



Powder Springs LoveNotes

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Proclaim and Live the Truth in Jesus' Name

Rev. Susan Gary Ashe, Senior Pastor



Just This Way

You know how certain special moments in your life become a permanent memory that comes back to you again and again? One of those moments for me had to do with the fall. I think I was around 8 years old. It was after school, no homework, the golden sun warming me so that I pulled off my little over-cardigan and trailed it behind me as I ran in the wind. I can remember twirling in the breeze with gorgeous yellow leaves swirling all around me. To this day, I thrill to see those vibrant yellow leaves when they turn.

I didn't have the words then, but now I can pull up that memory and name that feeling as one of true joy. And there was something else, too—something a little harder to express. The only way I can put it is I was grateful that God made the world *just this way*. Can you remember feeling that way about something when you were little?

I wonder if we can allow ourselves that sort of joy and gratitude, even now, whatever age we are. Over the span of several weeks, starting at the end of September and going through October, we will have several special services, celebrating the way God made us and how we, together, make up the church. We will have services featuring children, youth, Laity, missions, and more. Special music will abound, and special blessings will be offered, ready for you to receive. We are going to celebrate!

Will you be here? God calls us to come close, and see, and smell, and feel the wonders He has wrought. "O taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:8. Let us celebrate that together...because God made the world and made us *just this way*.

Yours in Christ our Lord,



Worship Forecast: September 30 "Too Little, Too Late" Luke 16:19-31 October 21 "Big Plans" Jeremiah 29:4-14	September 16 "The Precious "One" Luke 15:1-10	September 23 "Creative Management" Luke 16:1-13	In This Issue: Powder Springs Day..... Page 2 Welcome New Members..... Page 3 Spiritual Growth..... Page 4 Youth Ministry..... Page 7 Celebrations Page 9 Prayers & Concerns..... Page 10 Letters from Members..... Page 11 Wednesday Night Schedule Page 12 Live BIG Schedule Page 12 Calendar Pages 13 & 14 Servants Page 15
	October 7 "Big Results" Luke 17:5-10	October 14 "Big Gratitude"	
	October 28 "Big Heart" Luke 18:9-17		

Powder Springs Day Celebration

Saturday, September 15

What is PSFUMC Celebration? It's the largest church-wide event of the year, where we reach out to the community with fun, food, fellowship and lots of great entertainment during Powder Springs Day.

When? Saturday, September 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (various events throughout the day).

Why? To show our neighbors the love and community that God has for them here at PSFUMC.

How do I get involved? If you haven't volunteered yet, we can definitely still use you. We specifically need people to help with set up, float construction, facepainting or outside kid events. Call or email Dave & Julie – 770.423.4824, juliebeem@comcast.net. A limited number of extra t-shirts are available to purchase for \$8.00. There is a lot to do including float construction, entertainment, ambassadors/hosts, movie concessions and more.

Here's the schedule:

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Praise Band plays in front of church Children's inflatables in operation UMW letter writing & lemonade
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Parade
10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Praise Band/Entertainment & party continues
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Chicken-Q – benefit for Preschool
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Storytelling & face painting for kids
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Movie: Finding Nemo

Calling all kids – we need float riders and parade walkers! 3rd-5th graders should come dressed as your favorite public safety person (examples: firefighter, police, EMT, doctor). K-2nd will be Dalmatians (tell your mom & dad we need white t-shirt/pants for your costume).

Parents: Fill out a permission slip available at the Welcome Center.

Hosts and Hostesses needed for Powder Springs Day!

If you love your church, love to entertain guests, and love to share stories, this opportunity is for you. We are looking for 4 to 5 friendly and outgoing hosts/hostesses to show our church to our guests on Powder Springs Day at the Celebration at PSFUMC. This is a great chance for you to meet new people and be the first one to make them feel like a part of the Powder Springs First United Methodist Church family. If you are interested or want more information, contact Michael Laird at 770.855.1393.

It's time again to get working on the float for the parade.

It is time to get started on the construction of the float for the Powder Springs Day Parade. This year we are building a small fire engine to go on the float. If anyone has or knows where we can get any of the following, please contact Mike Dae at 404.862.5854 or mike_dae@yahoo.com as soon as possible. Red Beacon Lights (battery or 12 volt), fire hoses, large water fire extinguishers, one set of turn out gear, any other firefighting equipment. We'll get started constructing our float this Saturday, September 8, at the church around 11:30 a.m. If you have any ideas or can help build the float, please contact Mike or show up on Saturday.

We need donations of the following food items:

- potato chips
- canned soda and bottled water – for outdoor kid events AND movie concessions

If you are able to donate any of these items, please contact the church office or Dave and Julie Beem 770.423.4824.

If you've volunteered, you should be hearing from the committee chair of your area THIS WEEK. If you do not hear from someone about your scheduled assignment, please let Dave or Julie Beem know.

★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting the Spaghetti Dinner and Auction! We would like to thank everyone who donated items to our auction, everyone who attended the auction in support of our ongoing outreach to our community and especially all of you who worked so hard to make our spaghetti dinner and auction a great success. Because of your generosity and hard work, PSFUMC will be able to help our neighbors in need in the coming year. God bless you all. **The UMW and UMM.**

Welcome New Members!



Thomas, Dona, Ryan and Juliet Cangelosi.

