

River News

2018

September



Today a gaggle of geese blocked the turn in to the post office. They were in the middle of the road next to Folks' Restaurant. Everyone paused and waited for them to move, which they did in their own good time, sauntering slowly across the street to the Mexican restaurant parking lot. Do you suppose they preferred a taco to fried chicken? August provided us with a pause from the things we did this summer like VBS, a new summertime lunches ministry with Cherokee County Schools, and Adventure Camp. BUT, your choir did not pause— they

have been working on our Christmas cantata since August's beginning! We are so excited about this amazingly inspired musical. If you love to sing or know a friend who loves to sing, but can't be committed to Sunday mornings, consider a short stint singing the Christmas cantata.

We know you appreciate our choir. The choir needs your support to pay musicians to join us to make our annual Christmas cantata really special. We have a Christmas tree outside the choir rehearsal room and invite you to pick an instrument to support. Please put donations in the basket next to the tree or in the offering plate noting that it is for the choir.

Look at the many opportunities offered to you to help you become a better disciple of Jesus Christ. Our long awaited multi-generational Mission Trip to Murphy Harpst was September 16-21. We reported on it Sunday, September 23. What an honor to represent our church and help a children's home minister better to broken families. We hope to have more Mission Trips like this. You can attend our Monday Morning Prayer Group to send out cards and pray Mondays from 10:30-11:30, Choir, and Wednesday night suppers. Did you know Gail O uses the money earned to bless the church? After a delicious dinner we offer ministry to Children (ChristKids), Youth, and Men and Ladies Bible studies. This year's Fall Revival, September 27 and 28, from 6:00-7:30 pm, will be over by the time this article is published. Anticipating inspiring words from God, we thank the Reverend Claude Herbert for leading us.



The Ark Challenge continues to be lots of fun: different groups have purchased chickens, a goat, a water buffalo, a cow, and other animals. What a difference we will make in the lives of people all over the world: when we send off our Ark. Our goal, \$5,000, will be donated to Heifer International to bless communities in Jesus' name throughout the world.

With all of our ministries we are answering Jesus' command to go into all the world and make Disciples of Jesus Christ, in our church, our local community and far away. Little River opens her arms to embrace all people in many different ways all to glorify Jesus.

There is lots to look forward to in October: World Communion Sunday, Oct. 7, Wed. Night suppers and nighttime events, Incredibles' Events, the Women's Retreat, and Trunk or Treat, Oct.28. Please plan on joining in. You'll make new friends and get filled with joy doing the Lord's work: honoring Jesus and blessing others! Love, Pastor Gale

Murphy Harpst Mission Trip Review:

Thank you to all the folks at Little River for supporting our 2018 mission team. Here are a couple of my Facebook "Journal Entries" from our week. – Jessica
Day 1 Mission Trip: Murphy-Harpst Children's Center

First, we began our day with breakfast and devotional. Then we drove 45 minutes to the Murphy Harpst campus to have our orientation. What a great ministry! We were able to ask any and every question the children or adults had about how this ministry operates with over 75 children living on campus.

So far, we have been constructing mini pergolas for swings and cleaned out the overgrown green house full of weeds. It looks brand new! Nice and ready for the winter gardens to be planted by students this semester. Also, two rose bushes were planted on campus and we were able to have lunch with students who attend school on the



campus. Did I mention we made a few new horse friends while working? We were right next to the equine center today. 😊 Several more projects to go!

Great success! So proud of our Little River Missions Team! Thank you for all the prayers/snacks from our folks back home!

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Day 2-4 - Thank you to everyone who wrote a letter of encouragement to individuals on the mission team! Tony, David, Bonita, Pastor Gale, Jessica, Brennen, Cameron, Christopher, & Carter really appreciated your kind words.

The last few days we accomplished so much and were very happy to be able to serve in so many different ways. Refurbishing and painting the main hall of a girl's dorm. Organizing and cleaning the Christmas/Supply house. Repair old and build new picnic tables. Finish pergolas for swings. And more! Oh! Plus a trip to the Alabama welcome Center so some kids could say they had been to the state and a stop by a war memorial we passed each day.



Wednesday Night

MEALS

Returning this fall.

