



THE SPIRE



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July 2011

Luncheon to Support Our Brazil Mission Team Member



A team of Centenary's finest cooks will be preparing a special luncheon to provide the **Final Push to Brazil** for young adult mission team member Carl Gravely. Join the church family for lunch following the July 10 worship service. Donations will be accepted to provide some traveling money for our missionary.



The menu will include chicken, ham, green beans, a potato dish and dessert. RSVP to Paula Howell, Gigi Porter or the church office.

Parkview Mission Thanked

When a need arises, God provides...and how wonderful it is! The students at E.C. Glass have been extremely fortunate to have the volunteer service of a team of retired teachers organized through Parkview United Methodist Mission. Students who had previously failed a semester class during the school year could retake the course for credit after school over an extended number of weeks. Retired teachers provided instruction and mentoring. The Second Chance program benefited hundreds of students but was cut in the school year budget. Through the generosity and goodness of the team at Parkview, students were still able to recover credit. Rev. and Mrs. Willie Butler worked tirelessly with teachers and students to make this a reality when E. C. Glass thought there was no viable alternative. Sincere gratitude and appreciation is extended to Willie and Pat Butler and their team of retired teachers.

-Betsy Ballowe, *Director of Counseling, E.C. Glass High School*

Brazil Mission Trip Update

By Carl Gravely, *Mission Team Member*

In one month, I should be on my way home to VA (if I can afford to return...).

The final team meeting will be at Centenary on Thursday June 30th at 6. We will decide then on plans (games, crafts, themes and activities) for three Vacation Bible Schools that we will host during the first week. Something with lost sheep, because cotton balls are easy, cheap, and hassle-free to pack and transport south of the equator.

I will be leaving from Greensboro, NC on July 21 and plans will be announced in church closer to that date.

I want to say THANK YOU ALL again for the donations and support to make this mission possible. Ida Powell and her gang are feeding us for the team meeting, and though I asked for something easy, they are making something special! You all are amazing and your support lasts to infinity! Thank you again and again!

Curtichiba is entering Winter season and we will be enjoying weather with Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the mid 40s. I got my vaccines last month, and although I'm not sore any longer, I still have black and blue marks from five shots I received.

Since communications from this point will be limited, we hope to share our status by blog. The team email is: vabrazil2011@gmail.com and the team blog: vabrazil2011.blogspot.com. For update on the trip in the next few weeks, please check the blog for updates on landing and flight information. Wifi is free in airports, international texting and phone networking is expensive, therefore the use of blogging.

I won't have an article in August (because I'll be out of the country) but I'll have a recap ready for September! Until next time, I'll send a postcard from Brazil!

FROM THE



Pastor

Dear Friends -

Do you know how a man named Daniel spent a night in a den of hungry lions without becoming their bedtime snack? Do you know how a young girl from Israel was able to help a great general find a cure for his terrible

disease? Do you know why a young boy named David refused to wear the king's armor when he went to fight a giant?

You don't? Well, then, Sunday School at Centenary United Methodist Church is where you'll want to be on Sunday mornings at 9:30!

This invitation is extended to all ages - we have classes for everyone. It is also a great opportunity (while you're learning more about the Bible, to make new church friends.) And, if you haven't already heard, there is a young adults class now meeting in the Parlor every week. Bring the children and stay for a class yourself.

We are just now starting a new Virginia Annual Conference year. If you haven't been to Sunday School or you haven't been to worship with us lately - we'd love to have you be here! Many of you receiving our newsletter have been absent for a while. I hope to see you real soon.

Grace and Peace,

Annual Conference Offering

To date, \$167,345 has been collected for the Annual Conference Offering which will support leadership development in the United Methodist Church in Mozambique, Shade and Fresh Water programs in Brazil, Agape Christian Children's Community Center on the Eastern Shore, and Shalom Zone: Grace Ministries in Roanoke. Contributions may still be sent to the Conference Treasurer's office, P.O. Box 5605, Glen Allen, VA 23058.



In Action

One cold evening, a pastor was leading the Stephen Leaders and Ministers in prayer. All heads were bowed when they heard the door open. Everyone looked up.

