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Good Times

May has always been my favorite month of the year. As a boy it was not only the month that Summer Vacation started, it was also the time where I knew that I could play baseball all day long, seven days a week. As the fourth of five boys there was always someone to pitch with or against. May meant that soon, from sunrise to sunset, a baseball would be flying through the air.

I must confess that I also love May because my birthday falls on the ninth. My mom always cooks the birthday boy his favorite meal for the birthday celebration and the rest of the family gathers around the table and laughs over the same crazy stories that we have told dozens of times. My birthday has always been fun because of how close it comes to Mother's Day and our shared family celebrations.

One such story is from Mother's Day weekend 1984. Mother and I left Nicholls, Georgia to spend Saturday night and Mother's Day with her mother in Athens, Georgia. On a long stretch of highway, the timing belt on our Mercury Lynx broke and mother and I sat on the side of the road for three hours in the middle part of a very hot May afternoon. That story has been told every year and gets funnier at every telling.

May 2010 looks to be one of my favorites of all time. My birthday falls again on Mother's Day and we will have a big celebration with all of our family around. We will tell stories and laugh at new stories as well as old. Tristan is spending his last month in Elementary School and he brings a tremendous amount of excitement for his entry into middle school and youth ministry. Brendan continually reminds me that when school starts back in the Fall he will be ten years old and I will no longer have little kids at home.

This May I have a great deal for which to be thankful. This May our lives will change tremendously. On May 15th we will join with Jennifer, Travis and Shane Hupp in becoming one family. Words to describe the depth of my love for Jennifer have not yet been penned. She touches my heart and soul in ways that I did not know was possible. Travis (13) and Shane (almost 11, another May birthday) are two wonderful young men that remind me a great deal of myself at their ages. They will make sure that baseballs are continually flying through the air around our home and community.

I hope this May you experience the blessings of family and ministry. It is my prayer for us all that we have a May that brings countless memories and joys that we will laugh about for the rest of our lives. May you know the love of God and God's children in amazing ways this month.

In the hollow of His hand,
Derek



*Congratulations,
Graduates!*

**Graduate Recognition
May 23rd
11:00 Service**

The Youth will lead the entire worship service in which we will recognize and honor our graduates. Don't miss this special service.

Happy Mother's Day!





Brooks Methodist Women

BMW Ladies' Coffee House May 7th at 9:00 am

All ladies are encouraged to attend a coffee on Friday, May 7th, at 9:00 am. We will have refreshments and fellowship. We will also be planning the Brooks Methodist Women's activities so please come and provide us with your preferences and good ideas!

Ladies' Lunch May 20th at 11:30 am

All ladies are encouraged to go out to lunch Thursday, May 20th as a group. We moved this date from the second Thursday so we could go with the Adult Fellowship group to the Atlanta Botanical Gardens. We will announce the restaurant we will visit in upcoming bulletins or see Patsy Culler.

Adult Fellowship May 13th

We will be visiting the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on May 13th. *Please sign up in the narthex by May 5th so we can make a reservation.* Adult admission is \$13.00 and Senior admission is \$10.00. See Shirley Fisher with any questions.

Printer Ink Cartridges

The church can recycle up to 20 printer cartridges at Staples per month and get credit on our rewards program. Please bring in your cartridges and leave them in the church office to help defer office supply costs.



Our walking group will take a break over the summer. Our last day to walk will be on Wednesday, May 26th.



Joe Garrard, Freda Mason, Bob Peterson, Norma and Freddie Rutledge (*Friends of Kaytee Thomas*), Lilly Apple (*Niece of Danny Cooper*), The Curtis Family (*Friend of Kim Daniel*), Sherry Tanner (*Sister of David Hildebrand*), John Watson (*Cousin of Sandra Hildebrand*), Dan Nuckles (*Cousin of Sandra Hildebrand*), Marsha Mayfield (*Friend of Gail Hayes*), Family of Amanda Riley, (*Niece of Lori Cummings*) Patsy Yarbrough (*Cousin of Dan Langford*), Gina Cooper, Larry Thomas, Family of Carole McLaughlin, O'Kasidee Thomas, Gary Cooper, Rhonda Stapleton, Mike Jenkins, Earl and Georgia Rogers, Rondah Hardy, Rev. Lesley and Dan Langford, Rev. Derek Porter, Dr. Howard Wright (*D.S.*), Michael Watson (*Bishop*), The Sims Family, (*Missionaries*)



Preschool children are working hard preparing for our Mother's Day Luncheon. We are going to cook and have lots of fun. The children have made a wonderful cookbook their moms can enjoy for years. We might have a future chef among our students.

