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THE CONNECTION

Former CBS anchor Dan Rather found himself unprepared for a television interview with Mother Teresa several years ago. Ron Mehl described the newsman's encounter this way:

Somehow, all of his standard approaches and formula questions were inadequate for the task, and the little nun from Calcutta, sitting beside him so sweetly and tranquilly, didn't seem inclined to make his task easier.

"When you pray," asked Rather, "What do you say to God?"

"I don't say anything," she replied, "I listen."

Rather tried another track. "Well, okay...when God speaks to you, then, what does he say?"

"He doesn't say anything. He listens."

Rather looked bewildered. For an instant, he didn't know what to say.

"And if you don't understand that," Mother Teresa added, "I can't explain it to you."

(Charles Swindoll, So, You Want to be like Christ, pages 61-62)

There's a great deal that we do not understand about prayer. Getting closer to God and gaining knowledge of God are possible through prayer. Being silent and still allows God time to commune with us in prayer. According to Eugene Peterson's *The Message*: "God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are." I've thought about prayer and God's "touching" our spirits throughout Vacation Bible School. There was a great deal of hard work and talent provided to make the spaces we used sacred spaces of learning and fun. I am thankful for the leaders and all the volunteers (and I will not name names because someone is always accidentally left out). I am deeply appreciative of the investment of time and energy given for the purpose of draw-

ing All God's Children closer to God.

The purpose of prayer is to draw us closer to God. Prayer is a yielding exercise. It is not a list of things we want God to do. It is a time to talk about real struggles and circumstances that cause us to question of faith. It is a time to confess our shortcomings and to admit that being "spiritual" and "faithful" are not the same thing. We can believe in God and still hold God at arm's length. Acknowledging God is not actually "plugging into" God's power. The function of prayer is: 1. Adoration. 2. Confession. 3. Thanksgiving. 4. Supplication.

John Wesley and his friends gave us a prayer to use: Almighty God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid, Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

I pray that we can come to understand more and more about the faith and in so doing honor the Lord. It is particularly appropriate as we enter July and celebrate our birth as a nation. There are churches that will miss this chance to celebrate because there is the idea "out there" that Christians are not supposed to do anything patriotic in worship. We are to do nothing that celebrates our nation! I am not of that persuasion, so we will. The first Sunday in July we will sing some patriotic hymns during the Second Hymn portion of worship. We do this because we love our country. Yet, our home is heaven. We are citizens of two worlds. Our nation teaches us to love kindred and country. Our faith teaches us to honor God and exhibit faith. WE can do both. And while we celebrate America we can also pray for America. Pray that we be: "one nation under God..."

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COMING UP

*4th of July Holiday, Monday & Tuesday, July 3 & 4,
Office Closed

*Finance Committee Meeting, Monday, July 17,
5:00pm, Harris SS Class Room

*Church Council Meeting, Monday, July 17, 6:00pm,
Fellowship Hall

Memorials & Honorariums

IN MEMORY OF PETE OWENS

Voyce Hobgood, Eleanor & Lois Baker, M&M Jerry Turner, M&M Jim Crawford, FUMC Methodist Men's Bible Class, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Connie Young, M&M Steve Barbour, Margaret (Rookie) Tripp, Daughters of Louis Stockley, M&M Manfred Kollitz, Mark Yearty, Grace Thornton, B.E. & Ina Coggeshall, Buddy & Reba Brooks.

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD JOHNSON

M&M Jerry Turner

IN MEMORY OF ANNE TOWNSEND

M&M Keith Smith, M&M Ellison Outen, M&M Jerry Turner

IN MEMORY OF CHRISTY MARSH

FUMC Ezer Sunday School Class

IN MEMORY OF BILL EDGEWORTH

M&M Jerry Turner

IN MEMORY DOT HENDRICK

M&M Jerry Turner

From the Director of Youth and Children

VBS was a huge success! I would like to thank all of the volunteers and participants (85 total) who made this possible! I would also like to thank the Ezer class, New Horizon class, Kinsey Malloy class, and John Sanderson for providing supper for us. All of the meals were terrific!

We wish our Salkehatchie volunteers much success on their venture to Pendleton S.C. (July 1-July 8.) Prayers are with you.

Plans for a new and improved youth space are still being discussed. It has come to our attention that the "youth hut" has a very weak

foundation, and so the youth area needs to be in a new location.

You have probably noticed "the well" outside of the office. Money is being collected for 'Group Cares' to help provide clean water in Peruvian villages. During VBS, kids collected money and dropped their funds in the 'well', but the 'well' is not full yet, so we are asking you to help us fill the 'well'. When the tube is full, we will send the donations to 'Group Cares'. The donations sent will be used to fund professionally dug wells in Peruvian villages lacking a safe water source. Revelation 21:6, "To all who are thirsty I

will give freely from the springs of the water of life."

In Christ's Love,
Sara



What Accounts can my Memorials be Put in?

