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Finding a Home

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young-- a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. Psalms 84:1-4 (NIV)



If anyone is interested, we have a home for sale. It is a beautiful home – four bedrooms, three baths, and hardwood floors on three acres in the heart of Hogansville, Georgia. And we are *ready* to make you a deal! Unfortunately, no one has been interested in buying it yet. It is a buyers' market out there and those who have come to look at our house have been, well, let's just say VERY discerning! You see they don't like the closet in the master bedroom. Okay, so the closet is small and it doubles as the laundry room - but still!

What these discerning buyers are missing out on though is the blessing of the home. They have come into it focusing on space and what they decided they wanted and needed even before they came

to our home. They only see what they had already decided they want to see. If they would only walk around our home with a sensitive and perceptive eye, they would see the family pictures scattered all over the house where we have shared good and joyous times together. They would see the beat up fire pit on the patio where we have cooked hot dogs and roasted marshmallows. They would see the swing where Gene and Justin love to sit and swing together first thing in the morning; the table that my father sanded and refinished so we would have one big enough for the whole family, the fainting couch Gene and I refinished together; the kitchen where we have laughed and cooked meals. It isn't just a house they are looking at, it is a home.

A house is a building with four walls, a roof and a door; but a home is a place where people live and experience life together. A home is a pleasant and safe place to come at the end of the day. Some houses are small, some are big. Some houses are jazzed up, some need a little work. You can live in a big spacious exquisitely decorated house, but if you have no one to love and share it with, then it's just a plain house no matter how fancy it is. Poor or rich, no children or a dozen children, it's what you put into the house that makes it a home. It's who you put in it!

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We have found a **home** in Brooks UMC. People have graciously welcomed us with open arms even before we arrived. We have received cards, Facebook Friends, phone calls and invitations galore. You have acknowledged and welcomed our children with gifts and letters. You have made us feel loved, safe and secure. We have found our place near the altar of the Lord! We look forward to experiencing the living God with you as we love, share, and praise God together. We are blessed to be part of Brooks. Thank you making us feel at home!

In His Service,
Sheila

COVERED DISH LUNCH July 11th

Dig up your favorite recipe and join us for a covered dish luncheon after the 11:00 service on July 11th to meet and greet our new pastor, Rev. Sheila Crowe, her husband Gene and children, Rosie, Misty, Justin and Jesse.

Please bring your favorite dish to share and don't miss this great opportunity to welcome our new family in Christ!



Covered Dish



Thrift Shop Clearance Sale!
July 31st
8:30 am—3:00 pm
Brooks UMC Gym

We will be clearing out the summer merchandise at our clearance sale on Saturday, July 31st, from 8:30 am—3:00 pm in the gym at the church. Don't miss this great opportunity to get some great bargains!

If you can volunteer to help with the sale, please see Marge Price or Shirley Fisher.



Ladies' Lunch

Join us for lunch at Chin Chin in Peachtree City on Thursday, July 8th. We will meet at the church at 11:30 am.

Please sign up in the narthex or call Patsy Culler at 770-719-7604 to make reservations by Monday (7/5) if you wish to join us.

Thank You!!!

On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations (SPR) committee; I'd like to take a small spot to thank some folks for a big response. On Sunday, June 13th we bid our former Pastor, Rev. Derek Porter and his boys farewell and best wishes. Thank you to all the wonderful ladies *{I'm afraid I'd forget someone if I tried to list everyone}* that donated cookies, fruit, cupcakes, advice and assistance for the reception. Also, a couple of folks went **way** above and beyond, aside from helping to set up and clean up, Melba and David Brown made a beautiful and delicious cake, Barbara Dempsey made a fabulous punch and kept the bowls full, Kelsey Dempsey, Marleigh Cummings and Melba Brown served the refreshments, and Steve Dempsey pitched in to do whatever else needed to be done. A final **THANK YOU** goes out to all the folks who gave an offering of love for Derek, Tristan and Brendan; they were very surprised and pleased. Thank you all for making the send off a success.

Ardie Dempsey

Vote for Your Favorite Hymn!

The choir will be doing a fund raiser soon where you will be able to vote for your favorite hymn! So start hummin' your favorites and decide which one is totally your most favorite!

Details will follow in the bulletin or you can see Craig Hembree for more information.



