

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



September, 2012

THRIVING NOT SURVIVING

"We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us" (Romans 5:3-5)

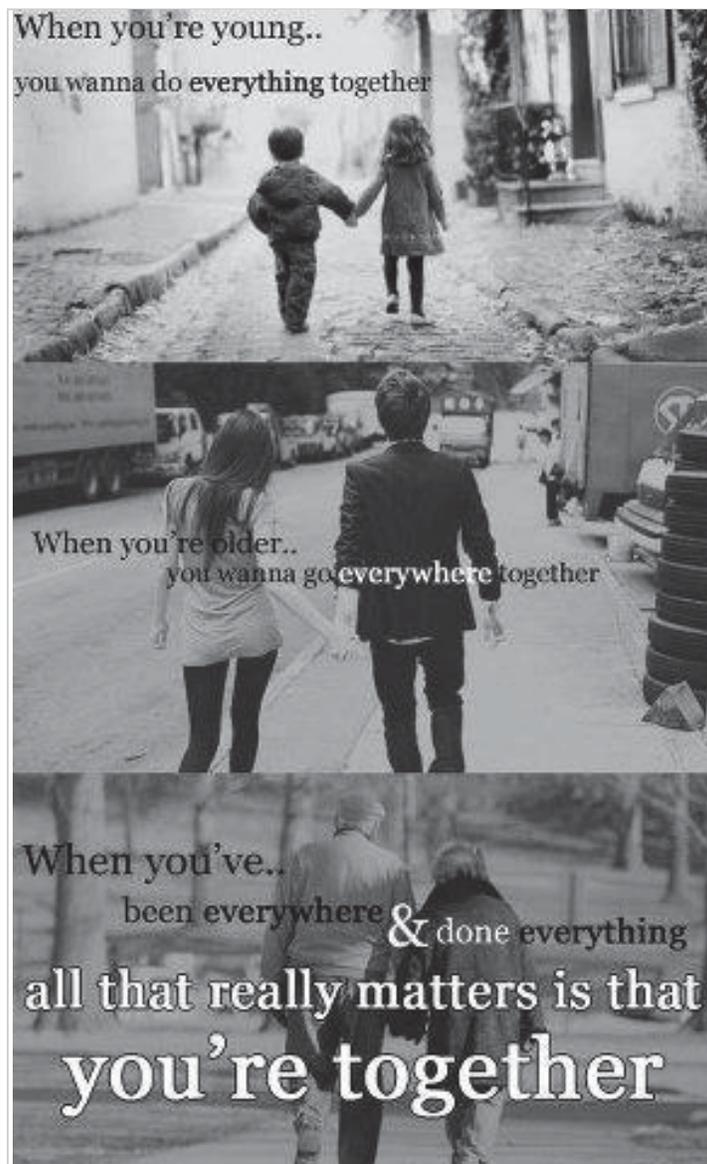
Times are indeed tough. The dollar isn't worth as much as it was and jobs are increasingly hard to come by. Sadly, our churches seem to be the ones that suffer the most. Tithing isn't as far up on the list as family, food, and recreation, the things we squeeze every last penny out for. And when tithing is down, ministries go unfunded and the church becomes less about reaching out and more about surviving, just like everyone else nowadays.

I, personally, don't like to hear about a church 'surviving.' If I may be so bold, a church ceases to be a church when it takes on the motto to 'just get by.' A church, by definition, has to be a place of thriving, a place that is not withering or dying, but bearing much fruit. We hear in the scripture that the good soil, the place where God's word grows, is the place where fruit is produced "in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty" (Matthew 13:23). Also, hear this verse from John 15:2: "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit." Bearing fruit is the call of all Christians and a brief trip through the Gospels or an in depth look through all of scriptures will reveal to you that words like 'surviving' or 'getting by' are not used to describe Christ's church. No, the church is a place of abundance, of giving, of hope, sometimes persevering, sometimes striving, and always thriving.

Here's what I want us to try. I want us to see, with our own eyes, the many ways God can reach out if we give the ten percent God calls for. Let's thrive as a church, not survive, and let's start by calling October the 'Month of Ten Percent.' Maybe you are giving ten percent or more each month to the church. If so, pat yourself on the back and keep up the great work. However, if you've been hesitant in the past to give that full

tithe, here's a chance for you to try it out for just one month. Give it however you want: each week, every other week, or in one lump sum at the beginning or end of the month. It's your choice. No cards to fill out and no preacher hovering over you. This will be a pack between you and God. My only challenge is that you prayerfully try this, at least, once. Let us see what God can do with our sacrifice. Let us see how God provides for us in the midst of the sacrifice.

I recognize that times are tough for many of us. Know that I, too, can relate to this struggle. Maybe it's not time for you to try that full ten percent, but maybe it IS time to try and give a little more, five percent instead of two. In the end, the goal of October is to see, if only once, the true potential for giving at Parkwood UMC. Imagine the possibilities for worship, witness, and outreach if the budget is secure. Because as much as we hate to talk about money, it is the first and vital step to this church growing beyond its walls and bearing the fruit God has called us to. October, the Month of Ten Percent. We'll see you there.



