



# South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

***Anchored to the Rock***

***Relevant to the Times***

***Reaching to the Future!***

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## Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

*In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

*-Acts 1:1-3*

Have you ever seen a once great athlete, long retired, make a comeback? Or maybe a movie star from forty years ago who suddenly decides to give the stage and screen one more try? After achieving great things and retiring at the top of their chosen field, some decide to make a comeback. You see it all the time. From politicians to Hollywood entertainers to sports stars: People who captured the world's attention and then left the stage, attempt a comeback. Some succeed, most fail; just ask Michael Jordan. Why do they do it? Some do it for love of the game. Some do it for the money. Some do it for the attention.

One did it to save the human race. The greatest comeback of them all happened a little over 2000 years ago. He had cured the sick, miraculously fed thousands and spoke of a coming kingdom, not of this world, but of God. He said that if people believed in Him they would have eternal life. But one Friday afternoon, it all ended, or so they thought. The Cross, the tomb, was the end—nobody comes back from that. Nobody, that is, but Jesus Christ.

For forty days, the forty days that we now celebrate after Easter, the forty days before the Ascension, Jesus made the most important comeback ever made; the comeback from the grave. During those forty days he caught fish with Peter, James and John; convinced a doubting Thomas; and walked to Emmaus with Cleopas. And for all of us, He proved He was who He said He was, the Savior of the human race. He invites all of us to walk and talk with him these forty days after Easter, and to see for ourselves that He is our Messiah.

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

Blessings,  
Lance



## Honors and Memorials

### Costa Rica Farm:

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

### Choir Fund:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Ida Blair. Given by:

- Geneva Jones
- Jenny Ison
- Mary Ann Prater
- Nancy Trimble
- Lou & Bev Moore
- John & Jil McClanahan

### Library Fund:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Ida Blair. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper

### Missions:

\*\*In Love & Honor of Darlene Meyers on her birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Drew Baldock. Given by Steve & Darlene Meyers.

### Music Fund:

\*\*In Love & Honor of Dot Ellington. Given by John & Lynda Cannon.

\*\*In Love & Honor of Linda Crawford. Given by John & Lynda Cannon.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Ida Blair. Given by John & Lynda Cannon.

### Prayer Garden:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Drew Baldock. Given by Geraldine Sawyer.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Henry Hughes. Given by Carmen Damron.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Bob Baker. Given by Bill & Martha Rice.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Lorraine Elam. Given by Bill & Martha Rice.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Ida Blair. Given by Bill & Martha Rice.

### Social Concerns:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Drew Baldock. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Anna Faye Elkins. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Ida Blair. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel.

### United Methodist Women:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Ida Blair. Given by:

- Jerry & Beverly Clark
- Charlene Steil
- June Childers
- Jon & Kathy Jarrell
- Evelyn Crawford
- Randy & Cynde Elkins

## SERVING OUR SENIORS (S.O.S.)

**S.O.S.** is now available for our seniors. If you need help with a small job or if you think we can be of assistance please call 324-2871 or 324-6961.

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work.*

*Ecclesiastes 4:9*

## Deaths



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Kathy Aylor and family in the death of her great-aunt, Ida Blair



**Thank You**

Dear South Ashland United Methodist,

I wanted to thank you so much for the past 15 years of service you have faithfully committed to Grove City College. I'm not sure you knew what you were getting into when you first agreed to let us stay with you, but I thank you for always opening your doors to us.

Over the past 15 years your church has not only allowed us to impact Safe Harbor Women's Shelter and the Hillcrest Bruce Mission, but it has also impacted the lives of 15 years of college students. Your unending passion for outreach is something I will never forget. From the day we arrived at your church, people were there to welcome us with open arms. I praise the hospitality committee and the women of your church who truly have a passion for serving your guests.

Again, I wanted to praise you for all you have done for us. We come to serve, but we have learned to serve by being served by your congregation. We always leave challenged to do more in our home churches.

In him,  
Dan Reese '07

Dear Church Family & Friends,

Thank you for the food, cards, phone calls and most of all the prayers during my sister's illness and passing.

In Christian Love  
Gwen Estep & family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your calls, cards, and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Walter Rayburn

**United Methodist Women**



Because you were so generous in digging out your "trash and treasures", we cleared \$1,726.00 on our rummage, food, baked goods, and monetary donations.

Special thanks to Evelyn Crawford who donated the hot dogs, chips, and drinks; Bob Wells who donated his delicious sauce; Michael for helping pick up and

unload rummage; and Ed Spears for picking up and storing unsold items to be given to Mountain Mission.

**A BIG THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY!! It truly was a united effort!**

Thought you might be interested to know which Missions we have supported so far this year: (This does not count the \$1,726.00)

1. Costa Rica Mission
2. Safe Harbor
3. Hillcrest-Bruce
4. Red Bird Mission
5. Methodist Children & Youth Home

We just found out that Hillcrest-Bruce is saving **Campbell Soup Labels** and the **Box Tops for Education**. We will have containers in the copy room for you to deposit them. Also, a reminder to save aluminum pop cans for recycling with the proceeds going to Hillcrest-Bruce programs for children.

