

# THE MESSENGER



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"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers."

Ephesians 1:16

## PASTOR BARB WRITES

Grace and Peace to You!

Anesthesia is a powerful thing. I was in surgery for eight hours at a time, and the medication I was given did strange things to my mind. There were two floating heads in my room. Each one bobbed just a few inches from the ceiling in opposite corners. The ceiling tile turned into running water; I went fishing with my dad (caught a fish, too); a lady wore the same dress as I. I ate plums; yelled at my daughter for not paying attention to me when I talked to her (the conversation was only in my mind); and had two nurses give me a quick lesson on oriental methods of pain control. There were no plums and no nurses with that kind of advice.

The line between cognition and hallucination blurred. I told my doctor that I was having these experiences. He told me, I think, that they would end once the medication cleared out of my system.

When I came to myself, and my mind cleared, I remembered, vaguely, the visitors I had during my early days of recovery. You came nearly 60 miles, and 1 ½

hours to check on me! Wow! That is hard to fathom.

Ultimately, I was able to focus on my surroundings. Cards, notes, flowers filled my room. The nurses were amazed! "Who is this lady?" they wondered. Their question was misplaced. They should have asked, "Who is this congregation?" Never mind: I told them about you.

I told them that you are the most wonderful group of Christians that God ever gathered into one place. I told them that you are loving, generous, and concerned. I told them, unabashedly, how blessed I am to be part of this community. And I told them about the power of God's love, and the power of prayer.

I hope your ears were burning, Resurrection! You were being named publicly and in prayers of thanksgiving!

Thank you. You are deeply loved.

In peace,

*Pastor Barb*

**ROCK HIS HOUSE****YOUTH NEWS**

**Time. We all have it. Some more than others!  
As adults we are all SO busy!**

Our time most likely is spent on too many activities every week. As adults, we try to make sense of it and figure out what is worth it or not worth it. It is almost as if we make decisions on which is the better investment of our time. What gives me the best "yield" if you will.

Our youth are just like us. That is one of the reasons I agreed to answer God's call to serve as our Youth Director. Our children are our future. We need strong, healthy relationships with them. I can only hope that the more we all put in, the more we all get in return.

So, how can we go wrong investing in our Youth?. And the youth in our unchurched community? It is a different world from when I was a Lutheran Youth, that's for sure! Our kids need us to be there face to face. Please review the enclosed Rock HIS House calendar for the remainder of the year. Do you feel called to serve for a few hours?

In addition to that calendar, I would love to have the High Schoolers go off site one Sunday evening for fun as well a weekend retreat in the mountains of North Georgia. The younger group would love a Saturday evening lock in. We just need volunteers.

We can make a difference. It's just time. Don't miss another opportunity; you won't regret it!

Vivian Haren  
Youth Director

## ROCK HIS HOUSE—CALENDAR



Sunday October 3 – Meet at church 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday October 10 – Meet at church 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday October 17 – Meet at church 6:00pm-7:30pm

Sunday October 24 – We will not have Rock HIS House this evening. Please join us all at the Church for the Pig Roast/Fall Festival!

Sunday October 31 - Trunk or Treat 4pm - 6pm

Trick or treat in the parking lot of church! At this point plans include a minimum of 15 cars for trunk or treat, decorating and a mild spooky house area for children. Just bring you and your family, your neighbors and friends, decorate your car trunk, or an empty parking space in the lot and hand out treats to our little ones. We will advertise this event as well. Watch your weekly bulletins for details.

November 7 – Grades 1-8 meet at church for a trip. We are going bowling at Junction Lanes. Pizza is included for dinner. Watch future publications for more details. Will the girls beat the boys again?

November 14 – Meet at church 6:00pm-7:30pm

November 21 – Due to Thanksgiving travel, we will not have Rock HIS House. Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28 – We will be participating in the Newnan parade in December. This day we will construct our float, work on things to pass out, etc.

December 5 – Newnan Parade

Return to church for fireside devotion and cook out

December 12 – Meet at church 6:00pm-7:30pm

December 19 – Due to Christmas travel, we will not have Rock HIS House. Happy Holidays!

December 26 – Due to Christmas travel, we will not have Rock HIS House. Happy Holidays!

Pat Dasenbrock's Dad, Tom MacMurrain, on the Sept. 14, 2010 WWII Veterans West GA Honor Flight to Washington DC

## A TRIBUTE TO A WWII VETERAN



My Mom, Edna, greets my Dad, Tom, upon his arrival back from Washington, DC at the Columbus GA airport

To my Dad, Tom MacMurrain, this past Tuesday, September 14, 2010 will forever stick out as the most important day in his life. At age 82, he would finally and officially be honored as a WWII Veteran, and to have the additional honor to go to Washington DC to see the WWII Memorial He was among 80 WWII Veterans to fly the Honor Flight from Columbus, GA, where my Mom and he reside. He was accompanied by his Sponsor and Guardian, Bill Scranton, a multi-millionaire, retired Attorney from Columbus, who not only sponsored my Dad's trip, but was also his personal guide in DC. There were many Guardians, some sons and daughters, who paid their own way, to take care of and guide 1-2 of the other 79 Veterans on this flight.

