

Stained Glass Gazette

First Presbyterian Church, Moultrie, GA

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Shay shared an article with me that I, in turn, want to share with you (at least in part). It was written by Glennon Melton, who is a mother deep in the trenches of early childhood development, and a "blogger" for the Huffington Post. Her article is about the joys and challenges of parenting, which she compares to climbing Mt Everest. "*Brave, adventurous souls try it because they've heard there's magic in the climb...even though any climber will tell you that most of the climb is treacherous, exhausting, killer. That they literally cried most of the way up.*" At the end of her article she hit on one of my favorite themes in this fast paced world: our view of time. I'll let her speak...

"There are two different types of time. Chronos time is what we live in. It's regular time, it's one minute at a time, it's staring down the clock till bedtime time, it's ten excruciating minutes in the Target line time, it's four screaming minutes in time out time, it's two hours till daddy gets home time. Chronos is the hard, slow passing time we parents often live in.

Then there's Kairos time. Kairos is God's time. It's time outside of time. It's metaphysical time. It's those magical moments in which time stands still. I have a few of those moments each day. And I cherish them.

Like when I actually stop what I'm doing and really look at Tish (her daughter). I notice how perfectly smooth and brownish her skin is. I notice the perfect curves of her teeny elf mouth and her asianish brown eyes, and I breathe in her soft Tishy smell. In these moments, I see that her mouth is moving but I can't hear her because all I can think is -- *This is the first time I've really seen Tish all day, and my God -- she is so beautiful. Kairos.*

Like when I'm stuck in chronos time in the grocery line and I'm haggard and annoyed and angry at the slow check-out clerk. And then I look at my cart and I'm transported out of chronos. And suddenly I notice the piles and piles of healthy food I'll feed my children to grow their bodies and minds and I remember that most of the world's mamas would kill for this opportunity. This chance to stand in a grocery line with enough money to pay. And I just stare at my cart. At the abundance. The bounty. Thank you, God. Kairos.

Or when I curl up in my cozy bed with Theo asleep at my feet and Craig asleep by my side and I listen to them both breathing. And for a moment, I think- how did a girl like me get so lucky? To go to bed each night surrounded by this breath, this love, this peace, this warmth? Kairos.

These kairos moments leave as fast as they come - but I mark them. I say the word kairos in my head each time I leave chronos. And at the end of the day, I don't remember exactly what my kairos moments were, but I remember I had them. And that makes the pain of the daily parenting climb worth it."

Maybe this resonated with me because Shay and I are only a few years away from diapers and headed "screaming fast" towards driver's licenses and boyfriends (*curse you Chronos time!*) But regardless, I hope you enjoyed her take on it, and I pray you all will find some Kairos time in your day today. Oh! And if you do...breath it in deep.

Grace and peace - Richard

CONCERNS

*Thomas Yogerst (Laabs' son-in-law) *Dick Aycock
*Patsy Miller *Jason Edwards Family *Bobby Harnage
*Doris Van Dyke (Denise Pope's Mom) *Frances Grimm
*Betty Smith (Jim Soos' niece) *Ron & Betty Tauber
*Pat Dalton (John Mercer's sister) *Jason Blanton
*Debbie Morse (Susan Kirkland's mother) *Tom Holman
*Sharon Harnage *Trey Newsome (Alice Griner's grandson)
*Louvera Walden's mother *Lola Knox

*The flowers in the sanctuary on
Sunday were given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of
W.C. Millsap
by Niki Millsap Barwick*

Greetings:

Be reminded the high school musical, Les Miserables, will be presented February 9,10,11 @ 8PM and Feb. 12 @ 2PM. Tickets are \$10. Audrey White, Philip Long, Cameron Johnson, and Scott Jacobs are all in the musical.

Be blessed this week,
Kathy

CHILDREN'S CHURCH JANUARY

29 Mandy Riojas
Patrick Holman & Kaci Waller

FEBRUARY

5 Kellie Smith
Charlie Zeanah,& Taylor Thornton

DO YOU HAVE A CHURCH MASTER KEY?

Dear Friends, anyone who currently holds a master key for the church needs to see Connie or Richard so they can give you a handout on how to arm and disarm the alarm system. We have had multiple false alarm calls from GA-FL Alarm Co. and we are trying to eliminate those if possible. Thank you!

