

RIVER NEWS

July 2018

the latest

What do you as a Christian think about human sexuality today? Are we so liberated that anything goes? Where do we find guidelines that inform us about what is appropriate for Christians and what is not? Our book of Discipline says homosexuality is not compatible with Christian practice. This is one of the phrases that will be kept or deleted from the book of Discipline at our called General Conference in February 2019. What do you as a Christian think about human sexuality today? Does anything go? If it feels good, do it?

In 2012, I went with my SPRC chairman at the time to Macon, GA, to a seminar sponsored jointly by the NGA Conference and South GA Conference. The subject of the seminar was "The Bible and Homosexual Practice," using the book with the same name by Robert A.J. Gagnon. I am going to use excerpts from this book to add to the ongoing discussion that is such a hot topic in the United Methodist Church today. Be on the lookout for how we might answer: What we as Christians think about human sexuality today?

Love, Pastor Gale



**Revival
@ the River**

**Thursday & Friday
Sept. 27 -28
6:00-7:30pm**

**Saturday
Sept. 29 Lunch 11:00am-1:30pm
To Welcome Sunday Speakers,
Missionaries to Cuba**

Let's Celebrate!

**Birthday Party
Cookout!**
Burgers, hotdogs, cake
Homemade ice cream!

Why Pastor Gale is 70!

When Sunday, August 5

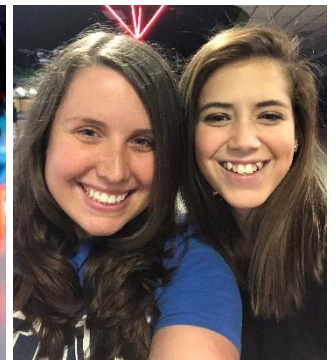
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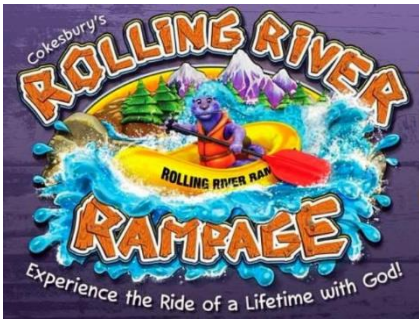
Where Little River UMC
Fellowship Hall

**XOXOXO
R.S.V.P.** Let's fill the basket
with Birthday Cards!



Summer 2018 has been such an adventure. From Adventure Camps, a Skating Party, VBS, Movie Night, BBQ Luncheon, Family Fun Day, Homecoming, and more, there has been such great fun and fellowship at Little River. Young and Old have enjoyed this warm weather and free time fun! There is so much more coming this Fall!! Won't you join in with us and enjoy what is planned ahead? You never know what new wonderful friendships you might make along the way at the River.





Vacation Bible School!



VBS was a wild success this year at Rolling River Rampage! We had over 70 children and over 30 volunteers! Thank you to all of the adults & new teens that gave their evenings away to volunteer! We would not have been able to achieve dinner, crafts, science, recreation, Bible study, & music class without you!

Thank you to our donors: Chick-fil-A: Woodstock Dwarf House, Aurora Cineplex, & Cheese Burger Bobbies: Canton

College Students on Mission with Glisson!

Letter from Oscar King: This summer has been incredible! I had the opportunity to be a site director at Grow Day Camps all across the North GA Conference. I went to Acworth UMC, Mt. Zion UMC, Creekside UMC, St. Luke UMC, Newnan First UMC, & The NETT.

Each church was unique in its own way, and I learned something new from each of these churches. At each church, my fellow site directors and I would coach the high school counselors after campers left each evening of day camp. The counselors are rising juniors and seniors in high school who go through a training week about strengths based leadership and what servant leadership looks like in the church. After working with these high schoolers all summer, I can honestly say I'm so excited to see what they do and how they will change the world!



I also had the opportunity to be a counselor for a week at the North GA Camping and Retreat Ministries newest camp, Shoreline. This summer has been an incredible summer of personal and spiritual growth for me. It has shown me the true power of camping and retreat ministries and the impact it can have not only in campers' lives, but everyone's lives in the surrounding communities as well. There are only a few weeks left before college starts back up, but I'm hoping to be at church a few times, and I would LOVE to talk with anyone about what Grow Day Camps, the Experiential Leadership Institute (ELI), Shoreline, and Camp Glisson are doing and how they have impacted my life! - **Oscar**

