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And in Durham, NC it will be the year if our LORD.....2013!

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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

January, 2013

A New Year, a New Challenge

New Year's Resolutions...I am not a fan. It's not that I don't think any good can come from them; it's just that nine out of ten people do not seem to keep them for more than a month. While still in school at Duke Divinity, my roommate and I went to the gym Monday through Friday and sometimes on Saturday. All year long we knew what times to go that were both convenient for us and that were devoid of people hogging the machines. But when January came the gym became chaos. People we never saw before flooded the small workout space that was a second home to us. And as frustrating as that time could be, we knew that we only had to endure until February when it returned to what we were used to. During our first New Year together as husband and wife, Laura and I shelled out some serious dough for a yearlong membership to a great gym in Reidsville. We flooded the gym with the rest of the crazies in January and then went back to stuffing our faces and lying around a little over a month later. **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS HARDLY EVER STICK!**

Sometimes it's all about your motivation. My first trip to the gym during my junior year at ECU carried an unusual one. Don't laugh, but I wanted to be Spider-man for Halloween. Ok, maybe not so farfetched after you've seen the Ghostbusters and Batman suit from this year's Trunk or Treat. But that motivation to look like Spider-man was strong enough that I was at the gym six days a week to work muscles I, at the time, didn't even know I had. And come Halloween, I didn't just look like Spider-man...I was Spider-man. When Laura and I went back to the gym a number of years later, I can't even remember what my motivation was. I just remember I didn't want to have to buy new suits, but my old ones could only be worn if I held my breath when I buttoned them and prayed all day that an exhale wouldn't cause a button to fly off.

So why share this bit of news that is hardly enlightening to most of us? I share it because at the beginning of each year we need to plan needed changes for our worshipping community and I want them to stick. You have a new minister with you that's been taking his time getting to know everyone, the traditions of this fine church called Parkwood, and working hard to figure out the ins and outs of an average week so that when people come to him with questions he doesn't look so puzzled. But now it's a chance to begin a year together, trying new things in worship and in service, and striving to show our God and our community the best offering we can. We will revisit our worship service, learning new songs and discovering new ways to offer praise, and we will prayerfully seek the ways God would like to use us outside our doors, taking risks despite what budgets say and what we've always done.

Now as we work together to live boldly in this New Year, we have to make sure our motivations are clear. We want something behind us that causes our resolutions to stick. Sometimes churches will change out of fear that the doors are closing or because the bank account is drying up. Churches will change because they think it will attract a certain age of people that they know will turn everything around and sometimes churches change (or stay the same) so that members within won't march out of the doors. These are all good reasons, but are they reasons that motivate and fuel us for the long haul? These are all good reasons, but are they the right reasons?

Let me suggest another reason: To know Jesus and to make him known. It's a simple, yet, powerful reason and easy to remember, too. As a church living out God's call in 2013 we will strive to know Jesus, learning his scripture, taking into our very being his message of forgiveness and reconciliation, and recognizing the people on the margins he lived and died for. Then we will make that Jesus known, knowing that every action, great or small, is an opportunity to introduce Christ's love and that in all we do as a church, if it does not ultimately reach new people for Christ, we need to reexamine why we do it. We will know Jesus so that we can make him known. With that as our motivator it ceases to be about 'us' and what we want, and becomes about God and what God wants.

Have any resolutions for this coming year? What's your motivation?

The Worship Team will meet Sunday, January 6th, after church (12:30 PM) to review Advent/Christmas and plan Lent/Easter. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 13th this year.

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Sunday, January 27th,

Right after church service.

2,750-year-old Temple Discovered in Israel...See Page 12

Are Tattoos For You?????

Tattoos' have become a huge business. And it seems that age is not a factor anymore. Everyone seems to be getting tattoos. As a matter of fact it is rumored that one of our senior staff members at "Believe...Belong...Serve..." has, or wants to have, a tattoo of a Maryland Blue Crab tattooed on his/her right shoulder!!!!!! Go figure...

In order to help you decide what kind of Christian tattoo you'd like to get, here are some thumbnail photos of what is available. We are providing this as a public service to our readers. Believe me when I say that there are literally thousands of 'tats' to get. Enjoy!!!



