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Norcross, Georgia

Matt's Musings

By Matt Fry

I always associated school starting back with fall. Maybe we started a little later back then. Maybe global warming wasn't as prevalent. Maybe it was just part of the cyclical system that the Farmer's Almanac says has always been the history of the weather. Maybe my memory is just bound and determined to remember it that way, right or wrong. But school starting back always felt like fall, and always brought excitement.

There was a newness combined with familiarity that came with fall and school. New classes, new teachers, same students. New things to learn, some new rooms, some familiar rooms, same lunch room. New schedule, same friends. And fall lent itself to that as well. New Football season, same Falcons losing trend (though maybe this year will be different.) Heck, this year, new Braves team, same place in the standings. Who would've guessed? But fall always brings new colors, combined with the same exciting routine of Halloween, followed by Thanksgiving, followed by Christmas, followed by the New Year. And, while each holiday season was different from last year, I always looked forward to the same Peanuts television special to commemorate the season. The Great Pumpkin was followed by the Thanksgiving around the table in which Snoopy made toast, was followed by Charlie Brown's pathetic and at the same time perfect Christmas tree. Some things are great because they are new, and some things are great because they are familiar.

Well, that time is now, especially at Norcross Presbyterian Church. Some things are familiar. In a little more than a month, our

familiar and beloved Wednesday night Suppers and programs start anew. (In case you've been wondering, yes, that has been me at the church every Wednesday since May at 6.00 holding an empty plate, wondering where the food was.) Planning has been long in place for our Bar-B-Que, and for our Pumpkin patch, and for our Fall retreat to Montreat. All of those have been wonderful traditions at Norcross Presbyterian Church for years, and it is fun to look forward to them again.

And there are new things coming too. Obviously, Melissa and I are very excited about the new thing coming in late September / early October. One of the church new things will be the Welcome back Worship service and Picnic at Jones Bridge Park on Sunday, 12 September. I also share the excitement of the Music Director Search committee in the new person starting later this month, Jeremy Wirths.

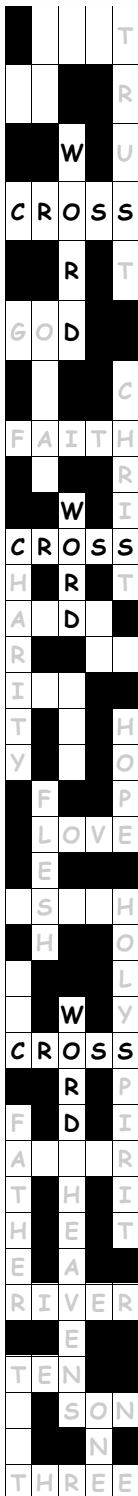
So, as I approach this time of year, I am aware that I feel as excited as I did when I was younger, and with good reasons. I hope you too will feel the excitement and enjoy the upcoming time at Norcross Presbyterian Church.

As I am always,
Yours in Christ,

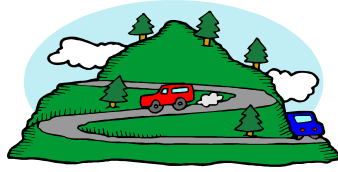
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NORCROSS Presbyterian Church



Mission Trip



Many of you have expressed an interest in our all ages Mission Trip for summer of 2005.

The date for the Mission Trip is not yet determined. For more information, check out the Appalachian Service Project home page, www.asphome.org.

Welcome Back From Summer Picnic And Worship Service

The Worship & Music committee in conjunction with the Life & Nurture Committee is helping to plan something wonderful and exciting. You've heard of the

You've heard of the Fish Fry and Crawfish Boil. You are no doubt aware of the BBQ in October. Well, we hope to add to those wonderful traditions with a Welcome Back from Summer Worship Service and Picnic on **Sunday, September 12.**

Here's what we'll do. We have Jones Bridge Park from 10:15 until 1:15. We have the newly renovated pavilion right in front of the river (no fishing *during* the service). We'll get to the Park and have worship service as regular as we can outdoors, beginning at the regular time, 10.30. When we finish, we'll have a picnic. The church will provide the burgers, dogs, buns, and the condiments, as well as the drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. We'll enjoy lunch, and then after a little clean up, we can hang out at the park as long as we want. We need to be out of the pavilion by 1:15, but we can play Ultimate Frisbee, take our kids to the slides, can play croquet, bocce ball, fish, or just sit and talk. (Bring your lawn chairs if you like)

If you want to meet at the church and drive over together to Jones Bridge Park, meet us here by 10.00 a.m. But, you are also welcome to meet us at the park that morning. We hope you will come to this wonderful event. I believe it will be an experience that we will look forward to every year.





