

September
2017

RIVER NEWS

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma breezed in and changed lives, some sadly altered forever and others humbled by the need to accept help from neighbors and strangers. How inspiring it was to watch people altar their lives (put their own plans aside, on the altar), helping people made vulnerable by wind and water!

Thank you for giving so generously to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Hurricane relief —we gave over \$450.00 to help! Then Saturday night, September 9, we gathered to worship God and help Tony and Cara Bush. Your generosity is amazing. Church family, plus family and friends, gave them over \$3,500.00 to help with bills. September has provided times for praying, giving—We have really loved Jesus and our neighbors.

Now that Fall has come, you need to know about the fun activities planned in October and November by a variety of groups in the church. During Sunday, October 1st 's worship, we will join Christians throughout the world communing with Jesus with Holy Communion. Imagine, in almost every time zone, Christians will unite to experience Jesus, the living Lord. Wow! After worship, our leadership is invited to a called Administrative Board meeting to finish Charge Conference preparation. David Pope will let us know the exact time.

Throughout the Spring and Summer several of our men have been saving a huge number of fish for our Annual Fish Fry on Saturday, October 7, at 7 pm at Gail O's home on Wagon Trail off Trickum Rd, only 1 mile from the church. This is always a fun event and everyone is invited!

Sunday, October 8th, at 2:30, we join Ebenezer UMC, corner of Cox Rd and Hwy 140, for our annual meeting, called Church Conference. At this meeting, we gather to worship God with our District Superintendent and members of Ebenezer UMC. A flurry of activity is required to prepare for Church Conference. During Church Conference, we will vote on our 2018 budget, elect our leadership for 2018, enjoy remarks by our DS, enjoy Holy Communion with a sister church, and celebrate the many ways God blessed us this year. You are invited to come and I guarantee you will be awed by the many ways we bless our community.

Tuesday, October 10th, Incredibles are going to Buford to their International Market. In addition to an official tour, we will enjoy lunch there, too. Everyone is invited, but you need to tell Sandra Wehunt that you are coming.

Both of our United Methodist Women's groups, (UMW), the nighttime and daytime groups, may tour the Board of Global Ministries, and meet leaders who oversee missionaries and UMCOR. The date and time have not been set. Friday, October 20, until Sunday afternoon, October 22, all ladies are invited to a retreat sponsored by UMW. Gail O. plans the trip, and at this moment, it is still a surprise. What fun!

Sunday, October 22, men will lead our worship. Be sure to support them, they are so talented and so faithful—we are so blessed!

Sunday, October 29, in the afternoon, cars will be decorated, costumes of all types will be donned, candy will be put in trunks and we invite our community to come and enjoy a safe Trunk/Treat in the lower parking lot. Last year we had 1200 children. Yes, it was amazing. So, to prepare, please bring all the candy you can! We want to be a wonderful blessing. And yes, we provide food and hope to have some sponsors you will hear about soon! The air is electric with excitement—put this on your calendar.

Of course, you know Wednesday nights are special here at Little River. Christ Kids, children Kindergarten - 5th grade, and Youth Group, 6th-12th, come, play, learn, and make new friends from 6-8 pm. Children eat free and adults pay \$6/person starting at 6:15, for a huge delicious meal that changes every week. At 7 pm, dynamic Bible Study Fellowships for both men and women start. Free babysitting is provided.

October sermons will remind us that God delights in doing miracles! Each sermon will start with a trip back in time when Jesus walked on the earth showing the supernatural power of God. I will offer a Methodist Discussion Group, one of the many flavors of Christianity, on Sunday, October 15th from 3-4. It will include what is expected of members and how you can become a member. If you are interested, please let me know. At Little River, we are dreaming big and praying bigger! Love Pastor Gale



Pastor Gale's Moment

Drawing for
3 Lucky
Winners

Prize: Free Meal the
following week!

