

### Living Out Who You Are

Sometimes we hear stories that are too bizarre to believe, but this story is true. It is a graphic illustration for the importance of parents being trained by the Word of God so their children will see God-like responses in their daily lives. Consistent training results in consistent responses.

Late in the duck-hunting season, two Michigan duck hunters drove their brand new Lincoln Navigator out onto a frozen lake. Their intent was to blast a hole in the water into which ducks might be lured with decoys. They lit a stick of dynamite with a 40-second fuse and threw it as far away as possible. Unfortunately, the highly trained Labrador retriever thought it was a game and caught the dynamite just about the time it landed, whirling to bring it back.

Rightly alarmed, one of the hunters raised his shotgun and fired at the dog. The dog hesitated for just a moment, but again tried to return the hissing dynamite to its owner. After a second shot, the panic-stricken Lab dove under the Lincoln with the dynamite still in its mouth. Sad to say, the dog and the \$42,500 sport-utility vehicle were destroyed as the ice crumbled and the whole works plummeted to the bottom of the lake.

But this is not the end of the story. When the owner of the Navigator reported the loss to his insurance company, he was informed that sinking a vehicle by the illegal use of explosives was not covered by his policy, and the \$560 payments would remain in force until the vehicle was paid off.

The Labrador retriever was trained "to retrieve" and that's exactly what he did. He was acting out "who" he was. As believers we've been adopted into God's family and are children of the King. The question is, are we living - acting out - "who" we are?

Blessings,



**ALL LADIES!!** It is not too late to attend the **Sisters In Christ** conference this **Saturday, Feb. 24th** at First Baptist of Douglasville. The conference highlights several speakers and includes time of worship and singing. The featured speaker is Dawn Robinson, a former member of The Brooklyn Tabernacle choir, and a survivor of the attack on the World Trade Center. The deadline for lunch reservation is past, however you may bring a lunch or get it on your own. I do have **2 lunch spots available for \$6.50/each** if anyone is interested. The doors open @ 8:00am and the conference runs from 8:30--4pm. Lunch is from 12-1:00. Several ladies are meeting @ the church @ 7:20 to ride over together. Join us or come on your own for all or part of the day. Coffee is available prior to the meeting that morning. Go to [www.sistersinchrist.com](http://www.sistersinchrist.com) and click on agenda to see the full schedule. Let Brenda Smith know if you'll be attending so we can save you a seat! [stevenbrenda5@comcast.net](mailto:stevenbrenda5@comcast.net) or 770-425-2665

### How many children can we wrap with our love?

Please join our UMW in making **BLANKETS OF LOVE** to be donated to Project Linus. Your heart will be warmed each time you think about a child being wrapped in a blanket full of your prayers and your love.

These blankets can be fleece, quilted, crocheted, knitted. They just need to be washable.



We believe this effort of providing love and security to our children would be a wonderful mission addition to our monthly packages of food, supplies, love and support to our military serving overseas.

**HOW MANY BLANKETS OF LOVE CAN WE MAKE BY MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 28, 2007?**

Please contact **Bobbie Bennett** at 770.222.0469 or **Gay Lynn Toth** at 678.567.1175 or any UMW member for further details.

**Baby - 30" x 30"    Child - 40" x 60"    Teen - 45" x 72"**

### ***Dates to Remember***

- Please join us for dinner Wednesday, February 28 starting at 5:30 pm. The Preschool Board will serve Chicken Casserole with Rice, Green Beans & Dessert.
- SPRC will meet February 25 immediately following the 10:55 am service in Room 101. A light lunch will be provided.
- The Lay Leadership Committee will meet Sunday, March 4 at 2:00 pm in Room 101. All Lay Leadership Committee members please attend.
- The Genealogy Club will meet on March 13 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

### ***Announcements***

Prayer Power - A wonderful new booklet from our Prayer Force is available outside the Sanctuary. Pick up your copy today!

Prayer is part of everyday life—real people praying for real people. Has prayer touched your life? Would you be willing to share a brief testimony about its power in your life for an upcoming Praise Team presentation? Please see Virginia Wheeler or Tom Race.

Angel's Nest Playschool will begin registration for the 2007-2008 school year March 1. For more information, call Kristine Bowman, ANP Director through the Church Office or at home 770.222.8280. Email questions to Angelsnest@bellsouth.net.

