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*From the Pastor's Desk...*

This is a conversation on becoming a mature Christian, Christian formation, and growing up to the stature of Christ.

All of us are born. No exceptions. Birth brought us alive, kicking and crying, into a world that is vast, complex, damaged, demanding...and beautiful. In increments, day-by-day, we begin to get the hang of it. We drink from our mother's breast, go to sleep, and wake up. One day upon waking, we stand upright and amaze everyone with our pedestrian acrobatics. It isn't long before we're old hands at language, using nouns and verbs with the best of them. We are growing up.

Jesus used the birth event as a metaphor for another kind of birth: becoming alive to God. Alive to God-alive. Life vast, complex, damaged, demanding...and beautiful. Alive to God's holiness, God's will, God's kingdom, power, and glory. There is more to life after birth than mother's milk, sleeping and walking, walking and talking. There is God.

This is the opening to the introduction to Eugene Peterson's book Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ. I hope you will consider joining us this summer in the fellowship hall for this study. Over ten weeks we will explore Peterson's work in the Letter to the Ephesians, examining what it means to grow into mature Christian believers.

I believe this is an incredibly important conversation for any Christian to undertake. How often we stay in the state of "toddlerhood" as followers of Jesus, allowing childhood Sunday school lessons, simple rhyming phrases, and elementary songs to shape our adult lives of faith. Ephesians reminds us that the growth in grace we experience in the resurrection news is ongoing. There is always more to learn, more maturity to grasp, more kindness, love, and forgiveness to share. As we mature, we look honestly on the pain and complexity of life and seek to respond in faith, recognizing the limits to our knowledge, but welcoming God's wisdom that comes to us through the Holy Spirit.

We hope you will use these weeks to take the next step in your faith journey. All youth (6th to 12th grade) and adults will meet in the fellowship hall from 9:45 to 10:30. A variety of leaders will facilitate each class. Our worship services through the summer will also be shaped by the letter to the Ephesians, so in addition to exploring how you mature as a follower of Jesus, participation in both study and worship will deepen your knowledge of this important letter in our Bible.

Please join us, we strive together to "grow up into him who is the head, into Christ."

Gratefully,  
 Andrew

*Announcements*

**21st. ANNUAL YARD SALE**

**Around the bend!** Please mark your calendar for the 21st Annual Yard Sale for Missions, October 3, 2015. The recipients for this year's sale are, 1) Ruth Brown, mission co-workers in the Congo; 2) Hope Unlimited for Children working in Brazil;; and 3) Recovery House, in White Pine. Please give prayerful consideration for the ways...large or small.. You can serve in FPC efforts to support mission. Trucks, drivers, crews (especially ("lifters")) are needed.

**Storage for Yard Sale:** Collection of donated items for the yard sale will begin in August. Dates and times for receiving items in August and September will be announced. However, storage space is available before August if early pickup or delivery of large items and/or estates is needed. Please call Linda Noonkesser, 865-216-0715, or Del Deaton, 423-353-4186, if you have questions.

**Clothing for the Yard Sale:** As you reorganize your closets and shelves, please sort clean, useable clothing into white kitchen garbage bags to stash away until August. Label bags... Children, Women, Men..using permanent markers; tie bags in "bow" for easy/quick opening at yard sale time.

**Books:** Please note cookbooks, novels and children's books sell especially well.

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**MORE YARD SALE**

**Silent Auction Items:** Donations of special items for the Silent Auction are welcome any time. Unique or special baskets or containers are also helpful for displaying the Silent Auction items. Please contact Susan Clouser, 423-839-1331, if you have any questions.

**Flower Pots ;** As you plant your spring flowers, please save the pots for the Plant Store. Plastic pots or liners can be used for repotting for the yard sale. Please contact Eva Zirkle if you have any questions.

**SAVE THE DATES!  
 MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
 APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK**

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH WEEK is fast approaching. Our week is Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 11. We need several VOLUNTEERS to help us cook, serve and clean-up. For Breakfast (Monday-Friday) times are 6:00 a.m. preparation and 7:00 a.m. serve and Dinner (Monday-Thursday) with a 4:30 p.m. preparation time and a 5:30 p.m. serve. Sign-up sheets for those who wish to help will be posted on one of the back hall bulletin boards soon! We will have at least 90 AO workers to feed. Thanks in advance for your help to make this Mission Project a success. If you have any questions, see JoAnne Vest at 865-680-4416 or JAV124rb@msn.



# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	-----YOUTH MISSION TRIP-----					
	Esther O'Hare Jimmy Hodges			William Gowan		
7 Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.  Church Picnic at the Patton's	8	9 Church Street Café 5:00 p.m.	10	11	12	13
Andrew & Rebecca Whaley	George Twine		Matt & Jennifer Gowan JoAnne Vest			Alex Van Brugger Jim Smith
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
-----YOUTH MONTREAT CONFERENCE-----						
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.						NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  Hike 8:00 a.m.
John & Eva Zirkle	DJ Needs Zee Troutman Carly Kirkpatrick			John Zirkle Jim & Anne Smith		Anne Smith
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.		Church Street Café 5:00 p.m.				
FATHER'S DAY GIFT OF MEN	David Needs Jim Cornett Denny & Alice Pryor	Greg Woodruff	Allen Evans Allen & Susan Evans	Sara Pip Jim & Mary Hodges	Jennifer Bates	Phil & Barb Dietz
28	29	30				
Sunday School 9:30-10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45-11:45 a.m.						
Gifts of Women	-----MONTREAT MUSIC CONFERENCE-----					

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday, May 31, we invite you to join us in the Fellowship Hall for our adult study Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ by Eugene Peterson. This book follows the letters to the Ephesians and examines how we as the Church can work to grow up together into Christ, moving beyond elementary level faith to a deeper awareness of God's presence in our lives and a deeper commitment to Christ-like living. Worship this summer will be centered around the Ephesians passages explored in this book, so your whole morning can be an exploration of how we live together in the Lord. Come join us!

## CHURCH STREET CAFÉ

Rejoice! On May 26, Team C served the seventh meal to our neighbors. Our guests have been welcomed by team members and by Andrew, Simon and others as they entered our fellowship hall (most for the first time). More than 300 nutritious, home-cooked meals have been served. ...most often by joyful children and young people ...to our guest. Beginning with the first meal on an icy, cold dark night to the warm, bright, daylight meals of spring, both guests and the workers (from those who began the meal preparation by shopping for the food items to those who clean up and straighten the fellowship hall) have enjoyed seeing neighborhood folks linger, talk and share as they get to know each other and us. Please continue to hold the CSC in your Prayers.

## CHURCH PICNIC AT THE PATTON'S

Mark your calendar for June 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for our annual church picnic to be held at Pat and Mary Ellen Patton's house on the lake. Please bring your chairs and one of your favorite dishes for our potluck dinner. Drinks will be provided. We will eat at approximately 6:00 p.m. We hope to see all of you at 7472 Circle Point Dr. in Talbott! (see directions below). There will be swimming, boating, and just plain visiting so come and ENJOY!!! If you have any questions, please contact Pat or Mary Ellen (423-585-0822).

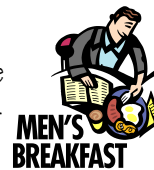
### Church Picnic



**DIRECTIONS TO PATTON'S HOUSE**  
Follow 11E towards Morristown, for approximately 4 miles. At the first stop light (Shell Station on left) turn left onto Lakeshore Dr. Follow Lakeshore Dr. for 0.7 of a mile and turn left onto Pratt Rd. Follow Pratt Rd. for 1.4 miles and turn left onto Allen Rd. On Allen Rd. you will come to a street sign that says Lebanon Church Rd. Bear to the right and Allen Road becomes Windy Cove Rd. Follow Windy Cove for 0.5 miles until you see a sign that says, "Point Seven". Turn left here onto Circle Point Dr. Drive to the top of the hill and turn left. (That starts our circle) Our house is on the left with two stone pillars flanking the driveway.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

There will be **NO** Men's Prayer Breakfast during the summer. Breakfast will resume on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.



## SIT 'N KNIT GROUP

Sit N Knit will not be meeting for the summer. Just get all those projects together for the fall and watch the newsletter for more information in the fall.

## SMOKY MOUNTAIN HIKING CLUB

The Smoky Mountain Hiking Club will meet on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. and hike to Andrews Bald.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### SPECIAL CONCERNS:

Those who are struggling with addictions.  
All members of the military and their families, especially those stationed overseas  
The unemployed

### ILL AND RECOVERING:

Terry Jaros, who has been diagnosed with cancer in his tongue and lymph node.  
Jenny Quarles, Libby Gardner's aunt, who has been diagnosed with aggressive oral and throat cancer. She has also fallen this week and fractured her pelvis.  
Tracy Davis, JoAnne Vest niece, who is awaiting an intestine transplant.  
Holly Ann Sanders, Martha Sanders' niece, who will be traveling to Spain for a semester abroad.  
Deb & Dave Stanridge, friend of Martha Sanders, Dave has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.  
JoEllen Moore, friend of Martha Sanders, who is undergoing medical tests for bewildering symptoms.  
Lauren Drees, mother of Jeffrey Drees, who will be undergoing chemotherapy for new cancer metastasis.  
Marion Hughes, 93 year old Aunt of Eva Zirkle is hospitalized with heart failure and fluid on the lungs.  
Joanne Rogers, friend of Zee Troutman, recently diagnosed with stage four colon cancer and it has metastasized to her liver. She is only 52 years old.

THOSE UNABLE TO BE WITH US: Lucille Tinsley

### IN RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES:

JEFF. COUNTY NURSING HOME: Celeste Reneau  
CHANDLER HOUSE: Argie Saylor  
THE HERITAGE CENTER (Morristown): Bonnie Young