



# 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

*"Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."*

-Song of Songs 2:12

Valentine's Day reminds me of a peculiar rose bush in my yard. It is one of those plants that seemingly puts all its energy into growing taller instead of producing flowers. We tried the usual remedies; pruning, rose food, plenty of water, but nothing worked. It just kept growing taller and still produced only a few flowers. No chance of a bouquet here.

Now, let's trade places. Suppose you have a solitary rose bush in your front yard. This particular plant is even more obstinate than mine. All during the spring and summer you trim the bush, water the bush and feed the bush with no success. Then one day a solitary rose bud appears. That morning you pick the rose and take it with you to work. Since you have only one plant, this is a big event and a special flower. But as soon as you're out the door, people start picking petals off your rose. Someone pulls into your usual parking space and you have to park a block away. Petal picked. You're blamed for the bad report of a co-worker. Three petals drop off. The promotion is given to someone with less experience but is related to the boss. More petals. By the end of the day, you're down to one. Woe to the soul who dares to draw near it. You're only one petal-snatching away from completely losing it.

What if the scenario was altered slightly? Let's add one character. The kind man in the house next door runs a flower shop on the corner. Every night on the way home he stops at your place with a fresh, undeserved, but magnificent bouquet. These are no leftover flowers. They are top-of-the-line arrangements. You don't know why he thinks so highly of you, but you aren't complaining. Because of him, your house has a sweet fragrance, and your step has a new bounce. If someone messes with your flower, you've got a basket full to replace it! The difference is huge. And the interpretation is obvious.

God will load your world with flowers. He hand-delivers a bouquet to your door every day. Take them! Then, when the world lets you down, you won't be left short-petaled.

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

Blessings,  
Lance

## Honors and Memorials



### Building Campaign:

\*\*In Love & Honor of Ralph & Pat Consiglio on their "50<sup>th</sup>" Wedding Anniversary.

Given by Rannie & Charlene Cooper.

\*\*In Love & Honor of Steve & Darlene

Meyers. Given by Burt & Montine Frasure.

### Choir Fund:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Caralyn "Pat" Elam. Given by:

- Dick & Trish Wheeler
- Lou & Bev Moore

\*\*In Loving Memory of Darwin Clarke. Given by John & Lynda Cannon.

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

### Costa Rica Farm:

\*\*In Love & Honor of Dot Ellington on her birthday.

Given by Ed & Cheryl Spears.

### Methodist Home:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Sarah Fraley. Given by Skippy Simmerman.

### Prayer Room:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Margaret Cheap. Given by Rudy & Charlotte Dunnigan.

\*\*In Loving Memory of Caralyn "Pat" Elam. Given by Rudy & Charlotte Dunnigan.

### Social Concerns:

\*\*In Loving Memory of Caralyn "Pat" Elam. Given by Jerry & Joy Daniel

## Thank You



Dear Church Family & Friends,  
Thank you for the meat tray  
and all the items included with  
it. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thanks  
for thinking of us at this time.

Randy & Sue Williams

Please join us for a  
Bridal Shower  
honoring

Jennifer (Cannon) & Doy Nichols

Sunday, February 24, 2008

2:00-4:00 p.m.

in the Family Life Center

The shower is given by the Loyal  
Followers Sunday School Class.

Jennifer and Doy  
are registered at  
Wal-Mart and Target.

## Deaths



- Greg & Arland White and family in the death of his aunt, Nolene Roberts.
- Randy & Sue Williams and family in the death of her mother, Hazel Bailey.
- John & Jil McClanahan and family in the death of her aunt, Hazel Bailey.
- Ashleigh Killen and family in the death of her mother, Missy Killen.
- Chuck Adkins and family in the death of his mother, Verna "Lou" Adkins.

***Living Beyond Yourself***

Beth Moore Bible Study

Want a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit? Want to live beyond yourself? Want the changes that only God can make in your life? Then come to this in depth Bible Study written by Beth Moore. She will challenge us to pursue the only route to develop the fruit of the Spirit through intimacy with God. Please join us on Sunday, February 10 at 4:30 pm or Thursday, February 14, at 11:00 am as we embark on another adventure in learning with Beth Moore. Cost of Workbook is \$16.00. Call the church office to register.

***Mission Trip***

Kathy Hughes is going on her second Medical Missionary Trip this February to Honduras. She is going with FAME (Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism). To learn more about FAME you can visit their web site @ [www.fameworld.org](http://www.fameworld.org). Please pray for a successful trip and to keep all team members safe and healthy. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause (93 cents of every dollar donated goes to the mission field). The Address is: FAME, PO Box 33548, 4545 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46203.