A street woman hobbled in wearing tattered and torn clothes and shoes with so many holes that they were falling apart. The woman first apologized for interrupting and then said, "I was trying to see if I could find a church that could give me a pair of shoes. I went to another church in town and they couldn't help me, so I walked over here."

A Stephen Minister near the door immediately asked, "What size do you wear?" "Eight and a half," the woman answered. The Stephen Minister bent down to take off one of her new walking shoes. "That's my size, why don't you sit down over here and try this on to see if it fits you."

As the woman slipped it on, she said, "Oh, that feels wonderful. Nice and warm." The Stephen Minister took off her other shoe and gave it to the woman. "Here's the other one, too." The woman looked up, surprised. "I can't take these. I don't want to take your shoes."

But the Stephen Minister insisted, saying, "Please. Go ahead and take these. I've got another pair at home." The woman accepted the gift, put on the other shoe and moved toward the door. She turned back to them and said, "Thank you so much. God bless you. God bless you all."

Everyone in the room was left standing in stunned silence. A Stephen Leader broke the silence by turning to the Stephen Minister and saying, "That was so beautiful. But how are you going to get home? It's cold and wet outside, and you don't have any shoes now."

The Stephen Minister replied, "I've got a thick pair of socks--and I do have a pair of shoes." And she proceeded to put the homeless woman's tattered shoes onto her own feet. One by one the Stephen Ministers left, quietly and reflectively. As the Stephen Minister moved toward the door, the Stephen Leader noticed her hobbling a bit because the old shoes were worn, uneven, and uncomfortable. "Please be careful," the Stephen Leader said. "I don't want you to fall and get hurt."

"I'll walk slowly," she replied with a smile. "Now I really know what it's like to walk in someone else's shoes!"

-from the Stephen Ministry [website](#)

VBS 2011 Makes Big Splash

Centenary's Vacation Bible School this year was quite a splash at the Sun Surf Beach Bash! Twenty-eight children from Centenary, friends and neighbors, the JIFF program and visiting out-of-towners enjoyed games, songs, food, prizes, crafts, corny beach jokes and more from 5:30 til 8pm, Monday through Friday. Most importantly, they learned five big answers to five big questions:



1. Who is Jesus?
2. Why can I trust Him?
3. Why do I need Jesus?
4. How can Jesus help me when I mess up?
5. What does Jesus want me to do?



This year's group was spirited and enthusiastic and responded well in their teams of red, blue, yellow and sand. Over a dozen junior and senior high youth got

involved as group leaders, assisting the groups in and between learning stations and during games and competition. Throughout the week, children literally earned seashells for good behavior which they could keep and which led to recognition and prizes. And all of this happened without one shark attack or one case of sunburn.

Special thanks to the following "Lifeguards" for making this year's VBS a fun and meaningful adventure for all:

- Carlene Cantrell - VBS director
- Melissa Waugh - Assistant Director, Bible Application
- Jennifer Musick - Bible Application
- Andrew Musick - Photography
- Belva Shelor - Bible Story
- Mari Smallshaw - Music



Centenary's Marvelous Mature Methodists present



Portrait of a Disaster: Hurricane Camille

by Ed Tinsley

See and hear a first-hand account from the taped diary of retired state trooper Ed Tinsley's 27 consecutive 16-hour days in 1969 serving in the aftermath of the most devastating storm in Virginia's history.

Ed Tinsley was born and raised in Bedford County. He became a Virginia State Trooper in August 1959 and served until, by state law, he was required to retire in 2007 at age 70. His 48 years of service is the longest in the history of the Virginia State Police.

Most of his service centered in central Virginia, except for two years he worked out of Richmond. He worked in Amherst County from 1962 until his retirement.

Brown Bag luncheon 11:30am, Program at Noon.

Tuesday, July 19

Lisa, Nicole, Emily and Matthew Roseveare - Crafts
Marty Waugh - Opening and Closing Assemblies

Linda Porter, Paula Howell, Reba Gurdal, Angie Campbell, Jennifer Coffey - Dinner
Alan Gurdal - assistance with setup, media, games, groups, etc

THANK YOU!! What a great time!
See you next summer, dudes....

