



# 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

*Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."*

-Joshua 6:2-5

I had one thing in mind when I visited the ancient town of Jericho: I wanted to see the wall. Sound like an odd thing to do? Maybe, but I'll explain in a moment. Jericho is one of the most famous cities of the Bible. Moses camped across the Jordan River from it during the Exodus. Zacchaeus climbed a tree in Jericho to get a better look at Jesus. Rahab, one of the Old Testament's most famous bad girls, lived there. Biblical archeologists tell us that Jericho is believed to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world.

Now, about that wall. About 3200 years ago, God spoke to Joshua, the commander of the army of Israel, and told him to conquer Jericho. The plan for defeating the city was a little bit different than Joshua would have come up with on his own. He was told to march the army around the city walls for seven days. On the seventh day, after blowing trumpets and shouting, the wall collapsed, the army rushed in, and the city was defeated.

Modern day pilgrims visiting Jericho can still see the remnants of the wall. I didn't have a trumpet and I didn't shout, but I did walk in Joshua's footsteps around this famous wall.

The point of the story? God's plan is always better. We come up with our own plans for facing the challenges of life. We try to bring down the walls of problems on our own and we wonder why we don't succeed. Next time your plans reach a dead end, ask God for his plan. It may seem unusual, but it is guaranteed to work!

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

Blessings,

Lance



## *Honors and Memorials*

### **Costa Rica Farm:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Rannie & Charlene Cooper on their anniversary. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

### **Library Fund:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Courtney Rae Ryan on her graduation from Morehead State University. Given by her grandparents, Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

### **Prayer Garden:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Lorraine Elam. Given by Lou & Bev Moore.

## *Under the Fig Tree* by Lou Moore

“Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is made complete in us.” 1 John 4:11-12

Many people living without Christ are desperately lonely and searching for an authentic relationship. They come into our lives with a profound need for love and acceptance from the Lord Jesus and from us. Is it any wonder that Jesus taught us to love one another and Paul listed love first among the fruits of the Spirit?

Before he was arrested, Jesus prayed, “I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and I myself may be in them.”

Love is required for building healthy relationships. Pray that the Holy Spirit produces the fruit of love overflowing in our lives and the life of the church in order to allow the world to see God and to experience His love through us.

## **LOVING WELL BIBLE STUDY**

Are you loving well? Do you want your love walk to be elevated to a higher level? Learn how to receive God's love and share Him even with the “sandpaper” people in your life. Join us for a four-week study that both men and women will enjoy. Begins on Wednesday, June 20, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and Thursday, June 21, 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$7.00 for study journal. Call church office to register.

P.S. Don't take a summer vacation from growth and study – God never takes a vacation!!

## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Debbie Simmerman Clark received her Divinity degree from Regent. She is Associate Pastor at Bay-lake Methodist Church in Virginia. Thanks to all those at South Ashland United Methodist who taught Debbie by words and examples.

## **NEEDED: CHURCH HISTORY MATERIAL**

Please bring any pictures, articles or history items pertaining to our church. We are in the process of furnishing a “Heritage Room” to be filled with items of our church history. You may leave them in the church office. Thank you.

Charlene Cooper and Rudy Dunnigan

## **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*

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

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 78,139.31	\$39,413.16	0.00	\$117,562.47
Receipts	48,508.77	5,641.78	4,285.00	58,408.55
Disbursements	(41,973.75)	(1,986.04)	(3,799.63)	(47,759.42)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$84,674.33	\$43,068.90	\$ 458.37	\$128,201.60
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$89,070.02	\$56,047.80	0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	166,999.00	17,694.52	10,942.00	195,635.56
Disbursements	(172,033.83)	(30,673.42)	(10,483.63)	(213,190.88)
Transfer	639.10	0.00	0.00	639.10
Closing Balance	\$84,672.33	\$43,068.90	\$458.37	\$128,201.60

***Library News***

Spring has finally arrived! Or so it seems.\*smiling\* Our weather has been so erratic it has been hard to tell whether we have arrived in Spring or are still in Winter. But I believe we have finally turned a corner and Spring is definitely moving in. Not a

moment too soon. My poor Magnolia tree was hard hit the last freeze we had and is finally coming back. We are both happy about that! I love this time of year. I love the colors. The beautiful flowers that pop out. The weather is usually not too hot or too cool. Usually it is just right. A wonderous time of the year. And we are reminded of the Creator's love of beauty and bounty for it is all around us. I know it must be hard to come inside and read your books, but I have a solution.....take your books outside and read!!! And I have a few suggestions for you:

1. *It's Not About Me* by Max Lucado. Read book and see if your life won't be changed. Max Lucado says, "What would happen if we all took our place and played our parts. If we started living like \*Son\* reflectors rather than individual stars and sun?" We would be changed.
  2. *In the Grip of Grace* by Max Lucado. A book that touches the human heart. Another Max Lucado book that re-searches the answer to the question: Does God love me when I'm a jerk? Can I drift too far? Slip too much? Just how much does God really love me? Read this book and discover for yourself how much.
- Eve's Daughter* by Lynn Austin. Four generations of women coming to grips with the choices their mothers made before them. Follow them through their struggles, their crises of faith, and their triumphs.