Please update your directory. The Cangelosi's address is 4810 Brown Leaf Drive; Powder Springs. Their phone number is 678.567.1147.



Just what you've been waiting for!

Become a part of our new office ministry! We are seeking a team of volunteers willing to serve one morning (9:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.) a week or once every two weeks assisting Jennifer. Tasks include answering the phone, delivering mail, greeting visitors, and sharing God's love in the office. No experience necessary...free on-the-job training is provided. Need a blessing? Contact Cassie Race at 770.424.8230 or 770.861.5423 or Dana Willis at 404.630.5630 for more information.



Nicole Paradise, pictured here with her son, Max. Nicole is one of our new preschool teachers. She lives in Powder Springs with her husband, Jeffrey, and their 6 year old son, Max.

Nicole's email address is: mrandmrsparadise@yahoo.com.

Special Reports



We would love to celebrate the events, awards, or happenings in the lives of our PSFUMC Family. Please email your news to the Church Office to be included in our next Love Notes by October 15.



Tony Toth



Kendall Abbott

Two of our members participated in the annual Patriotism Presentation put on by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). This is the fourth year of the program where one week a year, members of the Sons of Liberty and John Collins Chapters meet with high school students in the Cobb, Paulding and Douglas counties to discuss the history and need for respect of our National Anthem and American Flag. In the past four years we have presented the program to 21 high schools and over 14,000 students and staff members. This year Tony Toth presented information on the flag as Benjamin Franklin and Kendall Abbott portrayed Francis Scott Key.

Anyone interested in working with and/or joining the Sons of Liberty Chapter of the SAR can contact Tony Toth, Dick Huber, Chris Boyce, Marc Thayer or Kendall Abbott.

"Spiritual Growth"

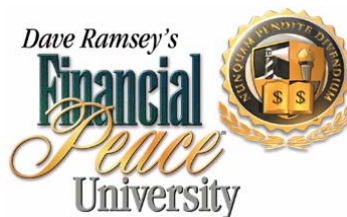
by Julie Banks



Have you ever considered that giving can be a way to grow spiritually? It's not as far out as it sounds. A lot of families struggle to make ends meet, and the idea of taking money out of an already tight spending plan for something like giving is hard to swallow. That's exactly what makes it an exercise in spiritual growth. To put aside your church contribution before anything else will require that you trust God to take care of your day-to-day needs. Another way to put that is that you're giving up control to Him, and giving up control of finances is something many of us struggle with. Did I mention this was about spiritual development? When you take a step in faith, God will be there to meet you.

As a facilitator for the Financial Peace University program, I've been privileged to hear many stories from people who took that step of faith in regard to their church giving and were blessed in ways they couldn't have imagined. Dave Ramsey reminds us that this is the only area where God actually tells us to test Him (see Malachi 3:10). I urge you to prayerfully consider the question: "What is God calling me to give to my church?" and act on what He answers. You won't regret it!

Did your summer vacation follow you home in the form of debt you're still paying off?



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will not only help you get rid of this year's vacation debt, but will also help you put together a plan so that next summer's trip will be paid for in cash! Class starts on September 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

To register, or for more information, contact Julie Banks, 404-229-2057 or fpu@powderspringsfumc.org.



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James Bennett
Susannah Wesley UMW - Budget

Mary Ola Gragg
Mr. & Mrs. Manning Hatcher - Budget
Ms. Maglean Oglesby - Budget
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Vick - Vision

Hank Pitts
Mr. & Mrs. Bobby DeCoux - Kitchen
Susannah Wesley UMW - Budget



Hi everyone! This is Rene' Dae, the new director at our Preschool. As some of you may know, I have been teaching here for the last seven years. When the director's position came open, I knew it was time to step back into that aspect of working with children. I 'm very excited about being the director and look forward to a great year.

We still have openings in our preschool classes for this fall. We offer a young three year old class this year for those children who will be three after September 1 but before December 31. This is a two day class that meets Tuesday and Thursday. Our other three year old classes are for those children who will be three year old by September 1. These classes meet Tuesday and Thursday or Monday, Wednesday, Friday. For our four year olds who are four by September 1, we offer three classes. Our first class is Monday, Wednesday, Friday and we also have a four day class that meets Monday through Thursday. Our last class for four year olds is a five day class that meets Monday through Friday.

The preschool can be a great experience for your child or grandchild. We have a lot of fun singing, playing, painting and creating. Yes, we do introduce letters, numbers, shapes and colors so that your child will be ready to enjoy elementary school. Please contact me if you have any questions or are interested in enrolling your child or grandchild at 770-439-6145.

We are also looking for substitute teachers so if you are interested in working, please let me know.

In His Service,
Rene'

Angel's Nest Playschool

Our new school year has started off really well. We have lots of new faces this year; and the teachers and I are eager to serve them. We would like to ask the congregation to save your egg cartons and place them in the box outside the ANP Office in the Fellowship Hall. We have a fun craft planned with this item. Also, we are looking for an on-call substitute. If anyone is interested or know of someone please call me. We still have a couple of slots available. Spread the word. We love to serve.

Blessings,
Kristine Bowman, Angel's Nest Director

Teachers Needed

Anyone interested in helping with Parables/KFC (Kids For Christ) on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m., please e-mail or call Gay Lynn Toth at meowsician@yahoo.com or 678.567.1175.

