



The View

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We View Life Through the Cross

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MONTREAT

by Alex Hux



For some, Montreat is just a college...for others, it is a great place to go sight seeing from its beautiful lake to its breath taking mountains surrounding the wonderful inns and various shops. For those of us who were fortunate enough to venture into Montreat's fantastic worship hall and participate in the wonderful small group classes, know that we can now call Montreat a home away from home.

For those that struggle to understand how beautiful Montreat is, spiritually and physically, it is described as a thin place...a place where heaven and earth almost meet. That expression cannot be more accurate. Living and participating there for a week can be described as magical. There is absolutely no other experience like waking up early to worship, to bond tremendously with your small group, and then to meet up again at night to worship before bed. Wherever you are, Jesus is on your mind, and it is the most fantastic feeling one can imagine.

In addition, Montreat is more than just worship and Bible reading, with breaks in between your classes, you can participate in a plethora of activities, which our youth group took full advantage of! One can enjoy a relaxing stroll along the campus, a wonderful canoe trip across the lake, an always ongoing game of ultimate frisbee, or for those who are feeling adventurous, just go and lounge in the favorite shop... The Huckleberry.

To sum up the experience of Montreat on paper is just too difficult of a task to manage. To really experience the blessed feeling of Montreat, one must really go out in person and live the blessing that is Montreat. Any one of our youth would be more than happy to share their favorite experiences (there are a plenty of them) with anybody who asks. To basically sum everything together in a few words, Montreat is a blessed place where you can form relationships with others who are on their own spiritual journey, and to form life-long bonds with those you befriend while you stay. I am certain that when I say that I love Montreat, I speak for our youth group who were lucky enough to experience the wonderful gift that God has allowed us to experience.

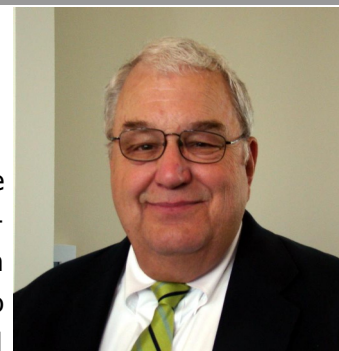
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Pastor's Corner

Imagination, creativity, and teamwork were the watch words of Vacation Bible School 2011; and they paid big dividends! I don't believe I've ever had the privilege of being a part of a better event! From start to finish it was superb! From top down and bottom up it was excellent. In truth, you had to be here to experience it in order to discern the total effectiveness of Vacation Bible School this year.



Dr. Roe M. Callaway, Jr.

A hearty word of thanks and praise is due Directors Stephanie Bogart and Sandra Vetrano, and a host of other adults and youth who gave of their time, energies, and talents to make this such a meaningful and successful event. Many, many thanks for all you did both individually and corporately to insure the success of our school this year. Your church is certainly grateful! My prayer now is that we will be able to capitalize on the learning, teamwork, and overall excitement that characterized Vacation Bible School as we grow in God's grace and nurture throughout the rest of the year. I've said it before and I'll say it again: one of the genuine joys of my ministry here at First Presbyterian Church is having the opportunity to be associated with so many talented and loving people. You are the best!

The month of July begins with a bang, (no pun intended). The first Sunday falls on July third, just one day prior to Independence Day. What better way can there be to get ready for a celebration of our nation's birthday, than with worship? Some of you will, no doubt, be away for the holiday; however, let me encourage every member who is in Cleveland on Sunday, July 3rd, to be sure to be present at church. We need you, and when you aren't here things just aren't as good as they might have been. We should all give thanks that God takes no holidays, or vacations, from us! Thank God, God is constant in his relationship to us, even when at times we aren't as constant in our relationship to Him as we know we should be.

