

Morrow Mirror

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The Thanks Department

From Kyle & Lisa Brandenberger. The youth would like to thank everyone who participated in our Flood Bucket project, either by donating money or buying supplies. We were able to drop off 22 buckets! Another big thank you goes out to all who stayed after church on October 4 to help organize them. We had nine youth and 13 adults. Lastly, Linda McElhannon was very generous by providing a delicious pizza lunch for all the volunteers. Thanks again!!

From Carl & Dorothea McAlvin. With love to our dear church friends and church family. Thank you so much for the warm greetings, the prayers, the good wishes as we worshipped with you on our last Sunday as active members. We feel so blessed by your many kindnesses that this move, after so many years in your midst, is becoming less traumatic. We've left many boxes still packed up at the house in Hoschton to come out to Seattle to await the arrival of our new grandson. All is well here. We ask your continued prayers.
New Address: Carl & Dorothea McAlvin, 112 Walnut Ridge Drive, Hoschton, GA 30548-1878. Phone: 706-654-7088. E-mail: dotmcalvin@windstream.net.

31st UMW Retreat – Another Great Experience!

This year's theme, "This is My Story, This is My Song", enabled the group of 35 women to learn more about one another as we shared our personal "stories." We recognized Rebecca Johnson as the member present who had attended 27 of the 31 retreats; Ethel Jewett as our most "senior" member present; Joanna Griffin as the youngest person attending; and Susan Hall as the lady with the most family members present (daughters Lisa and Shannon).

You may be surprised to learn what an outreach this "ministry" has—there were eight churches represented in addition to Morrow First—and we drew attendees from as far away as Shelby, NC. We are always blessed to renew relationships with former members who continue to participate each year.

We hope that all women of our church will put Oct. 22-24, 2010 on the calendar NOW and hold that weekend so you can join us "on The mountain top" at Hinton Rural Life Center. The leaves are simply spectacular at this time of the year!

Nadine Hoenes is taking over the reins as UMW Retreat Chair, so let's all support her in this new role.

Becky Griffin and Diane Ide, Retreat Co-Chairs



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November Birthdays

1. Ken Cheek, Carolyn Lewis, Sierra McElhannon. 2. Michelle Anderson, Burt Harvey, Ruth Terrell. 3. Lani Morgan. 5. Robert Farmer, Makayla Gant, Martha Gant. 6. Laura Jaeger, Dana Key. 8. Cheryl Sarvis. 9. Scott Bowmaster. 10. Eric Doyon, Mahala Edwards. 11. Birney Bowmaster, Carla Donehoo. 12. Brian Allen, Joseph Dufour. 14. Kathy Peacock. 16. Lisa Brandenberger, Shannon Gailey, Bobby Haynie, Elaine Pye. 18. Bradley Aull, Mary Bellinger, Sabrina Fox, Drew Odegaard, Cheryl Simpson. 19. William Allen, Jean Mixon. 21. Kenneth McElhannon, Alex McKenzie. 23. Bill Adams, David Doughty, Debbie Harvey, Elizabeth Kilpatrick, Harry Loosier. 24. Joe Paterson. 25. Clayton Knight, Lana Smith. 26. Kamryn Gant. 27. Mandie Gant. 28. Mary Anne Brannon, Jan Compton, Wayne Morgan, Bud Tirey.

Bulletins Shared

Hank & Shawn Smith shared the July 4th bulletin from International Christian Fellowship in Udornthani, Thailand, where they worshiped while visiting Shawn's mother and family June 15-July 26. The Smiths delivered Bibles in the Thailand native language provided by Peter Smith of Campus Crusade for Christ, helped celebrate the 91st birthday of Shawn's mother, completed home improvements for her, and worked with Shawn's family in the rice patties.

Tommie Budkoski shared the August 30th bulletin from Christ UMC in Roswell where she is attending as an affiliate member.

Glenn & Shirley Barnett shared the September 13 bulletin from Cathedral of Saint Patrick, New York, where they worshipped while on a New York trip with the Older Adult group from Morrow Presbyterian Church. Tom & Doris Cromer and David & Sara Doughty also went on the trip.

Melanie Lewis shared the October 16 bulletin from Cassidy UMC in Kingsport, TN where the Lewis family worshiped while visiting with her grandfather.

Remembering our Military

From Ruth Smith, United Daughters of the Confederacy. I want to give an update on the support of military personnel in your church family from my UDC Chapter. Kathy Munson's nephew, Sgt. Randy Fifield, and Nan Dooley's son, Lt. Jayson Dooley were each sent boxes of miscellaneous items and also boxes were sent for the soldiers in their unit. We also sent cards to both of them, as well, to be distributed to those who do not receive any mail from home.

May God continue to bless our soldiers!