If you give memorials to FUMC you can designate that they go to a number of different areas of the church. Listed below are areas that your memorials can be designated for:

Endowment Fund
Memorial Fund
Music Fund
Red Bird

Salkehatchie Summer Service
Bus Fund
Youth Ministries
Children Ministries
Contemporary Service Fund
Building Upkeep Fund
Parsonage Upkeep Fund
Wednesday at the First (WATF)
Relay for Life
Grounds Upkeep Fund

Memorials can be designated to go to a number of different areas.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund
Scholarships (Streete, Norton, Harris, Burr, Hook, Eutsler, Brasington, and Laney)

Good Neighbor

The Men's Class at FUMC is offering a helping hand. Do you need any help to change a light bulb, clean the gutters, rake the yard, wash the car, or go to the store? Whatever your need, give us a chance to be a good neighbor to you. We're not professionals and will not bill you for services, but

we are handy at doing many things. Our intent is not to take any work away from our local businesses and service professionals, but to simply offer a helping hand. This service is available to all FUMC members, and anyone you know who is in need of help.

You may contact Roger Wolfe at 843-537-7496.

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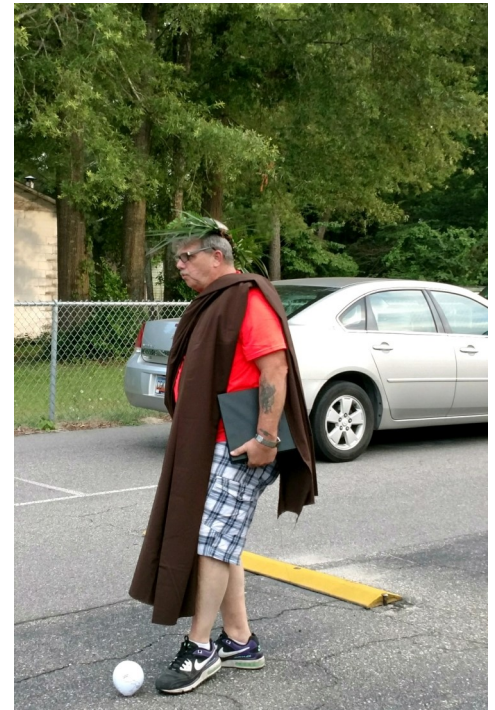
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Contributions are needed for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please share your surplus with those who have precious little on which to live. (Write a check to FUMC and designate it or part of it for "Pastor's Discretionary Fund.")

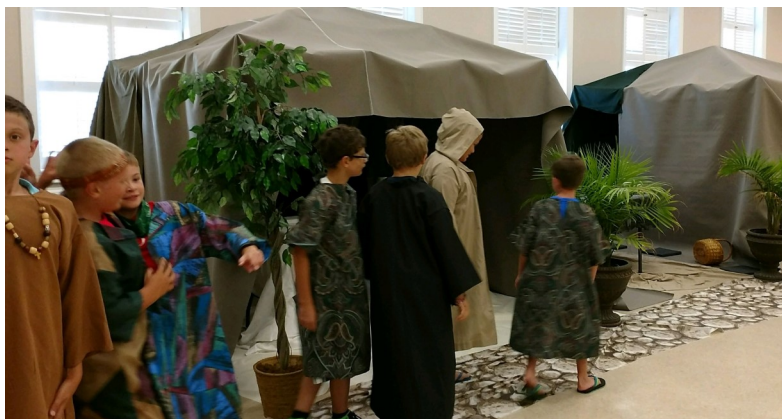


Giving to those less fortunate

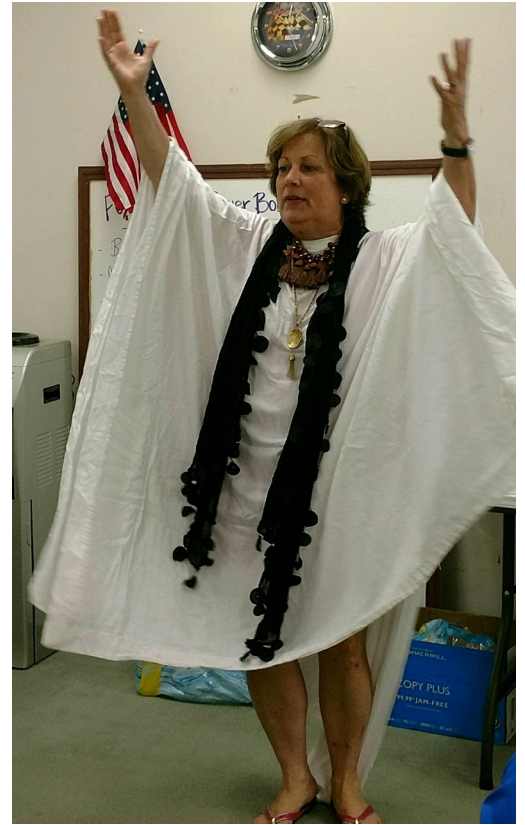
Vacation Bible School Pictures



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Serving in July

Hostess

Gailya Wilson

Head Usher

Acolyte and Cross Bearer

Peyton Taylor (A) Hunter Lee (CB)

