



# News In Pews Newsletter

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## Pastor's Corner



### "The Road to Revival"

When I was a boy my grandfather owned a bright, shiny RV. He often took his family to Florida in that big motor home, and, as a child, I always took joy in the family being in one place as we traveled. We could take a nap, read a book or even play cards, all while traveling down the highway to our destination. One year my mother and father borrowed my grandfather's RV, and we took off up the road to the Smoky Mountains. That trip was met with many setbacks. The motor home overheated once, and the toilet backed up at least twice. Not pleasant at all.

Experience with motoring down the road in an RV is not all that different from our experience on our

Christian journey. As with a motor home, our Christian journey requires a lot of preparation. Maintenance of our faith is every bit as important as changing the oil and tuning up the engine. We can also make the choice to go it alone or invite people to join us along the way. The road we travel can be quite interesting, whether we are talking spiritually or physically.

During our Sunday worship services in October, we will be taking a journey down the road. The destination, of course, is our revival, which will be held on three nights, October 31-November 2 at 7:00 PM each night. Before we get to our destination, I would like us to consider the journey. Here is the schedule for The Road to Revival on Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM:

October 3 - Packing Our Bags  
(2 Timothy 1:1-14)

October 10 - Singing Along the Way  
(Psalm 66:1-12)

October 17 - Mapping Our Hearts  
(Jeremiah 31:31-34)

October 24 - Backseat Drivers  
(Luke 18:9-14)

Oct. 31 - Reaching Our Destination  
(Luke 19:1-10)

I encourage you to invite your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors (FRAN) to church with you during this time. The best part about having our revival now is that people are beginning to think more about their relationship with God as the holiday seasons (Thanksgiving and Christmas) approach. Jesus has called all of us to make disciples, and there is no better time to do so than the present.

I thought I would share this from the website of the Congregational Church of Long Beach ([www.cclb.org](http://www.cclb.org)):

"The Road to Hope is not straight...  
There is a curve called failure..."

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### Every 69 seconds a woman dies

Breast cancer will strike 1.3 million women this year and kill almost 500,000, making it the leading cancer killer of women worldwide. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**Get Involved** - You may be a runner. A volunteer. Or an activist. But however you choose to get involved, just know that everything you do makes a difference. After all, without the support of people like you, we know 10 million people could die of breast cancer in the next 25 years. The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. Breast cancer is still killing and impacting far too many of our loved ones. So, *how will you get involved?*

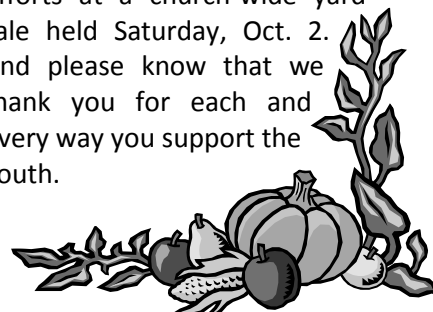
### MYF Youth News:

**FALL FESTIVAL** -- Mark your calendars for the 2010 Fall Festival sponsored by the youth. This year's festival will be held Wednesday, October 27, starting at 6 p.m. with a Hot Dog and Chili Supper. We will also have lots of Fall Festivities -- bobbing for apples, face painting, games for the kids, a costume contest, and much more. Then we will end the evening with the ever-popular Cake Walk. All proceeds will go to the youth activities fund, which now includes a goal of sending some middle schoolers to Camp Glisson next summer. See you there!!

**KINGDOM BUILDERS** -- About a dozen youth will be participating in the second annual Kingdom Builders event Thursday, Oct. 8 through Saturday, Oct. 9. Kingdom Builders is a community-wide mission project

involving people from many churches joining together to do service work throughout Forsyth and Monroe County. Workers will join together for meals and worship services during the weekend before fanning out into the community to do work to help others. We're proud of those youth who have volunteered to take part.

**THANK YOU** -- The youth always appreciate the support of our church family in our many activities. Many church members volunteer to provide a fellowship meal for the youth on Wednesday evenings. And a number participated in our first efforts at a church-wide yard sale held Saturday, Oct. 2. And please know that we thank you for each and every way you support the youth.