We are on the search for loving Sunday school teachers for our Preschool and High School classes . If you want to share your faith and give your time, we would love to have you teach our children about Jesus and His love! Please contact Gay Lynn Toth at 678.567.1175. Safe Sanctuary Training is required for teachers.

Nursery Helpers Needed

It seems that my volunteer list for the nursery is growing smaller & smaller. I am in need of at least five more people to fill some empty slots. If you can rock a baby and put a wooden puzzle together, this may be just what you're looking for! Please contact me if you would like to help out a few times a year at mnkmom@bellsouth.net or 770.577.0900. Thanks, Vicky Simpson Nursery Coordinator.

Partners in Education

We are Partners in Education with Powder Springs Elementary. This morning, Phil Marklin, a Counselor there, called regarding a new program that they are starting to promote reading. They are searching for adults to come to their school once a week for 15 – 20 minutes and have a student read out loud to them. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Marklin at 770.222.3746.

"Top Ten Signs You May Not Be Reading Your Bible Enough"

- 10) The Preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians ... and you check the table of contents.
- 9) You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
- 8) You open to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
- 7) Your favorite Old Testament Patriarch is Hercules.
- 6) A small family of woodchucks has taken up residence in the Psalms of your Bible.
- 5) You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.
- 4) Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand: "Who gave you this stuff?"
- 3) You think the Minor Prophets worked in the quarries.
- 2) You keep falling for it every time when Pastor tells you to turn to First Condominiums.

And the number one sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

- 1) The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors"

The God and Country Program

Troop 723 And Powder Springs First United Methodist Church present *The God and Country Program*. All Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts are invited to join us for this great experience Thursday nights at 7:00 pm at PSFUMC beginning September 20.

Curriculum Goals:

To strengthen young people's relationship with Christ

To challenge young people to learn about and participate in the worship and ministry of the church

To have young people make a plan for daily Bible reading and memorize a creed or statement of belief or passage of scripture

To provide the opportunity for young people to experience the joy of serving others

Adult volunteers are needed to work with the leadership team. Contact Michael R. Laird at 770.855.1393 or michael.laird@gmail.com for more information or to sign up for this class.



Venture Crew

Venture Crew 723 is looking for new members to come and join us. We have planned a camping trip for November 2-4. We also do backpacking, rafting, and rock climbing. If you are interested, and are 14 years old or older, come and join. For more information, please contact me at 770.943.6277.

Jessica Preston

Veteran's Memorial at PSFUMC

Eric Miller's Eagle Scout Project

The dedication and first official flag raising was held Sunday, August 5.



FALL 2007 HAPPENINGS

SEPTEMBER



September 9: **REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE**

- Momentum Middle School Retreat - \$125

Saturday, September 15: **Powder Springs Day**

- All Day Event from 9:00 a.m. Youth Service Opportunities all day.



Sunday, September 16: **REGISTRATION DEADLINE** – Cagle's Dairy Maize.
Payment Deadline: 10/1. (Maize, Hay Ride and Dinner are included.)

Sunday, September 16: **UMYF Council Meeting** at 4:00 p.m. in Room 101

Sunday, September 16: **UMYF – Dinner: \$7.00 Sunday**

Sunday, September 23: **UMYF – Dinner: The Wood Family**

Sunday, September 30: **Youth Sunday** – Both Services

Sunday, September 30: **UMYF – Dinner: The Smith Family**

October

October 1: Cagle's Dairy Maize Payment Deadline

Saturday, October 6: **Church Council Retreat**

Sunday, October 7: **UMYF – Dinner: The DeCoux/Brown Families**

October 12-14: **Momentum Middle School Retreat**

- Momentum Middle School Retreat - For middle school Only! It will be held at the newly renovated Athens "Y" Camp in North GA and includes a High Adventure Course/Activities. The cost is \$125.

Saturday, October 13: **Youth Service Fund (YSF) Day**

- At Six Flags for our high school students. This is a conference-sponsored Fundraiser for Youth Missions. The cost is approximately \$25.

Please add these upcoming events to your calendars!!!:

*Operation Christmas Child Warehouse Service (Late NOV/Early DEC)

*Youth Christmas Party (DEC)

*Fall WNF ending date (DEC 12)

UMW

These are some of the members of the Mary & Martha Circle of the UMW. One of our goals is to support and contribute to various missions - both local and district. We have very interesting programs and projects each month. We meet the 3rd Thursday each month at 2:00 p.m. in Room 109 at the church.

Our September 20 program will feature Sue Ramond from Zora UMW in Gwinnett County. She portrays both Ruth and Ester.

We invite ALL women of the church to come and join us. If you can't attend daytime, the Susanne Wesley Circle meets the 4th Thursday each month at 7:00 p.m.

Their next meeting will be September 27 at Gay Lynn Toth's house. Gay Lynn address is 5155 Rosetrace Cove; Powder Springs. She's right next to Sun Valley Beach! If you need directions, please e-mail or call Gay Lynn at meowsician@yahoo.com or 678.567.1175. They will discuss future meeting locations at that time.



UMW Upcoming Events.

