



# *Believe....Belong....Serve*

The Newsletter of the Parkwood United Methodist Church  
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September 2014

## **A Month of Offering**

Congratulations are in order! We have spent a month celebrating the Kingdom work our church is doing in the community around us and spent another month pledging to support that ministry financially. Glory! After such an event you're probably wondering what's next. Worry not! We have an opportunity for you to become more involved in the ministry of this church! That's right...no time for breaks. It's time for us to celebrate a month of offering.

What do I mean by a month of offering? It's at this time of year that our church leaders begin planning ideas for new ministries and opportunities to serve in the year to come. For those ideas to come to life, we need the help of our congregation's faithful disciples to offer their time, their wisdom, and their leadership. Those faithful disciples...well...that's you!

How can I get involved? It's easy, we'll begin with a survey that asks which ministries and leadership opportunities you feel best suit your gifts. Read it carefully this year, as there will be some changes to it since the last time they were sent out. I will also be having conversations with you if I think there is an opportunity that meets your talents. Remember that a new group coming together is our NOW Team. NOW is short for Nurture, Outreach, and Witness, so if you have a heart for nurture, outreach, or witness, you need to let me know so that we can help you to get involved.

Christ invites us to offer all of our selves to him, to pick up our cross and follow him into the world. Be in prayer for our church as it plans upcoming ministries and be in prayer about how we can all be involved. We are excited for the great things God has in store for Parkwood UMC!



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## **SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

### **The Seekers Class**

The Seekers Class will complete the study of Deuteronomy and then take a break to join in Nathan's Bible study.

Blessings, Bob

### **the Jacob Class**

the Jacob class will begin a study of the Books of Paul in Chronological order. We will begin with First Thessalonians and end with Second Timothy.

The Jacob class meets in room 1 at 9:30 am

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### **Pastors Study on 'Making a Sense of the Bible: Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today.'**

We will be having two time slots for the study. Our Sunday time slot will be during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:30) and will begin on September 7th. Our Wednesday time slot will be from 6:15-7:15 and will begin on September 10th. Like last time, feel free to bring some food with you if you're rushing over from work. The study is 6 weeks long and will end on October 12th and October 15th respectively.

"Denominations from evangelical to mainline continue to experience deep divisions over universal social issues. The underlying debate isn't about a particular social issue, but instead it is about how we understand the nature of scripture and how we should interpret it. The world's bestselling, most-read, and most-loved book is also one of the most confusing. In *Making Sense of the Bible*, Adam Hamilton, one of the country's leading pastors and Christian authors, addresses the hot-button issues that plague the church and cultural debate, and answers many of the questions frequently asked by Christians and non-Christians alike.

Did God really command Moses to put gay people to death? Did Jesus really teach that everyone who is not a Christian will be assigned to hell? Why would Paul command women to "keep silent in the church?" Were Adam and Eve real people? Is the book of Revelation really about the end times? Who decided which books made it into the scriptures and why? Is the Bible ever wrong? In approachable and inviting language, Hamilton addresses these often misunderstood biblical themes leading readers to a deeper appreciation of the Bible so that we might hear God speak through it and find its words to be life-changing and life-giving."



WELL THAT EXPLAINS IT ... YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING FROM THE KING JAMES BOND VERSION



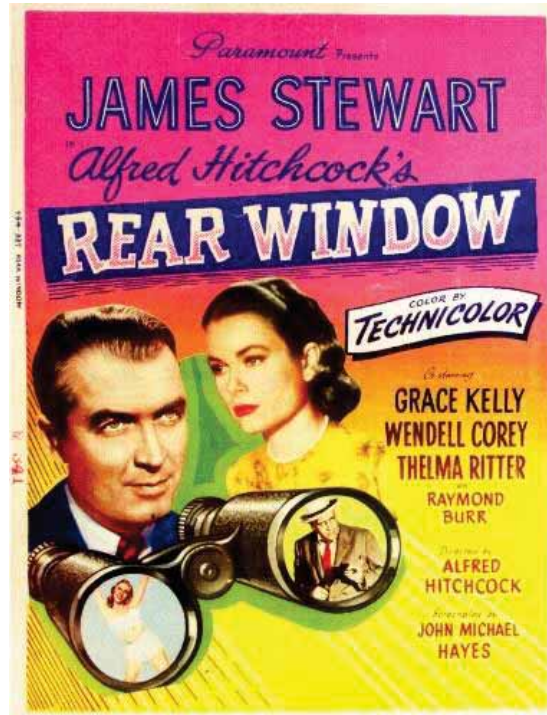
If you have been given a particular calling and ministry from the Lord, I hope it burns within your soul and provides you with much passion for service every day. That tends to be the way it plays out for a Spirit-led and Spirit-filled *believer who is called and gifted to serve in God's kingdom. But there are plenty of obstacles along the way, as I am sure you have probably already discovered.*

