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Bring your favorite board game and a snack to share!

September 18, 2009 - 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

We will meet downstairs in the Family Life Center for food, fellowship, movies, and games.

Drinks will be provided.

Contact the Christian Education Team for more information.

See You There!!



Men' Connection Sixth Golf Outing
Little Ocmulgee State Park
October 23 and 24, 2009



It's that time again, when all men's thoughts turn to the next Men's Connection Golf Outing! We are returning to the scene of the first two golf trips. Little Ocmulgee State Park is southeast of Macon, about 2½ hours from Macland. As we have done in the previous outings, we will gather for breakfast at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a great breakfast and then leave for the park. We have tee times at noon on Friday, and you can play 18 or 36 holes of golf that afternoon. Dinner and fellowship that evening will follow in the lodge. Golf will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, you will be back in Powder Springs in time to have dinner with your family.

The Golf Package that we have been able to get includes up to 36 holes of golf each day, breakfast on Saturday in the lodge, and your room. This spring, the cost will be \$148.99 each, for double occupancy, or \$186.62 for a single room.

Sign up today! We will need a \$50 deposit by September 15th. This deposit will be applied to your balance, which is due at check-in.

For questions, see Andy Puterbaugh, or call 770-439-8487, or e-mail andyputerbaugh@bellsouth.net.



**Church Family
Retreat**

**Macland Presbyterian Church
Family Retreat
Fall Creek Falls State Park
Pikeville, TN
March 12, 13, 14, 2010**

We are planning on having a great Family Retreat for 2010. Our destination will be Fall Creek Falls State Park. It has been highly recommended by many church members and is only a little further than the site of last year's retreat.

This year we are asking for a \$50 deposit per family, by the end of September. This will help with some of the extra expenses, such as meeting rooms and program materials. We have not asked for a deposit in the past, but it would help with the Retreat's expenses.

We hope you will consider joining us for this special experience.

Please direct any questions to Linda or Andy Puterbaugh at 770-439-8487, or e-mail questions to andyputerbaugh@bellsouth.net



New Interim Pastor Arrives in September

The Session is excited to announce that Dr. James O. Speed, Jr. has agreed to serve as our part-time Interim Pastor, beginning after Labor Day. Dr. Speed was born in Mobile, Alabama, and raised in Birmingham, in South Highland Presbyterian Church. He graduated from Davidson College and Columbia Seminary. Ordained in 1957, he has served churches in Montgomery, Alexander City, and Birmingham, Alabama. He worked for the PCUS Board of Christian Education for four years in Richmond, Virginia. His longest and most recent pastorate was at First Presbyterian Church in Marietta, Georgia, where he served as pastor from 1972-1999.

Speed has been married to Flora for fifty-one years. They have four children: Elizabeth, Mary, Sarah and Todd, and six grandchildren. Sarah and her husband are ministers in Syracuse, NY. Todd is Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, Georgia.

Dr. Speed is well known as a leader, listener, counselor, role model, and friend. During the time he was at First Presbyterian, the church grew from 1,200 to 2,800 members, and saw the facilities grow, as well. He has agreed to preach three Sundays a month, work with the Session in Evangelism and Stewardship, and serve as a mentor to our Session and staff. The Session encourages you to greet the Speeds with warmth and love and to welcome them into our community.

Update on Process to Find a New Pastor



Update on the Process
to Find A New
Pastor

The Presbyterian process to call a new pastor is intentional and prayerful. It usually takes anywhere between 18 months to 2 years, on an average, to complete. Remember that September will just be 6 months into the process. But progress is being made!!

We have almost completed the first step of the process, for **we have secured an Interim Pastor**. We will begin work on the mission study this fall. The second step is to **form the PNC - Pastor Nominating Committee**. The Nominating Committee has been soliciting suggestions from you and will meet in September to prayerfully form the committee which will be made up of 7 to 9 persons representing a cross section of our congregation. Our goal is to have the PNC formed by October and call a Congregational Meeting to elect the PNC. Once the PNC is formed, the Committee on Ministry from Cherokee Presbytery will meet with them to explain the entire process and help them organize to begin work.

