper’s trail. A trail of multilayered suspense leads to its gripping conclusion.

Jane Peart is a prolific writer and our library has many of her books. The first is one of the Edgewater Manor Mysteries, titled **“Thread of Suspicion”**. Set in late-nineteenth-century England, this story once again offers Peart’s trademark blend of captivating characters and enticing storytelling. Nell Winston is offered a position as companion to Allegra Selkirk, a young woman who has been paralyzed in a carriage accident. Nell

considers this unexpected opportunity a welcome change from her job as dining room hostess at a seaside resort. But upon her arrival at the Selkirk’s isolated country estate, she discovers a situation far different from what she imagined. Behind the black iron gate stands the fortress-like mansion called Hope’s End, a fitting name for a place that seems both impregnable and inescapable. There is something here that chills the soul, and there is danger. As Nell’s friendship with Allegra deepens, she determines to discover the secrets that keep Allegra a helpless invalid. When Nell follows the thread of suspicion that leads to unexpected sources, she finds not only Allegra but also herself in deadly danger. Will Nell have the courage to save them both from the threat at hand?

The second Edgecliffe Manor Mysteries novel is **“A Perilous Bargain”**, set by the misty cliffs of Ireland for an unforgettable tale of love and intrigue. Oriel Banning is desperately seeking employment after her previous employer cheats her and leaves her stranded in England. So when Morgan Drummond, a shipboard acquaintance, makes a highly unorthodox proposal, Oriel is compelled to agree to his strange bargain. Together they travel to a castle in Ireland, where the terms of the agreement will be carried out. Despite Morgan’s remoteness toward her, Oriel decides to make the best of things, pursuing friendships with a handsome poet, Bryan Moore, and the Wicklows next door. She loves the verdant Irish countryside, but when a series of frightening events occur, Oriel becomes convinced that she is not welcome at Drummond Castle. Was agreeing to this

perilous bargain the worst mistake she has ever made?

The following books are all written by Jane Peart and are not in any special order, but they are all “a westward dreams novel”. She writes about women who must find a new life for themselves in a difficult, sometimes hostile environment, but with persistence, principle and a steadfast faith, they not only survive, but thrive.

“**Undaunted Spirit**” follows free-spirited journalist, Independence McClaren, to a Colorado silver town as she tries to carve her mark in a man’s world. Mindy, her nickname, becomes a reporter for the Roaring River Gazette and has a passion for the truth. She will be tested – whether to follow her heart or to retain her integrity. Mindy will have to choose.

“**Runaway Heart**” tells the story of Holly Lambeth who has taken the stagecoach to Riverbend, Oregon to escape the humiliation of being jilted. She had come to find a welcome new life, but her cousin’s chilly reception tells her she made a terrible mistake. Riverbend is a town barely more than a mining camp. Holly knows that she is unwelcome and unwanted and knows that only she can change her situation. The editor of the local newspaper and the town’s doctor are both attracted to the pretty newcomer but Holly makes a decision that will not only change her, but alter her own vision of the future.

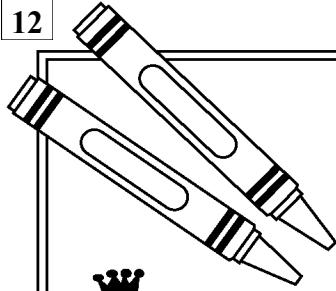
“**Promise of the Valley**” - Adelaide Pride, 26 years old, follows her Yankee employer to Napa Valley, California to be a companion to a Yankee spinster. Southern-born, Adelaide is from a family of six generations of Prides who had lived and entertained under warm Southern skies.

That was before the Civil War had 11 robbed Addie of her youth, her parents and the man she would have married. An aunt and uncle had taken her in but could scarcely afford to feed themselves, so Addie journeyed by train to a land that was untouched by conflict and overflowing with financial prosperity and social opportunities. Did she dare to hope that her dreams of love and belonging were yet possible?

“**A Distant Dawn**” follows headstrong Sunny Lyndall, 24-years old, and her younger brother, Tracy, who leave the comforts and safety of their Ohio Valley home after the death of their parents to travel west to California. With the money they received from the sale of the family farm, they join a wagon train in Missouri and head for California. They quickly learn the ways of the West when a con-man swindles them out of their money but they find employment with the Pony Express. However, unplanned adventure awaits Sunny with the greatest challenge of her young life.