Life & Nurture

by Linda Lankford

The first choir rehearsal after the summer break will be on Wednesday, August 18, at 7:30 p.m.

All regular Wednesday night activities are scheduled to start up again on September 8 with Wednesday Night Dinner beginning at 5:45 p.m.

The pumpkins will be delivered on Wednesday, October 13 at 4:00 p.m. Please contact Norma Badeaux at 770-449-0021 if you can help with the set-up.

The Patch will be open October 13 through October 31; hours are 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. during the week. On Saturday the hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.; on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Proceeds will go to fundraising efforts for any summer retreat NPC does in 2005, including the Church Wide Mission Trip.



It's Pumpkin Patch Time! "Many hands make light work" - even if the pumpkin is huge! Sign up sheets are posted on the main bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider where you can be of the most help and sign up.

Witness & Evangelism
FOOD DRIVE
By Sandra Murray

We are collecting food and personal care items during the summer months for the Norcross Cooperative Ministry. The summer months are particularly difficult for some of our neighbors for whom the school lunch programs satisfy the need for one or two meals a day for as many as 83% of the children of the NCM client families during the school year.



Please consider buying an extra bag or two of non-perishable food while you are shopping. A list of items most needed is available on the Witness & Evangelism bulletin board.

If you have any questions please see Sandra Murray, Carol MacGregor, Cynthia Correa, or Rodney or Diane Lewis.



Christian Education & Development
By Melanie Linder



The Christian Nurture Committee would like to thank the dedicated people who faithfully teach our children and youth each Sunday. Several of these teachers have expressed a desire to attend an adult class this fall. The committee is asking the congregation to pray for God to lead members of our church to serve in this ministry. The positions available are a co-teacher to help Amanda Helmsstetter in the preschool class; two co-teachers for the elementary class(K- 5th grade) ; and two co-teachers for the youth class (grades 6-12). This is a very rewarding ministry and will give people a chance to really get to know our younger members. Fall quarter begins September 19th, so if God is calling you please contact Melanie Linder, Linda Smith or Deb Bain.

Sunday School continues for all ages during the summer. We would love to see children and adults enjoying the classes we are offering. We have the Faithweaver curriculum for children, youth and adults. We also have Kerygma for all who might be interested in that opportunity. We are blessed with great volunteers teaching each of these classes. Join us for Sunday School at 9:15 each Sunday morning.

Confirmation Class Coming!

In the Fall, we will have a Confirmation Class for anyone interested in learning about the joining the church. Contact Pastor Matt Fry for more details.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



CELEBRATING August BIRTHDAYS

The Stone Mountain trip has been re-scheduled from August 7th to a future date.

August 8

Picnic after church at Jones Bridge Park. Pack your own lunch and we will leave from church together. Parents welcome!

August

6	Charlene Villalobos
7	Chico Villalobos
10	Vanessa Currier
14	Charlotte Pekelder
17	Van Badeaux
21	Kerrie Bernardo
21	Christina Peterson
21	Jeff Putnam
24	Amber Pekelder
31	Melissa Steele

Newsletter Articles

News articles may be submitted to the church office prior to July 24 for publication in the August **CrossWord**. Calendar updates will be made on the website as they are provided.

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thur</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service	2 7:00 Boy Scouts	3	4	5	6	7 1:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor (Steven Bohn)
8 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service 12pm Youth Picnic	9 7:00 Boy Scouts	10	11	12	13	14
15 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 pm Session Mtg.	16 7:00 Boy Scouts	17	18	19	20	21 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Fall Leadership Event at Peachtree Presbyte- rian
22 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 pm Session 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner	23 7:00 Boy Scouts	24	25	26	27	28
29 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service 4pm First Advent Plan- ning Meeting	30 7:00 Boy Scouts	31				