Greeters

July 2 M&M Shelton Rumph

July 9 M&M Doug Carabo

July 16 Micki Lockey

July 23 M&M Jack VanDeman

July 30 M&M Roger Wolfe

Lobby Door Greeters

July 2 Robert Calhoun, Theodore Burns

July 9 Manfred Kollitz, Joey Mills

July 16 Jim Crawford, Rhett Buter

July 23 Herbert Watts

July 30 Jerry Therrell, Jerry Carter

Nursery

July 2 Sally Smith

July 9 Mary Charlotte Dusa

July 16 Kim Williamson

July 23 Jean McLean

July 30 Alayna Carabo

Lay Readers

July 2 Bonnie Cundiff

July 9 Zach Carabo

July 16 Micki Lockey

July 23 Matthew Wicker

July 30 Ray Crouse

Flowers

July 2 & 9 OPEN

July 16 Moores

July 23 & 30 OPEN

Counters

July 2 Thomas Samuel, Linda Smith,
John Moore

Alternates: Micki Lockey, Todd
Becker

July 9 Roger Wolfe, Jim Crawford,
Sammy Quick

Alternate: John Straughn

July 16 Jeff Johnson, Betty Hurst,
Jerry Therrell

Alternates: David McLean, Walter
Crosby

July 23 Robert Calhoun, Herbert
Watts, Brenda Rayfield

Alternate: Doug Marsh

July 30 Rhett Butler, Shelton Rumph

Alternate: Jerry Tucker

McArn Items

July 2 Canned fruit

July 9 Laundry detergent

July 16 Shampoo

July 23 Toothbrush

July 30 Toothpaste

From the First Church Child Development Ministry

Summer is a busy time in the Child Development Ministry. Children are moving up to the next age group, and Summer Care class is starting. We currently have 83 children enrolled in the school, but expect to add more before summer is over. If you know of anyone in need of child care for the summer, have them contact us. There are still a few spots open.

The children in Summer Care have already enjoyed a splash day

and a pizza party. They will have other splash days and a couple of field trips throughout the summer. We are planning to have a trip to Discovery Place in Rockingham and the Splash Pad in Hartsville.

We have some people working for us during the summer to help when teachers are on vacation. One of First Church's own, Mason Tomberlin, is filling in and doing a wonderful job. If you know of others who need summer work,

send them our way. They need to have graduated high school and had 6 months of experience working in child care.

We appreciate Roger Wolfe for volunteering to do some repair work in the school. He spent a Saturday working on a long "to do" list for us. What a blessing our church members are!

Have a wonderful summer!

Mimi

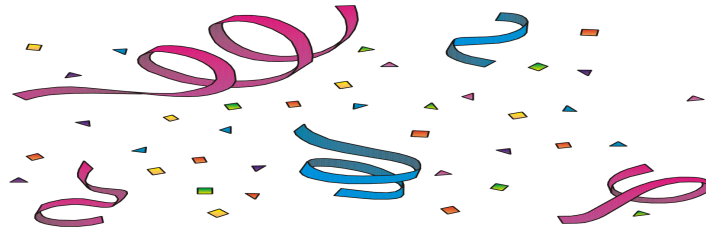
Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Choles Roddy Reid
July 3 Jakie Streater
July 5 Landon Rogers
July 7 Billy Wallace, Jr.
July 12 Dallas Keefe
July 13 Walker Jones
July 16 Flo Outen
July 19 Jennifer Tomberlin
July 21 Erika Kollitz, Jenny Outen
July 25 Penny Quick
July 26 Ruth Ann Jones, Todd Becker,
Pam Baker
July 29 Christy Ruffner
July 30 Charlotte Crosby
July 31 Adam Humphries

ANNIVERSARIES

July 1 M&M Thomas McKinnon
July 7 M&M Rhett Butler
July 10 M&M Walter Crosby
July 12 M&M Steve Barbour,
M&M Ray Crouse
July 13 M&M Billy Wallace, Jr
July 14 M&M Joey Mills
July 22 M&M Roger Jones



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August Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, July 20, 2017

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July Calendar

Sunday, July 2, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 11:00am

Monday, July 3, 2017

OFFICE CLOSED FOR JULY 4th HOLIDAY

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Sunday, July 9 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am

Monday, July 10, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Sunday, July 16 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am

Monday, July 17, 2017

Finance Committee Meeting, 5:00pm, Harris
Sunday School Classroom
Church Council Meeting, 6:00pm, Fellow-
ship Hall
Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Sunday, July 23 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, July 20, 2017

August Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, July 23, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am

Monday, July 24, 2017

Boy Scouts, 6:00pm, Scout Hut

Tuesday, July 25, 2017

Staff Meeting, 10:30am, Pastor's Office
Weight Watchers, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 26, 2017

Sunday, July 30 Bulletin Deadline, 12:00pm
Choir Practice, 7:30pm, Choir Room

Sunday, July 30, 2017

Sunday School, 10:00am
Worship, 10:00am

Confirmation Class and Baptism



Confirmation Class of 2017



Ella Prevatte was baptized from the
Confirmation Class

Zach Carabo was baptized from the
Confirmation Class