

Macland Press

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Dear Macland,

Our focus for this Fall is comes from Matthew 14, the familiar passage of Peter walking on water with Jesus.

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

In Matthew 14, Jesus sent the disciples out into a storm then came walking to them on water. The disciples, Peter included, all wanted to be with Jesus. The difference between Peter and the other eleven was simple, while they wanted to be with Jesus in their sanctuary, their safe place, their boat, Peter wanted to be with Jesus in that moment, even in the storm, even if it took a miracle to get to him. Foolish? Yes. Crazy? Yes. Risky? Of course. Did he fail? Yes. Did he fall? Yes. But his goal was to be with Jesus in every moment, in the craft or on the surf, in the boat or in the storm, wherever Jesus was, that's where he wanted to be.

When Jesus and Peter got into the boat, the other disciples proclaimed, "Truly you are the Son of God," they believed. Peter trusted. They had the creed. Peter had faith. Peter stepped out.

Our theme for this Fall is to not only follow Jesus, but to set our sites on Peter's example, leaving the safety of our boats and Step Out in the world, into life, and into the storm with Jesus.

In the newsletter, in the days ahead, and especially on Rally Sunday, we will be challenging each other as individuals and as a community of faith to step out together.

Let's Go!

David



August 2017

August 6
5:00-Travis Meadows
Concert

August 13
Rally Day

August 16
Wednesday Night
Dinners & Classes Begin

August 20
11:30-Congregational
Meeting

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STEPPING OUT.....

MACLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
RALLY DAY & FABULOUS POTLUCK

(Y'all know we have the best potlucks!)

SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH @11 am IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
Come see all the great things going on in our church, see where you can get plugged in or just spend time doing something you love to do with others that have the same passion. P.S. there may be prizes!



What's Up Macland?



Come celebrate “Rally Day” by joining our Potluck Luncheon after the morning service. We look forward to highlighting those groups, programs, classes and volunteers who work together throughout the year in our church community to help make Macland special. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for good food and fellowship as we get better acquainted. Thanks in advance to the Christian Nurturing Team who will provide fried chicken. To balance the remainder of our meal, we suggest the following: family names from A-G bring a dessert, those from H-N bring a salad, and those from O-Z please plan to bring a side.



Join us weekly @ 6pm. Look for our sign-up table on Rally Day.

Volunteers needed for both prep and clean-up!

You may pay on Wednesdays or prepay with payment slips and envelopes available on the back of the chairs in the Sanctuary each Sunday. Dinner cost: 65+ \$4; 12-64 \$5; 6-11 \$3; ages 5 and under free. The entire family for only \$15. Wow what a deal!

Good food and good fellowship. *Bon Appetit!*



Macland Presbyterian Preschool

Has a few spaces left!! Spread the word and come and visit!!!

www.macland.org

Important dates:

Parent Orientation
August 7, 7pm
Student Open House
August 8, 10:30 - 11:30
First Day of Preschool
August 9

August Birthdays



8/4 Linda Neighbors

8/7 Linda Koval

8/8 Joyce Jones

8/10 Hot Hutcheson

8/11 Hannah White

8/12 Ken Collins

8/12 Michelle Dettore

8/15 Kelly Barge

8/16 Peggy Ingalsbe

8/16 Frances Tucker

8/17 Michael Clark

8/17 Kaitlin Hubert

8/18 Sharon Dold

8/18 Alex Jones

8/19 Jay Mitchell

8/19 Christina Wier

8/24 Tom Camp

8/24 Lauri Moore

8/25 Bill Thompson

8/28 Bev Martz

8/28 Rachel Williams

8/29 Jessica Cole

8/29 Dianne Hutcheson

8/30 Paul Bartlett

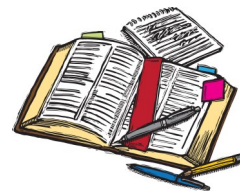
8/30 Wonda Hubert



TRAVIS MEADOWS AT MACLAND AUGUST 6th

Travis Meadows' songs have been covered by some of country's elite. Among them: an emotional take on "What We Ain't Got" — a hit for Jake Owen — and "Riser," the defiant title track of Dierks Bentley's latest album." Travis will play a couple at worship on Sunday, August 6th and then have a concert at Macland that night at 7:00. Bring a friend.

Bible Studies – Preparing for Worship



1 Corinthians 14:26 What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.

On Tuesday mornings at 10:00 and on Wednesday Evenings at 7:00, you can prepare for Sunday's upcoming worship by looking over the scripture passages with the pastor. Come join us as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship together.

The Sunday Scriptures for August are:

Aug 6	<u>Matthew 14:13-21</u>
Aug 13	<u>Matthew 14:22-33</u>
Aug 20	<u>Matthew 15: 21-28</u>
Aug 27	<u>Matthew 16:13-20.</u>

News from Haiti:

May – Cayla Jones traveled with My Neighbors Children to aid doctors and nurses in giving checkups and registering over two hundred children for healthcare with our partners from Florida Hospitals.

June – Kyle Smith traveled to Port-au-Prince to meet with the mayor and staff to discuss U.S. firefighters coming to train firefighters in Haiti's capital city. (Kyle pictured here with Pastor Bob LeFranc.)