PSFUMC Preschool is now registering children for the 2007-2008 school year. They are offering a new class for 2007-2008 school year for 2 year olds that will be 3 years old by December 31 and potty trained. Please tell your family and friends. Please call 770.439.6145 with any questions or visit [www.powderspringsfumc.org](http://www.powderspringsfumc.org) for information.

Praise Café! Free Food, Free Coffee, Live Music!! Saturday, March 10, 2007 7:00—11:00 pm. Kennesaw United Methodist Church; 1801 Ben King Road; Kennesaw, GA 30144. [www.kennesawumc.org](http://www.kennesawumc.org). Questions? Contact - Praise.Cafe @gmail.com. Everyone Welcome! Bring Family and Friends! Come enjoy live praise music!

A Walk Through Holy Week with biblical Archeologist, Dr. James Fleming, Director of the Biblical Resources Study Center in Jerusalem, Israel. Tuesday-Thursday, March 20-22. Dinners, Lectures and Seder Meal to be held at Mt. Bethel UMC and Dunwoody UMC. **For reservation information, contact:** Exa Grubb. [exa.grubb@mtbethel.org](mailto:exa.grubb@mtbethel.org) or Diane Morgan at [diane.morgan@dunwoodyumc.org](mailto:diane.morgan@dunwoodyumc.org).

### ***Children's Ministry***

The Nursery is in need of Sunday morning volunteers. This is only a 3-hour per quarter commitment. Paid positions are also available. The paid positions are on an "every now and then" basis. If you are interested, please contact Vicky Simpson, 770-577-0900.

### **Heavenly Helpers**

<b>February 25</b>	Teresa Preston	<b>March 18</b>	Brooke Skelton
<b>March 4</b>	Michelle Pritchett	<b>March 25</b>	Gay Lynn or Tony Toth
<b>March 11</b>	Emmie Sampsell		

- Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 14.
- Angel Music Camp will be the week of June 11. Registration will begin soon!
- Junior Music Camp will be the week of June 18. Registration will begin soon!
- VBS will be the week of June 25-29! Anyone interested in helping please contact Gay Lynn Toth at 678.567.1175 or [meowsician@yahoo.com](mailto:meowsician@yahoo.com) or contact Julie Banks 678.567.2693 or [tiggers-jule@bellsouth.net](mailto:tiggers-jule@bellsouth.net). Much more information to come!

### ***Christian Education***

"The Power to Change Your Life" - Most people can think of different areas in their lives they'd like to change. But actually changing them? That's the problem. The good news is God is all about changing lives. In this study, Rick Warren gives practical principles from God's Word for change and growth in our lives. Call Julie Banks at 404.229.2057 for more information.

### **Dear Church Family,**

*Dear PSFUMC Family, we just wanted to write and say Thank You so much for all the love you have showed Kaye with this past month. She has enjoyed all the mail and the wonderful and funny gifts. This road map is very hard and some days are very hard. Your kind and encouraging words have made such a difference to us all. Thank you for continuing to lift us up each and every day. We feel your love around us tight! Love, Sharliss, David and Sweet Kaye!*

**Join the TEAM!** "We're Going To Win!" armbands are being sold by the Youth to benefit Katherine. They are available at the Welcome Center and in the Church Office. A minimum donation of \$1.00 is requested per bracelet. All proceeds will benefit KJ.

**Katherine's CaringBridge site is** <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/katherinearnold01>. This is the entry from February 20. Day 169 - *All Tucked In - As I type this update, I am the last to turn in. Just took the dogs out one last time for the night and kissed Kaye good night and began the food pump. We were glad to be able to let you know she gained 3 lbs this week! Although her stomach still hurts every morning, the docs were happy with her weight gain. Chemo was very tiring but she was on the edge and did not have to have blood. Next week will be the week they say. Her counts have come down but not all the way to the basement level. God took care of us today. Kaye wore her new State Shirt today and reading the back brought Dr. India to tears. "Boy, you guys sure are special, especially you Miss Kaye". Dr. India has no idea just how special this sweet jewel is to so many. Tonight when I kissed her goodnight she said "I wish I did not have to get up in the morning". I reminded her that after Wednesday's shots she could sleep as much as she wanted the rest of the week. Praying she will stay without fever and continue to feel strong enough to walk from one end of the house to the other. She has been fighting hard this week and I am proud. It has been a long day and now we will rest. Thank you for all your love and support. Blessings to all! We Are Going To Win! Sharliss, David & KJ. - PS...Once we are at the 40,000 mark, I have homework for everyone who logs on this site. Get ready, rest up and put your thinking hats on!*