Wednesday
Night
MEALS

6:15PM

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

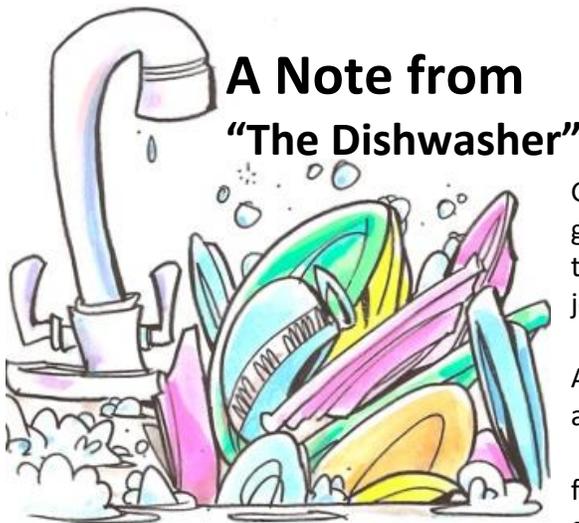
Christ's Kids & Youth Group eat FREE. Come and join us each week for a good meal and fellowship.

MENU FOR OCTOBER 2017 – Takeouts Available

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| Oct 4 | Grilled hamburger steaks, baked beans, baked potato, garden salad, Texas toast, drink & dessert. |
| Oct 11 | Parmesan chicken, vegetable medley, yellow rice, salad, bread, drink & dessert. |
| Oct 18 | Country fried steak, mixed beans, creamed potatoes, slaw, bread, drink & dessert. |
| Oct 25 | Beef Stroganoff over noodles, green beans, marinated carrots, bread, drink & dessert. |

Remember: the money you pay for your meal pays our expenses including: feeding Christ's Kids and Youth Group, buying paper goods, etc. We also have fundraisers for Vacation Bible School and Camp Glisson.
We need your support.

Thank you from the Kitchen Crew (Gail O, Debbie Hamby, Rosalee Little, Tom Walbeck, Teresa & David Bailey, plus Sandra Wehunt, cashier, and Pat Andre, baker)



A Note from "The Dishwasher"

Today was the last day of summer and it is so nice to be back in print. Thankfully, we didn't have a lot of hot, hot days this summer! We started 2017-2018 Wednesday Night Meals, two weeks ago. David Bailey Sr. joined our close-knit team headed by Gail O. We have had nice turn outs the first two weeks. The youth group has doubled in size. Jessie and her crew have a mission leading them in the direction of glorifying God while having lots of fun. Great job!

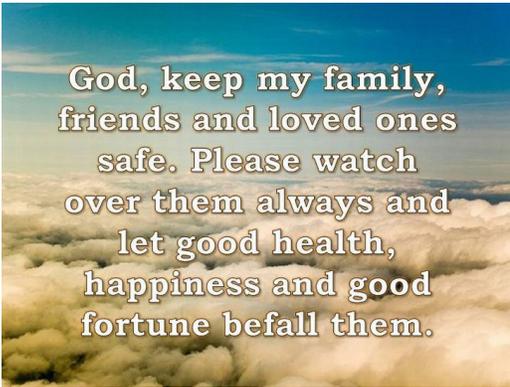
Recently we honored our Sunday School teachers. We have true Angels leading our Sunday School classes and they deserve our praise and respect.

September 13th, at our second Wednesday Night meal, some familiar faces stopped by including Casey Darrow and his sons. It was great to see them again. Also, a special guest...my sister Susan is visiting from Delaware. Everyone was so gracious. She really enjoyed the welcoming fellowship. Great times indeed. Our inspiring pastor Gale and her husband are on a well-deserved vacation across the pond. We wish them safe travels.

Two or so years ago there three old guys who loved to fish for the fun and pride of it. The victory of being able to say they were the one who caught the most fish was the prize. The legend of their passion grew and a sweet lady suggested they keep all the fish caught during their adventures for a fall celebration. So, this October 7th will be our third annual fish fry to be held at our beloved Gail O's paradise estate in Southern Woodstock. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Come and celebrate fall with your fellow church family.

Happy Trails, God Bless America -The Dishwasher

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP



The MMPG is still going well, despite holidays and inclement

weather. We have about

10 loyal folks every Monday morning. Our average mailings are 15 per week. We feel like this starts our week off right by being here together and reaching out to others. Please continue to share your requests and concerns. Pray for our group that we will continue to do God's bidding. Have a great fall. You may reach us by calling Sandra @ [770.926.3595](tel:770.926.3595) or email Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com.



The Incredibles have had a wonderful summer. We had 14 at our regular breakfast in September. The folks at Chick-fil-A are so nice to the group.