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Words to Ponder... *The Beauty and the Beast – Loving the Unlovable*

Do you like Disney movies? I don't care much for the Disney shows, they're just too silly but I like the movies because they make me feel good and sometimes have a good theological message. When I was growing up I looked forward to Sunday nights and "The Wonderful World of Disney", followed by Bonanza with Ben Cartwright and the boys (another good family show). You never had to worry about Ben slapping the boys around or cursing, even the hired hands (the good and bad) watched their language.

My favorite Disney movie is Reverend Dr. Syn: The Scarecrow of Romney Marsh. It has a typical theme: good against evil with good winning out in the end. It had guns, horses, fight scenes, and drama; everything a seven year old boy in 1964 wanted in a movie.

I like happy endings and Disney always came through. Even as a child I realized life doesn't always have happy endings; I guess that is why I like Disney, it gave me a weekly escape and it brightened my world. We all need a little light once in a while to brighten our world. Another story that Disney transformed into a fun movie is *Beauty and the Beast*. The original story by Madame Gabrielle-Suzanne Barbot de Villeneuve was published in French in 1740 and translated into English in 1757. It was a little darker than the Disney version but the theological point is the same: a person must be loved before that person can be loveable. The English essayist and poet, G. K. Chesterton said that is the lesson of the story of *Beauty and the Beast*, that a thing must be loved before it is loveable.

Chesterton said, "Some of the most unlovely people I have known got that way because they thought that nobody loved them. The fact of the matter is that unless and until we feel ourselves loved, we cannot love. That's not only a principle of theology but of psychology and sociology as well. Just as abused children grow up to abuse their children, loved children grow up to love their children. Loved persons are able to love. Unloved persons are not. Christianity says something startling. It says that God loves and accepts us 'just as we are.'

Therefore we can love and accept ourselves and in so doing, love and accept others."¹

I still like to escape every once in awhile by watching a happy ever after movie, but I feel even better when I step out into the real world and share the love of Christ with my neighbors. I don't always succeed; the darkness of life sometimes gets in the way. It is good to know that God loves us in spite of our failings, so I keep trying. Have you shared the love of Christ with someone today?

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Ray Cox
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¹ Donald B. Strobe, Collected Words



Our Sunday Schedule

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages.
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship Service, Sanctuary. Nursery provided.

Available Each Sunday

Large Print Bibles, Hymnals and Assisted Hearing Devices.
Please ask an usher for one.

Also Available Each Sunday

- Prayer Notebooks at Entrances to Sanctuary. If you have prayer concerns, please write them in a notebook (before you take your seat) to be read during morning prayer time.
- Intercessory Prayer Lists are available by Prayer Notebooks and Prayer Room.
- Prayer Hotline. Copies are available by Prayer Room. You may also call Gail Hartley at 770-478-4737 for your prayer needs.

➔ Food Pantry Open Thursdays 10 am – Noon ➔



Annual Community Day of Service Saturday, November 7, 2009 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

We will gather at First Baptist Church of Morrow, along with the Morrow Presbyterians, for coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m., and then break up into mission teams at 9 a.m. to work on two houses in Morrow. We'll also be sending a small team to clean up the road by our church cemetery. We are blessed this year with the opportunity to share our faith with students from Clayton State Wesley Foundation (Campus Christian Ministry) who will be joining us in our day of service.

Bring your rakes, hedge clippers/trimmers, weed eaters, blowers, and lawn mowers. Don't forget your gloves.

First Baptist of Morrow will prepare lunch for the workers and deliver it to the workers around noon. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come out and support this ministry effort of making a difference in our community.

Stewardship Moment: Loving out of Obligation

A rabbi was asked, "Which act of charity is higher--giving out of obligation or giving from the heart?" All in the class were inclined to respond that giving from the heart had something more in it, but they knew the rabbi was going to say just the opposite, because in spiritual teaching nothing is logical. They were not disappointed.

"Giving from the heart is a wonderful thing," the rabbi said, "It is a very high act and should never be demeaned. But there is something much more important that happens when somebody gives charity out of obligation.

"Consider who is doing the giving. When somebody gives from the heart, there is clear sense of oneself doing something; in other words, heartfelt charity always involves ego gratification. However, when we give out of obligation, when we give at a moment that every part of us is yelling NO! because of one reason or another--perhaps the beneficiary is disgusting, or it is too much money, or any of thousands of reasons we use to avoid giving charity--then we are confronting our own egos, and giving nonetheless. Why? Because we are supposed to. And what this means is that it is not us doing the giving, rather we are vehicles through which God gives..."

David A. Cooper, Entering the Sacred Mountain:
A Mystical Odyssey, Bell Tower.