### **Men's Ministries**

The Men's Club is a service organization that is designed to help minister to the men of our church and community, as well as provide service to those I need. The Men's Club will meet Sunday, March 11 at 8:30 am. All men are invited to join us for breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Men's bible study - Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm upstairs in the Old Sanctuary. For information, please contact Curtis Marks at 678.770.0642.

*Please Join me at 7:00 am at the Atlanta Bread Co. in Hiram for a time of fellowship with each other and the Lord. I believe all men need a little support from other men. So come join this small group where we can share and lift each other up to be better Husbands and fathers. You can have coffee and be home before the family get up. Scott Cupp 678.618.1610.*

### **Mission**

Sweetwater Valley C.A.M.P. is in need of bar soap. Please place your donations in the marked boxes in the Welcome Center. *Anne Moore*

We are so blessed and we need to share our blessings with those who are away from home. The UMW sends a We Care package to our military every month. A donation box is in the Atrium. Please contact Bobbie Bennett at 770.222.0469 for information.

Our package this month is going to 1LT Jesse E. Smith. Jesse is a member of a platoon of Male Medics currently serving in Afghanistan. He is attached to the 1-508th Parachute Infantry Battalion out of Ft. Bragg, NC. He is expecting to be in Afghanistan until January 2008. He says..."we do have limited power and are living out of a large open bay tent in bunk beds. Brings back the days of Boy Scouts. He would like reading material ranging from science fiction to mystery. Food items like beef jerky are great for their long missions. Little LED lights are great and, as always, Wet Wipes are a lifesaver. **Some of my guys are looking for pen pals.** I look forward to corresponding to you in the future." *"All The Way" 1LT Jesse Smith*

His address is: **1LT Jesse E. Smith; HHC 1-508 82nd Abn Div; TF 1 Fury; APO AE 09355**

## UMYF

- The UMYF Council will meet on Sunday, February 25, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE) to discuss options, actual costs for Big Stuf, and plan for UMYF Council–led Parent Meeting
- UMYF Parent Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m.

## Women's Ministries

- The UMW Unit Meeting will be Saturday, February 24 at 12:15 pm in Room 104.
- The Mary and Martha Circle will meet March 15 at 2:00 pm in Room 109.
- The Susanna Wesley Circle will meet March 22 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Ladies, please feel free to join us on any Wednesday night for Bible study in Room 104 at 7:00 pm. This study (Genesis through Deuteronomy) will last until Summer 2007. So, anytime you are available on a Wednesday evening, please join us. Please contact Julie Oestreich 678.567.5942 or Virginia Cauthen 770.456.9972.

**Amazing Freedom - Women of Faith 2007 Conference** - Mark your calendars now for this year's Women of Faith conference on August 10-11 at Philips Arena. In addition to the WOF speakers, special guests include Nicole C. Mullen and Carol Kent. The pre-conference event, held during the day on August 10, features a day with Beth Moore! Watch Love Notes for more information.

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The following article appeared in the [Monday Morning in North Georgia](#) which is the weekly newsletter for the North Georgia Conference.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!  
IT'S AS EASY AS 1, 2, 3.



### Time to Subscribe to the Advocate

Do you know the *Advocate*? If not, there is no better time to get acquainted than now. For more than 170 years, this newspaper for Georgia United Methodists has provided information and inspiration. Today, with a fresh new Web site ([www.wcadvocate.org](http://www.wcadvocate.org)), the *Advocate* has never been more relevant.

"Now is the perfect time for people who aren't familiar with the *Advocate* to visit our Web site," said *Advocate* editor Alice Smith. "Then they can decide if they want to subscribe to the print or online edition."

During February (*Advocate* subscription season in local churches) United Methodists can preview eAdvocate for free. The new design is easy to navigate, easy to read, and a real bargain at only \$15 per year.