The first task for the PNC will be to complete the **Church Information Form, known as the CIF**. The CIF is a document that explains who the church is, the vision and plans for the future, and the expectations and qualifications needed in a new pastor. The PNC will probably be soliciting insights from the congregation at this stage. Hopefully, this process can be completed early in 2010. Then the search for the new pastor will begin in earnest.

Please pray that God will continue to lead and direct this process as we move into the future together.



Zeta's Zone

I love Fall! The weather hasn't changed but the excitement in the air as everything kicks off is exhilarating! Rally Day was so much fun. People milling around and visiting, learning about new opportunities and signing up for different options. Fellowship around the tables, children playing and greeting one another, meeting new friends and hugging old friends. It was so wonderful to see the gym full and gather as a family of faith.

Thank you to everyone who made the displays and manned their booths. Thanks to the teachers who came prepared to welcome their new students. Thanks to the Christian Education Team - especially Susan Polachek and Ginny Spain who set up and decorated the gym. Also a special thanks to Penny Estes, McGee Spencer, Janet Robison and all of the kitchen crew for the wonderful breakfast.

And then on Sunday Night we had 34 teenagers and a bunch of adults for the Youth Kick-Off. We have a wonderful group of advisors this year with lots of energy and excitement. The youth were so excited to be back together and boy are they full of ideas for the new year! The energy pulsating in the Fellowship Hall was amazing.

Friends, we are so blessed to have amazing families, awesome young people, energetic children and caring, loving, growing adults. The combination is what makes Macland a very special community. It is days like Rally Day that keep me going and remind me how blessed I am to be in ministry with you. If you missed Rally Day, come and join us as we are seeking to ***know God, grow in Christ's love*** and become people who ***show the love of Christ to the world!***

In Service to Christ,

Zeta

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



Moment for Missions
by McGee Spencer

When I visited Macland, one of the indicators that made a first impression was that little black and white sign by the driveway: “You are now entering the mission field.” A church that recognizes its need to be a part of the community, to show God’s love, and to represent the life of a Christian through actions rather than rhetoric was just the kind of place I wanted to be. I especially liked the idea that one didn’t have to go far “afield” to be on a mission for Christ.

Several years later and here I am on the mission team. It isn’t a committee that meets on Tuesday nights and doesn’t think about it again until the next meeting. It isn’t a team that fails to follow through on ideas. It’s a team with vision that helps to oversee all the mission projects of the church. It’s a team that would love to have additional members with a heart for service,

Last week I had the task of making the tri-board display for the Mission Team for Rally Day and I decided to take the camera out to document some of the many projects. What a great couple of days I had!

- ✓ I visited with the person in charge of the mentoring program at Compton Elementary (who had lots of good things to say about Macland mentors) and learned that they would love to have additional help to get their students successfully through their CRCT tests this year. School supplies for children in need are also appreciated, as well as tissues and hand sanitizer.
- ✓ Next, I chatted with the directors at the Ron Anderson Recreation Center (next to Tapp Middle School) and found them excited to have 3 elementary and 6 middle school students signed up for their after school program this year. They also need tutors and mentors to help students pass their CRCT tests. They are still trying to work out transportation so even more kids and parents can take advantage of their facility. Besides a van, their wish list includes books appropriate for middle schoolers, arts and crafts supplies, paint brushes, snacks and juice boxes, and old Nintendo or other electronic game equipment and games, and videos.
- ✓ Further on down the road in Austell, I checked in on C.A.M.P. – Christian Aid Mission Project, which use to be Sweetwater Valley C.A.M.P. Their services include food and clothing distribution as well as aid with many other basic needs for struggling families. They could use your help in sorting, packing, and collection of funds or donations for special projects such as holiday food boxes, sponsors of families for Christmas, Easter baskets, the Christmas Angel Tree, among others!