Thank you,  
Kathy



***United Methodist Women***

2007 TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MISSIONS

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

The Most Important Commandment

Costa Rica Team for Materials	\$1,000.00
Safe Harbor (Memory of Drew Baldock)	25.00
Hillcrest-Bruce	200.00
Red Bird Mission	200.00
Methodist Home (Memory of Ida Blair)	200.00
Youth (ICHTHUS)	100.00
Ruggles Camp (paper goods)	30.48
Hospice (Memory of Shirley Adkins)	25.00
Hillcrest-Bruce Food Pantry	200.00
SAUMC (Social Concerns)	100.00
Mt. Mission (for gasoline)	300.00
Kathy Heroz (Missionary to Russia)	200.00
Sheets for Camp Carlyle	15.90
The Neighborhood	100.00
Least Coin (Church Women United Missions)	66.01
Prayer/Self-Denial	85.00
Total	\$2,847.39

"You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength and all your mind." And "Love your neighbor as yourself."

"Right!" Jesus told the man. "Do this and you will live!"

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Luke 10:27-29

Jesus answered the man by telling him the parable of the Good Samaritan. This very familiar passage tells the story of one man's kindness for a complete stranger. We learn from Jesus that kindness is more than a superficial act of generosity. Kindness is deeply rooted in our love and reverence for the Lord. It is a natural response to the needs of all the people that we meet everyday.

God's Holy Spirit provides us with the fruit of kindness. It is up to us as to how we can share it with others

### South Ashland UMC Treasurer's Report December 2007

Current Month	Budget Items	Specials	Mortgage	Totals
Beginning Balance	\$ 50,305.34	\$37,513.34	\$ 0.00	\$ 87,818.68
Receipts	45,967.83	56,147.14	3,028.00	105,142.97
Disbursements	(42,405.22)	( 5,821.49)	(3,028.00)	(51,254.71)
Transfer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Closing Balance	\$ 53,867.95	\$87,838.99	\$ 0.00	\$141,706.94
<b>Year-to-Date</b>				
Balance 12/31/06	\$ 89,070.02	\$56,047.80	\$ 0.00	\$145,117.82
Receipts	484,769.09	108,186.40	30,399.00	623,354.49
Disbursements	(520,610.26)	(76,695.21)	(30,399.00)	(627,704.47)
Transfer	639.10	300.00	0.00	939.10
Closing Balance	\$ 53,867.95	\$87,838.99	\$ 0.00	\$141,706.94



#### *Music Notes*

I am grateful to the Ad-Council for their support in sending some members of our Praise Team to a worship conference for church music leadership. It was a wonderful uplifting experience. We were encouraged, challenged and blessed! Plus, we got to meet Travis Cottrell!! I brought back beautiful new music that you will be hearing soon, including an Easter Cantata. The choir will be working hard to learn it since Easter is early this year. March 23<sup>rd</sup>!! If you would like to sing with us, please come to rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Also, I would like to throw out a concern. I believe there are folks in our church family who stop coming and if they are not involved in any small group we lose contact with them. I feel like they "fall between the cracks". If we do not make a conscious effort to let them know we have missed them, they may think our church doesn't care about them. I am interested in setting up some kind of system, possibly shepherding, so we don't let this happen. Does this ring your bell? Do you want to help me keep up with our church family? I hope to hear from you. (928-2962)

Happy Trails,  
Bev

#### *Library News*

Ah, the blessings of Christmas-tide are so soon behind us. I hope everyone had a marvelous Yuletide holiday and ushered in 2008 with the respect and anticipation it deserved. We always seem to have a mixed bag of hopes and dreams, and fears as well as apprehensions as to what the New Year will bring to us. But we know in whose hands we are. And that alone should give us comfort.

Now we are facing the month of February. February is the month of Valentine's Day and also one of the shortest months of the year. We skim right through February. There are books in your library that talk of February and also books that speak of love's fulfillment and love's compassionate nature. I know it is freezing cold outside; but it is warm in our library.....so, come into the warmth and find a good book that you can curl up with, wrapping blankets all around you while you read the books of love.

In the Christ Spirit  
Georgia

## *Costa Rica Mission Update*

As you read this your team is hard at work in hopefully sunny Costa Rica. Thank you for all the support you give to this wonderful mission. We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we do the Lord's work.

I am so excited about this year's work, especially the projects at Pital, our sister church. You will hear many stories and see videos about the trip when we return. Pictured are three photographs of the church at Pital showing the sanctuary, the fellowship hall and work being done on the building's exterior.

