



# REMEMBER

Memorial Day, May 28, 2012

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. Romans 17: 7-8

# *BELIEVE...BELONG...SERVE...*

Serving Parkwood for 50years

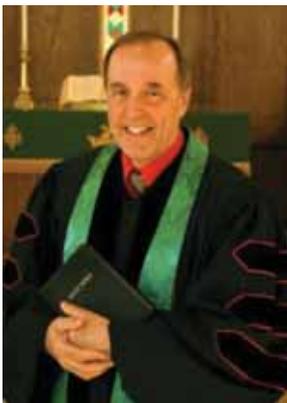


Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's **good news**, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this **good news!**"

Mark 1:14-15

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**NEWSLETTER – MAY 2012**

## **NOT WHAT I WANTED...**

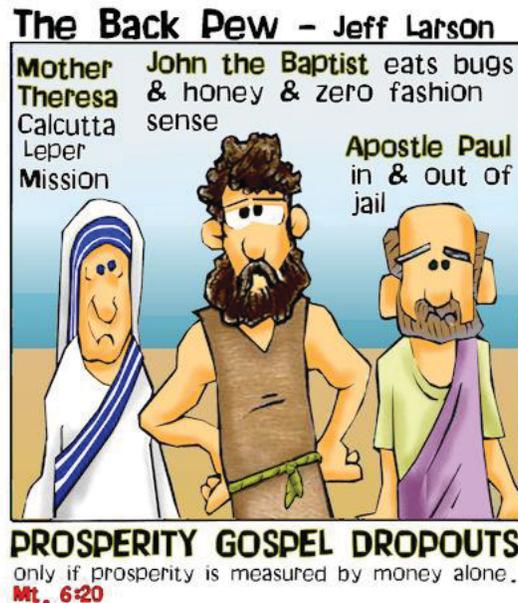
My plan was to become an Art Teacher. At Art College, we had to choose a focus area; so I chose Industrial Design. During summers I was a Methodist camp counselor. I was very active in church and close to several ministers. But the last thing I wanted to be was a minister. I was 23 when I moved from the Philadelphia area to Charlotte for a design job that never materialized. I did substitute teaching while job hunting and applied for a job as a Christian Educator at a Methodist church. I was the least qualified candidate, but they hired me! I loved my work, but after four years I was ready to go back into design. One night while I was praying, God spoke to my heart: "I'm calling you to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church for the sake of renewal." The last thing I wanted to be was a minister. But God kept repeating his call over and over so "loudly" I couldn't think of anything else. In desperation, I said that if God would change my heart, and if my wife would agree, and if the church would recommend me, and if God would provide for my wife to be a full-time mother for our two children during seminary, I would answer His call. My mind was suddenly at peace again. God fulfilled each of my "conditions" in amazing, unexpected and miraculous ways. God doesn't call everyone to be a pastor, but God *does* call everyone. God is calling you.

**What is God calling you to be?** God is calling you to be like Christ! “We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ.” (Ephesians 4:15)

**What is God calling you to do?** God is calling you to love. “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and the prophets are based on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:37-40)

**Where is God calling you to work?** I never bothered to ask. Have you? “If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.” (James 1:5)

*Pastor Bob*



### **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### The Seekers Class

The Seeker's class is continuing to work on the Last Words of Christ. These include the words spoken after Easter Sunday. Please join us.

#### 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

# Team Crop Walk, 2012



From Left to right: Hope Roberts, Dena Roberts, Eddie Hanson, Peggy Moore, Xavier Kavanaugh, Caroline Mitchell, Beth Bradshaw, Margaret Eiland, Tiffany Jackson, Rebecca Mitchell, and Pastor Bob.

## April's Passing

April has passed and here comes the Lovely month of May.

Showers are less frequent and the earth is springing forth with warm air.

The gardens are flowering with bright-colored tulips everywhere.

Remnants of wisteria hanging in the trees; gently blowing with a passing breeze.

Gentle fragrances filling the air; bluebirds building nests with twigs and hair.

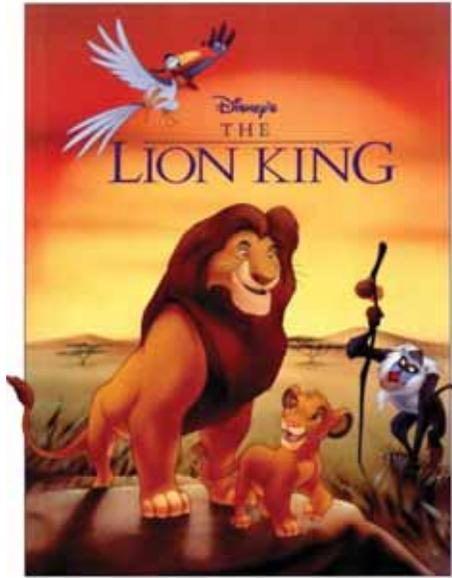
Maypole dancers with rainbow ribbons weaving over and under.

