

The Messenger

We enter to worship. We depart to serve.



Pastor:

Rev Charles Stacy
revcers@yahoo.com

Birthdays for August

Stacy, Holly	8/3
Pierce, Alex	8/5
Daniel, Jim	8/6
Woodward, Kaden	8/8
Parker, Karen	8/9
Borja, Matthew	8/18
Barlow, Dakota	8/22
Fedorov, Alex	8/25
Lee, Sharon	8/26
Boggs, Jean	8/27
Leazer, Diz	8/29
Pierce, Gracie	8/29
Reber, Harrison	8/30

Anniversaries

Barlow, Aaron & Jeannie	8/1
Ashby, Brenda & Skeet	8/2
Lloyd, Sara & Treavor	8/10
Hoover, Patti & Rex	8/29

IN THE NARTHEX...

Items of interest that would appear as inserts in your weekly church bulletin can now be found in the narthex.

AND ... RUMC has a Facebook page! If you're on Facebook and want to be added as a "friend," do a search for Remington United Methodist Church and friend RUMC!

From the Pastor's Desk...

As we move on through the summer, most of us are finding time for vacations. I love vacations. They are times when we can get away from the usual routines of life and create wonderful memories. I would like to focus on two words: vacate and recreate.



To vacate is to move. It is from the Latin, "vacat" (left empty). It is more than physically removing oneself to a new location. It also means removing from oneself that which is causing pain, distress, anxiety, etc. We go on vacation not merely to get away from it all but also to unload the stress and pain that has accumulated over the year.

To recreate is to make anew. It is the foundation for the word recreation. To seek recreation is to try and find an activity (yes, sunbathing, napping, and casual reading count) that helps us recreate the world we live in.

We have studied spirituality this year in sermons. To vacate and recreate are very important acts we can engage to grow in our faith. They help us find peace and joy in life. So, as you head out to the beach, campground, or just to your backyard for an afternoon of sunbathing and relaxing, don't feel guilty. Let go of anxiety and distress and meditate on God's grace and peace. We are all called to take time off. After all, even God, on the seventh day, took a rest.

Peace,

Charles

Council Minutes for July 13, 2011

Members present: Peggy Simmons, Jan Hart, Evelyn Olinger, Wally Rich, Gitte Tessier, Alex Fedorov, Jim Helm, Pastor Charles Stacy, and Linda McClanahan. Chairman Peggy Simmons called the meeting to order at 7pm Pastor Charles opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Pastors Report:

- In May made 10 visits
 - In June, to date, made 4 visits
 - July 5-9 will be out of town at scout camp with Will
 - Welcome for new DS Ted Smith will be held in Tappahannock on July 10
 - Aug 7, all Fauquier churches will attend meeting with new DS at RUMC at 2pm. Cake and punch to be served.
 - Aug 27 – Welcome picnic for new DS in Fredericksburg
 - The 4th Tues of each month will be attending District Mtgs in Lady Smith
- Last month's minutes approved as presented.

Finance Report:

Alex Fedorov reported May was a positive month; 5 Sundays which helped with the offering. However, we were again short of projected budget by \$3,851. But noted all bills were paid.

Capital Campaign funds have been used to make mortgage payment. It's to be noted that we have depleted the "cushion" account. If sufficient funds are not received through the budget, monies will be taken from the building fund in order to make mortgage payment.

Financial report accepted as presented.

Old Business:

- Electronic Funds – council agreed ok to run survey, but suggested putting the word "optional" after signature
- Pianist – still looking
- Access Code for computer – still waiting for Anne Bryant to bring copy of agreement county has. Evelyn Olinger said she would ask Larry Olinger if he could draw something up that we could use.
- New worship service – pending further discussion
- Admins Office – desk still being disturbed.

New Business

- Notified council the Sanctuary has been rented out for 20 August by Pam Key for a wedding – fee \$100
- Upcoming church picnic – RUMM taking care of tents
- Preschool – wants permission to use Sunday school rooms last 2 wks of Jun & 1st two weeks of Jul for summer school. Agreed to pay for usage. Approved.
- Prices for painting Fellowship Hall : Stephen Jones – proposal \$1,800. RUMM & RUMW will each pay half. Wally to follow through with contactor, Mr. Jones.
- A motion was made to paint walls same color, just freshen them.
- Mary Tapp will strip floors after painting is completed, sometime in August.