March, April, May, June, and July, Haiti for the World funded teachers and staff at Bethany Christian School in Cayes Jacmel, Haiti keeping the school from closing.

September trip postponed until February as the team focuses on raising funding to ensure the teachers continue to get paid through the summer and when they return to school in September.

Back to School: Orlando Presbyterian Church (where William Lowry attends and David Jones pastored) has donated backpacks and supplies for the 400 students at Bethany School. Grace Covenant Presbyterian (home of the youth and college groups that stayed at Macland this summer and worked at the Women's Extension) will be packing the backpacks before they are sent to Bethany. It's nice to have great partners in mission.

Thanks for your support.



Session News and Notes
July 2017



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

Team reports

Finance

	June YTD 2017	June LYTD 2016	Change	% Change	YTD Budget	Delta vs Budget	% Change
Revenue	\$201,515	\$199,290	\$2,225	1.1%	\$193,192	\$8,323	4.3%
Revenue less Pam Brotherton and BQ Funds	\$188,008	\$184,398	\$3,610	2.0%	\$178,104	\$9,904	5.6%
Expenses	\$200,277	\$192,567	\$7,709	4.0%	\$214,443	(\$14,166)	-6.6%
Net Income	\$1,238	\$6,723	(\$5,485)	-2.9%	(\$21,251)	\$22,490	-120.9%
Net Income less PBF	(\$12,269)	(\$8,169)	(\$4,099)	4.0%	(\$36,339)	\$24,071	-6.6%

Christian Nurture

- July - Sunday, July 30, have youth dinner/get-together, Middle school retreat
- Youth starts back on Rally Day, August 13
- Youth
 - Garrett made a calendar for next year's youth meetings and presented the dates.
 - Youth will continue to attend the group Wednesday night study.
 - Sunday night youth times for this year will be 5:30 – 7:30
 - Discussed youth cleaning up after their meals, and do other helpful things around the church
 - Youth meals will utilize paper products.
- Post High School:
 - Students are attending regularly. Looking at going to Montreat for college kids in January.
 - Will continue classes with Jill during the year.
- Confirmation: (Affirmation)
 - Curriculum is re:form - Youth teaches the class and will be paired with an adult/parents.
 - All youth are doing this, but there will be an actual confirmation for those not yet confirmed.
- Sunday School/Wednesday night:
 - The Affirmation class might bring in more parents to Sunday School.
 - Sunday School classes will start after Rally Day
 - Wednesday night class – David presented his plans for the class

Worship

- Looking ahead- Carol Thomas is planning to have the Christmas Music Program on 12/10/17.

Outreach

- **Sweetwater Mission**
 - Quarterly Food Pantry Program
 - Food pantry dates are July 22 and November 4
 - Rescue, Restore, Redeem Program
 - Discussions were held regarding a Fall Craft Show. It was decided we would postpone the County Fair plan until fall of 2018.
 - Discussions were held regarding a dinner and concert by Kayla Taylor
 - An Italian dinner will be served buffet style
 - Event will be October 7 at 6:30 to 9:30 with dinner at 6:30 to 7:30 and concert at 7:30 to 9:30
 - Kayla will advertise the event on her website, Facebook and newsletter.
 - Plans are for 230 people at the cost of \$25.00 each.
 - Volunteers are needed
 - RRR will supply crafts; fall and Christmas
 - RRR Materials Wish List
 - Frieda will organize and let us know their needs
 - Lauren White to set-up inventory system
- **Red Cross Blood Drive**
 - Event will be held Thursday, September 21 at 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.

- **Men's Extension**
Meal Schedule for October and November is needed
Supplies are needed such as bleach, towels, twin sheets and blankets
- **Compton Elementary**
They have a new principal
David Jones and Sharon will arrange to meet her
No supplies are needed for back to school
We will serve Christmas dinner again.
- **Must Ministries**
400 Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwiches were made after church on June 18
Sandwiches were delivered June 19 to Powder Springs United Methodist Church
- **Rally Day**
Event will be held Sunday, August 13th.
There will be tables set up describing the function of each event held at Macland

Building and Grounds.

- Exterior lighting and gym door repair are in the works.
- 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.
- 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

- **Approved letter of transfer for Bob and Margaret Kendall to First Methodist Church of Dahlonega**
- **Approved Jan Collier(Deacon), Doug Michalke (Elder), and Kelly Barge (Elder) for the Nominating Committee**

Calendar of events

- July 30 - End of summer pool party, combined with Middle School Day– Youth
- August 6-Travis Meadows
- August 13 – Rally Day, Parent meeting at 5:00, Youth to follow
- August 16-Wednesday Night Dinners resume
- November 12 – Youth Sunday
- December 17 - Youth Christmas Party (Kids at Bolin's, Parents at Barge's)
- March 4 - Youth Fundraiser



Congregational Meeting Following Worship on August 20.

We will have a congregational meeting to elect 3 members from the congregation at large to serve with Elders Doug Michalke and Kelly Barge along with Deacon Janet Collier to prayerfully consider Elders and Deacons to serve as part of the Class of 2020.