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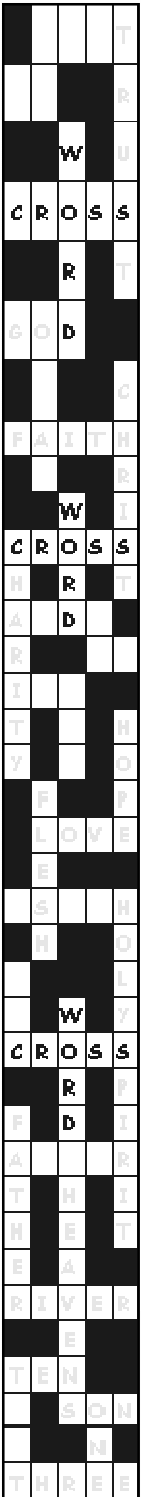


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Matt's Musings

School is out. The call of the open road beckons. The beach summons. Or perhaps it's the lake. Maybe it's a trip to see family. There are many things that we have planned for the summer. And the church is no exception.

VBS is less than a month away. In fact, it is less than 2 weeks away. The volunteers are

numerous and are getting prepared to have a blast with the kids this year. As always, it promises to be a highlight of the year, so I hope that you will join in as a teacher, or a shepherd, or as a participant. Whatever you do, join in.

At the end of June, several of us will attend Montreat's Music and Worship conference. This is a young and great tradition at Norcross and the Fry's are excitedly anticipating our second trip to M & W at Montreat. George will be joining us for about half of the week. Jeremy will be joining us for the other half of the week. Much about music and worship will be experienced and learned. Many card games will be played.

In July, 12 of us will be going to Kentucky for a week-long mission trip. This trip has been two years in the making. I want you to pray for us. This will be a great experience in the lives of those who participate, and in the life of this church. Please keep David Bartlett, Jonathan Bartlett, Kelly Bartlett, Pam Bartlett, Stephanie Currier, Matt Fry, Bob Norman, Bob Peterson, Heather Peterson, B.J. Steele, Katie Steele, and Melissa Steele in your prayers from now until we come home, on the 16th of July. Pray that God would prepare us for what lies ahead, that the lives we touch will be impacted in a positive manner, and that we, too, will be impacted in a positive manner.

Before you know it, school will be back in session; we will be back in the park for a Sunday morning Worship service (on 11 September); Wednesday night dinners will resume, and we will be back in our normal rhythm. Until then, enjoy all the fun and exciting things we've got planned when the road hasn't taken you away.

Be Well,



NORCROSS Presbyterian Church

DRAMA



Theatre for young actors and young audiences!!!

Lionheart Theatre Company is planning an exciting summer for the kids.

You're A Good Man Charlie Brown will be performed:

July 15 and 16 at Norcross Presbyterian Church

July 22 and 23 at the Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Children's Museum

(There will be both a matinee and an evening performance on July 16th & 23rd.)

“Lionheart is in the Park” will be happening again this summer, with even more exciting opportunities.

We will be performing at Thrasher Park in Norcross, as well as, The Jacqueline Casey Hudgens Children's Museum, located next door to the Gwinnett Civic Center.

Performance dates:

The Three Little Wolves and The Big Bad Pig

by Eugene Trivizas and Helen Oxenbury

June 11 at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm at Thrasher Park

June 18 at 11:00 am at the Hudgens Center

You Are Special

by Max Lucado

July 2 at the City of Norcross' 4th of July celebration
at 6:30 pm and again at 7 pm

July 3 at 10:30 am at Norcross Presbyterian Church
(This performance will take the place of the sermon)

July 9 at 11:00 am at the Hudgens Center

Stone Soup

by Ann McGovern

August 13 at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm Thrasher Park

August 20 at 11:00 am at the Hudgens Center

Check the website, www.lionhearttheatre.org or call us at 770-806-0935, for any changes or added performances.

Con-grad-uations

Congratulations to our recent grads. During the worship service on Sunday, 22 May, we recognized our graduates from the class of 2005.

Kelly Bartlett graduated with honors from Norcross High and will be entering the Savannah College of Arts and Design in September where she plans to major in commercial interior design. She is also a candidate for the International Baccalaureate degree and is awaiting the results of the IB test.

Jessica Lankford graduated from Duluth High and will be entering Georgia College and State University where her current plans are to study linguistics. She is also interested in their theatre program.

Katie Steele graduated from Northview High and will be entering Emory University. She plans to study both literature and business before deciding on a major.

David Lankford graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in English. He is currently working at The Rock in Colorado which is sponsored by Presbyterians for Renewal. He worked there during previous summers while in college. He plans to move to Austin, Texas and find a job there upon completion of his summer position.