“**Where Tomorrow Waits**” tells the story of Penny Sayres who has always sensed an unknown destiny beckoning from the horizon. When her brother invites her to join his family on their wagon train to California, Penny’s dream of adventure comes true. The Oregon Trail sweeps her into a world of fascinating new sights and sounds. The journey goes without event until disaster strikes at the Snake River and changes Penny’s life forever. Little does Penny realize that God is about to set her on her greatest adventure yet – one that includes a new dream and lasting love.

**Happy Reading  
from the Library Staff**

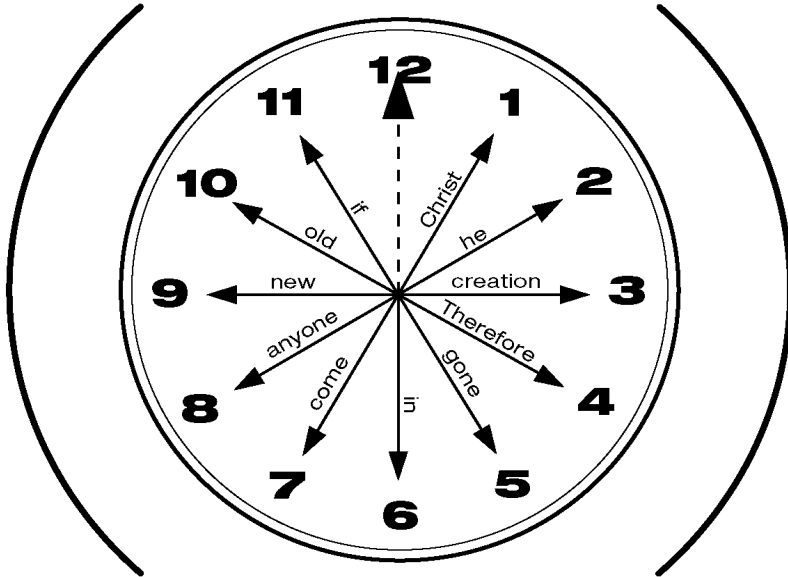


# Just for **KIDS**

## **IN WITH THE NEW**

*It's "time" for New Year's resolutions! We should always want to improve ourselves for God, looking to Jesus as our example. God will work with us and through us when we come to him in prayer.*

Using the clock's hour hand, copy each word to help you complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



" \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ; the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ , the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_ !"

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

*Happy Anniversary  
January 2013*

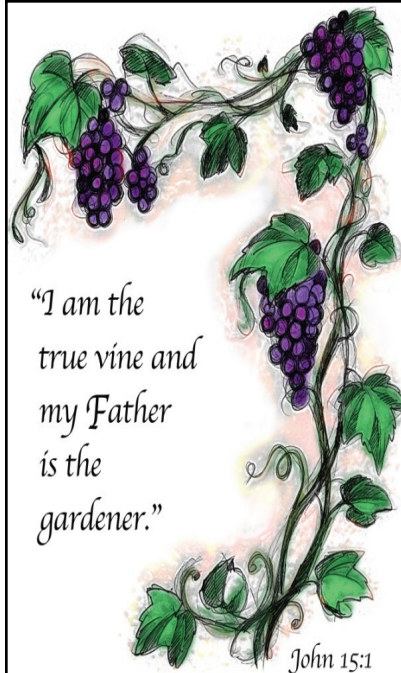
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Lisa & Rusty Stocker  
~ 10 years ~  
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Danielle & Robert Christensen  
~ 11 years ~  
Erin & Thomas Kimble  
~ 13 years ~  
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Gail & Walter Rudolph  
~ 10 years ~  
13  
Norma & Duane Geiger  
~ 62 years ~  
15  
Karen & Neil Kline  
~ 41 years ~  
Lois & Jack Schoch  
~ 63 years ~  
17  
Joan & Art Carnevale  
~ 54 years ~  
Gloria & Zane Megos  
~ 43 years ~  
21  
Marion & Michael Rodgers  
~ 7 years ~  
31  
Gerry & James Graham  
~ 15 years ~.

*LOVE doesn't make the world  
go round, but it makes the  
ride worthwhile.*

*~ Franklin P. Jones*

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers* 13

(as of 12/12/12)  
**BRENTWOOD**  
Joyce Minnicks  
**CEDAR CREEK**  
Wilbourn Fowler  
Lois & Jack Schoch  
**SUGARMILL MANOR**  
Marge Dilling  
Grace Payne  
**SUNFLOWER SPRINGS**  
Ruth Eaton  
Joan & Jack Ness  
Catherine Wischart  
**SUNSHINE GARDENS**  
Pete Magamoll  
**TIMBER PINES  
RESIDENCES**  
Abbye Jean Richner.





