



# 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

*Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.*  
-Colossians 2:16

The end of October marks the unofficial start of the holiday season. For two months, from October 31 to January 1, Americans will be immersed in a series of feasts and festivals. From Halloween to New Year's Day, we will eat, celebrate, have fun and give thanks for our blessings. If you are an average American, you will gain about seven pounds and spend around \$600 on extra food, presents and decorations. And, come January, the average American will look in dismay at their waist line and credit card statement and wonder what happened as they vow to exercise more moderation next year.

Why do we do it? Because people love to celebrate. God made us that way. In fact, he ordained a series of feasts and festivals for the ancient nation of Israel. Our major celebrations occur during a two-month period at the end of the year. In ancient Israel, the festival period was during the month of Tishri (roughly equivalent to mid-September to mid-October), the seventh month of the Hebrew calendar. In rapid succession they celebrated the Feast of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement, the Feast of Tabernacles and, finally, the Sacred Assembly which marked the end of their festival season.

The New Testament records Jesus' attendance at a multitude of feasts, festivals and celebrations. Why did Jesus go? Because he enjoyed being with people and celebrating the goodness of God. As Christ followers we can have no better reason ourselves. The Apostle Paul said that all the biblical celebrations were a shadow of the celebrations that were to come in heaven. And then Paul reminds us of one last thing: The center of our celebrations is Christ himself. So as we enter into this joyous holiday time of year, remember the honored guest at all of feasts and festivals, Jesus Christ.

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

Blessings,  
Lance

## Honors and Memorials



### Costa Rica Farm:

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

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

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

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

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Shirley Adkins. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

### Library:

\*\*In Love & Honor of our grandson, T.R. Cooper III, on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

### Missions:

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

### Mortgage Fund:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Shirley Adkins. Given by the Wesley Class.

### Music Fund:

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

\*\*In Loving Memory of Shirley Adkins. Given by Lou & Bev Moore.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by John & Jil McClanahan.

### Prayer Garden:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Esther Toombs. Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

### Social Concerns:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Shirley Adkins. Given by:

- Dick & Trish Wheeler
- Jerry & Joy Daniel

### Trustees Fund:

\*\*In Love & Honor of Rudy & Charlotte Dunnigan on their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

## Under the Fig Tree

Lou Moore

*His purpose in all of this was that the nations should seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him – though he is not far from any one of us. For in him we live and move and exist.*

**Acts 17:27-28**

My aunt is a very faithful and religious woman. Throughout her life she has cared for others. Now she is 95 years of age and the caring roles have shifted. She must depend on other people to help her with the daily activities that we often take for granted.

Though she finds her circumstances frustrating, she is humble about the care others are showing her and she compliments their efforts and presents a sweet spirit to them. She is a fine model of patience and the power of the Holy Spirit working in her life.

We start life as a small bundle of raw material suitable for God's purpose. Our life experiences shape that material to fullness. We become a model of God's love through the power of the Holy Spirit when we focus on developing the fruits of the Spirit – Patience being one of them.

## Recycling News



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

**Outreach Committee  
Upcoming Events**

We are in the process of gearing up for the holidays! Again this year, in November, we will be collecting Thanksgiving baskets for the Hillcrest-Bruce Mission. The Mission's Food Pantry is used by all the Pollard area. The pantry has been running short due to so

many calls for food.

These are some suggestions for a basket for a family of four: A canned ham, canned vegetables, rolls, canned fruit, instant potatoes, jar of gravy, package of Jell-O, powdered lemonade, prepared non-perishable dessert (Little Debbie Cakes work well).



These are some extra items that are much needed and can be included in the Thanksgiving baskets: peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, jiffy corn bread mix, dried or can beans, tuna, tuna helper, beef stew, cans of soup, and cans of fruit, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce.



The Mission will be giving us names and wishes for adopt a child and adopt a senior for Christmas gifts right after Thanksgiving. You will be asked to choose a name and purchase a present. This might be the only gift they will receive. We will keep you informed next month. Thank you for caring.

In His Service,  
Steve & Darlene Meyers

**Matthew 25:35: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."**

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

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 71,932.07	\$40,298.65	\$ 0.00	\$112,230.72
Receipts	38,786.24	3,618.41	3,101.00	45,505.65
Disbursements	(40,660.02)	(1,118.92)	(3,101.00)	(44,879.94)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 70,058.29	\$42,798.14	\$ 0.00	\$112,856.43
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 89,070.02	\$56,047.80	\$ 0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	326,599.45	31,701.50	20,799.00	379,099.95
Disbursements	(346,250.28)	(45,251.16)	(20,799.00)	(412,300.44)
Transfer	639.10	300.00	0.00	939.10
Closing Balance	\$ 70,058.29	\$42,798.14	\$ 0.00	\$112,856.43

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

Planning for the 2008 Costa Rica Mission project is in full swing. The date for our next mission trip will be February 2-10, 2008. As I write this I have seventeen confirmed members for the team, but still have some space if anyone else is interested in going. If you are thinking about going, please contact me in the next few weeks. I may be reached at 325-1414 or 739-6035 or e-mail [spearsed@hotmail.com](mailto:spearsed@hotmail.com).

I still am not sure of the exact projects we will be performing, but whatever they are, God will be in charge.