For one thing, we easily forget that our "calling" is not our first priority in God's kingdom. While it is very important to the Lord that we do not "neglect our gift" for service, it is even more important to Him that we realize what our first calling entails. You see, before you were called into a ministry, you were called into a family. You were called into a relationship with the King of Kings. And you were called to trust Him, plain and simple

### The Way We Were.....



Friday Nite Movie for September  
September 5, 2014



Alfred Hitchcock's "Rear Window"  
Starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly

Previews of Coming Attractions \*

October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1942	Pride of the Yankees	Gary Cooper, Teresa Wright
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	1986	the Mission	Robert DeNiro, Jeremy Irons
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	1940	Remember the Night	Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurry

\*Subject to Change

Don't Forget.....Make plans to work as many shift as you can at this year's North Carolina State Fair. This is our Major Fund raising event for the year.





## Ebola Doctor Mocked for Thanking God for Healing



After hearing Dr. Kent Brantly publicly thank God for healing him from the deadly Ebola virus, atheist Sam de Brito posted a scathing article at the *Sydney Morning Herald* that questions Brantly as a true man of medicine. The article entitled: “Science, Not God, Saved Him from Ebola,” takes issue with Brantly crediting God for his healing. Brantly, a Samaritan’s Purse doctor received experimental Ebola treatments at Emory University Hospital after his emergency evacuation from Liberia. He was released from the hospital on August 21, saying, “I am forever thankful to God for sparing my life.”

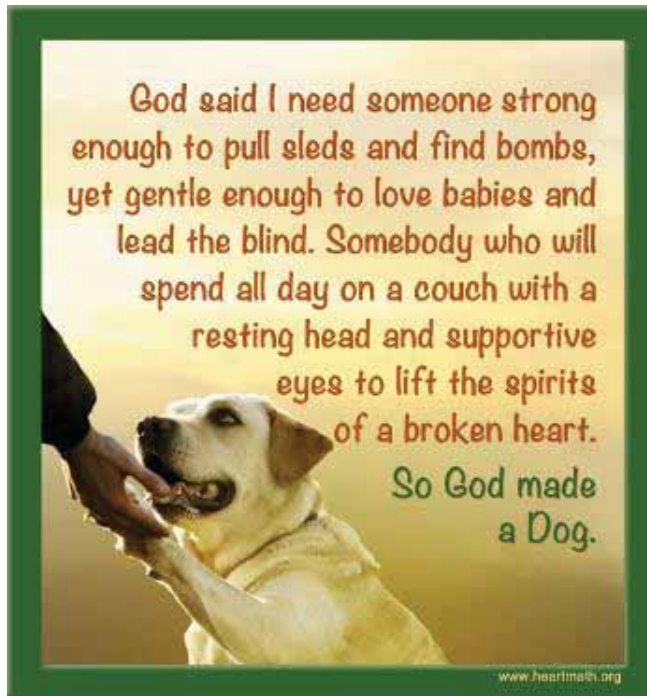
While de Brito's perspective is shared by many who doubt the reality of the supernatural, what his critique refuses to grant is the possibility that both aspects of Brantly's healing—the scientific and the spiritual—are compatible. If Dr. Brantly, a trained medical doctor, gives God ultimate credit for saving his life, does that necessarily discount the effort of skilled physicians who used the most of scientific advancements they could in his treatment? No, says Christian apologist Jonathan Sarfati. Such attempts may seem to place Christians on the horns of a dilemma but it is a false dichotomy. Furthermore, anti-theists actually choose not to acknowledge that science pre-supposes the existence of the biblical God.

As Rich Deem at GodandScience.org argues, God uses the advances of science and medicine in the hands of skilled physicians as instruments of healing. Ultimately, every breath is from the Lord, *even the breath of those who disbelieve* (1 Samuel 2:6).

Your turn: What do you think of Dr. Brantly being mocked for giving God credit for his healing?