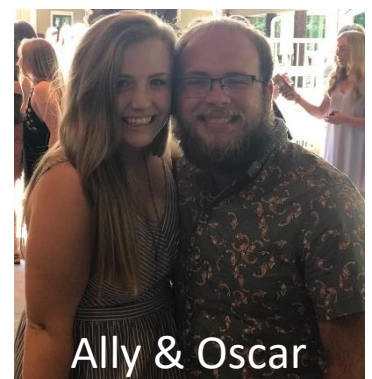
Letter from Ally Goddard: This summer has been full of faith forming fun, experimental learning, radical acceptance, and unconditional love. I spent six wonderful weeks at Sparrowwood, which is a part of camp for children and adults with mild to moderate developmental disabilities. There I personally served as a leader for 2-3 campers per week ages 12-53.

Sparrowwood is a chance for campers with different developmental needs to be accepted for who they are and celebrated for all they have to offer. Focusing on abilities rather than disabilities fosters the shared sense of radical acceptance that helps define the Glisson experience.



Sparrowwood campers are not only included in the greater community by being part of Village living groups and visiting Outpost, they lead the way at can't-miss events like Sparrowwood chapel, dance, and talent show – causing all involved to see we are more alike than we are different.

After the first 6 weeks, I moved over to Village camp and served 2nd – 8th grade campers. Our theme this summer was "Transform". Through ziplining, swimming at the lakes and the pool, tie dying, campout, and so much more, God transformed us and campers into active followers of Christ. Oscar and I have so many memories and stories to share so please ask us about our summer! – **Ally**





Incredibles had a fantastic June & July. We started off June with our breakfast at Chick-fil-A with 11 folks attending. On June 20th, 17 of us met at Guston's for dinner. Both events were lots of fun. We had 12 to breakfast @ Chick-fil-A in July, and we were very excited to have 35 to our annual picnic luncheon. Tony Bush did an outstanding job cooking for us. We were able to celebrate 6 July birthdays at one time! Happy Birthday to those pictured above! Thanks again, Tony for being the grill master! The sides provided were great. As always, the fellowship was wonderful. We are looking forward to a great August. We will begin with our regular breakfast at Chick fil a on August 14th @9am. Plans are being discussed for another activity during August. Watch the bulletins in the coming weeks. If you haven't joined our group, you are missing a treat. Come be with us.

Any suggestions or questions can be addressed to **Pat Andre** @ 678.938.5235, **Jenny** @ 770.926.3172 or **Sandra** @ 770.926.3595. If you prefer, you may email Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. This is truly an **INCREDIBLE** group.



Monday Morning Prayer Group

continues to meet

every Monday @ 10:30am. We average sending 20 cards per week. Please check the birthday and anniversary lists in this newsletter to make sure your special

occasion is listed. If not, please let Jenny or Sandra know. We welcome anyone who has the time to meet with us when you can. We are very grateful to the church family for their support. Please continue to pray with us even when you cannot attend.

Any concerns or needs, you may contact **Jenny** @ 770.926.3172 or **Sandra** @ 770.926.3595. You may send an email to Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com. God Bless.





We had a great turnout of nearly 30 movie watchers at our first Movie Night of the year! Popcorn and snacks, members and friends. And Several heart stings were pulled from this wonderful movie. The group who viewed highly recommends it, just ask Bill Goddard. Stay tuned for a movie night announcements!

July 18th  **6pm-8pm**



I Can Only Imagine - PG

			<p>Over \$2000 raised! Goal: \$5000 Thank you to all donors!</p>	
♥ 3 Rabbits - \$60	♥ Sheep - \$120	♥ Water Buffalo - \$250		
				
♥ Alpaca - \$150	♥ Flock - Chicks - \$20	♥ Cow - \$500		♥ Donkey - \$400
				
♥ 3 Ducks - \$20	♥ Goat - \$120	♥ Flock - Geese - \$20	♥ 3 Guinea Pigs - \$40	
				
♥ Beehive - \$30	♥ Llama - \$150	♥ Ox - \$500	♥ Pig - \$120	



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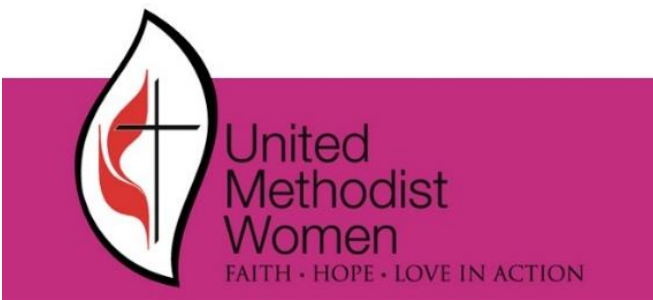
Giving Challenge!

