



Marsh Messenger

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November 2008

Dear Members and Friends,

Many of us automatically think of Thanksgiving when we turn the calendar to the month of November. In this age of fast pace living, the national day of thanks is one of the few times of the year when we can catch our breath and spend quality time with those who are so meaningful to us.

As Christians and as Americans, we are blessed in so many ways. As Christians, we are appreciative for all with which God has bless us but the greatest blessing is being able to share what we have with those who are not so blessed.

In our community, there are many efforts to reach out to those who, for one reason or another, are not able to cope with life's stresses or who lack the resources to be self-sufficient.

I am thankful to live in such a community and intend to show my thanks to God for my blessings by supporting the efforts of those whose life work is dedicated to helping others.

As a community of faith, we participate in those efforts by our prayers, gifts and service. I am thankful to be a part of the Marsh Memorial faith community. In the four months that I have

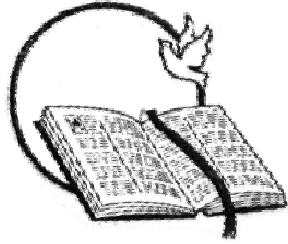
been here, you have blessed me so richly with friendship and love. I have a Quaker friend who is now a part of the cloud of witnesses that surround us. When she visited the churches I served, she would say, "Oh, how you have grown." If she visited Marsh Memorial today, she would make the same comment. I feel that I have grown spiritually in my time here. You have played a part in that growth. I have seen faith in action. You have encouraged me with words and deeds. To the church at Philippi, Paul said, "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." Those are my exact sentiments when I think of you.

May God continue to bless you as his channels of blessing and for that we all can give thanks.

In Christian Love, *Rev. Randy Harlow*

GREEN PASTURES

Kaye Prillaman
Coordinator of
Spiritual Formation



“...All My Wonders” Ex. 3:20

Recently, while taking my weekly chemo treatment, I felt God's leading to review the life and call of Moses which is in Exodus. It was interesting to ponder that Moses was born to parents from the tribe of Levi and to think about how he would have been a priest had he been raised in the Hebrew community. To save his life from the order of the Pharaoh who demanded that every Hebrew son born be cast into the river, his mother put Moses in an arc of bulrushes and placed him upon the waters. Eventually he was rescued by the Pharaoh's daughter who raise him as her own son, and as his son, Moses would have lived the life of a prince.

As an adult, Moses killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew slave and, fearing for his own life, he fled to Midian where the descendants of Abraham and his second wife, Keturah, lived. Returning to his family roots, Moses retired on the backside of the desert mountain and became a shepherd. It was during this time that He encountered God Himself who appeared to him in a flame of a fire from the midst of a burning bush. It was not unusual for these types of desert bushes to catch on fire, but it was extremely unusual for them not to be consumed. While Moses was preoccupied with trying to figure out why the bush was not consumed by the fire, God spoke to Moses identifying himself as the God of Abraham who had seen the oppression of His people in Egypt and had heard their cries, knew their sorrows and bondage under the Egyptian taskmasters. Often, like Moses, we are often preoccupied by own thoughts and understandings of situations while God is trying to speak His wisdom, plans and assignments to us! It was like that for me that day: I was trying to figure out the new reports from the tests and CT Scans with my own knowledge and understanding while God Himself wanted to speak His wisdom to me! I got the

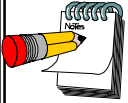
point and asked God to forgive me for leaning to my own understanding instead of hearing His voice!

What was God saying to Moses? God told Moses He had come down to deliver His people and to lead them into a land flowing with milk and honey, and He was going to do that by sending Moses to the Pharaoh to bring His people out of Egypt. God identified Himself to Moses as the "I Am Who I Am" - the all self-existing God who is and was and always will be! God warned Moses that the Pharaoh would not let the people go, so He would stretch out His hand and strike Egypt with "all His wonders" which would eventually cause their release! Wonders? Let's review these "wonders" - waters turned to blood, frogs, lice, flies, diseased livestock, boils, hail, locusts, darkness, and the death of the first-born! These look more like evil plagues, but are called "wonders" in the biblical account! As I was pondering these "wonders," I thought about all the tests, procedures and treatments I had experienced in dealing with the cancer over the previous four years, and they seemed more like plagues or "necessary evils" than "wonders!" That very day, I embraced a new concept - I embraced the word "wonders" to describe the experiences which would eventually cause the enemy of cancer to let me go! I was encouraged to be reminded that God knows every battle, every affliction, every persecution and every hard place I would face in my battle of release, and He was well able to cause me to overcome every one with His wonders! It would not be done by my strength - it would be by His! I was comforted that morning to know that God would be with me just as He was with Moses and that His powerful "wonders" would be manifested on my behalf with each new skirmish! We, like the children of Israel, can be assured that our God has heard our every cry and that He has come down to rescue and deliver us into our divine, covenanted places of destiny that flow with milk and honey!

What difficult battles are you going through in your life today? What has been your "Egypt" experience? Be encouraged that God has an awesome "wonder" planned for your victory and release and, through it all, He will be with you just as He was with Moses!

And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders... Deut. 26:8

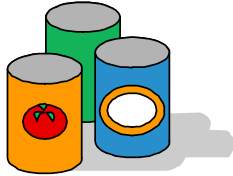
TEAM NOTES: (Timberlake Emergency Assistance Ministries)



July FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS 82 items



Items especially needed for the food pantry: Crackers (saltine, club, all kinds),

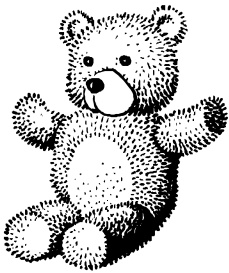


canned fruit and vegetables, sugar, small boxes of cereal, and toilet paper.