The Veterans' \$400.00 cost of the flight and all day expenses were paid in full by Corporate and Private Sponsors because all felt the Veterans had already given our country enough with their services in WWII. The West Georgia Honor Flights, headquartered in Columbus, coordinates these 4 to 5 Honor Flights from Columbus each year since 2007, and Knology Communications of Columbus is the corporate sponsor.

The WWII Veterans, from the Columbus, GA area, were also accompanied by a medical team, media photographers and reporters on the specially chartered plane, used only for these Honor Flights. They had to be at the Columbus Airport by 6:00 am, where they were greeted by the Ft. Benning, GA Honor Guard, Color Guard and Band, along with family, friends and many well wishers. They were first honored at a breakfast at the airport, then at 8 am they left for the Baltimore, MD airport. There they were surprised and pleasantly greeted by many well wishers, then boarded 5 buses for the trip to Washington DC where they spent all day.

Among some of the honors bestowed on them in Washington, DC were a special military ceremony for them in their honor, visits to 3 of the 4 Memorials (WWII, Korean and Vietnam), and a visit to Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. At the latter, there were two additional Tomb Guards stationed there to specifically, individually and privately give each of the Veterans their own military honor salute. Tears flowed during this very quiet, hushed honor ceremony. They were then driven by the Iwo Jima Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the White House and the Washington Monument, and were greeted by many well wishers wherever they went in DC. Dad said he had not shaken hands with that many people in his entire life as he did that entire day wherever they went!!

As a group, all of the Veterans wore identical baby blue T-shirts, with West Georgia Honor Flight WWII Veterans insignias on them, embroidered black WWII Veteran caps and personal Name Tags. Their Guardians wore identical yellow T-shirts. Knology Communications gave them the shirts and caps, as well as a packet upon arrival back at the Columbus airport again at 9:30 pm that night, containing a stick pin with the same Honor Flight emblem as on their shirts, a WWII book and many fact sheets. Dad's Guardian, Bill, also bought him a pewter & brass WWII Memorial keychain, which he cherishes and shows to everyone.

Dad and the other Veterans were very surprised at the packed-to-capacity crowd who greeted them upon their arrival with hundreds of U.S. flags waving in the air, banners and signs held high, tears, smiles, whistles and shouts. They were also greeted military style by the combined Columbus area high school ROTC bands, Honor Guards and Color Guards. Dad said he had never seen that many people in the Columbus airport before and he was very surprised to also see many of his old friends, who had seen his picture in Sunday's Columbus newspaper, then came out to honor and shake his hand with thanks.

My Dad and all the Veterans felt honored, at last, at this long overdue tribute to the WWII Veterans, and he will be remembering and talking about this trip the rest of his life!!!!

Pat Dasenbrock

**THANKSGIVING BASKET CAMPAIGN**



It is time once again to plan for our Thanksgiving Basket Campaign. Carl and Debbie Gillings, as well as Debbie and myself, will be organizing the volunteer effort this year and have already contacted local grocery stores asking for support. With the recent passing of The Big Kahuna, John Willis, a memorial fund was established in his name to collect donations for this campaign and many of you have given to that cause. We will be collecting funds for this campaign all the way through the distribution date of November 20th.

Each basket contains not only supplies for the Thanksgiving meal, but also basic staples based on the size of the family and runs about \$38.00 each to put together. If you wish to donate money to this cause, please designate your giving to the Thanksgiving Basket Campaign.

We will continue to update you on the progress made regarding the Campaign and will also notify you of any volunteer needs. Please pray that this Campaign be as successful as in years past in supporting the needs of our community during this holiday.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Bouchard



**REFORMATION PIG ROAST & ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**



Reformation Pig Roast & Annual Fall Festival  
Sunday, October 24, 2010

Tickets on sale now!!!