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Centennial Celebration commemorating 100 years of worship in our sanctuary is a year-long celebration culminating with a special worship service and old-fashioned homecoming covered dish lunch on Sunday, October 14, 2012. More details to follow. Sign up to serve on the various committees in the notebook on the stage in the Fellowship Hall or contact one of the co-chairs, Nancy Coleman at 941-2930 or Ginger Horkan at 985-7064.

YOUTH

Fellowship Sunday 5-7 PM
We will be planning our Youth Led
Worship Service – Everyone be here!

COOKIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

The Presbyterian Women will be sending cookies to our students for Valentine's Day. Please call the church office with your student's name and address if you wish for them to receive cookies.

We will be packing cookies on Thursday, February 9. Cookies should be brought to the church at WATCH, February 8, or Thursday morning before 11 AM.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING

Parents of Children PreK-4 to 5th grades are encouraged to attend a meeting on Sunday, January 29th from 4-5 PM.

LOOSE CHANGE TO ENABLE THE UNREACHED TO LEARN ABOUT CHRIST

As many of you know, the church has been forced to cut our 2012 budget, including the portion we give to missions. One area cut was what we give to the Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship. While we are maintaining our full support for long term missionaries Cody and Tallulah Watson and for Pam Schubert our missionary in a Mediterranean country, we have decreased our pledge to the schools in Ethiopia - schools where children are introduced to Christ - and to BORN, the mission to the Biharis in India. BORN is currently undergoing some reorganization.

We support PFF projects not only through our regular mission budget, but also through our loose change offerings in the cans on the tables at WATCH. So remember those cans on Wednesday nights!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthening Our Church

Sunday, January 29, 8:30 AM

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, February 1, 4:00 PM

Men of the Church Breakfast

Sunday, February 5, 8:30 AM

Presbyterian Women Executive Comm.

Monday, February 6, 10:30 AM Parlor

Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 8, 5:15 PM

Deacons Meeting

Sunday, February 12, 8:30 AM

BACK PACKS OF HOPE

Don't forget to add a few items to your grocery list for the Back Packs. Cost per week per back pack is \$10 (provides six meals and snacks) and we fill 22 each week for a total of \$220 per week for this mission.

Lists are on the bulletin board.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please take the time to fill out the questionnaire printed in the Moultrie Observer on 1/21/12. If you prefer, go on-line to www.colquitt.k12.ga.us, then click on "Community Survey" to answer the questions. The survey asks for your opinion about qualifications for our new School Superintendent. You have an opportunity to express your opinion about this important matter which affects our children and grandchildren.

RECIPES NEEDED

Recipes are now being accepted for the Centennial Cookbook. Directions for formatting recipes and a recipe collection box are located in the Fellowship Hall or submit your recipes to preswomen@gmail.com. Submitting by email is the preferred method. Deadline for submitting recipes is February 29.

CORNERSTONES

If you signed up to join us for the dinner and show in Valdosta on Thursday, February 2nd- let's talk about having dinner here at the church- Catholic Church Spaghetti Dinner!

FEBRUARY LUNCH MEETING

Monday, February 13th

This is a week earlier!!

LES MISERABLE

SUPPER AT THE CHURCH AT 6 PM

THEN TO THE PLAY

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

LUNCH & HORSECREEK

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

VALENTINE DESSERT THEATRE

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 6:30 PM AT

THE ARTS CENTER-\$15

SOUPER SUNDAY

On Sunday, February 5th the youth will be collecting donations for Crossroads Mission. They will be holding soup pots at the doors following worship to collect your donation. This is in support of Souper Bowl Sunday, a national program to raise awareness of homelessness and hunger issues. Youth will also prepare a meal for the residents of Crossroads that afternoon. Thank you in advance for your support.