**Tuesday 1****OFFICE CLOSED**

1:30 Stephen Ministers  
 3:00 Serendipity Bible  
 3:00 Stephen Ministers  
 5:30 Weight Watchers  
 7:00 Serendipity Bible

**Wednesday 2**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
 9:30 Weight Watchers  
 10:00 LaMountain Bible  
 10:00 Siegel Bible  
 10:00 UMW Executive Mtg.  
 3:00 Benson Bible  
 4:00 Intercessory Prayer  
 6:30 Youth Group

**Thursday 3**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
 1:30 Serendipity Women  
 2:00 Green Team

**Friday 4****GENESIS DEADLINE**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
 10:00 Wise Bible  
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

**Saturday 5**

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible  
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
 9:00 Un-decorate Church  
**9:30 ZUMBA**  
 10:30 Bereavement  
 10:30 God's Clods

**Sunday 6****COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:45 New Beginnings SS**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**

**Monday 7**

8:00 Work Crew  
 8:30 SHINE  
 8:30 Tracking Committee  
 9:00 Permanent Endow.  
 9:30 Visitation Committee  
 10:00 Sacred Hour  
 1:00 ML Respite  
 4:00 Stephen Ministers

**Tuesday 8**

9:00 KITCHEN PREP  
 9:30 Helping Hands Circle  
 9:30 Faith Hope Circle  
 10:00 Staff Meeting  
 1:00 Dorcas Circle  
 2:00 Stewardship  
 3:00 Serendipity Bible  
 5:30 Weight Watchers  
 6:00 Diabetic Support  
 6:30 Semi Circle  
 7:00 Serendipity Bible

**Wednesday 9**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
 9:30 Weight Watchers  
 10:00 LaMountain Bible  
 10:00 Siegel Bible  
 1:00 Creative Worship  
 1:00 Shawl Ministry  
 3:00 Benson Bible  
 4:00 Intercessory Prayer  
 5:15 Music  
**5:30 WW DINNER**  
 6:00 Bells  
 6:30 Youth Group  
 7:00 Choir  
 7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

**Thursday 10**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
 9:00 Backpackers  
 9:15 Ruth Circle  
 6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

**Friday 11**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
 10:00 Wise Bible  
 2:00 Cancer Support  
 4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

**Saturday 12**

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible  
**8:00 Serendipity Pancake**  
 9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
**9:30 ZUMBA**  
 10:30 Bereavement  
**2:00 Beck/Dubose**

**Sunday 13****DISCRETIONARY SUNDAY**

**7:45 BLOODMOBILE**  
**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:45 New Beginnings SS**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**

**Monday 14**

8:00 Work Crew  
**8:30 SHINE**  
 8:30 Tracking Committee  
 9:30 Visitation Committee  
 10:00 Sacred Hour  
 1:00 ML Respite  
 1:00 Alzheimer Support  
**4:00 Health Team**  
**5:30 QUIT SMOKING**  
**6:30 SMW Civic Assoc.**

**Tuesday 15**

**9:30 UMW Unit Meeting**  
 10:00 Staff Meeting  
 1:30 Stephen Ministers  
 2:00 Finance Committee  
 3:00 Serendipity Bible  
 3:00 Stephen Ministers  
 5:30 Weight Watchers  
 7:00 Serendipity Bible

**Wednesday 16**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
 9:30 Weight Watchers  
 10:00 LaMountain Bible  
 10:00 Siegel Bible  
 2:00 Staff/Parish Relations

3:00 Benson Bible  
4:00 Intercessory Prayer  
5:15 Music  
6:00 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir  
7:00 Women's B/S

**Thursday 17**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
1:30 Serendipity Women  
3:00 Missions  
3:30 Trustees  
6:30 Sugarmill Chorale

**Friday 18**

**Council Reports Due**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10:00 Wise Bible  
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

**Saturday 19**

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)

**9:30 ZUMBA**

10:30 Bereavement  
**5:00 MISSION Pot Luck**

**Sunday 20**

**HUMAN RELATIONS**

**PANTRY SUNDAY**

**MISSION SUNDAY**

**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:45 New Beginnings SS**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**  
**2:00 BUS TRIP Nonsense**