## God's Minute



**And Jesus Christ said; Whoever humbles himself as a little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

**(Matthew 18:4 \*NKJV)**

A little girl had been shopping with her Mom in Target. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence. It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Target. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the World. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said. "What?" Mom asked. "Let's run through the rain!" She repeated.

"No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied. This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain,"

"We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said.

"No, we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm.

"This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" "Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

Now the entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD let's us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. For; **To Everything There Is A Season and A Time To Every Purpose Under Heaven!**

**(Ecclesiastes 3:1)**

Now they say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them. Take the time to keep in touch with your friends, you never know when you'll need each other -- and don't ever forget "to run in the rain!" Amen.



## The Sinking Island

Once upon a time, there was an island where all the feelings lived: Happiness, Sadness, Knowledge, and all of the others, including Love. One day it was announced to the feelings that the island would sink, so all constructed boats and left. Except for Love.

Love was the only one who stayed. Love wanted to hold out until the last possible moment. When the island had almost sunk, Love decided to ask for help. Richness was passing by Love in a grand boat. Love said, "Richness, can you take me with you?" Richness answered, "No, I can't. There is a lot of gold and silver in my boat. There is no place here for you." Love decided to ask Vanity who was also passing by in a beautiful vessel. "Vanity, please help me!" "I can't help you, Love. You are all wet and might damage my boat." Vanity answered. Sadness was close by so Love asked, "Sadness, let me go with you." "Oh... Love, I am so sad that I need to be by myself!" Happiness passed by Love, too, but she was so happy that she did not even hear when Love called her. Suddenly, there was a voice, "Come, Love, I will take you." It was an elder. So blessed and overjoyed, Love even forgot to ask

the elder where they were going. When they arrived at dry land, the elder went her own way. Realizing how much was owed the elder, Love asked Knowledge, another elder, "Who helped me?" "It was Time." Knowledge answered. "Time?" asked Love. "But why did Time help me?" Knowledge smiled with deep wisdom and answered, "Because only Time is capable of understanding how valuable Love is."

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### WHY ASK WHY

Why is the third hand on the watch called the second hand?  
If a word is misspelled in the dictionary, how would we ever know?  
If Webster wrote the first dictionary, where did he find the words?  
Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?  
Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?  
Why are they called "stands" when they are made for sitting?  
Why do we wash bath towels?  
Aren't we clean when we use them?  
Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?  
Why do "tug" boats push their barges?

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A loop called confusion...  
Speed bumps called trials...  
Red lights called enemies...  
Caution lights called family...  
and flats called suffering.  
But...  
If I have a tank full of love...  
A spare called determination...  
An engine called  
perseverance...  
Insurance called faith...  
And a driver called Jesus...  
I will make it to a place called  
heaven filled with hope."  
I invite you to join us on the  
most important journey of your  
life. You will be happy you  
came. I'll see you and your  
friend on Sunday.

Blessings,

*Ted*



**DO WELL**

**WHILE DOING GOOD**

Thanks to churches and individual investors like you, the Georgia United Methodist Foundation Development Fund provides the funds to build, expand, renovate and refinance churches throughout the North and South Georgia conferences.

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### MYF YOUTH GROUP

#### October meeting dates:

- Oct. 6
- Oct. 13
- Oct. 20
- Oct. 27

The MYF Youth group need volunteers to provide dinners for the above dates. Not choosy, will eat all most any thing - except maybe liver.

### KINGDOM BUILDERS

Local churches will be getting together on Friday and Saturday, October 8 & 9, to work together on various construction and painting projects in the community for our neighbors in need. Anyone 12 or older can work on one of the construction teams; however, there are places where people of any age can work, as well. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way,

please let Ted know. You can call him at (770) 355-0050 or email him at [ted.keen@ngumc.net](mailto:ted.keen@ngumc.net).

### EVENING PRAYER SERVICE

Join us for our Evening Prayer Service on Sunday evenings at 6:00. This is a very informal service, come as you are. If you have concerns, needs or just feel like you need to pray for someone or something, this is a great opportunity to do so. This is also a great way to close out your day of worship.

