



# South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

***Anchored to the Rock***

***Relevant to the Times***

***Reaching to the Future!***

January 2007

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## Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

*He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

*-Revelation 21:5*

In 1737, John Wesley, the founder of the United Methodist Church, celebrated New Year's Day with friends in the then British colony of Georgia. Here's the catch—He celebrated the new year on March 1! Why March 1 instead of January 1? The answer goes back a long way into history.

In 46 B.C. [Julius Caesar](#) introduced a new, solar-based calendar that was a vast improvement on the ancient Roman calendar. The [Julian calendar](#) decreed that the new year would occur on January 1, and within the Roman world, January 1 became the consistently observed start of the new year.

In medieval Europe, however, the celebrations accompanying the new year were considered pagan and unchristian like, and in 567 the Council of Tours abolished January 1 as the beginning of the year. At various times and in various places throughout Europe, the new year was celebrated on December 25, March 1, March 25, the Feast of the Annunciation, and Easter.

In 1582, the [Gregorian calendar](#) reform restored January 1 as [New](#) Year's Day. Although some countries adopted the Gregorian calendar almost immediately, it was only [gradually adopted](#) among many others. The British, for example, did not adopt the reformed calendar until 1752. Until then, the British Empire—and their American colonies, Georgia included—still celebrated the new year in March.

The ancient Babylonians were the first to make New Year's resolutions, and people all over the world have been making (and breaking) them ever since. The early Christians believed the first day of the new year should be spent reflecting on past mistakes and resolving to improve oneself in the coming year. In the Book of Revelation, Jesus said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5). What do you want Jesus to make new in your life this year?

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

New Year's Blessings,  
Lance



## Honors and Memorials

### Budget:

- \*\*In Loving Memory of Vernon Talent. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Henribelle Ward. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Kermit Pratt. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Jack E. Stephens. Given by Jack R. Stephens.

### Christmas Offering:

- \*\*In Loving Memory of Henry Hughes. Given by Lou & Bev Moore.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of all my family. Given by Virginia Fyffe.

### Costa Rica Mission:

- \*\*In Love & Honor of our Costa Rica missionaries. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.

### Hospitality:

- \*\*In Loving Memory of Vernon Talent. Given by Jim & Susan Ifert.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Henribelle Ward. Given by Jim & Susan Ifert.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Kermit Pratt. Given by Sam & Dody Greening.

### Missions:

- \*\*In Love & Honor of Tootsie Baldock. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Kenneth Baldock. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Henry Hughes. Given by:
  - Sam & Dody Greening
  - Kent & Teddi Mansfield
  - Steve & Darlene Meyers
  - Ed & Cheryl Spears
  - Dick & Trish Wheeler
  - John & Jil McClanahan

- \*\*In Loving Memory of Clara Williamson. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.

### Social Concerns:

- \*\*In Loving Memory of Joe Ed Fannin. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.
- \*\*In Loving Memory of Henry Hughes. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.



## Thank You

Thanks to each of you for your help during my recent surgery. Thanks for the cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, food, and a special thanks for your prayers.  
Barbara Fairchild

To the Prayer Warriors:

I would like to thank the wonderful Prayer Warriors at South Ashland United Methodist Church.

I have a friend who had been given no hope, she lives in California. I know that God knows no distance in prayer.

I called a neighbor (Joy Daniel) and asked for prayer for my friend. She said she would call the Prayer Chain. Need I say more! These are some awesome people and I don't even know their names. I am so grateful to these people and would like to express my gratitude to them for their faithfulness.

I am happy to report that my friend has had surgery and is on the road to recovery. The doctors are amazed that she could even have the surgery.

I just want to say that my prayer is that all of your congregation appreciates these people. What would we do without them! Please pray for them and know I am grateful for them even though I don't know them. Please remember these people and uplift them.

