



# South Winds



News from South Ashland UMC

***Anchored to the Rock***

***Relevant to the Times***

***Reaching to the Future!***

September 2007

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## Leadership Notes

by Lance Campbell

*After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.*  
-Matthew 17:1-3

It was the end of August during the summer of 1966. I was with my Boy Scout troop at the Wolverton Scout Camp high in the Sierra Nevada mountains, not far from Yosemite National Park. It was the last week of summer vacation and we were determined to make it a good week. (Those were the days when summer vacation lasted a solid three months: Students finished school at the beginning of June and didn't come back until after Labor Day.)

We fished, paddled canoes, made crafts, went swimming and nursed our sore feet from all that walking we did to get our hiking merit badge. The food was bad, but the camaraderie was good. I hated to see it end. At the end of the week we loaded up the cars with our gear and reluctantly headed back down the mountain. We had a great time up in the mountains and it lifted our spirits, but each of us knew it was time to get back to work.

The Bible records in Matthew 17 how Peter, James and John went up on a mountain one day and had their spirits lifted when they witnessed Jesus being transfigured before their very eyes. After experiencing this spiritual rejuvenation, they came back down the mountain to, once again, enter into ministry. As soon as they came down they encountered a demon possessed man that needed healing. It was time to go back to work.

For many of us, summer is a mountain top experience. We get away from it all for awhile and have our spirits lifted. Then once we are rejuvenated, it is time to go back to work. In our case, it is time to jump back into ministry. How will God use you in ministry this fall?

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

Blessings,  
Lance

## Honors and Memorials



**Budget:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Skippy Simmerman.  
Given by Virginia Fyffe.

**Costa Rica Farm:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of John Cooper Ronay on his birth-  
day. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

**Methodist Home:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Betty & Jack Nuckols on their 60<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary. Given by Skippy Simmerman.

**Missions:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by Steve  
& Darlene Meyers.

**Music Fund:**

\*\*In Love & Honor of Betty & Jack Nuckols on their 60<sup>th</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary. Given  
by JoAnn Beloat.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by John  
& Lynda Cannon.

**Prayer Garden:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by:

- Dr. & Mrs. John Harrison  
James & Phyllis Beason

**Social Concerns:**

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by Jerry  
& Joy Daniel.

## Thank You



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers,  
cards, flowers and visits so graciously given since  
the recent death of my mother, Shirley Adkins. I  
feel blessed and grateful for your kind expressions  
of sympathy.

Janis Campbell

The family of Esther Toombs wishes to express  
their most heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all  
of your concerns and prayers in the recent illness  
and passing of our loved one. It is so comforting to  
know that we have such a caring "extended" family.  
God bless each of you!

Curtis Toombs  
Mary & Don Blanton  
Leslie, Jim, Marci & Jamie  
Beason

Our thanks to Rev. Lance for the blessing he gave  
us at our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party; also Joy for all the  
help she gave; and to our church family for the  
cards and best wishes. We enjoyed everyone be-  
ing there and making it a day to remember for Jack  
and me.

The Nuckols Family

## Deaths



Our most heartfelt sympathy is extended to:

- Lance & Janis Campbell and family in the death of her mother, Shirley Adkins.
- Josh and Ashley Miller in the death of their father, Carl Miller.

**Community Bible Study**

Community Bible Study, a non-denominational Bible Study, will begin the 2007-2008 class sessions on Wednesday, September 5. The class meets on Wednesday mornings right here at our church from 10 a.m. – 12 noon. The class meets for 30 weeks, through May. Our study for the year will be Mark and Ephesians. There is a nursery and classes for toddlers through high school age for children who are home-schooled. For more information, call Carla Skaggs at 833-1489.

**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

**Recycling News**



We are still collecting aluminum cans for recycling. The proceeds will go for the children's programs at Hillcrest-Bruce Mission.

