

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

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



NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2012

Be Careful What You Hope For!



My first appointment out of seminary was to an older congregation in a Piedmont mill-town. They heard I was born in Hawaii and sent a delegation up to Annual Conference to make sure I wasn't dark-skinned. Seeing they had no cause for concern, they were thrilled to be getting a young pastor with children! The congregation was made up mostly of seniors; and they were hopeful I could revitalize their congregation by bringing in young families. By the grace of God, their hopes were fulfilled. We started new Sunday school classes for children, youth, young adults and middle-aged adults! Long-time church officers were eager to nominate new members to replace them in leadership. Both giving and attendance at worship soared within the first year!

I'd like to tell you that we lived happily ever after, but we didn't. Our long time senior members started to complain about the children being loud and messy. They were bothered by having to accommodate the wheelchair-bound daughter of new members. Our shut-ins began to complain that my work with the young people was interfering with my pastoral visitation. Our former officers began complaining that our new officers were leading the church in the wrong direction. When our first-ever pledge campaign raised 130% of a budget they didn't agree with, a few older members gave our District Superintendent an ultimatum: I had to go! After helping fulfill their greatest hopes; they sent me packing.

What are your greatest hopes for Parkwood United Methodist Church? My greatest hope is that you will pray for and encourage and support the young pastor God has gifted you with. There is no revitalization without change, and change is hard. But if you are willing to take up that cross and follow Jesus, both you and your church will receive new life!

Every morning I have thanked God for the privilege of serving you. We have accomplished a lot together by the grace of God. My only regret is that I have not been able to provide the leadership necessary to revitalize this congregation. Please pray that I will be able to do so in the next one.

Pastor Bob

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Seekers Class

The Seekers Class is concluding its study of the Last Words of Christ (including the words after Easter) and will return to the Immersion Bible Studies: Colossians and Thessalonians. Everyone is invited to join us.

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



The Friday Nite Movie Presents:



Friday, June 1st, 2011 at 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions*

July	6th	The Book of Ruth	2009
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

Congratulation to our Graduates...



Lauren Skidmore, Doctor of Pharmacy, with her parents Pam & Linnie

Also Graduating are:

Courtney Clark- Panther Creek High School

Dallas Conner- Jordan High School

Taylor Jarrell- Durham School of the Arts

Laura Johnson- Northern High School

Melissa Muse- Jordan High School

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**



The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, June 16th at 8 am at the Golden Corral on Hwy 55.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Ron Byrd 6-2
Marie Porter 6-3
Hope Roberts 6-15
Bob Newlin 6-16
Florine Layman 6-21
Dena Roberts 6-27

Anniversaries

Nathan & Peggy Moore 6-6
Tapani Ronni & Monica Eiland 6-8
Bob & Margaret Eiland 6-21
Jimmy & Florine Layman 6-21
Ron & Susan Clark 6-23
Arnie & Darlene Sherman 6-25
Clyde & Pricilla Thompson 6-25
Ron & Betty Byrd 6-27

Send birthdays and anniversaries to crabbyron@yahoo.com



Adult and Youth Choir Opportunities



SUMMER VACATION; SEE YOU IN AUGUST



**DON'T FORGET TO SET SAIL FOR PARKWOOD'S
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

"SKY"

June 18-22



SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!!!! And the Youth are ready for it! We had a great month with the Flea Market Car Wash. The Youth made just over \$200.00!!! Also they showed their talents in singing and leading the Mothers Day Service. WAY TO GO YOUTH!!!

The Youth have been working really hard on their service projects, while also learning about gratitude and respect. They are also thinking of joining the Bible Quiz team! Our Youth are growing each and every day, not only into young adults but also with their relationship with God.

So get ready for a busy June as well. The Youth will be leading the Fathers Day Service and going on their retreat to Wet N Wild. They will also be helping with VBS! So continue to be ready for our Youth they are staying busy and getting the job done!