**Monday 21**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**MLK DAY**

8:00 Work Crew  
**8:30 SHINE**  
8:30 Tracking Committee  
9:30 Visitation Committee  
10:00 Sacred Hour  
1:00 ML Respite  
5:00 Stephen Ministers  
**5:30 QUIT SMOKING**  
**6:30 Girl Scout Leaders**

**Tuesday 22**

10:00 INV. TO JOHN Bible  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
7:00 Serendipity Bible

**Wednesday 23**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 LaMountain Bible  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
1:00 Shawl Ministry  
3:00 Benson Bible  
4:00 Intercessory Prayer  
5:15 Music  
6:00 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir  
7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

**Thursday 24**

**Fold/Label Genesis**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
6:30 Sugarmill Chorale  
**7:00 COUNCIL**

**Friday 25**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
10:00 Wise Bible  
4:00 A/Video Rehearsal

**Saturday 26**

8:00 Saturday Sisters Bible  
9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
**9:30 ZUMBA**  
10:30 Bereavement

**Sunday 27**

**8:00 Traditional Worship**  
**9:30 Sunday School (all)**  
**9:30 Traditional Worship**  
**10:45 New Beginnings SS**  
**11:00 Traditional Worship**  
**1:00 FRIENDS OF CR**

**Monday 28**

8:00 Work Crew  
**8:30 SHINE**  
8:30 Tracking Committee  
9:30 Visitation Committee  
10:00 Sacred Hour  
1:00 ML Respite  
**5:30 QUIT SMOKING**

**Tuesday 29**

10:00 INV. TO JOHN Bible  
10:00 Staff Meeting  
3:00 Serendipity Bible  
5:30 Weight Watchers  
7:00 Serendipity Bible

**Wednesday 30**

7:00 Men's Prayer Group  
9:30 Weight Watchers  
10:00 HPH Bereavement  
10:00 LaMountain Bible  
10:00 Siegel Bible  
3:00 Benson Bible  
4:00 Intercessory Prayer  
5:15 Music  
6:00 Bells  
6:30 Youth Group  
7:00 Choir  
7:00 WOMEN'S Bible

**Thursday 31**

9:00-Noon (Thrift Store)  
6:30 Sugarmill Chorale.

**WEEKLY YMCA CLASSES**

**(352) 637-0132**

**Mondays**

**9:30 Cardio**  
**10:30 Stab/Strength**

**Wednesdays**

**9:30 Pilates**  
**10:30 Stab/Strength**

**Fridays**

**9:30 Pilates**  
**10:30 Cardio**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## JANUARY 2013

1	12	21
April Collins	Joyce Leaming	Betty Blockus
John Collins	Ed Messenger	Colleen DeClue
Dawson Gunter	13	22
Barbara Hartley	Louis Garthaus	Agnes Brickmeier
Joyce Stone	Hilda Seagren	Jane Hamilton
2	Iris Whittaker	23
John Cooley	14	Beatrice Davis
Marian Sandlas	Annie Carl	Bruce Stull
	Buz Chadwick	Beverly Wagner
3	Evelyn Knight	24
Carol Eriksson	Mary Severance	Elly Case
Gloria Marquis	16	Randy Weber
James Stoneman	Stan DeClue	25
6	Marilyn Grime	L. Archer Walker
Barbara Bellcase	David Marquis	27
7	Elwin Mosier	Don LeFave
James Roberts	17	William Waters
	Ann Ice	28
8	Thomas Kimble	Stephen Csont
Sue Kuntz	Harold Swinson	Phyllis Konitshek
Amy Roberts	18	29
10	Russell Pick	Lois Pohlman
Joan Carnevale	19	30
11	Robert Grafton	Kathy Betsko
Edith Ament	Glen Gunderson	Len Cromer
Carolee Gettings	20	31
Mary Kay Messenger	Pat Archer	Earl Speicher.
Bill Morrison	Paul Patton Jr.	

