



The First United Methodist Church of

Pine Mountain

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May 2017

A Note from the Pastor.....

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT OUR MONEY

How many times in the course of life do we not find the need to sit down, with our spouse, parent, child, look them in the eyes, and say, "We need to talk about our money." It's not always a favorite conversation. Bank balances and budgets are something we would just as soon put out of our minds. But, when we do, there is always a time of reckoning.

We need to talk about our money. In order to keep the programs that provide the ministry of Jesus Christ in this community, we are called to come together and give what we can. The apostle Paul never seemed to mind the talk. He loved to commend those churches that were generous: "They gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints" (2 Corinthians 8:2-4).

Below you will find a quarterly report of "our money". I think that as you read this family conversation, you will see that this is a time we are all called to come together and each do our share as best we can. May God bless us richly as we pray and as we give.

Grace and Peace,

Martha

WE ARE THE CHURCH

FUMC-Pine Mountain Financial Report for first quarter 2017

Some times things get a little stretched, like the picture above. Although stewardship consists of our prayers, our presence, our witness and our gifts; it also deals with money. At the end of 2016, the church adopted a budget for 2017 based on historical giving. Our budget reflects the needs of the church's general operations, plus ministries, such as missions, benevolence, youth and children programs, etc. The portion of that budget needed to be received by March 31st, the end of the first quarter of 2017 was \$113,000. The Church only received cash contributions totaling \$99,300. This represents a shortfall of \$13,700. If the trend continues, we will experience a significant deficit this year.

The Finance Committee, Trustees, SPRC and the Church Administration are currently working diligently to reduce church operating expenses, postponing building projects and the like, in order to preserve funding for the missions of the church. We are also seeking ways to increase income by sponsoring various events. Our leaders are confident that this trend can be reversed if we all work together to support our church.

Please direct any questions you may have about the church 2017 budget or our finances to Dail Fields, Chair of the Finance Committee at dfields414@att.net or 757-639-4370.



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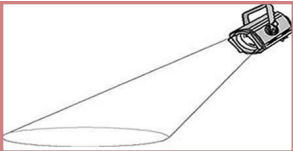


Luke 1:45 "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her."

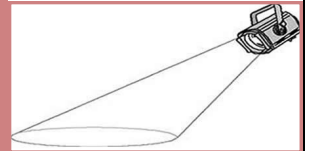
FOND MEMORIES: When I was very young, Mrs. Emma Mabry would come find me every Sunday to speak to me and touch noses until we both laughed.

FUTURE PLANS: My dream is to become an Early Childhood or Elementary School Teacher. I plan to attend CSU in the fall.

HOW HAS THE CHURCH INFLUENCED YOUR LIFE: The Church has given me the opportunity to work with children through VBS, Children's Church and Choir, Nursery and Second Saturday. I knew when I chose my career, it would involve children.



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DISCIPLES MAKE DISCIPLES

By : Lamar Hamrick

The mission statement of the United Methodist Church reads as follows: "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." This statement is taken directly from Matthew 28:18-20 (The Great Commission). These final instructions given by Christ to the disciples also apply to Christ's followers now and through the ages.

If we are to take our role as followers of Christ and members of the United Methodist Church seriously we must continually grow in our knowledge of the Bible and in particular the teachings of Christ, through our words, our example, and our service.

Members of our congregation have so many opportunities to grow spiritually and learn how to be better ambassadors for Christ. In addition to our worship services we have excellent Sunday school classes and Bible study classes of all kinds throughout the year.

Within a half hour drive we are all fortunate to have a rare Bible study treasure available in Lagrange. The Biblical History Center features tours that accurately portray what life would have been like for everyday people living in ancient Israel. Reconstructions from archaeology of the Holy Land reveal many lessons about Jesus' teachings. Also featured are Biblical meals which portray Jesus' last meal with His disciples. With all the resources available there is nothing that can take the place of prayer, Bible reading and study in the home. You are encouraged to read your Bible every day, even if it is only a few verses. When Jesus compelled us to build our house on solid rock, He explains that the solid rock is the foundation of lives built on His teachings. May we grow in Christ together and make disciples wherever we go.

RESOURCES

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As a member of FUMCPM you have a phenomenal resource free of charge: RightNow Media. This is available on your computer, tablet and smart phone. It is a customizable video library for you. It includes Bible Studies such as Tim Tebow's *Shaken* or Francis Chan's *The Book of James* or Andy Stanley's *Guardrails*. There are hundreds of titles for all ages as like *Veggie Tales*, *Galaxy Buck* and *Paws and Tales* for children to watch for free. You can watch keynote speakers from Christian Conferences throughout the country without leaving the comfort of your home. There are studies for Youth, Parenting, Finance, Marriage, For Women, For Men. It presents media presentations of humor and sensitivity. For a good laugh watch The Parent Rap.

HOW TO JOIN: Send an email address to ricktadams@bellsouth.net. An invitation will be mailed to you. Remember, this is a great way to save money on curriculum. Videos for Bible Study are free. The option to buy printed material is available. If you need help using it, contact Rick Adams.

COMING SOON TO FUMC PINE MOUNTAIN



FUMC Pine Mountain invites all children to soar with us at VBS Hero Central Vacation Bible School! This superhero adventure experience includes music that will energize your ears, Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, dinner, recreation and more. The fun

runs from June 19 to 23 at 5:30 until 8:00.

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