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**SEPTEMBER 2012**



“IF ANYONE  
DESIRES TO BE FIRST,  
HE SHALL BE LAST OF ALL  
AND SERVANT OF ALL.”

MARK 9:35, NKJV

# Worship the Lord with Us!

## Sunday Worship

**Traditional Worship Service: 8:30 am**

**Sunday School for all ages: 9:30 am**

**Contemporary Worship Service: 10:45 am**

*Listen to "A Place of Grace"  
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The submission deadline for the *October* issue of Windows is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

***THANK YOU FOR  
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## From The Pastor's Heart

I loved watching the Olympics and listening to all the stories of how different athletes overcame amazing obstacles just to compete in the games in London. Some even shared their faith and how the hand of the Lord and their trust in Jesus Christ made all the difference in their Olympic journey. I loved how many familiar truths from God's Word like Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength" were shared whether the gold medal was achieved or not.

A black and white photograph showing a person's hand gripping a dumbbell. The hand is positioned on the right side of the frame, with the fingers wrapped around the handle of the dumbbell. The dumbbell is a standard hexagonal shape with a central handle. The background is dark, making the hand and dumbbell stand out.

**I can do all  
things through  
Christ who  
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strength.**

**Philippians 4:13**

After watching passionate athletes one evening, I switched the channel and observed similar passion and deep concern over the upcoming political elections. They talked as people with little hope in light of the great challenges our country is facing. I began to think about how often I let my faith shrink when I face obstacles bigger than myself and my solutions. I was encouraged when I read about a positive way to face the political scene ahead as reported in the Christian Post.

The Christian Post reported that pastor and author Max Lucado preached at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas reassuring Christians about the outcome of the upcoming presidential elections. Lucado admitted the moral and political state of the nation gives some cause for concern, but he is at peace and says Christians should not "freak out."

*"We have reason to be concerned but I would suggest to you in this message that we do not have reason to panic. We, the children of God, can stay peaceful because we know that no matter who inhabits the White House, we know that God still sits on His throne."*

*“We (Christians) take into an election cycle a different view than the rest of the world and that is a view of faith,” he said. “We believe first and foremost this truth: that God is the God of the nations. Congress doesn't direct the future, God does. Washington doesn't call the shots, God does.”*

*“A nation is blessed when it has godly leaders,” Lucado said. “[But] even if a nation does not have a godly leader, that nation can still be led by God because He controls the hearts of the kings, He directs what happens.”*

Pastor Max Lucado and his church are organizing 40 days of prayer leading up to the election that God would lead and guide our nation and this whole process. I personally want to join their effort and invite you to consider the same. I share with you a sample prayer that we can bring before the Lord together.

Only God can unite us. Let's ask Him to do just that. Would you join me as we seek the Lord together in this important time in our lives?

**40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE USA  
September 28-November 6, 2012**

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have given us this promise: *“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”* (2 Chronicles 7:14)

So, we pray to you. We turn from evil and look to you, our God. Please: Unite us - Strengthen us - Appoint and anoint our next president.

In the name of Christ we pray,  
Amen

In His Love and Grace,  
Pastor Sam

# ATTENTION!



## **BELIEVER'S BAPTISM**

**Baptism Sunday is September 16<sup>th</sup>**  
*Outdoor service, weather permitting.*

We'll meet at 10:00 am for a combined service of believers baptism followed by a church picnic. Come support these believers as they take this next step of faith. Renew your commitment as you participate in this exciting service. (Oh, and no Sunday School that day. All classes resume on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.)

**If you are interested in being baptized that day, please let Pastor Sam know or call the church office or email [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org).**

### **What's WNR?**

It's Wednesday Night Revive! We can all use a spiritual mid-week pick me up! On Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> WNR resumes its schedule of weekly kid's program, study for women, groups for men (they've been meeting through the summer,) and maybe a surprise or two. Join us at 6:45 pm!



**Volleyball**  
**Every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m.**  
**will continue through September.**



## ∞ Marriage Matters ∞

A Special Evening for Couples  
Saturday, September 15  
at 6:30 pm.

Your marriage matters. Spend some time learning how to make it better. Join Walt & Patricia Stuart as they share some of what they have learned about how we can make our marriages great. Enjoy a night out with your spouse and make an investment in the most important relationship that you have.