Springtime is abound and beautiful Miss May is wearing the crown.

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



# The Friday Nite Movie Presents:



Winner of 2 Academy Awards

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## Previews of Coming Attractions\*

June	1st	Book of Ruth	2009
July	6th	Laura	1944
August	3rd	Casablanca	1942
September	7 <sup>th</sup>	Soul Surfer	2011
October	5th	Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein	1948
November	2nd	She Wore a Yellow Ribbon	1949
December	7th	Miracle on 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	1947

\*subject to change

**Knit, Purl, Pray**  
**Parkwood United Methodist Church**  
**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**2<sup>nd</sup>. and 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.**



The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, May 19th at 8 am at the Golden Corral on Hwy 55.

## Kids Say the Darnd'est Thinks...

"A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand.

"Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked.

"He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then asked,

"Did God throw him back down?"

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"A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small.

The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible.

The little girl said, 'When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah'.

The teacher asked, 'What if Jonah went, you know, 'down there?'

The little girl replied, 'then you ask him'."

## 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





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



### Birthdays

Allison Mitchell 5-3

Bob Kretzu 5-6

Randy McCray 5-6

Wayne Abbott 5-9

Tomas Ronni 5-18

Merle Minor 5-24

Pricilla Thompson 5-30

Maureen Mitchell 5-31

### Anniversaries

Merle & Peggy Minor 5-1

Bill & Debbie Kavanaugh 5-4

Olly & Dena Roberts 5-18

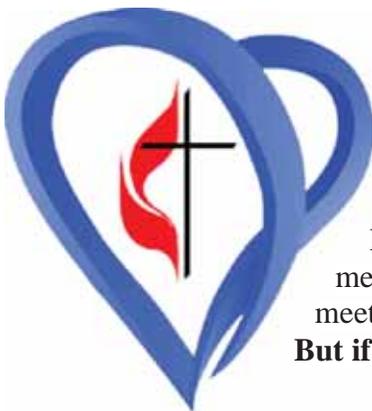
Send birthdays and anniversaries to [crabbyron@yahoo.com](mailto:crabbyron@yahoo.com)



### Adult and Youth Choir Opportunities



*The Chancel Choir meets weekly on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 PM and the Youth Choir (age's 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!*



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Parkwood UMW met on April 26, at the home of Jan Schwarze. The theme of this meeting was The World Thank Offering. President Susan Oglesby opened the meeting with the following scripture followed by prayer:

**But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. -1 Timothy 6:8**

**Blessed are those who have regard for the weak;  
the LORD delivers them in times of trouble. -Psalm 41:1**

We shared the joys and concerns of members and their families and friends. Many are still facing serious health issues. We ask for continued prayer for those with illness and for those providing care.

We continued with the program led by Vice President Florine Layman. She explained the meaning of The World Thank Offering, and used the parable of the sower from Matthew 13 to remind us that we are to share and care for those around us. A basket was passed to collect this offering. It will be forwarded by Treasurer Pat Nestler to the district treasurer who will send it on to support mission projects worldwide. The program was closed with prayer, a hymn, and a litany asking God to help us to be sowers of hope, compassion, justice, and of change and light



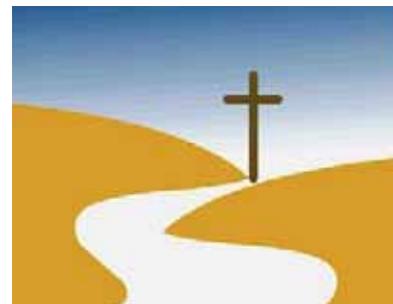
***Pat and Florine with our unit's World Thank Offering***

Minutes and treasurer's report from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. In other business, we made plans for participating in the May 5<sup>th</sup> flea market with bake sale items. There will be a blanket making workshop (NO SEWING REQUIRED) on Saturday, May 19. Bev Whitmore will lead this project. Blankets will be donated to hospice through Ann Farmer. These blankets are made especially for the children. In preparation for upcoming receptions, there will be a "silver cleaning party" on Wednesday, May 2. Marietta Abbott, Member Care Chairperson, asked for volunteers for help with the receptions, and UMW members signed up for various donations.

When business was concluded, we enjoyed a time of fellowship and the refreshments provided by Jan and Arlene.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, at the home of Charlotte Thompson. Our speaker will be Lisa Bachman, a Deaconess in the UMC.

***Continuing in Love***



**2012 NCCUMW Special Mission Giving Project**

For a gift of \$5.00, you can honor someone with whom you share your faith journey while helping

a woman, child or youth in need.

Honorees will receive a card letting them know that they have been honored and by whom. This is a wonderful way to recognize a birthday, anniversary, special accomplishment, or to let someone know how much you appreciate him/her.