Both the print and Web versions contain the same content: information significant to United Methodists on a local, state and national level. Want to know how Harmony Grove started its labyrinth ministry? Check out the "Heartbeat" page of the February 16 edition. Want to know what United Methodists are doing to help those affected by the recent Florida storms? Visit "Nation and World." Need an idea for a mission project? Looking for a good book? Like to be challenged by a variety of view points? You can find all this and more on the pages of the *Advocate* and eAdvocate.

If you already know and love the *Advocate*, subscribing and supporting it is "As Easy As 1, 2, 3." This month the newspaper asks that you subscribe or renew your subscription, give a gift subscription, and tell someone about the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*. If everyone does their part to support this valuable resource, think of how much more informed and connected we United Methodists will be.

Rates are \$25 for the print edition (or \$23 for seniors 65 and older), \$15 for the Web edition, or \$30 for both. You can subscribe at [www.wcadvocate.org](http://www.wcadvocate.org). Or, during February, just drop a check in the offering plate at your church for the print edition.

And don't forget, after you've checked out the new Web site let the staff know what you think. Just click the link on the [home page](#) to share your opinion.

**Sybil Davidson**

**Saturday, February 24, 2007**

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study  
 12:15 PM - UMW Unit Meeting

**Sunday, February 25, 2007**

8:30 AM - Worship Service  
 9:30 AM - Confirmation Class  
     Trip to Central UMC  
 9:45 AM - Sunday School  
 10:55 AM - Worship Service  
 12:15 PM - SPRC, Room 101  
 4:00 PM - Grace Notes  
 4:00 PM - UMYF Council  
 5:00 PM - Adult Handbells  
 5:00 PM - UMYF  
 No Youth Praise Band

**Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

7:00 PM - Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, February 28, 2007**

9:30 AM - Visitation  
 5:30 PM - Wednesday Supper  
 6:00 PM - Adult Bible Study, Room 101  
 6:00 PM - Men's Bible Study  
     Old Sanctuary  
 6:15 PM - Angel Choir, Room 108  
 6:15 PM - Junior Choir, Old Sanctuary  
 6:15 PM - Prayer Force, Room 104  
 6:15 PM - Youth Choir  
 6:45 PM - Parables, Old Sanctuary  
 7:00 PM - Adult Choir  
 7:00 PM - Life Groups  
 7:00 PM - Junior Bell Choir, Old Sanctuary  
 7:00 PM - Women's Bible Study, Room 104

**Thursday, March 1, 2007**

6:30 PM - Stephens Ministry, Room 109  
 7:00 PM - Scout Planning  
 7:00 PM - Trustee Meeting, Room 101

**March 2-4, 2007**

Disciple Now

**Saturday, March 3, 2007**

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study,  
     Atlanta Bread Company

**Sunday, March 4, 2007**

8:30 AM - Worship Service  
 9:30 AM - No Confirmation Class  
 9:45 AM - Sunday School  
 10:55 AM - Worship Service  
 2:00 PM - Lay Leadership  
     Committee Meeting, Room 101  
 No Praise Band or UMYF

**Tuesday, March 6, 2007**

7:00 PM - Cub Scouts

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007**

9:30 AM - Visitation  
 Wednesday Night Fellowship

**Friday, March 9, 2007**

6:00 PM - Scrapbooking

**Please be in prayer for:** America, our President, Military Personnel, National, State and Local Leaders, our Church, Kendall Abbott, Brenda Adams, Katherine Arnold and Family, Susan Atkins, Charles Beem, Dave & Julie and Libby Beem, Richard & Tate Berkan, Tyler Blevins and Family, Cindy Bodiford, Bob Burkette, Brandon Byers, Pam Chastain, Von Clement, Carmen Cobb, Brody Cole, Wilson Cole, Joy Collum, Ann Connally, George Crusselle, Murphy Davis, Lottie Day, Terry Ellerbee, Martha Elliott, Rev. Jimmy Ford, Adela Garate, Nancy Garry, Roy & Elaine Harcourt, Myrtle Harrison, Movel Hatcher, Marsha Haynes, Jeanne Hewitt, Allison Hogan, Shelby Howreton, Dick Huber, Sheila Idol, Opal Isley, Mildred Kellett, Sandi Kessloff, Cathy Keyes, Irene Keys, Jim Kirkman, David & Christina Kristynik, Jon Mach, Princess Mach, Russ McConnell, Chip Moore, Drew Moore, Judy Morehouse, Michelle Morehouse, Larry Nash, Bradley Norton, Ivy Norton, Bonnie Obrecht, Margaret Pulk, Jan Quarles and Family, Willie & Betty Robinson, Diane Shallenberger, Mallory Smith, Adam Stokes, Denise & Tim Turpin, Jean Watson, Alan & Dot Williams, Nan Williams, Logan Woodall.