We are going to have Summer Camp as follows:
June 7-10 with the theme "Bugs, Bugs, Bugs"
June 14-17 with the theme "Stars and Stripes"
July 12-15 with the theme "Oceans"
July 19-22 with the theme "The Great Outdoors"

Sign up and come enjoy some summer FUN with us!
Registration is \$75 per child for one week.

A big thank you to the teachers that help me everyday.

With Christ's Love,

Ms. Lynn



What's on the Menu for MAY Wednesday Night Suppers

Cinco De Mayo (May 5): Salsa Chicken, Chili Cheese Grits, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Tres Leches (Three Milks) Cake

May 12th: Ham, Potato Salad, Green Beans, Salad, Corn Muffins, Strawberry Shortcake

May 19th: Baked Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Cheese Biscuits, Chocolate Cake

Break for the summer! See you in August!



Boy Scouts

Troop 118 Scouts participated in a merit badge day in March and returned from a soggy Spring Camporee on Sunday. They practiced emergency preparedness and first aid after a professional make-up artist created wounds! They plan to prepare the luminaries for Relay For Life and have an Eagle Scout work day on May 1st. Later in May, they plan to go climbing and get prepared for summer camp and take their annual swim test. If you'd like to be involved with these amazing boys, call Lydia Waits (770-719-7843) and she will give you the information you need.

Cub Scouts

Pack 118 Cub Scouts were busy at Daucet Trails with the raingutter regatta. The weather was great for water activities. Although it was stormy, they had a good time and are looking forward to the end-of-year ceremonies and preparing for summer day-camp. If you'd like to be involved with these amazing boys, call Lydia Waits (770-719-7843) and she will give you the information you need.

**Sundays at the L.O.F.T.
Fired Up!**

May 2nd 6:00—8:00 pm



Our last regular meeting of the school year will be held on May 2nd! We will complete our series called "Fired Up" and enjoy our regular scheduled activities. We will not meet on May 9th so you can spend time with your Mother. A big thank you to all youth and youth parents who participated in the Youth Service Project at the parsonage! We dug a trench and raked up tons of leaves and sticks in addition to some pretty interesting wildlife! Thanks for your hard work!

Wednesdays at the L.O.F.T.

6:45—8:00 pm

May 5th, 12th and 19th

During the month of May, we will have a short lesson and use the remainder of the time to work on preparing and planning Graduate Recognition Sunday being held on May 23rd. The Youth will be leading the entire 11:00 service so bring all of your ideas!



Decorating bowling pins for the Relay for Life event!

Baby Sitter Training

Fayette County Parks and Recreation Dept is offering the American Red Cross babysitter training on June 5 and August 14. It is from 9:00-3:00 and cost \$36.00. This is for ages 11-15. Please contact them and register early... it's a popular class. You can get more information at www.fayettecountyga.gov or call 770-716-4320.

Check us out on Facebook!

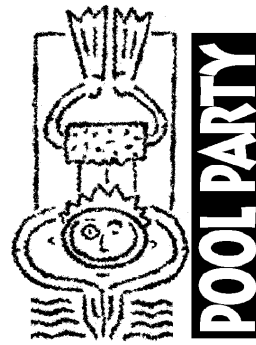
**Join our group! Brooks UMC Student Ministry
Find out about events and connect with friends!**

Youth End of the Year Party!

May 16th

4:00—6:30 pm

Home of Bill and Stacy Payne
215 Postwood Drive
Fayetteville, GA



We will celebrate the end of the year with swimming and a cook-out! Hot-dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Appalachian Service Project

July 25—31

Money is now due! \$160.00

If you want to go, see Rev. Lesley NOW!

\$160.00 is a great deal for a week long mission trip. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith and service to others.

IMPACT 2010—June 8-11, 2010

What is IMPACT 2010? It is a local youth mission and ministry opportunity organized through Square Foot Ministry in Fayetteville that involves churches coming together from all denominations. Youth and adult volunteers are needed to donate a little of their time and effort to help others in need. If you can swing a hammer, drive a nail, use a paint brush or push a broom - you qualify! Even if you have never done any of those things, all you really need is a desire to serve the Lord though serving others. Adult volunteers are needed help coordinate efforts and supervise the youth workers. Sign up sheets are in the narthex. We need 1 adult worker per 5 youth to create a work team. The schedule for the week will be as follows:

Schedule for the week:

Tuesday, June 8, 6:00—9:00 pm

Kick Off Dinner at

Fayette Christian Church

New Hope Road, Fayetteville

Wednesday-Friday, June 9-11

8:00 am Breakfast

at Fayetteville First UMC

9:00 am-3:00 pm Service at Projects

6:00-9:00 pm Music and speaker

at Fayette Christian Church



Projects: Georgia Baptist Children's Home in Palmetto
Healing Reigns in Tyrone



Vacation Bible School
 June 28th - July 2nd
 9:00am - 12:00pm
 Registration Now Open!