- A Spiritual Growth Retreat will be held at Wesley Chapel UMC on September 15.
- Conference Annual Meeting will be at Marietta First on October 6.
- The District Annual Meeting will be at Smyrna First UMC on October 14.
- A Leadership Development will be held November 10 at Trinity UMC.

UMW's We Care Packages

The weather in Iraq is very hot right now so sun block and lip moisturizer will come in handy. Also needed are snacks such as granola bars, individually wrapped crackers/cookies, small packages of dried fruit, nuts (plastic jars or cans please), chewing gum, powdered drink mix...and notes/cards. Please place your donations in the atrium.

The 45th Annual Men's Spiritual Retreat at Rock Eagle will be September 28-30.

You can register via the web at www.ngcumm.com. And please register for EMS membership, just \$30 additional of which \$5 goes directly to the AMAR District UMM. Proceeds assist the AMAR district to sponsor UMM events. Our Keynote Speaker this year is Rev. Allen Stewart. To call Allen "dynamic" is an understatement. Anyone who has attended his workshops can vouch for that. He's a multimedia phenomena and you're guaranteed to be enlightened and shed some tears over his message. He's a loving father of three girls and his message will have you inspired to be a better Man. Father, Husband, and Christian. For information, contact Tony Toth at 678.567.1175.

BLOOD DRIVE IN HONOR OF HANK PITTS

Sponsored by Cooper Middle School

October 1, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

4605 Ewing Road, Austell, Georgia

9/26 LUNCHEON
SENIORS
TALENT SHOW

September 2007

MOVIE & LUNCH
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"FACING THE GIANTS"

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



POWDER SPRINGS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

4181 Atlanta Street - P O Box 755
Powder Springs, GA 30127

(770) 943 - 1555 Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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**CENTER
CLOSED
LABOR DAY**

**CHOIR 10
EXERCISE 11**

QUILTING 9 - 11
BLOOD PRESSURE 9
TATTING 9
RUMMY 10 - 12

LINE DANCING 10
ROOK 11

CHECKERS 10 - 12
CARD GAMES

QUILTING 9 - 11
KNITTING 10
RUMMY 11

EXERCISE 10
BOARD GAMES 11

QUILTING 9 - 11
BLOOD PRESSURE 9
TATTING 9
RUMMY 10 - 12

LINE DANCING 10
ROOK 11

POWDER
SPRINGS DAY
SETUP

**POWDER
SPRINGS
DAY 9 - 4**

QUILTING 9 - 11
KNITTING 10
RUMMY 11
QUILTING CLASS 11

**CHOIR 10
EXERCISE 11**

PLANNING MTG. 10
QUILTING 9 - 11
BLOOD PRESSURE 9
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**POWDER
SPRINGS
DAY 9 - 4**
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 2007 01:12 AM, CDT

Day 359 - Saturday-Happy Birthday My Sweet Angel"



As you can see it is very late and I am just now having the opportunity to send an update. I will try to disclose as much as I can about the day but please know that each Journal Entry can only be so long. So over the next few days I am sure I will be remembering items that I need to tell you. When I sat down at the computer I realized the September 8th is over and it is now 1:15 a.m. on September 9th and this is a day of rejoicing and also remembering the sorrow we felt a year ago. I have sat up in my chair, wiped my tears and that tearful entry will have to wait. Here I go.....First let me say I have never seen so many girls sleeping in strange positions as I did this morning when David and I were up early preparing for the day for this crew of 21. We have 15 girls, 5 women and one fine man in this house. All the girls are sleeping in our bonus room! They wanted to all be in one room so they could talk and have fun. Kaye did not feel well in the night and had to come downstairs to the couch in the family room. Once all the adults were up and enjoying their coffee, one by one each sleepy headed young lady came down to greet the morning. I got lots of hugs and it felt really good. Kaye did not feel well most of the day and yes that dang throw-up monster came to visit several times. Our first treat was the Breakfast Fairy and both her assistants, aka...Lee, Eric and John came in with the most wonderful breakfast which included two kinds of breakfast casseroles, Krispy Kreme donuts, monkey bread, fruit and Starbucks coffee. All the girls enjoyed meeting this wonderful lady who has made us breakfast every weekend we have been home for one full year! Of course the morning included David picking on the girls, especially Abby Wood. He was always "doing" something to make her laugh or run away from him. Did I mention the night before that David go the spray whip cream out and chased Abby and others around my house? Once everyone was feed, and happy we began the fun task of putting on the required attire for our groups. It was great fun and we enjoyed making people look at us downtown. I will be giving more details about this event a little at a time. The hunt wore Kaye out so we came home and rested for about an hour, of course changed clothes and then we packed up the cars and David and I treated everyone to the County Music Hall of Fame. It was so much fun and even though it was educational I think everyone enjoyed it. Kaye did get very sick while we were there but we were able to get her back feeling better quickly. Once we were done the next item on our dance card was to walk to Jack's BBQ but of course the rain came. We waited about thirty-five minutes and then walked very fast and had a wonderful lunch at an old Nashville establishment. The girls truly enjoyed themselves. I was thankful we were able to treat them to these events. They now have a little Nashville to take home with them. I have to stop now, I typed four additional sections and could not save them because it was too long. I will update more in the morning. Goodnight and Blessings. We Are Going To Win! Sharliss, David & KJ



Our latest edition of Prayer Power is available at the Church.