**SAMMS Classes**

Just a reminder that summer is almost over and SAMSS will begin on Sept. 12. Come be a part of a nice mid-week dinner with your church family and be involved in one of the SAMSS classes. Look in the bulletin for class offerings. Hope to see you there!

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

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 82,361.90	\$41,084.89	\$ 0.00	\$123,446.79
Receipts	45,298.88	4,129.88	2,375.00	51,803.76
Disbursements	(55,728.71)	(5,216.12)	(2,375.00)	(63,319.83)
Transfer	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Closing Balance	\$ 71,932.07	\$40,298.65	\$ 0.00	\$112,230.72
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 89,070.02	\$56,047.80	\$ 0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	287,813.21	28,083.09	17,698.00	333,594.30
Disbursements	(305,590.26)	(44,132.24)	(17,698.00)	(367,420.50)
Transfer	639.10	300.00	0.00	939.10
Closing Balance	\$ 71,932.07	\$40,298.65	\$ 0.00	\$112,230.72

## ***Costa Rica Mission Update***

Plans are being made for our 2008 Costa Rica mission trip during the time period February 2-10, 2008. Twenty airline tickets are being held for the group and will be on a first come, first serve basis. The cost of the trip will be around \$1000.00 per person. A deposit of \$250.00 per person must be received at the church by September 17, 2007. The balance will be due December 31, 2007.

I still am not sure of our exact projects, but whatever Marion has in store for us will be a blessing to all involved.

I have attached a letter from Rannie Cooper sharing his feelings about these trips.

Please pray for this mission project and whether God is calling you to be involved. You will hear more about the trip in the coming months. Please call me either at home or work with any questions you may have. Home number 739-6035 work 325-1414. You may also e-mail me at [edspears@hotmail.com](mailto:edspears@hotmail.com).



### **2007 Costa Rica Mission Trip**

It is hard to put into words the many emotions that fill me each time I go on the mission trip to Costa Rica. The 2006 trip was my fifth mission trip, and as always, the spirit that is so apparent in the surroundings there gives me reason to be humbled by God's mighty work through men and women. Each and every trip brings with it new hopes and expectations and also new blessings. Everyone there is so appreciative for the work that we do and the encouragement that we bring. The cooperation from all of the people who do the Lord's work is such a blessing.

Marion and Mary are truly people of God; they have such a sweet spirit and a love for the people of Costa Rica. They are so appreciative of the support and generosity of our church. I look forward each year to returning and helping to further the great work that they do. Each year we see progress and growth in the mission there. So many of the simple things that we take for granted here at home are a luxury there. They are eager to learn more about God, and they welcome us with open hearts and minds. The children are so special to me; their smiles truly capture my heart. As we help to build new churches, repair buildings, teach Bible School, sewing and quilting, each activity that we do for the people there is accepted with such humbleness and humility. They are excited to learn about the Lord.

I always look forward to being with Marion, Mary and Steve; they bless all who are privileged enough to know them. God is truly at work there with Marion and his mission in Costa Rica. I pray that next year I will be able to again go back to Costa Rica and in some small way help to support the mission work that our church sends us to do. The Mission Team that goes from our church is incredible. They all work together in such a Christian way that it is a blessing to spend the week with them doing God's work. I love each of them, and I feel privileged to be a small part of this great ministry. Thanks to South Ashland United Methodist Church for the encouragement and prayers that you give to our team and to our missionaries in Costa Rica.

His humble servant,  
Rannie Cooper

In His Service,  
Eduardo Spears

## Library News

Are you like me? Is the Summer flying by too quickly? Or are you more like me and looking forward to Autumn? Ah, Autumn, that is truly my time of year. I love it when the leaves turn. But we are not quite there, yet, are we? We are somewhere in between.