Thank you to all of you who support our Youth program.



The Parkwood UMW met at the home of Charlotte Thompson on Thursday, May 24. Our special guest and speaker was Lisa Bachman, a resident of Durham and a commissioned Deaconess in the UMC. We first learned about Lisa when her name appeared in the Prayer Calendar. Charlotte gave us what information was there, and Vice President Florine Layman arranged for her to be at this meeting. Lisa shared with us church history focusing on John Wesley and his recognition and encouragement of women in the church. The office of deaconess has been a part of Methodist churches since 1888. In the beginning the women who served were much like nuns wearing long black dresses and

living apart from families as they serves their communities. Today they are called for "full-time ministries of love, justice and service." Their motto is: ***I serve neither for gratitude nor reward but from gratitude and love; my reward is that I may serve.*** Lisa left brochures and articles giving more details of the position and the work they do.

When the program was completed, we enjoyed a time of fellowship and the refreshments prepared by Charlotte and co-hostess Pat Nestler.

May was a busy month for UMW. We polished silver so that it will sparkle whenever we need to use it. Bev Whitmore's blanket making workshop has produced seven blankets with a few more to be completed soon. Treasurer Pat Nestler reported that we made \$196 on the bake sale. In other treasury related business, we selected this year's honorees for our Candle burning donation. After a brief discussion about school kits, we decided to send a donation to Robeson County Church and Community Center in lieu of making and delivering school kits.

As always we shared our joys and concerns, and we ask for continued prayer for those families that are still in health related treatment.

Our next meeting will be on June 28th at the home of Betty Byrd. Our speaker will be Martha Caves, District UMW President. She will answer our questions relating to the new district alignment. We hope to see some new faces there! All women are invited and encouraged to become a part of UMW.



Deaconess Lisa Bachman and Vice President Florine Layman

A Budding Success Story in Charlotte

By Pastor Mike Harris

Many of our churches know they have to change, grow, and bring new life or they will soon do what many have done before: die and close. In practice, we share Jesus as long as the people come to us and want to do what we do the way that we do it. We want to change just enough not to die. Four years ago, I was told that I was Kilgo UMC's last chance. I was told by most of the white-haired men and women that made up the majority of the congregation that all they needed was a young pastor with kids to bring in four or five young families. I was thirty-five with a beautiful wife and four amazing children all under ten years old. I had to be the solution. Our success at Kilgo UMC has been both dramatic and slow to realize. Four years ago our average attendance was about forty-five and today is about eighty. If you look at the congregation today, you will see as many as ten new families and many young visitors with and without children. We have gained new members and many professions of faith. But our success has really been because we say "yes" a lot.

I came in the door and people had dreams and ideas and desires to reach out. Our whole focus shifted from what we can do inside the church to make people want to come in, to what we can do for others that people may want to be part of. We give permission for people to try new things, to fail, and still try something else new. We say yes, and then figure out logistics. We offer help when someone is passionate about something they want to pursue. We are now known as the church that reaches out and does things with the neighborhood.

We sponsor neighborhood food drives. We house homeless persons in the winter. We give opportunities for believers and nonbelievers to gather safely in one place and help other people. We are open to dialogue and discussion.

Kilgo UMC and other mainline churches have a lot to offer; they just don't know how to sell themselves. The people of Kilgo UMC are loving, generous, and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. They have wonderful ideas and had implemented many of them. The community simply didn't know much about them. So we created a new logo, added a statement a purpose, updated the website, and started talking to strangers. It's transformative. People started believing in themselves. They stopped looking at themselves as a dying congregation. Instead they started complaining that I was treating them like a big church.

We are not able to offer everything to all people as the big boxes can, but we are offering something to those who want to stay close to home, meet people where they are (like Jesus did), and make a difference in the lives of the people in and around their community. Isn't that what church used to be? We haven't lost who we are; we have just come to realize who and what we should be. And God is still calling us to go and make disciples. Step outside the church and see where God may be calling you.