Send your thoughts on this to [crabbyron@yahoo.com](mailto:crabbyron@yahoo.com)





Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis' Feast Day  
Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Time to be determined.



Parkwood United Methodist Men

The Parkwood UMM will meet on Saturday morning  
September 20<sup>th</sup> for breakfast at Beneties Restaurant in the  
Greenwood Commons shopping center off Sedwick road at 8:00 am.



*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.

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU** 

**Birthdays**

- Aidan Akkari Sept. 9
- Jan Schwarze Sept. 10
- Taylor Jarrell Sept. 14
- Peggy Moore Sept. 15
- Larry Oglesby Sept. 17
- Arabella Willson Sept. 22
- Bill Kavanaugh Sept. 23
- Isaiah Lincoln Sept. 23
- Beverly Whitmore Sept. 27
- Debbie Kavanaugh Sept. 27

**Anniversaries**

- Herb & Jan Schwarze Sept. 9

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



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



**Celebrate with your Jewish friends Rosh Hosanna**



The shofar is blown in long, short and staccato blasts that follow a set sequence to celebrate the Jewish New Year. The common greeting on Rosh Hashanah is "*Shanah Tovah*", which, in Hebrew, means "have a good year". Rosh Hosanna this year is September 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>.

## Cub Scout Pack 495



Cub Scout Pack 495 recently held their annual Pack Pool Party at Fairfield Swim and Tennis Club. Cub Scouts earned their swimming belt loop and Webelo

Scouts earned their Aquanaut Pin. The Pack collected school supplies for teachers in the Durham Public School System. Several large bins of supplies were donated by Scout families, along with members of Parkwood United Methodist Church.

The new Scout begins on Thursday September 4, 2014. Meetings are held at PUMC on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Thursday and the 4th Thursday at Triangle Presbyterian Church. If you have a child, or know a child who might be interested in Scouting, visit

[www.durhampack495.org](http://www.durhampack495.org) or contact

Cubmaster David Bailey at 919-656-5089 or [cubmaster@durhampack495.org](mailto:cubmaster@durhampack495.org).

### “Keim Family Loads-up the Bus during the Cub Scouts “Pencils4Calculators Drive”



The Keim family from left to right: Neal Keim, Tiger Den Leader; Donna-Jean Keim, Committee Chair; Matthew Keim, Tiger Cub; and, Joshua Keim, Boy Scout, Troop 486.





# Parkwood United Methodist Church

## Legacy Building Sunday

September 14, 2014

The North Carolina Annual Conference has designated Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> as **Legacy Building Sunday**. This is the day we celebrate individuals both living and those who have gone before us that have created a lasting legacy by making a planned gift to support the mission and ministry of The United Methodist Church.

A legacy is something we do now, that will live on. It's a "memory marker." **Matthew 26 verses 6-13** shares with us a very special legacy or "planned gift" in the form of an alabaster jar filled with an expensive perfume. Though this gift was considered to be a wasteful act by many of Jesus' followers, He knew the giver's heart and acknowledged her extravagant generosity, lifting her selfless expression of love to a higher perspective. **Vs. 13** *"Now I assure you that wherever this gospel is preached all over the world, what she has done will be told in memory of her"*



**What will your legacy be?**

A legacy gift to benefit your church not only opens doors for the funding of ministry for future generations but the greatest blessing of a planned gift is the capacity it has to inspire in others, a lasting expression of love for the Church. What will your legacy be? Here are some planned giving vehicles to consider:

A Will or a Bequest  
Cash and Appreciated Securities  
Retirement Plan Assets  
Charitable Gift Annuities  
Charitable Remainder Trusts  
Charitable Lead Trusts  
Donor Advised Funds  
Gifts of Real Estate  
Gifts of Life Insurance

to learn how you can create your own legacy,  
"a memory marker" of your life.

Your United Methodist Foundation has a Christian Wills Guide to help you create a plan to benefit your family and your church.