Men v. Women

FILL THE ARK



Donate your change to make a change!
 Men Vs. Women & Boys Vs. Girls
 Separate water jugs are available in the education building in front of men's and women's restrooms for donation.
 Doesn't everyone love a little friendly competition?
 Competition ends Sunday prior to Labor Day!

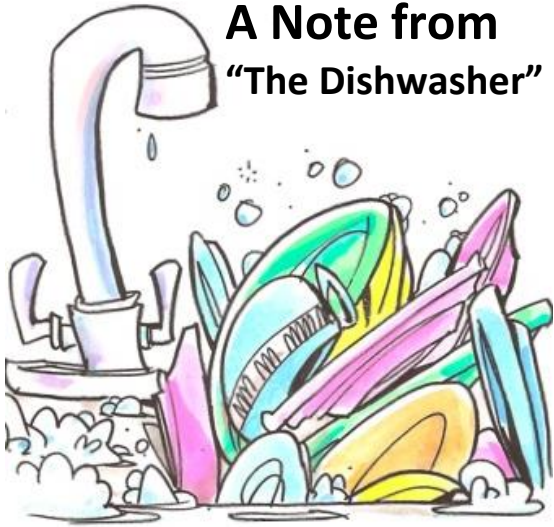


We are always welcoming new members. #WomenWhoServe

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

Thank you from the UMW! We are so thankful for the 30 of you that stayed on June 24th to help package over 300 sack lunches and handmake 300+ PB&J sandwiches for Children in our local area to eat over the summer through the MUST Summer Lunch Program!





A Note from "The Dishwasher"

"One Call That's All"

The number thirteen has always been my lucky number. Starting way back at the age of six playing baseball I always had the picked the number thirteen for my uniform. This continued throughout baseball and football teams in high school, I always had the number thirteen on uniforms. However, the number 13's luck seems to have faded a little.

On Friday, July 13th, David Bailey Jr. and I were on our way home from work, and while turning left on a GREEN arrow at 92 and Woodstock Rd., we were violently struck by a vehicle that ran his red light at 45 mph. A second before impact both David and I saw the vehicle out of our peripheral vision. At the last second,

as he was slamming on his brakes, as he turned the steering wheel left. David and I were truly blessed that day, for had the driver not turned his steering wheel it would have been a direct hit to the driver side door.

After impact, David and I went shooting down the highway 200 feet from the accident site. We were violently twisted and turned in our seat belts as we came to a rest. It took me a minute to catch my breath as David Jr. was asking me if I was alright. Not sure, David had to ask again. My breath slowly coming back I nodded yes. That was when I made the "one call", straight up to God asking for his help, but he had been ahead of me this time. I believe he took that steering wheel of the other driver and turned it to the left preventing a direct hit. Although my truck was totaled, David and I were blessed with injuries and bruises that will heal slowly. It's hard to keep an Eagle Scout and Venturer down.

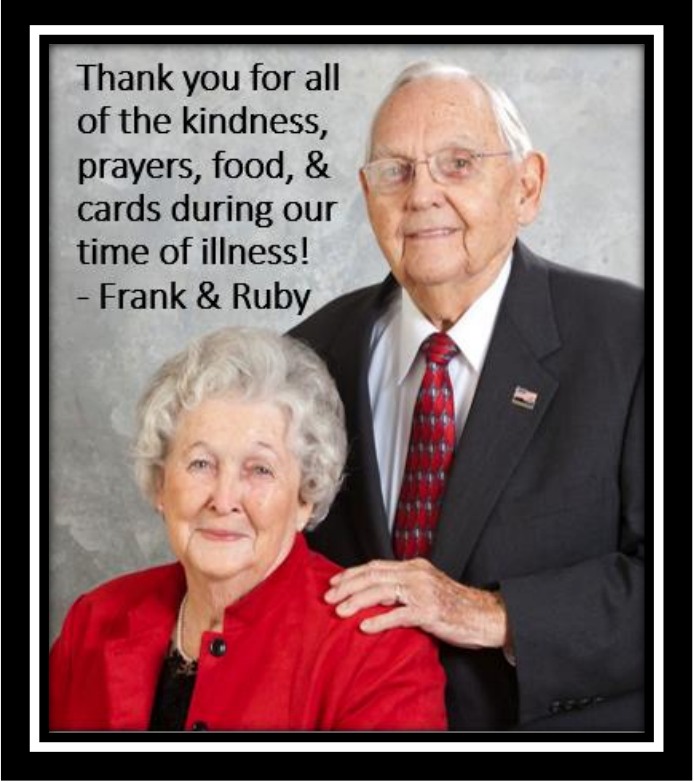
It's thirteen days later as I pen this article for the upcoming Little River News Letter, still thanking God. The newsletter is prepared by our lovely Jessica Porter, what a natural born leader for our church.

