

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

*Serving Parkwood for 51years*



*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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***October, 2012***

*"Thus says the LORD of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the LORD's house. Then the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?"*

*-Haggai 1:2-4*

When I was just a kid, my sister and I had a tree outside with long, green, floppy leaves. Whenever we were outside playing we would always pull off several of the leaves and pretend they were money. So we would laugh whenever we found ourselves in a store, begging for toys, and our parents asked, "What? Do you think money grows on trees?" For us it did. If only that tree still existed for us like that today.

I never grasped the concept of money and scarcity as a kid. My parents were far from wealthy, but I was taken care of. And whenever a week of chores yielded the fruit of a few dollars allowance, I never wanted to go to the bank or to the church collection plate. I wanted to go straight to the place I could buy what 'I' wanted.

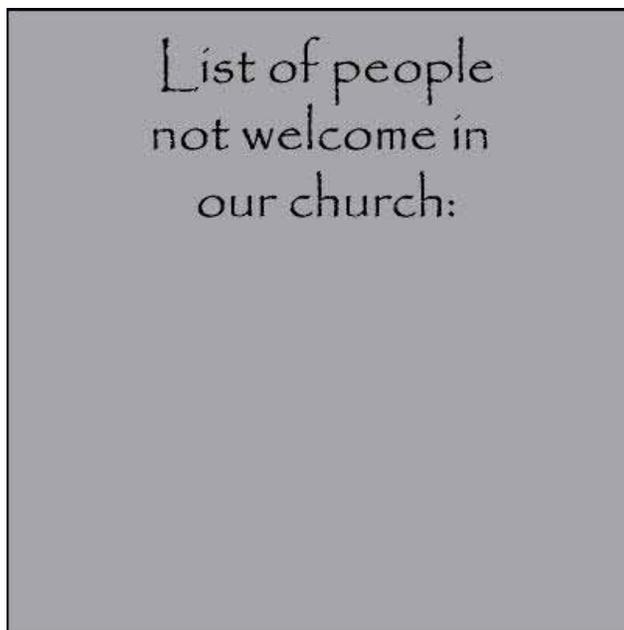
Some of us grow out of this, learning the value of saving for the future or realizing the joy that comes from giving. Some of us don't and the money that finds its way into our pockets begins to, as my father always told me, burn a hole in it. Sometimes the money we don't have burns a hole in our pockets. No matter which extreme we find ourselves in, there is always a sense of taking care of one's self, family, and property, and this is not always a bad thing.

The people in the Haggai text find themselves in the category of those with misguided financial priorities, much like many of us who find ourselves in a consumer-driven culture. People were employed and had great incomes, but those pockets were a burning and they didn't know how to save. Basically, they didn't know how to set priorities and establish a personal budget that helped to manage and focus on the things they valued. What suffered from this lack of priorities? The church suffered, because it was not made a priority. Ultimately the House of God fell into ruin.

Now I admit that this topic of conversation is a hard one to hear, especially as many times as I've shared it over the past few Sundays. Money is the source of our woes 90% of the time if not more. There never seems to be enough for ourselves, our children, our wants and our needs. But I challenge all of us (myself included) to take a look at the grand revelatory, our checkbooks (or our online account information for some). What is our priority? Where does most of our money go to and why? In Haggai we hear that the people put their own houses before the house of God and this was not acceptable.

Being a pastor, and not a financial advisor, I am not going to tell you how to set all of your financial priorities. Still, I know what should always be priority number one: God. God has ordained that when the first fruits are in, God gets the first cut. The rest of those priorities should be set with prayerful consideration of God's will.

October is our month of 10% and I take one more article to remind you of how precious our tithe is tied into our faith formation. What will you trust God with during this month of giving? What priorities get in the way of that generosity? What does that say about our faith and trust in God? All of these are questions I hope you'll ask yourselves as we journey towards October 7<sup>th</sup> and challenge ourselves to sacrifice as God has called us to.