- Our Military Personnel and Their Families
- Brenda Adams
- Katherine Arnold and Family
- Ann Banks
- John Barron
- Pat Barron
- Brody Bates
- Charles Beem
- Dave & Julie and Libby Beem
- Ron & Bobbie Bennett
- Tyler Blevins
- Ben Bookout
- Geoff Brosy
- Bob Burkette

- Carmen Cobb
- Brody Cole
- Wilson Cole
- Al Connally
- Ann Connally
- Kevin Dae
- Ellen Duke
- Krista Dunn
- Becky Hansen
- Roy & Elaine Harcourt
- Myrtle Harrison
- Movel Hatcher
- Marsha Haynes
- Jeanne Hewitt
- Mildred Kellett
- Irene Keyes
- The Family of Victor Kumar
- Carla Ruggles Layfield
- Cale Long
- R.E. Long
- The Mach Family
- Emily Phillips
- Emily Piper
- Crystal Pitts
- Manny Provenzano
- Margaret Pulk
- Wilbur Reid
- Pattie Rich
- Robert Rish and Family
- Andi Sampsell
- Jessica Shortt and Family
- Laurie Skelton
- Mallory Smith
- Brittany McCannon Thomas
- Leonard Watson
- Ann Westmoreland
- H.M. Westmoreland

Letters from our members:

Dear Church Family, We wanted to let you know that Robert received his first package. We thank everyone for the items sent and for your constant prayers for Robert and the men and women serving our country. We appreciate and love you all. Herb, Nancy, John, Sharon, Breanne, Kaitlynn, Stephen and Victoria. Robert's address is: SFC Robert Rish; Unit Number 5972; HHT/3-7 Cav.; APO AE 09378.

Please pray for our son, Cale, as he will be reporting to the Navy on August 22nd. Cale will be joining the Navy's Nuclear Engineering program. He leaves for boot camp on August 23rd, which is held in Great Lakes, Illinois. After boot camp he expects to be stationed in Charleston, South Carolina for "A" School. He will also be able to finish his college education while in the Navy and looks forward to building a good foundation for his future. We are very proud of Cale! He has tremendous strength, courage and conviction, all of which will serve him well during this next phase of his life. Please pray that Cale remains committed to his goals, and allows the Lord to lead, guide and direct his heart and mind every step of the way. Thank you for remembering him in your prayers over these next two months as he works to establish the discipline and dedication necessary to succeed in life and in the Navy. We will send along information about where to send mail to him at boot camp as soon as we receive it. We're sure he will appreciate words of encouragement from his church family. We are going to miss him so much! God Bless and Thank you! Scott & Lisa Long

Update - Thanks for your prayers for Cale. He arrived at boot camp on Friday. Many people have asked for his address to send a card of note of encouragement. Here it is: SR Cale Long; Ship 10 Division 366; 3425 Sailor Drive; Great Lakes, IL 6008-3525. Thank you so much for praying for him. We really appreciate it.

Thanks to all of your prayers for Andie. Some of you saw her Sunday at church. As you see, it is a miracle that she was not hurt badly from a 12 foot fall onto concrete. All of our prayers were answered. She is healing well. She just has a scar on her head where she cut it open and the fractured skull will hopefully heal in time. She has been excused from PE and recess until she has another CT scan in November. She started Kindergarten today. She was so excited to ride the bus with big sister Sydney. Thanks for all the visits and prayers from our wonderful church family. The Sampells

We want to thank everyone in our church family for all the prayers and words of comfort and hugs that have surrounded us during this time when we had to let go of JT. Thank you, Susan, for such a heartfelt celebration of his short time on this earth. As you said, Jontavious, who was born with more medical issues than most adults develop during an entire lifetime, is now free of any pain and has his new eyes and ears. So even though we cry because we can no longer touch and hold and cuddle JT, we rejoice for him as we know you do as well. In his earthly body, he couldn't even roll over all the way. But in our heart's eyes, we see him crawling all over Heaven, getting under everyone's feet, chasing Jesus around everywhere, and then crawling up into our Father's lap when he needs a snuggle.

God gives us these special little ones, our foster children, to snuggle and cuddle and love for however long they need us. He shares these blessings with us to brighten each day. But, we also have a huge responsibility entrusted to us to show these little ones a glimpse of God – to be Jesus with skin on and show them through our words and our actions how much our Heavenly Father cares for and loves them. What they see and learn of Jesus while they are in foster care may sometimes be the only glimpse of God they have throughout their life. And this is an honor and a burden that we cannot fulfill on our own – each of you carries that same privilege and responsibility. As his church family and friends, you were and still are an integral part of JT's family. Even though we aren't allowed to bring the foster children up to the altar to officially dedicate them to God through infant baptism – that privilege is reserved for the birth family – we dedicate them in our hearts and are so thankful that each one of you steps up with us and holds these precious ones in your hearts and prayers and becomes the hands and feet of Jesus to them. Angie always told us that she would hear our little Darth (Jan's nickname, not Angie's) breathing back behind her and knew he's there where he belonged. Betty has told me not to worry about any noise the children make, but to be glad they're in church – to tell Satan to get out of the way.