- ✓ A little further southwest and I found myself in the Habitat for Humanity subdivision off South Gordon Road in Mableton. As I snapped the pictures, I thought how proud these families must be of their homes. I also thought of all the sweat that goes into each home every May/June when Macland joins other area churches in constructing a Habitat house. Just ask Jim Tabb if you want to get involved.
- ✓ Heading back into Marietta, I stopped by the Men’s Extension Shelter near Cobb EMC. A couple of the guys jumped at the chance to pose as dishwashers for me. Do you realize the record of success this program has for those recovering from addictions? And now there’s a women’s shelter, too, on Holiday Street in Marietta. Both of these facilities need volunteers to help prepare and serve meals. It’s experience that you and your family will find inspiring.
- ✓ Back at church, I caught faithful volunteers Frank and Peggy Inglesbe in the garden weeding and watering. The garden committee, under the leadership of Mary Judd, planned, built, and cared for the garden all summer so that people getting food from C.A.M.P. could have some healthy fresh vegetables in their diet. Hundreds of pounds of vegetables were donated. Now’s your chance to get in on the project with the fall garden!

Well, I was about out of time and gas, but I reminded myself that Macland members can truly live out the words on that black and white sign without going too far. You don’t have to volunteer for a weekly responsibility, or take on the world, but if you and your family or your small group, or your friends could take on one task just once this year, it would make an amazing difference for someone. The blessings you receive will far outweigh your time and efforts. When you start to get a little discouraged about your job, the economy, your family. . . get out there in the mission field and do something for someone whose problems might make yours seem not quite so insurmountable.

And these are only some of the mission projects at our church! The Knit Wit group makes hats and scarves for a variety of organizations. At Christmas, gifts are collected for the residents of Presbyterian Village. We sponsor international missionaries. Several members sponsor children in poverty in Keya so that they can go to school and have food. Thornwell Children’s Home needs a liaison to coordinate donations/projects between our kids and theirs. Shepherd’s Rest home for battered women also needs a liaison and someone to help plan the memorial service for those victims of abuse who died this year. There are opportunities to work with the homeless, to help with repairs and lawn care for the elderly or the sick. There seems to be an activity for every interest.

I sure am proud to be a Macland member.



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Growing Mission at Macland

As we were searching for an interim pastor the past few months, most of the candidates we interviewed asked us to tell them about Macland. I was so proud to hear fellow church members describe our church as “missional.” People talked with enthusiasm about our community garden, serving at the Extension, working with Habitat, and running in the Spring Chicken Run to raise money for C.A.M.P.

One of the best things about mission at Macland is that there is something for everyone. No matter what your schedule or resources —there is a seasonal project, year-round program or an offering where your contribution can show God’s love to the world and make a difference. Isn’t that what we’re called to do individually and as a church?

Our garden is a wonderful example of how God’s call, and our answer, to mission opportunities are a blessing. As we find more ways to reach out and help our neighbors, we discover our church growing stronger bonds of community and faith. Let’s keep the Spirit growing.

Peacemaking Offering

On October 4, World Communion Sunday, Christians from around the world gather in worship to partake of the elements of bread and wine in remembrance and celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It’s a time when we bear witness to the unity of Christians everywhere as we seek to live out Christ’s command to work for justice and peace in a world that is deeply divided by conflict and war.

On that day, Presbyterians make a commitment to share God’s gift of peace to the world as seen in the life of his Son. Since 1983, Presbyterians have collected the Peacemaking Offering. Seventy-five percent of the money goes around the world to spread healing, conflict resolution and other peacemaking efforts. The other 25 percent is kept by local churches. Some use those funds to support free health clinics, local crisis intervention services, better-parenting classes, the use of fair-trade products and other programs.

Our mission ministry team is researching and selecting a new project that we can support, initially, with our Peacemaking Offering, and continue to invest in throughout next year. Please watch the bulletin for news of Macland’s latest mission project. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider a gift to the Peacemaking Offering.

School Supplies for Compton Elementary

Our church has had a special relationship with Compton Elementary since 2005. Members have volunteered to be mentors and others have donated supplies to meet the needs of the children at this school, where the population is highly transient and lower-income. “Our presence there makes a difference to the atmosphere,” said Sharon Dold, mission ambassador to Compton. .