Annual Conference Members Pass Resolutions on Variety of Topics

Members passed resolutions on election of additional lay members, a call to fast and pray, priority of proclaiming Christ, support of "20/20: Visioning an AIDS-Free World," (resolution submitted by our own Ida Powell), peace-making efforts between Palestinians and Israelis, and honoring the 50th



anniversary of the founding of Virginia Wesleyan College. They defeated a resolution affirming the retired bishops' "Statement of Counsel to the Church" which urges a change in the Book of Discipline in regard to views on homosexuality and ordination of gays and lesbians.

One of the items that the Virginia Annual Conference requested of each church was to provide two 8x10 pictures for a display of "Churches in Mission." Garland Harper had one of the Sager Brown team and one of the Day of Difference prayer circle made. It was a great visual of the connectional church at work in our world.



Virginia Conference Elects 26 Delegates to General Conference

Lay delegates elected to General Conference are Shirley Cauffman, Arlington; Darlene Amon, Suffolk; Ron Hardman, Williamsburg; Jim Branscome, Glen Allen; Nathaniel Bishop Christiansburg; Marshall Bailey, Midlothian; Martha Stokes, Glen Allen; David Brown, Falls Church; Susie Wolf, Kenbridge; Carol Gaston, Salem; Dot Ivey, Richmond; Larry Burian, Reedville; and Gene Mims, Petersburg. Clergy delegates to General Conference are Tom Berlin, Herndon; Beth Downs, Glen Allen; Clarence Brown, Annandale; Denise Honeycutt, Annandale; Rhonda VanDyke Colby, Winchester; Peter Moon, Midlothian; Tammy Estep, Parksley; Marc Brown, Glen Allen; Ted Smith, Stafford; Amanda Garber, Harrisonburg; Kirk Nave, Richmond; Young Jin Cho, Alexandria; and Brenda Biler, Charlottesville

The General Conference of The United Methodist Church is the denomination's top legislative body for all matters affecting the United Methodist connection. By definition, it has no administrative or executive power. The Book of Discipline and constitution of The United Methodist Church define the composition of the General Conference as no less than 600 and no more 1,000 delegates, half laity and half clergy. These delegates are elected by the Annual Conferences and several other specialized bodies within the structure of The United Methodist Church.

The General Conference meets on a "quadrennial" basis, that is, once every four years.

Petitions are assigned to legislative committees based on their content. Legislative committees elect committee leadership and then break into subcommittees to review and refine legislation. Subcommittees bring petitions before the entire committee with the recommendation to reject, adopt, or adopt as amended. During consideration by the entire committee, additional amendments may be made. Then, the entire committee votes to recommend to the General Conference (the almost 1000 delegates) what action should be taken on the legislation. No action is final until taken by the General Conference in plenary session.

2011 Operating Budget through June 22, 2011

Receipts:

Pledged Offering	102,226
Prior Year Pledge	970
Unpledged Offering	16,183
Loose Plate Offering	709
Church School Offering	1,180
From Rustburg UMC	1,000
From UMFS	1,500
Miscellaneous Offering	1,162
Bazaar Income	67
Easter Offering	2,261
Interest Income	90
From Memorials	985
Total Receipts.....	\$128,333

Expenses:

Support Staff Expense	-44,151
Pastor Expense	-38,473
Building & Grounds	-41,073
Apportionments	-19,413
Office	-7,169
Programs	-5,514
Total Expenses.....	\$155,793

Benevolence Receipts

Outside of Budget

Stephen Ministries	640
Fellowship Fund	676
JIFF	1,074
Pennies with a Purpose	344
Local Benevolences	75
UMCOR	1,203
Brazil Mission Trip	2,575
TOTAL	\$6,587

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Bryant

Darlene Bryant

In Memory of Baylis Kunz

Helen & Earl Simpson
Virginia & Nae Hugh Pearson
Wesley Chapel Class
Martha Ann Potts Gregory