Welcome Rev. Sheila Crowe as Senior Pastor

Please extend a warm welcome to Rev. Sheila Crowe! She comes to Brooks from Hogansville First Methodist. She has a passion for families and building the kingdom of God. She is a

graduate of Mercer's McAfee School of Theology and attended classes in Methodism at Asbury and Emory University. She has been in the ministry for 15 years and is an ordained Elder. Prior to receiving her call into ministry, she worked for the American Cancer Society as the State Vice President of Income Development in North Carolina. She is married to Gene and has six children and three grand children. Four of the children still live at home with her and her husband: Rosie, 17, Justin 9, Misty 8 and Jesse 8. In her free time, Rev. Crowe loves to play cards with friends and cook in the kitchen with her husband, Gene. Welcome to the Crowe family!



We need your pictures! Please take a digital picture of your family or find a recent one that you can email to the church at brookschurch@bellsouth.net. The deadline is August 1st. We are putting together an informal collection of pictures for a binder to keep in the office to help our new pastor put names and faces together.

It would also be nice if you could put together a short paragraph about your family and interests, activities and how you like to serve. Don't let the paragraph keep you from sending the picture though. Send the picture and add the paragraph when time allows.

If you can't send a digital photo by email, we can scan one for you. Those do not come out as well, but will do in a pinch.

Thank you for helping us make Rev. Sheila and her family feel at home here in Brooks!



Adult Fellowship

We will not be getting together in July because of busy summer schedules. Please plan to join us on Saturday Night, August 14th for a potluck dinner and games. The time will be announced.

Student Ministry



July 18
5:00 – 6:00

We are currently developing a Youth Praise team to sing on Sunday evenings and occasionally during Sunday morning worship. Come join us! For more info, contact Rev. Lesley

Appalachia Service Project July 25th – 31st

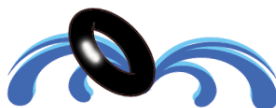
Please be in prayer for our mission team that will be leaving on July 25th for Carter County, Tennessee to serve families in the area with large needs. Our mission team includes Marleigh Cummings, Rosie Crowe, Patrick Farrell, Randy Farrell, Kaylee Hammett, Josh Matthews, Hampton Langford, Lesley Langford, Niel Langford, Alan McLaughlin, Patrick McLaughlin, Bryan Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell, Kari Mitchell, Katie Payne, Greg Peterson, Jouree Peterson, Kim Powell, Jennifer Shadle, Jason Smith, Otis Smith, and Anne Worst. Our team will be staying at the Little Milligan School in Butler, Tennessee.

Our final meeting for mission trip preparation will be on July 18th at 3:00pm. All mission team members should bring their basic tool kit as listed in the ASP packet for check off.



Cool River Fun

In the picture above, you can see that we took a great group of youth and adults tubing down the Cool River. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the trip.



The Cobb Family
(Friends of Ardie Dempsey)
Ray Stanton
Faye Carter
(Sister of Melba Brown)
Lizzie Winklejohn
(Relative of Kaytee Thomas)

Crystal Collier *(Visitor)*

Pat Jenkins

Mary Shoaf

Alex Garrard

(Granddaughter of Joe & Shirley Garrard)