**February 18, 2007 in Review**

Budget	\$ 9,283.77	8:30 Attendance:	55
Vision	\$ 995.00	10:55 Attendance:	114
		Sunday School:	74

**Contribution made in memory of:****Mr. Lester Guthrie**

*Mrs. Mary Knight - Vision*

**Blaine Woodall**

*Mrs. Mary Knight - Vision*

**Laretha Vick**

*Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Vick - Vision*

**Birthdays**

2/23: Doris Davis	3/5: Darlene Duke
Brett Dunn	Jimmy Ford
2/24: Brian Cowan	3/6: Chris Beem
George Nieuwstraten	Cale Long
2/24: Caleb Pritchett	Shelby Seagraves
Jason Pritchett	3/8: Katie Oldham
2/25: Kayla Pulley	3/9: Dorothy Hodges
Diane Wells	3/11: Heather Westmoreland
Scott Winn	3/14: John Kendrick
2/26: Ray Harmon	Maggie Ooten
Sam Winn	3/16: Billy Dunn
2/27: Peggy Chastain	Shelby Morris
Walter Ford	Abby Wood
Joshilyn Winn	
3/1: Ken Allison	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Richard Collins	2/24: Ken & Linda Allison
Roy Kellett	2/27: Gene & Lynda Buice
Jim King	3/10: Thomas & Pam Bailey
Ivana Sri-Mercier	3/11: Ray & Sharon Harmon
3/2: Jackie Korwek	3/15: Tom & Linda Beshers
3/4: Madison Simpson	

**OUR CHURCH STAFF**

Dr. Jim Howell, Pastor  
Jasmine Smothers, Youth Pastor  
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Ed Elliott, Asst. Dir. of Music  
Robbie Ooten, Angel Music Director  
Virginia Wheeler, Pianist  
Jennifer Graham, Admin. Assistant  
Heather Westmoreland, Office Assistant  
Kristine Bowman, Angel's Nest Director  
Vicki Martin, Preschool Director  
Willie and Betty Robinson, Custodians

**Attention PSFUMC!** Do we have your correct information? Please email the Church Office with birthdates, anniversaries and any address or email changes.

**Announcements for Sunday's bulletin must be received by Wednesday morning.**

**Video announcements**, including all media required for projection screens, must be received by noon on Tuesday. Please send video announcements to: [sound@powderspringsfumc.org](mailto:sound@powderspringsfumc.org)

**SERVANTS February 25 - March 3**

Jane Meyer ..... Trustee 2/26-3/4  
Trustee's Phone ..... 770.489.2048  
Gay Lynn Toth ..... 8:30 Liturgist  
Tony Toth..... 10:55 Liturgist  
Jack Frady, George Crusselle..... 8:30 Ushers  
Mike Dae, Kevin Dae ..... 10:55 Ushers  
Dave Beem, George Crusselle ..... 10:55 Ushers  
Scott Cupp ..... 8:30 Audio/Video  
Dale Westmoreland ..... 10:55 Audio/Video  
Brandon Adams ..... 10:55 Audio/Video  
Teresa Preston ..... Heavenly Helper  
June Rainwater, Carolyn King..... Counters  
Scott Cupp and Tom Adams ..... UMYF Dinner

**SERVANTS March 4 - 10**

Todd Freeman ..... Trustee 3/5-11  
Trustee's Phone ..... 770.947.6543  
Steve Standridge ..... 8:30 Liturgist  
Bobby DeCoux..... 10:55 Liturgist  
TBA ..... Ushers  
Ron Adams ..... 8:30 Audio/Video  
Gregg Kessloff ..... 10:55 Audio/Video  
Matthew Cauthen..... 10:55 Audio/Video  
Michelle Pritchett..... Heavenly Helper  
June Rainwater, Lynda Buice ..... Counters  
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Wednesday, February 21, 2007



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**The people of The United Methodist Church™**