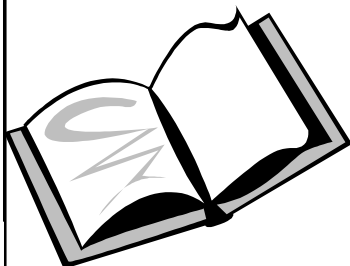
We are proud of you all. We offer you our most heartfelt congratulations.

Confirmands Join the Church in the Rain



It was a great pleasure to have our four confirmands join the church in our service outdoors at Jones Bridge Park on 15 May, Pentecost. Congratulations to **Katie Badeaux, Martha Correa, Becca Rado** and **Julia Villalobos** who studied for four months; learned “Belonging to God: A First Catechism,” and answered questions in front of the session on Sunday 8 May. As their teacher, I learned much from them. They are truly a joy and will be great assets to our church. Welcome! Pastor Matt

“What does it matter that it rains outside, if the Son shines in your soul!”



The long-awaited updated directory has been published! Thanks to all who sent in their updated information and/or checked the draft copy that was in the narthex. We hope you will continue to send in any changes on an ongoing basis to the office. We will then email the congregation so they may manually update their directory. Special thanks to Melanie Linder for binding the directories for us.



NPC Summer Camp is underway!

Summer camp starts on June 6th. It's still not too late to register! You can either stop by and fill out the registration form or do it on-line (and mail in your registration payment - \$25). The website is www.norcrosspresbyterian.org (link: childcare). The dates of summer camp are weeks of:

- June 6-9 Silly Science**
- June 20-23 A Day at the Circus**
- July 5-8 Water, Water Everywhere!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call or send me an e-mail (melissafry@bellsouth.net).

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this summer,

**Melissa Fry, Director
(770.448.2836)**



Summer Camp Begins at Calvin Center

June is here. Wow! It's summertime. School's out! Parents, it's time to double check that you have registered your children for the camps of their choice at Calvin Center. You wouldn't want them to miss all the summertime fun and learning at camp. Camp programs offer a variety of activities and adventures: swimming, hiking, archery, canoeing, bible study, worship, kayaking, equestrian programs, adventure games, nature study, and 42' climbing wall, the High Ropes Course, outdoor cooking, and many friends. Not be overlooked are the Christian education and worship activities where young people are encouraged to grow in their faith, as they explore this summer's theme, "God's Calling." There is still time to register for an experience that your child will always remember. When we say came is a "week that lasts a lifetime," we really mean it. So many lives have been enriched and changed by camp experiences. For brochures and information, call the camp office at 770-946-4276 or visit the Calvin Center web site at www.calvincenter.org.

Introducing George Tatro

NPC's new Seminary Intern



In case you see this gentleman wandering around the premises, please go up and introduce yourself to him. He is George Tatro and will be serving as the Seminary Intern for the rest of this year. He will work some with the youth and the Christian Nurture committee. He will also work with the whole congregation.

George has been married for five years to Carrie and they have two dogs and a cat, viz., Mommadog, Lucy and Schmoopie. He is attending Columbia Theological Seminary working toward an M. Div. degree. In addition to his studies, George also manages over 300 apartments in Chamblee.

His hobbies include judo, vermiculture (composting with worms), paintball, rugby, ballroom dancing, gardening, bocce ball and croquet. The church of his youth was Riviera Presbyterian Church in Miami. Currently he is a member at Oglethorpe Presbyterian but will be moving to Rock Springs Presbyterian when his completes his internship here.

George writes: "I want to thank everybody at Norcross Presbyterian Church for inviting me to be a part of your journey of faith. I was a stranger and you welcomed me in. I thank you for providing me this opportunity to serve Christ, to discover my many hidden talents and faults, and to discern how these talents and faults can be used to the greater glory of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. Peace always, George"

Extra-exciting news:

Leeonia Langley will turn

100 on July 1st! Watch for

more details to follow in upcoming bulletins concerning a celebration in her honor.

**BEST WISHES TO OUR
JUNE
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 1 Scotty Brown
- 1 Tom Ferraiolo
- 5 Linda Smith
- 6 Laura Harris
- 10 Duck Ae Karasek
- 14 Paula Smith
- 17 Bob Linder
- 17 Steve Bohn
- 19 Cynthia Correa
- 21 Zach Duncan
- 24 Sarah Brown
- 25 D.K. Wood
- 30 Ian Hixson

June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			7:30—Adult Choir	7:00 Lionheart Rehearsal		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Adult Bells	9:30a—1p Summer Camp 7:00 Boys Scouts	9:30a—1p Summer Camp 7:00 Lionheart Rehearsal 7-9:30—Button Gwinnett Dist. BSA Committee Mtg.	9:30a—1p Summer Camp 7:00 Lionheart Rehearsal	9:30a—1p Summer Camp 7:00 Lionheart Rehearsal		
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At Norcross Presbyterian Church
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