Through September, we will collect school supplies for Compton. With flu season coming, the biggest need is for bottles of waterless hand sanitizer. The classrooms could also use glue sticks, tissues, notebook paper, #2 pencils, pocket folders, markers, paper towels, copier paper and crayons. “Some of the children don’t have book bags, so new or gently-used school bags would be very much appreciated,” said Dold. Supplies will be collected in the Narthex.

Even more than supplies, children could use a mentor to encourage and help them with the challenges of learning and life. If you have a heart to reach out to a child, please talk to Sharon or call Compton at 770-222-3700.

C.A.M.P. Silent Auction

Christian Aid Mission Partnership (C.A.M.P.) is holding its third annual Gala & Silent Auction on Saturday, September 26 at the Village Center at Presbyterian Village in Austell.

There will be music, food, live entertainment and bidding for valuable items and services. Last year’s auction items included a weekend stay at a condo in St. Simons, airplane tickets, family passes to local Atlanta attractions, artwork and more.

Tickets are \$25 each, and may be ordered by mail at C.A.M.P., P.O. Box 802, Austell, Georgia 30168. If you could supply auction items or sponsor a table at the event, please call 770-819-0662, ext. 15, or email Irene@svcamp.org.

Fall Garden

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first-ever community garden at Macland such a success. To date, we have grown and given almost 300 pounds of vegetables and herbs to the food banks at C.A.M.P. and MUST.

Please don’t put away your gardening gloves and tools just yet! The garden committee voted to plant some fall crops of greens and root vegetables. As our summer plants die off, we’ll also plant a cover crop of crimson clover to keep the soil in place and add nutrients over the winter. A composting area is in the works. If you can help, please sign up on the gardening sheet on the mission bulletin board.



Did you know that it takes a WHOLE LOT of people to offer as many wonderful opportunities as Macland has to encourage **growth in discipleship**. Listed below are the forty-five (45) different people who have committed to offer their skills and leadership during this school year in at least one way. Some people are serving in several capacities! We are so

fortunate, as a church, to have this many people willing to give of their time and talents, to share the message of the gospel and the love of Christ, with all ages. **Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!!!**

Preschool & Elementary Teachers & Leaders including KAM

Nick Barge, Alison & Rick Bartlett, Shelley Carr, Dana Colbert, Jessica Cole, Michele Coyle, Mary Judd, Maris Montoya, Megan Null, Ginny Spain, Jill Puterbaugh, Susan & John Polacheck, Angela Yates

Youth Teachers & Leaders

Kelly Barge, Paul & Jodie Edwards, Cindi Endredi, Courtney Hollar, Doug Michalke, Larry & Rachel Morrissey, George Pope, Jill Puterbaugh, Amy & Kyle Smith, Camille Townsend, Joshilyn & Scott Winn

Adult Teachers/Small Group Leaders/Bible Study Leaders

Kelly Barge, Rod Bolin, Buddy Carlton, Michelle Dettore, Dave Face, Inez Garrett, Rich Gartrell, Bill & Zeta Lamberson, Doug & Marlene Michalke, Linda Neighbors, Carol Robinson, Velvet Simmons, Jeff Straka, Bill Thompson, Frances Tucker, Karen Williamson.

Bible Studies Starting in September

Do you wish you knew more about the Bible? Then join us beginning **Sunday, September 13**, on the Stage in the Gym, for **Discovering the Bible**, taught by Zeta Lamberson. This is an introductory course providing a basic introduction to the Bible as a whole. The fall will include an overview of the Old Testament, exploring the people, events, ideas, and places that tell the story of God's people. A book will be provided for reading before class to focus our discoveries.



**New Bible Studies
Beginning in
September**

The **SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** will be studying "Revelation", John MacArthur Study Guide. This 12 week study of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, as told to the Apostle John, reveals the end of human history, the return of Christ, and the establishment of a new heaven and a new earth. SNBS will begin the study on **Sunday night, September 13, at 6:00 PM in Room B of the FLC**. All are welcome. Please let Bill Thompson know (770-422-9591), so that a book can be obtained for you.