**20's & 30's Gathering**

We had a great turn out for our first 20's and 30's gathering. Twenty-three of us enjoyed great fellowship and delicious food from La Finca's. We look forward to getting together again. We'll let you know when our next gathering will be in the days ahead.

**South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report March 2007**

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Bal-	\$ 76,512.56	\$38,814.	\$ 0.00	\$115,327.02
Receipts	40,339.85	4,071.35	2,477.00	46,888.20
Disbursements	(38,713.10)	(3,472.65)	(2,477.00)	(44,662.75)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 78,139.31	\$39,413.16	\$ 0.00	\$117,552.47
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 89,070.02	\$56,047.80	\$ 0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	118,490.27	12,052.74	6,684.00	137,227.01
Disbursements	(130,060.08)	28,687.38)	(6,684.00)	(165,431.46)
Transfer	639.10	0.00	0.00	639.10
Closing Balance	\$ 78,139.31	\$39,413.16	\$ 0.00	\$117,552.47

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

*Galatians 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

For the past four months, we have been looking at Philip's approach to evangelism. He was engaged in the lives of the people around him and he listened to their story before sharing his own story and God's redemptive story. Always, he followed the Holy Spirit's direction.

We call this living in 3D, Develop friendships, Discover stories and Discern the next steps. this is a simple and sustainable way to lead our friends to Jesus. The question is how can we develop and grow this lifestyle?

With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are able to cultivate the fruits of the Spirit as they are presented in Galatians 5:22. These are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We will take up each of these in future months. You don't have to wait to begin exploring on your own, just let the Holy Spirit guide you.



***Music Notes***



I would like to express my gratitude to all who faithfully provided our worship with inspirational music during the Lenten Season: The Joyous Sounds Bell Choir, Mary Lou Forman and daughter, Lesley Lewis, for their gorgeous "Pie Jesu", the children who joined the Chancel Choir for Palm Sunday's "O High and Holy One", Eric Akers and his musician friends, Becky Gehringer, the Chancel Choir members, and the Praise Team vocalists and musicians. God bless you all!

On Sunday of the Memorial Day weekend, May 27, we will offer a special worship service to honor our military and especially those in our congregation who have served or are currently serving. We would like to have photos of them in uniform. We will return the photos. Please help us with this special presentation by digging out your pictures and bringing them to the church office so your loved one is honored. This will be presented in both services that day in the Family Life Center. You won't want to miss it!

Happy Trails,  
Bev Moore, Director of Worship

## Library News

Welcome to Spring!!!! Have you seen all the colors abounding around you????!! I have and they are glorious to behold!!!! I have spent some time in our Library reviewing some of the books I have been talking about and I would like to take this time telling you about them:

**90 Minutes in Heaven** by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey – this is a story about a man who died and actually spent time in heaven, how his life was affected by that time spent and how he changed. He talks freely and wondrously about the sights of Heaven and the ever presence of God. this is a must-read book for anyone interested in life after death and how one's life may be changed by that.

**Like Dandelion Dust** – this is an amazing book about a family who has adopted a child, whose biological father has just been released from prison. By a whim of the court, the child is returned to the biological parent. But before he is physically turned over to the parent, the family wonders if they can disappear like dandelion dust? For readers of Karen Kingsbury this is a must-read.

This next book is Junior Fiction book and is called **Millie's Unsettled Summer** – Set in 1833 Millie's family is getting ready to move to the frontier town of Pleasant Valley, Indiana. this will uproot Millie and take her away from all her friends and all she holds dear. See how she manages to come shining through. By Martha Finley.

This last book is a book I am reading. Its title is **A Testimony of God's Faithfulness to a Bipolar Christian**. This book deals with the struggles of a young Christian woman and how she handles her bi-polar diagnosis. I chose this book because I, too, am bi-polar. A few of you know that. Most do not. I am fortunate, in that I have a mild form of the illness, but it is a challenge nevertheless, and with the meds I take, the support and understanding of my husband and my friends, I am able to lead a normal life. No one really know unless I tell them. But it is something to be aware of. And this book catalogues what this young woman goes through with the help of God to learn to live with her illness.

These are the books I am presenting for your perusal and for your reading pleasure. Incidentally, the bi-polar book was written by Nancy L. Hagerman. I am sorry for that oversight. There are, of course, many more quality books just like these in our Library. I hope many of you had the opportunity to read the new Easter books that came into the Library over Eastertide. We have a whole new selection of Easter books, something we have needed for a long time. Come in and see what your Library has to offer you. It's SPRING!!! Wonderful, marvelous Spring!!

In the Christ Spirit  
Georgia

# Good News!

This is a testimony from the latest Hillcrest-Bruce Board Meeting as related by its director, Cyndi Downing.

