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May 2017

May 7
11:30-Amigos de Mayo
Potluck Lunch

May 13
5:00-RRR Event

May 14
Mother's Day

May 17
Last Wednesday Night
Dinner- Cookout

May 18
5:00-Preschool
Graduation

May 21
Senior Sunday
Youth Pool Party

May 29
Memorial Day
Church Office Closed

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Dear Macland,

May is a month of graduation at the Jones' house. Cayla will graduate from Berry College with her business degree and Abbie will graduate from Hillgrove High School. They have both grown into wonderful young adults even though I have tried my hardest through the years to keep them as my little girls.

Over time, during previous months of May, I have preached at many baccalaureate services. I have encouraged graduating students using the words of Ecclesiastes 12: *Remember your creator in the days of your youth...* and then shared this story or one like it,

In the book, *One Hundred Years of Solitude* is a story about a village where forgetfulness was a disease. The people were afflicted with a strange illness, and the result was that they became forgetful, a kind of conscious amnesia. The plague caused people to forget even the names of the most common everyday objects.

One young man, still unaffected, tried to fight the forgetfulness and limit the damage done by the disease by putting labels on everything. "This is a table," "This is a lamp, turn it on here." "This is a window, open it to let in the breeze, close it to keep out the rain." "This is a cow; it has to be milked every morning." He put labels on everything.

At the entrance of the town, on the main road, he put up two large signs. One read, "The name of our village is Macondo," and the larger one read, "God exists."

Well, at this time of graduation, I find myself in a far different place as more parent and less pastor. This time it is not the children who need to grow up and graduate, it is me, their dad, who needs to grow up to let them graduate.

Abbie will leave Powder Springs for Samford University in Birmingham, and Cayla will go to be Camp Staff for the Summer at a camp near San Antonio, Texas, and then, in September, she will go to Morocco for a two year stint in the Peace Corps.

My faith will be tested. I just keep telling myself, "Remember your Creator in the days of their youth... remember your Creator in the days of their youth... Don't forget God!"

A good reminder for us all.

JOY!

David



Career Day at Compton Elementary School is scheduled Tuesday, May 16th from 11:30a.m. – 2 p.m. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade student classes will be participating. Please contact the school at (770) 222-3700 to speak with their two counselors; Ms. Ali McGowan or Ms. Brittany Lewis to schedule a ½ time slot to meet with a class. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce the students to future interests and course of studies. As always, thank you for supporting our Partner in Education right here in Powder Springs!

RESCUE
REPURPOSE
REDEEM

Save the date, Saturday, May 13th, to enjoy dinner in the newly named 'J & P' SonShine Diner' in the Family Life Center. This fundraiser benefitting the Rescue Repurpose Redeem (RRR) program, is a non-profit social enterprise at Sweetwater Mission in Austell, GA.

Penny's special Chicken Tetrazzini Pasta including salad, veggie, and dessert can be enjoyed for just a \$10 donation. Dinner will be served from 5 – 8 pm. Enjoy dinner with your family and friends or take-out dinners will be available. RRR handcrafted products will be available for sell. Come and enjoy great food, fellowship and other surprises!

Tickets are now available in the Narthex after Sunday worship, Wednesday night suppers and by phone. Contact David McCarl @ 1-203-209-4762 or Freida St. Germain @ 770-861-0807 to order tickets and for more information. All members are encouraged to buy a ticket for each family member. We are also asking each family to take an additional 5 tickets to sell to extended family, neighbors, business associates, your hair dresser, barber, golf buddies, etc.

The program teaches and applies business strategies to address homelessness, support veterans and improve the economic empowerment of underserved communities across Georgia. The program enhances the personal success of individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness, are living with disabilities, and others with significant barriers, by providing job training, employment opportunities and a place to be successful. By providing employment options to individuals generally under-represented in the work force and using primarily donated materials to design and create our unique products, **Rescue Repurpose Redeem does the following:** **RESCUES** materials no longer wanted or needed. **REPURPOSES** these materials into distinctive quality handmade products sold locally and online. **REDEEMS** and enhances the value and efforts of those employed by the social enterprise. All revenue from sales is put back into the operating costs of the social enterprise, including but not limited to payroll, general overhead, and other expenses necessary to sustain a functional and healthy business. Sweetwater Mission is a non-profit charitable organization providing basic needs such as food, clothing, family services, and education opportunities, as well as its ongoing work in the Cobb and Douglas County communities to prevent hunger and homelessness. Sweetwater Mission's support of RRR is a vital part of the RRR's success. Sweetwater Mission's fiscal sponsorship of Rescue Repurpose Redeem allows the non-profit social enterprise to fundraise for its programs using traditional grants and crowdfunding. Additionally, it allows RRR to be a fully operational business that can sell the handcrafted products to the public. Volunteers, Funders and Development Work are vital to RRR's growth and success as they are with any charitable non-profit. The social enterprise is made up of its participants and supporters. We can't do it without Sweetwater Mission. We can't do it without you!

