



South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

Anchored to the Rock

Relevant to the Times

Reaching to the Future!

September 2006

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Don & Gloria Neikirk
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Support Team

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Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door."

—Matthew 24:32-33

I had a number of fruit trees in the backyard of my childhood home. These were the type of trees that only grow in Mediterranean climates like California and Israel. There was an orange tree, a lemon tree, and an avocado tree. But my favorite tree of all was the fig tree. It was a good climbing tree and when the figs were in season I would climb to the top and harvest the waiting figs. Jesus used nature to illustrate many of his parables and he particularly liked to use fig trees in his teaching.

You could tell if the figs were ready for harvest by their color. The best harvests were in late summer and fall. In early summer the tree would become green and leafy. Later on the tree would put its energy into making fruit. The figs would begin their life a light green color. As they matured they would become a darker green with shades of purple. Finally, when they were ready to be picked, they would transition to a dark purple.

Jesus noted that you could discern seasons by the colors found in nature. Color is important in the church as well. Like the fig, different colors represent different seasons in the life of the church. One of the more frequent questions I am asked is if the color of the altar cloth or the stole I wear means anything. The color of the cloth is representative of the season of the church year.

The church year starts in late November or early December with the season of Advent. Purple, the color of royalty is associated with Advent. During the Christmas and Easter seasons, white, the color of joy and purity, is used. During Lent, the season of preparation for Easter, purple or blue is used as a symbol of penitence. Red, the color of fire, is seen in the church on the day of Pentecost. Green, the symbol of growth, is used for all other times.

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

Blessings,

Lance



Honors and Memorials

Budget:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.

**In Loving Memory of Sue Simmons Deters. Given by Skippy Simmerman.

Costa Rica Farm:

**In Love & Honor of Cooper Ronay on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

Mortgage Principal:

**In Loving Memory of Sue Simmons Deters. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.

**In Loving Memory of our parents. Given by the Adams family.

Social Concerns:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

**In Loving Memory of Sue Deters. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

**In Loving Memory of Thelma Steele. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

Trustees Projects:

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by Skippy Simmerman.

Prayer Garden:

**In Loving Memory of Sue Simmons Deters. Given by:

- Steve & Darlene Meyers
- June Childers
- JoAnn Beloat

**In Loving Memory of Tom Neill. Given by:

- Rudy & Charlotte Dunnigan
- Dick & Trish Wheeler
- Steve & Darlene Meyers
- Kent & Teddi Mansfield
- Bill & Janice Shanks
- Jr. & Anita Fitzpatrick
- Lou & Bev Moore
- Bill & Martha Rice
- Drexel & Sonnie Blanton
- John & Sue Lambert
- Jim & Susan Hunt
- June Childers
- Fred & Dana Hill
- Bill & Janet Bodo
- Ed Davis, Cindy Green & Josh Miller
- Ross & Ruby Simpson
- Ashland Classmates of 1954
- JoAnn Beloat
- Susie Carter
- Virginia Carter

**In Loving Memory of Thelma Steele. Given by:

- Bill & Janice Shanks
- JoAnn Beloat



Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express my appreciation for the love and kindness, words and cards, food and flowers, deeds and acts of compassion showed to me by each one who came to the house, called, or shared in some way in my comfort while I laid my precious daughter, Sue, to rest in the arms of Jesus. Lance's words were so comforting to me and my family and the church luncheon so appreciative. Thank you and God Bless.

Helen Simmons

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the generous outpouring of love you extended to us during the illness and death of our loved one, Tom Neill. We appreciated all those who came to the visitation and funeral service, the calls, cards, flowers, contributions, and prayers.

A special "thank you" to Lance and Michael for their visits to the hospital and for the comforting words at the funeral service.

Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for providing a wonderful meal for our family – to all of those who prepared the food and those who served it.

We have been truly blessed by the love and support you have shown us. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Joyce Neill and Family



Deaths

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Helen Simmons and family in the death of her daughter, Sue Simmons Deters.
- Joyce Neill and family in the death of her husband, Tom Neill.
- Mike Steele & family and Melissa Jordan & family in the death of their mother, & Harry Wurts and family in the death of his sister, Thelma Steele.