All the proceeds from this project go to United Methodist Women Mission Giving.

To participate, please see your local UMW Treasurer, Pat Nestler



## PUMC YOUTH GROUP

The youth group has been very busy this year and this month is no different. We had the Easter egg hunt at the Church and oh what a turn out! We had so many people there; some even said that there was more attendance than in past years! GO PUMC YOUTH! Pastor Bob provide us with some pamphlets with our Church information on it and quite a few people were interested! Yeah Pastor Bob!

We had a few members of our Youth Confirmed this month: Caroline Mitchell, Tiffany Jackson and Hope Roberts. WAY TO GO GIRLS!!!

Our next service project was doing a worship service with Pastor Bob at the Brian Center on April 29th.

Our big fundraiser is coming this month. The Youth CAR WASH!! It is the day of the Parkwood spring flea market so drop your car off with us and go shop! It is only \$5.00 and the youth will clean it the best they know how!!!!

Due to the many functions that the Youth are doing we have decided to purchase T-shirts with our Church logo and information on it. The cost of the T-shirts is \$11.50 each. If you would like to help the youth with this, we will accept all donations just mark them T-shirts!

Thank you for all that you do to support our Youth. We love having the meals that you are making for us and we love talking with you as well. We really do learn for you!

Stay tuned for more information because they youth are busy getting things together for Mothers & Fathers Day along with Vacation Bible School.

## *FAMOUS PREACHERS FROM THE PAST*

### **Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.**



Years ago I attended a conference on evangelism sponsored by the Sword of the Lord at Winona Lake, Indiana. Appearing on the program was a number of outstanding preachers, several of them since deceased. I remember well the preaching of Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, Dr. Hyman Appelman, Dr. John R. Rice, Dr. Jesse Henley, Dr. Robert J. Wells, and Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. These men thrilled and blessed me as they preached to the great crowds in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle. Many fond memories of that great meeting remain to this day.

High on the list is the memory of the preaching of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

Dr. Jones was an evangelist of the old school. He preached in great city-wide campaigns, and saw marvelous results in the days when Billy Sunday, Mordecai Ham and others were shaking America for God. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., founded and was president of Bob Jones University at the time of the conference at Winona Lake. He was still holding great city-wide meetings.

Never can I forget his preaching. He was logical, eloquent and powerful. I still remember how he cupped his hand around his mouth, leaned forward and shouted, "Do right if the stars fall."

Some years later, while I was pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Bob held a meeting for me. During the meeting I got to know him well. To know Dr. Bob was to like him. Evidently the feeling was mutual, for he invited me to come to Bob Jones University and preach to his "preacher boys." While I was there, Dr. Bob had me to preach several times.

Other years passed, and I shared the platform with Dr. Bob in fellowship meetings across the country. Dr. Fred Garland arranged these meetings and brought in the best preachers he could get. Among them were Dr. Lee Roberson, Dr. John R. Rice, and Dr. Jack Hyles. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., was almost always on the program. It was a blessing to be in his company and a joy to hear him preach. I am thankful that our paths crossed so often. Dr. Bob blessed my life. I often recall one of his favorite quotes. "It is not right to do wrong to get a chance to do right."

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., the son of a sharecropper, was born in Skipperville, Alabama on October 30, 1883. He was named Robert Reynolds Jones, but he came to be known only as Dr. Bob or Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. He went to be with the Lord January 16, 1968. His last words were, "Mary Gaston, get my shoes; I must go to preach."

Dr. Bob was saved when he was 11. He started preaching in revival meetings when he was 13, and he was licensed to preach when he was 15. In his early ministry he preached in country churches, in cotton fields and in brush arbors. Later he held city-wide meetings in cities across America, and he preached in many

foreign countries. By the time he was 40 he had preached 12,000 sermons to some 15,000,000 people. His converts at that time numbered 300,000. He was an active evangelistic for over 65 years.

One of his great meetings was in Hartford City, Indiana, a town of 7,000. Before the meeting, churches in the town had a combined membership of 1,500. After the meeting these same churches had almost 4,000 members. Sunday movies were closed, and the city voted dry and put 16 saloons out of business.

Some of the cities where Dr. Jones held meetings were Joplin, Missouri, Gloversville, New York, Quincy, Illinois, Zanesville, Ohio, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Columbus, Ohio, Anniston, Alabama, and Steubenville, Ohio.

Newspapers in the cities where Dr. Bob preached usually printed front-page coverage's of the meetings. Everywhere he went great crowds attended his meeting, and great numbers were saved.

Dr. Bob considered his meeting in Montgomery, Alabama in 1921 his greatest. The newspaper reported that more than five thousand attended his opening service. The paper further reported that hundreds were turned away at each Sunday service. Services were held in a large wooden tabernacle, seating 5,000. The tabernacle was erected for the meeting near the business center. It was filled to capacity every night. Often there were hundreds standing outside. An estimated 12,000 heard him preach the closing Sunday night.