Listed below are the 2008 Costa Rica team members so you can pray for each one of us.

Corrie Barkman, Rannie Cooper, Laci Hart, Matt Hart, Cynthia Keesler, Larry Kirkpatrick, Luke Kirkpatrick, Michael McAlister, Jerry Mounce, Kathy Nugent, Kyle Ramey, Martha Rice, Bill Rice, Russ Ryan, Ryan Smith, Cheryl Spears and Ed Spears.

In His Love and Service,  
Eduardo Spears



# Children's

# C O R N E R

First of all, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve the Church as Director of Children's Ministries. I have been a member of South Ashland for around twelve years. This past Fall I began helping in Children's Ministries in the Sunday evening program teaching third, fourth, and fifth graders. Occasionally I would help on a van run. Little did I know the Lord was prepping me for a BIG jump in Children's Ministries.

This leads me to a few questions for you. Will you pray for Children's Ministries? Do you realize that a large majority of Christians make their commitment to Christ under the age of eighteen? Will you consider volunteering in Children's Ministries? Do you have a heart for children coming to Christ? What about their families, who will show the Lord to their parents, brothers, sisters, cousins, aunts, uncles, and grandparents.

Volunteering in Children's Ministries may or may not involve direct contact with the children. We offer a variety of volunteer jobs we hope to fill. We are developing those job listings. See you in Children's Ministries.



Sincerely,  
Joe Elam

## *Attention Parents of 3 & 4 Year Olds*

### *Stick Ministry*

I am really excited about the "Stick Ministry". Our team which includes our Jr. and Sr. High and Adults is led by Courtney Ryan. We are hoping to share with the 11:15 service, in April, a song called "Shine Jesus Shine". This ministry is a wonderful and inspiring way to Glorify God, and we pray that it will be a blessing to all who see it as it is to those who serve to perform it.

Starting Sunday, February 3, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. in the Nursery, a new Puppet Ministry will begin ...called "Wee Puppets". We will be learning songs to sing with our new smaller puppets and will share what is learned in the 11:15 a.m. service soon. If interested please come and join us. Hope to see you there!



**Hillcrest Bruce Mission**

Many thanks to all; we had a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Our youth did a great job in loading and helping with the delivery of the Thanksgiving baskets. We collected 26 hams and plenty of food from our congregation to help with the food baskets.

Giovanni's Pizza also furnished the church with 26 turkeys and 5 cases each of beans and corn for Thanksgiving and Christmas. These were distributed to needy families in the community and to the Hillcrest-Bruce Mission. We also had people to give extra food and money for Hillcrest-Bruce Mission's pantry. The pantry has been running short of food since August. Their pantry services the entire Pollard area.

The Adopt-a-child and senior Christmas program was well received from our church. We had 54 children and 6 seniors to sign up for a gift. Thank you for purchasing and wrapping these gifts. This was probably the only gift they received.

It was wonderful to see the outpouring of God's love to the mission.

In His Love,  
Steve and Darlene Meyers

**2007 Christmas Easter Offering**

Red Bird Mission	\$ 500.00	Missionary, Vaughn Thomas	\$600.00
Two Hearts	\$250.00	Hillcrest-Bruce Mission Aldersgate Camp Scholarship	\$500.00
Aldersgate Camp	\$250.00	Community Kitchen	\$ 250.00
Costa Rica trip supplies	\$3,000.00	Wesley Foundation (\$100.00 each UK , Eastern, Morehead)	\$300.00
Neighbors Helping Neighbors	\$500.00	Kentucky Conference – churches for Uganda	\$250.00

**2007 4th Sunday School Mission Offering**

January 28, 2007	Safe Harbor	\$185.65
February 25, 2007	Conference – Have A Heart For Seniors	\$174.78
March 25, 2007	Two Hearts	\$164.27
April 22, 2007	Hillcrest Bruce Mission For Children's Aldersgate Summer Camp Scholarship	\$213.23
May 27, 2007	Hillcrest Bruce Mission For Aldersgate Summer Camp Scholarship	\$179.99
June 24, 2007	Community Hospice (In Memory of our loved ones)	\$232.63
July 22, 2007	Hillcrest Bruce Mission for school clothes	\$126.39
August 26, 2007	Salvation Army	\$191.25
September 23, 2007	Neighbors Helping Neighbors	\$161.79
October 28, 2007	Shelter of Hope	\$238.50
November 25, 2007	Costa Rica children's supplies	\$137.68
December 23, 2007	Costa Rica Mission supplies	\$150.30