"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by Faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2: 20
Scrip. quoted on the last tattoo pictured

Don't let this body art surprise you. Men, and women, has been adorning their bodies with 'art' for thousands of years. Remember the infamous Otzi the Iceman, found in the Italian Alps? Otzi was reputed to be over 5,000 years old and he had numerous tattoos on his body.

Our Lord has promised us a new body, one that is incorruptible. "Although we do not know exactly what our new bodies will be like, we know that they will be like Jesus." 1 John 3:2-3 Will we carry our tattoos with us? Who knows? Our bodies have not been revealed to us yet. And when they are I think that we won't really be thinking of tattoos. We will be thinking of the glorious revelation of his return and the pure Christ energy that will envelop us. All of your aches and pain will be gone, Isaiah 35:3-5; there will be no language barrier, Zeph 3:8-9; but most important of all is that Christ will be glorified in us, 2 Th 1:10-12.

So go ahead, get that 'tat', let the people know that you are a Believer in Jesus Christ in today's uncertain age; don't worry what people will say, you have Christ on your body and in your heart.

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United Methodist Men: We will meet for breakfast at 8am on Saturday, January 19th at Beneties Restaurant on Hwy. 55 at 8:00.

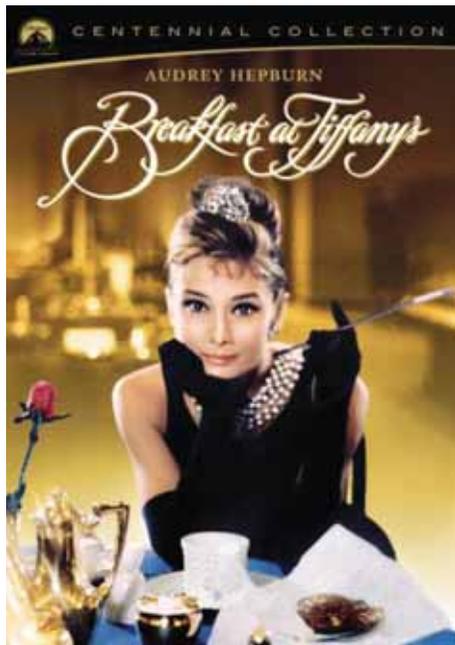
Calendar:

Umpteenth annual Chili Cook- Off January 27th

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, - February 12th at 6.15 pm

Friday Nite Movie Presents

Audrey Hepburn in:



Breakfast at Tiffany's

January 4th at 7:30 pm

Ron's # 1 Favorite Movie of all Time!!!!!!!

Previews of Coming Attractions for 2013*

Feb. 1	Star Wars IV: A New Hope	1977	Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford	Suggested by Pastor Nathan
March 1	Courageous	2011	Alex Kendrick, Ken Bevel	
April 5	A Night to Remember	1958	Kenneth More, Honor Blackman	
May 3	Bonhoffer, Agent of Grace	2000	Ulrich Tukur, Johanna Klante	
June 7	Billy: The Early Years	2008	Armie Hammer, Stefanie Butler	
July 5	True Grit	1969	John Wayne, Kim Darby	
Aug. 2	To Sir With Love	1967	Sidney Poitier, Judy Green	
Sept. 6	The Preachers Wife	1996	Denzel Washington, Whitney Houston	
Oct. 4	Damn Yankees	1958	Tab Hunter, Gwen Verden	
Nov. 1	Captains Courageous	1937	Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew	
Dec. 6	Polar Express	2004	Tom Hanks, Chris Coppola	

*subject to change



What's Your Favorite Movie of all Time?????



Let us know and we'll see if we can track it down and show it!

Send favorites to crabbyron@yahoo.com

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The Seekers found Adam Hamilton's Lenten study to be so interesting that we have decided to use his new book for our Advent Study The Journey Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Whereas this is a five lesson study, it is for five two hour sessions. Since Sunday school is only an hour, we will be doing the book through November and December. The first session on each chapter will include a video by Hamilton and then discussion through the following session.