The **Seekers Bible Study**, led by Inez Garrett, will begin their study of "Life Principles for Following Christ" by Rich Shepard, on **Monday, September 14**, in the Library, from 9:30-11:00 am. The message gives us a study of Twelve Portraits of Our Savior, through the word of God. Join us for fellowship and study.

Join us on **Wednesday morning, September 9**, from 10:00-11:45 am in the Family Life Center, Room B, as we begin a study of the book of **Isaiah**. Many of the verses of Isaiah are familiar to us as beloved passages we read and sing each Christmas and Easter season. But there is so much more to the prophet Isaiah and his message. Thought by some church fathers to be the first and greatest apostle and evangelist, Isaiah speaks of God's relationship to the prophet, the people, the kings, and the servant. We will explore God's personal character and develop a deeper understanding of the living God. This group loves to study in advance, discuss in class, and reflect all week on the meaning of God's Word. There is a space for all who are interested. Taught by Zeta Lamberson.

Congratulations to our 2009 College Graduates!!



Erin Crymes will graduate in the fall of 2009 from Georgia Southern with a major in Sociology. She has been doing an internship with Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta. She hopes to attend Graduate school.

Sarah Heagy graduated last December (2008) Magna Cum Laude, from Kennesaw State University, with a major in Choral Music Education. She has been subbing and doing part time chorus and piano accompaniments at several Cobb County schools.

Shaun Koval graduated this summer with a bachelors degree in Biological Science from the University of Georgia. He has returned to the Atlanta area and hopes to find a job. Shawn is engaged to be married.

Allison Michalke graduated from the University of Alabama this spring. She was an honor graduate with a BA in Dance, and a minor in Public Relations. She is employed with CK Danceworks, Daystar Dance Academy, and To The Pointe.

Thomas Robinson will graduate in December 2009 with a degree in Sociology from Kennesaw State University. He plans to attend graduate school at KSU. He hopes to focus on the care of the elderly and healthcare. He will be married early in 2010.

Kate White graduated from the University of South Carolina - Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with honors from the USC Honors College. She majored in Russian and minored in Spanish. She has spent the summer at Middlebury College in Vermont in an intensive Russian program. This fall she enters Ohio State University beginning a five year Doctoral program in Slavic Languages and Literature on the Distinguished University Fellowship/Associateship for doctoral studies.

Frances Yaramishyn graduated from Wake Forest University this spring with a BA, having majored in Studio Art and minored in Anthropology and Entrepreneurship. She hopes to find employment in graphic arts before going to graduate school, to become an art conservator.



Calling all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Kids At Macland!

On Sunday, September 13 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. we will kick off our exciting new year of KAM. Join your friends in the gym for games, fellowship, and fun!



Contact Susan Polacheck for more information.

KIDS
at
KAM



Macland's Calendar is on the Web

Macland now has an interactive calendar on the web.

Go to:

1. www.macland.org
2. Church News
3. Weekly Service Schedule
4. Monthly Calendar

You can click on each activity individually and the event will show you the time, place and the location the activity is held. Also, you will see the option (after opening the event) to send yourself or a friend an e-mail reminder of the event.



We're creating a new women's group at Macland and would love your participation and input! The first meeting will be Thursday evening, September 10 at 7:00 pm at the Macaroni Grill on Dallas Hwy. The focus of this group is fellowship, friendship, and fun—a "sistering" sort of group that will help the women of MPC become closer to one another and closer to God. At this point, we're looking at a monthly restaurant dinner where we can all relax, take a break from our busy lives, and get to know each other. This can easily grow to include other activities such as hiking, biking, movies, bowling, or anything else that we choose. Please save this date on your calendar, and let Michelle Dettore or Ginny Spain know if you plan to attend. Michelledettore@yahoo.com, 770-439-2761, and/or Ginny Spain virginia.spain@gmail.com or 678-581-5625.