Facebook to God



Heavenly Father, please keep your Spirit alive in me! Help me to see the good in all of mankind. Keep me on the path of your love and mercy so that others can see your glorious works. If I struggle every day, then I can grow closer to you and reflect your love to those around me. I know Father, that you will be with me every step of my journey, guiding me to eternal life with you. I want to be a comfort to those who have not heard of your great love, and a reminder to those that have heard, but have wandered away.

Thank you Father for sending your Son to earth to teach me the way of salvation, and for taking my sins upon himself so that I can approach your throne. I am made alive in Christ, and wish to share the Good News with everyone I meet. Let your Holy Spirit dwell in me so that I always say the right thing to those I come in contact with. Father, please be with all of our men & women that are fighting for Freedom. Comfort and protect them and their families. Let your wisdom guide our leaders in the government and our churches. Never let us forget that we are free because of the sacrifice of many men & women; but more importantly, we are free because Jesus defeated death on the cross. Amen.

Dear PUMC family,

This is the prayer I am going to pray every morning in the month of June. Please join me in this prayer, and watch what God can do! He wants to hear from us. Bob Mayerhoffer



A TIME OF SHARING

One balmy summer day my friend and I had lunch. On the beach by the ocean. The breeze was forever present and there were mounds of sand underneath our feet. As we talked my friend revealed some secrets that I have tucked safe inside me.

There was a steady stream of ships passing by. Some were tall ships and long ships, small ships and short ships. They were painted red, yellow, blue and green. I wondered where all those ships were going and what they had aboard

That one special moment meant so much to me; sharing friendships with my friend by the rolling sea.

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



BISHOP GWINN RETIREMENT GIFT: After serving our Conference for 8 years, the Bishop is retiring. He has asked that any gift be given to the Methodist Home for children.

STUDY OF PROVERBS: Meets in room 6 during Sunday School. Bob Mayerhofer will lead. You will need a bible and a desire to learn to live a life of Godly wisdom.

PHONE CHAIN: If you do not have e-mail and would like to be notified by phone of critical events in the life of the congregation. Please give your number to Henrietta Chimelis at 919-806-1116.



Heard On the Radio

Alistair Begg is the senior pastor of Cleveland's Parkside Church (located in Bainbridge, Geauga County, Ohio), a position he has had since 1983. He is the voice behind the *Truth for Life* Christian radio preaching and teaching ministry that broadcasts his sermons daily to stations across the United States. He is also the author of several books and has played one small role as a film actor.

Begg is a strong advocate of historic Protestant Evangelical theology. He stresses the importance of believing the Bible to be the completely authoritative Word of God, and the importance of using the mind to know the Bible and knowing God through repentance and faith in Jesus.

Begg was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1952 and still carries a distinctive accent after nearly 30 years of ministry in the United States. On November 2, 1972, his mother died. Regarding the incident, Begg wrote that "more spiritual progress is made through failure and tears than success and laughter." Begg graduated from The London School of Theology in 1975 and then served eight years in Scotland at Charlotte Baptist Chapel in Edinburgh and Hamilton Baptist Church in Lanarkshire. Begg is a Council member of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. He was educated at Trent University and Westminster Seminary. Among Begg's influences are: Martyn Lloyd-Jones, John Stott, Derek Prime, Eric Alexander, Sinclair Ferguson, Dick Lucas, Eric Liddell, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, Jim Elliot, and Hudson Taylor.

Begg's wife, Susan, is American by birth and Begg himself became a U.S. citizen in 2004. He and his wife have been married over 30 years and have three grown children. In 2004, he played Stewart Maiden in the film *Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius*.