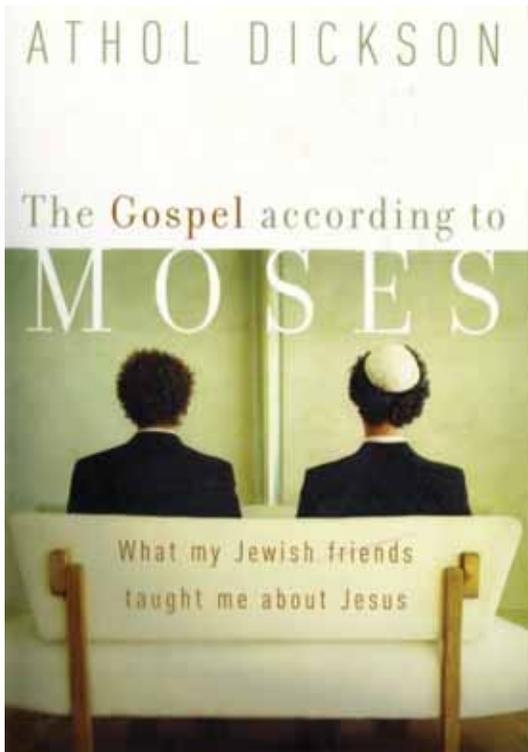
Please join us for this exciting journey. See Bob Newlin for a book.

the Jacob Class

the Jacob class is doing a verse by verse study of the book of Luke. You only need to bring your Bible to class.

We meet in room 1 at 9:30 am.

Tuesday Morning Study Group



For all who are interested, we will begin the study of “The Gospel According To Moses” on **Tuesday, January 15th at 10:00 AM** at the church. If there is enough interest, we could also have an evening group. Ideally, we should have at least six people in order to have a meaningful discussion.

The book we will be using – “The Gospel according To Moses” by Athol Dickson – is the account of a gentile who was invited to participate in a Jewish study of the Torah. In his writing, Mr. Dickson untangles the truths of Torah and helps us discover what is found in the

Christian gospels. It is a testament of how much Christians and Jews have in common.

The book is available on-line for \$6 to \$7 at Amazon.com or Abesbooks.com

Knit – Purl – Pray

Parkwood United Methodist Church
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2nd. and 4th. Saturday



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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Bob Jones 1-14
Alexander Nelson Omburo 1-17
Susan Clark 1-28
Jandy Mooney 1-28
Laura Denny 1-29
Henrik Ronni 1-30

Anniversaries

Bob & Betsy Newlin 1-2
Derek & Desiree Omburo 1-2
Bill & Linda Youngblood 1-26

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



Chancel Choir



You are cordially invited to join the Chancel Choir at Parkwood United Methodist Church. The choir meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:30





May I Say!

By Dr. J. Vernon McGee

And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, 'Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.' (Acts 24:24, 25)

This couple of rascals probably would never have attended a church in which the gospel was preached, nor would they have gone to hear Paul the apostle if he had come to town to preach. Yet here these two have this great opportunity given to them under the most favorable circumstances. They have a private interview with the greatest preacher of the grace of God that the world has ever known. Oh, the wonder of the grace of God to give these two a chance! The hour of salvation struck for them. The door of the kingdom was opened and they had their opportunity to enter. It appears that they heard Paul with a great deal of interest. I think Felix would have liked to have made a decision for Christ, but he didn't make the decision. He wanted to wait for a 'convenient season'. My friend, the sinner will never have a convenient season to hear the gospel. Man does not set the time; God does.

It has been proven out in the history of the human family that folk can keep postponing making a decision for Christ until they come to the place where they cannot make a decision for Him at all. This is the reason that most decisions for Christ are made by young people. Also this is the reason a person need not think that because he is getting older he is becoming smarter. Older people just become more hardened to the gospel. "Go thy way for this time; when I have a 'convenient season', I will call for thee." Said Felix. That time never came for him. That time does not come for a great many people receiving Christ. May God richly bless you my beloved.

From Edited Messages on Acts)



Flowers for the Church Sanctuary



If you haven't visited our new Farmers' Market you are missing a real treat. In addition to the wonderful fruits, vegetables, cheeses and meats, they have beautiful fresh flowers – perfect for a church bouquet. They are priced very reasonable at about \$10.00! And the market will be open year round I understand. Also, Harris Teeter and Kroger offer fresh flowers.