Library News

The seasons are turning again. Can you hear the arrival of autumn? Even though we are still experiencing the heat of summer, autumn is sliding in. We have, in the library, books that talk about the changing of the seasons. There are so many books in the library that I am sure you would never guess would find their way into our library. But there they are. Interested in history? We have Allan Eckert. Interested in the end times? We have Tim LaHaye. Interested in romance? Do we have romance! And, for those of you who have loved Grace Livingston Hill over the years, we have her too. Interested in characters of the bible? We have the story of Deborah and the story of Joseph.

For the younger readers, there are new series for them to read. Tim LaHaye has written a series of books of the end times for them. And, that's only a little part of what we have for younger readers.

Our Easy Reading section is second to none. I hope you spend some time pursuing the books we have for children. They are extraordinarily good books and worthy of your time.

There is something for everyone in the library. Sunday School teachers have certainly found that out. Now it's your turn. Come and visit us. The door is always open.

In the Christ Spirit
Georgia

South Ashland Methodist Super Service

SAMSS Begins September 13th

Come join in spiritual growth and fellowship on Wednesday nights at SAMSS. Classes begin September 13th and go through November 8th. Dinner will begin each week at 5:45 p.m. and classes at 6:30 p.m. There will be classes for children, youth and adults available. Bring the whole family and grow together in Christ and the family of South Ashland United Methodist Church.

ADULTS:

<i>World Religions</i>	Leader: Lance Campbell
<i>Family Traditions</i>	Leader: Mark Meenach
<i>Restoring the Mainline Church</i>	Leader: Janis Campbell

YOUTH:

Jr. High Leaders:	<i>"Experiencing Christ Together"</i> Kim Hart & Paulette Meenach
Sr. High Leaders:	<i>"Experiencing Christ Together"</i> Lou Moore & Michael McAlister

CHILDREN:

Nursery	
Cubbie Bears (4 & 5 yr. olds)	
1 st – 5 th Grades	Preparing for Christmas Program
4 th – 6 th Grades	Puppets

South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report July 2006

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 90,205.02	\$34,838.11	\$ 0.00	\$125,043.13
Receipts	40,747.34	2,549.61	2,716.00	46,012.95
Disbursements	(35,873.84)	(1,431.60)	(2,716.00)	(40,021.44)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 95,078.52	\$35,956.12	\$ 0.00	\$131,034.64
Year-to-Date				
Balance 12/31/05	\$ 57,309.06	\$29,025.94	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,335.00
Receipts	279,835.87	40,199.12	20,920.00	340,954.99
Disbursements	(243,711.50)	(31,306.74)	(20,920.00)	(295,938.24)
Transfer	1,645.09	(1,962.20)	0.00	(317.11)
Closing Balance	\$ 95,078.52	\$35,956.12	\$ 0.00	\$131,034.64



September 2006

Van Driver Rotation

- September 3 Ed & Cheryl Spears
- September 10 Dan & Mary Jo Dove
- September 17 David & Rita Russell
- September 24 Bill Rice & Jenny Johnson

Breakfast Rotation

- September 3 Rudy & Charlotte Dunnigan
- September 10 Jon & Brenda Roberts
- September 17 Mark & Paulette Meenach
- September 24 Don & Gloria Neikirk

Music Notes

Calling All Choir Members!

Choir is rehearsing again after our summer break. We welcome new singers!! Thanks to all who provided special music over the summer.

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and be a part of a wonderful ministry of Praise to the Lord. I'll be looking for you!

Happy Trails,
Bev



ALLEN FAMILY BELLS

David and Cheryl Allen, members of First United Methodist Church, Orlando, have performed handbell concerts and conducted solo handbell workshops throughout Florida and in several other states. David has become one of the nation's leading innovators in solo handbell work for 17 years while developing methods to play multiple parts. Cheryl provides the vocal solos and piano accompaniment for the Allen Family Bells. David and Cheryl Allen will be performing in our worship services on September 10th.

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

