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**Making Disciples  
of All Nations**

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| 9/9 J.C. Jones             | 9/25 Darlene Dixon                    |
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| 9/11 Bill & Maude O'Donald | 9/28 Sheila de la Cruz                |
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| Henry & Kimberly Thomas    |                                       |

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Martyne Gilleland, Carolyn Mull, Helen Buffington, Dave & Evelyn Smith, Margaret Barnwell, Velma Jackson, Rhoda Hall, Pam Johnston, Jinnifer Hoyla, Sgt. Benjamin Stewart, Shirley Bryant, Jan Boehn, Jeenece O'Donald, Chris Barber, John & Mary Turner, Jodi Holt, Edna Williams, Faye Freeland, Jack Cooke, John Stroud, Maude O'Donald, Harold Burrell Maria Villanueva & Family, Lois Anderson, Diane Smith, Doris Hester, Chris Baumann

*Skyland  
Church*  
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**ARTICLES FOR  
OCTOBER SKYWRITER  
DUE SEPTEMBER 12**

**FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE**

Come worship in the freedom and joy of the Holy Spirit on Sept 3 at 7:00pm. A light supper will be served at 6:15pm in the dining area



**SKYWRITER**

**2010 Summer Camp**

*by Andy Hammer*

If I had one word to describe summer camp, I would choose "success". It was a success on so many different levels. Our youth were awestruck by the power and presence of God, mystified by divine encounter, enchanted by the intense love of their Creator, and changed by the Holy Spirit. All that and it was also really fun, too! I have seen all sorts of camps and young people who have gone to them. Most camps are fun. That part is not hard. The difficulty comes in creating an atmosphere where God is given free hand to impact the young people (and adults for that matter). Ignite Camps do this right. The atmosphere was right for God to rain down and the weather was stormy.

I have never seen such a drastic change in personality and devotion to Christ. I have seen lots of kids come back from camp excited, but I have not previously seen such a distinct change in personhood. Typically, we see the slow disciplined change of Christ in our lives with periodic encounters with God that leave us changed. This was one of those periodic encounters, and it was a big one. Every one of our youth we sent to camp has returned a more

whole person. Whole where it matters. They did not go to camp for just any experience. They went to this camp for a divine experience away from the noise, dirt and confusion of their urban lives. This camp was a success in the only way that really matters. Our young people who left Atlanta, some careless for Christ, were by Wednesday worshipping with the intensity that only a youth can and should worship. Literal pools of sweat gathered beneath them as they ardently worshiped.

Now, my point is not just to say that camp was successful. My point is that God is willing and able to have a divine meeting with you. I am not talking about the emotional "heebie-jeebies" we sometimes associate with experiencing God. I have been rarely overcome with emotional "heebie-jeebies" and I was not overcome at camp but there I did meet with God and I am changed. I am now more willing and likely to ask God for mercy in times of trouble and to calmly praise and worship him in times of peace. If God is willing to meet with you, and nothing is happening, it is time for serious inquiry and reflection upon our general willingness towards God.

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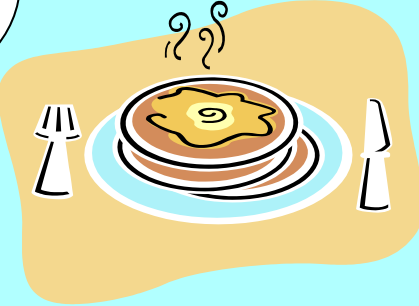
## 2011 Budget Requests

- Attention all committee and work area chairpersons: Please turn in your 2011 budget request to Eleanor Flanagan no later than September 1. You may email them to [telda@bellsouth.net](mailto:telda@bellsouth.net) or place them in the Finance mailbox.
- The Finance Committee will meet in the library immediately following the 11:00am worship service on September 12 to discuss the 2011 budget requests.



### Prayer Walk

Join the Witness Committee for the next Prayer Walk on **Tuesday, September 7** at 6:00pm. Please meet outside the Chapel doors - rain or shine! If you are unable or would prefer not to walk, please join us in the Chapel for a time of prayer and intercession. This is a powerful time with no agenda except to pray as the Lord leads us. This is a great opportunity to pray for our church, community, nation and world.



### Youth Pancake Supper

Please join us for the Annual Youth Pancake Supper Fundraiser on **Wednesday, September 15** at 6:00pm in the dining area. Dinner is free. Donations will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds will help the youth go to summer camp next year.

The Sky Angels will meet on **Thursday, September 9** in the dining area at 11:45am. Please bring a covered dish to share. Our very own Fred Stover will provide the entertainment.

### Weekly Attendance

Date	Small Groups	10:00 Service	11:00 Service
7/25	49	49	48
8/1	55	55	55
8/8	67	53	73
8/15	63	53	57

### Offerings

Date	Mile of Pennies	General Funds	Designated Funds
7/25	5.00	3,711.03	1,230.00
8/1	9.00	8,422.70	856.65
8/8	30.00	5,029.50	6,231.00
8/15	9.00	3,297.00	931.29

### Designated Funds

Mission Night/Cornerstone	680.00
Ken Freeman Memorial	470.00
Quentin Pirkle Memorial	610.00
Hugh Jackson Memorial	650.00
Library (Hugh Jackson)	25.00
Good Samaritan	57.00
Library (Dr. Pirkle)	25.00
Property Maintenance	24.65
Property Maintenance - Windows	75.00
SUMCEL/Maria	5781.00
Global Ministry/Missions	100.00
Choir	10.00
Postage	10.00
Scholarship Interest	137.92
Meaders Mission House	593.37

### Men's Spiritual Retreat September 24 - 26, 2010

Bishop James R. King, Jr. from the South Georgia United Methodist Conference will deliver four powerful messages encouraging men to pray without ceasing. Rock Eagle 2010 offers exceptional workshops and activities: Prayer & Fasting, Cross & Flame walk/run, Canned Soup Drive, Blood Drive, Mini-golf, Football, Basketball, Swimming and much more. For more information or to register for the retreat, please visit [www.rockeagleretreat.com](http://www.rockeagleretreat.com).

*If my people,  
which are called  
by my name  
shall humble  
themselves and  
pray, and seek my  
face, and turn from  
their wicked ways;  
then will I hear  
from heaven, and  
will forgive their  
sin, and will heal  
their land.*

**2 Chronicles 7:14**

### 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.

## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for **October 6 at 6:45pm**. All chairpersons of Nurture, Outreach and Witness work areas and all other church leaders/group coordinators are asked to submit a detailed report of the events and accomplishments since last Charge Conference. All reports are due to the church office by **September 15**. Please leave your reports in the Church Secretary mailbox or email them to Kimberly at [secretary@skylandmc.org](mailto:secretary@skylandmc.org).