### CALLING ALL KIDS and ADULTS!!

Thirsting for the knowledge? Have questions about God and Christ? Want to know the meaning of Life? Come to Sunday School and start on your quest for the answers to these questions and many more. Sunday

School starts at 10:00 a.m. Be sure to come and bring a friend.



The choir is always looking for new members, young or old.

If you would like to join us in praising the Lord with song, please join us on Wednesdays at 6:30.



"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!"

### SPACE AVAILABLE

*Got something you would like to say or saw something you would like to share? Send it to Susan at [dance567@bellsouth.com](mailto:dance567@bellsouth.com), give it to her at church or call her at 994-0674..*

### Revival Fire Fall

As we lift up Your name,  
let Your fire fall,  
Send Your wind and Your rain on  
Your wings of love.  
Pour out from Heaven  
Your passion and presence,  
Bring down Your burning desire.  
Revival fire fall, revival fire fall.  
Fall on us here with the power  
of Your Spirit.  
Father, let revival fire fall.  
Revival fire fall, revival fire fall,  
Let the flame consume us with  
hearts ablaze for Jesus.  
Father, let revival fire fall.  
As we lift up Your name,  
let Your kingdom come.  
Have Your way in this place,  
let Your will be done.

*Paul Baloche*

**H**ave you ever felt like your ability to trust God has taken a trip without your knowledge (or permission)? Facing the pressures that park on our front porch every morning can rob us of whatever spiritual reserves we thought we had. We feel drained, perplexed, afraid, tired, overwhelmed. Perhaps you can

relate to a spiritually weary Christian who confessed in her journal, "There's a power outage inside me. I've blown at lease one fuse (if not more). There's no heat. No light. I wish I could say there's a battery backup, but there's not. All I have is a candle.. Just one unlit wick and a book of matches. But at least my wick is dry, Lord, and therein is my hope. I'm counting on Your Holy Spirit to fall afresh (like it did at Pentecost long ago) and with purging flame to energize my empty life with holy joy, burning desire, and the warmth of Your passionate presence."

You see, even when the power has gone out and you are left in the dark of doubt and discouragement, all you need is a flicker of faith and a sincere desire that the fire fall.

*We also pray that you will be strengthened with his glorious power so that you will have all the patience and endurance you need. May you be filled with joy.*

*Colossians 1:11*

### PRAYER

*In what areas of your life are you feeling powerless? Name those in prayer. Confess your need to God. Ask him to restore the power.*

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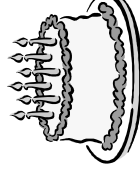


## BIRTHDAYS!!!!

- 10/03 Katy Adams
- 10/05 Chuck Dorsett
- 10/06 Susan Smith
- 10/07 Loretta Kimbell
- 10/15 Carol Covington
- 10/15 Eric Thompson, Sr.
- 10/18 Melissa Copelan
- 10/20 Gloria Dorsett
- 10/22 Theresa Daniel
- 10/28 Janet Pinhoser
- 10/29 Mark Johnson
- 10/30 Casey Martin



**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY!!!**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<small>September 2010</small> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<small>November 2010</small> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30		<i>National Breast Cancer Awareness Month</i> <a href="http://www.nbcam.org">www.nbcam.org</a>		1          8 <i>Kingdom Builders National Children's Day</i>	2          9 <i>Kingdom Builders</i>
3 <i>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Disciple Bible Study 5 p.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m.,</i>	4          <i>Child Health Day</i>	5	6          <i>MYF - 6:00 p.m.</i>	7	15          16          <i>Sweetest Day National Boss Day</i>	
10          <i>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m.</i>	11          <i>Columbus Day</i>	12	13          <i>MYF - 6:00 p.m. Choir - 6:30 p.m.</i>	14	22	23
17          <i>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m.</i>	18	19	20          <i>MYF - 6:00 p.m. Choir - 6:00 p.m.</i>	21	29	30
24 <i>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Evening Worship - 6 p.m. Mother In-Law Day</i>	25	26	27          <i>MYF Fall Festival - 6</i>	28		
31 <i>Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship Service - 11 a.m. Revival - 7 p.m. Halloween</i>						