There is a sign-up calendar in the church hall if you would like to do so. Give me a call at home (919-544-1380) if I can help you with your arrangement. Fresh flowers make a big difference.

We encourage you to do so and to fill out this short form that will be put in the church bulletin on the Sunday you furnish the flowers. Please make sure this form is to the Pastor on the Monday before. Thanks, Betty Byrd





Membership Message.....

Our new membership software, Servants Keeper, is almost completely updated and several members have asked if we are going to publish a booklet with the information. The Membership team (Pastor Nathan, Eddie Hanson, and Margaret Eiland) is working on gathering and entering all this information and we will consider publishing a new photo directory in 2013 if there is enough interest. We hope to do this ourselves, with our own photographer doing the photos. Keep an eye out for more information in coming weeks and months.

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From Emily's Kitchen...

Recently, we lost a very good friend and member of our church family, Emily Gillis. Presented here, and for the next several months, are recipes from Emily's kitchen...

PURPLE JUBILEE DESSERT

Crust:

1 ½ c. flour

1 ½ sticks margarine, melted

1 c. nuts, chopped finely

Combine ingredients and press into a 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Filling:

8 oz cream cheese

½ box powdered sugar, sifted

1 large Cool Whip

2 or 3 bananas, sliced

1 can blueberry pie filling

Blend cream cheese, powdered sugar and Cool Whip. Pour over cooked crust. Slice bananas and place on top of cheese mixture. Spread 1 can pie filling over the top. Refrigerate for several hours. Note: can be used for salad.



Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th of the month.
Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at crabbyron@yahoo.com
By the 20th of the month.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
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**Due to Technical Difficulties, the
Ministry Team Assignments will
not be Published with the January,
2013 Newsletter.**

**As soon as it is Available it will be
published via the Internet and as a
Church Handout.**

**The Editors are Sorry for this and
it Should not happen in the Future**

Ron Byrd, Editor ...Believe...Belong...Serve.

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2,750-year-old temple discovered in Israel

By Eric Pfeiffer, Yahoo! News



An overhead view of the excavation site (Skyview/Israeli Antiquities Authority) Israeli archeologists have discovered the remains of an ancient temple that is nearly 3,000 years old and was once home to a ritual cult.

"The ritual building at Tel Motza is an unusual and striking find, in light of the fact that there are hardly any remains of ritual buildings of the period in Judaea at the time of the First Temple," excavation directors Anna Eirikh, Hamoudi Khalaily and Shua Kisilevitz said in a statement released by the Israeli Ministry of

Foreign Affairs.

The temple remains were discovered at the Tel Motza site, located to the west of Jerusalem. The Israeli Antiquities Authority has been conducting excavation efforts at the site and says that along with the temple remains itself, the findings include a "cache of sacred vessels" estimated to be 2,750 years old.

"Among other finds, the site has yielded pottery figurines of men, one of them bearded, whose significance is still unknown," the statement from Khalaily and Kisilevitz reads.

NBC's Cosmic Log notes that the discovery was made during preparations for a new section of Israel's Highway 1. Because of the number of historical sites and artifacts in and near Jerusalem, the Israeli government typically conducts similar archeological excavation efforts before beginning construction on major infrastructure projects.



Two head figurines discovered at the 2,750-year-old site (Clara Amit, courtesy Israel Antiquities Authority) Dating back to the Iron Age, the temple was designed in accordance with similar layouts for other religious buildings from that era, according to the Israeli government. More from its analysis:

"The walls of the structure are massive, and it includes a wide, east-facing entrance, conforming to the tradition of temple construction in the ancient Near East: The rays of the sun rising in the east would have illuminated the

object placed inside the temple first, symbolizing the divine presence within. A square structure which was probably an altar was exposed in the temple courtyard, and the cache of sacred vessels was found near the structure."

The excavation directors said they will continue to examine the findings and conduct further digs while preparations for the highway construction continue.

"The find of the sacred structure, together with the accompanying cache of sacred vessels, and especially the significant coastal influence evident in the anthropomorphic figurines, still require extensive research," they said.