Circle Your Calendar for October 8, 2009

SAS

Time: 12:00 noon

Event: Luncheon

Horizon Band Concert

(sponsored by Al Baumgartner)

Place: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$4.00

Reservations by October 2nd. Call or contact Frances Tucker at 770-439-0059.



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

September 6

Rebecca Blackwell

Mission Coordinator and Stated Clerk
of Cherokee Presbytery

September 13

Dr. James O Speed

September 20

Dr. James O Speed

September 27

Dr. James O Speed



Youth and Adult Handbell choirs will resume practice on Sunday, September 13th.

Youth Handbell practice is from 5:00-6:00 and Adult Handbell practice is from 6:00-7:00. Both choirs have openings for new members. Anyone who is interested in participating, please contact Judy.



The Page Turners Reading Guild meets on the third-Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m., in Room B of the Family Life Center.



Through August 23, 2009

Revenue to date \$408,032.49

Expenses to date \$400,998.19



Things Fall Apart By Chinua Achebe Book Review by Karen R. Williamson

Things Fall Apart was written by one of Nigeria's leading novelists, Chinua Achebe, and is currently one of the most widely read African novels ever published. Set in the Ibo village of Umuofia, *Things Fall Apart* recounts a stunning moment in African history – its colonization by Britain. The work carefully re-creates tribal life before the arrival of Europeans in Africa, and then details the jarring changes brought on by the advent of colonialism and Christianity.

The novel itself is a parable that examines the colonial experience from an African perspective. It chronicles the life of Obi Okonkwo, the leader of an Ibo community. The book opens with Okonkwo already a man – well known throughout nine villages and even beyond; his fame resting on solid personal achievements. As events and circumstances of Okonkwo's present, daily life unfold, memories and experiences from Okonkwo's childhood are revealed which provide a more complete/comprehensive overview and understanding of Okonkwo's personality, character, system of belief, and behavior.

Ultimately, Okonkwo is banished from the community for accidentally killing a clansman. After a seven-year exile, he returns to his home village to find an infiltration of white missionaries and the invasion of colonial government into tribal Ibo society. His pleas to his people not to exchange their culture for that of the English fall on deaf ears, and Okonkwo sadly witnesses both his village's – and his own – disintegration as ancient traditions are abandoned in favor of European ways.

Things Fall Apart has been praised for its intelligent and realistic treatment of tribal beliefs and of the psychological disintegration coincident with social unraveling. It stands out from so many other works of its era because, rather than sentimentalizing Africa, it speaks openly of brutality and suffering, tradition and community. However, the real brilliance of the work is that it simultaneously portrays the impact of colonialism on a traditional Nigerian village at the turn of the century while also addressing – on a more global scale – the crisis in African culture caused by the collapse of colonial rule. Indeed, Achebe prophetically argues that colonial domination and the culture left in Africa would eventually create such a stranglehold on African peoples that its consequences would continue to haunt African society long after the colonizers had left the continent.

Unfortunately, while *Things Fall Apart* has been heralded as a literary tour de force, not everyone will appreciate the inspiring and intellectual value of this work. Those seeking a quaint tale or a light story for the beach or mountain vacation will be disappointed and frustrated. This is a "deep" book which demands serious, reflective, and diagnostic thought.

The writing is not fast-paced or action-packed; it is not simply another any-day, easy, or straight-forward read. The plot is not seamless, and those who tackle it will find sentence construction and flow strongly reminiscent of such classic works as *Moby Dick*, *The Last of the Mohicans*, and *The Scarlet Letter*. Moreover, in addition to plumbing the ideals of colonialism in African tribes and how debilitating such political action can be, other underlying social issues are also addressed in the work, including familial relationships – particularly father-son – and religious tensions between different ethnic groups. As a result, like other "philosophical" works, *Things Fall Apart* is a novel that must be read page-for-page and analyzed in quite the same way. For a reader to fully grasp all that is offered by the book, he/she must identify and consider totally the symbolism, artistry, history, irony, and thematic issues surrounding the conflicts of the novel. Consequently, some readers will find this read a bit of a struggle. However, if one can hurdle such speed-bumps and maintain an open-mind, there is much to take away from Okonkwo's journey into the new wilderness.

