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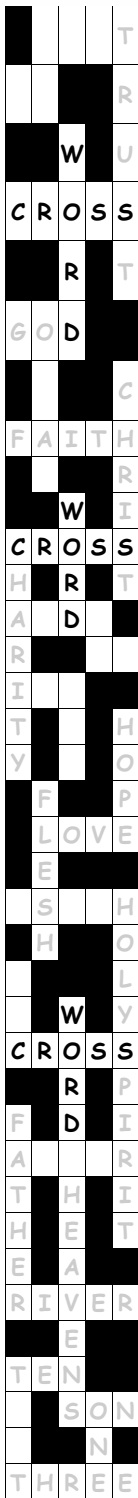
THE NEWSLETTER OF NORCROSS PRESBYTERIAN

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Norcross, Georgia

## Matt's Musings

By Matt Fry



So, we're having another girl. Obviously, 5% of the time, the ultrasound gender check is wrong, but that means that 95% of the time it is right. Kayla called it, too. We were both sure that Melissa was having a boy, because of the differences from this pregnancy to last pregnancy, but Kayla was sure, she was having a little sister. Melissa and I, and Kayla too, are so excited that we don't know what to do with ourselves. I will of course be outnumbered, but then Melissa said we could get a dog, so that should just about even it up. (?)

Now we've all seen how good I am at making sure that Kayla doesn't have me wrapped around her little finger. Yeah right. This means that I've got no chance two times.

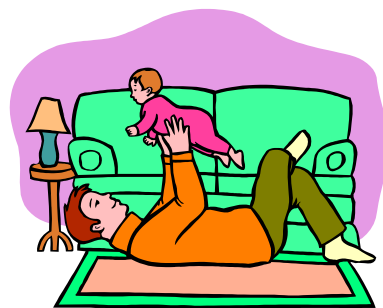
A few people have asked if either of us were disappointed that this one isn't a boy. This will probably mark the end of my Father's name line (I'm the only boy, and unless we bribe Melissa, these are the two). I will tell you the same answer I have been telling everyone else. NO WAY are we disappointed. It is my hope that the legacy of Fry is not in the name, but I want it to be in how we love. I think that one of the most important things we can do as Christians, and really as people, is to love with integrity. The world is a hurting, broken place. Yet, I believe with all my being that one day, love will completely and forever save this world. The wonderful part of God's plan is that one of the manners in which God spreads love through the world is through people. We get to participate in the redemption of the world by our contribution of love. So, to bring up children (and we all do

this, whether we are literally parents or not) in the way of love, to teach and show them how to love with integrity is the most important thing that I think any of us will ever do. I hope that when Melissa and I look back at our lives one day, we will be able to say that our legacy was raising kids, was showing to our friends and church family, was among the world, a life lived by loving with integrity. That is a legacy much more powerful than a name.

May you be filled with the peace of God, so that you may always,

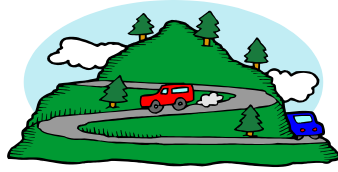
Be Well,

Matt



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# Mission Trip



Many of you have expressed an interest in our all ages Mission Trip for September 2005. The time to pick our dates will come in late August or early September. We will have a couple of meetings of any interested parties. You don't have to come to both meetings to participate. With summer being the travel time, you might not be able to come to one, so we'll do a couple, hoping that one will fit your needs. The purpose of this meeting is to talk about possible dates for the trip for next summer, presuming all things are perfect (which they always are, right?). By coming to one of the meetings you are in no way committed to sign up, nor sign your life away, nor promise us your first born; you just let us know that you are interested. The meetings will be **Sunday after church on 11 July**, and another one **Sunday after church on 1 August**.

Come to the meeting with any questions, and especially with your calendar for summer 2005. For more information prior to the meetings, check out the Appalachian Service Project home page, [www.asphome.org](http://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 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 **12 September**.

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 Norma Badeaux

If you are interested in helping to plan for Fall events, please come to a joint committee meeting of Life & Nurture and Witness & Evangelism on **July 25 at 4:00 p.m.** As you know, many events take place in the Fall and require months of preparation. If you are interested in helping with the BBQ/Bazaar, the Pumpkin Patch, welcoming visitors, planning for the Unlisted Numbers group, and programs for the Fellowship Dinners, please come to this meeting. **We need your input! We look forward to seeing you there!**

Contact Norma Badeaux, Larry Fluehr, or Sandra Murray if you would like to be part of these committees, but cannot attend the meeting. Thank you.

### Unlisted Numbers

**The unlisted Numbers will meet at the church on Thursday, July 15 at 9:00 a.m.** to visit the Air Force Museum and buy peaches in Macon, GA. Call Johanne Valentine for more information.