Hospital and Nursing Home Patients

Piedmont Fayette: Ruby Partin, Rm 316A.
Southern Regional: Charles Partin, Rm 278, son of Ruby Partin & brother of Marline Sargent.
Houston County, Warner Robins: Lena Maddox, Rm 401, mother of Jackie Davis.
Atria Buckhead: Dottie Murdock, Rm 306.
Brookdale Place, Huntsville, AL: Mary Jordan, Room 237.
Fountainview Center: Irene Davis, Rm 122B.
GA War Veterans Home, Milledgeville: Charles Mixon, Rm 412.
Jonesboro Nursing & Rehab Center: Miriam Spivey, Rm 112B.
Lafayette Nursing & Rehab Center: Margaret Collins, Rm 110B.
Lafayette Nursing and Rehab Center: Carl Welden, Room 205.
Now Home: Casey Davis, Michelle Carr, Shannon Gailey, Evie Gregory, Faye Kirksey.

Prayer Concerns: Sandi Nida (daughter of Jack & Jean Nida), William Allen, Kyle Barrett, Ellen Betsill, Dale Burt, Adina Butler, Ann Carr, Michelle Carr, Eddie Cobb, Tommy Cox, Catherine Drew, Trina Dean, Mahala Edwards, Bill Gauthier, Mamie Hewatt, Bobbie Jones, Georgette Keith, Lena Maddox, Kathy Meade, Barbara Mobley, Jim Neri, Herb Singleton, Joyce Smidt, Abby Smith, Dorothy Thomas, Janet Thomaston, Carl Welden, Brian Williams, Mike Wilson.

Our Military: 2LT David Wayne Barker, Iraq; Capt. Kyle J. Brandenberger, Army Reserve; LT. Jayson Dooley, California; **SSGT Jason Doyon, deployed to Afghanistan Feb 2009;** LTC J. Brian Ellis, Stafford, VA; **SPC Randy Fifield returned from Iraq Sept 2009;** Airman Amanda Green, Iraq; Petty Officer 2nd Class IS 2 Scott Hammond, returned from Iraq; **SGT James "Sonny" Hurtado, deployed to Afghanistan Aug 2009;** CPO Craig C. Jenkins, Suffolk, VA; MG William H. Johnson, Scott AFB, IL; MAJ David P. Key, Scott Air Force Base, IL; PFC Hunter N. Levine, The Woodlands, TX; SGT Michael C. McCullough, Alabama; SGT Aaron E. McKenzie, Iraq; **LCDR Craig Randall, deployed to Afghanistan Sept 2009;** TSgt Dan Ruffino, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Goldsboro, NC; **SGT Davin Youngblood, deployed to Afghanistan Sept 2009.**



Our Christian Sympathy to . . .

With Sympathy . . . **The family of Sharon Wilson** upon her death on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at her home in Forest Park. Sharon and her husband Michael, both shut-in and in very ill health, contacted the church and requested to become members of MFUMC. Dr. Judy went to their home September 21, baptized Sharon and received Sharon and Michael on profession of faith. Condolences may be sent to Michael W. Wilson at 6102 Castleton Lane, Forest Park, GA 30297-4220.

. . . **Ray & Diane Cox and family** upon the death of his aunt on October 27, 2009, Mrs. Eula Moore of Rome.

. . . **Elizabeth Lee and family** upon the death of her brother on October 24, 2009, Mr. William Lively of McDonough.

. . . **The family of former member Al Hunt** upon his death on October 26, 2009. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m. in the chapel of First Baptist Church of Jonesboro with Rev. Emory Brackman, officiating. No visitation is scheduled. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Gwynne Hunt, 131 Burnside St. Jonesboro, GA 30236- 4953.



Welcome to our World!

Jaidyn Cheyenne Davis-Acevedo, daughter of Casey Davis of McDonough and Brandon Acevedo of McDonough, was born September 17, 2009 at Southern Regional Medical Center. Jaidyn's maternal grandparents are Jackie & Don Davis in our church. Her uncle is 16-year-old Luke Davis of McDonough. Jaidyn's paternal grandmother is Katherine Acevedo of McDonough and her paternal grandfather is Frank Coppa of Bronx, NY. A rosebud was in the sanctuary on September 20 to honor Jaidyn.

Derrick James "D. J." Aull, son of Angela & Jamie Aull of Jonesboro, who was born September 24, 2009 at Southern Regional Medical Center. D. J. joins 10-year-old brother Jared and 5-year old brother David. His paternal grandparents are Bradley & Diana Aull and his paternal aunt, uncle and cousins are Mandy & Matt Smith, 6-year old Cameron and 3-year old Connor, all in our church. The paternal great-grandmother is Ruth Muniz, also in our church. Maternal grandparents are Roscoe & Rita Crawford of Jonesboro. Maternal aunts, uncle and cousin are Desiree Crawford and 3 ½ year old Jordan of Morrow and Nichole & Walter Williams, Jr., of North Atlanta. The maternal great-grandmother is Eula Crawford of Atlanta. A rosebud was in the sanctuary on October 11 to honor D. J.