Meet in the Stokes Dining Room.  
Coffee and dessert will follow.  
Childcare available.

If you would like to come, please contact the church at  
858-1186 or [info@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:info@fumccollingswood.org).  
(If you can provide a dessert, please contact  
Jen Shannon.)



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> @ 8:00 AM**  
**IN THE STOKES AVE. DINING ROOM**

Grab your forks and get ready for another awesome Men's Breakfast. You don't want to miss Harry's wonderful breakfast and the great speaker Bob has lined up! You can sign up the week before by using the pew registration pads or call the church office or email [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org) by Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>!



## LOOKING TOWARD FALL

- September 2<sup>nd</sup> **Harrison Davis** sharing his message.
- September 9<sup>th</sup> **the ryver's (Junior High & Senior High) annual kickoff cookout - 5:30 - 8:00 pm**
- September 11<sup>th</sup> **Mother's Bible Study - 9:15 am** (Stokes Ave. Dining Room)
- Followers Bible Study**, coffee time 9:30 am, Bible study 10:00 a.m. Bert Stevens study leader — join us for an amazing study in God's word.
- September 15<sup>th</sup> **Marriage Matters - 6:30 pm** (Stokes Ave. Dining Room)
- September 16<sup>th</sup> **Baptism Sunday - 1 service at 10:00 am.** No Sunday School. Picnic to follow.
- September 19<sup>th</sup> **WNR** begins at 6:45 pm
- September 22<sup>nd</sup> **Men's Breakfast - 8:00 am**
- October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> **Missions Weekend:** Special speakers, dinner, luncheon, challenges and excitement.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> **Trunk or Treat**
- October 25<sup>th</sup> **Church Conference**  
6:00 pm - SPR, 7:00 pm - Church Conference
- October 27<sup>th</sup> **Fellowship House Annual Breakfast and Auction - 9:00 am.**



# September Sermons



- September 2 Harrison Davis
- September 9 Making Marriage Matter (Staying Pure)  
7<sup>th</sup> Commandment (Communion)
- September 16 Baptism Sunday - 10:00 am outdoor service, no  
Sunday School, picnic to follow
- September 23 An Honest Heart Values Things and Truth  
8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Commandments
- September 30 The Myth of More - 10<sup>th</sup> Commandment

## **Opportunity for Service and Ministry**

As we are building our leadership & ministry teams for 2013 we are asking our church family to consider what God would have you do? Please make it a matter of prayer and seeking the Lord of where you feel you could serve. If you would like to serve in any way, please speak to Susan Gibbins-Davis or Pastor Sam. They would love to talk with you!

**Church Conference - October 25<sup>th</sup>**

**SPR – 6:00 pm**

**Conference – 7:00 pm**



We are celebrating how we have been blessed this past year doing ministry together. All requested forms are due in to Maria by Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. Also, all chairs of our committees are asked to submit a report on what their committee did/accomplished for 2012 for inclusion in the church conference booklet. These are due to Maria in the church office by Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. You can email them to [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org) or just bring to the office. If you would like to see a copy of last year's report, please let Maria know.

the **ryver**  
youth ministry of fumc

a ministry of students  
loving God, loving people,  
connecting with our neighbors

This is a youth ministry for people in grades 6-12, and everyone is welcome! There are three main times that we meet (as follows), as well as other extra special events throughout the month (see below). But one thing is certain – we are never stagnant, because God is always moving!!

### the ryver (Sunday night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm)

If you're new, this is the best place to start! We have a ton of fun through interactive games, connect with God through worshipful music, and our lives are changed through our talks about God, the Bible, and life - both in large and small group settings.

### the ryver wide (Wednesday night, 6:45 - 8:00 pm)

These nights have a very laid-back atmosphere, which allows us to care for each other and talk about the things that are most important to you. What matters to you? Bring it - the conversation table is wide open!

### the ryver deep (Sunday morning, 9:30 - 10:30 am)

Essential for those who really want to grow in their faith! This is where we really dig deeper into the Bible and learn how to live as followers of Jesus, as well as get involved with the whole church family

## COMING EVENTS

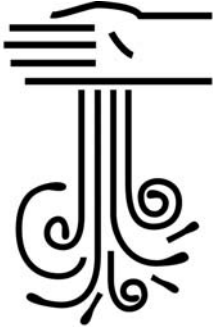
### The ryver's Annual Kickoff Cookout Sunday 9/9 – 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Don't miss our opening event of the year (and don't let your friends miss it either!) Free cookout – games – basketball – swimming – and the best youth leaders ever! (jk- we're not really that stuck on ourselves.) Please let us know if you're coming by Facebook, email or phone.