### **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **The Seekers Class**

The Seekers class continues its in-depth study of the Gospel of John. Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:30am

#### **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

## ***Hey Parkwood Family and Friends!***

I have a special announcement regarding Sunday school for you. Starting on August 26th, we will have a Sunday school class for our youth (10-17) and I'm going to be the first to teach it.

What are we going to talk about? How about a six week study on the Three Simple Questions? What are they you say? Another great question. My answer is...join us on August 16th to find out! But just in case the suspense gets to be too much, here's a little introduction to the book:

"Rueben P. Job, author of Three Simple Rules, brings us a new insight on how to live a Christ-like life and explores the three most basic and profound questions at the center of our faith—questions that all major religions try to answer and around which there seems to be much confusion:

Who Is God?

Who Am I?

Who Are We Together?

How we answer these three simple questions has a big impact on what we believe, how we live, and how we relate to other people."

Spoiler alert! So you know the questions now. That's alright, but if you want to spend some time with us to figure out the answers you'll need to be a part of the class.

As this wonderful six week session is going on, I do have a question for our adult leaders in the church: Would you like to teach our new youth Sunday school class? If the answer is yes or even maybe, please let me know in the next couple of weeks. We could look at getting a rotation going to give some rest to our teachers and keep things fresh and new for our youth.

Blessings!

Nathan

# 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.**



Throughout this issue of Believe...Belong...Serve you will find examples of vintage, turn-of-the-century (early 1900's) Hallowe'en Postcards. Enjoy them.



### A Hallowe'en Poem

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate,  
The first one said, "Oh! My it's getting late"

The second one said,  
"There are witches in the air!"

The third one said,  
"But we don't care!"

The fourth one said,  
"Let's run and run and run,"

The fifth one said,  
"I'm ready for some fun!"

Oooo Ooh went the wind,  
And out went the lights;  
Then five little pumpkin's  
Rolled out of sight!



Friday Feast featuring Chili and cornbread on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, just before the Friday Nite Movie



## Friday Nite Movie

Presents:

# Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein

Voted one to the Top 50 Funniest Movies of all Time



Friday Nite October 5<sup>th</sup>. at 7:30 pm

Previews of Coming Attractions

November 2nd	She Wore a Yellow Ribbon	1949
December 7th	Miracle on 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	1947

\*subject to change





# United Methodist Women

The Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, September 27, at the home of Jan Schwarze. Pam Skidmore assisted her with hosting, and they greeted us with hints of fall in refreshments and décor. We enjoyed a few minutes of gathering time, and began with prayer led by President Susan Oglesby. Our joys and concerns were shared, and it seemed as if there were more joys shared! GLORY! We welcomed first time attendee Ann Smith, and briefly introduced ourselves and our

role in UMW. Ann then shared a bit of her life and what brought her back to Durham.

Natalie shared an article from *Response* about a group in Alabama that used a Reading Program book, *Stop Hunger Now*, and were inspired to follow the study with action. They organized a shipment of food to Honduras, and the project continues to grow and is still currently active.

We read together the UMW purpose to keep our goals in mind as we entered into the meeting. Pat Nestler, treasurer, led the annual pledge to mission program. Charlotte told the story of Rosa, a mission in Florida supported by our mission giving. Arlene told the story of Erlincy, a deaconess in the Philippines who was educated with the help of scholarship from the Women's Division. The pledge program included a litany based on scripture and a unison prayer. During the singing of "In Christ There Is No East or West," members submitted their pledge cards for 2013.

During the business session we received the treasurer's report and the minutes from the June meeting. Pat reported that we have met our goal of giving through the seven avenues of giving for 2012. "Continuing in Love" donations can still be made.

We have received the donation of a beautiful punch bowl with cups from Bill and Linda Youngblood. It has been in his family for many years. It will grace our reception table whenever the occasion arises. We send a very special THANK YOU!