6:15PM

Drawing for 3 Lucky Winners
Prize: Free Meal the following week!

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

Come and join us each week for a good meal and fellowship with your church family. Then, at 7pm, you can go to one of our bible study groups. A nursery is provided from 6 to 8pm staffed by Pam and Megan. Invite someone to come with you and to bring their kids to Christ's Kids & the Youth Group. Remember that the money you pay for your meal pays our expenses including feeding Christ's Kids and the Youth Group and buying supplies for the church plus lots of other things. We start serving at 6:15 and we need your support. Meals are \$6 for adults / kids 4 up are \$3 / \$18 maximum per family.

Christ's Kids and Youth Group are free. You can also get takeout.

OCTOBER 2018 MENU

- Oct 3 Grilled hamburger steak, baked potatoes, baked beans, garden salad, Texas toast, drink & dessert.
- Oct 10 Meat loaf, mixed beans, creamed potatoes, cucumber salad, bread, drink & dessert.
- Oct 17 Vegetable Night – Baked potatoes with all the trimmings, green beans, black-eyed peas, macaroni and cheese, garden salad, corn bread, drink & dessert.
- Oct 24 Bill Goddard's country fried steak, pinto beans, creamed potatoes, slaw, gravy, biscuits, drink & dessert.
- Oct 31 NO MEAL – HALLOWEEN – All Wednesday Night Activities Cancelled.



Ladies!! Sign up now for a fun weekend!

All aboard for LaGrange, GA for our annual Women's Retreat October 19, 20 & 21, 2018! This is a weekend of fun, fellowship and a chance to get to know everyone who attends better. We will leave my house at 9am Friday, Oct. 19th. I have plenty of safe parking spaces to leave your car over the weekend. We will go in individual cars with room for all that want to go.

Friday, we will go to BAPPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir at Lilburn for a guided tour. A Mandir is a Hindu place of worship – a haven for spirituality and a place of paramount peace. It is also a center vibrant with social, cultural, and spiritual

activities. The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir was inaugurated in August of 2007 after only 17 months of construction time utilizing 1.3 million volunteer hours. The Mandir is comprised of 3 types of stone (Turkish Limestone, Italian marble, and Indian pink sandstone). More than 34,000 individual pieces were carved by hand in India, shipped to the USA and assembled in Lilburn like a giant 3-D puzzle. I have been here before and it is very impressive and worth anyone's time to go see and learn.

After we leave the Mandir, we will have lunch (either a picnic lunch or fast food) and go to LaGrange. At 3pm we have a guided tour of Bellevue, a Greek revival mansion built in 1853-1855. It was built by Benjamin Harvey Hill for his wife, Caroline. Senator Hill served in the Georgia Legislature, Confederate Congress, and U.S. House and Senate. The mansion is designated a National Historic Landmark by the National Park Service.

Then, we will check in our hotel which will be the La Quinta in LaGrange. Each room has two beds, microwave, refrigerator, hairdryer, etc. with two people staying in each room and includes a hot breakfast. We will go out to dinner – restaurant to be decided.

Saturday morning we are going to the Biblical History Center in LaGrange. The goal of the Biblical History Center is to help people understand the Bible and the ancient world in its historical and cultural context by providing exact replicas of ancient life settings coupled with cutting-edge teaching based on the most up-to-date evidence and information in the fields of archaeology and biblical scholarship. We will have a guided tour thru the archaeological replica garden where full-scale reconstructions of structures relevant to daily life in Biblical times bring history to life and also see the museum.

We will have lunch and go to Wild Animal Safari. We will ride through the grounds in a bus and see the animals up close – sometimes very close! Then we will go through the walkthrough area to see other animals.

We will return to the hotel. Then go to dinner somewhere in time to attend the play, "*The Curious Savage*". This is the story of an elderly widow named Mrs. Savage, whose husband has left her ten million dollars. She wants to make the best use of it, in spite of her grown step-children's efforts to get their hands on it, including having her committed to a sanatorium hoping to "bring her to her senses." *The Curious Savage* is a warm comedy that compares the kindness and loyalty of psychiatric patients with the greed and hostility of so-called "normal people". It is at the New Horizons Community Theater in West Point at 8pm.