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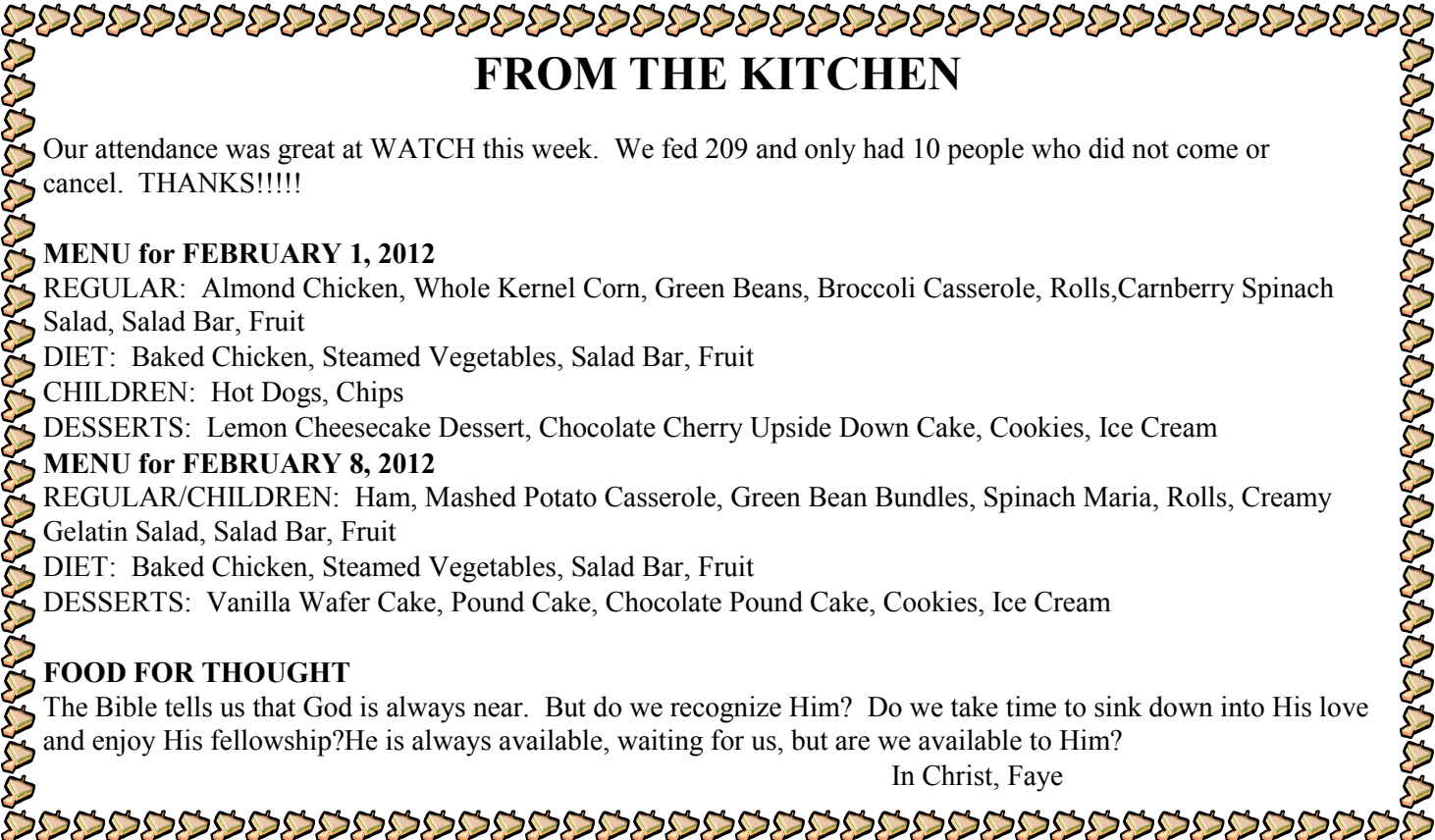
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FROM THE KITCHEN

Our attendance was great at WATCH this week. We fed 209 and only had 10 people who did not come or cancel. THANKS!!!!!!

MENU for FEBRUARY 1, 2012

REGULAR: Almond Chicken, Whole Kernel Corn, Green Beans, Broccoli Casserole, Rolls, Carnberry Spinach Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fruit

CHILDREN: Hot Dogs, Chips

DESSERTS: Lemon Cheesecake Dessert, Chocolate Cherry Upside Down Cake, Cookies, Ice Cream

MENU for FEBRUARY 8, 2012

REGULAR/CHILDREN: Ham, Mashed Potato Casserole, Green Bean Bundles, Spinach Maria, Rolls, Creamy Gelatin Salad, Salad Bar, Fruit

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar, Fruit

DESSERTS: Vanilla Wafer Cake, Pound Cake, Chocolate Pound Cake, Cookies, Ice Cream

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Bible tells us that God is always near. But do we recognize Him? Do we take time to sink down into His love and enjoy His fellowship? He is always available, waiting for us, but are we available to Him?

In Christ, Faye