### Family Game Night

On **Saturday, July 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m.** we will have Family Game Night. Bring \$5.00 to order pizza and wings; come ready to play games of "all sorts" - indoors!



**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. Currently, our main openings are for volunteer coordinator and pre-school liaison. 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 fund-raising efforts for any summer retreat NPC does in 2005, including the Church Wide Mission Trip.

We must know if we will have enough people to mind the Patch by July 25, so call, sign up, or just say YES when you are called!

**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



**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.

## VBS – Powered by Faith – and a lot of Volunteers!

by Amanda Helmstetter, Director 2004 VBS

What began with a dog puppet, a bunch of cardboard, some paint and a few instruction manuals, turned into “Hero Quest – Powered by Faith”, NPC’s 2004 Vacation Bible School.

This year’s theme introduced about 40 kids per evening during the week of June 14 – 18 to 5 Biblical Heroes. These faith-powered Bible stories helped the children understand that being a hero doesn’t mean leaping tall buildings in a single bound, flying through the air on web ropes or catching the “bad guys”. Being a hero means being strong in what you believe, being courageous to do the right things, being determined, being daring and loving one another as Jesus loves us.

Led by our canine leader, HQ, the kids were given clues as to the Biblical Hero for each night. During the evening the kids encountered this Hero through song, storytelling, recreation and crafts. Our Biblical hero encounters included: Daniel in the lion’s den, Queen Esther, the four friends who lowered their sick friend through the roof of the building where Jesus was preaching, the Widow and, as the finale, Jesus himself. In addition to the Biblical heroes, the children were introduced to many modern day heroes as well – kids just like themselves who have done remarkable and heroic things.

But the list of heroes doesn’t end with the ones encountered in the stories. I don’t think the kids realized that they were playing and learning in the midst of lots and lots of real life heroes. The folks at NPC that made this event happen. These are my heroes – the folks that brought Hero Quest to life. Deb and Steve Bain who cooked yummy dinners for our guests and volunteers each night. Laura Lankford who led the assemblies and taught the kids all of the songs. Bill Brown - our Director and the guy in charge of the HAM (Hero Activity Meter) -- no really – the HAM was his job! Tanya Carroll – our Commissioner and storyteller. And let’s not forget Jill Swenson,

who gave animation and a voice to HQ himself. Where would we have been without the talent and creativity of the builders of Metropolis?

I am amazed at what Jill Swenson, Laura & Melissa Lankford, Melanie Linder, Linda & Kathy Smith & Kelly Bartlett were able to do with some old cardboard boxes, donated paint, construction paper and glue. Metropolis has never looked better.

Lookout Justice League – here comes the station leaders and the Shepherds of Hero Quest! These teams had to be faster than speeding toddlers, more powerful than opinionated middle-schoolers and able to leap over groups of children on the floor in a single bound – they are Mark, Duck Ae & Daniel Karasek, Mundy & Becca Rado, Matt Fry, Tanya Carroll, Ali Carroll, Melissa Fry, Kelly Bartlett, Kathy Smith, Tim Rado, Pam Bartlett, Tommy Birmingham, Jessie, Sarah, & Bill Brown, Jill Swenson, Kerrie Bernardo, Linda Smith and Melissa Lankford.

But the list of heroes doesn’t stop there – Hero Quest wouldn’t have been a success without Norma and Katie Badeaux watching the kids too young to participate this year down in the Nursery, Jason Bernardo for video taping the event and helping me with this year’s preparations, Ken Birmingham for the great support in getting everything on the web site, all of the actors in Tanya’s dramas – Mike Carroll, Tim Rado, Dot Reilley Carol MacGreggor AND all of the folks that donated supplies, needed items and money.

The young people of our church and surrounding community don’t have to look hard to find real heroes, people with the daring, determination and love to put on this Vacation Bible School. It is because of the group of folks that is Norcross Presbyterian Church that Hero Quest was able to reach out with the message of faith to the young people who attended. The kids thank you and I thank you. You are all truly heroes.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES



## CELEBRATING JUNE/JULY BIRTHDAYS

The Youth Activities for the summer are:

### July 11

Pool Party at the home of Steve and Deb Bain at 3:00 p.m.

### July 17

Family Game Night beginning at 5:30 p.m.

### July 19

Steven Bohn, Katie Steele and Melissa Steele represent NPC at Triennium

### July 27

Trip to Stone Mountain. Check your e-mail for more information.

## JUNE

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

## JULY

- 1 Leeonia Langley
- 2 Audrey Bernardo
- 5 John Ward
- 8 Jessie Brown
- 9 Stan Moses
- 12 Jason Bernardo
- 16 Bob Norman
- 21 Anna Ward
- 24 German Correa
- 25 Heather Reilley
- 30 Heather Peterson  
Jerrod Lowry  
Claude Murphy

### 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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4 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service	5 Pre school summer camp	6 7pm Covenant Meeting	7 6:30 Adult Bible Study 6:30pm Youth	8	9	10
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