Sunday, we will have breakfast; have a devotional and check out. Then we are going to Hogansville to attend the Hummingbird Festival which was featured in the September issue of *Southern Living*. They have lots of vendors and lots of food!

Cost will be \$195. per person which covers: Does not include dinner either night or lunch Sat. or Sun.

1. Gas
2. Picnic Lunch
3. Two nights lodging – double occupancy (La Quinta, LaGrange)
4. Rooms are non-smoking, 2 queen beds, hot breakfast included.
5. BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (free)
6. Bellevue Mansion
7. Biblical Historical Center
8. Wild Animal Safari
9. Play "A Curious Savage"
10. Hummingbird Festival (free)

I hope each of you can attend. Ask anyone who has been on previous trips they will tell you we always have a fabulous time.

I just need to know if you plan to go where I can be sure I have enough tickets and rooms. You can pay me later. Make checks out to me. Everything is billed to my personal credit card. If you want to go but need an extended time to pay, just see me. Reservations need to be made by Sunday night, October 14.

Thanks, Gail Olschewske 770-926-9868 (home) 678-641-5486 (cell) gailols@bellsouth.net



The **INCREDIBLES** enjoyed our September breakfast at the Chick-fil-a. We had 12 attending which was excellent since so many folks were out of town. We look forward to our fall trip on the 25th. (details will be reported in October Newsletter). We will gather at the Woodstock Chick-fil-a on Oct. 9th for our monthly breakfast at 9am. Plans for October are being discussed. If you haven't been to any of the INCREDIBLES gatherings, come join us. Our annual Fish Fry will be October 27th. Details are being discussed and will be announced later. Mark your calendars for these dates. 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. God Bless.
This is truly an **INCREDIBLE** group.

Monday Morning Prayer Group

The **MMPG** continues to meet and send out cards. We average around mailing 20 each week. In addition to mailing cards and prayers for these folks, we also, have a team who visit our shut-ins and those in the hospital. We are very grateful that they will represent the church in this manner. We appreciate all the support from the church family. We send birthday and anniversary cards for the month. When you read your Newsletter, make sure your special dates are included. If not, please contact Jessie to be added to the list. We need your help in keeping up with those who need cards and prayers. Please keep us in your prayers every Monday and join us when possible.

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.



Methodist Melodies



Methodist Melodies is starting the winter section. We received new music this past Tuesday and have room for 2 new members. Please call me if you would like more info.
Bob Hirsch 770-344-8763



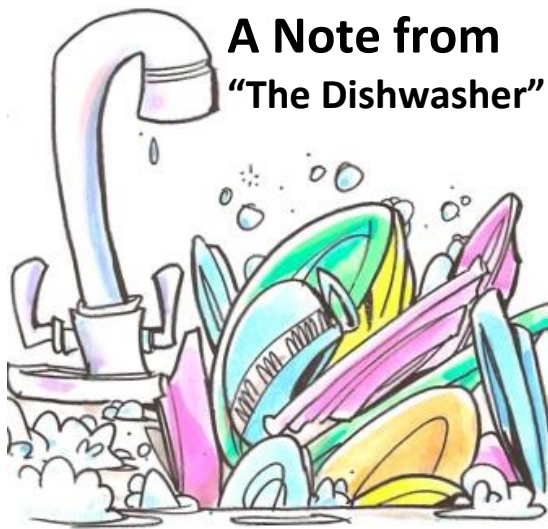
UMW Morning Circle

Next Meeting: Oct. 16th @ 11:15

Contact Bonita Cox for more info.

615-293-1670 badc925@aol.com

If you are interested in missions, our Tuesday morning United Methodist Women's Circle is meeting on October 16th at 11:15 am in the Fellowship Classroom. Kim and Bonita just attended a Mission Study on the Special Mission Conferences in the United States. If you want more information about this Circle, please contact Bonita Cox at 615-293-1670.



A Note from "The Dishwasher"

This past Wednesday night meal menu is one of my all-time favorites. Very few know the secret recipe of Gail O's chicken and wild rice casserole. The preparation requires more time because there are a lot of chopping in the ingredients. This time others in the kitchen crew participated with the casserole ingredients while I just washed dishes and "looked pretty." Ha,Ha.

