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Serving Parkwood for 50years



Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's **good news**, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this **good news!**"

Mark 1:14-15

The Newsletter of Parkwood United Methodist Church

Our Mission: Change the world by making disciples!



January, 2012



HOW DO YOU COPE WITH CHANGE?

I was born in 1953 in the territory of Hawaii. Many areas of the 48 United States were still racially segregated. Most kids walked to school. Most women were full-time homemakers. A 1st class stamp cost 3 cents. A Gallon of gas cost 27 cents. The average car cost \$1,750. The average house cost \$14,500. The average annual salary was \$3,800. Few people had air-conditioning in their cars and homes. There were no computers, internet, cell phones, credit cards, cable or satellite TV. We had three channels that went off the air from midnight until morning. We had to get up if we wanted to change the channels. Stores were all closed from Saturday night until Monday morning. Many of you are older than I am and have seen even more changes! We don't like change; but change is inevitable. Those who refuse to adapt to change go the way of the dinosaur. How do you cope with change?

First we must recognize that God is the change agent. "When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: 'Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also.' This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain." (Hebrews 12:26-27) Change is a part of God's plan. "The Lord's plans stand firm forever." (Psalm 33:11)

Second we must recognize that God Himself is unchanging. "I am the Lord, and I do not change." (Malachi 3:6) "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

Third we must build our lives in a changing world on an unchanging God. *"I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me."* (Psalm 16:8) *"He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken."* (Psalm 62:6) *"Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken."* (Isaiah 28:16) *"Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshipping him with holy fear and awe."* (Hebrews 12:28)

We are facing a year of many changes. Our Bishop is retiring. The Durham District will no longer exist. You will be receiving a new pastor. Have you built your life on changing sands or solid rock?

Pastor Bob

Please read Editorial comment on page 10

BABY GUESS: New Year's day is on Sunday this year too! Our theme is, *"I make all things new!"* Please send me a good baby photo of yourself and we will have a baby match-up contest. If you don't have a digital version, I can scan it for you and return it.

SEVERE WEATHER: Worship will not be cancelled. No one should attend if they feel it will put them at risk.

CARDBOARD TESTIMONIES: Sun, Jan 8. To get a preview, check out...
www.youtube.com/watch?v=RvDDc5RB6FQ

BASIC TRAINING CLASS: This new Sunday School class will meet in the Pastor's study from 9:30-10:30am from Jan 8 through Easter. New members, those thinking of joining and confirmands are especially encouraged to attend.

AMERICA'S SUNDAY SUPPER: Sun, Jan 15. Inspired by the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., people from all backgrounds are coming together to share a meal, discuss issues that affect their community and highlight the power each person has to make a difference! This is an opportunity for individuals to reach out to new persons and build community over a shared meal.

PHONE CHAIN: If you do not have e-mail and would like to be notified by phone of critical events in the life of our congregation, please give your number to Henrietta Chimelis at 806-1116

2012 BUDGET

Here is the 2012 budget that was passed by Leadership in October 2011. This information will be by category and not detail. If you wish to have a detailed 2012 budget please see Bob Newlin. If you have any questions please ask any member on Finance. Thank you! Pam Skidmore, Finance Chair

APPORTIONMENTS: \$25,151
PASTOR COMPENSATION: \$74,750
STAFF COMPENSATION: \$9,776
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE: \$3,010
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: \$19,940
WORSHIP: \$785
EDUCATION MINISTRIES: \$2,850
FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES: \$100
OUTREACH MINISTRIES: \$1,300

WITNESS MINISTRIES: \$600
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: \$0
MEMBER CARE: \$150
2012 TOTAL BUDGET: \$138,412 PROJECTED INCOME: \$128,700
SHORTFALL - **\$9,712.00**

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

On January 8, the Seekers class will begin one of the Immersion Bible Studies: Colossians and Thessalonians. Everyone is welcome as we look in depth at these books of the Bible.

the Jacob Class

“Dear and Glorious Physician” is a book written many years ago by Taylor Caldwell. Fictionally, she explored the life and times of Luke.

the Jacob class is exploring the works of Luke biblically. Won't you join us as we study the book of Luke; his Gospel in the New Testament and, in the future, the book of Acts.

