

May 2017

RIVER

NEWS

The Egg Hunt Success

On April 15th, Little River grasses were coated with thousands of eggs. The Sanctuary billowed with strollers and baskets. Freshly paved lots were brightly painted for little bustling families. And cupcakes were placed on tables that seemed unending.

To say that the community egg hunt was a success, would be an understatement. Nearly a hundred children and their families were welcomed to Little River the Saturday before Easter for some fun and fellowship. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers. Dozens of folks were needed to bring cupcakes, buy candy, stuff eggs, hide eggs, welcome families, set-up refreshment tables, run the slideshow, and host the morning. Not to mention clean-up and pack away supplies for next year.

We can only hope that our community sees, hears, and absorbs the love of Christ.

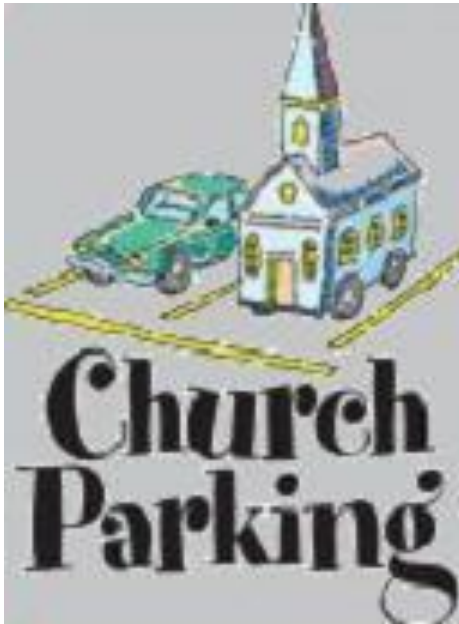
Enjoy a few pictures from the festivities.



Community
Easter Egg Hunt

Little River UMC
Saturday, April 15th
10:00 AM





PARKING LOT Has Been Paved!!

Praise the Lord! He permitted the parking lot to be finished before some of the largest community outreach events of the year! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him! A huge thank you to all of the membership who donated funds and lifted up prayers towards this project and those who gave hours upon hours to meet with paving contractors to get this job to completion.

The new sidewalks, newly graded parking spots, and stairs look amazing! Now to await the new stair rails! How great do the church grounds look everyone? Fantastic! Thank you all!

Church BBQ & Yard Sale

“REMEMBER IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS!!” - Gail O.

And we did! Great effort from everyone who helped in any capacity for this year's BBQ & Yard Sale Fundraiser on April 29th!

Over \$5100 was raised to fund church ministries!



MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP



The Monday morning prayer group continues to meet and enjoy our time together. We average around 10 people every Monday and send an average of 15 cards per week. The group appreciates all the support from our church family. Please continue to inform us with all your cares and concerns. You may contact Pastor Gale, Sandra or leave a filled our prayer card in the pew or offering plate. With God's help, we will continue to reach out to folks in need.

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Sandra @ [770.926.3585](tel:770.926.3585) or Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com God Bless.**

Drawing for
3 Lucky
Winners

Prize: Free Meal the
following week!

Wednesday
Night
MEALS

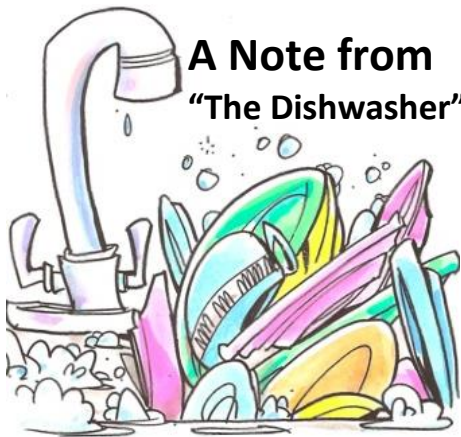
6:15PM

Adults \$6 / Kids 4+ \$3 / Max \$18 per family.

Christ's Kids & Youth Group eat FREE.

A reasonably priced meal, fun, & fellowship September – May.

- May 10 Fried chicken, broccoli w/ cheese sauce, rice, tropical fruit salad, rolls, drink, strawberry shortcake. Kids: Same with Little Debbie's
- May 17 BBQ sandwiches, hot dogs, baked beans, slaw, chips, pickles, ice cream. Kids: Same
- May 24 Boy Scout Night - Meal is prepared and served by Scouts
All you can eat spaghetti, garden salad, Texas toast, drink & dessert.



A Note from "The Dishwasher"

To the many who read River News...did you miss the April copy? Our staff at River News got together to discuss putting out an April issue and decided it was going to be too busy. To say April was one event after another would be accurate. Let's recap some of our activities. We now have a beautiful new parking lot. For two to three weeks, workers labored around rainy days. Gail O. and Roger Long oversaw the whole process. Thank you! Great job! Also, we would like to thank Lakeside Funeral Home for allowing our church to hold service in their Chapel two weeks in a row.