~ **BIBLE QUIZ** ~ (see back page for answers)

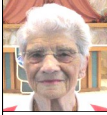
1. At the marriage in Cana of Galilee there were \_\_\_ stone waterpots. John 2:6
2. At the feeding of the 5,000 the disciples collected \_\_\_ baskets of leftovers. Mark 6:43
3. Jacob lived in the land of Egypt for \_\_\_ years. Genesis 47:28
4. Methuselah lived for \_\_\_ years and then died. Genesis 5:27
5. In a parable Jesus likened the kingdom of heaven to \_\_\_ virgins, some of them were wise and the others were foolish. Matthew 25:1

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**Membership  
Transfers**  
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**ELSA PENCE**



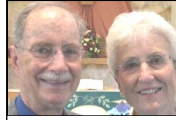
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moved from: St. Paris, OH

Elsa was born March 17 in Greenville, OH, has 2 children, and retired from Wright Patterson AF Base as a budget analyst after 29 years. She has lived in FL for the last 27 years. Elsa enjoys singing with our choir, since transferring from Crystal River United Methodist.

**BOB & MARIA SPENCE**

17



15 Matricaria Court  
Homosassa, FL 34446  
352-382-0336

from: Silver Spring, MD

Maria was born December 6 in Rome, GA, and retired from teaching in Montgomery Co. MD after 35 years.

Bob was born February 13 in Royal Oak, MI, and retired as a university teacher after 40 years. They were married August 27, 1955 in Lansing, MI, and have lived in FL for the last 18 years. They are singing in our choir, and with other groups as well. They are proud parents of 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

**CHARLES (BUZ) CHADWICK**



8 Catalpa Court  
Homosassa, FL 34446  
352-503-9085

moved from: Walnut, IL

Buz was born January 14 in Atlanta, GA, has 2 sons, and retired from Motorola Communications after 28 years. He had lived in FL for 11 years prior but permanently moved in May of this year. Buz transferred his membership from Walnut UMC and has learned to love our church and enjoy Pastor Kip's messages each Sunday.

**SHERRY, Kyle & Paul, YOUNGER**



8288 W. Barry Court  
Homosassa, FL 34446  
352-503-2969

from: Inverness, FL

Sherry was born November 2 in Fort Lauderdale, FL, has 2 grown sons, and has been a school teacher in Citrus County for 11 years.

She has lived in FL all her life except for when they moved to GA while Pastor Kip attended seminary. Sherry and their sons are transfers from the Inverness UMC.

~ **QUIZ CONTINUED** from Page 16 ~

6. The children of Israel circled round Jericho for \_\_\_\_ days before the walls fell down. Hebrews 11:30
7. Peter denied Jesus \_\_\_\_ times before the rooster crowed as Jesus had predicted. Luke 22:61
8. Gideon had \_\_\_\_ sons, for he had many wives. Judges 8:30
9. In the parable of the talents, the master gave one servant \_\_\_\_ talents, another two talents and a third one talent. Matthew 25:15
10. Aeneas was bedridden for \_\_\_\_ years before Peter came and healed him. Acts 9:33

## DO YOU BELIEVE IN ANGELS?

I was driving home from a meeting this evening about 5, stuck in traffic on Colorado Blvd., and the car started to choke and splutter and die - I barely managed to coast, cursing, into a gas station, glad only that I would not be blocking traffic and would have a somewhat warm spot to wait for the tow truck. It wouldn't even turn over. Before I could make the call, I saw a woman walking out of the quickie mart building, and it looked like she slipped on some ice and fell into a gas pump, so I got out to see if she was okay.

When I got there, it looked more like she had been overcome by sobs than that she had fallen; she was a young woman who looked really haggard with dark circles under her eyes. She dropped something as I helped her up, and I picked it up to give it to her. It was a nickel.

At that moment, everything came into focus for me: the crying woman, the ancient Suburban crammed full of stuff with 3 kids in the back (1 in a car seat), and the gas pump reading \$4.95.

I asked her if she was okay and if she needed help, and she just kept saying 'I don't want my kids to see me crying!,' so we stood on the other side of the pump from her car. She said she was driving to California and that things were very hard for her right now. So I asked, 'And you were praying?' That made her back away from me a little, but I assured her I was not a crazy person and said, 'He heard you, and He sent me.'

I took out my card and swiped it through the card reader on the pump

so she could fill up her car completely, and while it was fueling, walked to the next door McDonald's and bought 2 big bags of food, some gift certificates for more, and a big cup of coffee. She gave the food to the kids in the car, who attacked it like wolves, and we stood by the pump eating fries and talking a little.

She told me her name, and that she lived in Kansas City. Her boyfriend left 2 months ago and she had not been able to make ends meet. She knew she wouldn't have money to pay rent Jan. 1, and finally, in desperation, had called her parents, with whom she had not spoken in about 5 years. They lived in California and said she could come live with them and try to get on her feet there.

So she packed up everything she owned in the car. She told the kids they were going to California for Christmas, but not that they were going to live there.

