

# The Messenger

## Perry United Methodist Church

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### Regina's Lessons of Life



It was just past noon that Sunday... July 17, 1994... my 5th Sunday as the new pastor of Lizella United Methodist Church. Little Curtis Russell Obenauf was baptized that day. His parents brought their own water since the Flood of '94 had shut down water systems in our area.

Most folks had left the church grounds by the time I got into the parking lot. As I started to drive away, I saw her... a pretty brunette with expressive eyes motioning for me to stop. "Don't go yet," she said, "I need to thank you for the sermon. It's a lesson I learned years ago, but I love the way you reminded me of it."

So that was my first deep memory of Regina...Regina Garrard Parks. In time I would learn how this wonderful gal had backed off the beast of cancer when she was the young bride of Bo Parks. Yes, early on Regina had received what C. S. Lewis referred to as "a cosmic kick in the seat of the pants." Regina was more than a little aware of what the psalmist meant when he spoke his mind to God in Ps. 39:4: **Lord, let me know... teach me...keep me mindful of how frail, how fleeting my life is. Help me remember, Dear God, that my time is short.**

A warning shot. Regina heard it and became a fast learner. With all the regal strength befitting her name, Regina rose to greet each 24/7 with a winsome, joyful spirit and a depth found in few so young. A devoted daughter and wife, she also became a mother to 2 daughters, a grandmother par excellence and a teacher whose gifts and talents blessed the Lizella United Methodist Church.

As for the spirit of evil that whispers, "you have plenty of time. There will be enough time to coach the kids, to go to worship, to visit your folks, to pray, to share a joke. For now, just relax and go with the flow. Take your life for granted." That robber made no headway with her.

Regina lost her earthly life July 11, 2008. As some of you may know, she was Krissy Pope's cousin. What a great reminder of God's intricate networking designs.

For me, Regina's lessons of life stand as a reminder that *someday* is not a day of the week. That life is far too short to be taken for granted.

Thank you, Regina, for being my friend. God loves you and so do I.

*Rev. Jenny*

## The Church At Worship

**9:00 AM and 11:00 AM**  
Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams

**Evening Worship Service**  
Rev. Billy Kimbrel  
*Special Music*  
Grace Daniel, soloist

### Sunday Worship Volunteers July 20

#### GREETERS

**9:00 A.M.**  
Billy and Claire  
Beckham

**11:00 A.M.**  
Larry and Janice  
Walker

#### ACOLYTES

**9:00 A.M.**  
TBA

**11:00 A.M.**  
Giles Amos  
William Amos

**Administrative Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, July 20**  
**8:00 p.m.**  
**I.H.S. Sunday School Classroom**



## **COOKBOOKS!!!**

**TWO GREAT COOKBOOKS  
AVAILABLE IN THE  
PUMC OFFICE - \$15 Each**

### **Snips, Snails & Puppy Tails**

All proceeds go to Aiden Hawk  
to assist with mounting medical bills, etc.


### **Down "Home" Cooking**

All proceeds go to  
The Methodist Home for  
Children and Youth

## ***Music Notes***



### **New Hymnal?**

*This is an excerpt from an article  
reported in **The Interpreter**, a  
United Methodist Communications  
Journal, on how decisions made  
at General Conference will affect the  
local church.* 

A new hymnal revision committee  
will be created to bring a proposed  
new United Methodist Hymnal to  
the 2012 General Conference in  
Tampa, Florida. The new hymnal  
will be primarily for U.S.  
congregations, but its development  
is to be a "prologue" to future work  
in other parts of the world. Delegates  
from around the world also approved  
studying development of an Africana  
hymnal.

### **DON'T FORGET ~ PrimeTime Myrtle Beach Trip**

**2nd Deposit of \$75/person  
due Thursday, July 31**

***Sympathy is extended to*** Krissy Pope and  
family in the death of **Krissy's cousin,**  
Regina Parks on July 11.



***And*** to Eddie Coffee and family in the  
death of Eddie's mother, Martha  
Coffee on July 8.

***And*** to John Williams and family in the death  
of John's Aunt, Blanche Williams on July 3.



**Kopie O'Neal  
Bernice Rainey  
Perry Hospital**

#### **Church Staff**

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams	Senior Pastor
Rev. Roland Fall	Associate Pastor for Congregational Care
Rev. Billy Kimbrel	Associate Pastor for Evangelism
Dr. Billy Key	Pastor Emeritus
Krissy Pope	Children's Pastor & Dir. Of Christian Ed.
Kyle Kuhn	Youth Pastor
Jane Kimbrel	Minister of Music
Miriam Marchetti	Music Associate/Pianist

John Williams, Building Supt.	<u>Nursery Workers</u>
Leslie Mercer, Financial Secretary	Christie Rooks
Ginger Vance, Admin. Assistant	Linda Hall
Grace Daniel, Organist	Amanda Suttmueller
Deborah Walker, Pianist	Lisa Mixon
Alice Releford, Custodian	Jill Thigpen

#### **Our Methodist Connection**

Bishop B. Michael Watson	Resident Bishop
Rev. Ronnie Wills	District Superintendent