Contact your pastor Nathan, your Legacy Leader Frank or Endowment chairperson to be elected in October Charge Conference. Or call your United Methodist Foundation at (800-555-4718) or go on line at [www.umf-nc.org](http://www.umf-nc.org)

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INVITATION

**TO CHURCHES OF THE NORTH  
CAROLINA CONFERENCE**  
Pastors, Endowment Committees, Legacy Leaders,  
Administrative Council, Trustees, Others



**ATTEND AN ENDOWMENT & LEGACY BUILDING WORKSHOP  
SPONSORED BY THE CAPITAL DISTRICT**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2014  
3:00-4:40 PM  
NC CONFERENCE CENTER  
700 WATERFIELD RIDGE PLACE  
GARNER, NC

1. LEARN HOW ONE CONGREGATION BUILT A LEGACY GIVING PROGRAM THAT HAS FUNDED ALMOST \$1.3M IN ADDED MISSION, MINISTRY, AND CAPITAL PROJECTS
2. FIND OUT HOW ANOTHER CONGREGATION HAS ORGANIZED THEIR LEGACY GIVING PROGRAM IN RECENT YEARS
3. DISCOVER HOW YOUR CONGREGATION CAN ESTABLISH A LEGACY GIVING PROGRAM NO MATTER YOUR SIZE
4. HEAR ABOUT HOW THE UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION CAN HELP YOUR CONGREGATION
5. GET YOUR LEGACY GIVING QUESTIONS ANSWERED

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- George Deaton, Capital District Legacy Leader: [gdeaton@att.net](mailto:gdeaton@att.net)
- Rev. Jon Strother, Capital District Superintendent, [jstrother@nccumc.org](mailto:jstrother@nccumc.org)

## This Day in Christian History

**September 3, 1995** Dutch-born Catholic priest and educator Henri J.M. Nouwen confides in his journal, "Prayer connects my mind with my heart, my will with my passions, my brain with my belly...Prayer is the divine instrument of my wholeness, unity, and inner peace."

**September 8, 1784** Death of "Mother" Ann Lee, English-born American religious leader and founder of United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, which came to be known as the Shakers.

**September 11, 1672** American Congregational clergyman Solomon Stoddard is ordained as pastor of the church in Northampton, Massachusetts. He served in that single pulpit for fifty-seven years, assisted after 1727 by his grandson Jonathon Edwards.

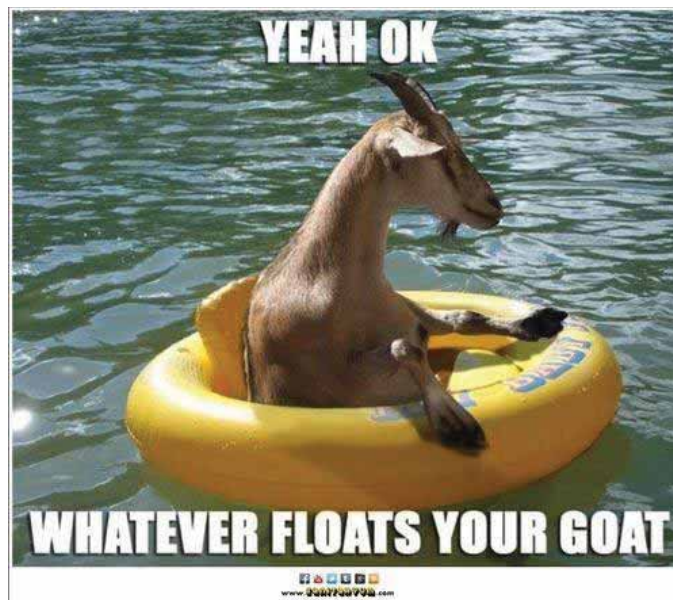
**September 22, 1871** Death of Charlotte Elliot, Anglican hymn writer. Though an invalid during her last fifty years, Elliott authored 150 hymns, including "Just As I Am".

**September 27, 1914** Birth of Catherine Marshall, American Presbyterian inspirational writer. The widow of U.S. Senate chaplain, Peter Marshall, she authored *A Man Called Peter* (1951), following his premature death in 1949. The movie of the same name was based on her book.

**September 29, 1770** The day before his premature death at age fifty-six, English revivalist George Whitefield prays, "Lord Jesus, I am weary in thy work, but not of it."



## *Tickle My Funny Bone*



# United Methodist Women



Parkwood UMW met on Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> in the Jacob classroom at PUMC. Betty Byrd, president, welcomed the women to the meeting. Members took a few minutes to share joys and concerns.

Natalie's devotional presentation was on Life has no guarantees. She spoke on how tomorrow is not a given. We take for grant that our lives will be full of life, friends, jobs etc. but nothing is forever. She ended her presentation with a prayer.

coming to  
pictures  
with business meeting.