Trustees:

Evelyn Olinger reported:

- John Keyes, who damaged the outside flower planter, has been difficult to contact. Certified letter was sent giving Mr. Keyes until 6/8/11 to provide funds or info on his insurance company. Evelyn will continue monitoring this situation.
- Leazer response to letter from our lawyer still pending
- Renter in rental property currently employed (less from Section 8)
- New AC units had a clogged line which was fixed by Pat Nelson
- Dimmer switches are needed in the Narthex and also over chairs in Sanctuary – Evelyn to ask Roger
- Roger Hart – leveled the "leaning" fuel tank.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted.

Linda McClanahan, Recording Secretary

Virginia Conference Delegation

Thirteen lay delegates and 13 clergy delegates were elected to General Conference. An additional 13 lay delegates and 13 clergy delegates were elected to Jurisdictional Conference. Another 10 clergy and 10 lay were elected as reserve delegates.

General Conference Elected Clergy:

1. Tom Berlin
2. Beth C. Downs
3. Clarence R. Brown
4. J. Denise Honeycutt
5. Rhonda VanDyke Colby
6. Peter M. Moon
7. Tammy Estep
8. Marc D. Brown
9. Theodore Smith
10. Amanda Garber
11. G. Kirk Nave
12. Young Jin Cho
13. Brenda J. Biler

SEJ Conference Elected Clergy:

1. Ileana Rosario
2. Keith D. Boyette
3. Youtha C. Hardman-Cromwell
4. Larry Jent
5. Lorenzo D. Hill
6. Phyllis R. Earley
7. Paulo Cesr Da Silva
8. Ernest "Tommy" Herndon Jr.
9. Stephen C. Hundley
10. Kristin Marie Holbrook
11. F. Elizabeth Givens
12. Jeffrey P. Mickle
13. Mary Beth Blinn

Clergy Alternates:

1. David V. Ford
2. Mark V. Ogren
3. Steven R. Jones
4. George H. Freeman
5. Daniel Edward Elmore
6. Alexander B. Joyner
7. Mark A. Miller
8. Susan S. Garrett
9. Frances T. Cooper
10. Kenneth J. Jackson

General Conference Elected Laity:

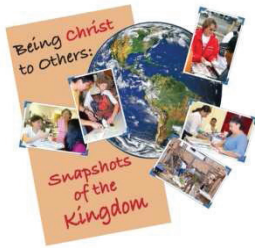
1. Shirley Cauffman
2. Darlene Amon
3. Ron Hardman
4. Jim Branscome
5. Nathaniel L. Bishop
6. Marshall Bailey
7. Martha E. Stokes
8. David Brown
9. Susie Wolf
10. Carol A. Gaston
11. Dorothy C. Ivey
12. Larry Burian
13. Gene Mims

SEJ Conference Elected Laity:

1. Miran Kim
2. Rachel Hundley
3. Olivia Hinton
4. Ana Maria Lopez
5. Andrew Ware
6. Neill Caldwell
7. Andrew DiAntonio
8. Jacob Stephen Paysour
9. Willard H. Douglas Jr.
10. Janet Bracey
11. Larry Tubbs
12. Robert Orcutt
13. Sandra W. Baker

Laity Alternates:

1. Rose Teague
2. Adam Jenkins
3. Carol Sanger
4. Kevin M. Sabo
5. Kenneth Bosley
6. Carl Moravitz
7. Louise Landis Miller
8. Cecelia Short
9. Iris Smith
10. Jonathan Greer



Virginia Annual Conference in brief ...

Conference Theme:

Being Christ to Others – Snapshots of the Kingdom

Roanoke 15 – 19 June 2011

Attending: Jim Helm, Gitte Tessier, Pastor Charles

- ❖ The Virginia Conference is comprised of 1196 churches across the state.
- ❖ More than 3,000 UMC laity and clergy attended the Annual Conference in Roanoke.
- ❖ Bishop Charlene Kammerer could not attend due to illness; Bishop Timothy Whitaker (Florida) presided.