We only had the joy and blessing of having Jontavious with us for a month and a half – just a blink of an eye. But instead of just leaving little Snugglebumpkins in the hospital for that little while longer, God chose to bring him into a home and a family – He chose Powder Springs First United Methodist Church to take over the job of nurturing him from the nurses and doctors in the hospital. While in our home, JT still had their wonderful medical care, but God allowed JT to experience the love and belonging that can only come from being a part of the family of God. So while we are thankful and blessed by the brief time that our little Snugglebumpkins was with us, we are also thankful that our church family and friends welcomed this tiny little miracle into their open arms and made him a part of their lives as well. JT will live in the hearts of his birth family and our hearts forever and we know that he will be in yours as well. As we remember the struggles and the joys and blessings of having JT in our lives, we recall that God never gives us more than we can handle, but He does use each experience to prepare us for greater things. In the midst of our prayers of thanksgiving for having JT in our lives, Jan and I invite you to ponder in your hearts along with us, "What was God's choosing us as His ambassadors of love for Jontavious preparing all of us for?" Jan & Edie Mach

Wednesday Night Fellowship (WNF)!

- 5:30-6:15 p.m. Dinner. See menu below.
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 6:15-6:55 p.m. Angel & Junior Choirs
- 6:15-6:55 p.m. Combined Youth Choir and Youth Praise Band
- 6:15-7:00 p.m. Prayer Force
- 7:00 p.m. 3yrs/4yrs – Nursery
- 7:00-7:45 p.m. Parables and KFC (K-5): Lesson & Craft time
- 7:45-8:00 p.m. Parables and KFC (K-5): Playground (weather permitting), if not indoor games
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Youth LifeGroups
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Adult Bible Studies
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Adult Choir



September 12: The Kitchen Committee will serve hamburger stroganoff, noodles, vegetables, fruit, bread and dessert.

September 19: Scott Cupp will serve BBQ chicken (legs & boneless breast), baked potatoes, salad, bread, and ice cream.

September 26: The Preschool Board will serve chicken tetrazzini, broccoli, green peas, bread and dessert.

October 3: Troop 723 will serve chili frito pie, salad, cobbler.

October 10: Russell Wood and Billy Dunn will serve Swedish meatballs, noodles, green bean, dessert

October 17: The Venture Crew will serve soup, salad, grilled cheese & dessert.

October 24: The Preschool Board will serve pork chops, herb rice, green beans, bread and dessert.



SEPTEMBER

B.I.G. Theme: God Chooses Us

B.I.G. Idea: We believe God chooses ordinary people to make a difference in God's world.

B.I.G. Verse: And God said, "I will be with you." (Exodus 3:12)

B.I.G. Lessons:

09/09 Samuel (1 Samuel 3)

9/16 David (God Looks at the Heart) (1 Samuel 16:1-13)

9/23 Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32)

9/30 Jesus Sends the Disciples Two by Two (Mark 6:7-13; Luke 9:1-6)

OCTOBER

B.I.G. Theme: We Choose God

B.I.G. Idea: We believe that by choosing to be faithful to God, we set an example for others.

B.I.G. Verse: With my whole heart I seek you. (Psalm 119:10)

B.I.G. Lessons:

10/7 Joshua (Joshua 24)

10/14 Abigail and David (1 Samuel 25:2-25)

10/21 Daniel (Daniel 6)

10/28 The Widow's Mite (Luke 21:1-4)

Parents: Live B.I.G. has added a website just for you! Check out: www.ilivebig.com.

September 2007

Church Events Birthdays Anniversaries

Church Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h2>Sunday Worship</h2> <p>Traditional worship is held at 8:30 am with a contemporary service at 10:55 am. Sunday School begins at 9:45 am. Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. A nursery is provided for your convenience during these services. Each service has its own style of worship, and we encourage you to visit both of them.</p>						1 <u>7:00 am:</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Eddie Paintin,
2 <u>4:00 pm:</u> Grace Notes <u>5:00 pm:</u> Adult Handbells <u>7:00 pm:</u> Men's Bible Study No UMYF	3 Labor Day Church Office Closed Angel's Nest Closed Mary Knight, Alan & Heather Westmoreland	4 Preschool Begins David Arnold, Shelby Aten, Tylan Shallenberger, Kathleen Wiggins	5 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u> Whitney Beem, Jared Standridge, Danny Willis, Curtis & Jill Marks, Jim & Carolyn	6 <u>6:30 pm:</u> Stephens Min. <u>7:00 pm:</u> Scout Planning; Trustees Mike Edwards, Madison	7 <u>6:00 pm:</u> Scrapbooking Youth River of Life Mission Trip	8 <u>7:00 am:</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Katherine Arnold, Phil Davis, Chuck & Angie Haynes
9 <u>8:30 am:</u> Men's Club <u>5:00 pm:</u> UMYF Fall Kick-Off <u>7:00 pm:</u> Men's Bible Study	10 Lisa Cox	11 <u>7:00 pm:</u> No Genealogy Club Church Council Dave & Julie Beem, Dick & Sylvia Huber	12 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation <u>6:30 pm:</u> Lay Leadership WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u> Bobby & Misty	13 Pam Bailey, Chuck Haynes, Emily	14	15 <u>7:00 am:</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Powder Springs Day
16 <u>12:15 pm</u> Staff Mtg <u>4:00 pm:</u> Grace Notes UMYF Council <u>5:00 pm:</u> Adult Handbells; UMYF \$7 <u>7:00 pm:</u> Men's Bible Study Pat Cole,	17 Dana Willis, Lou & Beth Hill	18 <u>7:00 pm</u> Preschool Board	19 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u> Will Moore	20 <u>2:00 pm:</u> Mary & Martha UMW <u>6:30 pm:</u> Stephens Ministry FPU <u>7:00 pm:</u> Worship Com Cole Daniels, Jeff Paradise Jim & Meling	21 Todd Freeman, Mike & Dot Lott	22 <u>7:00 am:</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Edie Mach, Katie Toth
23 <u>5:00 pm:</u> UMYF <u>7:00 pm:</u> Men's Bible Study Cathy Moore, Niko Moore	24 Myra Nell James, Kenny & Cindy Singleton	25 Roy & Elaine Harcourt	26 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u> Julie Banks, Libby Beem, Dennis Meyer, Zach Rainwater	27 <u>2:00 pm:</u> Susannah Wesley UMW Katie Farmer, Tony Ooten	28 Robert Brock, Rene' Dae	29 <u>7:00 am:</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Friendly Fellowship Breakfast Chuck Miller, Grant & June Rainwater, Herb & Nancy Rish
30 <u>4:00 pm:</u> Grace Notes <u>5:00 pm:</u> Adult Handbells; UMYF <u>7:00 pm:</u> Men's Bible						