Friday Nite Movie Presents:

Soul Surfer



*Starring: AnnaSophia Robb, Academy Award winner Helen Hunt, Dennis Quaid and
Craig T. Nelson as Dr. David Rovinsky
September 7th, 2012 @ 7:30 pm*

Previews of Coming Attractions*

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



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

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES cont.

WHAT'S IN A PROVERB?

Join us in classroom 5 at 9:30 am on Sunday morning to find out. We are currently through chapter 21:12. We read 10 or so verses and then discuss how they apply today. Usually we get through 2 chapters a week. but good discussion will extend the class. We always have fun while learning Gods' word. What makes the class interesting is that we usually have 4-5 versions of the bible which helps in understanding the Word.

Hope to see you there! Bob Mayerhofer



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.

Alright, I'm out. I'll see you in class two Sundays from now!

Blessings!

Nathan



Tickle Your Funny Bone



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.

Janice and Roger Jarrell

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.

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

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 _____

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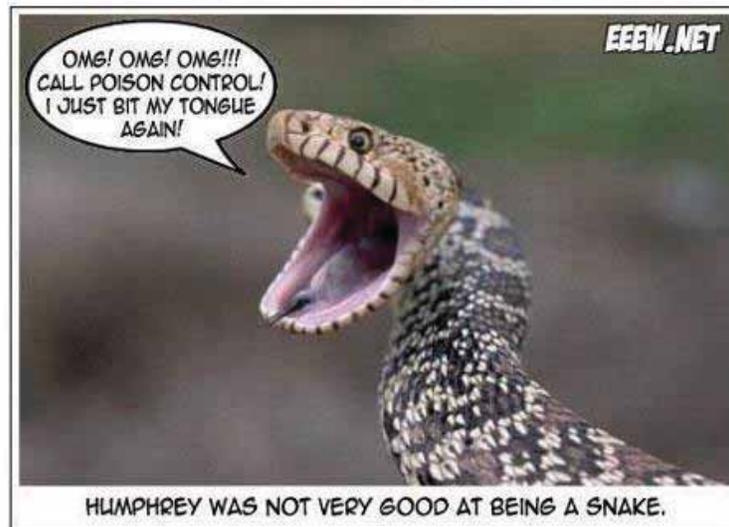


PHONE CHAIN: If you do not have e-mail and would like to be notified by phone of critical events in the life of our congregation, please give your number to Henrietta Chimelis at 919-806-1116.

Tickle Your Funny Bone

Humphrey Attends the Garden of Eden Snake Training Academy:

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Let's Go Fishing!



Fishing is fun; whether it's on the ocean, river, or a Lake. You can fish alone or with someone. It's a sport Men love and some ladies, too. It's a feat when you Land that big fish. You immediately think; it'll make a Great dish.

Start the children young; they'll be ready to go when Dad Fetches his rod, they'll give a nod.

Pass by a pond on a summer day; you'll see an array of Poles awaiting a nibble.

The great adventure; you'll always remember: Was It April, May, or November.

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



The Men of the Church will meet on Saturday, September 15th at 9 am at the Church. Chefs Bob & Ron will be preparing breakfast.

Mark your Calendars: Upcoming UMM's events.

October 6 the Parkwood Flea Market

November 19th Pancake Supper



United Methodist Women

PUMW met Thursday, August 23, at Ruby Tuesday and enjoyed an evening of fellowship. There was no agenda or business discussed at this meeting. The nominating committee is currently working to secure a slate of officers for 2013. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 27, at the home of Jan Schwarze. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm

Cub Scout Pack 495



September 6th Den Meetings start @ 7PM (Orientation @ 6:30pm)

 September 15-16 Sat/Sun Fall Fishin' Frenzy/Intro to Overnighter Camping 



September 22 Popcorn Sales Start



September 22 Scout Night @ Duke Football



September 27 first pack meeting of the year



September 29 Community Service: pump Clean up Day



Rain Gutter Regatta



Cub Scout Pack 495, Durham, recently held their annual Rain gutter Regatta at Parkwood United Methodist Church. This event is one of the most popular scout activities. Prior to race day, scouts (and siblings) assembled and decorated balsa wood boats. On race day, the scouts raced their boats by blowing them down a 10-foot rain gutter filled with water.

Trophies were awarded to Drew Rossi, 1st place, Andrew Brosnan, second place, and Dean Hunter 3rd place. The winner of the sibling race was Ashlyn Vandine. After declaring the winners and awarding trophies, the real fun began. Leaders from Pack 495 filled the rain gutters with ice cream, chocolate and caramel sauces, piled high the whipped cream and topped it all off with sprinkles and cherries. With spoons in hand the scouts dug into the world's largest ice cream sundae. This event is in part sponsored by the United Methodist Men, as they provide the ice cream and all of the fixings' for the rain gutter sundae.