I have attached one of the latest e-mails from Marion concerning El Mirador. El Mirador is a very poor area near the mission center that we have been working on the last few years. As you read Marion's e-mail you will see one of many areas of concern that confront Marion on a daily basis.

I ask that each on of you pray for the work there and if able please support this vital mission with a monetary contribution. Any money you designate to the Costa Rica Farm goes directly to Marion to finance his ministry.

In His Love and Service,  
Eduardo Spears





Dear Ed,

We were surprised last week to have the need come before us of buying the property on the corner next to our Social Hall in El Mirador where we hold services. The picture shows this house. Grandma lived there. Here she is with Steve, BH (Before Haircut). The most important factor is that the house gives us a kitchen for serving food for the congregational social meetings. It also gives more restroom and Sunday School room space as well as providing an opportunity for the mothers to feed the children in their hot meal program. It will allow the women to hold their manual arts courses and fabricate whatever they can for sale and support for feeding their own families. It gives us some space for thus future building.

All at once I've had to go ahead financially and spend over \$5,000 on the building. Cirilo has helped us get new locks for the building. This not only gives us something already built, but the family that lived there had to move to where the father is working on a dairy farm. The dairy farmer is selling a lot to him to build a house in Sucre. The possession of that lot lets him apply for a government loan. He will pay that loan over a period of years. Clear as mud? Anyway, it answers needs. It ends up helping our program for the present and for the future as well. It only means that I'm out the 2,700,000 colones or \$5,240 for the purchase.

I've gone ahead on faith again to help this community go forward. Felix, the pastor, had a special musical evangelistic time Saturday evening that was a success. The purchase also answers the stubborn desire of another pastor who wanted to purchase this house and create a competitive situation there with services. Pray that we will be able to keep serving the needs of spiritual growth there without more needless problems.

If you have contacts that might help us meet this financial situation, it would be a great help for us now. In order to meet the costs of kitchen utensils, tables and benches, I will need to dig down again. Growth requires means to provide for such.

No more for now. It is 1:30 a.m. and this must be sent to you today!

In His grace and love,  
Marion and Mary and Papa

P.S. We are okay, only very tired after the big push of the teams. We are also in the center of the road building plans in this immediate community.

## Library News

### Greetings of Peace from your Church Library

WOW!! Where has the summer gone? School has already started and everybody is already in their day-to-day routine. I remember one time, when I was going to school, when we started school in August and we thought THAT was 'waaaaay too early. It was hard to think of football when summer was still ringing in our ears. Now days it seems nothing for children to begin school in August. Personally, I don't know how they do it. But of course, they now also have Fall Breaks, which we did not have when I attended school. So, there are some advantages. In thinking of school and getting ready for school, perhaps you are looking around your house and have found odds and ends scattered here and there. Maybe a library book or two? If you have found any library books that belong to the church, please find the time to return them. No fee will be collected. We'd just like to have our books back so others could share in reading what you have found so delightful. Thank you.

This month we are highlighting Children's Books:

**All is Well** by Frank Peretti – (*The Miracle of Christmas in July*) Daniel knocked-knocked on all his neighbors' doors peddling his families' old junk. They had already sold all the good things. Ever since Daniel's father died last Christmas, it had been hard for his mother to make ends meet. See what happens to this close-knit family in one summer.

**What Happens When Children Pray** by Elizabeth Christenson – A book filled with examples to help children to pray describing a) How to talk to God b) How to ask God for specific help c) How to pray for the needs of others d) How to ask for forgiveness e) How to pray for salvation and much more. Ideas for parents in the back of the books will help families grow together in their understanding of prayer.

**My Firstborn, There's No One Like You** by Dr. Kevin Leman and Dr. Kevin Leman II – Every child is special. Every child deserves to be recognized for what makes him or her unique. My Firstborn, There's No One Like You is the first of four books to celebrate the special qualities of each "cub" in your family. Read this book to your firstborn to show him or her the never ending reach of your love.

These are but three of the most excellent books in the Children's Library. Come every Sunday and see what you can find for your child.....and for you!!! Enjoy the next month!!

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,

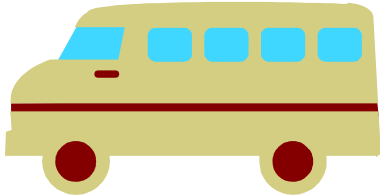
We are off to a great start with all the changes we have made for the fall. Sunday mornings we still have Sunday school for the children grades K – 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday evenings we are having lots of fun with TeamKID which starts at 5:00 pm and ends at 7:00 pm. Wednesdays G-Force is going strong too and we always have room for more children in every program. So if your children have not been to one of the programs, what are you waiting for? These are great opportunities for your children to develop a relationship with Christ (what could be more important?) and to develop friendships with others in the church and .....they get a meal too; you can't beat that!!!

We will have "Trunk or Treat" again this year rain or shine on October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, that is a Saturday, so be thinking about how you can decorate the trunk of your car for all those Trick or Treaters. Remember keep it friendly, no scary witches and such.



## SPECIAL REQUESTS

The van ministry still needs drivers and chaperones and especially females who would be willing to ride the van with some very special guys or are willing to drive. We need both a male and female on the van. Call me if you are willing, 329-0876 or at the church. And as always please continue to pray for the children's ministry, that we will know which direction God is working and follow His lead.



Gratefully,  
Maebelle