- ❖ Laity and Clergy each elected 13 delegates to General Conference 2012 (Florida).
- ❖ Laity and Clergy each elected 13 delegates to the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference 2012 (NC).
- ❖ 41 retiring clergy were recognized. Together they represented 1,170 years of service.

- ❖ Membership stands at 335,275, down 3,806 from the previous year.
- ❖ Worship attendance stands at 108,420 down 4,204.

- ❖ **Resolutions:** Members passed resolutions on the election of additional lay members, a call to fast and pray, the priority of proclaiming Christ, support of “20/20: Visioning an AIDS-Free World,” peace-making efforts between Palestinians and Israelis, and honoring the 50th anniversary of the founding of Virginia Wesleyan College. They narrowly defeated a resolution (the retired bishops’ “Statement of Counsel to the Church”) which urges a change in the Book of Discipline in regard to views on homosexuality and ordination of gays and lesbians.

- ❖ **Conference Offering Goal: \$200,000**
Collected: \$167,345
Projects: 1) Shade and Fresh Water project in Brazil; 2) Leadership Development/Living Well Society Project in Mozambique; 3) The Agape Christian Children’s Community Center, Inc. on Virginia’s Eastern Shore; and 4) The Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries in Roanoke.

- ❖ **Celebration of Mission:** Thirteen children from the conference-supported Shade and Fresh Water project in Brazil were special guests at a celebration of mission.
- ❖ **Celebration of Mission:** Forty-three new “Mission Mentors” were commissioned. They will be available to speak at local churches about mission opportunities.
- ❖ **Celebration of Mission:** Thomas Kemper, General Secretary for the General Board of Global Ministries, announced that the Virginia Conference was once again the leader for designated giving for mission support in 2010.

- ❖ **Kits for Conference:** Members collected 53,469 kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief, including 26,617 health kits and 944 cleaning buckets, over 15,000 school kits, over 8,000 layette and birthing kits, over 600 sewing kits, 62 bedding packs as well as 9,200 lbs of food.
- ❖ **Potato Drop:** The Society of St. Andrew’s “Potato Drop” involved more than 220 participants who unloaded and packed 39,000 pounds of sweet potatoes that went out to 12 feeding agencies in Virginia and West Virginia.



Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) SURVEY

The church is considering providing the congregation with an *alternative* method of giving. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) operates much like when you have your mortgage or car payment set up to automatically withdraw from your checking account. The service we are evaluating gives the donor full control. *Participation is totally optional* – we would continue to welcome your check or cash contributions.

Should you choose to participate:

- You determine withdrawal dates and can start or stop anytime.
- You can schedule withdrawals weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually – whatever fits your budget.
- No more check writing or making up missed payments due to vacation.
- Funds would transfer directly from your checking account into the church account on your determined dates.
- There would be a \$0.25 transaction fee that would be charged to the church if not covered by the donor. That amounts to \$13.00 per year if you donate weekly; \$3.00 per year if you donate monthly.

Please complete the survey at the bottom of this form so we can better assess the level of interest in this option. If there is enough interest, we will plan for this project next budget year.

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- I definitely would not participate
 - I might be interested, but I need more information
 - I definitely would participate
 - I would be willing to donate the additional \$13.00 or \$3.00 per year to cover the cost of this service.

Name: _____

Please return this survey to Linda McClanahan or Mary Beth Waldeck

AUGUST 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Scout Den Mtg 7pm	4	5	6
7 Mtg w/new DS & Fauquier churches 2 pm	8 RUMM 6:30pm Roger/Steve	9 No Choir Prac- tice	10 Admin Council Mtg 7pm	11	12	13
14	15	16 Lay Ldrship Mtg 7pm - in office	17 Wedding Rehearsal, Pam Key 7pm	18 Mission Mtg 7pm	19	20 Wedding Pam Key 10am-5pm
21	22 RUMW Night Out @ Grioli's 6pm	23	24	25 Scout Pack Mtg 7-m Kuhler	26	27
28	29	30	31 Scout Den Mtg 7pm Kuhler/ Yates			

August is the month in which the church gets ready for Charge Conference.