If you have a son in first thru fifth grade who may be interested in scouting, Pack 495 will be hosting an information night on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 6:30pm at Parkwood United Methodist Church. You and your son will have the opportunity to attend a den meeting. For more information, contact Cubmaster David Bailey at 919-656-5089 or cubmaster@durhampack495.org.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU



Birthdays

Jan Schwarze Sept. 15
Taylor Jarrell Sept. 14
Bill Witt Sept. 14
Peggy Moore Sept. 15
Larry Oglesby Sept 17
Peg Witt Sept 18
Joseph Sherman Sept. 20
Bill Kavanaugh Sept. 23
Debbie Kavanaugh Sept. 23
Bob Mayerhoffer Sept. 25
Beverly Whitman Sept. 27

Anniversaries

Herb and Jan Schwarze Sept. 9

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!





Membership

We are making good progress on transferring our membership information to the new Servant Keeper software and database. Eddie Hanson has been tracking our Sunday School and Worship attendance for the past several weeks and has entered attendance numbers for the year for Worship. Soon we will be asking you for additional information which will be helpful to the Pastor and other Teams as we do our work for the Lord. We are working to develop an information sheet that will ask each member for the information that we need to complete the records. The most important will be birth date and contact information but we will also ask for information about your interests and your work information. For college students, we'll also ask for temporary contact information (your address at college). Please help us as we work to become more aware of your interests and needs. Thanks!

Margaret Eiland and Eddie Hanson



You and Your Family are cordially Invited to Attend the

Eagle Scout Court of Honor

For

Taylor Allen Jarrell

Sunday, September 2, 2012

1:30 p.m.

Parkwood United Methodist Church

2523 Revere Road

Durham, N.C. 27713

Reception Following

UMM Donates \$\$\$\$\$ to the Food Pantry

When the UMM took on the project of sponsoring the Parkwood 4th of July celebration, it looked like we were going to have to spend a considerable amount of money to pull it off. But after donations by many folks including the Parkwood Association and the company that provided the Bounce House, it turned out that we did not have to spend any of our funds for that event. We ended up making a profit so we voted to donate \$500 to the Christmas in July fund for the Food Pantry at Urban Ministries. In an unrelated event, the Christmas in July Canned Food drive sponsored by the Jacob Class, netted approximately 500 pounds of canned food items.

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.”

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
						1 8:30 Jazzercise 7 RTP Fellowship
2 8:30 Trustees 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7 4 Jazzercise 5-7 UMYF	3 9:30 Jazzercise 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise	4 5:30-6:30 GS R5 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise	5 9:30 Jazzercise 5:30 Jazzercise 6:35 Jazzercise 7:00 Pack 495 Committee Mtg.	6 5:30 Jazzercise 6:30 Join Scouting Night 6:35 Jazzercise	7 9:30 Jazzercise 7:30 Friday Nite Movie	8 8:30 Jazzercise 9-11 Knit, Purf, Pray 7 RTP Fellowship
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TASK	SEPTEMBER 2	SEPTEMBER 9	SEPTEMBER 16	SEPTEMBER 23	SEPTEMBER 30
9:15 Greeters	Jimmy & Florine Layman	Larry & Susan Oglesby	Margaret Eiland & David Thompson	Natalie Robson & Betsy Newlin	Ron & Betty Byrd
10:45 Greeters	Natalie Robson & Dianne Mitchell	Ron & Betty Byrd	Charlotte & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Betsy Newlin & Priscilla Thompson
Infant Nursery	Dianne Mitchell	Ron Clark	Marietta Abbott	Betty Byrd	Dena Robert
Ushers	Priscilla Thompson & Natalie Robson	Debbie Kavanaugh & David Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark	Cameron Clark & Nathan Moore	Dianne Mitchell & Marietta Abbott
Altar Guild	Florien Layman	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Priscilla Thompson	Pat Nestler
Communion Set-Up	Marietta Abbott				
Altar Flowers	Janice Jarrel	Jan & Herb Schwarze		Sara Gunter	The Newlins
Member Care Cards	Betty Byrd	Jan Schwarze	Susan Oglesby	Judy Roseberry	Pat Nestler
Counters	Norris Porter & Eddie Hanson	Bev Whitmore & Dianne Mitchell	Pam Skidmore & Ron Byrd	Marietta Abbott & Frank Stephens	Mike Dube & Janice Jarrell
FT & Lection Reader	Hope Roberts	Marie Porter	Margaret Eiland	Paulette Mayerhofer	Bob Mayerhofer
Fellowship Refreshments	Debbie Kavanaugh	Pam Skidmore	Betsy Newline	Sara Gunter	Betty Byrd
Office Help	Marietta Abbott	Jan Schwarze	Peggy Moore	Janice Jarrell	Margaret Eiland
Lead Armor Bearer	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson	Caroline Mitchell	Kelsey Vann	Hope Roberts

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