

The Antioch UMC

Epistle

September, 2014

The Preachers' Part

We Are Windswept!

The promise has been fulfilled: the Spirit of God *is* among us, lighting a fire under us, shaking things up.

We are witnesses to the bold power the Spirit brings, and evidence of the Spirit's fruitfulness is abundantly clear. We move together into uncharted territory, gifted by the Spirit of God to do the work of Jesus Christ.

We are his disciples. And we are windswept.

In his speech before the Athens city council (Acts 17:22-31), Paul cautioned the people about their worship of idols. Idols are things we make which obstruct our view of God. Things we make so important that they interfere with knowing God and loving God. And when that happens, God is not known to us.

This can be a problem. It's hard to do what's pleasing to God if our interests, desires and resources are going elsewhere. Maybe even to the "idol" we've made more important than God.

Paul calls upon us to "change your hearts and lives." Jesus called us to do the same. So did John the Baptist. They summons us to turn toward God, seek God's will and change our lives. In other words, to do something.

Do Something!

During this Windswept journey, several opportunities to "do something" have been identified.

Each of us has been invited to covenant with God in an hour a day of spiritual practices. Each of us has been called on to use the gifts and interests that God has given us to serve the body of Christ. Each of us has been invited to invite others to worship, learn and serve with this community of believers. And, each of us has been encouraged to take a realistic look at our financial giving - re-evaluate it and give it its proper place in our relationship with God.

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Alan





HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Wayne Hendricks	September 5
William Bacon	September 6
Brenda Bacon	September 8
Reed Hite	September 8
Ginny Arthur	September 12
Frank Bacon	September 14
Bubba Bacon	September 17
Margaret Gregory	September 19
Hallie Stallings	September 21
Betsey Hendricks	September 26
Gayle Grant	September 28

By the numbers - August

Average weekly attendance	55
Average weekly giving	Not reported
Amount needed each week	\$1,278
Year to Date Status (through July30)	- \$1,478

News on the HOME front



There was a whole lot of singing going on at Pine View on Friday, August 15 when Wayne and Margaret got together in the afternoon and entertained the residents for over an hour. They joined right in when singing “real” country music and old gospel songs.

Margaret shared the joke that was in the most recent issue of The Epistle with the residents and they really enjoyed it. They like to laugh and sing so a good time was had by all.

Bertha Bottoms from Williams UMC came by to visit and enjoy the music. Also, we were really glad to see Grace Marshall up and around. She says she is feeling much better and we are thankful for that.

You are always welcome to come and visit or eat with the residents. You can also sign a resident out to take them to eat, shop or just for a ride. Of course, that depends on their state of health at the time, but the option is there.

A couple of residents were seen at the play “The Sound of Music” that was held in South Hill recently so it’s always good to see them out and about town.

One extra note: These lovely people are big fans of our Pastor Alan. One lady told Betsey recently that if Alan could come every day, they would all be there to hear him every day. Amen to that!!

Mark Your Calendar for...

- Reaching New People seminar, September 27-28. Be in prayer for our team.
- UMW Brunswick Stew – Saturday, Oct 4.
- Charge Conference is Saturday, November 8 from 10 am to noon, at Victoria UMC.
- District Conference is Saturday, November 22 from 10 am to noon, Journey UMC, Amelia.

Serving in September

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
7	Lori - Joyce	Abby	N/A
14	Shirley-Sara	William	Brenda-Abby
21	Trudy-Julie	Susan	Shirley-Sara
28		Ginny	Susan-Diane
5	Kim - William	Shirley	N/A

Church Notes

"Why? - Making Sense of God's Will" will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7 to (no later than) 8:30, September 17 & 24; October 1 & 8. All sessions will be at Antioch and advanced registration is required.

CONGRATULATIONS!! Haskins Hite Bacon – for picking your new Mom & Dad, Jenna and Chris. Welcome Home.

Away at College

Please keep Amber, Teresa and Wellsley in your prayers as they venture off to college for the first time. They would love to get a card or note from you, too!

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Thanks to everyone for their generous donation of school supplies. Supplies were given by numerous churches, individuals and civic organizations including the Kenbridge Ruritans who gave 50 notebooks, dividers, pencil pockets and pencils! The supplies were sorted and delivered to KES. Because of your help students at Kenbridge Elementary will not have to go without.

Support our children!

Robert Hite is playing little league football this fall.

Sat	Sep	13	Brunswick @ HS	A	10 am
Sat	Sep	20	South Hill @ Central	H	4 pm
Sat	Sep	27	Nottoway @ HS	A	4 pm

Camille Bacon plays middle school volleyball at Kenston Forest.

Tue	Sep	9	Richmond Christian School	H	4:00
Thu	Sep	11	Southampton Academy	H	4:00
Wed	Sep	24	First Christian	H	4:00
Thu	Sep	25	Brunswick Academy	A	4:00
Tue	Sep	30	Fuqua School	H	4:00

Hallie Stallings plays on the JV volleyball team of Central High.

Mon	Sep	8	William Campbell	H	5:30
Tue	Sep	9	Bluestone	H	5:30
Wed	Sep	10	Gochland	A	5:30
Tue	Sep	16	Buckingham	H	5:30
Thu	Sep	18	Randolph-Henry	A	5:30
Mon	Sep	22	William Campbell	A	5:30
Thu	Sep	25	Nottoway	A	5:30
Tue	Sep	30	Cumberland	H	5:30

UMW

The next meeting of United Methodist Women will be held on **Tuesday, September 23rd**. All ladies are welcome! ☺ Please come, if you can.

Farmville District UMW Day will be on Saturday, September 27th, at 9:30 a.m., at Blackstone Conference and Retreat Center. The theme for the day is "A Calling for this Time."

STEW !! It is that time of year again, when the UMW needs your support to help us continue our Mission's works and commitments. The stew is all set for Saturday, October 4th – Stew Master Earl Callis. Please get in touch with Susan for more information.

The Joke at THE END



A minister decided to do something a little different one Sunday morning. He said, "Today, in church, I'm going to say a single word and you are going to help me preach. Whatever word I say, I want you to sing whatever hymn comes to your mind."

The pastor shouted out "Cross." Immediately the congregation started singing in unison The Old Rugged Cross.

The pastor hollered out "Grace." The congregation began to sing Amazing Grace.

The pastor said "Power." The congregation sang There Is Power in the Blood.

The pastor said 'Sex.' The congregation fell in total silence. Everyone was in shock. They all nervously began to look around at each other, afraid to say anything. Then all of a sudden, way in the back of the church, a little 87 year old grandmother stood up and began to sing Precious Memories.

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our mission is to be the Presence of Christ.*

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