Dates may change to adjust for budget meeting.
SPRC/Finance/Admin Council dates to be determined.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP 4870

Happy summer! Since our troop is so busy throughout the school year, we take a break from most activities during the summer, therefore we do not have much to share this month. A few scouts got together in July to watch the Ruritan sponsored magic show at Liberty High School. However, next year at this time, we will have lots to celebrate!

On June 9, 2012, 100 years of Girl Scouting will be celebrated on the National Mall with a sing-along! This will be a very exciting time for all past and present scouts. But in order to understand why this is so exciting, this month we thought we would share the history of Girl Scouting. Below is an excerpt from the Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital website. We hope you will enjoy reading it!

“Juliette ‘Daisy’ Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. With the goal of bringing girls out of isolated home environments and into community service and the open air, Girl Scouts hiked, played basketball, went on camping trips, learned how to tell time by the stars, and studied first aid.

Within a few years, Daisy's dream for a girl-centered organization was realized. Today, Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3.2 million girls and adults, a

significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago. In fact, more than 50 million women in the U.S. today are Girl Scout alumnae. We invite you to learn about our robust organization and its rich history. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues, to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness—Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.”

Yours in Scouting,
Lisa Pence & Lori Queen

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email: adminassistant@remingtonchurch.org
www.remingtonchurch.org

It is our intention to keep you as RUMC members informed of the current happenings at church. We hope you enjoy the articles and information herein and welcome your comments and feedback!

Mission Trip: Haysi, Virginia

Our week-long mission trip this year was to Haysi, Virginia. It is a home-repair mission organized through ReCreation Experiences, which is based out of Weaverville, NC. However, this year members of the Haysi community asked for help.

Haysi is a very mountainous area with very twisty roads, very much like the section of twisty roads on 211 going to Luray. All the homes are situated on the mountain sides. There were 33 of us: 24 from Warrenton, 7 from Weaverville UMC, NC, and 2 staff members from ReCreation. The goal was to help 5 families; 3 of which were only roof repairs.

In two of the homes, we spent the whole week there with teams of 15 people on each house. Mid-week we received an emergency call from a family whose floor had just fallen in, giving us the sixth house.

Brian and I were sent to Beatrice's house. She lived alone in a single-wide trailer, has chronic heart failure, and was on oxygen most of the time. She was the type of person who was used to doing things herself and had many of the tools to do it too. Most mornings when we were starting work, she would ask "What do you want me to do?" — wanting to jump right in with everyone else. Her stamina would not let her work much more than 10-15 minutes.

At Beatrice's house, we worked on a deck that was unstable and had no hand rails; when the wind blew all the chairs and items on the deck would get blown down the ravine. We also repaired a roof where a tree had hit, put up rails around the deck and hand rails on the outside stairs. We had to tear out a wall and section of floor where there was water damage and black mold. We put down vinyl tile to seal up the floor from a previously water damaged area, replaced screening in some windows, and moved furniture in a bedroom and situated it so that she could use it. She was previously sleeping on the couch in the living room. She was really happy with the things we worked on and said she didn't have to be embarrassed by her house anymore.

Katie and Andy worked at Stephanie's house. She was a single parent with 3 small children; Travis who is 3, Sean who is 6, and Alex who is 8. The youngest had George's Syndrome, has one lung, a low immune system, developmental delays and a history of pneumonia. They had a significant leak in their roof that poured into the kids' room when it rained. The team there repaired and sealed the roof, removed the entire ceiling in the kids' room, hallway, bathroom, and part of the mother's room, as well as replaced floorboards that were rotted, and re-stabilized ceiling joists that were sagging. As they were removing the ceiling, they had to mask up due to the black

mold and ants that were coming down with the ceiling. They also painted the outside of the trailer.

The family is on a list to receive a new trailer home, however, they have to safely live in this one until their name moves up the list. The whole Warrenton group worked on this house on the last day. It was a much more extensive job than what was ever anticipated. We were still putting up sheet rock and mudding at noon on Friday, the day before we left. It was not the finest work our group has ever done, but we pray that it keeps the family dry until they receive their new home.

This trip was different than last year's, as it was much more than repairing a roof and painting a house. It involved more skilled labor. The adults quickly learned that we had to empower the youth to lead other youth in their areas of strength, as at each house there were multiple jobs going on at the same time. As a group, we were all really touched by Haysi. It is an area with belief in God and Jesus. We counted 19 churches within a 30-minute drive, and so this mission trip was more about one Christian helping a fellow Christian in a time of need.

