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Points of Interest

Save These Dates:

June 3, 4 & 5 - Olan Mills

**June 6 - 12
Senior High Youth
Montreat**

**June 13
K@M Swim Party**

**June 14 - 18
Vacation Bible School**

**June 21 - 26
Youth Mission Trip**

**June 25
Senior Health Fair
Presbyterian Village**

**July 4
One Service-10:00 AM
(No Sunday School)**

**August 1
Church Picnic**

**August 15
Rally Day**

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**Vacation Bible School
Baobab Blast
June 14-18
9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Register your child 3 years old through 8th grade using the forms found in the newsletter.

We are still in need of helpers so any Youth and Adults who are willing to help please contact Maris Montoya 770-672-0734 or gator-girl97@hotmail.com or Zeta Lamberson 770-439-1548 or zeta-lamb@bellsouth.net.

Supplies needed for Vacation Bible School:

Recyclable craft supplies:

- Old newspapers
- yarn
- assorted beads, colored & wooden
- empty margarine tubs/cool whip containers with tops
- small baggies
- hard candy
- empty egg cartons
- paper towel tubes



Food items:

- fruit cups
- crackers
- Animal crackers
- juice boxes/juice jugs
- goldfish
- pretzels
- popcorn



Please leave food donations in the kitchen in Fellowship Hall and craft supplies in Zeta's office.



Americans will visit our National Parks this summer in larger numbers than usual. The recession and terror threats seem to be curtailing flights abroad and keeping us closer to home. Ken Burns "The National Parks: America's Best Idea," popularly observed in television, has stimulated seeing Old Faithful and Yosemite Valley as a highly attractive and even patriotic idea.

Some of you reading this may have already set dates for the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, or, more nearby, The Great Smokey Mountains or the Blue Ridge Parkway. Others have found the state parks to be attractive and accessible. And who doesn't think of the beach in the summer sun?

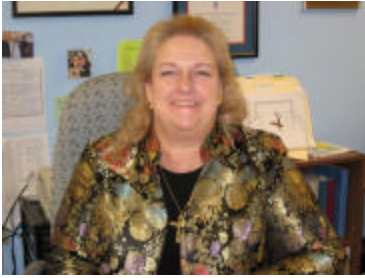
I hope you relax when you are away, but also leave enough time for worship in a refreshingly different place. As a student minister in Crater Lake National Park I felt the excitement of people who had just been awed by indescribable blue of the 2000 feet deep lake. They clearly brought an electric sense of God's creation into our informal non-denomination worship. Others responded to a camp ground invitation without hesitation and were delighted to take home a bulletin with a colorful picture of Crater Lake to show a Sunday teacher or a pastor that they really went to church on vacation.

I remember something like a spiritual high on other summer Sundays too. For two summers I ran the PA system in Montreat for a dozen or so outstanding preachers, including Billy Graham. But just as moving were the half-circles of Boy Scouts gathered on a Sunday in the woods during summer camp for worship. I relished the summer Sundays I could sit in church with my elder grandfather in his old church in a small Alabama town. And there still is the welcoming church of another denomination where we find ourselves on the Lord's day at the beach.

If you are visiting relatives or friends, ask them to take you to church. If you are in a national park, look for a poster or other announcement. Over one hundred fifty college and seminary students are already on their way to all the major parks to wait tables and clean cabins during the week and be ready to lead you in worship on a Sunday-probably in an amphitheater or on a hotel porch.

You may be surprised at how the simple act of worship may be the Spirit's means of enriching your time away.

Faithfully,
Jim Speed



Zeta's Zone

Summer brings a change of pace for us here at the church but it doesn't mean we aren't busy. June in particular offers many activities for our children and youth.

On Sunday June 6th twenty-five Senior High Youth and five adults will head to Montreat, North Carolina for the **Montreat Youth Conference**. We are fortunate to be able to stay in the Glen Rock Inn which is a big old house in Montreat with an incredible porch that becomes our meeting place when not busy. The theme this year is "In These Waters" and we are sure to return having waded in the streams and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. This year there is a special Mission component and we are asking for canned goods to add to our offering. Please bring them to the gathering area before June 6. We would ask that you keep these young people and adults in your prayers throughout this week.

Then the next week June 14-18 will be **Vacation Bible School** for children who turn three by September 1 through 8th grade. Last year we had over 150 participants and expect another big year. Our theme this year "Baobab Blast" is set in an expansive African savannah, under the impressive baobab tree. VBS is a busy but fun filled week where we share community and grow together in our faith. We need everyone to make this week a success. If you are a parent please sign your child up today. If you can help, whether a youth or adult, we could use you. And if you are not available to help but want to do something see the list in the newsletter of items that we are looking to have donated. Also, please pray that this is a transforming week for our children.

