



# 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*

*For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man...At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.*

*-Matthew 24:27-31(selected verses)*

July meant one thing for my friends and me when I was growing up in Los Angeles: Fireworks! We could hardly wait for the Fourth of July and the accompanying pyrotechnic extravaganza that heralded its arrival. In those days it was an unwritten rule that fireworks would only be used on the Fourth. Premature use would have risked provoking the ire of both the neighbors and the police.

About a week before the big day we began to stockpile sparklers, roman candles, fountains, tanks, helicopters, snakes, whistlers and other assorted devices designed to emit the maximum amount of sparks, smoke and noise. I learned at an early age not to ignite snakes on the concrete; the burn mark lasted for years! Much to our collective chagrin, aerial fireworks were illegal in L.A. because of the fire hazard. I was an adult before I ever saw a real aerial fireworks show.

Jesus said the time is coming when we will see the biggest fireworks show of all time. He said when he returns it will be like lightning flashing in the sky. Nobody will miss this show; it will be seen all over the world. *For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man...They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.* So when you watch the fireworks this year, think of them as a prelude to the biggest and best show the world will ever see when Christ returns.

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

Blessings,

Lance



### Honors and Memorials

#### Costa Rica Farm:

- In Love & Honor of John Spears on his birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.
- In Love & Honor of Vicky Spears Brenner on her birthday. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.
- In Love & Honor of Cheryl Spears on her birthday. Given by Aunt Dottie.
- In Love & Honor of Ed Spears on his birthday. Given by Aunt Dottie.



### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for remembering me on my graduation day! This book will help me keep my focus as I am working with troubled youth.

Tina Hammond

### Future Ministries

A new committee is looking at the needs of our congregation and our community. We are identifying the resources that we will need to serve the next generation of our Church.

The committee wants to hear from you. What are your ideas? Contact anyone on the committee and let us know what you have in mind.

Lance Campbell, Chairman:

Charlene Cooper, Dan Dove, Jim Ifert, Lucille Lykins, Paulette Meenach, Lou Moore, Jerry Mounce, Cheryl Spears, Trish Wheeler



*You are cordially invited to  
a  
Bridal Shower*

*In Honor of  
Tanya Price & Casey Wells*

*Saturday, July 29, 2007  
2:00 P.M.  
Family Life Center*

*(Registered at Wal-Mart, Target)*

*You're invited.....*

*Jack & Betty Nuckols  
1947 - 2007  
60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

*Come help us celebrate the  
couple's 60<sup>th</sup>*

*Wedding Anniversary and Betty's  
80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

*Saturday, July 28, 2007  
2:00 - 5:00 p.m.*

*South Ashland United Methodist  
Church  
Family Life Center*

*No presents, please - Just hugs!*

**Library News**

**Happy Fourth of July, South Ashland United Methodist**

**Church!!** Did anyone believe that we would finally arrive so soon to the Fourth of July?? Certainly took our time getting here, didn't we? Winter seemed to drag on forever. We barely had Spring and here it is Summer already.

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to go through the books that I have been highlighting these past few months. The June Masters Bacher books are certainly a good read. There are several good books on Biblical characters in the Bible in our Library: Joseph and Deborah to name at least two. When you come in, ask me or Skippy to help you if you are interested in reading about the people in the Bible. The books help to flesh them out and tell you a little more about them and how they lived. Very interesting books they are. You won't be sorry you read them.

For the teenagers we have the "Color Me" series. Please take the time to peruse them.

One of our youth read them and truly raved about them, so we bought two more which makes a total of four of them in our Library. Give them a chance. Really well worth the read.

For the younger children, I will soon be changing the books that are now being highlighted. There is a beautiful book on Narnia. And of course, we have the whole Chronicles of Narnia series.

I know the weather is enticing and coming indoors to read is probably not your first choice. However, as I said last month, take your books outdoors with you and read to your heart's content. Enjoy!! Reading takes you places you've never been and introduces you to the most delightful people and the most interesting of cultures. It also speaks of the courage of brave people who travel to distant lands where their lives are daily in peril for spreading the love of the Christ Spirit to others. And those are stories we need to learn about, as well.

Your Library is an endless resource. Use it at your leisure. I'm betting you will come back for more.

In the Christ Spirit,  
Georgia

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

<b>Current Month</b>	<b>Budget Items</b>	<b>Specials</b>	<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Beginning Balance	\$ 84,674.33	\$43,068.90	\$ 458.37	\$128,201.60
Receipts	34,737.73	3,888.31	2,065.00	40,691.04
Disbursements	(41,970.94)	(5,281.32)	(2,523.37)	(49,775.63)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 77,441.12	\$41,675.89	\$ 0.00	\$119,117.01
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 89,070.02	\$56,047.80	\$ 0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	201,736.77	21,582.83	13,007.00	236,326.60
Disbursements	(214,004.77)	(35,954.74)	(13,007.00)	(262,966.51)
Transfer	639.10	0.00	0.00	639.10
Closing Balance	\$ 77,441.12	\$41,675.89	\$ 0.00	\$119,117.01



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

**“The temptations (trials) in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation (trial) to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.”**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

It is easy to experience joy when things are going well. but joy can be hard to come by when we are going through some tough times. So where do we find the joy during the hard times? Christ has provided a guide and comforter in the presence of the Holy Spirit. We can find a way through the tough times if we will trust the Spirit. Learning to live by the guidance of the Holy Spirit produces within us the kind of joy, hope and optimism that helps us see our way through the trials of this life. This is why **JOY** is listed as a fruit of the Holy Spirit.