October 2007

Church Events Birthdays Anniversaries

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Linda Allison, Charles Harrison, George Nieuwstraten	2 Mary Knight, June Rainwater, Mike Sampsell	3 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u> <u>Becca Cupp,</u> <u>Russell Wood</u>	4 <u>6:30 pm</u> FPU Stephens Ministry <u>7:00pm</u> Trustees Mtg	5 Matt Manley	6 <u>6:00 am</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Tentative Date for Church Council Retreat in Fellowship Hall Clayton Laird
7 <u>5:00 pm</u> UMYF; <u>7:00 pm</u> Men's Bible Study Scott Cupp	8 Jeff & Nicole Paradise, Roy Harcourt, Connie Seagraves COLUMBUS DAY!!!	9 <u>7:00 pm</u> Genealogy Club Rev Susan Ashe Kimberly Dunn, Helen Leinbaugh	10 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u>	11 <u>6:30 pm</u> FPU	12 <u>6:00 pm</u> Scrapbooking Joshua Cupp, Maglean Oglesby	13 <u>7:00 am</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Ron Bennett
14 <u>8:30 am-</u> Men's Club; <u>4:00 pm</u> Grace Notes; <u>5:00 pm</u> Adult Handbells; <u>7:00 pm</u> Men's Bible Study; No UMYF Brandon Adams Chelsea Stone	15	16 <u>7:00 pm</u> Preschool Board	17 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u> Luke Haynes	18 <u>2:00 pm:</u> Mary & Martha UMW <u>6:30 pm:</u> Stephens Ministry FPU <u>7:00 pm</u> Scout Planning	19 Angel's Nest & Preschool Closed	20 <u>7:00 am</u> Youth Yard Sale & Car Wash <u>7:00 am</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's <u>10:00 am</u> UMW Board <u>11:30</u> UMW Mtg
21 <u>4:00 pm</u> UMYF Council <u>5:00 pm</u> \$7 UMYF <u>7:00 pm</u> Men's Bible Study Tom Killingsworth, Nancy Marty	22	23 R.E. & Mary Long	24 <u>9:30 am:</u> Visitation WNF <u>See page 2 for details!</u> Ansley Earwood	25 <u>7:00 pm</u> Susannah Wesley UMW	26 Lavinia Lindley	27 <u>7:00 am</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's
28 <u>4:00 pm</u> Grace Notes; <u>5:00 pm</u> Trunk/Treat Sponsored <u>5:00 pm</u> Adult Handbells; <u>7:00 pm</u> Men's Bible Study	29 Amy Wood, Jeremy Harmon	30	31 <u>9:30 am</u> Visitation NO WMF HALLOWEEN Carmen Cobb, Vicky Simpson	1 <u>6:30 pm</u> FPU Stephens Ministry <u>7:00pm</u> Trustees Mtg Scout Planning Brandi Kessloff Sophia Norton Jim & Kathryn Groover	2 <u>6:00pm</u> Scrapbooking Richard Dorsey Dustin Jones Linton & Helen Spratlin Tripp & Heather Norton	3 <u>7:00 am</u> Men's Bible Study at Bailey's Bill Harrison

SERVANTS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16

Mary Shallenberger Trustee 9/17-23
 Trustee's Phone 678.567.2583
 Gay Lynn Toth 8:30 Liturgist
 Jasmine Smothers 10:55 Liturgist
 George Crusselle, Billy Dunn 8:30 Ushers
 Mike Dae, Kevin Dae 10:55 Ushers
 Grant Rainwater, Tony Toth 10:55 Ushers
 Ron Bennett 8:30 Audio/Video
 Tom Adams, Tyler Freeman 10:55 Audio/Video
 Angie Haynes Heavenly Helper
 Dot Lott, Tony Toth Floaters
 June Rainwater, Lynda Buice Counters
 Scott & Joshilyn Winn KFC/Parables