Thank you and God bless all of you,

Anne Alban

## Deaths

Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:



- Philip & Terri Hughes and family and Fred & Linda Manning and family in the death of Philip and Linda's father, Henry Hughes.
- Ida Fugitt and family in the death of her mother, Clara Williamson.
- Lance & Janis Campbell in the death of her sister, Helen Hoffman



**Music Notes**

I want to thank those who made the performance of "The Great and Mighty Wonder" a memorable worship celebration:

- The choir for all their hard work and dedication.
- Eric Akers and the orchestra for a magnificent concert.
- Martha Rice for the beautiful decorations.
- Jr. Fitzpatrick for his video and sound work.
- Ed Spears for equipment delivery.
- Gloria Neikirk and all her helpers who served a delicious and bountiful breakfast for all performers.
- And to our Lord and Savior who blessed it all and graced us with His presence!

Happy Trails in 2007,  
Bev Moore

**Under the Fig Tree** *by Lou Moore*

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come and follow me." Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown.

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth."

"Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?"

"Come and see for yourself." replied Philip.

As they approached, Jesus said, "Now here is a genuine son of Israel – a man of complete integrity."

"How do you know about me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus replied, "I could see you under the fig tree before Philip found you."

Then Nathanael exclaimed, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God – the King of Israel."

John 2:43-49 (NLT)

Who will you find under the fig tree? If you are like Philip, you already know someone who is seeking a relationship with God. In 2007, we will learn to build the foundation for pointing people to faith with a simple and genuine friendship that can make an eternal difference.

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

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 86,015.99	\$45,260.44	\$ 0.00	\$131,276.43
Receipts	40,069.59	7,432.31	3,054.00	50,555.90
Disbursements	(39,087.69)	( 4,924.62)	( 3,054.00)	(47,066.31)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 86,997.89	\$47,768.13	\$ 0.00	\$134,766.02
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/05	\$ 57,309.06	\$29,025.94	\$ 0.00	\$ 86,335.00
Receipts	433,797.83	66,967.37	30,379.00	531,144.20
Disbursements	( 405,754.09 )	(46,262.98)	( 30,379.00)	(482,396.07)
Transfer	1,645.09	( 1,962.20)	0.00	( 317.11)
Closing Balance	\$ 86,997.89	\$47,768.13	\$ 0.00	\$134,766.02

## January Costa Rica Mission Update

### 2007 Mission Trip Team Members

Corrie Barkman  
Lance Campbell  
Rannie Cooper  
Anita Fitzpatrick  
Jr. Fitzpatrick  
Cynthia Keesler  
Larry Kirkpatrick  
Beverly Moore  
Lou Moore  
Kathleen Nugent  
Bill Rice  
Martha Rice  
Matthew Ryan  
Russ Ryan  
Beth Schuler  
Joe Schuler  
Ryan Smith  
Cheryl Spears  
Ed Spears  
Travis Williams

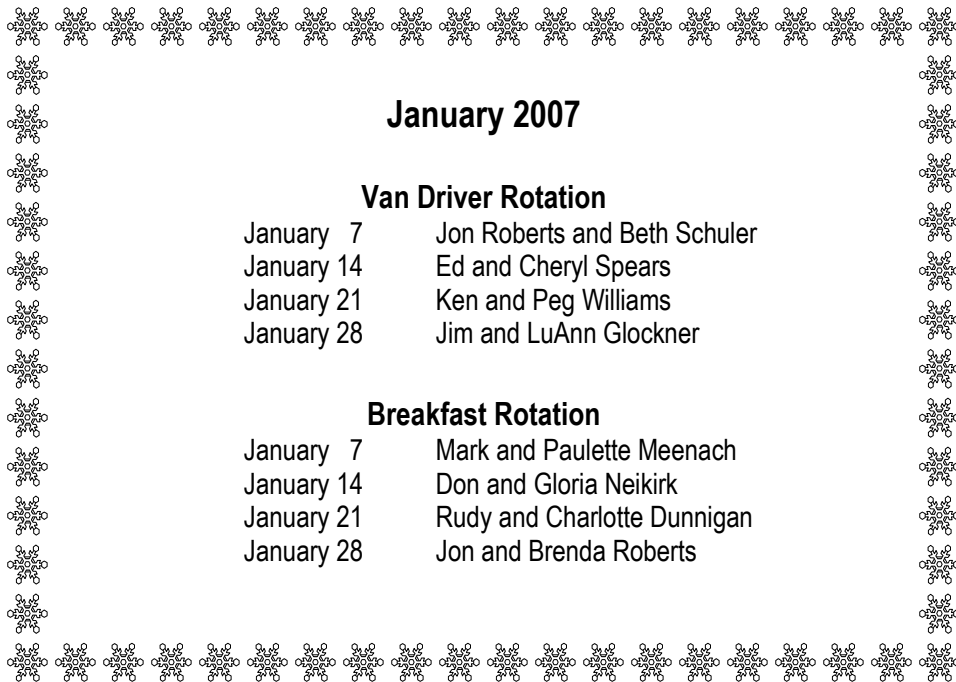
As you read this, your mission team will be making final preparations for the trip. The group has now grown to twenty people. We will be leaving on January 20 and returning on January 28, 2007. Shown at the bottom is a list of these twenty. We would ask that you keep all of us in your prayers, and that God's will be done as we work with the Costa Ricans.