I gave her my gloves, a little hug and said a quick prayer with her for safety on the road. As I was walking over to my car, she said, 'So, are you like an angel or something?'

This definitely made me cry. I said, 'Sweetie, at this time of year angels are really busy, so sometimes God uses regular people.'

It was so incredible to be a part of someone else's miracle. And of course, you guessed it, when I got in my car it started right away and got me home with no problem. I'll put it in the shop tomorrow to check, but I suspect the mechanic won't find anything wrong.

~ author unknown



*PRAYER CORNER*

Please pray for:

- all the committee and church council members to prayerfully listen and follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit as they continue or take on their new responsibilities in 2013.
- those families and individuals who struggle to make ends meet, that we may help to meet their needs.
- us, as a church, to listen to the Holy Spirit's guidance and to be obedient.
- smooth transitions to continue.
- our pastor and church staff, daily.
- us to become a connection for families and God.
- each of us to discern which of the new Disciple Bible Study, Companions in Christ, or small groups the Holy Spirit is leading us to join.

The Fan said...

Be cool

The Roof said...

Aim high

The Window said...

See the world

The Clock said...

Every minute is precious

The Mirror said...

Reflect before you act

The Calendar...

Be up-to-date

The Door said...

Push hard for your goals

and don't forget the carpet, it says to kneel down and pray!

**Carry a Heart that **Never Hates.****

**Carry a Smile that **Never Fades.****

**Carry a Touch that **Never Hurts.****

**'God Blesses Us To Be A Blessing....**

***Unto Others'***

## PLEASE "FILL 'ER UP!"

The Green Committee asks that you drop your newspapers, phone books, cardboard, hardback and paperback books, file folders, shredded paper, etc. for the Youth Fund in the blue dumpster marked "Land O Lakes" nearest Yulee Drive. The recycling company rebates us by the ton, and all funds go to our Youth for camp.

In the Fellowship Hall, there is a container for Styrofoam (rinsed, please) and another for recyclables.



Dear Fellow Church Members,

First, let us say "thank you" to all the wonderful individuals who gave funds so generously last year at this time to allow us to help the Salvation Army in providing bikes for needy children here in Citrus County.

As a result of this situation last year, we, with the help of Bill Parker and his wife Marianne, formed a "Bike Ministry." Started last spring, this ministry collects new and/or used bikes for Nature Coast Ministries in Crystal River. Through the generosity and Christian support of Tom and Barbara Slagle at Nature Coast, our efforts along with the generosity of you church members, and other citizens of Citrus County, we have had funds to purchase bike parts to complete 26 bikes as of December 3, 2012.

The majority of the donated bikes need tubes, tires, new seats, handle grips, reflectors etc. All donations will be greatly appreciated to assist in finishing the used bikes for us to give away to pre-qualified individuals and/or needy families. Please attach a note to cash or on checks marked "Bike Fund" and mail to or drop off at: Nature Coast Ministries, Crystal River FL, or to Jerry Tanner at the church office. This will be an on-going ministry from now until otherwise notified.

God Loves You, Janet & Jerry Tanner



Broad stripes and bright stars.... gave proof....

that our flag was still there. Broad stripes and bright stars ...



### Veteran

I was a proud veteran  
That served my country well  
To those that would listen  
I had many stories to tell.

We fought for America's freedom  
In far away places on foreign land.  
Wherever the battle for democracy raged,  
America's finest made a stand.

We fought for your future  
And the right to remain free.  
For we saw what freedom meant  
To those not blessed with Liberty.

For you and yours  
We would gladly have given our life.  
We faced the fears and perils of battle  
We braved endless turmoil and strife.

Please remember us veterans  
And the sacrifices we made for you.  
Please share the blessings of freedom,  
Proudly wave the red, white and blue.

Lynne Carey  
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gave proof .... that our flag was still there.



# DAILY HOPE

BY RICK WARREN

## *Your Service Is Desperately Needed in the Body of Christ*

by Rick Warren

"All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT)

One reason why you need to be connected to a church family is to fulfill your calling to serve other believers in practical ways. The Bible says, "All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27 NLT).

Your service is desperately needed in the Body of Christ - just ask any local church. Each of us has a role to play, and every role is important. There is no small service to God; it all matters.