In Memory of Kenneth Takseraas

Terrell & Doris Moseley

In Memory of Rudy Dodl

Ernestine Dodl

Conference Kits and Missions 2011

Virginia Conference churches brought 52,870 disaster relief kits for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR): 27,148 health kits, 15,192 school kits, 3,723 layette kits, 648 sewing kits, 62 bedding packs, 854 cleaning buckets, 5,243 birthing kits. They also contributed 9,200 lbs. of canned food. More than 220 volunteers unloaded and bagged 39,000 pounds of potatoes that were delivered to 12 feeding agencies in VA & West VA.



Kits for Conference



Centenary's response to the annual request from the Virginia Annual Conference for school kits was outstanding, Forty-one kits were dedicated during the closing prayer on Sunday June 12 and delivered by our delegate to the Annual Conference, Garland Harper. A sincere thank you goes out to the children and adults who participated in this endeavor.

But most particularly we are indebted to the dedication and teamwork of Carole Humphreys who cut the fabric for the school bags and to Marge Wilson who sewed them together. Without a doubt their joint effort led to the unusually large contribution Centenary was able to make this year. In anticipation of our response in 2012 Carole and Marge will start marking the kits very soon and you can help. Please consider donating denim-weight fabric suitable to make sturdy school bags. Contributions can be left in the church office.

Stewardship - June 2011 Operating Budget

May 29	1,784
June 5	7,207
June 12	4,468
June 19	1,744

An Invitation

The Centenary United Methodist Church family is hosting a wedding shower for Danny Moore and Phebe Ingle on Saturday, July 9, 3-5pm in the fellowship hall.

For details or to volunteer please contact Angie Campbell or the church office.

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Church Family Camping Trip is Only WEEKS Away!!

The Church Family
(meaning, the whole church
family - not just members
with children and youth!)
Camping Trip to Jellystone
is upon us! July 15-17 we
will travel to Natural Bridge, VA for fun and fellowship.



Various members of the camping contingent will provide meals starting with dinner on Friday night and ending with lunch on Sunday.

The campground has activities and recreational facilities for all ages. You don't want to miss the fun! Contact Mari Smallshaw for details.

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Angel Food Ministries

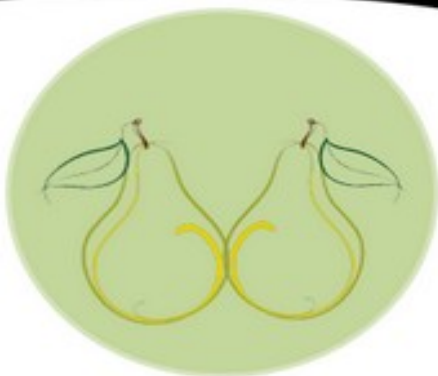
Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing food relief and financial support to communities throughout the US.



They offer several different packages each month and offer convenient online ordering at www.angelfoodministries.com. Local host sites include: Bethlehem Lutheran on Timberlake, St. Paul's Episcopal on Clay St., Westminster Presbyterian on Floyd Street, Thomas Terrace Baptist on 460 and Temperance Ruritan Club in Amherst.

The "Bread of Life" box (\$35) for July (online order by 7/24-pickup 7/30) includes: 3# (pounds) Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast, 3# Fully Cooked 1/4 lb. Hamburgers, 2# Non-breaded, IQF Large Chicken Wings, 2# Fettuccini Alfredo with White Meat Chicken, 1.5# Bone-In Pork Chops (6 x 4 oz.), 1# Lean Ground Beef, 1# Kraft Deli-Style Turkey Loaf Unsliced, 1# 100% Ground Chicken, 4# Nestlé Boil-in-Bag Macaroni and Cheese, 1# each: Green Beans, Shoestring Cut Carrots, Sugar Snap Peas, Chopped Spinach, 1# Brown Rice, 8 oz. Pancake Mix, 1# Dry Beans, Dozen Eggs, 32 oz. 2% Shelf Stable Milk, Break-n-Bake Cookies

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