We pray for Beatrice, Stephanie, and the kids, as well as the other families that we worked with over the week for safety and health. If anyone is interested in joining us next year, please let us know. Planning will start in the fall.

God bless,

Jennifer & Brian Rockefeller

Master Greeter Tip #5

Is your church a "Family" church?

There are four levels of churches. The "Frosty" church is unwelcoming to visitors and leaves them cold. The "Friendly" church welcomes the visitors but doesn't try to know their names. The "Friends" church learns their names, talks to them, but their conversations are not about spiritual things. The "Family" church is friends who share with each other about spiritual matters. They go to each other and share their prayer requests. A greeter should be the primary example of this. He is open to share his needs with the people he greets and the greeted share their needs with him. A Master Greeter will receive several prayer requests each Sunday. This level of greeting should be your ultimate goal.

Hello Friends,

We have a very important invitation to each one of you who desire to help fulfill the vision and guide the direction of our District.

At our Charter and Installation we took the first step toward organizing through the work of Committees and Boards. In the next critical step we need your help.

The urgent request first is that you pray without ceasing for the Fredericksburg District. The second request is that you review the list below of new Fredericksburg Committees and Boards. Last, and of equal importance, is that you let us know the name of the Committee or Board you will serve (making a 1-3 year commitment).

We are sure God has provided us with great servants. We now call on such servants to respond by saying "Here I am Lord, send me - use me." If you are currently serving on a District level in any ministry, please help us by nominating/ lifting up others who could serve well.

Blessings!
Rev. Dr. Ted Smith

Lynn Manley
Fredericksburg District Office UMC
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"We envision faith communities where all God's people are welcomed at table, nurtured and transformed to be Christ to others in the world." (Virginia Conference Vision Statement)

STANDING COMMITTEES & POSITIONS:

District Builder's Club
District Committee on Finance
District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries
District Committee on Nominations
District Disaster Response Team Leaders
District Council on Youth
District Scouting Director
District Stewards

District Volunteers in Mission Committee
Order of Elder Representative
United Methodist Women
United Methodist Men
Parsonage Support Committee
Representative for (CEMCA) Commission on Ethnic
Minority Concerns & Advocacy
Representative for the Older Adult Council

Moving Details



The Fredericksburg District Office will remain in Ashland through the end of July. Moving is tentatively set for the first week in August.

Mailing information for July:

Post Office Box 1808, Ashland, VA 23005
Location: 100 Arbor Oak Drive Suite 202,
Ashland, VA 23005

Mailing information after August 1:

Mailing Address:
Fredericksburg District Office
Post Office Box 100
Ladysmith, VA 22501

Physical Address:

8063 Ladysmith Road
Ladysmith, VA 22501
(in Wright's Chapel UMC)

Directions:

Wright's Chapel is located on Rt. 639, between Rt. 1 and I-95. Take I-95 to the Ladysmith Exit (#110) onto Rt. 639 West. Go about ½ mile. The church is on the right. The District Office will use the doors closest to the road.

Phone:

804.798.1649 until August 5th
New number to be determined

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Who Made Heaven & Earth?

Psalms 139:13-14: *“For You formed my inward parts, You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.”*

The next time somebody calls you a BB brain, or says that there are rocks in your head; there is some truth to that. I just found out by personal experience last week that we have little calcium crystals inside of our inner ear labyrinth called “octoconia.” These are referred to as “ear rocks,” or “BB’s,” and they can become dislodged and cause a condition known as Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo or BPPV. The symptoms are episodes of positional vertigo, or a spinning sensation caused by changes in the position of the head. I had this malady for 4 weeks. However, a nice lady at Parkwest Therapy Center explained all of this to me last week and was able to get my BB’s back in alignment in two visits.

I had never heard of such a condition before, but it caused me to pause and think of how intricately the human body is made. The Psalmist spoke well when he said that we were awesomely and wonderfully made. Don’t you find it incredibly foolish that many people still believe in the big bang theory; that all of creation just happened? It takes more of an exaggerated imagination to believe in the cosmological theory of our universe and creation, than to believe in a supreme being who perfectly designed each and every aspect of His creation to work in harmony. John 1:1-3: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.”