For the fall we will be participating in the Parkwood Flea Market with bake sale items. Betty Byrd will be at the church on Friday, October 5, at 5:30 to receive items. Please have items packaged and priced for sale. We will also accept orders for RADA products during the month of October. New catalogs will be available soon



**Please consider donating baked goods for the Flea Market Bake Sale. Proceeds will help UMW with mission projects.**





Where has the year gone? Just can't believe that it is time to sign up to work at the N.C. State Fair, which will be held on October 11 – 21, 2012. This is the largest fundraiser for our church and we can't be successful without everyone's help. The amount of money that we earn is calculated on the number of slots we fill! As in past years, there will be numerous slots available for each of the 11 fun-filled days! We will carpool from the parking lot each morning and afternoon. Sign-up sheets are posted in the hallway. We are asking that you go ahead and schedule the days and/or nights that you can work. We need to fill as many slots early in order to communicate the schedule with Creedmoor United Methodist Church. If you have any questions, please contact us at (919) 544-7787 or [roger.jarrell@frontier.com](mailto:roger.jarrell@frontier.com).  
Janice and Roger Jarrell



**UM MEN: We will meet for breakfast at 8am on Saturday, October 27th at Benetis on Hwy. 55 at 8:00 am.**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



### Birthdays

- Dianne Mitchell 10-10
- Betsy Newlin 10-21
- Mariette Abbott 10-23
- Darleen Sherman 10-24
- Desiree Davis-Omburo 10-31

### Anniversaries

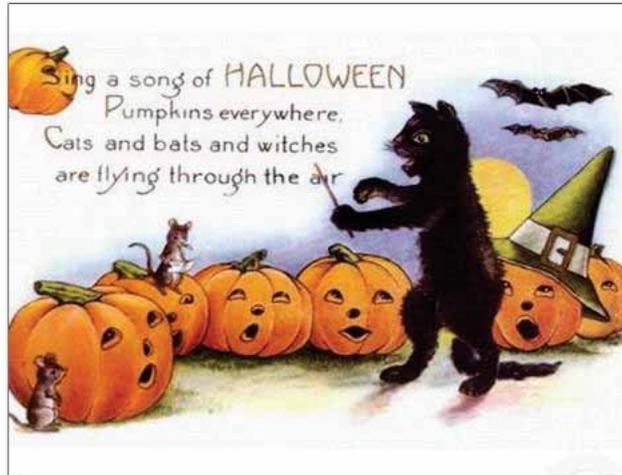
- Christopher & Maureen Mitchell 10-21
- Larry & Susan Oglesby 10-25

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



*And the Children said....*

*During a children's sermon, a priest asked the youngsters,  
"Does anyone know what a bishop does?"  
A young lad raised his hand answered. "Moves diagonally."*



### Chancel Choir



You are cordially invited to join the Chancel Choir at Parkwood United Methodist Church. The choir meets weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM!



### Holiday Bells

What would the **Christmas** season be like without bells??? I'm looking for some people to ring during the **advent season**. This is a short term commitment of two months. We will rehearse on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.. If you've never rung before it is not difficult and lots of fun but does require some ability to read and count rhythm. If you are willing to make this commitment please let me know ASAP. I plan to begin rehearsals on Oct. 1. Also, if the Monday night rehearsal doesn't suit everyone we can discuss other possibilities at the first rehearsal. Hope to hear from you soon.