Begg believes in the inerrancy and supremacy of Scripture, and in the saving power of Christ alone. He has stated that the core belief of Parkside Church is "that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, has died as an atoning sacrifice for our sins, and that to know Him is to know life, both now and forever [...] Jesus Christ is the only Savior, because Jesus is the only one who is qualified to save." Fellow theologian and author R.C. Sproul wrote that "Alistair Begg incarnates this Neo-Puritan movement, a humble champion who has been galvanized by a magnificent obsession with the God-centered life. [...] Begg is an anachronism. He breaks the mold of contemporary evangelicalism, the mold that has been marred by narcissism and sullied by a preoccupation with a man-centered focus on method, technique, and a virulent form of self-esteem." His work has been praised by such people as John MacArthur, Max Lucado and Joseph M. Stowell. Begg is critical of Hyper-Calvinism and he also removed himself as one of the speakers at the "REiMAGINE" conference because of some of its other speakers, such as Leonard Sweet who has been criticized for New Age teachings.

Alistair Begg's messages maybe be heard at: <http://www.truthforlife.org/>





Byrd's Eye View

Rarely have I ever written an Editorial in our newsletter. I can think of only one other time that I have written an editorial for the newsletter and that was for Christmas. The very nature of an editorial is that I am presenting you with a stream of thoughts that is of a personal nature and, usually, not found in a church newsletter unless it is the Pastor speaking. Being a Lay Speakers, we are taught from the very beginning that when we preach we are not to use their opportunity to speak as a "Bully Pulpit". So too is the case with a church newsletter.

June 10th will be our pastor's last opportunity to bring God's word to us. I, for one, will miss his preaching greatly. Pastor Bob has pulled no punches when it comes to bringing God's word about Salvation and the saving Grace of Jesus Christ. I have learned much from him.

One of the main things I've learned is to 'push the envelope' when I peach. It's OK to try innovative ideas when preaching. I will always be grateful to him for giving me the opportunity to preach the word and, also, assist in communion. You have now idea how it feels to share the body and blood of Christ with the congregation. I can only describe it as awesome.

Bob and I did not get off on the right foot with each other in the beginning. But as the years went on we were able to work through our differences and become friends. I am so thankful that reconciliation was achieved. I have asked his forgiveness and he accepted my offer and forgave me.

Pastor Bob, I wish you well in your new appointment; I will forever be grateful that I knew you.

Ron Byrd

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Breaking curfew again?.. son at this moment your mother & I have never felt so inclined to show you how much we love you!



Mischievous Marty Miller is about to be..

GROUNDING WITH LOVE

If you don't punish your children, you don't love them.. but if you love them.. YOU WILL CORRECT THEM. Pr 13:24

Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th / 31st of the month. Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at ronsphotos@msn.com By the 25th of the month

Altar Flowers

For just \$10.00 I can make lovely flower arrangement for the church. I would be glad to help you do the same if you would just call me. Trader Joe's has lovely, very reasonably priced flowers and I would be glad to buy them and put them in a nice vase (yours or one from the church) for about \$10.00. I think fresh flowers make our church look even more special. Please consider my offer.

Thanks, Betty Byrd, Phone 544-1380



From: Bikkurim—First Fruits

By and for the Jewish Community of Durham and Chapel Hill

Choosing

Choosing to learn,
To make letters into sounds,
 sounds into words,
 words into prayers.

Choosing to study
 to wrestle with texts,
 making past history present,
 having new ears for ancient voices.

Choosing to stand
 mere, this day
 meeting Torah
 face to face.

Choosing
 And chosen.

Written by Sharyn Caudell

"Count your Blessings, not your Burdens."

