

BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...

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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!**"



July, 2012

Hey Parkwood Family!

Just wanted to say again how excited I am to be here as your minister. I thoroughly enjoyed our time together in worship yesterday and already look forward to doing it again this Sunday.

I wanted to give you an idea of my schedule this week and how you can reach me if you need to. My email address (nwittman@nccumc.org) is checked on a regular basis thanks to my smartphone and iPad. My cell is 336-589-0615. If you miss me when you call, be sure to leave a detailed message and I'll call as soon as I'm available.

This week I plan to be at the office Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 1:30-5:30pm. On Wednesday morning you'll be able to find me at our 4th of July celebration here at Parkwood. Because emergency's can come up and I may be out doing a few visits this week, it never hurts to give me a call before stopping by to make sure I'm in. If you'd like to visit at a different time, call or email me and I'll work with you to find a time when we can both meet. As the weeks progress and Laura and I find ways to balance our time with Cameron and his sitter this schedule will morph a bit, but I'll keep you informed of any changes.

Thank you for your hospitality, for being there to help Laura, Cameron, and I in move in, and for looking out for us as we transition into this wonderful community. Already I can see great things on the horizon for Parkwood UMC.

Blessings!

Nathan

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

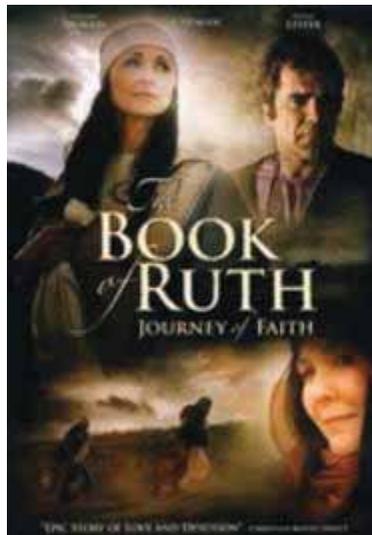
On the second Sunday in July, the Seekers Class will begin a Study of the Gospel of John from the Immersion Bible Study Series.

the Jacob Class

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

Friday Nite Movie Presents:

The Book of Ruth: Journey of Faith



July 6th, 2012 @ 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions*

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.

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month**

Visit to a Small Garden

I found a small garden and fell in love with it.
there I exchanged stress for solace. In my solitude;
serenity surrounded me.

In a small garden you can chat with friends on benches
that are not too far apart.

My favorite small garden has many different kinds
of flowers and plants; some I have never seen before.

I like to go when I can spent a great while and wait
for the butterflies and birds to join me. They don't seem to
mind I'm there. They do their usual things; perching on
flowers and branches of small trees.

I like to go there again and again and let the wonderment
encompass me.

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



The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, July 21 at 8 am at the Golden Corral on Hwy 55.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Tiffany Jackson 7-11
Cameron Wittman 7-12
Bob Mayerhoffer 7-16
Ron Clark 7-18
Rebecca Mitchell 7-26

Anniversaries

Roger & Janice Jarrell 7-31

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com

Parkwood Community July 4th Children's Bicycle Parade and Festival

The Parkwood Community Association, in coordination with [Parkwood United Methodist Church](#), are hosting a special July 4th Children's Bicycle Decoration and Parade event, along with a Gala July 4th Community Festival, from 9 am until 12 noon Wednesday July 4th. Children should bring their bicycles to the Parkwood "library" Field at [5122 Revere Road, Parkwood, NC 27713](#), starting at 9:30am. Balloons and decorations will be provided for the kids to adorn their bikes. The Bicycle Parade will proceed through a safety course in the parking lot, starting at 10:30am. The July 4th Festival event, at the same location across from PUMC, starts at 9am and goes on until 12 noon. Event features include a bouncy-house (with individual sessions for little kids, then bigger kids), popcorn, cookies, cotton candy, snow cones, hot dogs, and cold drinks. Special visitors, including Happy Dan The Magic Man, Parkwood Volunteer Firemen and their fire truck, Durham's "Finest": Bicycle Police and Reserve Officers, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and others, including those celebrities seated in the Dunking Booth. Field games include volleyball, corn hole, sack races, and other traditional Independence Day games. Music will be provided by a DJ. If questions: Parkwood Community Association ([ParkwoodNC.org](#)) office is located at 5112 Revere Road, phone 919-544-2161, email pa.office@frontier.com. Parkwood United Methodist Church is located directly across the street from the Parade and Festival, at 5123 Revere Road, phone 919-544-1078, <http://www.parkwoodumc.org/>. Parking for automobiles will be limited at the immediate event site, so please plan accordingly, park a block or two away, and walk in.