This was our smallest turn out for the new season. Rainy days contribute to our crowd size.

Revival:

To strengthen or improve something!
"The Reverend I will do Right", aka Claude Herbert lead our Revival this past Thursday and Friday evenings. There was great music as well as Pastor Claude's country style preaching enjoyed by many. Next year's revival will be

something to look forward to. Thanks to all who made our revival the experience even better than expected.

"Joys and Concerns"

I hope everyone is enjoying the new weekly email by Gail O & Sandra Wehunt. Recently started to help the church family stay current of members and friends of our church in need of our thoughts and prays. Some sick in hospitals, nursing homes, rehabs in need of our help. This is being relayed by a weekly church email. It is very satisfying to feel needed. Not only concerns but also you can add to the many examples of joy we encounter daily.

Horn Broken:

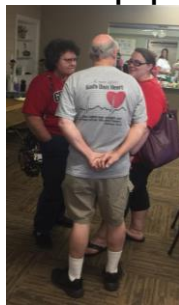
Recently on my way to Kroger on Hwy. 92. I was behind a senior citizen. I noticed a magnetic church sign on the back of her car, just like the ones we use at Little River. This was a different church. Suddenly another driver cut her off and instantly her hand went out the window expressing her anger. She also had been going to Kroger and we turned into the parking lot at the same time. I greeted her as we walked into Kroger and she seemed very sweet and kind. We engaged in a conversation about her church and Little River. She also loves her church family. I couldn't help but to ask her about hand jester to the car who cut her off. She lowered her head and told me she was ashamed she had done that. That wasn't very Christian of me, but my horn was broken.

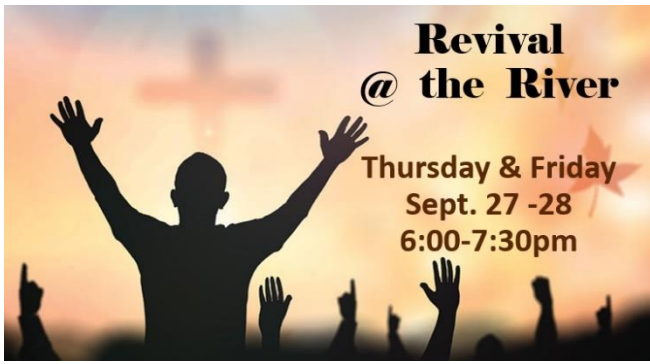
Please pray for our country! - God Bless - The Dishwasher



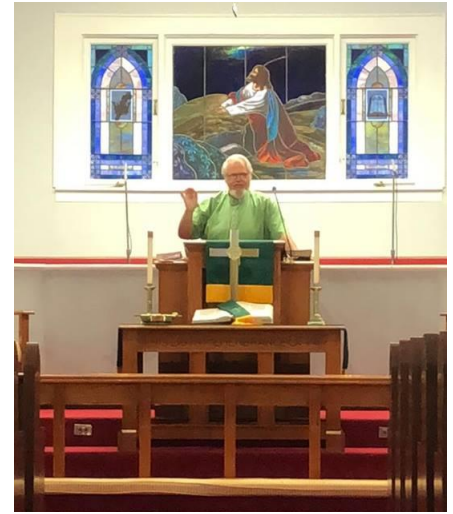
Thanks to everyone who supported our September Pancake Breakfast. It was a wonderful day watching everyone work together as a team to serve some delicious pancakes and sausage. Best estimates are about 80

people were served and over \$500 was raised for the new van fund and kitchen needs. Kudos to Frank and Ruby Lowry for their help and encouragement of this fundraiser. Special thanks to Cara and Linda who brought their homemade crafts to sell. All proceeds from their sales are going to the Heifer Project to help purchase a \$500 cow.



