

From The Board of Trustees

To all the folks of MFCOG, your Board of Trustees, pastoral staff, and personnel committee members invite and urge you to attend an all-family meeting to be held Sunday, June 14th from 6:00-8:00 PM in the lower level of the church. The basic format will be the same as the meeting we had in March. We will be providing information to update you on the Board of Trustees and Pastoral Search Committee's activities, the financial state of the church, and seeking your consent to fill our Music Director & Christian Education part-time positions through the end of 2009. All members of the church are invited and welcome and urged to attend.

At our January business meeting, you instructed the Board to consider a part-time Christian Education (hereafter CE) staff position. We instructed the standing Personnel Committee to consider this and they have done so. A detailed and well-considered job description has been developed and is available for your review outside the secretary's office. We are requesting that this position be filled effective July 1st. We also are requesting that this position be filled on a temporary basis through the end of 2009. For 2010 and forward, we may consider revising these positions based on our experiences and needs as we continue along together. At the June 14th meeting, we will present further information about the position and request your approval of it. This position has already been filled partially by Kathy Turner for several months and we anticipate her continuing to serve in the newly created position. Please understand that the vote on June 14th is to approve the position and its temporary filling. The position is not a pastoral position and we are not voting on the person filling the position.

Based on the resignation of Kris Icard, your Personnel Committee, staff, & Board have also developed and published a job description for a Music Director. The position for Music Director is being treated like the CE Director position at this time. We are planning on filling it on a temporary/trial basis through the end of 2009. For 2010, as noted above, if we determine to continue in this arrangement an additional vote will be taken. Again, as above, we are voting on the position and the Board's filling of it. Beth Walker is currently doing a fine job with this ministry and we anticipate her continuing to serve in it. Later in 2009, Beth, the Board, and the Personnel Committee will jointly review this arrangement and determine if we desire it to continue. Either way – if Beth continues or if she does not – an additional vote will be held for 2010 going forward.

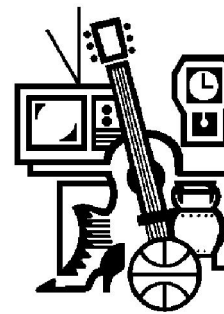
If the Music Director position is approved as presented, Beth will be resigning from the Board. We will need a person to fill the unexpired portion of her term (expires 1/31/2010). Our by-laws indicate that the Board is to choose a person to fill an unexpired term. If you have a suggestion to the Board for someone to serve the church in this manner, please communicate with any current Board member. We will consider this issue after our June 14th meeting.

The primary reason we are filling these on a temporary/trial basis is to allow us to continue to move along with the Senior Pastor search. At the recommendation of Carolina Ministries, we are choosing to not make any permanent staff changes while we are in the search for a Senior Pastor. Moreover, this arrangement allows the church and the persons filling the positions time to determine if this is the best course for our on-going ministry.

If you have any questions concerning these positions or any other action undertaken by the Board or the Personnel Committee in these matters, please contact any of us and we'll make every reasonable effort to listen, understand, and address your questions. Thanks very much and may God bless this church as we press on together for His glory and the building up of the Kingdom in this place.

Do you need help with Elder Care?
Belinda Hardin will sit with your loved one, run errands, do light chores and provide transportation to appointments. She has served Burke County for over 20 years. Salary negotiable. Hours available: 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. If you need her services, please call her at 437-1862.

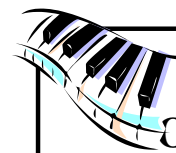
Men's Fellowship Yard Sale



The Men's Fellowship here at MFCOG will be having a yard sale for local missions and it will be held at the Drexel Fair Grounds on Friday & Saturday, June 12th & 13th from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We will rent you a table for \$10 if you want to sell your own things.

We will be serving ham & sausage biscuits & coffee for breakfast. And for lunch we will be serving hamburgers & hot dogs and cold drinks.

We will pick up any yard sale donations you might have.
Call Raymond Walker at 433-0674 or Earl Lovelace at 874-3570.



We Need A New Piano...

Our present piano does not work correctly and is not repairable.
Please consider donating to our piano fund.
Any size donation will be appreciated!



Jim Ball's new address & phone number...
5301 Creedmore Road, Apt. 309, Raleigh, NC 27612
(919) 803-3955

Young at Heart Senior Citizen's Trip To Roan Mountain Thursday, June 18th



Meet at the church and leave at 8:00 a.m.
Eat breakfast before you come and
We'll have lunch on the way back.



V.B.S. "Crocodile Dock"



We invite children ages 4 yrs. through 5th grade to come and hang out at the bayou for a Crocodile Dock VBS. It will be Swamped with Fun as we watch for God in Action.

A registration form is included in this Proclaimer or you can get one online at www.mfcog.com and go to "Children's Ministry".

Monday – Friday ~ June 22nd – 26th
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Needs for the Giving Tree...

Needs: queen size mattress and box springs

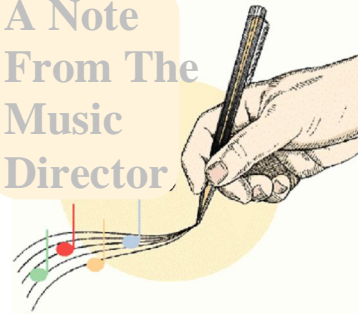
Gifts: a brand new backpack & a T.V.

Call Linda Johanson (432-8042)
Or Raymond Walker (433-0674)



You are invited to come and exercise with the **Ladies Exercise Class** on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Youth Building. If you are interested in attending just be there. We have something for everyone. If you have any questions or need information please contact Carol Powell at 437-0025.

A Note From The Music Director,



Well, it has been about six weeks since the new phase of our music program began. I hope you all have enjoyed the Praise Teams and the differing music styles they have offered each Sunday morning. I certainly have enjoyed working with each of them.

On Sunday, May 31, we will have our first "5th Sunday Music by Request". After the sermon, David Hensley will lead us all in hymns that

you, the congregation, request. I love all types of Christian music – older hymns and more contemporary praise songs – but the message that the hymns give us are so important! We can learn so much by singing and listening to them.

I'd like to thank all of the choir members, musicians and the sound technicians for all the work they do each week to make our services so beautiful. You all truly offer up "a sweet, sweet sound" and your dedication is truly appreciated.

Please do not forget to make your donation to the Piano Fund. The existing piano in the sanctuary has "aged out" and needs to be replaced as quickly as possible. Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution already. Don't forget to remember the members of our Church that will be in the Philippines for the next two weeks. Keep them and their mission in your prayers. And as always, please be in prayer for our Church and the Music Ministry.

With a song in my heart,
Beth

About Sunday's Gideon Speaker Charles Newton...

He was born in Morganton and has lived here all of his life. He was saved when he was 10 yrs. old and is a member of Antioch Baptist Church near the Morganton / Lenoir (Foothills) Airport. He has been a Gideon for 16 years. Charles was widowed in March of 2008 after being married to his beloved wife Shirley for 47 years. He has two children, a son Chris who is a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army and a daughter April who is Director of Clinical Education at Des Moines University in Iowa. (**Gideon Sunday Service – May 31st**)

Pulpit Committee Update...

We are still reviewing resumes and have requested for some participants to send additional information.