WANT TO LEARN HOW TO SIN LIKE A CHRISTIAN?

Rev. William Willimon's book "Sinning Like a Christian" takes a new look at the seven deadly sins.

Herb Schwarze will lead a Tuesday morning Bible Study group to discuss this book. Plans are to meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 in the Jacob Classroom beginning on July 10th and ending on August 28th (8 Tuesdays)

If you are interested in joining the group, let Herb know by email (hschwarze@nc.rr.com), by telephone (919-544-7182).

If you're not able to attend a morning group, if enough people are interested we could schedule a Tuesday evening group.



Presenting Mrs. Lauren Skidmore Keys



The United Methodist Women meet in the home of Betty Byrd on Foxcroft Ct. The hostesses for this evening's meeting were Betty Byrd and Marie Porter. Thank you for the delicious treats.

The meeting was opened with a scripture reading and opening prayer. The women were then introduced to the guest speaker Martha Caves outgoing UMW District President.

Martha is our outgoing UMW District President due to the changes in our district. Martha explained some of the changes that will be happening over the next several months. The transition for the Durham District to the Corridor District will be happening on July 1st. There is a new President, Susan Rayle. All positions for officers have not been completed. She explained to the PUMC UMW some of the changes we should and should not expect to see. Martha also gave the women several suggestions on how to bring younger women into the UMW. We want to thank her for taking her time to come and speak with us this month.

The United Methodist Women will not have a meeting in July. Our next meeting will be our Annual "Dinner Out" activity. All women of the church are invited. This year we have chosen Ruby Tuesday for this activity. Come and join us for fun and fellowship.



Facebook to God

We have a task assigned to us; Be a light unto the world. To do this we have to be bold in our walk with Jesus. We have to be prepared to tell of all His wonders, and how our lives are better since we let Him into our lives. We must have faith in what we can do through Jesus. LIFE = Living In Faith Every day. Without faith life is a LIE. Don't live a lie, seek truth through God and the Son.

Bob Mayerhofer
Outreach Team leader

Our Graduates



Taylor Jarrell, graduated from Durham School of the Arts; going to East Carolina University in the Fall.

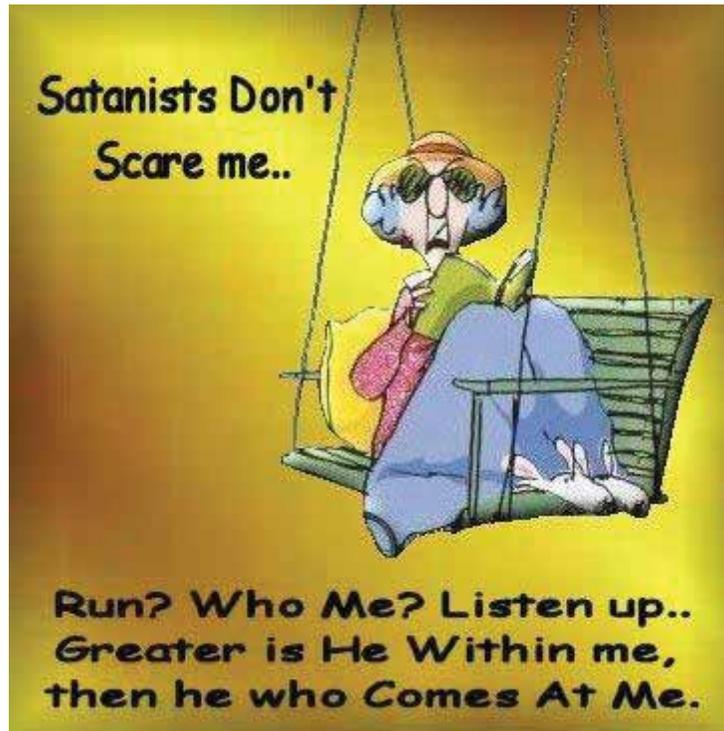
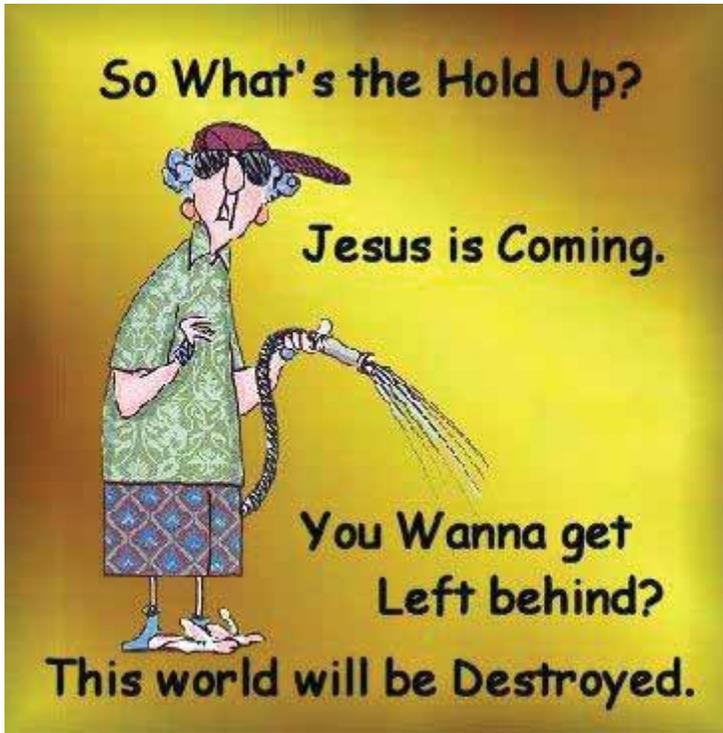