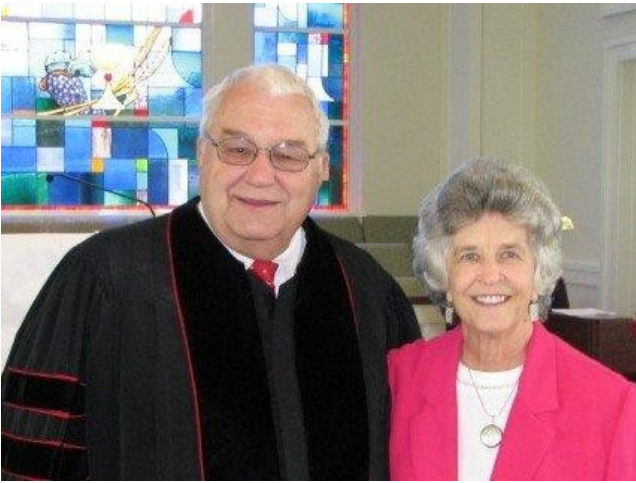
I am looking forward to the Computer Classes that our Membership Team is offering during the month of July. Valerie Richardson is sure to do an excellent job with these.

Vacations are important and necessary; but I've yet to meet anyone who is able to take the entire summer off from his or her job. If we can be regular in our attention to and participation in secular activities and employment during the summer months, we can and should do the same with regards to our spiritual needs. Don't miss out. Be sure to be regular in your attendance and participation here on Presbyterian Hill throughout the year.

With love,

Roe M. Callaway, Jr.

**SHARE THE LORD'S CHURCH HERE ON PRESBYTERIAN HILL.
INVITE A FRIEND TO WORSHIP WITH YOU.**



RECENT NEW MEMBER – BETTY SLOOP

We recently welcomed Betty as a member of First Presbyterian Church by transfer of her letter of membership from Windermere Presbyterian of Wilmington NC. Betty's family background begins with missionary parents who served in Japan until the outbreak of WWII brought them home to Eastern Kentucky where her father served as a Presbyterian minister and where Betty was born and raised. She attended Anges Scott College for her bachelor's degree and while there she met her

future husband, Steve, who was a student at Columbia Theological Seminary. He went on to the ministry, and they served churches in Georgia, including 16 years at Emory Presbyterian Church in Atlanta and Memorial Park in Gainesville, and Wilmington NC. Sadly, after 40 years of marriage, Steve passed away five and one half years ago. During their life together, Betty went on to graduate degrees in education from North Georgia College and the University of North Carolina – Wilmington. She has taught at the college level at the University of Georgia and Mercer in Atlanta. She was teaching in Gwinett County when they visited friends in White County twelve years ago and ended up buying a house from Barbara and Lanier Chambers off of Goat Neck Road near the Habersham County line where she has recently settled permanently. She and Steve had three children, a daughter with two girls lives in Alabama and two sons, one with two boys, live in Atlanta.

Betty says enjoying family is her favorite pastime, and in June she had a reunion with 52 of her closest family members including 18 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. In addition to family things, she likes to read and travel and is looking forward to more of both now that she is settled. We are glad that the Lord led Betty to White County years ago and that she is part of our church family.



STRONG ROCK CAMP

by Mia Vetrano

I want to thank my church family for sending our middle school group to Strong Rock Camp! It was a blast, and we had a lot of fun. I enjoyed learning about God and His message. Our theme for the week was "Pure." We talked about purification and God's word, the Bible. If we stay in God's word, we will remain pure. We had all sorts of different classes that everyone could enjoy. (: My favorite class would have to be horseback riding, but we each got assigned a different horse, which was pretty cool because we got to know our horse. I really want to go back there next year, and hopefully everyone else will too. Thanks again. I really loved that camp. :DD



Anna Bogart at Strong Rock Camp.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Check the upcoming August newsletter for an update from your PNC.

Women's Bible Study

It is lunch out month for the **Morning Women's Bible Study**. We will meet July 14th at Bernie's Guest House in Sautee. The time is 12:30 for lunch, so if you want to ride in the van arrive at the church by 12:00 noon. The price for lunch will be \$20.00, which includes tax and tip, in other words, everything; pay at the restaurant. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex with the three (3) entree choices for members who were absent last month or any women who would like to join us. We welcome all women whether members or not. The last day to sign up is Friday, July 8th.