The Easter Bunny came by to the enjoyment of many kids from one to one hundred years old. Many of our team created a special day. Thanks! Our Easter services were very moving, especially the sunrise

service outside attended by many. Following sunrise service the men of L.R.U.M.C. made breakfast for everyone there. Led by Tony Bush. (Army Vet by the Way).

Wow, our annual yard sale and barbecue was a great success. What it took to plan and execute was simply amazing. The team Gail O. led were hardworking gladiators through it all. We raised close to \$5000. dollars for our various missions. The team spirit really showed through that sunny Saturday. Hard work for sure! Jeremy Vanderburg smoked our barbecue to a mouthwatering delight. Also included were sides, a variety of drinks and desserts, and smiles.

The last Sunday in April we got to hear Levada at both services. She is truly a blessing at Little River. She filled in for Pastor Gale, as she and Rich are sailing the Caribbean somewhere. "Just kidding!"

Well that's it for April. Wait a minute, seems like there was something else special to remember. A story of a prince and princess creating a moment in time. Jessie and Joey's wedding day was beautiful. Outside under a blue sky with the birds singing merrily. The best to you kids forever. Final note...growing old is hard work. The mind says "yes" but the body says, "what the heck are you thinking"

Amen! The Dishwasher

Incredibles Outing

Les Misérables

Chorale Performance

Sunday, May 7 @ 3 PM

Location: Johns Creek UMC



Incredibles Outing

May 9th

June 13th

July 11th

Monthly Breakfast
9 AM



Dwarf House - Woodstock

INCREDIBLES NEWS

The INCREDIBLES ended March with a great trip to Lagrange and the Explorations in Antiquity. In spite of the problem with the van, we all had a good day. It was a wonderful experience. Lots of good food, fun and laughter was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Rich Seibert for making all the plans for this trip.

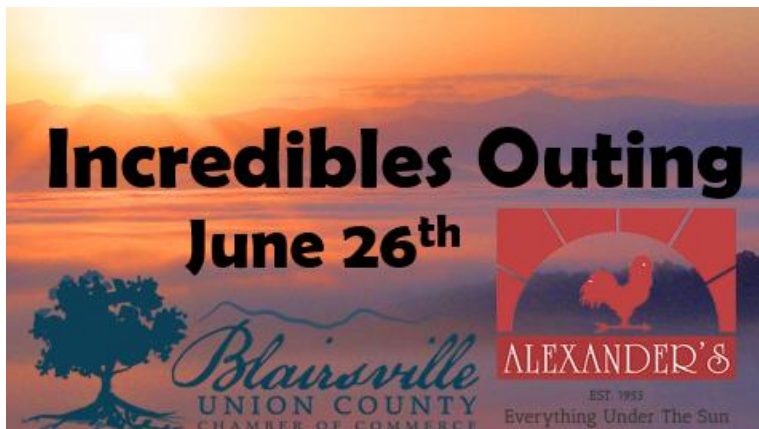
We began April with our regular monthly breakfast at the Woodstock Chick-fil-a Dwarf House. We had a record breaking attendance. Everyone enjoyed our food and fellowship.

All during the month, Easter eggs were stuffed in our homes. On the day of the hunt, several INCREDIBLES helped make it an enjoyable time for the kids. Thanks to everyone who assisted with this project.

We are looking forward to our May activities. On May 7th, we plan to attend the musical Les Miserables at Johns Creek UMC presented by the Chorale department. We will leave immediately after church. Thank you, Dorothy McKinney for making the plans for this outing. We look forward to our time together.

If you have any suggestions for an outing, please let Jenny ([\(770\) 926.3172](tel:7709263172)) or Sandra ([\(770\)926.3595](tel:7709263595)) know.

Come join us for a great time of fellowship.
God Bless.



Men

Attention:

Do you like to have fun?





United
Methodist
Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Please join us.
Paula Goddard - UMW President 2017
678-234-6909 Goddard.Paula@yahoo.com



Final Day to buy tickets on front porch!

Menu:

Your choice of two entrees:

Napa Grilled Chicken
(breast w/artichoke hearts, grilled mushrooms
& roasted tomatoes)

Grilled Salmon

Northwestern Vegetable Blend & Rice Pilaf

Mixed Green Salad w/two dressings

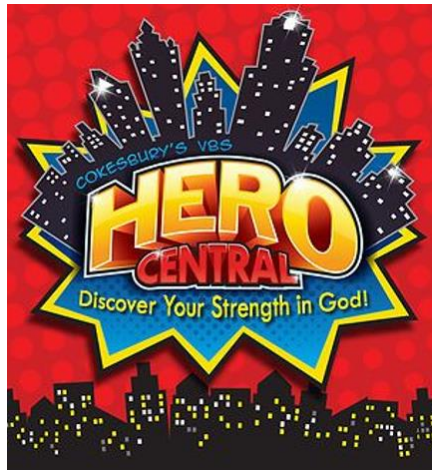
Rolls & Butter, Assorted Desserts

Tea, Coffee & Water

Vacation Bible School is almost here!