We plan on doing construction work, sewing projects and VBS. VBS is such a wonderful blessing to our team and to the children who are involved. We always see God break down the language barrier so that His work can be done. It always reminds me of His wondrous power.

We are still in need of children's clothing and school supplies. These can be dropped off at church or you can contact me (H 739-6035 W 325-1414) and they will be picked up. If you prefer money can be given, and the team will purchase the items. One of the items we have to purchase each year is film for the instant camera. Many of these children have never seen a picture of themselves before. It is so beautiful to see their smile as they look at a picture as it develops in front of their little eyes. As you are aware this film is expensive when you are talking about taking two hundred pictures.

Here is the list of your team members. Please pray for them and that God's will be done on this trip.

IN HIS LOVE AND SERVICE  
Ed Spears



January 2007	
<b>Van Driver Rotation</b>	
January 7	Jon Roberts and Beth Schuler
January 14	Ed and Cheryl Spears
January 21	Ken and Peg Williams
January 28	Jim and LuAnn Glockner
<b>Breakfast Rotation</b>	
January 7	Mark and Paulette Meenach
January 14	Don and Gloria Neikirk
January 21	Rudy and Charlotte Dunnigan
January 28	Jon and Brenda Roberts

# Children's

# C O R N E R

WOW!! We had a fabulous time with the children in December! We took 41 children to Gaitland for their Christmas party and there were no accidents and no one was lost! Yeah!! I would like to thank all the adults that were there to help: Bill Rice, Mark and Paulette Meenach, Kim Hart, Rob and Madonna Ratliff, Chuck Adkins, Judy Hamilton, Shirl Lucas, Holly Suttles, Matt Moore and Vicky Farren. Joy Daniel, Joyce Neill and Michael all helped me prepare for the party at the church and I thank you too!

Then on the 17<sup>th</sup> we had a fantastic Christmas Program presented by the children called "Christmas Around the World". Their performance was wonderful and all who were present were entertained and touched by the event. I would also like to thank all those who helped me with this program: Teresa and Larry Kirkpatrick, Kaila Burke, Beth Schuler, Junior Fitzpatrick, Sherry Hackworth, Skippy Simmerman, Dot Ellington, Bill and Martha Rice, Lou and Bev Moore. I would like to thank Michael and the Junior and Senior High Youth for coming and praying with each individual child before the program, it meant a lot to the children and myself to be focused on what we were really doing, glorifying God and hopefully He knows the answer to His question, Do You Love Me?, is yes Lord, yes Lord, yes, yes Lord!!

Now, for upcoming events: In January during SAMSS we will be following a new program that I was trained for in the fall. It is called "The Way of the Child". It is part of the Companions in Christ Series and leads children in learning and experiencing spiritual practices, which will lead them into a deeper awareness of God's presence in their lives.

I am very excited about this program and will need some leaders to help guide the children. If you feel God is speaking to you about working with the children, please give me a call at the church or at home 329-0876. I sure we will all be blessed by the program. HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Love, Maebelle