Presbyterian Women

Nurture Faith, Support Mission, Work for Justice & Peace, & Build Community

MISSIONS: Please continue to support our mission collections: Aluminum pull tabs from cola and other cans; Boxtops for Education; Campbell's soup labels; personal care items for Circle of Hope; old cell phones for CASA and Circle of Hope. Drop your donations in the boxes in the upper narthex. We also collect basic housekeeping items such as paper goods and cleaning supplies for both Circle of Hope and CASA. Any questions, check with Judy Winski.

NOTICE TO ALL WOMEN

For the last few years the Men of the Church have treated us to an elegant Valentine's Dinner. Well, now it is time to have a Turn-A-Bout. Presbyterian Women are sponsoring a chance for you to invite your "favorite date" to an evening of casual fun and fellowship. **Mark the date, August 20th**, on your calendar and do your inviting. This will be an adult only evening open to all members, attendees and friends of FPC. So, feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to share this event as well as your "date". There will be no charge for the evening, but donations to offset the cost of food will be accepted. Any additional funds collected will be donated to our missions. Reservations are required, and babysitting will be available if requested in advance. Please feel free to contact Bernice Rogers or Judy Winski with any questions.



MEN OF THE CHURCH

"men serving and worshiping God"

The **Men of the Church** will meet on Tuesday, July 5th, at 6:00 PM. All men and older boys are encouraged to attend.

Gentlemen, plan on coming with a good appetite to your meeting. Something good will be coming from the kitchen when **PW (Presbyterian Women)** will be cooking supper for **The Men of the Church**.

5th Sunday lunch

July 31, 2011

Immediately after worship on Sunday, July 31, 2011, we will enjoy a time of food and fellowship. We ask that you bring meats, veggies, casseroles, salads and desserts to share.

Everyone welcome!

KITCHEN USE

Effective immediately, any use of the kitchen must have prior approval. Watch for information on all church groups being required to complete a form before their meeting or event can be placed on the church calendar.



First Presbyterian Church—Cleveland July 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	4 Office Closed 5:30pm PNC Meeting	5 Happy Birthday! Brenda Sovine Tee Smith 6:00pm Men of the Church 12:00pm Rotary 2:00pm Computer Class 7:00pm NA & Nar-Anon	6 Happy Birthday! Donny Parker	7 No PW Meeting 2:00pm Computer Class	8 Happy Birthday! Cindy Free 7:00pm NA	9 5:30pm Saturday Evening Worship
10 Happy Birthday! Anna Bogart 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Deacon's Meeting	11 Office Closed 5:30pm PNC Meeting	12 Happy Birthday! Chloe Barrett 12:00pm Rotary 2:00pm Computer Class 4:00pm PW Team Mtg. 6:30pm Stephen Ministry 7:00pm NA & Nar-Anon	13 Happy Birthday! Debbie Wessely 1:00pm Tubing 6:00pm LOGOS meeting	14 Women's Bible Study Lunch—Bernies 2:00pm Computer Class	15 Happy Birthday! Bill Hines 7:00pm NA	16 5:30pm Saturday Evening Worship
17 Happy Birthday! Walt Barrett Phyllis Sturm Sandra Harper 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	18 Happy Birthday! Colton Maddox Office Closed	19 12:00pm Rotary 2:00pm Computer Class 7:00pm NA & Nar-Anon	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	21 Happy Birthday! Ann Chard 12:00pm Knit & Stitch 2:00pm Computer Class	22 Happy Birthday! Bill Hines 7:00pm NA	23 Happy Birthday! Sandra Montgomery Avery Rades 5:30pm Saturday Evening Worship
24 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	25 Office Closed 5:30pm PNC Meeting	26 11am Rotary Board Mtg. 12:00pm Rotary 6:30pm Stephen Ministry 7:00pm NA & Nar-Anon	27 Happy Birthday! Jeff Bogart 8:00am—5:00pm Lifeline Screening 1:00pm Swimming	28 Dinner & a Show 5:00pm Mission Team Mtg.	29 Happy Birthday! Donna Barrett 7:00pm NA	30 Happy Birthday! Mary Smith Barbara Morehead 5:30pm Saturday Evening Worship
31 Happy Birthday! Barbara Hiers 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 5th Sunday lunch						

MISSIONS TEAM NEWS

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HELP SOUGHT FOR RICHARDSONS' SON, WHOSE HOME BURNED DOWN

The home of Scott Richardson, son of Doug and Valerie Richardson, was destroyed by fire June 10, and our congregation is engaged in assisting Scott get back on his feet.