SERVANTS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7

Sandi Kessloff Trustee 10/8-14
 Trustee's Phone 770.222.3184
 Jasmine Smothers 8:30 Liturgist
 Bobby DeCoux 10:55 Liturgist
 George Crusselle, Billy Dunn 8:30 Ushers
 Mike Dae, Kevin Dae 10:55 Ushers
 Grant Rainwater, Tony Toth 10:55 Ushers
 Ron Bennett 8:30 Audio/Video
 Dave Beem, Damon Haynie 10:55 Audio/Video
 Michelle Pritchett Heavenly Helper
 Greg & Connie Seagraves Floaters
 June Rainwater Counter
 Judy Westmoreland Counter
 Jan & Edie Mach KFC/Parables
 The DeCoux & Brown Families UMYF Dinner

SERVANTS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 23

Gerad Simpson Trustee 9/24-30
 Trustee's Phone 770.577.0900
 Michael Laird 8:30 Liturgist
 Bobby DeCoux 10:55 Liturgist
 David Hodges, Tom Vick 8:30 Ushers
 Matt Manley, Jeff Oldham 10:55 Ushers
 Charles Storrs 10:55 Usher
 Scott Cupp 8:30 Audio/Video
 Dave Beem, Niko Moore 10:55 Audio/Video
 Robbie Ooten Heavenly Helper
 Julie Banks, Bobby DeCoux Floaters
 June Rainwater, Susanne Collins Counters
 Vicky Simpson & Sandi Kessloff KFC/Parables
 The Woods Family UMYF Dinner

SERVANTS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14

Cindy Abbott Trustee 10/15-21
 Trustee's Phone 770.439.7051
 Cassie Race 8:30 Liturgist
 Michael Laird 10:55 Liturgist
 George Crusselle, Billy Dunn 8:30 Ushers
 Mike Dae, Kevin Dae 10:55 Ushers
 Grant Rainwater, Tony Toth 10:55 Ushers
 Roxy Cupp 8:30 Audio/Video
 Tom Adams, Tyler Freeman 10:55 Audio/Video
 Dot Lott Heavenly Helper
 Gregg Kessloff, Edie Mach Floaters
 June Rainwater, Anne Moore Counters
 Scott & Joshilyn Winn KFC/Parables

SERVANTS THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30

Greg Seagraves Trustee 10/1-7
 Trustee's Phone 770.948.2620
 Jasmine Smothers 8:30 Liturgist
 Youth 10:55 Liturgist
 Youth 8:30 Ushers
 Youth 10:55 Ushers
 Tom Adams 8:30 Audio/Video
 Gregg Kessloff, Brandon Adams 10:55 Audio/Video
 Teresa Preston Heavenly Helper
 Ryan Lott, John Skelton Floaters
 June Rainwater, Brenda Smith Counters
 John & Brooke Skelton KFC/Parables
 The Smith Family UMYF Dinner

SERVANTS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 21

Scott Winn Trustee 10/22-28
 Trustee's Phone 770.439.6367
 Bobby DeCoux 8:30 Liturgist
 Bobby DeCoux 10:55 Liturgist
 George Crusselle, Billy Dunn 8:30 Ushers
 Mike Dae, Kevin Dae 10:55 Ushers
 Grant Rainwater, Tony Toth 10:55 Ushers
 Ron Bennett 8:30 Audio/Video
 Gregg Kessloff, Niko Moore 10:55 Audio/Video
 George & Linda Crusselle Heavenly Helper
 Sandi Kessloff, June Rainwater Floaters
 June Rainwater, Shelby Morris Counter
 Vicky Simpson & Sharon Harmon KFC/Parables

Think of us in this way,
 as servants of Christ
 and stewards of
 God's mysteries.



SERVANTS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28

Steve Piper Trustee 10/29-11/4
 Trustee's Phone 770.222.9640
 Tony Toth 8:30 Liturgist
 Jasmine Smothers 10:55 Liturgist
 Jack Frady, David Hodges 8:30 Ushers
 Dave Beem, Matt Manley 10:55 Ushers
 Charles Storrs 10:55 Ushers
 Roxy Cupp 8:30 Audio/Video
 Dave Beem, Damon Haynie 10:55 Audio/Video
 Kathryn Groover Heavenly Helper
 Jan Mach, Steve Piper Floaters
 June Rainwater, Carolyn Piper Counters

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The Church Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Announcements for Sunday's bulletin must be received by Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.
Articles for November/December Love Notes must be received by October 15.



We now have an emergency number for after hours emergencies.
Please notify us immediately of any hospitalizations, deaths,
or other congregational emergencies at **678.986.4488**.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20

PSFUMC Youth Ministry's



And car wash!

Donations are needed!

Please contact the Church Office
at 770.943.5130 for information
regarding drop-off and/or pick-up.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT PSFUMC YOUTH MINISTRY.

Trunk-or-Treat

co-sponsored by the
Children's and Youth Ministries



Sunday, October 28
5:00-7:00 p.m.

A safe and fun evening for kids of all ages
to come and have fun in our parking lot.

**This is an opportunity for our
congregation to love on our children!**
We need everyone to decorate their trunk!

Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Hot Dogs, Chips & Drink	\$3.00
Chili & Crackers	\$2.00
Popcorn	\$0.50
Homemade goodies	\$0.50

Pumpkin Decorating Contest!

Bring your decorated pumpkin to enter in the contest!