

The Messenger

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They're *b-a-c-k!*

Turns out "Bertha" was the longest-lived July tropical storm ever recorded in the Atlantic (according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center). As I write this, "Dolly" in the Gulf of Mexico is building toward hurricane force and "Cristobal" forming off the Carolina coast is expected to drench Canada's Atlantic region over the next few days. So far our immediate area is not in the path of any major system. . . and yet. . .

When is it time to prepare for a storm?

Not long ago I read about a church in New Orleans where "Katrina" literally tore the bricks off the church building. Imagine! Someone asked a couple of builders in the area, "How is it possible for the bricks to be ripped away from a church like that and leave the wood structure intact?" "Look here," one of the builders said. A quick inspection showed that the workers who constructed the church had not tied the masonry to the building's understructure. The metal ties were there, but it was a rare one that was fixed into the masonry. They were asked, "How can you be sure that the workers are tying your brick and your house together the way they're supposed to?" Both builders agreed, "Be there and watch it done. Or know your contractor."

For years that little St. Bernard Church had sat there looking strong. When the storm came, it revealed a weakness in the construction no one had ever noticed. Michael Dudit is right, "Life's storms do not cause the weaknesses; they reveal them. That's why in the good times, when we're well and the children are behaving and the bills are paid, this is the time to make sure of the solid construction of our lives, our faith, our relationship with the Lord. Because sooner or later, the storm is coming."

Jesus told a story about how important it is to get your house anchored into something solid and strong (Matthew 7:24). Of course Jesus himself is the "something" that is truly solid. It reminds me of a song we sing:

In times like these you need a Savior,
In times like these you need an anchor.
Be very sure, be very sure,
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!
This Rock is Jesus, Yes, He's the One;
This Rock is Jesus, The only One!
Be very sure, be very sure
Your anchor holds and grips the Solid Rock!

See you soon where we find the greatest strength for life's roughest weather.

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
Allen and Linda Mason

Sunday Worship Volunteers July 27

GREETERS

9:00 A.M. Roland and Teddie Berry	11:00 A.M. Ed and Tamatha Beckham
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ACOLYTES

9:00 A.M. Patience Hall Tyler Hall	11:00 A.M. Molly Asbury Tolbert Palmer Tolbert
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And the Lord Added . . .
Addison Elizabeth Lumsden
Welcome!

New South Georgia UM Bishop Announced

Bishop James R. King, Jr. has been assigned as the new bishop to the South Georgia Conference. Bishop King comes to us from the Louisville, Kentucky Area, which includes the Kentucky Conference and Red Bird Missionary Conference. He will be the first African-American to serve as an Episcopal leader in South Georgia.

After serving faithfully for 8 years in the South Georgia Conference, Bishop Mike Watson is being assigned to the North Georgia Conference. The new assignments for bishops are effective on September 1, 2008.

Music Notes




Christmas Music Planning in July

Sanctuary Choir and Sanctuary Bells Christmas Music

Festival of Lessons and Carols

by Joseph Martin

 Sunday, December 14
at 9:00 and 11:00am

Choir, Handbells and Orchestra

Composed in 2008, this work includes over 20 classic carols incorporated with new seasonal selections, readings and congregational participation. Christmas music rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:45. This is a great time to join the choir! Nursery provided.

Children's Choir Christmas Musical

Operation Christmas Child

by Kathie Hill 

A Kid's Musical based on the Shoe Box Ministry of Samaritan's Purse

This musical was composed to promote the shoe box ministry of the Christian relief organization, Samaritan's Purse, and is an interactive experience to involve our children in children's outreach. It emphasizes the gift of Jesus' birth and the motive for sharing our blessings with others. All children, ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to participate. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, September 3, from 3:45-5:15 during "WASP" (Wednesday After School Programming).

Blessings,
Jane

Mission to Mexico

What a blessing it was for me to go to Mexico and represent this Church and UMVIM. I thank you for your contributions, prayers, and support that made this mission possible for me. Thanks also to Brian Bowen and the missions committee. Thank you, Wayne Morris, for making sure our team had a ride to and from the airport. I look forward to sharing photos and a message about what God had planned for us to do in La Union (VBS, concrete flower garden patio, gates and fencing).

Eddie Coffee

A REMINDER
PrimeTime Myrtle Beach Trip
2nd Deposit of \$75/person
due Thursday, July 31



At times the staff may be unable to answer the phone. To dial any staff member's direct extension, either during or after regular office hours, simply press the desired extension number at any time during the recorded message. Calls will be immediately transferred directly to staff desk phones. You may wish to clip this listing for quick reference.

Rev. Jenny Jackson-Adams - 22

Rev. Roland Fall - 27

Rev. Billy Kimbrel - 30

Jane Kimbrel - 28

Leslie Mercer - 23

Krissy Pope - 24

Ginger Vance - 21

John Williams - 29

Alice Releford - 987-1954

**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

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.
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



***The End of the Summer Family Celebration
BBQ and Slide Show
for Children and Youth***

Next Thursday, July 31st from 7pm until...

Fincher's BBQ will be catering and weather permitting, we will picnic outside on the front lawn (Rain plan: Fellowship Hall)...

Slide show will include all summer trips and activities!

Interns will also be recognized at this event for all of their hard work!

\$5/person

You won't want to miss the fun!

YOUTH SUMMER POOL TOUR

**Begins Sunday, July 27
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**



**The Cyr's House
108 River Rock Court - Perry
987-1159**

***Bring your Swimsuit and Towel
Snacks and Drinks Provided***

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 27

- 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

Monday, July 28

4:30 p.m. - Ladies Bible Study - Conference Room

Tuesday, July 29

2:00 p.m. - Staff Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, July 30

- 6:00 p.m. - Trustees Committee Meeting - Conference Room
- 6:45 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 31

- 7:00 p.m. - Children and Youth End of Summer
Family Celebration BBQ/Slide Show

Attendance Report - July 20, 2008

Morning Worship	439
9:00 a.m.	198
11:00 a.m.	241
Sunday School	239
Evening Worship	72
UMYF	35

Financial Report - Week 29

Budget Needed Weekly:	22,376.25
Budget Receipts July 20	23,191.96
Needed Year to Date:	648,911.25
Disbursements to Date:	631,095.49
Received Year to Date:	541,999.88
Other Contributions:	
Music Dept.	100.00
Operation Christmas Child	200.00

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 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 at 997-1582.

The deadline for returning the boxes is November 2.

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 Christ Child is part of the Samaritan's Purse organization that is an affiliate of the Franklin Graham ministries.

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

Thank You

Thank you for all of the cards, compassion, acts of kindness, and prayers given to me and my family during our time of sorrow following the death of our mother, Martha Coffee.

Eddie Coffee



[Coliseum Hospital](#) - Grace Cook

[Houston Medical Center](#) - Lucy Talton

[Macon Medical Center](#) - Sandra Tolleson

John and Louise Turner Plan Move To Florida

On August 1 John and Louise Turner plan to move to Palm City, FL, near where their daughter lives. The Turners have lived in Perry for 50 years and will be greatly missed both in our church and in the community. Appreciation is especially expressed to John for years of dedicated service as an usher. The Turners have been a blessing to many. We wish for them the very best. They may be reached at:

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Palm City, FL 34990