Not only was the house destroyed, but Scott and the two young men who shared the house with him lost virtually all possessions. These included Scott's truck and several thousand dollars worth of tools that Scott used in his work.

While they do have temporary housing, their most immediate needs are basic clothing, in sizes ranging from large to XXL, as well as tennis shoes, sizes 13½, 14 wide and 10½ to 11. They could also use food.

Some members of our congregation already have offered to loan Scott tools for his work, but he may also need further assistance in that regard.

Those wishing to reach Scott directly may do so via email at *scottthedetailshop@gmail.com* or through his cell phone at 770-912-8812.

In addition, checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church of Cleveland," with "Scott Richardson" written in the "for" or "memo" space will be directed to him.

Please support Scott, his roommates and his family with your prayers and any other assistance you may be able to provide.

WITH LT. JONES HEADED HOME, MILITARY MISSION LOOKS AHEAD

Having received good news that Lumpkin County native U.S. Army 2nd Lt. Patrick Jones is headed home from a remote base in Afghanistan, our congregation's military mission effort is looking to continue by providing "care" packages to others with local connections who are serving our country in the military overseas.

For the past year, in an effort led by the FPC Mission Team's Cindy Hayes, we have been shipping to Lt. Jones' base boxes filled with items for him and his fellow soldiers, as well as for villagers.

Our last shipment to Lt. Jones went off in early June. If you know of a local person serving our nation overseas, please let missions elder Paul Scott Abbott know (706-865-9796 or *missions@fpcleveland.org*) so we can extend this ministry to them.

FPC OFFERS \$425 OF SUPPORT TO GIDEONS IN PLACING BIBLES

Thanks to the generous contributions collected at FPC on Sunday, June 5, The Gideons International should be able to distribute about 325 more copies of God's Word.

After hearing a minute for mission from a Gideons representative, a special offering of \$425 was collected during the service from the congregation – enough, based on an average cost of \$1.31 per copy, to support placement of 324 Bibles or New Testaments.

Since its founding in 1899, the Gideons have distributed more than 1.6 billion Bibles and New Testaments in nearly 200 countries. For more information on the Gideons, go to *www.gideons.org* on the Web.

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MISSIONS TEAM NEWS –continued from page 6

CHANGE4 CHILDREN COLLECTION NETS \$46.14, WASHER, SAFETY PIN

In support of foreign missions programs of the Alliance for Children Everywhere, the Change4Children/ Noise for Joy bucket at FPC netted \$46.14 in coins plus a washer and a safety pin on Sunday, June 12.

Led by DeWayne Nix of the FPC Missions Team, the effort turns spare change into a big boost for such ACE initiatives as operation of three rescue homes in Zambia for abandoned infants, orphans and other young children in challenging circumstances.

Change4Children collections take place at FPC on the second Sunday of each even-numbered month. More information on ACE, a not-for-profit Christian organization established in 1969, may be found at www.childreneverywhere.org on the Web.

MISSIONS BROCHURES AVAILABLE ON MISSIONS TABLE IN NARTHEX

Brochures describing the many missions efforts, both local and afar, in which FPC is involved may now be found on the missions table in the narthex.

Many thanks to John Rogers, our immediate past missions elder, for his work in preparing the brochure and in enhancing the missions table presentation.