All you need is your Bible. the Jacob class meets at 9:30 in room 1



“Knowledge is Power”

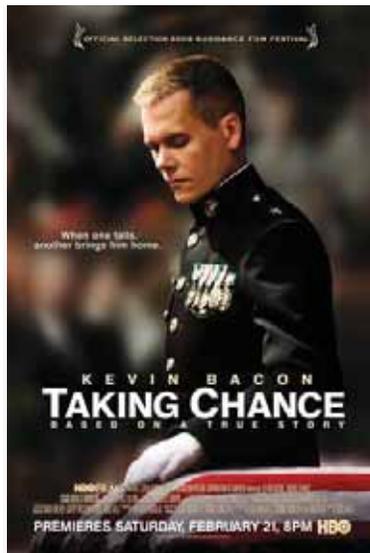
On Saturday, January 21st at 9:30, Ms. Lauren Skidmore will lead the fifth of a series of health-related presentations at Parkwood United Methodist Church. The series is entitled, “Knowledge is Power”. Decemblers’ presentation will be on “Sleep Hygiene. The Sleep Cycle, Why We Need Sleep, and Ways to Improve Personal Sleep Habits.”

Lauren, the daughter of Linnie & Pam Skidmore, is a 2006 graduate of C.E.

Jordan High School. Lauren is currently in her final year at Wingate University School of Pharmacy and will graduate with a PharmD degree. She has completed over 3,000 hours in a pharmacy, with 300 of them being ambulatory care focused and 1,500 being community care focused. Lauren says she has found that a major flaw in our healthcare system is simply a lack of knowledge and feels empowered to educate as many members of her community as possible, so they can have the power to understand and take control of their health. Invite a friend and be empowered together!

Friday Nite Movie Presents:

"Taking Chance"



Starring Kevin Bacon

January 6th, 2012 @ 7:30 pm

Fair Warning: "Taking Chance" depicts an aspect of the conflict in the Middle East that is not normally portrayed. This is a very emotional movie.

Previews of Coming Attractions*

February	3rd	A Man for All Seasons	1966
March	2nd	Finding Neverland	2004
April	6th	Paper Clips	2004
May	4th	Lion King	1994
June	1st	Book of Ruth	2009
July	6th	Laura	1944
August	3rd	Casablanca	1942
September	7 th	Soul Surfer	2011
October	5th	Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein	1948
November	2nd	She Wore a Yellow Ribbon	1949
December	7th	Miracle on 34 th Street	1947

*subject to change

Knit, Purl, Pray



If you are an experienced knitter/crochet, beginner or a novice; you are welcome. We all have our own level of expertise and love to share.



Our Church



In our church there are happy and joyous Christians.
Christ liveth in them.

There faces are like bright Spring flowers that glow,
"Cause they loveth Christ so.

They are willing to share love, time, talent,
And benevolence, too, for the Kings glory.

Come one and all and join in rejoicing for
Meeting some day our King.
He'll swing open the door of Heaven
And welcome us in.



Submitted by a member of the PUMC who wishes to remain anonymous.



The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, January 21st at 8 am at the Golden Corral on Hwy 55. Please make it a point to attend. We are starting a new year with a new president. Be a part of what promises to be a dynamic year.

Don't miss the Great Chili Cook-off contest coming on January 29th right after church.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Adrian Alman Jan. 5
 Alexander Nelson Omburo Jan. 17
 Arnie Sherman Jan. 20
 BJ Dube' Jan. 22
 Susan Clark Jan. 28
 Henrick Ronni Jan. 30

Anniversaries

Bob & Betsy Newlin Jan. 2

Send birthdays and anniversaries to ronsphotos@msn.com



Adult and Youth Choir Opportunities



The Chancel Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM and the Youth Choir (ages K-high school) meets weekly on Sundays from 9:30-10:00 AM. Both choirs rehearse in the sanctuary and all are welcome to join at any time!

TICKLE MY FUNNY BONE

Kids Say the Darnd'est Thinks...

A grandmother was surprised by her 7-year-old grandson one morning. He had made her coffee. She drank what was the worst cup of coffee in her life. When she got to the bottom, there were three of those little green army men in the cup. She said, "Honey, what are the army men doing in my coffee?" Her grandson said, "Grandma, it says on TV - 'The best part of waking up is soldiers in your cup!'"

An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into heaven?" The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out.'"

A nursery school teacher was delivering a station wagon full of kids home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started

discussing the dog's duties. "They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster. "No," said another, "he's just for good luck." A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. "Why do you do that, Mommy?" he asked. "To make myself beautiful," said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. "What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"

"May I Say?" By Dr. J. Vernon McGee from his "Thru the Bible" radio broadcast

Luke 5 tells of the time when the Lord Jesus climbed into Simon Peter's boat and asked him to push it out a little from the land. What a pulpit! Every pulpit is a "fishing boat". A place to give out the word of God and attempt to catch fish. Jesus told His disciples that He would make them fishers of men. This does not mean that you and I will catch fish every time we give out the Word—the disciples didn't—but it does mean that the one on board must not forget the supreme business of life, which is to fish for the souls of men.