The third week of June will find our Middle School and High School Youth taking off on a **Mission Trip** to Wytheville, Virginia. We are so fortunate to be partnering with Wytheville Presbyterian Church (where Jim & Mary Gearhart are members now) and staying with the Gearhart's. At last count we have 30 youth, 2 college students and 7 adults ready to be involved in a variety of ministries in this poor, rural community. We will be working with several food and clothing ministries, a homeless shelter, a wood ministry, a head start program and several other home improvement opportunities. We are sure to have a lot to share when we return. Once again we ask for your prayers as we go to serve others.

Remember that while all this is going on Worship and Sunday School continue each Sunday, the community garden is planted and growing and continues to be in need of care and plans are in the works for a great exciting Fall which will begin with Rally Day on August 15! It will be here before we know it.

Thanks for all the ways you support the ministry of Macland Presbyterian Church. We are so fortunate to have adults who will take time to go on these special trips with our young people, teach Vacation Bible School and all of you that support the ongoing ministries of our church. We could not do what we do without your help! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

In Christ's love,

Zeta

Reaching, Raising, Relieving
Making A Difference One Child, One Person at a Time

Summer is a great time to volunteer!

A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

Proverbs 11:25



That verse brought to mind the times I have cooked and shared a meal with the men at the Extension. I'm usually feeling tired and rushed when I get there, but by the time I leave, I'm glad I came and grateful for the experience. I leave more relaxed, and, sometimes, chuckling, like the night a tall black man asked, "Who made the macaroni and cheese?" When I admitted it was me, he said with a grin, "Are you sure you're not my mama from Alabama? That's just how she made it."

"Refreshed" is the perfect word for the feeling you get when you do something to help others.

If you're looking for a change of pace this summer; consider volunteering at church or in our community. You might find that lending a hand with family and friends is relaxing and fun. Giving always enriches our faith.

Here are some ideas to get you started.

Opportunities at Macland Church

Become a Vacation Bible School worker. Reaching children in our community is a great way to share God's message, and it's just fun.

Sign up to work in our community garden for a week. Fresh produce is the one thing missing at most food banks—and you can help supply it.

Join the grass cutting brigade. Well-kept grounds are more inviting. They tell visitors that this congregation cares about its church home.

Build a Habitat House with the Presbyterian Coalition (The group hasn't set build dates yet this summer, but we'll let you know the details when they do.)

In July, donate food and come help make sandwiches, etc. for the MUST summer lunch program. There are jobs for all ages!

Cook a meal, send a card, or visit someone on our prayer list.

Pick up a Cents-Ability bank and find creative ways for your family to save coins to feed the hungry. Could your child earn a nickel for the cup and one for his own bank for every lap he swims at the pool? She could be exercising and helping a good cause.

Sign up to serve a meal at The Extension with your Bible study group or neighbors. No, it doesn't have to be macaroni and cheese.

Opportunities in the Community

Extension Yard Sale: On June 18 & 19, there will be a yard sale at the Extension to benefit the programs there. Why not clean out your attic, garage or basement and help out a good cause? They need unwanted household items, toys, sporting goods, electronics, tools and other items. Sorry, no clothing! Items can be dropped off ahead of time at the men's campus, at 1507 Church Street Extension in Marietta. For more information, call 770-590-9075, or visit www.theextension.org.

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Volunteer at C.A.M.P.: In this economy, the demand on the services, food bank and clothing closet at C.A.M.P. have been greater than ever. Volunteers have always been the heart-blood of this organization. Believe me they can use your talents and energy. You could help stock or pull orders in the food pantry; sort incoming clothing donations or help clients make selections there; package up school or hygiene supplies; or assist intake services staff in the reception area to determine available resources for clients. There are also special events and holiday programs. To learn more, call Volunteer Coordinator, Michelle Dettore at 770-819-0662, or email michelle@svcamp.org.

Volunteer at MUST Ministries: Last year, volunteers contributed over 255,000 hours of their time. Founded in 1971, and rooted in the Christian tradition, MUST addresses the basic needs of individuals, families and children in the Marietta, Smyrna, and Canton/Cherokee County communities. The organization provides food, health services, transition housing, financial aid, career and emergency assistance, as well as a number of seasonal programs. To learn more about volunteering with MUST, call the following volunteer coordinators: MUST Cherokee: Hank Diggs, hdiggs@mustministries.org, 678-218-4507; MUST Elizabeth Inn: Jackie Krapf, jkrapf@mustministries.org, 678-218-4563; MUST Marietta: Jenaila Hawkins, jhawkins@mustministries.org, 770-790-3873; or MUST Smyrna: Sally Price, sprice@mustministries.org, 678-218-4502.