LAST CALL

Dinner and a Show

JOSEPH AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Habersham Community Theater

Thursday, July 28th, 2011

Tickets are finally on sale for the above performance. Many people have already signed up to go, but I wanted to put the word out one last time for anyone who would like to join us. If you are interested, please e-mail me ASAP at becky@fpcclarkesville.org so I can reserve more tickets. We plan to meet at the church at 5:00 (the van has been reserved) and caravan to THE ATTIC in Clarkesville for dinner. The show begins at 7:30 PM and the cost of the tickets is \$16 per person. Check your calendar and join us for another evening of fun, fellowship and entertainment.

Thanks,
Becky



TUBING
JULY 13TH—1:00 PM

SWIMMING
JULY 27TH—1:00 PM

Plans are being made for tubing and swimming outings. On July 13th and July 27th we will meet at the church at 1:00 and go for an afternoon of fun. Each event will be \$5.00 per person.

Contact Sandra Vetrano for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—2011

Vacation Bible School began Sunday night with around 30 students and a great bunch of volunteers.



MONTREAT



Free Beginner Computer Classes!

Free computer classes are being held at FPC this summer. If you are experiencing difficulty using your computer and often sense a feeling of frustration, this class is for you! You don't have to be a beginner! Classes are open to the community.

DATES THE CLASSES WILL BE HELD:

Tuesday, June 28
 Thursday, June 30
 Tuesday, July 5
 Thursday, July 7
 Tuesday, July 12
 Tuesday, July 14
 Tuesday, July 19
 Thursday, July 21

Contact Valerie Richardson for more information.

Northeast Georgia Presbytery Web site

The **Northeast Georgia Presbytery's** Web site - at www.negapby.org - offers a wealth of information of interest to members of the 58 churches that make up our Presbytery. From details on upcoming events and news from committees and ministry teams to links to an array of valuable resources, the site provides a ready reference tool for Presbyterians in Northeast Georgia. If you haven't checked out the site lately, why don't you do so today?

Financial Report (through May 2011)

Year-to-date Budget Requirements: \$106,270.85
 Year-to-date Budget Received: \$112,185.67
 Year-to-date Budget (short/over): \$ 5,914.82 +

Gypsy Smith, Budget/Finance Chairman

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

On August 10, 2011, Judy Winski will teach an AARP Driver Safety class in Hutcheson Hall. The class will be held from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM. Cost is \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-members.

Please sign-up on upper Narthex table or contact Judy Winski with any questions. Space is limited.

10 MINUTES COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Lifeline Screening

July 27, 2011

Preventative ultrasound health screenings are being held at First Presbyterian Church, Wednesday July 27. **LifeLine Screening** will scan the carotid artery in the neck for plaque build up, which can lead to a stroke. (75% of all strokes are linked to carotid artery blockage). They also scan the arteries in the legs for Peripheral Arterial Disease, (PAD), which is linked to heart disease.

They offer a third ultrasound for Aneurysms in the Aortic vessel in the abdomen & an irregular heartbeat EKG. Bone density screenings will be available also. This is a preventative program, and with early detection, these problems can be treated. The results are sent directly to you after being reviewed by a cardiovascular surgeon. These 5 tests are non-invasive and completely painless and take about ten minutes or less each. The vascular tests are offered for only \$60 each or at a package price of \$149.00 for all 5. Screenings are recommended yearly for ages 40+, and pre-registration is a must. Space is limited! You can call 800-643-6075 to make your appointment or call 678-462-3702 to receive \$10 off package price & for any questions.

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STEPHEN MINISTRY



Meeting Dates

July 12 & 26

Minister of the Week

July 3	Betty Royds
July 10	Treisa Caporale
July 17	Sara Davis
July 24	Barbara Hiers
July 31	Sandra Montgomery

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

SERMON TITLES AND TEXT FOR JULY

JULY 3, 2011

**"CREATED FOR FREEDOM"
GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25**

JULY 10, 2011

**"THE PRIZE IS WAITING"
MATTHEW 13:42-52**

JULY 17, 2011

**"THE NARROW DOOR"
LUKE 13:22-30**

JULY 24, 2011

**"WALKING ON WATER"
MATTHEW 14:22-33**

JULY 31, 2011

**"SOIL"
MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

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