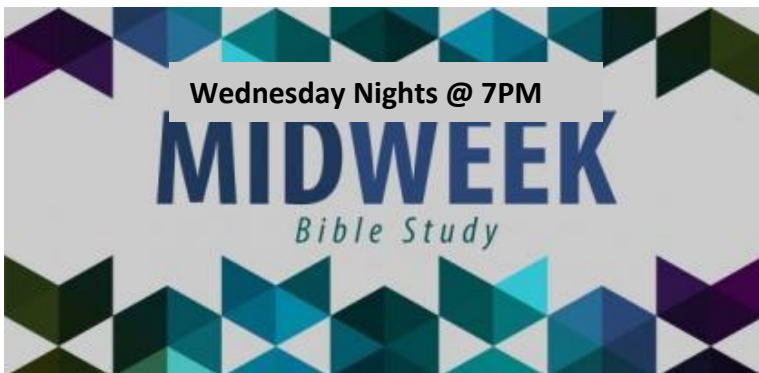


Thank you to Claude Herbert for traveling over to Little River and preaching 2 nights of Revival this past week! We had a great time laughing,

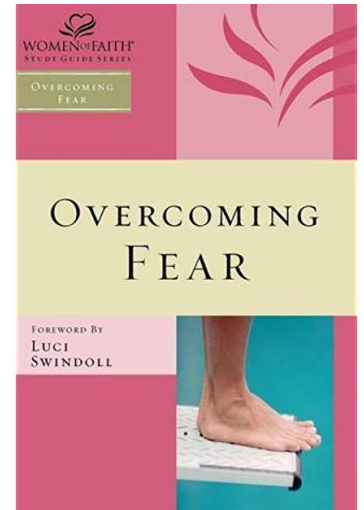


learning, singing, & praying together. If you were not able to attend, we hope you will make plans to join us next Revival!

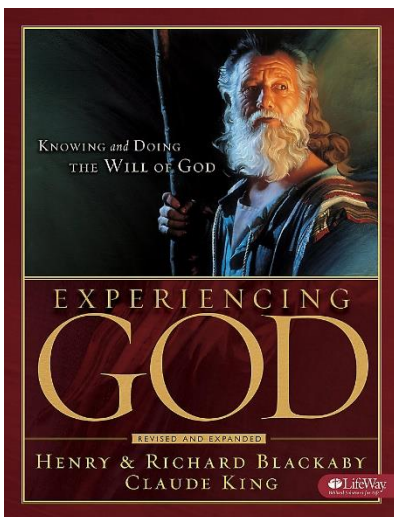
Wednesday Night Bible Studies



Fall has just begun and so has our new Bible Study, "Overcoming Fear" by Margaret Feinberg. This study is open to



all ladies of the church and LRUMC friends who might be interested. There are plenty of books available for those who want to participate on Wednesday night and those who might be interested in doing a home study. Call Annette Davidson 770-924-8067 or Bonita Cox 615-293-1670 if you want more information.



Join the men as they continue their brand-new study *Experiencing God*. For more info, contact David Pope or Rich Seibert. So far, they are loving it!

Celebrations within the church:

Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:

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)
Tony & Cara Bush	11-18-2012	(6 years)
Bill & Sharon Hamby	11-28-1998	(20 years)



Upcoming Birthdays:

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Sandra Wehunt	9	Mary Clayman	2
Tinley Watkins	10	Joey Porter	3
Diana Pendley	12	Lamira Bowles	12
David Pope	14	Ridgely Bailey	13
Dorothy McKinney	15	Judy Beavers	14
Kim Christian	19	Gail Oakes	16
Evelyn Smith	21	Megan Sharp	16
Lynn Cagle	22	Becky Hughes	17
William Freeman	23	Debbie Hamby	19
Hannah Hamby	31	Jason Watkins	19
Felix Jones	31	Oscar King	21
		Bill Hamby	23

We also had a wonderful luncheon celebrating Pastor Gale's 70th Birthday! And a great party thrown by Peggy Norman's family for her 80th! Here's to many more Birthday celebrations!

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, and you would like it to be, please email Jessica Porter, so she has the info to add to her database. Verbal reminders may not be recalled when it is time to print again. Thank you!



*****We are now accepting corporate sponsors for Trunk or Treat 2018!**

Please contact Jessica Porter for more information!

If you are interested in donating Chili, hotdogs, buns, chips, desserts, sodas, waters, bags of individually wrapped candy, would like to volunteer, or would like to have a trunk in the event, please let Jessica know by October 21st, so all necessary prep-work and advertising may be completed in time. ***

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

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