After the Lord had finished speaking to the people, He said, "Now we'll leave off fishing for men, and we're going to fish for fish." He told Simon, "launch out into the deep and let your net down. You quit fishing with Me; now I am going to fish with you. *"And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing; nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net broke. (Luke 5:5, 6)*

There are many lessons for us here. Fishing is an art: You must go where the fish are; you must use the right kind of bait; you must be patient; but most important lesson He is teaching us is that we must fish according to His instructions. If we are ever going to win men for Him, we must fish according to His instructions.

May God richly bless you my Beloved.

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(See Daniel 6)

10-17-2011

REMEMBER THAT TIME WHEN YOU GOT THROWN
IN OUR DEN AND EVERYBODY THOUGHT WE WERE
GOING TO EAT YOU ... THAT WAS AWESOME!

Youth Activities

In the last month, the youth has been very busy. We made Christmas tree ornaments and sold them at the Christmas Bazaar at Emerald Pond retirement home to raise money for the Youth. We would like to thank all the church members who donated or bought items for our sales. We are now in the process of making hotplates from leftover tiles and stone.

The youth had great fun setting up the PUMC float and participating in the Parkwood Christmas Parade. We also really enjoyed singing Christmas carols on the Friday night before Christmas.

On January 20th, the youth will be having a movie night and will be watching "Courageous". Refreshments and drinks will be provided. Donations are welcome.

Everyone mark your calendars for February 12th, for the annual Valentine's Day dinner.

*The Youth would like to especially thank everyone who has dedicated time and money to making dinners for us on Sunday nights. **God Bless, the Youth of PUMC***

PUMC Quiz Team

The quizzing year is half complete and we have placed in the top 6 teams! This team is simply amazing! We are in the midst of studying Hebrews, and Peter 1&2. There have been some team changes but we are stronger and better than before! If you haven't seen this team in action now is the time! Come out on Saturday, January 14 at Cary Penny Road Church of the Nazarene in Cary to root your team on. Remember they are representing Parkwood and going a great job! Please come out to support your team. This is as close as they're going to be for the rest of the year. We would love to have a cheering section!

Here is our quizzing schedule for the rest of the year:

January 14 - Cary Penny Road, Cary

February 11 - Burlington, NC

March - Fayetteville ** this is the two day final championship for the year!

Pam Skidmore, Coach
Parkwood UMC Quiz Team

2011 FINANCE NEWS

The New Year is upon us and with that brings great hope and promise. It's a new year not weighed down by the despair of the world. My wish for a New Year is abundant blessings and the promise of God's peace and grace to enter within.

I want to thank everyone for their generous support and help once again during this turbulent year. We have had our fair share of ups and downs but with the touch of our Master's Hand we have pulled together and persevered. We are stronger now and more focused. We are ready TOGETHER for the challenges that we face in the coming months. With prayer ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

I will be stepping down as Finance Chair in 2012. Frank Stephens will chair this committee for 2012 and beyond. It has been my honor and a privilege to serve you as Finance Chair for the last six years. I have seen many blessings and answered prayers in my time on the Finance Committee. So many times we had no clue where funds were going to come from and in the last minutes –literally at times – our Lord answered our prayers and saw that every need was met. We are so blessed as a church. I ask that you support Frank in all his endeavors to help our church grow and prosper in the coming years. Listen to him and help all you possibly can.

With Grace and Peace in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pam Skidmore, Finance Chair

(Frank plays the drum too and can beat the bushes for money. ☺)

From the Editor: We all live fast paced lives and we all are pulled so many way that we tend to let things go until the last minute...or beyond.

Below you will see that the deadline for the newsletter is the 25th of the month. For the last number of months I have had to push the deadline further and further till it seems as if there is no deadline. So, starting on January 1st the deadline for our newsletter will be 25th of each month. The only exception to this is the UMW because they meet so late in the month. If items, articles are not received by the 25th, they will be pushed forward to the next month.

I too am one of those people with a full plate and other activities that have to take a slice of my available time. Please respect the deadline.

Thank You, Ron Byrd



My New Year's Resolution to you: To publish on time every time every month!

Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th of the month.
Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at ronsphotos@msn.com
By the 25th of the month

"Count your Blessings, not your Burdens."

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