Ron Lee

Linda Spradlin

Family of Buddy Lester

Joe Garrard

Bob Peterson

Patsy Yarbrough *(Cousin of Dan Langford)*

Larry Thomas

Kathy Palmer *(Friend of Curriers)*

O'Kasidee Thomas

Gary Cooper

Rhonda Stapleton

Mike Jenkins

Rondah Hardy

Rev. Sheila Crowe

Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford

Rev. Carol Cook *(D.S.)*

Michael Watson *(Bishop)*

The Sims Family, *(Missionaries)*



July Birthdays

	Rondah Hardy	7/16
	Bobby Butler	7/18
	Christian Aragon	7/18
	Walt Fulton	7/19
	Rachel Mason	7/19
	Pat Hamrick	7/20
	Melissa Speer	7/20
	Madison Goss	7/21
	Kate Baker	7/22
	Cole Simmons	7/22
Marion Smith	7/2	
Shirley Garrard	7/5	
Donald Britt	7/5	
O'Tierney Thomas	7/7	
Cony Mason	7/7	
Michael Robinson	7/7	
Jennifer Brown	7/8	
Linda Stanton	7/9	
Greg Hammett	7/12	
Ciara Warden	7/12	
Justin Crowe	7/13	
Erin Landry	7/14	
True Piper	7/14	
Jacob Shadle	7/14	
Barbara Dempsey	7/15	
	James W. Cook, Jr.	7/24
	Kari Mitchell	7/24
	Justin Spencer	7/25
	Jan Simmons	7/25
	Jouree Peterson	7/26
	Ronald Shields	7/26
	Jennifer Shimshick	7/27
	Brenda Shimshick	7/28
	Tina Scarbrough	7/29
	John Worst	7/29
	Brooke Eason	7/30
	Mary Ruth Hanson	7/30
	Pat Sutton	7/30

Preschool Summer CAMP

We had fun at camp in June! The children and the teachers got messy and enjoyed every minute! We really enjoyed seeing new faces in our group. Join us July 12-15 for *Oceans* and July 19-22 *The Great Outdoors!* Summer Camp is only \$75.00 for a week of fun!



With Christ's Love,
Ms. Lynn

We are registering now for fall preschool! If you know anyone who has children ages 1—4 years old, please invite them to check out our preschool! We have a wonderful program. See Lynn Lee for more information.



Vacation Bible School was a BLAST!

There were over 60 children at our Galactic Blast VBS! We had lots of adult and youth volunteers who made everything from the environment to the snacks *out of this world great!* God was indeed glorified this week through your service and the children's smiles!



A Word From the Street Sunday School and Children's Church



During the month of July, we will continue our series "What in the world?" In June we focused on the virtue of **responsibility**, which is showing you can be trusted with what is expected of you. God's gifts come with expectations and responsibility. In July, we'll continue the line of thought by focusing on **service**, which is lending a hand to help someone else.

We will be learning the following each Sunday:

Wk 1: What in the world are you doing that's more than you have to do?

Jesus did more than He had to for people, and He wants us to go the extra mile, too (Matthew 5:41). Every day we have the choice to "get by" or to go the extra mile. When we do more than we have to for others, what does that show them about God?

Wk 2: What in the world are you doing to help some one others won't help?

Jesus always saw people and met their needs, regardless of their race, religion, or nationality. He wants us to be "good neighbors," too (Luke 10:30-37). Every day we have the choice of living more like the Samaritan and less like the Levite. When we LOOK and DO for others, what does that reveal about how Jesus sees them? What does it reveal about what He's done for them?

Wk 3: What in the world are you doing to put others first?

Jesus put others first in countless ways, and He wants us to do the same (John 13:1-17). Me first or you first? Our words and actions answer that question every day. Do our words and actions help others experience Jesus' love?

Wk 4: What in the world are you doing that only God knows?

Jesus said that motives matter. The reason behind our service counts. (Matthew 6: 1-4) We will take a look at how we serve out of love and not because we expect something in return.



OUR MISSION TRIP
NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for our mission team who will be serving in Carter Co Tennessee. See the Student Ministries article on page 3 for their names.

July 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 VBS 9:00—12:00 Intercessory Prayer Team 10:00 am	2 VBS 9:00—12:00	3 Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm
4 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Happy Independence Day!	5	6	7 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	8 Intercessory Prayer Team 10:00 am Ladies' Lunch at Chin Chin 11:30 pm Trustees 5:00 pm	9	10 Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm
11 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Covered Dish Lunch after 11:00 service Book Club 7:00 pm	12 Finance 7:00 pm	13	14 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	15 Intercessory Prayer Team 10:00 am	16	17 Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm
	Preschool Summer Camp—Oceans 12th—15th 9:00 am—1:00 pm					
18 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am ASP Meeting 3:00 pm Youth Praise Team 5:00-6:00 pm Book Club 7:00 pm	19	20 Administrative Council Mtg 7:00 pm	21 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	22 Intercessory Prayer Team 10:00 am	23	24 Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm
	Preschool Summer Camp—The Great Outdoors 19th—22nd 9:00 am—1:00 pm					
25 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am	26 <i>August News Deadline!</i>	27	28 Chancel Choir 7:30 pm	29 Intercessory Prayer Team 10:00 am	30 Thrift Shop Sale Set up	31 Thrift Shop Clearance Sale in Gym Narcotics Anonymous 8:00 pm
	Appalachian Service Project 25th—31st					