What's Up Macland?



Macland Presbyterian Preschool Spring and Summer events are coming up!

May 18 Trike A Thon (10-12)
Graduation (5:00pm)
May 18 Last day of School
June 12-16 VBS

Registration for 2017-2018 school
year is now!
Help us fill our spots!!
Spread the word!
Come by and see for yourself

Please contact the preschool office 770 439-1548 ext. 226 or email preschool@macland.org with questions.

Come one, come all on Sunday May 7th



AMIGOS



DE MAYO



Come celebrate "Friendship Day" by joining our Potluck Luncheon after the morning service. We especially welcome those visitors to our church from the past several months. Join us for good food and fellowship as we get better acquainted. You may bring a themed dish... *ole...* or your *favorite family recipe* to share. In order to balance our meal, we do suggest the following: family names from A-G bring a meat dish, those from H-N bring a side or salad, and those from P-Z please plan to bring a dessert.



**MEET OUR
GRADUATES**

SENIOR RECOGNITION

JP Bartlett, Praveen Doluweera, Abbie Jones, & Jessica Wier
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

We will be honoring and celebrating our soon to be high school graduates during worship. The four seniors are and have been such a vital part of our Youth Group and church family. We are very proud of and excited for them. Please come as we congratulate JP, Praveen, Abbie & Jessica on this great accomplishment. There will be a small reception with cake after the service where we can all talk with our seniors. There will also be a place to leave cards and well wishes for each of them in the Gathering Area. We will have blank cards available if needed. This is such an exciting time and we hope everyone can be there!



Celtic Thunder performs a song written by Bill Staines titled "A Place in the Choir". "All God's creatures got a place in the choir, Some sing low and some sing higher, Some sing out loud on a telephone wire, Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now." Please take a little time to go onto "youtube" and check it out!! Have you ever wanted to sing with the choir but can't make a long term commitment?

Have you ever wanted to sit in the choir loft just so you can look out at everybody? Well - here is your opportunity!!!

There is going to be a "June Summer Choir" at Macland this year. All are welcome to participate without prior choral or singing experience. It is open to all ages!!

All songs we do will be very familiar to everyone. We will rehearse each Sunday morning at 9:30 in the choir room. We will only rehearse the songs for that Sunday worship service. Participation is very flexible and does not require a month-long commitment: anyone interested may sing one or more weeks throughout the month. You just simply be in the choir room on the Sunday or Sunday's you want to sing at 9:30 am ready to have a good sing-fest.

You are neither too young or too old to sing a tune, or at least, make the proverbial "joyful noise unto the Lord!". If you are even remotely interested in taking a deep breath and letting it out with friends, the summer choir is your "gateway". We will meet and sing June 4th, June 11th, June 18th and June 25th. We will rehearse at 9:30 am and sing in the 10:00 am worship service.

Yes, there will be someone who sings better than you and also someone who sings worse than you on any particular morning. But there will be no one whose voice is exactly like yours, and the choir will be just a little less for it if you are not there.

So, you badgers and little birds, otters, wise owls, ducks, porcupines, donkeys, bears, weasels, bullfrogs, alligators, and fox, this choir is for you. Come bring your voices, your hands or paws or anything you got now!

Save the Date for VBS 2017



Mark your calendars and tell your neighbors!!

Macland's VBS will be the week of June 12th
From 9am until 12noon
Ages 3 (potty trained please) to rising 5th grade

Registration forms can be found on the preschool page of our website... macland.org!

There will be a brief informational meeting immediately following the worship service on May 7th for anyone (adults and youth!) interested in volunteering during the week!

There are new Macland Pres. blue t-shirts still available for sale at \$12 apiece. In addition, new tote bags are for sale at \$13 apiece. They are a great way to bring your Bible to church with you.

Please see Doug Michalke or e-mail him your name and sizes desired at dougmichalke@yahoo.com.



Session News and Notes April 2017



The Session met on April 24, 2017 in the copy room.

Team reports

Finance

	Q1 2017	Q1 2016	Change	% Change	Q1 Budget	Delta vs Budet	% Change
Revenue	\$91,621	\$101,481	(\$9,860)	-9.7%	\$94,487	(\$2,866)	-3.0%
Revenue less Pam Brotherton and BQ Funds	\$80,089	\$101,481	(\$21,391)	-21.1%	\$85,634	(\$5,544)	-6.5%
Expenses	\$107,861	\$94,353	\$13,507	14.3%	\$112,553	(\$4,692)	-4.2%
Net Income	(\$16,239)	\$7,128	(\$23,367)	-24.0%	(\$18,066)	\$1,826	1.1%
Net Income less PMF	(\$27,771)	\$7,128	(\$34,899)	14.3%	(\$26,919)	(\$852)	-4.2%

Nurture

- Youth Sunday was a success.
Thanks to everyone for contributing over \$10,000 for youth activities.
- VBS –
June 12 – 16, 9am – 12pm, Curriculum – Hero Central, \$25 per child (after May 1st, \$30 per child)
Will be done in conjunction with the preschool. Jill is the CNT contact.
Laura Sinyard and Amy Smith are heading it up.