A preschooler was so thrilled with his experiences in the class preceding Easter that when he was shopping with his mother in the local Kroger store he approached a stranger and asked him if he had heard the good news. The man asked, what good news? The five year old replied smilingly, "He is risen! Christ is risen!" If we as adults could be such witnesses.

Hillcrest-Bruce Board members representing South Ashland U.M. Church are Carl Pennington, Steve Meyers and Lucille Lykins. Richard Wheeler serves as Treasurer

## 2007 Costa Rica Mission Trip

It is hard to believe that it has been three months since we have come back from Costa Rica and equally hard to believe that we will be back there in ten months. There is hardly a day that goes by that I don't think about Marion and Mary Woods and the work that is going on in Lord's name in Costa Rica.

I hope you all have enjoyed seeing some of the pictures from the trip that are posted in the church. Anita Fitzpatrick's poster and phrase sums up everything... we truly are the hands and feet of our savior doing His work there.

I spoke with Marion a few days ago. He called to thank us for some money that our church had sent. He had been in prayer concerning a financial need and all of a sudden God answered his prayer thru our church. What a blessing to hear this great man of God speak of how God uses and blesses everyone who will heed His call. I was touched and brought to tears by his words. We are still hoping that Marion will be able to visit our church this year. He also told me a of the medical and dental team that had been working in Upala which is in the northern part of the country by the Nicaraguan border.



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Our trip for next year is set for February 2-10, 2008. My prayer is that you would see if God is calling you to be a part of this ministry. Your part may be going on the trip, or supporting the work with your prayers and gifts. Should you have any questions concerning this please call me at 325-1414 or 739-6035.

In His Love and Service  
Ed Spears



### New Member Class

Interested in joining the church? Do you want to find out more about the United Methodist Church and what we believe? Then come to our New Member Class. Lance Campbell, our Senior Pastor, will answer your questions.

Sunday, May 20, 2007  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Dynamic Discipleship  
Sunday School Room

# Children's Corner

Hello Everyone! Well, we had to hold the Easter Egg Hunt in the church on Psalm Sunday due to the weather however, fun was had by all 34 children that frantically searched for not only candy filled eggs but two golden eggs containing a five dollar bill. The 13 children in the nursery not only got to look for eggs but they were visited by the Easter Bunny.

### Baptism

On Easter Sunday and the following Sunday we baptized two children that had completed Confirmation Class and had one child join the church. Hallelujah!!!

### NEW PROGRAM FOR 3 TO 5YR OLDS

This Summer during the 11:15 service we will be starting a program for the 3 to 5yr olds. It is called "In the Beginning.....Growing into a Life of Faith" and was developed by the folks at Willow Creek Community Church. This program will allow us to teach vital scriptural truths and to lay the foundation so these young people will develop a personal relationship with Jesus. The concepts, stories, words and music are completely geared toward the preschooler and it's a lot of fun!! So don't be surprised when I call asking you to help with this ministry, after all ministries is not meant to be done in isolation.

### LIFT OFF! SOARING TO NEW HEIGHTS WITH GOD

is the name of this year's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL which will be **JULY 22-27<sup>TH</sup>** with the 27<sup>th</sup> being a family celebration day. We will be contacting people for help with this huge event so please be praying for VBS and for what area you would like to assist, remember we need EVERYONE to make this successful!!

**THANK YOU!!!!** To the following people for all their help during SAMSS. **Steve and Darlene Meyers drove the van every single Wednesday during this session of SAMSS.** Don Neikirk picked up pizza and chicken nuggets too many times to count!!! And the following people helped serve the children dinner and cleaned up afterwards: Jennifer and Todd Galloway, Nedra and Jim

Fennell, Kent and Teddi Mansfield, Howard and Jean Moore, Jim and Sharon Shortridge, Jim Newton, Candy Lett, Harry and Phyllis Wurts, Jerry and Shelly Mounce, Ray McCann, Doug and Garnet Riffe, Rudy and Charlotte Dunnigan. And a few people stepped in when we were in need Linda Meyers, Dick and Trish Wheeler, Greg and Arland White. Again, I thank all of you for your time and helping hands.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TERESA KIRKPATRICK AND CANDANCE STEELE FOR GIVING OF THEIR TIME, THEIR PATIENCE AND THEIR DESIRE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE CHILDREN HERE AT SOUTH ASHLAND, YOU ARE A BLESSING TO THIS CHURCH. MAY GOD BLESS YOU.**

**May 2007**

<b>Van Driver Rotation</b>	<b>Breakfast Rotation</b>
May 6 Jim and LuAnn Glockner May 13 Dan and Mary Jo Dove May 20 Bill Rice and Maebelle Shepherd May 27 David and Rita Russell	May 6 Mark and Paulette Meenach May 13 Don and Gloria Neikirk May 20 Rudy and Charlotte Dunnigan May 27 Jon and Brenda Roberts