At the close of a service for men only, over 2,000 men started a great rush to the front, and Dr. Bob was forced to rush back to the platform and appeal to the men not to create a panic.

In a meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1921, the 5,000 seat tabernacle often overflowed, and a second service was held to accommodate the crowd.

His meetings continued with great success into the 1930s and 1940s. In 1947, he held good crusades in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and Asheville, North Carolina. As many as 100 per night were saved in the former, with scores coming forward each night at the latter as well. In 1949, at Presque Isle, Maine, a town of 10,000, between 50 and 200 were saved each night. In June of that year he returned to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, for a 15-day crusade.

In 1927 Dr. Jones founded Bob Jones College, now Bob Jones University. The university is located in Greenville, South Carolina on a beautiful 180 acre campus. Assets are valued at 40 to 50 million dollars, and the student body numbers between 4 and 5 thousand. They come from across America and 34 foreign countries. One third of them are ministerial students. Many hundreds of BJU graduates are now serving as pastors, evangelists, educators, and missionaries around the world.

**BISHOP GWINN RETIREMENT GIFT:**

After serving our Conference for 8 years, he is retiring. He has asked that any gifts be given in his name to the Methodist Home for Children.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:**

Thursday, May 3rd, Bay 7, American Tobacco Campus.

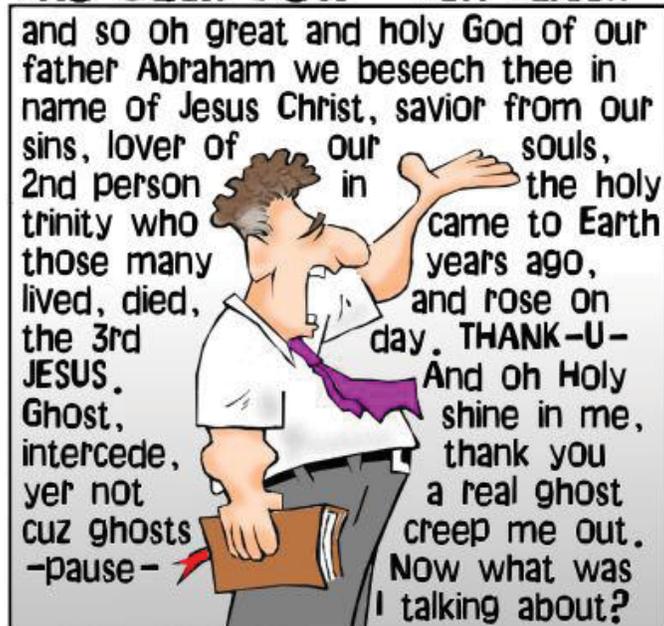
**FLEA MARKET:**  
Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**STUDY OF PROVERBS:**  
Begins May 6<sup>th</sup> in room 6 during Sunday School. Bob Mayerhoffer will lead. You will need a bible and a desire to learn to live a life of Godly wisdom.

**MOTHERS' DAY:**  
Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The youth will lead worship

**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.

### **The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



Lester was always willing to open Bible study with prayer... BUT he does bring a whole new meaning to PRAY WITHOUT CEASING.

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."

# MAY 2012

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# MINISTRY TEAM FOR MAY 2012

<b>TASK</b>	<b>MAY 6</b>	<b>MAY 13</b>	<b>MAY 20</b>	<b>MAY 27</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin	Ron & Betty Byrd	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Larry & Susan Oglesby
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Ron & Betty Byrd	Charlotte & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Betsy Newlin & Priscilla Thompson
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Betty Byrd	Dena Roberts	Dianne Mitchell	Ron Clark
<b>Ushers</b>	Cameron Clark & Nathan Moore	Dianne Mitchell & Marietta Abbott	Ron & Betty Byrd	Priscilla Thompson & Natalie Robson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Priscilla Thompson	Pat Nestler
<b>Communion Set-up</b>	Pam Skidmore & Priscilla Thompson	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Abbotts			Skidmores
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Pat Nestler	Betty Byrd	Cosette Kretzu	Jan Schwarze
<b>Counters</b>	Janice Jarrell & Mike Dube	Bob Newlin & Margaret Eiland	Herb Schwarze & Isaiah Lincoln	Norris Porter & Eddie Hanson
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Beth Bradshaw & Peggy Moore	Ron Byrd & Betty Byrd	Jan Schwarze & Herb Schwarze	Hope Roberts & Cosette Kretzu
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Sara Gunter	Betty Byrd	Debbie Kavanaugh	Pam Skidmore
<b>Office Help</b>	Janice Jarrell	Margaret Eiland	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze
<b>Lead Armor Bearer</b>	Zach Schwarze	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson

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