



# South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

***Anchored to the Rock***

***Relevant to the Times***

***Reaching to the Future!***

August 2006

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## Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

*"At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'"*

-Mark 1:9-11

When I first became a Christian in the 1960's, a folk song, whose origins date from a century before, was among the most frequently played titles on the radio. In fact, *Michael, Row the Boat Ashore*, remains one of the most famous folk songs of our time. This song immortalized one of the world's great rivers.

River Jordan's deep and wide,  
Hallelujah.  
Milk and honey on the other side,  
Hallelujah.

The Jordan is neither the longest, widest, nor deepest river in the world, but it is the most biblically significant. On the banks of the Jordan, about 25 miles south of the Sea of Galilee, Jesus was baptized by his cousin John, a few years short of 2000 years ago.

Pilgrims come from all over the world to be baptized at that same place, or to simply stand in the water. Janis and I had the privilege of visiting there several years ago. Before leaving, we filled several bottles with Jordan River water. Last month I had the honor of using that water to carry on the ancient Christian tradition of water baptism. I baptized nine young people into our church family in one of the largest baptismal ceremonies South Ashland UMC has experienced.

I want to thank everyone who played a role in bringing these young people to the point where they accepted Christ and made a public profession of their faith through baptism. Whether you cooked the meals that fed them, drove the vans that picked them up, taught the classes that educated them, or provided love, encouragement or resources in countless other ways, you impacted lives for eternity. Hallelujah!

"Come, follow me." Let's see where Jesus leads our church.

Blessings,

Lance

**Honors and Memorials**



Costa Rica Farm:  
• In Love & Honor of Ed & Cheryl Spears on their anniversary and birthdays. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

Scholarship Fund:

- In Loving Memory of John Hitchcock. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.
- In Loving Memory of John Picklesimer. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

Social Concerns:

- In Honor of Bill & Mary Church. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

**NEW ADDRESS FOR  
JENNI HILL**

**Jennifer Hill  
Soni Secondary Day School  
P.O. Box 67  
Soni  
Tanzania  
Africa**


**Missions**

Our missionary in Costa Rica, Marion Woods, called me at home a few Sunday nights ago. He had been in prayer, thanking God for all that He had done in his life. Marion told me as he prayed our church came into his mind, and he thought of all the wondrous things God has done by using our church. I have to admit that after he had hung up, I broke into tears of joy, thinking of how God had used our church and me for His work in Costa Rica.

Our mission trip for 2007 is scheduled for January 20-28, 2007. The cost for the trip will be approximately \$1,000.00.

Please pray and see if God is leading you into this mission field. You may contact me at 739-6035 (h) or 325-1414 (w) with any questions.

In His Service,



**Come Celebrate With Us!!  
We're having an  
ICE CREAM SOCIAL  
and  
OPEN HOUSE  
to show off our new building!  
August 3, 2006  
Ribbon Cutting 6:00 p.m.  
Health Screening 6:00 p.m.  
Open House & Ice Cream Served  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Hillcrest-Bruce Mission 1819 and  
1827 Eloise Street**

**Beth Moore Bible Study**

What keeps us from having a heart like God's? If you have ever experienced doubts, temptations, personal inconsistencies or losses. If you've anguished over family problems, then this study is for you.

A Heart Like His, a study of King David will begin on Sunday, August 6, at 4:45 p.m. Come learn what it is God wants us to know about Him. Please register with Joyce in the church office so that we can order workbooks. Facilitators: Teresa Kirkpatrick and Kay Wells.

**South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report June 2006**

<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Budget Items</b>	<b>Specials</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 97,362.10	\$32,002.74	\$ 0.00	\$129,364.84
Receipts	34,770.52	7,437.94	2,446.00	44,654.46
Disbursements	(41,927.60)	( 2,421.30)	( 2,446.00)	(46,794.87)
Transfer	0.00	( 2,181.30)	0.00	( 2,181.30)
Closing Balance	\$ 90,205.02	\$34,838.11	\$ 0.00	\$125,043.13
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/05	\$ 57,309.06	\$29,025.94	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,335.00
Receipts	239,088.53	37,649.51	18,204.00	294,942.04
Disbursements	( 207,837.66 )	(29,875.14)	( 18,204.00)	(255,916.80)
Transfer	1,645.09	( 1,962.20)	0.00	( 317.11)
Closing Balance	\$ 90,205.02	\$34,838.11	\$ 0.00	\$125,043



**July 2006**

**Van Driver Rotation**

August 6 Jim and LuAnn Glockner  
 August 13 Dan and Mary Jo Dove  
 August 20 David and Rita Russell  
 August 27 Ed and Cheryl Spears

**Breakfast Rotation**

August 6 Rudy and Charlotte  
 Dunnigan  
 August 13 Jon and Brenda Roberts  
 August 20 Mark and Paulette  
 Meenach  
 August 27 Don and Gloria Neikirk

***Protect Your Health, Protect Your Life***

Time is running short to make a priority appointment with Life Line Screening. The highly trained professional will be at South Ashland UMC on Monday, August 21, 2006 to conduct 4 different screenings for stroke/vascular and Osteoporosis. Stroke is the 3<sup>rd</sup> leading cause of death in the United States, yet many strokes can be prevented. These screenings are completely painless, non-invasive and require 10 minutes each to complete.

The three vascular tests are \$119.00 and all four are \$129.00.

Call 800-679-5609 to pre-register.