Volunteer at The Extension: Besides serving meals to the men and women’s centers, volunteers help with clerical tasks, renovation projects, fundraising and special events. Some of our members are teaching residents of the Women’s Extension how to knit this summer. To learn more about volunteering, contact Barbara Frost, Director of Administration, bfrost@theextension.org, 770-590-9075, ext. 302.

Organize an in-kind drive for MUST, C.A.M.P. or The Extension: Last year, a second-grader decided to organize a PB & J Drive as a school service project. He collected over 100 jars of peanut butter and jelly for MUST. You could do the same for any of these organizations with your neighborhood association, book club or sports team. All of these organizations list needed supplies on their Web sites, including food items, paper goods and hygiene products.





August 1 2010
Church Picnic



Make plans to attend the First Annual "Old Fashion" Church Picnic! The Christian Education Team is sponsoring a church wide picnic on Sunday August 1st right after the 11:00 o'clock service. Southern fried chicken will be served along with lots of cold ice tea, please bring a dish to share. We will have outside seating and tents set up along the driveway by the playground. There will be lots and lots of games and activities for all ages. We plan on having three legged races and sack races along with egg toss and water balloon toss. The kids will love the inflatable we are going to have there as well. The volleyball area will be set up along with some horseshoes for the guys. This is going to be a great family event so please plan to attend and **save the date August 1st!** Make sure to dress casual for church that day! Any questions you can contact Ginny Spain at virginia.spain@gmail.com

**Macland's Sunday Sermons
via pod cast at www.macland.org**



June 6

"The Difference between Elijah and Jesus"
I Kings 17:8-16, Luke 7:11-17
Dr. James O. Speed

June 13

"Sin: Consequences and Cure"
I Kings 21:1-10 and 15-21a
Luke 7:36-83
Dr. James O. Speed

June 20

"The Commandment for the Darkest Time"
I Kings 19:1-4, 8-15a; Luke 8:26-39
Dr. James O. Speed

June 27

"Discipleship"
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Luke 9:51-62
Dr. James O. Speed



June Birthdays

6/1	Charlie Feast	6/10	Christia Pockrus	6/25	Greg Allen
6/2	Ansley Carr	6/11	Elizabeth Milner	6/25	Derek Mendez
6/3	Monteen Coffey	6/11	Ariel Pockrus	6/25	Lori Molander
6/3	Rick Bartlett	6/12	Savannah Stana	6/26	Bob Kendall
6/3	Josh Ferguson	6/15	Cheryl Picken	6/26	Dave House
6/3	Johnathon Ard	6/16	Melody Lafferty	6/26	Chelsea Haugh
6/4	Kellie Mendez	6/17	Jake Spain	6/27	Kathi Parchem
6/5	Larry Morrissey	6/18	Frank Ingalsbe	6/27	Brian Koval
6/5	Morgan Barrett	6/19	Nick Kraieski	6/28	Wilma Mitchell
6/5	Art Rogers	6/20	Miriam Burch	6/28	Ed Gooden
6/6	Gayle Kuykendall	6/20	Christina Tilton	6/29	Ruth Strazulla
6/6	Joanne Lozeau	6/20	Tyler Hale	6/29	Hank Picken
6/7	Erin Clifton	6/22	Sandra Null	6/29	Jan Brown
6/7	Addy Zell	6/22	Mitch Simmons	6/29	David Spain
6/9	Carol Thellen	6/22	Katie Straka	6/30	Lauren Face
6/9	Jon Clifton	6/23	Susan Polacheck		



Help is needed in the Nursery this fall! If you would like to volunteer your time in the nursery this fall during the 11:00 o'clock service please contact Christina Wier at Wiersocrazy@bellsouth.net. We

would ask you to commit to 1 hour three times a year. As our children grow older it is getting more difficult to find folks to help out. Please consider this very very important ministry. We have visitors coming through our doors weekly and it is vital that we have friendly, loving faces to greet them as they drop off their children to attend worship.



MPC Women will meet at Nancy Dieterich's home for dessert and another faith story. On Monday evening, June 14 at 7:00, we will have the privilege of hearing Mary Gartrell's faith journey. Please join us at Nancy's home at 2071 Living Springs Circle, Powder Springs, 30127. To help us plan better, please RSVP to MichelleDettore@yahoo.com or 770-439-2761 by June 11, and if you like to bake, feel free to bring a dessert to share.



C.A.M.P. needs volunteers for the summer

especially during the week! Volunteer hours are 9:00-2:00 Monday-Friday and 9:00-1:00 on Saturday. Please call Michelle Dettore, Volunteer Coordinator at 770-819-0662 Ext. 19, or e-mail at michelle@svcamp.org or just drop in and visit. Come share in the ministry of helping our neighbors in need.