Thanks for your support of this ministry.
God Bless you All,
Etta Wilson

Bears and Wanna-be's in Ministry

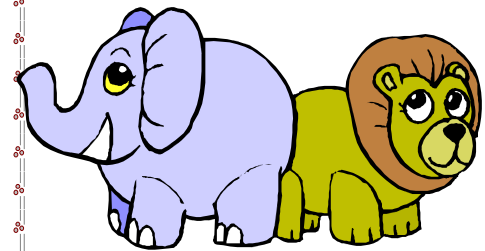


I Want To Invite Others to Come

I guess you may be thinking,
What I am thinking too;
That Christians have the best life
'cuz Christ lives in and through.

I'd really like to share it
With everyone I meet
But I'm just filled with stuffing
So won't you be my feet?

The Bears and Wanna-be's of MMUMC



Thank You's

I wish to thank my Marsh Family and Pastor Randy for all the prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls, during my recent illness and surgery. Your love and friendship has meant so much to my family and me.

Len Harris

Dear Randy and Members of Marsh Memorial,

Thank you for your warm welcome Sunday (July 6).

Love in Christ,

Sharon and Sam Whitehall





November Birthdays & Anniversaries



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Victoria Gallahan
Joe White | 12 | Peggy Shelton |
| 6 | Ginger Church
Dennis Cruise
Harry Preston Davis, Jr. | 15 | Hazel Ballowe
Stewart Barney |
| 7 | John McCafferty | 16 | Peggy Hubbard |
| 8 | Wendy Dudley Matthews | 19 | Buford Hanna |
| 9 | Cathy Motz
Kaye Prillaman | 21 | Heywood Maddox |
| 11 | Hilda Blair
John Church
Debbie Laughon | 24 | Nicole Lawson |
| | | 27 | Phyllis Hall |

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

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| 6 | Kim & Randy Precious |
| 11 | Ralph & Hilda Blair
Wesley & Sharron Dawson |
| 13 | Darryl & Debbie Caldwell |
| 21 | Sam & Phyllis Hall |



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Marsh Memorial UMC

Servant Schedule

SUNDAY	November 2	November 9	November 16	November 23	November 30
<i>Greeters</i>	Virginia Schmitt	Trish Brooks	Virgil & Virginia DeRemer	Janice Schmitt	Cathy Maggi & Melissa Lee
<i>Ushers</i>	Jon Hardie* Artie Schmitt Danny Coffman Brennan Lee				
<i>Acolytes</i>	Audrey Dalton	Morgan Schmitt	Gracyn Draney	Jaimee Meekins	Carter Maggi
<i>Crucifer</i>	Sara Riddle	Jacob Schmitt	Audrey Dalton	Meghan Collins	Leah Durham
<i>Nursery</i>					
<i>Sound</i>					
<i>Prayer Calendar</i>					
<i>Flowers</i>		Gail Maddox			
<i>Children's Church</i>					
<i>Meals for Bereaved</i>	Etta Wilson		Caroline Matherly		
	Next Administrative Council Meeting November 13, 7 PM				

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COMMUNITY MINISTRIES



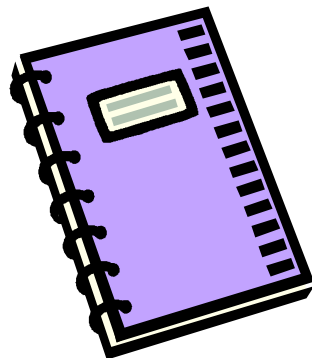
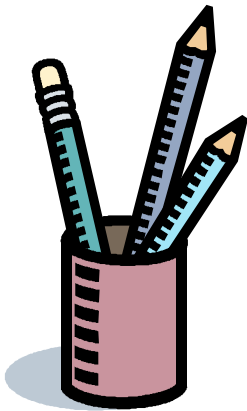
<u>THURSDAYS</u>	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27	
<i>MEALS ON WHEELS</i>	Etta & Eugene Wilson	Jack & Lindy Collins	Margaret & Ernest Garbee	Sam & Phyllis Hall	

Thank You

(Inadvertently omitted from previous newsletter:)

Thank you church family for the love shown to me and my family in these past weeks during the illness and death of our mother. Thank you for the cards, food, calls, and visits; and thank you for all the expression of love and especially for the prayers on our behalf. God called Mama home on May 19th. We praise Him that she is no longer suffering with so much pain. I am so grateful that we had her with us for so many years. We are blessed with many happy memories. Heaven is surely rejoicing over the homecoming of home of one of its saints.

In love and gratitude,
Martha Prebble and Family



During the month of July we received \$265.04 from our P.O.C. offering. This money will go the Heritage Elementary School for "Homework Pack-ets"

Thanks,
Martha Prebble

FAITH 4 Life

Marsh Youth Messenger

The month of July was an action packed month for the Marsh youth. We started the month with a bowling trip on July 2nd and a car wash on July 12th. Thanks to all of the church members who brought their cars in for us to clean. The event was a huge success raising \$334 for youth projects. On July 19th, Jim and Laurel Puckett invited the youth to their home on Smith Mountain Lake. Boat rides, swimming and Sea-dooing was enjoyed as well as a delicious lunch. Thanks Jim and Laurel! Many youth helped with VBS held on July 26th.

Future events include: the sponsoring of boxes for soldiers overseas, another car wash, and a youth sponsored yard sale in the fall. There will be a Youth and Youth Parent meeting on August 14, 2008 at 7:00. Fall and winter events and service projects will be planned at this time.

Starting in September, we are reinstating the Sunday "social hour" every second Sunday of the month. Coffee and donuts will be served in the baby nursery from 10:30 to 10:50. The Joy Class will be your host for the month of September.