**PRAY  
FOR  
OUR  
MILITARY**



**Justin Dunnam**, brother of  
Aimee Curtis

**Capt. Elmo Cooper Wright, III and  
Lt. William R. Wright**, grandsons of Elmo and  
Elaine Wright

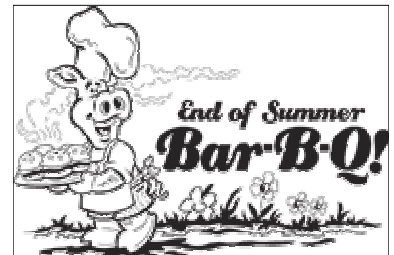
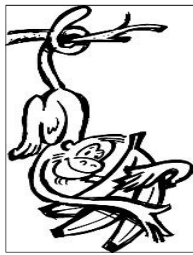
**Capt. Brandon Perdue, Lt. Barrett Perdue,  
Capt. Jeff McFarland, Rct. John Lane Sirmon**,  
grandsons of Rene Fendley Sirmon and John  
Sirmon

**Lt. Phillip Ferris**, son of Mark and Gloria Ferris

We are in Highlands, North Carolina having a blast at Children's Camp with 50 people along for the adventure!  
Meanwhile back at PUMC...

Lots of fun is still in store for the rest of the summer!

- **The 5th graders will have their special day before leaving for MYF Tuesday, July 22nd...Destination Unknown...Meet at the church at 9am, we will be gone all day!**
  - The wee ones of the Children's Department will have a morning outing to Monkey Joe's Thursday, July 24th from 10am-12 Noon  
We will meet there and play and then have lunch together!
- The End of the Summer Family Celebration BBQ and Slide Show for Children and Youth will be Thursday, July 31st from 7pm until...



# YOUTH NEWS

**Leadership\*  
\*Retreat**

**Please continue** to give me insight and information on your scheduling conflicts for August 8 and 9.

**Remember, this trip is only for rising freshman through rising seniors in UMYF** with a passion to become consistent and involved leaders of this group. We will have **a later retreat for Middle School students** who have this same passion for leadership roles.

Please email Kyle Kuhn, [kuhn5251@gmail.com](mailto:kuhn5251@gmail.com) with questions and schedule conflicts! Thank you!

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## Calendar of Events

### Sunday, July 20

- 9:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. - Center Stage for Christ Rehearsal - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
- 8:00 p.m. - Administrative Board Meeting - I.H.S. Classroom

### Monday, July 21

- 4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room
- 5:30 p.m. - Finance Committee Meeting - Youth Center

### Tuesday, July 22

- 9:00 a.m. - 5th Graders Leave for an All Day Mystery Trip

### Wednesday, July 23

- 6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, July 24

- 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Wee Ones of the Children's Department go to Monkey Joe's
- 7:00 p.m. - Missions Committee Meeting - Conference Room

### Attendance Report - July 13, 2008

Morning Worship	368
9:00 a.m.	168
11:00 a.m.	200
Sunday School	239
Evening Worship	45
UMYF	69

### Financial Report - Week 28

Budget Needed Weekly:	22,376.25
Budget Receipts July 13	17,884.23
Needed Year to Date:	626,535.00
Disbursements to Date:	615,062.12
Received Year to Date:	518,807.92
<b>Other Contributions:</b>	
Mission Outreach Class	50.00

## Mission . . . Possible!

The Missions Committee wants you to be in the know about the mission work of PUMC. Each week we'll be highlighting mission projects. This week we are celebrating Operation Christmas Child.

### Christmas in July

During the month of July you will find wrapped shoe boxes located in strategic places around the church. They will be found in Sunday School rooms, the Fellowship Hall, the Narthex, and the church office. Please take one and fill it for children that don't have the blessings that we do.

On each box is a sticker that says boy or girl. Inside the box is a list of suggestions that should go in each box. Once the boxes are filled, return them to the church office or the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, contact Linda Mason 997-1582.

You cannot imagine the *joy* these children and their parents experience when they open these boxes. One mother wrote that she was so grateful for the toothpaste and toothbrushes. Many children take the wrapping paper and put it on their walls.

Operation Christmas Child is part of the Samaritan's Purse organization that is an affiliate of the Billy Graham ministries.

How can you get involved in Missions? Contact Brian Bowen through the church office or at blbowen@aol.com



## So You Can "Mark Your Calendar!"

The end of summer is fast approaching and the calendar for the remainder of 2008 is filling up quickly.

- August 4** - Houston County Schools begin classes
- August 13** - Westfield School begins classes
- August 17** - Camp Meeting Services
- August 24** - PUMC Promotion Sunday
- August 24** - PraiSing - First Baptist Church
- September 1** - Labor Day - Church office is closed
- September 3** - PUMC Wednesday Night Supper begins
- September 21** - PUMC Friendship Sunday
- November 13 - 15** - PrimeTime trip to Myrtle Beach
- November 20** - JOY Choir Trip to Augusta
- November 23** - Charge Conference
- November 27** - Thanksgiving
- December 4** - PUMC Advent By Candlelight
- December 7** - Children's Choir Program  
Christmas at the Crossroads
- December 11** - PrimeTime Christmas Party
- December 14** - PUMC Christmas Cantata

### Remember ~

- PrimeTime Luncheon is held the first Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted) - registration required.
- Wednesday Night Supper held each Wednesday night (unless otherwise noted) - registration required.