Jan

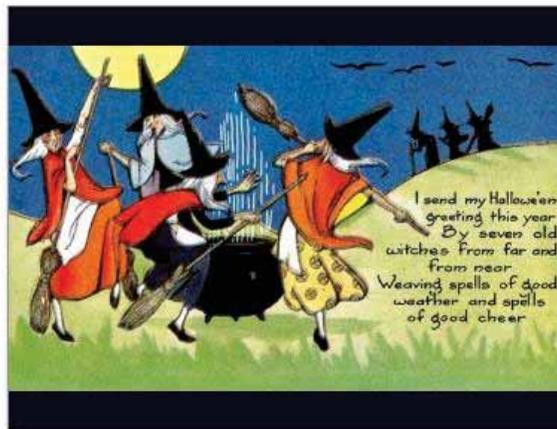
## A Prayer for Rain



I ask God for some rain today.  
The trees, the shrubs, and flowers  
Are fading away.  
I'm sure He will hear my loud call,  
And re raindrops will begin to fall.  
The streams and rivers are getting dry,  
And no sign of rain coming from the sky.  
The rain shall come in the nick of time,  
And the church bells will start to chime.  
God's tender care is abound and soon  
We will have a rain-soaked ground.  
Come one and all and shout with glee;  
As the scattering rain comes from across the sea!



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



I send my Halloween  
greeting this year  
By seven old  
witches from far and  
from near.  
Weaving spells of good  
weather and spells  
of good cheer



## QUIZ CORNER

We're baack!! Yes, we have a quiz team again and this year we welcome a new rookie! Hope Roberts has joined with Cameron Clark and Brian Powell in returning for another great year of studying the Word and battling wits and knowledge against other teams in our state. Let's see who can out smart who, who can memorize verses better?? We will soon find out! Practice has already started and our first quiz was Sept. 10 in Cary. This year's study is Matthew. Would you like to follow along? We even have a cool video!

**May I Say! By Dr.Vernon McGee**

**Channels of Blessings**

*And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith that is before Jordan. And it will be, that thou shalt drink of the brook....And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land. (1 Kings 17:2-4, 7)*

Elijah is in the wilderness, and he goes to the brook every morning and notices that it is going down a little bit more each day. All he had to do was put a peg in the water to note how much it went down, and then he could figure out how many days it would be before he starved to death or died of thirst.

When Elijah looked at that little brook which was getting smaller and smaller he learned a spiritual lesson. He saw that his life was a dried-up brook. He was nothing – he was just a brook, a channel, through which living water could flow. The Lord Jesus Christ says, “Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” (John 4: 13, 14). You are an empty brook and do not have any water of life. It is only as the water of life, the Word of God, flows through you that you can be a channel of blessing. Elijah had to learn that “God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty” (1 Corinthians 1:27). God was telling Elijah, “You are not a big, strong, rugged individual. You are no stronger or better than that dried-up brook. You will have no strength until the water of life flows through you.”

You and I are just dried-up brooks unless the Word of God is flowing through us.



*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 \$8.00! And the market will be open year round I understand.*

*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*

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Date flowers are to be put in church \_\_\_\_\_

Flowers given by (your name) \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of / in memory of \_\_\_\_\_



## MEMBERSHIP

Eddie Hanson and Margaret Eiland are making progress with our new Membership Software called Servant Keeper. Starting this Sunday, we hope to start distributing sheets of information for active members to review, correct and add information. Please do this in a timely manner so that we can start using Servant Keeper to send out information and to help with scheduling greeters, readers, and other volunteers. Keep in mind that any information you supply will be kept in the church office and, if you don't want some of it published (like your birth year or telephone number) we won't put it where others can see it.



### *Cub Scout Pack 495*



- Oct. 6 Popcorn Show-N-Sell Event**
- Oct. 13 Conservation Event: NC Big Sweep**
- Oct. 19-21 Fall Family Camping/Campfire Pack Meeting**
- Oct. 27 Popcorn Sales End**
- Oct. 27 Halloween Hoot/Fall Festival 5-7 pm**



**Pack 495 recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
A 50th Anniversary bar will now be worn above the Pack number.**



## A Halloween Story

*"Truly I say unto you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be spoken of in memory of her" Matthew 26:13*

Sometimes ordinary people doing supposedly ordinary tasks are rarely noticed, nor do they make the newspapers or have their lives told on-screen.

Let me tell you about an "ordinary" person: a modest, soft-spoken woman---trim, quiet unassuming, unnoticed in a crowd. Her home, like her, didn't stand out from others. "Everyone has a talent," she used to say, "but I don't. I'm just a nobody."