Betty opened the business part of the meeting by having the women read the Mission Statement for UMW. She informed the women that Ron Byrd would be taking pictures to be include in the new UMW brochure that they are creating. After the pictures were taken, the group broke for refreshments furnished by Pam and Arlene and continued with business meeting.

Ann stated the new kitchen floor needs to be scrubbed. She said the installer told her soap and water or a little Spic N Span is best to clean the floor. She suggested making a sheet where we could sign-up to do the floor once a month. This way it will not be hard on any one person. Marietta is going to create the sign-up sheet and put on the UMW bulletin board.

The cleaning day also went well on August 16<sup>th</sup>. There are a few items that still need to be finished. A decision has not made as to when these items would be finished. A suggestion is the "Fall" Church Clean Up Day.

At was suggested that a committee be formed to create guidelines for the use of the kitchen. This way there will be a list for all groups who use the kitchen to guide them on what needs to be done when their activity is finished. Florine, Pat and Susan will be work on this project.

Betty asked the women to think about what they would want to accomplish at a retreat in the spring. Ann is going to look into a Bible Camp she knows about. Pat recommended a resource. We will bring our ideas back to the September meeting.

We will be selling Rada Knives this year as a fund raiser for the fall. Arlene has the catalogs and the order forms. Please see her if you have any questions.

The Parkwood "Community Yard Sale", (aka Parkwood Flea Market) is scheduled at this time for October 11<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss it more next month when the Parkwood Association's plans are more definite.

Pam discussed projects we could do for UMCOR. We made birthing kits in the spring. We could do school kits or sewing kits etc. Jan also discussed projects we could do for Urban Ministries. We can have specific projects like bringing underwear for men, women and children or hats and mittens for the winter. We could also provide casseroles for families of 4. We did commit to making cookies in October for the children there.

Our September meeting will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Parkwood United Methodist Church. The program will be on Pledge Service for the UMW.

Hope to see you there.

LORD'S DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SABBATH
	<b>1</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>2</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5	<b>3</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>4</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>5</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 7:30 Movie Nite Presents: "Rear Window"	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 9:30 Sunday School Making Sense of the Bible 11:00 Worship 3-5 GS Rms 5,7	<b>8</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>9</b> 5:30-6:30 GS R5 <b>Pastor out of the office for a CF&amp;A Mtg.</b>	<b>10</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise 6:15 Making Sense of the Bible	<b>11</b> 6-8 Cubs Rm 7 7 Cubs Rms 1,3,4,5,6	<b>12</b> 9:30 Senior Exercise	<b>13</b> 9-11 Knit,Purl,Pray
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<b>TASK</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 7</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 14</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 21</b>	<b>SEPTEMBER 28</b>
<b>9:15 Greeters</b>	Ron & Betty Byrd	Marie Porter and Priscilla Thompson	Herb & Jan Schwarze	Jimmy & Florine Layman
<b>10:45 Greeters</b>	Marie Porter	Ron & Betty Byrd	Betsy Newlin and Priscilla Thompson	Ron & Susan Clark
<b>Infant Nursery</b>	Dena Roberts	Betty Byrd	Ann Farmer	Ron Clark
<b>Ushers</b>	Andrew Key and Linnie Skidmore	Frank & Brenda Stephans	David Thompson and Ann Farmer	Ron & Susan Clark
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Florine Layman	Marietta Abbott	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Marietta Abbott and Betsy Newlin			
<b>Altar Flowers</b>				
<b>Member Care Cards</b>	Betty Byrd	Susan Oglesby	Pat Nestler	Jan Schwarze
<b>Counters</b>	Dianne Mitchell and Ron Byrd	Ron Byrd and Bob Newlin	Bob Newlin and Laura Denny	Laura Denny and Roger Jarrell
<b>FT &amp; Lection Reader</b>	Ron Byrd	Bob Newlin	Ann Farmer	Linnie Skidmore
<b>Fellowship Refreshments</b>	Jan Schwarze	Pam Skidmore	Betty Byrd	Debbie Kavanaugh
<b>Office Help</b>	Margaret Eiland	Jan Schwarze	Ron Byrd	Andrew Key
<b>Acolytes</b>	Caroline Mitchell	Hope Roberts	Beth Bradshaw	Tiffany Jackson

**MINISTRY TEAM FOR SEPTEMBER 2014** \*If you can't serve on your day, please arrange for a substitute. Thanks!

*A FEW "FOUND" IMAGES FROM EASTER, 2012*





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# What We Methodists Are All About.....