Likewise, there are no insignificant ministries in the church. Some are visible and some are behind the scenes, but all are valuable. Small or hidden ministries often make the biggest difference. In my home, the most important light is not the large chandelier in our dining room but the little night-light that keeps me from stubbing my toe

when I get up at night. There is no correlation between size and significance. Every ministry matters because we are all dependent on each other to function.

What happens when one part of your body fails to function? You get sick. The rest of your body suffers. Imagine if your liver decided to start living for itself: "I'm tired! I don't want to serve the body anymore! I want a year off just to be fed. I've got to do what's best for me! Let some other part take over." What would happen? Your body would die. Today thousands of local churches are dying because of Christians who are unwilling to serve. They sit on the sidelines as spectators, and the Body suffers.

As I said when we began this study, God calls you to a service far beyond anything you could ever imagine. He created you for a life of good deeds, which he has already prepared for you to do (based on Ephesians 2:10 TEV).

***Whenever you serve others in any way, you are actually serving God.***

~ from Ann Morrison



~ ADULT ~

A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

## **WHO PACKS YOUR PARACHUTE?**

**by Charles Plumb  
[plumbtalk@aol.com](mailto:plumbtalk@aol.com)**

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!"

"How in the world did you know that?" asked Plumb.

"I packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, "I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said Good morning, how are you?" or

anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor." **23**

Plumb thought of the man hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute?" Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory—he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason.

As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachute.

### **"THE BIBLE"**

**Have you read God's best seller;  
it's a real challenge!**



## 24 THE CLOTHESLINE

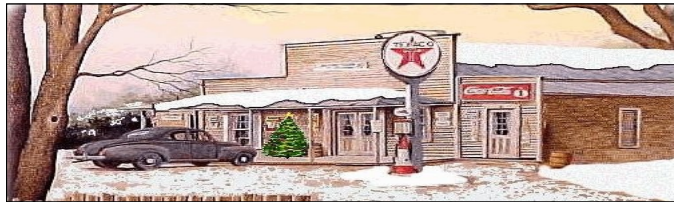


A clothesline was a news forecast, to neighbors passing by, there were no secrets you could keep, when clothes were hung to dry.

It also was a friendly link, for neighbors always knew if company had stopped on by, to spend a night or two. For then you'd see the "fancy sheets", and towels upon the line; you'd see the "company table cloths", with intricate designs. The line announced a baby's birth, from folks who lived inside, as brand new infant clothes were hung, so

carefully with pride! The ages of the children could so readily be known by watching how the sizes changed, you'd know how much they'd grown! It also told when illness struck, as extra sheets were hung; then nightclothes, and a bathrobe too, haphazardly hung limp and bare. It told, "we're back!" when full lines sagged, with not an inch to spare! New folks in town were scorned upon, if wash was dingy and gray, as neighbors carefully raised their brows, and looked the other way. But clotheslines now are of the past, for dryers make work much less. Now what goes on inside a home, is anybody's guess! I really miss that way of life, it was a friendly sign when neighbors knew each other best... by what hung out on that line.

## SISTER MARY ANN'S GASOLINE



Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting homebound patients when she ran out of gas. As luck would have it, a Texaco Gasoline station was just a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some gas. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car.

She looked for something in her car that she could fill with gas and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with gasoline, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the gas into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street.. One of them turned to the other and said,

**'If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.!!'**



this need or another need. You **25**  
may look at your finances and  
predicted futures of where the financial  
markets are trending and wonder what  
to do or how your going to be involved.  
MAY I BE SO BOLD AS TO MAKE  
A SUGGESTION!

On Sunday December 30, 2012 we will have our last Children's Home Offering in 2012. Actually it will be the first offering for the year 2013, as the check from FUMC will not reach the Children's Home until the first week of January 2013. That's a negative and a positive. The negative is that our last offering for the Children's Home for 2012, was the October offering. In the last Genesis (December 2012) I appealed for special giving for FUMCH and groups from FUMC responded with over \$1,100.00 total. Thank you for your generosity. Now the positive is that we will already have funds on account for the Children's Home 2013 at the end of December. I'll have a complete report for you in the February issue of Genesis.

*In February*, I will be attending the LCR training session at the United Methodist Church of Spring Hill. *In March*, (more to come in forthcoming issues of Genesis), the Children's Home is sponsoring an OPEN HOUSE for the Gulf Districts of the United Methodist Church Southern Conference. The Missions Committee and I would like to invite you to go along with us. Please let Jack or I know of your interest, either at church or through email, so that we can plan on car pooling or church bus transportation. If you have never been there you really should avail yourself of this financial year, you may feel pressures to increase your support for

Pray, and ask our Heavenly Father to Bless this church. Ask Him to Bless those ministries that you feel dearly about. Put you bank statement on the table and ask God's Blessing on it. Pray and thank God for the many wonderful things He has allowed you to have and experience.

