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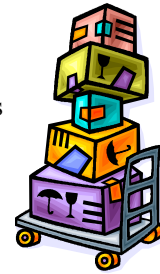
Matt's Musings

As many of you know, the Fry family has just moved closer to the church. We are now almost exactly 1 mile from the church. The commute is so much nicer.

So there are boxes **everywhere** in our new place. Some of them are empty, but at this point many more of them are full. Full of our stuff, full of things we

need to use for regular living, full of our memories, full of possibilities for the future, just plain full. And the interesting thing is that even though most of them are labeled, unpacking one is like a scavenger hunt, for you find all sorts of stuff you recognize, and some stuff you haven't seen or forgot about.

The motivation for the move was to get closer to the church, both physically and emotionally. And it is very convenient to be so close, to have such a short commute. I intend to walk on days with nice weather, you know, save gas money, save the planet, make Al Gore quit giving me guilt. But I've noticed that there is a deeper connection I feel with this community. Something about living in the immediate area helps. Maybe it's the fact that when we go to the grocery store, the real possibility exists that we might run into some of you there. Or the fact that our eating out places have changed into the places we eat for lunch (that is, the Norcross places) and we already have bumped into a couple of you there. Or that in the short commute, when we see you at church or events (like the Fish Fry) you just feel closer to home.



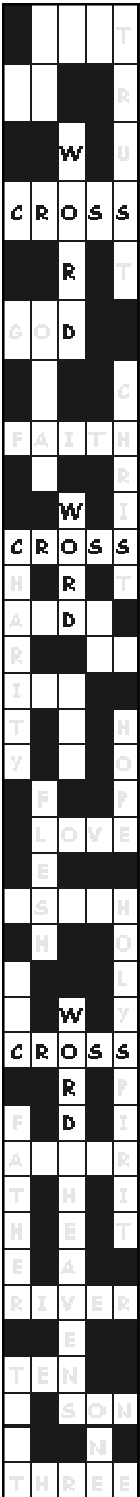
At this point of getting used to it, it has a similar feel to unpacking boxes, I suppose. Every box, whether labeled or not, holds some sort of excitement, because we don't know exactly what it holds. And there are so many boxes that are full. There is so much going on and on the horizon at Norcross Presbyterian Church that is full of regular living, full of memories of our time over the past 4+ years, full of possibilities for the future, just plain full. And we are very excited about being here for it, and being closer to it. Somehow for me, the connection seems deeper. And that is a great feeling, for the 'deeper connection' box is a good box to unpack.

As I am always,
Yours in Christ,

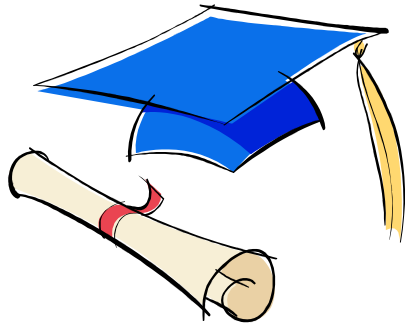
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.
- I Corinthians 1:4 (NRSV)



NORCROSS Presbyterian Church



Christian Education & Development



Graduate Sunday - May 20th

High School and College graduates will be honored at the Worship service on Sunday, May 20th. Please contact Linda Smith, Amanda Helmstetter, or Melissa Plyler if you know of a graduate in our congregation, especially those graduating from college. We don't want to forget anyone.
Thank You!

Summer Sunday School for Children

During the summer months we will have a combined Sunday school class for Preschool thru 5th graders. The curriculum will revolve around a video series with activities to go with it. To give our regular teachers a break, we are asking that members of the congregation volunteer to lead this class at least one Sunday. This is an excellent way to get to know our young people. A sign up sheet of available Sundays will be posted on the Christian Education bulletin board. If you have questions, contact Linda Smith.

Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 15- Thursday, July 19th

*6:00 Dinner for kids and families
6:30-8:30 VBS Program*

This year's VBS is called "Son Force Kids ". The children will be "Special Agents". We will be studying the Old Testament stories about Moses, Esther, Daniel, Jeremiah and Joshua. Volunteers will be needed to cover a variety of activities. **The first organizational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 6th at 4:00pm in the Covenant Room.** If you cannot make this meeting, please contact Amanda Helmstetter or Linda Smith, this year's VBS directors.

NPC Men's Group

By
Tim Rado

Now that spring is here and we all get busy with so many projects of our own from yard work to gardens to projects around the house, it is hard to find time for anything else; but with God's blessings, somehow we do and the Men's Group is blessed with individuals who find time to give back. On Saturday, April 7th, Glen, Van, Larry and Tim helped set up for the Easter Hosea Feed The Hungry Program at City Hall East in Atlanta. That evening, Marc, Bill and George prepared and served food to the men at The Clifton Shelter in Atlanta which is one of our monthly commitments. On Saturday, April 21st, several members of the group (Jason, Mitch, Chip, Bill, Tim, Henry, Larry, Bob, German and Doug) showed up for a workday at the church to do some weeding, planting and general clean up of the property to prepare for our annual Fish Fry. Finally, on Saturday, April 28th, many will show up to help set up, cook & serve at the Fish Fry and clean up afterward. So thanks to everyone who has been able to give some time this past month to these worthy projects and please continue to find ways to serve as our Men's Group ministry continues to grow.