Courtney Clark graduated Panthert Creek High School

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

TICKLE MY FUNNY BONE



MINISTRY TEAM FOR JULY 2012

TASK	JULY 1	JULY 8	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29
9:15 Greeters	Larry & Susan Oglesby	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin	Ron & Betty Byrd	Jimmy & Florine Layman
10:45 Greeters	Ron & Betty Byrd	Charlotte & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Betsy Newlin & Priscilla Thompson	Natalie Robson & Dianne Mitchell
Infant Nursery	Ron Clark	Marietta Abbott	Betty Byrd	Dena Roberts	Dianne Mitchell
Ushers	Dianne Mitchell & Marietta Abbott	Ron & Betty Byrd	Priscilla Thompson & Natalie Robson	<u>David Thompson</u> &	Cyndy Shedd & Debbie Kavanaugh
Altar Guild	Priscilla Thompson	Pat Nestler	Charlotte Thompson	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland
Communion Set-up	Pam Skidmore & Priscilla Thompson	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Flowers				H&J Schwarze	
Member Care Cards	Jan Schwarze	Susan Oglesby	Judy Roseberry	Pat Nestler	Betty Byrd
Counters	Bob Newlin & Margaret Eiland	Herb Schwarze & Isaiah Lincoln	Norris Porter & Eddie Hanson	Diane Mitchell & Bev Whitmore	Pam Skidmore & Ron Byrd
FT & Lection Reader	Herb Schwarze & Jan Schwarze	Hope Roberts & Hope Roberts	Marie Porter & Margaret Eiland	Paulette Mayerhoffer & Bob Mayerhofer	Margaret Eiland & Marie Porter
Fellowship Refreshments	Pam Skidmore	Betsy Newlin	Sara Gunter	Betty Byrd	Debbie Kavanaugh
Office Help	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Janice Jarrell	Margaret Eiland	Marietta Abbott
Lead Armor Bearer	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Kelsey Vann	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw

If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

LOR 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAB 7
8:30 Trustees 9:30 SSchool 11Worship	9:30 Exercise	5:30-6:30 GS 3290 R 5 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise-Rm H	9:30 Exercise-Rm H INDEPENDENCE DAY 5:30 Jazzercise-Rm H 6:35 Jazzercise-Rm H 7:30 Adult Choir	5:30 Jazzercise 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 6:35 Jazzercise 7 Cubs Rms 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	9:30 Exercise-Rm H 5 Jazzercise Rm 1 7:30 Friday Film	8:30 Jazzercise 9-11 Kmit, Purl, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
LOR 8	MON 9	TUE 10	WED 11	THU 12	FRI 13	SAB 14
8:30 Finance 9:30 SSchool 11Worship	9:30 Exercise-Rm H	5:30-6:30 GS 3290 R 5 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise	9:30 Exercise-Rm H 5:30 Jazzercise-Rm H 6-7 GS 1462 Rm 5 6:35 Jazzercise-Rm H 7:30 Adult Choir	5:30 Jazzercise 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 6:35 Jazzercise 7 Cubs Rms 1, 3, 4, 5, 6	9:30 Exercise-Rm H 5 Jazzercise Rm 1	8:30 Jazzercise 9-11 Kmit, Purl, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
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LOR 29	MON 30	TUE 31	JULY 2012			
6:30 Prayer 9:30 SSchool 11 Worship	9:30 Exercise-Rm H	5:30-6:30 GS 3290 R 5 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise				
3-5 GS 1038 Rm 5, 1272 Rm 7, 995 Rm 5 4 Jazzercise 5-7 UMYF	5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise					

The Wrong Funeral

THIS IS CUTE; THE OPENING PARAGRAPH MAKES THE PROPER STATEMENT TO SET THE MOOD. AND WE THINK GOD DOESN'T TALK TO US?

Consumed by my loss, I didn't notice the hardness of the pew where I sat. I was at the funeral of my dearest friend - my mother. She finally had lost her long battle with cancer. The hurt was so intense; I found it hard to breathe at times. Always supportive, Mother clapped loudest at my school plays, held a box of tissues while listening to my first heartbreak, comforted me at my father's death, encouraged me in college, and prayed for me my entire life. When mother's illness was diagnosed, my sister had a new baby and my brother had recently married his childhood sweetheart, so it fell on me, the 27-year-old middle female child without entanglements, to take care of her. I counted it an honor. 'What now, Lord?' I asked sitting in church. My life stretched out before me as an empty abyss. My brother sat stoically with his face toward the cross while clutching his wife's hand. My sister sat slumped against her husband's shoulder, his arms around her as she cradled their child. All so deeply grieving, no one noticed I sat alone. My place had been with our mother, preparing her meals, helping her walk, taking her to the doctor, seeing to her medication, reading the Bible together. Now she was with the Lord. My work was finished, and I was alone. I heard a door open and slam shut at the back of the church. Quick footsteps hurried along the carpeted floor.

An exasperated young man looked around briefly and then sat next to me. He folded his hands and placed them on his lap. His eyes were brimming with tears. He began to snuffle. 'I'm late,' he explained, though no explanation was necessary. After several eulogies, he leaned over and commented, 'Why do they keep calling Mary by the name of 'Margaret?'' 'Because, that was her name, Margaret. Never Mary, no one called her 'Mary,' I whispered. I wondered why this person couldn't have sat on the other side of the church. He interrupted my grieving with his tears and fidgeting. Who was this stranger anyway?

'No, that isn't correct,' he insisted, as several people glanced over at us whispering, 'her name is Mary, Mary Peters.' 'That isn't who this is.' 'Isn't this the Lutheran church?' 'No, the Lutheran church is across the street.'

'Oh.' 'I believe you're at the wrong funeral, Sir.' The solemnness of the occasion mixed with the realization of the man's mistake bubbled up inside me and came out as laughter. I cupped my hands over my face, hoping it would be interpreted as sobs. The creaking pew gave me away. Sharp looks from other mourners only made the situation seem more hilarious. I peeked at the bewildered, misguided man seated beside me. He was laughing too, as he glanced around, deciding it was too late for an uneventful exit. I imagined Mother laughing. At the final 'Amen,' we darted out a door and into the parking lot. 'I do believe we'll be the talk of the town,' he smiled. He said his name was Rick and since he had missed his aunt's funeral, asked me out for a cup of coffee.

That afternoon began a lifelong journey for me with this man who attended the wrong funeral, but was in the right place. A year after our meeting, we were married at a country church where he was the assistant pastor. This time we both arrived at the same church, right on time.

In my time of sorrow, God gave me laughter. In place of loneliness, God gave me love. This past June, we celebrated our twenty-second wedding anniversary. Whenever anyone asks us how we met, Rick tells them, 'Her mother and my Aunt Mary introduced us, and it's truly a match made in heaven.'

If you Love God for all the marvelous things he has done for you, send this on to others.

REMEMBER, God doesn't make mistakes. He puts us where we are supposed to be.

Kaye Mason Kindergarten Teacher GW Trenholm Primary School Tuscumbia, Alabama