We always have lots of fun and fellowship. Due to the predicted bad

weather, the September outing had to be cancelled. Thank you, Roy and Peggy, for planning our trip.



October promises to be another fun time. On October 7th, we will have our annual fish fry at the home of Gail Olschewske, 505 Wagon Trail at 5:30PM. Come out for an evening of good food and fellowship.

On October 10th, we will go to the Buford Highway Farmers Market. Pat Andre has planned a great day with a guided tour of the facility. We will have our lunch on the premises. There are several options for lunch. As usual, we will pay our \$5.00 per person for the trip to defray the cost of gas.

We plan to leave the church @ 10am. Costs for the lunch will be announced later. Start marking your



calendar for the upcoming events. Any questions can be directed to Jenny 770.926.3172, Pat 678.938.5235 or Sandra 770.926.3595.

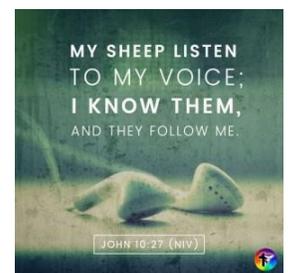
You may email Pat @ dpandre1@hotmail.com or Sandra @ Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com.

Thanks for all your support and love for our group.



10 'til 10 is going great so far! We've had 10 individuals join us the first 2 weeks, and we are very happy with that. It's a great time to worship! Join us!

The time focuses on us, the individual, worshipping and talking with God, while surrounded by others doing the same.





Women's Night Circle

United
Methodist
Women

FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

September 19th Meeting Review:

- Bible Devotion – A Woman's Place
 - Luke 8:1-3
 - We make our place in the world through Christ. Women can help make the world a better place.
- Missionary Birthdays
 - Mary Andreolli, Mary Kuronzwi
- Support Day Circle and encourage giving to the Water for Liberia project.

Next Meeting: Nov. 14th – 6pm

Crafting Project: New Chrismon Ornaments for Church Tree

Thank Banks Turn-in

Our Women's Program is a great way to serve alongside your fellow ladies in the church while forming new Christian friendships.

Please join us.

Paula Goddard – UMW President

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Goddard.Paula@yahoo.com



Plans are certainly coming together for this group. So far, we have seven ladies actively involved...and there's always room for more. Our current social action project is Water for Liberia. Hopefully you have noticed the water jugs in Fellowship Hall and the front foyer. The entire Little River Church Family is invited to bring their change to make a change. This money will enable the people of Liberia to dig wells and have cleaner water for everyday living. Remember -- we are blessing others by being the hands and feet of Jesus. Also, Ladies, please remember to bring your THANK BANKS to this meeting.



TRUSTEES

Below are two ongoing projects of the Trustees. The playground project is on hold until we acquire donations for completion. Any amount you can contribute will be appreciated. If you have any questions, see Roger or Gail O.

1. Play Ground Project

a. Updates

- 3 new small child play pieces – purchased
- 1 small child piece donated - Shawna Blount
- Swings Moved
 - Tire swing removed.
 - Replaced with 2 baby swings.
 - New swings to replace broken soon.

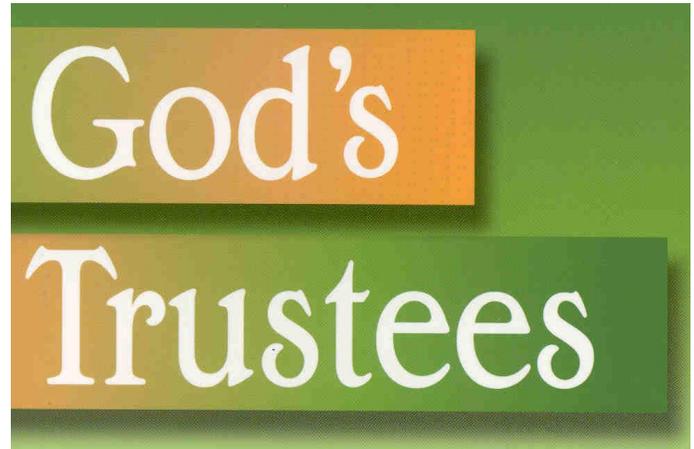
b. UMM Removal

- 1 large child play set – too far gone.
- Dividing fence & the two gates.

c. Pending Updates: - Donations Appreciated

- Repair & Paint Fence, Replace Gates
- Add Fence Edging & Mulch
- Large Noah's Ark Play Set – Older Children

We have suggested to David Bailey that one of the scouts might like to do this work as an Eagle Scout project. We will pay for the material and he would do the labor. It is being discussed.



2. Parking Lot Project – Completely Funded!!

All of the work, except the sidewalk/stair railings, has been completed. We are on the waiting list for the company that we have selected to complete the project. They are way behind on their work, but we are on their list. This is the company that was recommended by Bartow Paving, and the one we like the best. We have talked to lots of companies and received many quotes – some more than double what this quote is. All current railings will be replaced due to disrepair, and new railings will be added next to all new sidewalks/stairways.

Parking Lot – Bartow Paving	\$111,800.00
Sidewalks, steps, resealing of road & overflow parking, grading, water line relocation, etc.	14,622.25
Railings (to be completed)	<u>13,133.00</u>
TOTAL PROJECT	\$139,555.25
Money on hand	\$ 30,844.40
Special Funds Approved	88,005.00
Anonymous Donor	10,000.00
Claude Barnes Trust	9,577.84
Miscellaneous Donations - Building Maintenance Fund	<u>1,128.01</u>
MONEY TO COVER	\$139,555.25

Gail O. & Roger Long, Co-chairs, Trustees

Christ Kids & Youth

We have had a great crowd of children and youth these first 2 weeks! We've averaged over 30 between the two groups so far! What a blessing!



The children 5th grade and under, our Christ Kids, are learning about Communion the first 4 weeks through The

Gospel Project. They're nights run like this:

A Fun Game, Bible Lesson Video, Review Questions, 2 Fun Songs (relating back to our monthly scripture and lessons), a short Discussion Starter Video, and Discussion Questions.

Even our leaders love it!

Every lesson in this 3-year program, studying the Bible in order from Old to New Testaments, relates back to Jesus.

Thank You Volunteers: Sally Fedrigan, Kaila Swindel, Paula Goddard, Missy Schmidt, Natalie Hartley, Mrs.

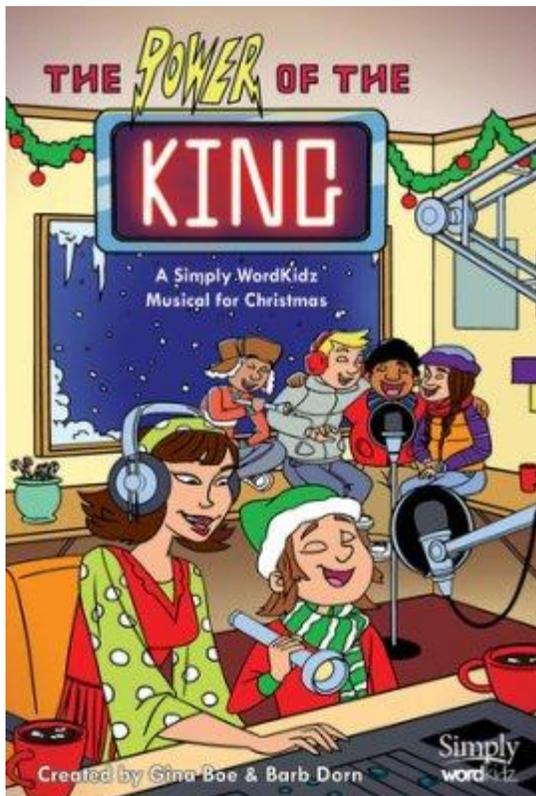
Howard, & Angel Blount! Thank you! – Jessica Porter, Youth & Children's Minister

Needed: 2 Dinner Rush Volunteers

Begins @ 6PM
Hotdog & Chili
Dinner Available

Sunday, October 29th
Little River
United Methodist Church

12455 Hwy 92 Woodstock, GA 30188



Youth & Children's Christmas Musical

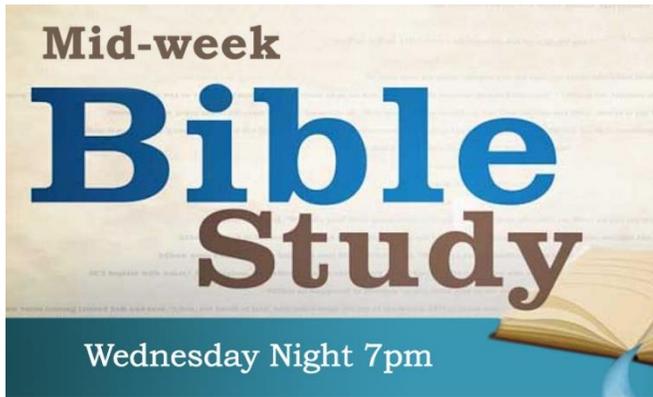
Tentatively, Sunday Evening, December 10th

Contact Jessica Porter if your child is interested.

Practices Most Sunday Evenings @ 5pm

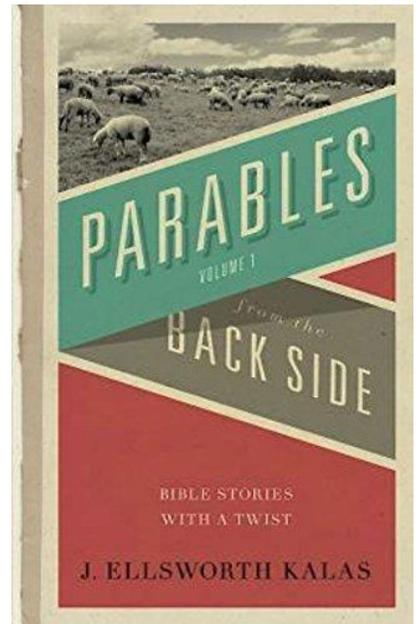
CD's Available





Men and Women are both studying with Parables from the Back Side by J. Ellsworth Kalas this semester. Each week covers a new topic, so you are always in the loop. There are

still spaces available in this semester's study. Join either the men or the women for great discussion. See Bob or Levada Eller for a book!



OUR FLAG



Our flag, flying continuously, has been the responsibility of the Scouts since the installation of the flagpole as an Eagle Scout project almost 15 years ago. The Scouts replace it when needed; lower it to half-mast when appropriate; monitor the light shining on it, etc. Remember that the flag flies continuously on good days and bad, through storms, or the rocket's red glare. When you drive by the church at night, look for the flag in front of our church with the light shining on it, and think of the brave men and women

defending our country, so we can sleep safely at night. While you are at it, thank a veteran for their service and their family for their sacrifice!

Methodist Melodies

Our Methodist Melodies are still blessing the community with song. Join them as they take their group of a couple dozen folks around Cherokee County. They visit many shut-ins and senior community homes and more!

Practice is normally held on the 1st and 3rd Tues. at 10 am. Please contact Bob Hirsch if you would like to join.



Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:

Roger & Deborah Long	9-8-1989	(28 years)
Carl & Dorothy McKinney	9-14-1968	(49 years)
Chuck & Sandy Sharp	9-22-1982	(35 years)
Bob & Levada Eller	9-30-1976	(41 years)
Bill & Paula Goddard	10-5-1991	(26 years)
Eddie & Jane Watkins	10-7-1967	(50 years)
Joe & Diana Pendley	10-10-1970	(47 years)
David & Gail Oakes	10-11-1986	(31 years)

Upcoming Birthdays:	Sept.		Oct.
Teresa Bailey	1	Sandra Wehunt	9
Carter Vanderberg	4	Tinley Watkins	10
Stafford Connor	12	Diana Pendley	12
Heidi King	13	David Pope	14
William Oberleitner	13	Dorothy McKinney	15
Jamie Cross	14	Kim Christian	19
Fred Bayley	15	Evelyn Smith	21
Brayden Free	17	Lynn Cagle	22
LaNelle Wood	18	William Freeman	23
Ben Beavers	19	Hannah Hamby	31
Cara Bush	22	Felix Jones	31

Thank you for Reading the 2017 September Edition of "River News"!

If you did not get your group/individual segment into the newsletter this month, no worries.

Simply send your next update to JessicaPorter1313@gmail.com

and you will be included in the next issue.

Copies will be available at church & mailed to shut-ins.

If you would like a color copy, please send JessicaPorter1313@gmail.com your email address.