Our Faithfulness through October 2009

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| Sunday School Average..... | 83 |
| Morning Worship Average..... | 125 |
| Capital Improvements Year to Date..... | \$29,081.26 |
| RSVP Receipts Year to Date | \$15,646.00 |
| Budget Weekly Need | \$6,954.31 |
| Budget Need Year to Date | \$299,035.33 |
| Budget Receipts Year to Date..... | \$228,858.05 |
| (Weekly receipts percentage received 43weeks YTD: 63%) | |

"I will be faithful to Christ through the United Methodist Church with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness."

Apportionments

Honor Church Staff from Jon & Jean Peacock.
Memory George Harkness, from Jon & Jean Peacock.
Memory Sharon Wilson from Jon & Jean Peacock.
Honor Carl & Dorothea McAlvin, our Shepherds and Friends, from Jon & Jean Peacock.
Honor Audrey Matthews, from Jon & Jean Peacock.

Flood Buckets for UMCOR

From Laura Cofield, Maggie Durrance, Joy Class, Marvin Foster Class, Jon & Jean Peacock, Searchers Class, and others who donated supplies to fill Flood Buckets.

Mary Alice Boyd Scholarship

from Dan & Charlotte Brady and Joy Class.

Morrow First

Honor Glenn & Shirley Barnett on their 50th wedding anniversary, from Carl & Dorothea McAlvin.
Honor Mary Anne Brannon, from Bridge Builders Class.
Memory Jane Thomaston, from Kilpatrick Elementary.

Two Sets of Three-Lite Satin Bronze Candelabras
In honor of Carlton & Dorothea McAlvin and Bill Peacock
Given by Joy Class for use at baptisms and weddings.



2009 Christian Educator of the Year

The Education Committee was pleased to award the Christian Educator of the Year for 2009 to Mary Anne Brannon. She is involved in many facets of the life of the church. She leads the Ramblers on many excursions. She is now leading the UMW. She has taught the Bridge Builders class for twenty plus years. She is a liturgist for Sunday morning worship services. She fills our pulpit as well as others when asked to do so as a lay speaker. She has taught lay speaking classes at the district and conference levels. She has also been involved in training at the jurisdictional level. And the list goes on! Mary Anne is always there to do whatever she can for the glory of God. Congratulations to Mary Anne!

Also thank you to all our education workers. Each one of you is appreciated! Thanks also to everyone who brought a covered dish for our luncheon honoring our educational department on September 27. It was great.

Janice Bales and Fran Valenzuela, Co-Chairs

Another Great Season for Summer Sprinklers!

The awards banquet for the 2009 Summer Sprinklers bowling season was September 19. The winners of league were the "Rough Riders." With a season record of 28 wins and 12 losses, the team was made up of Brad Boyd, Ron Hoenes and Keith Munson. Great job, guys! The following were the individual winners for the season:

High Season Average (Male): Andrew Cox, 175; High Season Average (Female): Pam Rich, 137; High Scratch Game (Male): Andrew Cox, 221; High Scratch Game (Female): Pam Rich, 192; High Scratch Series (Male): David Stanley, 528; High Scratch Series (Female): Cindy Anderson, 397; High Handicap Game (Male): Chuck Ruffino, 252; High Handicap Game (Female): Lauren Judy, 225; High Handicap Series (Male): Chris Hoenes, 649; High Handicap Series (Female): April Ruffino, 629.

Ray Cox was given a special award for High Scratch Game of 266! This was a tremendous accomplishment and all bowlers felt that a special award was necessary because, as a sub, Ray did not qualify for any of the standard awards.

Everyone had a great time and it was discussed the possibility of a winter league starting up in February 2010, so be on the lookout for bowlers in your area!

Chris Hoenes, Coordinator

Recognitions from Trustees

Charles & Karen Sargent – Thank you for your generous donation to repair and repaint the church steeple and front of the church building. Your willingness to give to repair and maintain our building and grounds is always appreciated.

Ron Hoenes – Thank you for your willingness to give both your time and talents to the work of the trustees. The handicap and visitor signs you installed look great. In addition, thank you for ordering and hanging the hallway signs. Your help is always appreciated and is often done without recognition.

Paul Deason – Thank you for repairing and repainting the handrails in the front of the church. You saw a need and took care of it. The carpet you donated for the meeting room looks great. Your quiet service to the church is appreciated and has not gone unnoticed.

Brian Adams, Chair