A plethora of characters dominate the text and because the players possess unfamiliar (African) names, readers may have difficulty maintaining appropriate – and necessary – connections. Bookworms can overcome this difficulty by creating a "flow chart" as each new character is encountered. Listing names, personality traits, and unique behaviors of persons would also be beneficial and would ultimately provide an interesting, summary analysis of each character and excellent fodder for discussion with another reader or book group.

Finally, Achebe peppers the text with traditional African terms, which bibliophiles may find a stumbling block to full enjoyment of the work. However, the author does do a very good job of providing contextual definitions of the unfamiliar vocabulary. In addition, a glossary of terms is included at the end of the work for easy reference.

Bottom Line – Excellent for stretching one's mental muscles, providing a vicarious sojourn into the inner mysticism of old-world Africa, and challenging views of eminent domain. Otherwise, not much here for the average reader. Grade: B-minus to D-minus, depending on expectation(s).

Author Biography

Chinua Achebe was born in Nigeria in 1930. He was raised in the large village of Ogidi, one of the first centers of Anglican missionary work in Eastern Nigeria, and is a graduate of University College, Ibadan.

Cited in the London Sunday Times as one of the "1,000 Makers of the Twentieth Century" for defining "a modern African literature that was truly African" and thereby making "a major contribution to world literature", Chinua Achebe has published novels, short stories, essays, and children's books. His volume of poetry, *Christmas in Biafra*, written during the Biafran War, was the joint winner of the first Commonwealth Poetry Prize. Of his novels, *Arrow of God* won the New Statesman-Jock Campbell Award, and *Anthills of the Savannah* was a finalist for the 1987 Booker Prize. *Things Fall Apart*, Chinua Achebe's masterpiece, earned the author the title of "the man who invented African literature". It has been published in fifty different languages and has sold over 8 million copies since its original publication in 1958-1959. The work ultimately helped create the Nigerian literary renaissance of the 1960s. Mr. Achebe lives with his wife in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, where they teach at Bard College. They have four children and three grandchildren.

Help Needed Greeter Organizer

- ✓ Light computer skills for scheduling setup
- ✓ Mail out of schedules twice yearly
- ✓ Reminder calls or e-mails

If you are interested in doing all or part of this job, please call
Karen Gooden at 770-427-2636.

September Birthdays



9/2	Sheila McAlexander	9/14	Phillips Moore	9/26	Ryan Hillsgrove
9/2	Zach McAlexander	9/15	Kay Winter	9/26	Amanda Reif
9/2	James Pope	9/16	John Rowe	9/26	Olivia Hubert
9/2	Abbey Michalke	9/16	Ben Milner	9/27	Debbie Lester
9/3	Frank DeMarino	9/17	Lorne Dold	9/27	Linda Puterbaugh
9/4	Jennifer Lundeen	9/17	Katie Russell	9/27	David Blount
9/4	Cody Keen	9/19	Caleb Prater	9/27	Taylor Polacheck
9/6	Bill Grove	9/20	Lexie Savic	9/28	Carol Robinson
9/6	Roger Thellen	9/22	Patrick Haugh	9/28	Hope Brannan
9/7	Debbie Walters	9/22	Jason Pierce	9/28	Karen Williams
9/8	Cooper Pedro	9/23	Bryan Hale	9/28	Cole Hennings
9/9	Pam Carlton	9/24	Harold McLendon	9/29	Shaun Koval
9/11	Art Peterson	9/24	Samantha Denny	9/30	Vicki Ferguson
9/11	Carol Willever	9/25	Angela Smith	9/30	Lauren Blair
9/11	Julea Thomerson	9/25	Brian Moore	9/30	Danielle DeMeo
9/11	Matt Stana	9/26	Ann Basha		
9/13	Shelley Carr	9/26	John Polacheck		
9/13	Andrew Carter	9/26	Belinda Allen		
9/13	Ian Dingler	9/26	Lori Eason		

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