**Senior Health Fair
Friday, June 25th 2010**

9am - 12 am



**Presbyterian Village
2000 East West connector
Austell, GA 30135**

All seniors, their families and caregivers are invited. This three-hour event hosts over 30 vendors from the local area that provide a wide array of health information, screening and giveaways for seniors.

- ◆ Free Health Screenings including, Spinal Screenings, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose, Hearing and Memory. Total Cholesterol screening is \$6 (8hr fast required)
- ◆ Over 25 vendors specializing in Senior Services including, Financial Advisors, Dentist, Physical Therapists, Home Health Services, Diabetic Testing Supplies, Pharmacists and much, much more.
- ◆ "Luau inspired" lunch available for purchase.
- ◆ Door Prizes and Free Giveaways



K@M Swim Party

**KAM Swim Party
For all Rising 3rd-5th Graders
Sunday, June 13
3:00-5:00 pm
The Lamberson's**

Meet at the church at 2:30 pm if you need a ride. Contact Zeta at 770-439-1548 or zetalamb@bellsouth.net if you are coming so we will have enough transportation. Returning to the church at 5:30 pm. Or you can be dropped off at Zeta's house at 3:00 and picked up at 5:00 pm.



***The Sweet By and By* - by Todd Johnson**

Book Review by Karen R. Williamson

The Sweet By and By is a poignant story of five women who forge an unlikely bond of friendship and caring as they learn to reconcile troubled pasts, find forgiveness, choose hope, and relish the joy of life.

Margaret Clayton and Bernice Stokes are residents of a local nursing home. Margaret – droll, whip smart, and bossy – has a will of iron that never fails her even when her body does. Bernice, on the other hand, is sound of body but is living in delightful innocence in a world just beyond the realm of reality with her constant companion, a prized stuffed monkey named “Mr. Benny”. Irreverent and brazen at every turn, Margaret and Bernice make a formidable pair at the home where they live, breaking all the rules and ultimately changing the lives of those around them.

Lorraine, devoted to loving service for those unable to do for themselves, is a nurse at the care center where Margaret and Bernice dwell. In addition to compassionately providing for their medical needs and tending to their overall supervision, Lorraine also protects and provokes the two elderly women, not allowing them to wallow in self-pity or despair, and ensuring that their days are lived out with as much dignity as possible. April is Lorraine’s bright and ambitious daughter, determinedly making her way through medical school while learning a lot about life from her mother and those under her watchful eye.

Rounding out the group of unlikely and often outrageous friends is Rhonda, the beer-swilling beautician who travels to the nursing home on her days off to do the ladies' hair for a little extra cash. Rhonda, whose brusque nature and sassy talk hides a vulnerable heart, finally opens up to love and self-acceptance under the prodding and influence of her elderly angels.

In his debut novel, author Todd Johnson realistically portrays the challenges of life (particularly those of the aging) and captures the authentic voices of five very different women who are unexpectedly connected to each other. It is an extremely heartfelt, bittersweet novel – often humorous, sometimes wrenching – that carries in it lessons of family, friends, kindness, generosity, and love. It is, quite simply, a beautiful depiction of the way in which people from all walks of life, in varying generations, leading seemingly unremarkable lives can have a tremendous impact on those around them.

The story unfolds slowly, over decades and life milestones, giving the characters plenty of time to reveal themselves. Weaving this tightly knit and compelling novel in alternating chapters, Johnson allows each woman the opportunity to tell her story in her own way. The eloquently crafted dialogue brings a quick catch in the throat, and readers may want to keep a box of tissues handy for the more emotionally touching moments between the five friends. In addition, even the “walk-on” characters and supporting cast members offer unforgettable appearances, including the old geezer who tries to do-in Mister Benny at a residents’ barbeque and the irritatingly condescending activities director at the nursing home.

The novel itself is well-written. Sentence structure, paragraph construction, pacing and flow all meld together to make a strong, cohesive read, while the narrative language is almost artistic, even musical. Indeed, word-descriptions paint a lush portrait in the imagination of the creative reader. The only recommendation for improvement would be to include year markers in the heading of each chapter since Johnson often makes huge leaps in time from the events that conclude one character’s accounting to the opening of the next scene.

Bottom line: Rich with irresistible characters whose uniquely musical voices overflow the pages, *The Sweet By and By* is a testament to the truth that the most vibrant lives are not necessarily the most visible ones. Think *Steel Magnolias* meets *The Golden Girls*. Grade – B++

Author Biography

Todd Johnson was born and raised in North Carolina. Following a career as a teacher and studio singer in New York City, he received a Tony Award nomination as a producer of *The Color Purple* on Broadway. He studied history at UNC-Chapel Hill and holds a master's degree from Yale Divinity School. He lives in Connecticut. This is his first novel.

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Raising Disciples
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Sunday July 4
ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 am
No Sunday School