Except for the past week or so, we have had a rather mild summer. And what, does the church Librarian muse, has everyone done with their Summer??? Seated at her desk, looking at you up over her glasses, she grins and giggles and says, "Why, read of course!!!! What else is there to do!!" And that is what I am here to do, to pique your interest in the other books we have in the Library, not just the new ones. But the ones that have been around awhile and haven't really attracted much attention and are still just as good. For this month's profile, the Library has to offer:

**When God Weeps** – written by Joni Eareckson Tada and Steven Estes: Most of you know the story of Joni. Come now and read her perspective on why our pain and suffering matter so very much to God.

**Blessed Child** – written by Bill Bright and Ted Dekker: A young orphaned boy was abandoned and raised in an Ethiopian Monastery. He has never seen outside its walls – at least, not the way most people see. Now he must flee those walls or die. Find out what unusual powers the boy possesses, the people who take him in, and protect him, the peril he faces and the source of the boy's power. This book will hold your attention page by turning page.

**Though None Go With Me** – written by Jerry B. Jenkins: What does it mean to fully commit your life to God? Elisabeth Grace LeRoy is about to find out as she fully and completely turns her life over to God no matter the cost. Follow her journey through two World Wars, a Depression and personal loss.

I hope you find and read these worthy books. They are well worth the read. Enjoy Summer's last hurrah. In September we will see beautiful Autumn come dancing in. Take care.

From your Church Librarian  
In the Christ Spirit,  
Georgia

### YOU'RE INVITED TO A CARES BLOCK PARTY!

Date: Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Time: 1:00 – 6:00 P.M.  
Location: The Neighborhood (at Carter Ave. & 25<sup>th</sup> St.)

Join us for gospel music, food and fellowship as we celebrate our upcoming move!!



All proceeds & donations support CARES.

CAREs  
Community Assistance & Referral Service, Inc

# Children's

# C O R N E R

Dear Church Family,

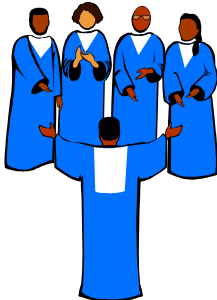
Last month I did not have the total dollar amount available of the coins donated during VBS for missions so I am happy to report that the boys and girls donated \$502.24. That is only about 60 cents less than last year which was a larger group and this year the boys won!!!! That hasn't happened in a while. Once again I would like to thank everyone for being a part of VBS; it truly runs so much more smoothly when so many lend a hand.

For September we will be starting some new programs. First of all we will no longer be running the van on Sunday mornings nor having breakfast. Instead we will run the van on Sunday evening and serve dinner. The Sunday evening classes will start on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> and is called TEAMKID, (kids in discipleship). The program is based on Proverbs 3:5-6, which states "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." The motto for the program is Learning about God, Using the Bible and Living for Jesus.

The Wednesday evening program will start at 5 pm with dinner which is earlier so that we may get the van children home at a decent hour since it is a school night. This new program is called G-Force; this is an interactive worship and bible study for children.

Both Wednesday and Sunday programs are filled with music, fun and most importantly the stories of the Bible and scripture memorization. I am very excited about all the new changes and hope that everyone will be praying for all of our children and the leaders of these programs. I almost forgot to tell you, we will continue to have Sunday school for all the children that do come which Skippy and others will be leading. We will however no longer have Children's Church. We can always use extra hands so if you are inclined please give me a call at the church or at home.

Love,  
Maebelle



**HILLCREST-BRUCE MISSION  
1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL INVITATIONAL CHOIR FESTIVAL  
PARAMOUNT ARTS CENTER  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2007  
ADMISSION IS FREE  
FEATURING CHOIRS and SINGING GROUPS FROM:  
ASHLAND 1<sup>ST</sup> UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SOUTH ASHLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
WILDWOOD MINISTRIES FIRST CHURCH OF GOD  
ADVANCE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
RUSSELL 1<sup>ST</sup> BAPTIST CHURCH  
GRASSLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH  
AND THE TAKE JOY TRIO**