It is truly a wonderful feeling to serve, but the Men's Group is also famous for its fellowship activities, most notably its Texas Hold 'Em championship which is held every other month. Not only is this a great evening of food, fun, and fellowship, but all the money we take in goes into our budget to be used for a variety of worthwhile projects. Our biggest commitment is the \$1,000.00 we have pledged to support NPC's Vacation Bible School this coming July which has never had any financial support other than donations. I am thrilled to say that we are now able to honor that commitment. Our next championship will be held on Friday, May 18th at the new home of Pastor Matt Fry with a low country boil on the menu. I hope everyone will be able to attend this get together as we crown perhaps a new champion or will Chris "Card Shark" McCurdy be the first repeat champion in our history? I also have been told that Larry Fluehr is anxious to pass along the "Rado Rabbit" or will he be the first in our history to retain this sacred honor!! Whatever the outcome, I guarantee you will have a very fun evening! Please let Jason Bernardo know as soon as possible if you will be attending so that the proper amount of food can be purchased.

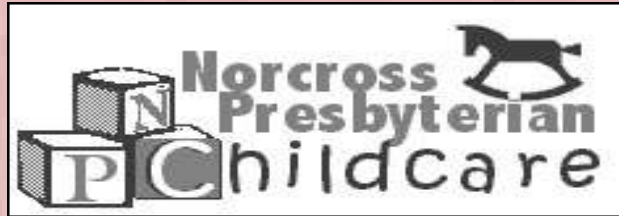
Thanks again for everything you do for the Men's Group, for NPC, for the community, and most importantly for being the hands and feet of Jesus here on Earth. Until next month, keep up the great work and our ministry will continue to thrive!



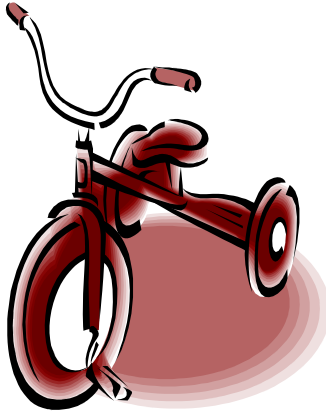
Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Rado





Trike-a-thon update



Our second annual Trike-a-Thon to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was a HUGE SUCCESS!! The children raised a whopping amount of **\$1,218.50!!!!** I am so proud of them! They had a blast riding their bikes all over the parking lot and bouncing in the bounce house! It was another beautiful day! Most of the parents showed up to cheer everyone on! So, if you run into a preschool child while you're at the church, give them a big congratulations on the success of our Trike-a-Thon!

Thank You!

Thank you all again for such a wonderful Teacher Appreciation dinner! I have had many parents say to me that they really enjoyed it and were touched at how much the church cares for the preschool! The teachers were also very thankful for their gifts and for the dinner! We could not be Norcross Presbyterian Preschool without the love and support we receive from all the members of NPC! Thank you!

Melissa and all of the Teachers

“Swing Fore the Rainbow” 12th Annual Rainbow Village Golf Classic

One of Rainbow Village's main benefit events each year is the Rainbow Village Charity Golf Classic, which will take place this year at the Olde Atlanta Golf Club in Suwanee. This year's date is **Monday, May 7th**, and foursomes are invited to enter. Brochures with full information are on the literature table in the narthex.

Register online or find out more by visiting the Rainbow Village website:



www.rainbowvillage.org



Lionheart Theatre Company Presents:

Radio TBS, Trailer Broadcasting Scandals

**by Mark L. Smith
Directed by J. Michael Carroll**

This rollicking play provides plenty of opportunity to laugh out loud with just a hint of old-fashioned moral to the story. Told by a collection of over-the-top females in the unlikely setting of the Luna Del Mar Manufactured Home Oasis and Monkey Emporium, each woman has her own individual quirkiness. The TBS stands for "Trailer Park Broadcasting Scandals." Radio Report hostesses and trailer-park doyennes Vesta Poteet and Dixie Mandrell set the mood as they deliver the news, weather and farm report with a little local gossip for color. The whole motley group gets together to put on the park's nativity scene. If you can laugh at yourself as well as your neighbor, this show is for you.

FINAL WEEKEND!!

Show times:

Friday and Saturday night - May 4, 5 at 7:30pm
Sunday matinee - May 6 at 2:00pm

Ticket prices:

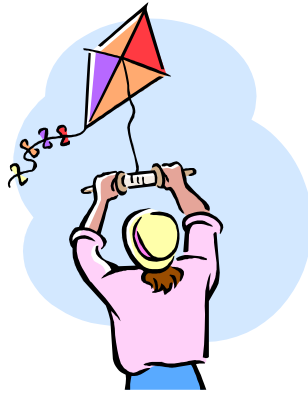
\$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors and students, \$10 NPC members, Groups of 10 or more \$10 each (All ticket prices include dessert and beverages.)

**Norcross Community and Cultural Arts Center
10 Britt Ave, Norcross, GA 30071**

For additional information, see our website

www.lionhearttheatre.org
or call us at 770-806-0935.

**BEST WISHES TO OUR
MAY
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 4 Norma Badeaux
- 5 Luke Harris
- 8 Katie Reilley
- 10 Jill Swenson
- 12 Dick Harris
- 16 Nancy Moses
- 24 Pam Bartlett
- 25 Larry Steele
- 26 Melissa Lankford
- 26 Dot Reilley
- 27 Suzanne Anderson
- 29 Ken Birmingham

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 10:00 Mom's Club of Duluth	4	5
		7-9:30 District BSA Commissioners' Mtg	5:45 Wed. Night Dinner— Lankford 6:20 Joan of Arcadia 7:30 Adult Choir 8:30 KYC Worship		9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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