For those of you who are reading fans of Janette Oke, you may want to try reading June Masters Bacher. Her writing and stories are very similar to Janette Oke.

For the younger readers, please note the books that are displayed every Sunday. Those will be rotated, so that a new selection will be visible.

As you can see we have quite a variety of books in your Library. Each month I will be highlighting the books available for your reading pleasure and as a treasure trove of resources. It is a truly wonderful Library and I am happy to be a part of it.

Until next month .....In the Christ Spirit.

Blessings,  
Georgia

## 2007 Costa Rica Mission Trip

There are two Costa Rica Mission updates this month. The first one is from Cheryl Spears, with the second being an e-mail from Marion Woods that was received on May 21, 2007.

When a child touches your clothes: your hand, when an exhausted young mother of five looks at you sweetly as you hold her infant or help her other four with their VBS projects, when you listen to a young student pastor speak, when you lay blocks or place concrete slabs for buildings, you know God is allowing you to help Him with His work.



Your prayers and financial support allow you to play an even greater role than those who travel to Costa Rica. Thank you who go and you who support. God is working.

Love in Christ,  
Cheryl Spears

Dear SAUMC:

Other needs keep affecting what we are getting done on the new cabin but we are hot laying block. These days in the afternoon the rains interrupts us some. The white house is gutted and filled with dirt. We're about ready to pour the rough floor for that part of the building. Work continued in Los Angeles and today we had a district meeting with the church in the new building full to overflowing. So far this month we have put the roof on and the rough floor poured.



In Pital, the Soda (a small fast food restaurant to serve the students and be a ministry facility too) is nearing completion and so is the parsonage in Los Chiles. We are getting ready to build a pre-fab chapel in Upala. We have a team there from Texas the first of June for construction and a vision clinic. Mary and I went to a community beyond Aguas Zarcas called Venecia, and we will be doing some construction work there to help them add three more classrooms to the high school.

June and July are full to overflowing. We had a wonderful day at the Methodist High School in Sabanilla to celebrate 15 years of the Walk to Emmaus in Costa Rica.

Right now I have been recovering from the flu and it has been a real struggle. Sometimes I think I am pulling up my feet through my tummy as I cough. I bet I get a flu shot next year!!!! I can not tell you how much we appreciate your support. This will help us to keep on at the cabin site and with the Ministerial support. We love you all and miss seeing more than once a year. We are forever thanking God for your fellowship and prayers.

Thank you and bless you.  
In His wonderful service  
Marion Woods.

# Children's Corner

Thank you to the Loyal Followers class (especially Bob Wells) for providing the BIG GAME dinner and to all those who attended, the children's ministry truly appreciates the proceeds and will put them to good use.

Here is the schedule of events for the children during the month of June:



- June 1<sup>st</sup> "School's Out" party Family Life Center 5:30 – 7:30 we will have three different inflatables and plenty of food and fun.



- "In the Beginning" will be starting June 3<sup>rd</sup> for all children ages 3-5 during the second service. This is a new program that is geared completely for this age group so that they can begin to understand Jesus really existed and that He loves them personally.



- June 6, 13, 20, and 27 Every Wednesday in June 6:00 – 8:00 pm all children K-5<sup>th</sup> grade (grade completed) are invited to go on a different outing each week; each to be announced the Sunday before.



- June 17<sup>th</sup> all fathers or grandfathers who attend church with a child K-5<sup>th</sup> grade will receive a gift certificate for a free lunch for themselves and one child.

Thank you Church family for all your love and support of these children in our midst please continue to pray for us all. "Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3. "Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them." Lady Bird Johnson

**June 2007**

<b>Van Driver Rotation</b>		<b>Breakfast Rotation</b>	
June 3	Ken and Peg Williams	June 3	Beth Schuler and Bonnie Thom
June 10	Ed and Cheryl Spears	June 10	Mona Leibee and Charlene Cooper
June 1	Jon Roberts and Beth Schuler	June 17	Ron and Bobbi Wymer
June 24	Jim and LuAnn Glockner	June 24	Susan Hunt and Candy Lett