Worship

- A big thanks goes out to the committee for wonderful Easter/Lenten services. We especially thank Carol Thomas for a moving Good Friday service.

Outreach

- Haiti- Pastor Jones shared with the Outreach Team that he has filed papers for the creation of a new charitable organization named Haiti for the World:**
Narrow focus to fund teachers
Will be fundraising from outside sources other than MPC
Set-up of a separate checking account not possible until 501c3 is approved
20% of each donation transaction will go directly to My Neighbors Children for using their service to manage funds into Haiti
As of 4/17 enough money raised for the 1st 3-month teacher salaries
The 'Haiti for the World' name has been approved by the state
Charter not approved yet
- Compton Elementary** –
MPC will serve a Mexican Luncheon at the school on May 1st for Teacher Appreciation Week
We announced MPC's intention to fund the 2017 Family Christmas Dinner. We will also provide volunteers to serve so the teachers can spend time with their students and families.
Will be exploring MPC participating with Macland MacEachern in the Kids Hope Program in the 2017-18 school year. This national program trains and provides one-on-one volunteer tutoring with the students
Career Day is Tuesday, May 16th from 11:30 – 2 pm. MPC announcements will be in the May bulletins and Newsletter
- Sweetwater Mission** -
3 items have been approved to introduce RRR to MPC and the community;
1) Director Stephanie McKay will give a short talk on Wednesday, 4/26 after the meal
2) On Saturday, May 13th MPC will host a fundraiser dinner from 5-8 PM in the FLC. This event will be a walk-in or take-out meal. The RRR product line will be on display and available for purchase
Craft Fair in October – Possible dates are the 7th, 14th, or 28th

Fellowship and Evangelism

- Bonnie Little is in charge of scheduling for the Family Life Center. If you need to schedule the building, please contact her.
- There will be two fellowship dinners this year– one in the spring May 7-“**Amigos de Mayo**” on May 7th will focus on “Friendship Day” and one on Rally Day on August 13, 2017.
- New Fellowship pads have been developed
- Golf Outing update** – Scheduled for Friday May 12, 2017

Building and Grounds

- The sidewalk project is complete. The electrician still needs to install the lights and that will be moving forward pending a review based on the new LED parking lot lights.
- The left entry door to the gym is out of service and a vendor to install a replacement is being located now.
- One of the large cypress trees at the front of the building (near the choir room) is leaning over and will be removed soon. It is supported by one of the other and appears to be stable for now. It is not in danger of falling into the road.
- There are several small projects being lined up for the summer, please let Sandra Aufderheide know of any painting needs you foresee.
- A medium range plan for the facilities and their maintenance/replacement is shaping up. Please let Sandra Aufderheide or Kyle Smith know of any longer term needs.
- Thank you to Jim Kuykendall for the clearing of the retention pond in the southeast corner of the property.
- Mowing season is upon us... If you know anyone that would be interested in helping out have them reach out to Kyle Smith

Session Actions

- **Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Freida St. Germain from the Session and reinstated the nominating committee to fill her unexpired term.**
- **Approved Gayle Kuykendall as the replacement Elder for Freida St. Germain on the nominating committee.**
- **Approved a called meeting of the Session on April 30, 2017 to accept new members.**

Calendar of events

- May 7 – “Amigos de Mayo” Potluck after church service
- May 10 – Last Boy Scout Night @ Wednesday Night Dinner
- May 12-Golf outing
- May 13-Dinner for RRR-Family life center-5-8 p.m.
- May 17 – Last Wednesday Night Dinner – Cookout
- May 21-Senior Sunday
- June 4-10– Montreat
- VBS-June 12-16
- July 21-23– Middle School Retreat
- August 13-Rally Day-fellowship luncheon
- August 16 – Wednesday Night Dinner resumes



May Birthdays

5/5 Nancy Conger
5/6 Buddy Carlton
5/7 Tim Barrett
5/9 Alex Hodges
5/11 Freida St. Germain
5/12 Tyler Mendez
5/12 Callie Smith
5/13 Jeanne Fraser
5/14 Marion Savic

5/15 Libby McAliley
5/22 Carol Reed
5/25 Ann Cromer
5/25 Amy Smith
5/28 Hannah Bartlett
5/29 Kim Joyce
5/29 Margaret Menz
5/31 Chamini Doluweera