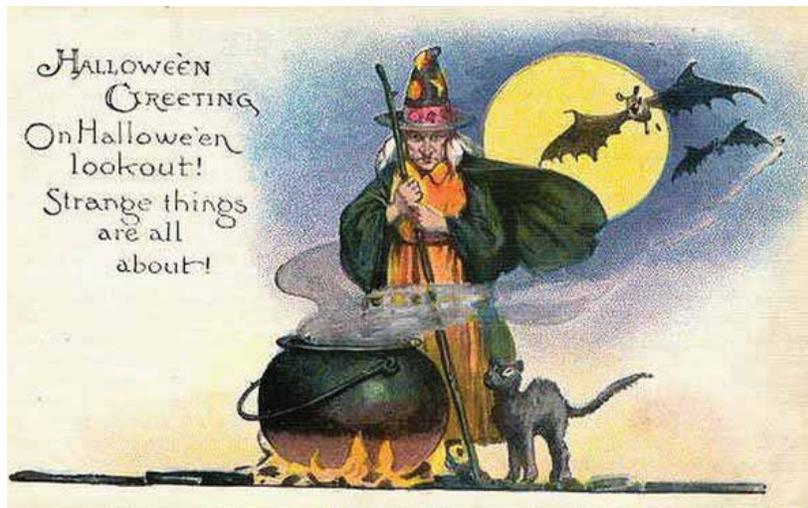
Then one late October night, groups of neighborhood children knocked on the door. Into each colorful trick-or-treat bag, she dropped a homemade invitation to Sunday school.

However, she hesitates before doing so for two young brothers. *Their father heads a construction company; their mother's a TV anchor. They already have everything. They'll probably laugh at me.* Even so, she told herself, *I'll drop them in anyway!*

The two small boys, aged five and eight, carried the notes home in with their accumulated candy. The following Sunday, both brothers---and their parents---showed up at church, all because of their neighbor's invitation.

Twenty years passed; the former five year-old was by then a pastor and his older brother is a missionary on a foreign field. Their father rebuilt that same church when a faulty furnace burned it; their mother resigned her position to be a stay-at-home mom. As for the self-effacing woman, she never stopped inviting little kids to Sunday school.

I know the above story is true because my husband and I and our two small boys were "Mrs. Nobody's" neighbors.



Believe.....Belong.....Serve... is usually published on the 30th of the month.  
Please have all newsletter information to Ron Byrd at [ronsphotos@msn.com](mailto:ronsphotos@msn.com)  
By the 20th of the month.

LOAD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
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<b>TASK</b>	<b>OCTOBER 7</b>	<b>OCTOBER 14</b>	<b>OCTOBER 21</b>	<b>OCTOBER 28</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Larry & Susan Oglesby	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Natalie Robson & Dianne Mitchell	Ron & Betty Byrd	Charlotte & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Dianne Mitchell	Ron Clark	Marietta Abbott	Betty Byrd
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron & Betty Byrd	Priscilla Thompson & Natalie Robson	Debbie Kavanaugh & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Charlotte Thompson	Florine Layman	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Betsy Newlin and Jean Paris			
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Edna Walker	Brenda & Frank Stephans	Pat Nestler	Marietta Abbott
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Betty Byrd	Jan Schwarze	Susan Oglesby	Judy Roseberry
<b>Counters</b>	Bob Newlin and Margaret Eiland	Herb Schwarze and Isaiah Lincoln	Norris Porter and Eddie Hanson	Beverly Whitmore and Diane Mitchell
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Margaret Eiland	Marie Porter	Herb Schwarze	Jan Schwarze
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Florine Layman	Marietta Abbott	Debbie Kavanaugh	Pam Skidmore
<b>Office Help</b>	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Janice Jarrell
<b>Lead Armor Bearer</b>	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Kelsey Vann

**MINISTRY TEAM FOR OCTOBER 2012** \*If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks