

RIVER NEWS

April 2018

the latest

Welcome to Spring at Little River! What a grand Easter we enjoyed. Attendees at the Sunrise Service, always a special group of Christians, watched the sun pop up as we sang 'Up From the Grave He Arose!' Then we enjoyed breakfast made for us by our UMM, David Pope and Tony Bush. Speaking of UMM, all men in the church need to step up, join our Men's fellowship, and put all of your wonderful talents together to bless Little River. We need you! The next Breakfast is at Burger Inn at 7:30, April 19, and the next meeting is from 3:30-4:30, Sunday, May 6. Come meet new friends and share ideas for strengthening our men's fellowship!

Our Praise Service at 8:30 is very relaxed with some contemporary music. We are so grateful for Gary Coleman who plays the guitar and leads the music. Come experience our relaxed fellowship and worship.

Our Easter worship at 11:00 am was very special. Jorge and I divided worship into two halves: First music and second the Word. How our hearts resonated with the story of Jesus Christ's suffering, death and resurrection set to music to remind all of us what great suffering it took to free us from sin! Then the word amplified that theme. Throughout the congregation shouted Amen! and Alleluia!

Now we are in the Easter Season, working our way to Pentecost, Sunday, May 13, which also happens to be Mothers' Day. For those of you who might to read ahead, the sermon texts for the next few Sundays are: John 20: 24-31; John 21: 1-16, and Psalm 100 (April 29 will be a Sunday filled with singing). Sunday, May 6, Jessica Porter is our Guest Preacher!



Pastor Gale's Moment

We are really excited about our entire church's mission project to purchase animals for an entire Ark through Heifer International. Please check them out online, pick your animal and bless families throughout the world, even in America! Your gift, which can be monthly, can be sent to the church or brought and given during worship. Of course, all gifts are tax deductible. A final thought: Consider being part of our New Mission Team. This



The 2018 River Missions Challenge

Join Little River's efforts to raise \$5000 to GIFT an ARK of animals to countries in need.

For more details on the project.

September we are going to Murphy Harpst in Cedartown. Our first outing as a team is Saturday, May 19, their fundraiser bike/walk; a free lunch awaits you at the finish! You need to sign up with Cara Bush soon to walk on May 19th. If anyone needs help with transportation, we will leave the church at 7 am that day. Returning around 3. If you need a ride, check with Cara or Gale.

Also join the team by being part of the GO team or the HOME Team. Let any of the present team: David Pope, Tony and Cara Bush, Jessica Porter, Kim Simmons, Bonita Cox or Rich and Gale Seibert know of your interest. It will cost very little and be an exciting 5 Days: September 16, after church, to Friday. September 21, afternoon. Get on board the Gospel Ark And Go Up the River of Life.

Love, Pastor Gale



Murphy-Harpst

LIFE AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN

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|  ♥ Beehive - \$30 |  ♥ Llama - \$150 |  ♥ Ox - \$500 |  ♥ Pig - \$120 |
|  ♥ Alpaca - \$150 |  ♥ Flock - Chicks - \$20 |  ♥ Cow - \$500 |  ♥ Donkey - \$400 |
|  ♥ 3 Ducks - \$20 |  ♥ Goat - \$120 |  ♥ Flock - Geese - \$20 |  ♥ 3 Guinea Pigs - \$40 |
|  ♥ 3 Rabbits - \$60 |  ♥ Sheep - \$120 |  ♥ Water Buffalo - \$250 | |

Make a Difference!
DONATE

Murphy-Harpst is an independent not-for-profit organization committed to meeting the needs of abused and neglected young people through residential treatment, placements in specialized foster care, and community programs that serve at-risk youth and their families. In partnership with the United Methodist Women national office, our services are available to all children regardless of sex, race, color, or creed, and whose needs can be addressed and treated within the scope of program services.

*Treat older women as you would your own mother,
and treat younger women as you would
your own sisters with all purity.*

1 Timothy 5:2

*Mother,
Daughter,
Special Friend
Banquet*

You are invited!

Friday, May 11th 7 p.m.

*Cherokee Co. Chamber of Commerce
3605 Marietta Hwy,
Canton, GA 30114*

*For Mothers and Daughters, Grandmas,
sisters, daughters-in-law, sisters-in-law,
mothers-in-law, aunts, nieces,
cousins, & special friends.*

You are invited!

Tickets Now On Sale:

Adults - \$17 Child - \$5

Mixed Greens Salad w/ 2 dressings

Your choice of entrée:

Napa Grilled Chicken

*(Breast w/artichoke hearts, grilled
mushrooms & roasted tomatoes)*

Or

Grilled Salmon

Longhorns Mixed Vegetables & Rice

Pilaf

Assorted Desserts

Rolls & Butter

Tea, Coffee or Water

*Child Plate: fruit plate, Chick-fil-A
nuggets, green beans, macaroni and cheese,
roll & dessert.*

Contact Gail O. for tickets. All women are welcome.

Monday Morning Prayer Group

MMPG continues to meet every Monday morning. We have averaged sending 20 cards per week for the past three months. It is always a special time when we are together. We welcome anyone who would like to join us on Mondays @10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have a prayer request, please let us

know. You may fill out a prayer request card and drop in the offering plate or give us a call. The group is very grateful to the church family for all your support. Please continue to pray for the group and our church family. God Bless. Any questions, you may call Jenny

@ [770.926.3172](tel:770.926.3172) or Sandra @ [770.926.3595](tel:770.926.3595). You may also email Sandra

@ Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. Please keep us in your prayers.

**Prayer
TEAM**

Churchwide BBQ / YARDALE FUNDRAISER – APRIL 28.

Our annual fundraiser will be Saturday, April 28, and I need the help of everyone to make it a success. The money made from this fundraiser will go toward another van for our church. You will receive credit for any money you donate. If you cannot be present but can make a donation, please mail checks to Little River UMC, POB 637, Woodstock, GA 30188.



I need you to bring items for the yard sale. **Starting Sunday, Apr. 22, the Long Room will be open 24 hours day for you to bring your donations.** If you have more than you can bring or have heavy items, contact anyone listed below and we will set up a time to pick up your items. We will take clothes (clean, gently used), furniture, appliances (in working order), toys, books, household items, etc.



We will be serving BBQ dinners for \$6 adults / \$3 kids. All plates will include large BBQ sandwich, 2 sides of your choice (baked beans, slaw, potato salad, corn-on-cob), chips, pickle, drink & dessert. I need you to buy tickets for your family and sell tickets to your friends, neighbors, and businesses you associate with. We will deliver to business at the time they choose. I need you to volunteer to donate the following items:

Money

Individual bags of chips

Tea – sweet & unsweet

Baked beans

Pickles

Soft drinks – cans

Corn-on-cob

Homemade desserts

Bottled water

We need workers starting at 6:30am on Saturday, April 28.

Please do your part. Call me or e-mail me and tell me what you can provide ASAP.

Thanks!

Gail O. 770-926-9868 (h) / 678-641-5486 (c) or gailols@bellsouth.net
Sandra Wehunt 770-926-3595 (h) / 770-709-2402 or sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com
Tom Walbeck 770-401-1433

**REMEMBER THIS IS A
CHURCHWIDE EVENT SO IT
TAKES ALL OF US DOING
OUR PART & IF WE ALL
WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN
ACCOMPLISH GREAT
THINGS!**



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 APRIL & MAY 2018 – Takeouts Available

- Apr 18 Baked ham, lima beans, macaroni and cheese, deviled eggs, Red Lobster biscuits, drink & dessert.
Apr 25 Meat loaf, mixed beans, scalloped potatoes, cucumber salad, bread, drink & dessert.
May 2 **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NIGHT** - Bill Goddard's Country Fried Steak, beans, creamed potatoes, slaw, gravy, biscuits, drink & cobblers.
May 9 Fried chicken, green beans, oven roasted potatoes, tropical fruit salad, bread, drink & dessert.
May 16 Hamburgers, hotdogs & all the trimmings, baked beans, chips, drink & ice cream.
May 23 BOY SCOUT NIGHT - All you can eat spaghetti, garden salad, Texas toast, drink & dessert.

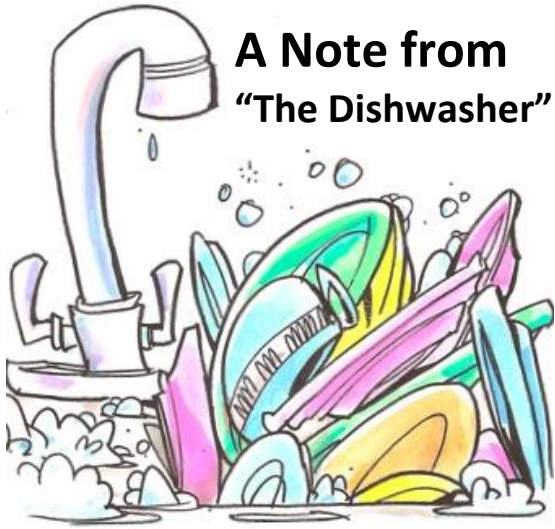
Come on Wednesday nights at 6:15 and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. It is a great way to get to know your church family better. Bring your children to Christ's Kids or the Youth Group, or if they are too small to participate in these two groups, we have a staffed nursery with Pam and Megan. Stay for Bible Study at 7. The Ladies' study is taught by Bonita Cox and the Men's by David Pope. If you would like a meal, but in a hurry, get your meals to go.

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)



United Methodist Men

The yard sale clothing racks are going up Friday evening (27th) and as previously mentioned, Miss Gail will be short of hands to separate the donations. The church needs your participation (men and women) for this event. We would love to have anyone willing to help with this great community event! This is all hands-on deck, no contribution is too small. Go Team!! #NewChurchBus



A Note from "The Dishwasher"

Great news! A new church van is coming. But what kind? Maybe a Greyhound style. And the color should be sky-blue. It should sleep thirty of our church family. Imagine the Incredibles' trips now. Mountain trips, beach trips. No longer day trips but three-day trips. Wow! The fun to be had. I believe Rich would love to pilot our bus.

But how can we get our new bus? Praying? Yes, of course. Well we have a start for our big dream coming April 28th with our annual fund-raising yard sale and barbecue. What can you do to help? Donate items to sell in yard sale. We need donations of food for the

barbecue with all the trimmings. We need all the people power available for collecting, sorting, setting up, delivering food. Everything imaginable. We will also be happy to receive any monetary donations for this fabulous fund raiser. So, if you have never volunteered, this will be a great opportunity to get your feet wet. It won't hurt at all unless you call hard work with friends, hard work. Money helps if you cannot attend that day. You could give cash for food and for our new van.

We want to give a shout out to Dawn (pit bull) Thorpe for her endless contributions to Little River.

God Bless America

God Bless America. Land that I love. Stand beside her. And guide her. Through the night. With the light from above. - By Irving Berlin

- The Dishwasher

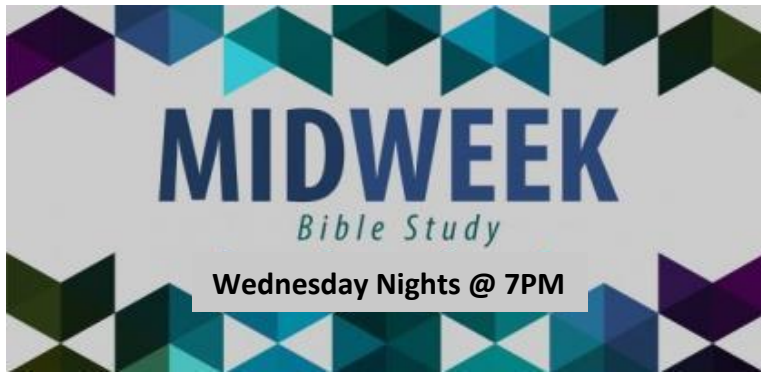
"The Incredibles" – Gotta Love 'Em!

The **INCREDIBLES** had a great April. On April 3rd, we went to Grand Oaks in Cartersville for a delicious lunch. After lunch, we were invited to take a tour of the home and gardens. It was a fun time. The meal was outstanding. We had ten INCREDIBLES and one guest. Those who could went over to Townsend Park for a surprise visit with Fran Guffey. It was the highlight of the day. We are thankful to report that Fran was feeling well and up for a visit. On April 10th, we had our breakfast @ Chick fil a Dwarf House. We had thirteen present. We enjoyed a great meal and a fun time. Come and join this fun group of "incredible" people.

Suggestions are always appreciated for outings.

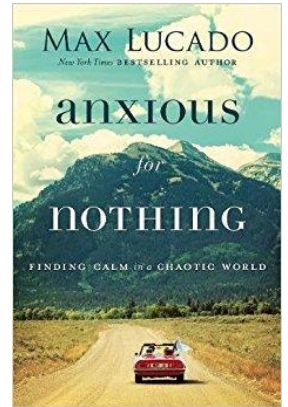
You may contact Pat Andre [678.938.5235](tel:678.938.5235), Jenny Mitchell [770.926.3172](tel:770.926.3172), or Sandra Wehunt [770.926.3595](tel:770.926.3595). Also, email Pat @ dpandre1@hotmail.com or Sandra Wehunt @ Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. Join us for our next outing!



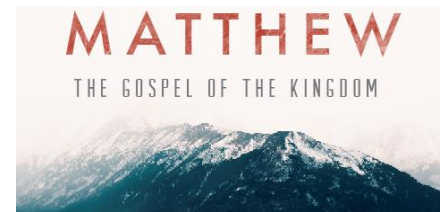


Wednesday Night Bible Studies

The ladies' night time Bible Study begins Wednesday, March 14th. We are so excited to begin this study of Max Lucado's book "Anxious for Nothing". Although this study is set up for 5 weeks, we have already decided



that will not be enough time, so...we're going to stretch it to 10 weeks. On the first week we will show the DVD and discuss it. The second week, we will dig into our feelings and findings from the readings. This should be fantastic, ladies! If you cannot be with us on Wednesday night, and would still enjoy participating, there is a DVD in the front porch mailbox which you may check out, view and return. If you have questions, please call or text Bonita Cox at 615-293-1670.



Join the men as they continue their study in the book of Matthew! For more info, contact David Pope.

Easter Egg Hunt Fun!



Celebrations within the church:

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:

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| Ricky Blount & Shawna Blount-Barfield | 4-4-2009 (8 years) |
| Fred & Ridgley Bayley | 4-6-1953 (64 years) |
| Mike & Roxie Joyce | 4-24-1976 (41 years) |
| Earl & Kendra Cosner | 4-30-1994 (23 years) |
| Charles & Toni Long | 5-5-1985 (33 years) |
| Michael & Brianna Elrod | 5-17-2008 (10 years) |
| Adam & Lanisha Schwartzberg | 5-20-2000 (18 years) |
| Chris & Julie Free | 5-21-2016 (2 year) |
| Wylie & Leyla Jones | 5-21-2005 (13 years) |



Upcoming Birthdays:

| | April | | May |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Leyla Jones | 1 | Sam McCleskey | 1 |
| Frank Ford | 5 | Tony Bush | 1 |
| Doreen Pumphrey | 8 | Brad Long | 3 |
| Wayne Davis | 9 | Ashley Walden | 3 |
| Julie Long | 10 | Sallie Freeman | 8 |
| Edward Leftwitch | 10 | Bob Hirsch | 10 |
| Brittany Oakes | 11 | Kendra Cosner | 11 |
| Ashlyne Pope | 15 | Linda Horning | 13 |
| David Bailey | 24 | Christopher Neese | 15 |
| Bill Willis | 25 | Roy Norman | 15 |
| Janet Castleberry | 29 | Steve Freeman | 17 |
| Aniston Watkins | 30 | Stephanie Bullard | 18 |
| Ruth Ann Morrison | 30 | Eileen Hirsh | 19 |
| | | Denis DeCicco | 20 |
| | | Stephanie Brownlow | 21 |
| | | Jesse Laswell | 25 |
| | | Michael Vanderberg | 29 |
| | | Lanisha Schwartzberg | 30 |
| | | Brittany Hamby | 31 |

Thank you for Reading the April 2018 Edition of the Little River Newsletter "River News"!

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

Simply send your next update to Jessica Porter. JessicaPorter1313@gmail.com

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

Color edition available via email & LittleRiverUMC.info under history.

Over 150 children with their families!

Thank you to our volunteers & contributors! What a great egg hunt!

- Youth & Children's Minister

Jessica Porter