MINISTRY TEAM FOR JUNE 2012

TASK	JUNE 3	JUNE 10	JUNE 17	JUNE 24
9:15 Greeters	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin	Ron & Betty Byrd	Jimmy & Florine Layman
10:45 Greeters	Natalie Robson & Dianne Mitchell	_____ & Jean Paris	Cyndy Shedd & Bob Mayerhofer	Florine Layman & Debbie Kavanaugh
Infant Nursery	Marietta Abbott	Betty Byrd	Dena Roberts	Dianne Mitchell
Ushers	_____ & David Thompson	Cyndy Shedd & Debbie Kavanaugh	Ron & Susan Clark	Cameron Clark & Nathan Moore
Altar Guild	Charlotte Thompson	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze
Communion Set-up	Betsy Newlin & Jean Paris	N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Flowers	Moore	Abbotts		Potter
Member Care Cards	Susan Oglesby	Judy Roseberry	Pat Nestler	Betty Byrd
Counters	Diane Mitchell & Bev Whitmore	Pam Skidmore & Ron Byrd	Marietta Abbott & Frank Stephans	Janice Jarrell & Mike Dube
FT & Lection Reader	Bob Mayerhofer & Paulette Mayerhoffer	Pat Nestler & Bob Newlin	Peggy Moore & Beth Bradshaw	Betty Byrd & Ron Byrd
Fellowship Refreshments	Betsy Newlin	Sara Gunter	Betty Byrd	Debbie Kavanaugh
Office Help	Peggy Moore	Janice Jarrell	Margaret Eiland	Marietta Abbott
Lead Armor Bearer	Caroline Mitchell	Zach Schwarze	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw

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

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<p>6:30 Prayer 8:30 Trustees 9:30 SSchool 11Worship 12 Worship Team 3-5 GS 1038 Rm 5, 1272 Rm 7, 995 Rm 5 4 Jazzercise</p>		<p>LOR 3 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H</p>	<p>MON 4 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise</p>	<p>TUE 5 6:30 Prayer Walk 5:30-6:30 GS 3290 R. 5 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise</p>	<p>WED 6 6:30 Prayer 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</p>	<p>THU 7 6:30 Prayer Walk 5:30 Jazzercise 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 6:35 Jazzercise 7 Cubs Rms 1, 3, 4, 5, 6</p>	<p>FRI 1 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H 5 Jazzercise Rm 1 7:30 Friday Film</p>	<p>SAB 2 8:30 Jazzercise 7 RTP Fellowship</p>
		<p>LOR 10 6:30 Prayer 9:30 SSchool 8:30 Finance 11Worship 3-5 GS 1038 Rm 5, 1272 Rm 7, 995 Rm 5 4 Jazzercise 5-7 UMYF</p>	<p>MON 11 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise</p>	<p>TUE 12 6:30 Prayer Walk 5:30-6:30 GS 3290 R. 5 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise</p>	<p>WED 13 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H ANNUAL CONFER 5:30 Jazzercise-Rm H 6:35 Jazzercise-Rm H 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>THU 14 6:30 Prayer Walk ANNUAL CONFER 5:30 Jazzercise 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 6:35 Jazzercise 7 Cubs Rms 1, 3, 4, 5, 6</p>	<p>FRI 15 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H ANNUAL CONFER 8:30 Jazzercise 7 RTP Fellowship</p>	<p>SAB 16 8:30 Jazzercise ANNUAL CONFER 7 RTP Fellowship</p>
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<p>LOR 24 6:30 Prayer 9:30 SSchool 11 Worship 3-5 GS 1038 Rm 5, 1272 Rm 7, 995 Rm 5 4 Jazzercise 5-7 UMYF</p>		<p>MON 25 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise</p>	<p>TUE 26 6:30 Prayer Walk <i>CLERGY MOVING DAY</i> 5:30-6:30 GS 3290 R. 5 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise</p>	<p>WED 27 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise 7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>THU 28 6:30 Prayer Walk 5:30 Jazzercise 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 6:35 Jazzercise 7 Cubs Rms 1, 3, 4, 5, 6</p>	<p>FRI 29 6:30 Prayer 9:30 Exercise-Rm H 8:30 Jazzercise 7 RTP Fellowship</p>	<p>SAB 30 8:30 Jazzercise 7 RTP Fellowship</p>	