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**Making Disciples
of All Nations**

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**ARTICLES FOR
NOVEMBER SKYWRITER
DUE OCTOBER 17**

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE

Come worship in the freedom and joy of the Holy Spirit on October 1 at 7:00pm. A light supper will be served at 6:15pm in the dining area



Prayer Walk
Tuesday, October 5
Meet in front of chapel at 6:00pm
Rain or Shine!

SKYWRITER

From The Pastor

by Rev. John Freeland

A couple of years before Katie was born Linda and I went through the worst time of our married life. I could give you details, but the crux of the problem was a lack of communication. We had become so busy and involved in our careers that we forgot to take time for one another. We don't let that happen anymore. In fact, I am writing this article at home to be near Linda and Meredith. Most Christians forget that communication with God is more important than communication with their husband or wife. If your spiritual life is "out of whack" the rest of your relationships are soon to follow.

Every Monday the Skyland Church staff begins the week in prayer. On Tuesday evenings several of us gather in the Chapel for prayer. Frequently when I am writing a sermon or preparing a Bible study, I get up and pray. I often go in the Walter Murphy classroom, the King's Kids room, and the nursery praying for each group that meets there. In fact, I have been in every room in the church praying for each group that meets there (even the restrooms and storage closets). Before the Chastains, and then again before the Howell's, moved into the Mission House, I went there to pray for them. I believe the only place I've not prayed is the storage shed and the rental property. I've even walked the parking lots and circled the property in prayer. I believe in prayer! Let me share with you some great quotes concerning prayer.

God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.
John Wesley

- "The true church lives and moves and has its being in prayer." -- Leonard Ravenhill
- "Prayer is where the action is." -- John Wesley
- "Men may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons, but they are helpless against our prayers." -- Sidlow Baxter
- "Our prayers lay the track down which God's power can come. Like a mighty locomotive, his power is irresistible, but it cannot reach us without rails." -- Watchman Nee

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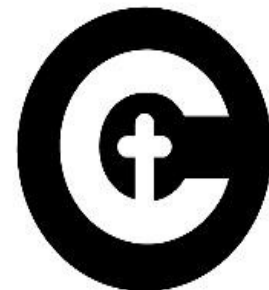
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- "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest Christian on his knees." -- William Cowper
- "The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray." -- Samuel Chadwick
- "If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for the one it has."
- "We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties." -- Oswald Chambers
- "If the Christian does not allow prayer to drive sin out of his life, sin will drive prayer out of his life. Like light and darkness, the two cannot dwell together." -- M.E. Andross
- "Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer is the greater work." -- Oswald Chambers.
- "Prayer is not monologue, but dialogue. God's voice in response to mine is its most essential part." -- Andrew Murray
- "Beware in your prayers, above everything else, of limiting God, not only by unbelief, but by fancying that you know what He can do. Expect unexpected things 'above all that we ask or think.'" -- Andrew Murray

In the movie *Casablanca* Humphrey Bogart forces the girl he loves to leave with another man (I know, it doesn't make sense). He gives her a little speech about how it's the right thing to do and how staying with him would be dangerous. They both would end up in a concentration camp he says. Then he says that famous line, "Here's looking at you kid." I wonder how that scene would have been received if he had said, "Here's praying for you kid"? Well, please know that I'm praying for you, "kid."

Your servant,

**CLERGY
APPRECIATION
MONTH**

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. Please be sure to express your appreciation to Pastor John today...and at every opportunity.

- ⇒ Pray for him regularly
- ⇒ Write a note of appreciation
- ⇒ Love one another
- ⇒ Meet a need
- ⇒ Squelch gossip
- ⇒ Cut criticism

Weekly Attendance			
Date	Small Groups	10:00 Service	11:00 Service
8/22	67	55	64
8/29	60	52	57
9/5	56	46	42
9/12	59	45	69

Offerings			
Date	Mile of Pennies	General Funds	Designated Funds
8/22	6.00	3,798.00	-
8/29	17.60	5,195.96	1,000.00
9/5	9.00	5,609.00	97.00
9/12	5.60	8,570.38	773.83

Designated Funds	
Flowers	100.00
Hugh Jackson Memorial	100.00
Dr. Pirkle Memorial	550.00
SUMCEL/Maria	800.00
Good Samaritan/Communion	47.00
Youth Ministry	250.00
Postage	10.00
Choir	10.00
Property Maintenance	3.83

**UNITED METHODIST MEN
COVERED DISH/AUCTION**

The UMM will sponsor a Covered Dish Dinner and Auction on Saturday, October 16. Dinner will be served at 6:00pm and the auction will begin at 7:00pm. Please bring your donations of useable household goods, tools and furniture to the stage in the Fellowship Hall. The proceeds from this annual fundraiser are used to support various projects both within the church and throughout the community. Thank you for your support. For more information, please call Chris Baumann, Bob Norman or John Holt.



**United Methodist Women
Spaghetti Lunch
October 3 - 12:15pm
Cost: \$5/person**

Please join us for a time of good food and fellowship for a good cause. All proceeds will be used for our Missions Projects.

Blessings Yard Sale: October 9, 8am - 12pm

Skyland is holding a community-wide "blessings" yard sale to fundraise for the children's day camp we're starting. Please consider blessing others with items for the sale. We are looking for **good-condition** kids' and teen clothes (no shoes!), books, toys/games, movies, household goods and kitchen goods. A donation box will be available in the narthex Sunday mornings. Large items can be picked up by truck. Please call Sheila (404) 354-4299 or Jenny (404) 664-5878 for more details. Thanks for your support!

Chastains Mission Night: October 13, 6-8pm

Please join us for a powerful Mission Night as Charlie & Miki Chastain share about their first year in Russia and their ministry to orphans. A special guest, Liza Ilina, will be with them to witness about how God is showing his heart to the fatherless. A Russian-style dinner will be served at 6:00pm, followed by the speakers at 7:00pm.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

The United Methodist Men are sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive for the homeless. Items needed: new or gently used blankets, coats, jackets, sweaters, flannel clothing, thermal underwear, hats, scarves, gloves and socks. All sizes for men, women and children are needed. You can bring your donations to the boxes located throughout the church during the month of October. If you would like to volunteer to help with this much needed project, please call John Holt at (404) 216-7837. The cold weather is not far off, so let's work together to keep everyone warm.