Sunday Mornings @KidStreet
 Sunday School: KidStreet Live!
 (9:45am - 10:45 am)
 Kidstreet Children's Worship
 (Children ages 3—3rd grade leave after the children's sermon at the 11 o'clock service)

At our Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School 2010, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will help lead cadets into developing a stronger personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Kids will participate in fun centers including recreation, science, music, storytelling, and will chow down on some yummy snacks!!

There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, May 2nd at 4:30 pm for adults and youth who want to volunteer.



During the month of May, we will be focusing on "Patience". A good theme to relate to this month, when all kids will be patiently waiting for the school year to end and summer vacation to begin!! Whoopieeee!

If you don't wait, it could cost you. Remember what Esau traded away for a bowl of soup because he let his stomach go to his head? (Genesis 25)

Don't get tired of doing the right thing. If only the Israelites had kept on following God instead of the crowd! (Exodus 19; 32)

Don't miss out because you think you can't wait. Have you ever thought about what Joshua and the Israelites would've missed if they hadn't followed God's marching orders? (Joshua 3; 6)

If you don't wait, it could hurt others. There are "gasoline girls" and there are "water boys." Which one are you? (Proverbs 15:18)

And for the fifth week, we'll depart from the norm and focus on a "faith skill," that of prayer:

Take prayer out of the box. Are you in or out of the box when it comes to prayer? (James 5:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 8:26)

- Addison Brooks Leach 5/1
- Mike Hanson 5/3
- Melissa Mask Smith 5/3
- Katelyn Quinnell 5/3
- Kuria Quinnell 5/3
- Linda Spradlin 5/4
- Gail Hayes 5/5
- Anna Belle Cawley 5/6
- Paul Quinnell 5/7
- Rick Gable 5/8
- Cindilu Clancy 5/9
- Nita Mask 5/9
- Derek Porter 5/9
- Edith Gable 5/10
- Mike Jenkins 5/11
- Chris Nelson 5/12
- Kim Powell 5/14
- Mike Ivie 5/16
- Rachel McLaughlin 5/18
- Mark Powell 5/18
- Hudson Scarbrough 5/18
- Lee Ann Bartlett 5/20
- Jenny Spradlin 5/20
- Larry Thomas 5/20
- Jackson Langford 5/21
- Patrick McLaughlin 5/22
- Elizabeth Harness 5/23
- Karla Sowell 5/24
- Katie Goss 5/25
- Scott Landry 5/27
- Diane Strickland 5/27
- Steve Tibbetts 5/27
- Nathan Quinnell 5/28



FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AT THE LAGRANGE KID'S DAY



MAY 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Narcotics Anon 8 pm Relay for Life 6 pm—6 am
2 Men's Breakfast 7:30am Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am VBS Meeting 4:30 pm Youth LOFT 6:00-8:00 p Disciple 1 5:30-7:30 pm Disciple 2 6:00-8:00 pm	3 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am SPR 7:00 pm	4 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm	5 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Thrift Shop Mtg 1 pm at shop Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm Classes 6:45-8:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	6 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am	7 Ladies' Coffee 9:00 am	8 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
Mother's Day 9 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am <i>Happy Mother's Day</i> 	10 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Scouts 7:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm	11 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Need Bulletin info for 16th and 23rd	12 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm Classes 6:45-8:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	13 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Adult Fellowship visit Botanical Gardens Trustees 7:00 pm	14 Walk Group 9 am	15 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
16 Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am Youth End of the Year Party 4:00—7:00 pm Disciple 1 5:30-7:30 pm Disciple 2 6:00-8:00 pm	17 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Scouts 7 pm	18 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Administrative Council Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am Dinner 6:00 – 6:45 pm Classes 6:45-8:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	20 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am Ladies' Lunch 11:30 am	21 Walk Group 9 am	22 Narcotics Anon 8 pm
Jill Out this week						
Graduate Appreciation 23 Worship 8:45 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am ASP Meeting 3:00—4:30 pm Disciple 1 5:30-7:30 pm Disciple 2 6:00-8:00 pm 30th Worship 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am	24 Scouts 7 pm Memorial Day 31st Office Closed	25 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm JUNE NEWS Deadline	26 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Walk Group 9 am	27 Preschool 9:00-1:00 pm Intercessory Prayer 10:00 am	28 Fayette County Schools Out Fayette Co. Graduation	29 Narcotics Anon 8 pm