I got to hold little Maelyn last week for the first time. She is the two month old daughter of a co-worker. How precious, and sweet, and innocent, and pure she is. I tried a little experiment with her that I have tried with many other infants, and it always works. I held out my index finger close to her hand and she clasped her little fingers around mine and held on tightly. Every infant that I have ever tried this on had the same results. Who trains them to do this? God does! He places eternity inside the hearts of each of us. Ecclesiastes 3:11: “He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, He has put eternity in their hearts.”

We all have the implanted desire to reach for God. It is the inner most need for peace, purpose, and security that can only be filled by God Himself. That is why many humans are struggling with trying to find themselves as it were. They are looking in all the wrong places, and placing their faith in things that cannot satisfy. They have never placed their hand in the hand of God to find that purpose and belonging. Therefore, they wander about all of their lives trying anything and everything to find peace and happiness, and they overlook the only thing that can give them that; God Himself. Isaiah 55:2 says, “Why do you spend money for what is not bread and your wages for what does not satisfy?”

Happy is the person who comes to God early in life and settles their eternity issue.

Psalms 90:14: *“Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days!”*

In his quest to find out the true meaning of life, wisdom and

knowledge, and what brought great pleasure, King Solomon set his heart to seek and search out all these things. He spared no expense or effort in his attempt to find personal satisfaction. His deep desires were the same as mine and yours; we all want peace, joy, and happiness.

Solomon studied science and nature in his attempt to find true wisdom. He had over 700 wives, 300 concubines, and many princesses in his search to find pleasure. And he built himself great structures, gardens, vineyards, and acquired much wealth of silver and gold, property, livestock, and servants. He became great, and had notoriety and fame throughout the entire eastern world. He left no stone unturned as it were in his search for meaning and purpose in life. In Ecclesiastes 2:11, we find the results of his life long search; “Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done, and on all the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and a grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.”

Even in all that Solomon had done and experienced, there was a depressing sense that nothing lasting or enduring had been achieved. He had not found ultimate and lasting peace, joy, or happiness. This was very depressing for Solomon as you can imagine. He even said these words in Verse 17, “Therefore I hated life because the work that was done under the sun was distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind.” His use of the words “vanity,” and “grasping for the wind,” describes the brevity and quickly passing nature of all of the things in which he sought happiness. In other words, he found that all of his attempts to acquire happiness only brought utter emptiness.

Solomon drifted away from God during his futile search for personal and physical satisfaction. Only after many years of trying everything the world had to offer did he recognize the source of true peace and happiness. He shared that hard earned information with you and me in Ecclesiastes 12:13-14: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”

Only a proper relationship with God can supply the true meaning of life and fulfill the pursuit of peace, joy, and happiness. Without God in our life, genuine meaning, satisfaction, and enjoyment will be ultimately elusive. Life must be lived through faith in God, with eternal values in mind. So don’t you think that the one who created the universe could also bring us into perfect harmony with Himself? Yeah, me too!

Psalms 115:15: *“May you be blessed by the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”*

“Father Lord, forgive us for thinking that we know what is best. Lead us to a place of trust and faith in You, and when we find You, may we discover, like Solomon, that real peace, joy, and happiness, is only found in a right relationship with You. Lord, we dedicate ourselves to You this day through Jesus Christ, Your Son, Amen.”

In His Service,
James Harrison



Come and bring the children. **God**

ARCHER'S FLOWERS

Ashton Archer of Archer's Flowers will place flowers on the altar for you for only \$30. Flowers are delivered on Saturday, and you can make your check out to "RUMC."

Please don't forget to contact Linda McClanahan, Church Administrative Assistant, at 540.439.2579 by Wednesday if you want an announcement placed in Sunday's bulletin.



Pecans in a Cemetery

On the outskirts of a small southern town there was a big old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day a couple of circus midgets sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me," they said. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Soon a young boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me..." He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off.

Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane hobbling along. "Come quick," said the boy. "You won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing souls!" The old man replied, "Beat it kid. Can't you see it's hard for me to walk. When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me." The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been telling me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord...?"

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord. At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done."

They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him!

Submitted by Gale Mullikin



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