## Library News

So, another month has come and gone. What have you been reading this month??? I'm still reading my Atlanta series. Getting ready to begin the fourth and final book. Which means, I am open to new and other books! It is not that I don't enjoy reading serial books, it is just that they seem to tie me down while I am reading them to branch onto other books. That is only my opinion. Others, I know, thoroughly, enjoy reading serial books. I think this is probably only the third set of serial books I have read in my life. I have enjoyed each and every one of the books involved; but I will also be glad to move on.

We have, in the Library, a series of books called SISTERS IN TIME. I mention this because these books tell the tale of our nation using the voices of young women who are living through a particular part of history. They make the history REAL for the reader. They are mostly for juvenile readers, but I think they would make an interesting quick read for the adult reader. They are intelligent reading, interesting and colorful. Give them a try. You won't be sorry. These books are sitting in the carousel on my desk.

Of course, we have the Janet Oke books, whose popularity seems never to have waned. We have many of her books. Some of those we have duplicates of. So, if your favorite is out, you may be pleased to find that another one is still available. While you're looking for Janet Oke books, just glance across the aisle and you will find Jan Karon, another favorite author. Open her books and you will be swept away on your way out of the door of the Library.

This summer, one of the top movies was THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE. As it happens, we have the whole series written by C.S. Lewis., if you would like to know \*the rest of the story\*. Nothing like fantasy to take you away for a quick vacation.

And that is just a few books to get you started. If you know of any authors you have found on your own that you would like to see in our library, please contact, Skippy Simmerman or myself. Another book trip may be just around the corner.

Happy Reading!!!

In the Christ Spirit  
Georgia

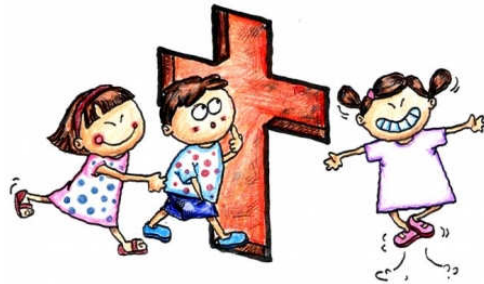
## Congratulations !

We had 10 children baptized on July 19<sup>th</sup> and 11 people become new members!! We praise God for them and know he will bless them. They are as follows:

Faye Dehart	Taylor Dehart
Haley Glass	Madeline Tipton
Kyle Tipton	Seth Ramey
Kyle Ramey	Annie Triplett
B.J. Vanover	Austin Triplett

## Thank You!

Thank you, Thank you, to all of you who helped in any way with camp UWanna this summer. We had on average 18 children every Wednesday for six weeks. We studied six lessons on how to live like Jesus and had six special guests each week. We also had lunch, played games and had lots of fun. I can't think of a better way to spend the summer.



# Kid's Page



See if you can guess the familiar words from the way the letters are arranged in the word below.



Each of the mixed-up words below is the name of a disciple. Can you unscramble them?

1. wne asettentm

4. retu

2. slegpso

5. dlo mnetasett

3. nigev yb dgo

6. modisw



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: Acts 2:38



: Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and



: be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus



: Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will re-  
: ceive the gift of the Holy Spirit."  
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***News from Michael***

Dear Church Family,

Greetings! First, I want to thank everyone for making me feel welcome and at home here at South Ashland. My first month with you has been one of the most exciting months of my life. I am enjoying getting to know our youth, and I am enjoying getting to know all of you at our church. Thank you for inviting me into your church family.

I'll never forget the day I met the youth at Steak and Shake in Lexington, the first day of Ichthus. "Hi, I'm energetic!" said one of the youth upon meeting me. I soon realized that I was surrounded by energetic people who are passionate about God, from the youngest of our group to Randy, Marty, Amy, and all the parents who came to help make Ichthus a memorable time of growing closer to God and to each other. The youth group helped me say good-bye to Wilmore that Saturday when we went to my favorite chapel at Asbury and shared the Lord's Supper together. Later that evening we worshipped God at Ichthus. We heard Chris Tomlin sing one of my favorite songs, "The Wonderful Cross," a new version of the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." I thanked God that I could share in the love of Jesus with them and be their youth pastor.

I have moved many times in my life, but moving to Ashland has been the easiest. When I showed up at the parsonage that Friday evening, I entered a new home. Many people have worked hard to make the parsonage a beautiful place for me to call home, and I thank you all for this gift. Someone even cleaned my microwave for me before I arrived. I am learning from you what it means to be a servant.

The theme for our youth group this year is, "Get Real." We are getting real with Jesus and getting real with each other on Sunday nights. We are looking at Jesus through the eyes of John's gospel. We are learning about the beauty of "The Word made flesh," that Jesus was both fully human and fully God. Jesus spent time with all kinds of people, from Nicodemus to the Samaritan woman, and Jesus wants us to follow His example. Our youth are responding well to what we've been learning. Please pray with me for our youth group, that we grow closer in our relationship with Jesus and with each other, and that more youth will come and see what's going on.

Here are some important dates for our youth group in August and September.

**August 6, Sunday.** Lunch Meeting after church in Family Life Center with Parents, Youth, and Youth Team. Sandwiches, chips, drinks and dessert provided. All parents and youth of South Ashland are invited. Please RSVP to the church by August 3.

**August 12, Saturday.** King's Island Trip. Meet at church at 7:30 am. Arrive late Saturday night. Please call the church and tell me if you are coming by August 3.

**September 15-17, Friday through Sunday.** Fall Retreat at Camp Aldersgate. We will talk about the Retreat at our August 6 meeting.



**September 30, Saturday.** Youth Fest! at the Boat Docks in Ashland featuring Jeremy Camp.

I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead with all of you as we grow closer to God and closer to one another. Thank you for the joy of serving God with you.

Blessings,  
Michael