We are sending a special wish for Rich Seibert, hoping his leg is healing nicely.

Yes, "One call that's all" really happens!

Thank you for all your prayers.

– The Dishwasher



Thank you for all
of the kindness,
prayers, food, &
cards during our
time of illness!
- Frank & Ruby

News from the Trail



It's almost here. One of my favorite times of the year. Back to school also means "Back to Scouting" here at Little River. You haven't seen much of the boys and girls for the past couple of months, but don't let that fool you. This is one of the busiest times of the year for the Scouting program, and only the Boy Scouts have been meeting regularly at the church over the summer.

The Boy Scouts attended Camp Rainey Mountain and rafted the Nantahala River on their annual white-water trip. The Cub Scouts went to Raccoon Mountain to explore the caves (all survived) and the older boys went to summer camp at Scoutland on Lake Lanier. Both units participated in Flag ceremonies honoring our fallen hero's here at the Church and at the Marietta National Cemetery.

**NO SCOUT
LEFT INSIDE**



Our Girl Scouts have been busy with volunteer projects which this month includes something special — Scouting for Food. They are attempting to raise 1500 cans of food for Papa's Pantry in Woodstock. It's double what they did last year, or 137 cans per Scout. They are also collecting aluminum tabs from Coke cans to recycle for the Ronald McDonald house. Before they come back, they also hope to be guests of the Wolf Lodge near LaGrange for a couple of days of fun prior to the school year.

As you can tell, I'm very proud of our Scouts. I can't think of any group more active in our community, but in a very low-key way. They don't often appear in the newspaper, or brag, but they are out there quietly working to make Woodstock a better place.

So what's coming up? Fall recruiting season is about to begin and there will be a fresh group of Scouts hitting the trail shortly. The Cub Scouts are adding a new rank, Lion, to the program and will be accepting Kindergarteners for the first time this year. Back to School also brings Adventure Quest, a day event where all of the Cub Scouts and Siblings can experience activities like Rock Climbing, BB guns, Archery, Fishing, and Soccer. This year the BB range will be exclusively staffed by members and Leaders of the Boy Scout Troop here at Little River. The Boy Scouts will be training intensively on First Aid, Personal Management (think Finance and time management), and Astronomy. Their First Aid skills will be put to the test in October when they attend an event where they train the older Cub Scouts at a weekend event that serves as a recruiting tool for the Boy Scout Troop.



On behalf of all the Scouts at Little River, may all of your trails be happy ones!

— *David K. Bailey, Scouting Ministry Specialist*



Celebrations within the church:

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:

Roger & Deborah Long	9-8-1989	(29 years)
Carl & Dorothy McKinney	9-14-1968	(50 years)
Chuck & Sandy Sharp	9-22-1982	(36 years)
Bob & Levada Eller	9-30-1976	(42 years)
Bill & Paula Goddard	10-5-1991	(27 years)
Eddie & Jane Watkins	10-7-1967	(51 years)
Joe & Diana Pendley	10-10-1970	(48 years)
David & Gail Oakes	10-11-1986	(32 years)

Upcoming Birthdays:

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Richard Cluff	1	Teresa Bailey	1
Cindy Jones	4	Carter Vanderberg	4
Carolyn Conner	6	Stafford Connor	12
Bonita Cox	9	Heidi King	13
Owen Elrod	9	William Oberleitner	6
Ray Brandt	10	Jamie Cross	14
Peggy Norman	14	Fred Bayley	15
Dudley Weldon	15	Bayden Free	17
Peter Black	16	LaNelle Wood	18
Gail Olschewske	19	Ben Beavers	19
Steve York	19	Cara Bush	22
Ann-Marie Breaux	21		
Roxie Joyce	21		
Brennen Vanderberg	22		
Roger Long	25		
Beverly Oberleitner	25		
Cody Free	25		
Chuck Sharp	26		
Eddie Watkins	28		

Thank you for Reading the July 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.

Happy 80th Birthday Peggy Norman!
Party! Sunday, Aug. 19th 3-5:30pm
Legacy Park Club House, Kennesaw

Please RSVP by Aug. 12
678-493-8048

No gifts please.