Volunteers & Children may register online or with Jessica Porter!

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You're Invited!

Little River UMC
Vacation Bible School 2017

June 5th – 9th

(Monday – Friday)

Time: 6pm – 8:30pm

Dinner Provided

Ages 4-12

Rising Pre-K - 6th Grade

Little River

Tuesdays

June 20, 27

July 11, 18

**Includes Lunch
9am – 3:30pm**

Email Pastor Gale to Register!

Check out the first Little River Adventure Camp coming this Summer!

You may register for 1 day, or all 4!

Cost: \$5/day



Youth Spiritual Life Retreat 2017 Recap March 17-19

The Little River Youth Group took a trip to Camp Glisson and had a blast! (If you can't tell from the photos!) They learned about the Spiritual Seasons of life and how to recognize that each season has a purpose. We had a great speaker from Impact Church, and the UGA Wesley band rocked the house! For all first timers, the group seemed to really love it!

And great news, all 7 that wish to attend Summer Camp are now fully funded thanks to the church! Get ready for some excited Youth LRUMC! They seem to have the Glisson bug! O how that camp can get anyone on fire for Christ!



Where will the Little River College Students be this Summer?



College Students Highlight:

Please be in prayer for two of our college students, Ally Goddard (pictured on left below) and Katie Wheeler (pictured on right below), who leave Sunday, May 7th for a mission trip to Culebra Island, Puerto Rico. This mission team is part of the Wesley Foundation from the University of North Georgia. They will be working with Pastor David Sanchez of Jerusalem United Methodist Church and provide much needed assistance to the people of the island, including working with the elderly, hosting a children's camp through the elementary school, accomplishing minor construction to repair substandard housing and most importantly, sharing the love of Christ.

Culebra is a small island about 17 miles off the east coast of Puerto Rico. There are approximately 1800 people that live on the island (~60% in poverty). Pastor Sanchez has a wonderful vision to serve this community in the name of Christ. Jerusalem UMC has about 35 worshipers, and God is providing a wonderful opportunity to partner with and help grow this ministry.



Ally Goddard & Oscar King, pictured to the left, will also be serving as camp counselors at Camp Glisson, in Dahlonega, for the first time this Summer! They will definitely need our prayers as they serve different groups of elementary, middle, & high school students each week. No telling what God has in store for them this Summer, but maybe they will see some of our 7 youth that we will be sending from Little River! What an exciting time for our college students!

Celebrations within the church:

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:

Charles & Toni Long	5-5-1985	(32 years)
Michael & Brianna Elrod	5-17-2008	(9 years)
Adam & Lanisha Schwartzberg	5-20-2000	(17 years)
Chris & Julie Free	5-21-2016	(1 year)
Wylie & Leyla Jones	5-21-2005	(12 years)
Tom & Dawn Thorpe	6-7-1985	(32 years)
Whit & Elizabeth Armstrong	6-14-1991	(26 years)
Jason & Beth Watkins	6-14-2008	(9 years)
Richard Cluff & Stephanie Bullard	6-23-2012	(5 years)
Scott & Kim Christian	6-27-2002	(15 years)
Scott & Pam King	6-28-1986	(31 years)
Brad & Donna Long	6-29-1996	(21 years)
Steve & Sallie Freeman	6-30-1973	(44 years)

Upcoming Birthdays:	May		June
Sam McCleskey	1	Sybil Sims	1
Tony Bush	1	Margaret Eaton	1
Brad Long	3	Maurice Smith	2
Ashley Walden	3	Toni Long	2
Sallie Freeman	8	Fritz Kupsky	4
Bob Hirsch	10	Linda Gifford	6
Kendra Cosner	11	Marquis Christian	14
Linda Horning	13	Rich Seibert	14
Christopher Neese	15	Shawna Blount	15
Roy Norman	15	Pam King	16
Steve Freeman	17	Deborah Long	16
Stephanie Bullard	18	Bill Goddard	17
Eileen Hirsh	19	Ellen Brandt	17
Denis DeCicco	20	Cooper Jones	17
Stephanie Brownlow	21	Barbara Neese	18
Jesse Laswell	25	Jimmy Long	22
Michael Vanderberg	29	Camille Connor	22
Lanisha Schwartzberg	30	JoAnn Powers	27
Brittany Hamby	31	Gladys Barcynski	27
		Austin Free	27
		Scott King	28
		Michael Horning	29
		Ruby Lowry	30
		Chris Free	30

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"River News"!

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issue.

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