Adults—\$7.00    Children (10 & under)—\$5.00    3 & under—Free

See poster/sign up in the Narthex

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER, 2010

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*Congregation Council meets second Tuesday of the month to discuss business and hear ministry reports.*

- After a few challenges this summer in getting the new financial software system up and running, the financial secretary is nearing completion of the transfer of information from the old system to the new. In the next couple of weeks we will be able to once again review and share profit & loss statements, balances and actual expenditures vs. budget. At the earliest available opportunity, ministries will receive updates from their council liaisons regarding their budgets, and financial reports will be available to the congregation. Your council is very grateful to the congregation for its patience, and to ministry committees for their tight control of spending this year. Many heartfelt thanks to all involved in the various church ministries for your dedication, patience and flexibility as we continue to operate under the discretionary spending moratorium.
- The John Willis family is spearheading a drive to build a pavilion on the church grounds in memory of John. What a wonderful and fitting way for both his family and his church family to honor John, for his many years of cheerful service to Resurrection! As befitting The Big Kahuna, of the annual pig roast, the pavilion will include a large area for barbecuing. The project is to be funded by both donations and an endowment from the Willis family. A site & building usage plan has been approved by both the fire marshal and the county plans & development office. Nick Pierce is currently pricing out materials & other costs.

**Please contact Liz in the front office if you would like any information on volunteer opportunities. She will get you in touch with the appropriate council or committee member.**

*If there is anything you would like to add to the agenda for the next council meeting (Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>) please contact Liz or any council member by Friday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. **Council minutes are available in the wall pocket outside Pastor's office.***

#### 2010 CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Peter Anderson  
Rebecca Bryan  
Fred Buyarski  
Jill Dance  
Bill Gay  
Paul Haren  
Nick Pierce  
Glen Thompson

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#### 2010 STAFF SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Peter Anderson, Chairperson  
Lynne Gray  
Martin Krumins

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Adult Christian Education



**This year Adult Sunday School will be studying “The Story of the Bible”. A video presentation in 24 parts by Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Emory University Candler School of Theology in Atlanta .**

**This is a course about the world’s most read, most debated, most studied and sometimes most detested book. It will explore how, when and why the Bible entered the world. The lessons will describe the stages of its growth, the many forms it's taken and how it has exercised its influence on Judeo-Christian tradition.**

**No short course can provide everything you ever wanted to know about the Bible, but this one makes a responsible start on a story that especially needs telling. Come join us Sundays during the Sunday School hour.**

**Jim Guthrie**



### NEWNAN COWETA ART ASSOCIATION 42ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ARTIST MARKET

*Friday, November 5th 10:00 am—5:00pm  
Saturday, November 6th 10:00 am—5:00 pm  
Sunday, November 7th 10:00 am—5:00 pm*

SAVE THE DATE!!

Coweta Fairgrounds-New Location  
275 Pine Road  
Newnan, GA 30263

Come shop and enjoy refreshments while searching for that special gift at the Annual NCAA Members Christmas Artist Market.

# THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

To all Resurrection members and friends who received a Thrivent Choice Dollars designation letter in August or September:

Resurrection is in the process of getting registered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to receive Thrivent Choice Dollars in 2010. This process will take a couple of weeks before on-line giving on the Thrivent website can begin. If you have received a Thrivent Choice Dollars letter and have not designated those dollars to another Lutheran church or organization already and wish to designate your dollars to Resurrection, please wait a couple of weeks before attempting to donate on-line. In the meantime, if you have Thrivent Financial family members or friends in other cities and states who have

not designated their Thrivent Choice dollars yet, please encourage them to donate to Resurrection when the time comes. Resurrection has the potential to benefit greatly from Thrivent Choice Dollars designations.

Your patience in waiting for the registration to complete is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
John Setzer



## OCTOBER SUNDAY DRIVE

BABY FOOD: JAR OR CEREAL

THANK YOU FOR GIVING

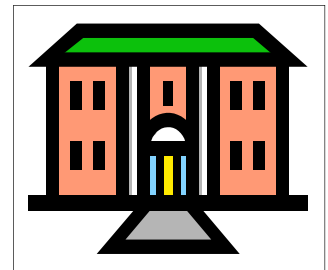


MONTH	OPEN BUILDING	CLOSE BUILDING
October	Fred Buyarski	Paul Haren

## RLC & HABITAT FOR HUMANITY REFURBISH PROJECT

We have designated October 16th to be our next work day for Habitat for Humanity for our church to help out. It is the first day on the second remodel home. It will be a “groundbreaking” celebration with Pastor Barb officiating and some of our members will be singing as well. We are asking for about 30 people to attend. There is more information in the Lobby at church for you to look at including the address, a map, sign-up sheet and a write-up about the family whose dreams we are helping come true! We also need food and servers so if you have not already signed up, please do so. Youth 16yrs and up are invited to work on site. Those younger than that are welcome to help prepare, deliver and serve food. We don't have much time to put this together, so please call with any questions.

Shana Krumins  
770-304-2966



**FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ONE  
WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BE AT 9:00 AM**

**THANK YOU**

**PASTOR BARB**

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**RLC's Mission Statement:**  
*To Know Christ and Make Him*



**2011 New Flower Chart**  
**Coming out mid to late October**

**2011 dates will be available**  
**Please sign up early**

**Thank you**

**Debbie Bouchard**