Meditate in the Lord, listening to Christian music or singing yourself, reading the Bible, or quoting memorized verses, and then WAIT!

There is scripture that says "ye have not because you ask not". In my Bible I added, (I know that's bordering on heresy) "so ask and then shut-up so you can hear what God has to say". He will lead you to do what needs to be done.

In 1908, God established the UMCH. You were not around and it did well. In 1912, God established FUMC of Homosassa, some of you were around then, but as small children, probably living in another state, God's work here also did well. DO AS GOD TELLS YOU and all will be well.

Blessings on you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the year to come. AMEN

**From the Florida United Methodist  
Children's Home and Don Bates,  
SHALOM**



## **PRAYING THE PSALMS**

### **Do you pray the Psalms?**

The Psalms are beautiful, but sometimes we avoid them because they seem a little harsh – you know, calling down the wrath of God upon enemies asking for them to be smitten and all that! Although there are instructions for how they are to be sung, most of us don't sing the Psalms except when they are part of a hymn; even then we may not recognize them as part of a Psalm.

I have a wonderful book, Psalms The Prayer Book of the Bible, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. The title itself forces me to think differently about the Psalms and to ask, "What does praying the Psalms look like?" Having studied Jewish Spirituality I knew the Psalms were an integral part of the Jewish Liturgy. The Psalms (sometimes called the Psalter) were also central in the worship of the early Christian Church. The Psalms were so familiar they could be heard being sung or recited in the fields. In his book Bonhoeffer says, "...whoever has begun to pray the Psalter seriously and regularly will soon give a vacation to other little devotional prayers and say: 'Ah, there is not the juice, the strength,

the passion, the fire which I find in the Psalter. It tastes too cold and too hard.' (Luther)." pg. 25. In Bonhoeffer's instructions for praying the Psalter, he says we need to pray it in our daily morning and evening prayers, reading and praying together at least several Psalms in order every day, not picking and choosing which ones to pray and getting into them deeper and deeper.

The Psalter does give us a wonderful way of expressing ourselves in prayer to our Heavenly Father in the same way in which generations before us have done. For those of us who for whatever reason may find ourselves at a loss for words, the Psalms give us words. Praying back to God words which were Divinely inspired is honoring to Him to whom we pray so not only do we get to know Him better as we commune with Him in prayer, but we honor Him as well.

Even if we do pick and chose a Psalm to pray, why not give it a try!! We might find there's something to this Psalm praying. After all if Bonhoeffer, Luther, and the leaders of the early church thought it worth their time, perhaps it might be worth a little of ours. Maybe they knew something we have yet to discover.





### What on earth is Salty Service???

*"Let me tell you why you are here," says Jesus. "You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness?" (Matthew 5:13 The Message).*

That saltiness results in all the many good things you do each week, be it volunteering, helping a neighbor, tutoring, picking up trash, cleaning the shore, fixing something for a neighbor, working in a soup kitchen, working in the thrift shop, working at the pancake breakfast, packing food, visiting a nursing home, and many other caring actions, for people outside our congregation.

If you were involved in this type of activity for at least an hour during the week, please put a Salty Service card in the offering plate. We need to report the numbers each week, so just keep putting them in each week, one for each different service. Thank you for being an agent of Christ's love to others.

**Just an update** to all who so generously donated to the **Sandy Relief** on Staten Island. We shipped 320 lbs. of clothing, gloves, warm sweat shirts hats, etc. I am sure that they will be put to good use. It will take years for the rebuilding. Please continue to pray for the workers and the families, especially during the cold months. Thank you all and God Bless. Carol & Bob MacKenzie



### PASS THE BISCUITS, PLEASE!

I've learned over the years that learning to accept each others faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences, is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing, and lasting relationship.

So...please pass me a biscuit. And yes, the burned one will do just fine! And please pass this along to someone who has enriched your life.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets... Love the people who treat you right and forget about the ones who don't.

### **ENJOY LIFE NOW - IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE!**

Lord, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and good eyesight to tell the difference.

~ from Bob/June

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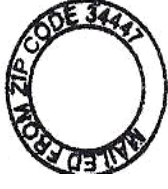
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