**Men's Breakfast**  
**Saturday 9/22 - 8:00 am**

Open to guys of all ages - hanging out with other guys, rich encouragement from the Word of God and an unbelievable breakfast buffet!



**Baptism Celebration**  
**Sunday 9/16**

Today we will be celebrating the exciting act of baptism as a church - one combined service at 10 am. This is an outward symbol of the inner work of salvation, and an announcement to everyone that "I'm with Jesus now!" If you have not been baptized and are interested, please talk to Shawn about it.

**SYATP (See You At The Pole)**  
**Wednesday 9/26**

Take a stand and be an example to your school - join other Christians in your school to meet and pray at your flagpole this morning.



# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>2</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Volleyball <b>7:00 PM</b> Discipleship Team meeting	<b>5</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior Group <b>6:45 PM</b> Master's (Jesus) Crew Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Living with The
<b>9</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group	<b>10</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Connecting Team meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> SPR	<b>11</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Smooth Stones mother's Bible study <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Volleyball	<b>12</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Small Group Leadership Training <b>6:45 PM</b> Master's (Jesus) Crew Meeting
<b>16</b> Baptism Sunday Picnic following service <b>10:00 AM</b> Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group	<b>17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Church Council <b>7:00 PM</b> Finance Team meeting	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Smooth Stones mother's Bible study <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Volleyball	<b>19</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior Group <b>6:45 PM</b> Master's (Jesus) Crew Meeting <b>6:45 PM</b> WNR <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Study
<b>23</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Classes for all ages <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Small Group Leadership Training	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Smooth Stones mother's Bible study <b>10:00 AM</b> Followers Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Volleyball	<b>26</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Junior Group <b>6:45 PM</b> Master's (Jesus) Crew Meeting <b>6:45 PM</b> WNR <b>7:00 PM</b> Women's Study
<b>30</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Worship Service <b>9:40 AM</b> Classes for all ages <b>10:45 AM</b> Contemporary Worship Service <b>6:00 PM</b> Senior High Youth Group			

# BER 2012

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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r High Youth er's Men & J Men for Kids! en's Bible	<b>20</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon Time Prayer <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> Common Ground Coffee House	<b>22</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> Men's Breakfast
r High Youth er's Men & J Men for Kids! en's Bible	<b>27</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Noon Time Prayer <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team Practice	28	29



**Melvin Floyd**

On Thursday, May 24, 2012 we graduated our 31<sup>st</sup> class of students from the Mel Floyd School of Evangelism. I determined, after deep consideration, this class was one of the best classes of students I have ever had the privilege to teach. They have a deep, burning desire to win lost souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. I would deeply urge you to attend one of our future graduations to witness the graduates burning desire to become devoted soul winners for the Lord, which has just overwhelmed me with joy.

My goal, now, is to drastically improve my teaching method so that each new graduating class will have a deeper, burning desire to win lost souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Your prayers and dedicated, faithful giving have been a great blessing to me, personally and our outreach ministry of Neighborhood Crusades, Inc. and the Mel Floyd School of Evangelism.

May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

**Armand and Jean LeBlanc**

We appreciate so much your faithful gifts and remembering us to the Father that enables us to be here. Sometimes we have extra gifts that enable us to do things like purchase some much needed extra Bibles. We have a nice problem; our attendance has increased. This fall we will be taking a short furlough so look forward to seeing and thanking many of you in person. Please lift up all the details for scheduling this time as well as our need for a car for a few months.

Daughter Lori is serving another year as guidance counselor at West Nairobi School in Kenya. This C. school serves many in the m. community. She will be in the US for a short time this summer for some extra training. Lift up her need for extra funds for her to return to Kenya. Pete is working on seminary courses and serving in his local church. Amy, who is teaching English in Korea, is seeking a new job this fall. Kelly continues as an emergency room nurse in California. This summer we have many comings and goings. Pray for good planning and scheduling of many events. He is faithful!

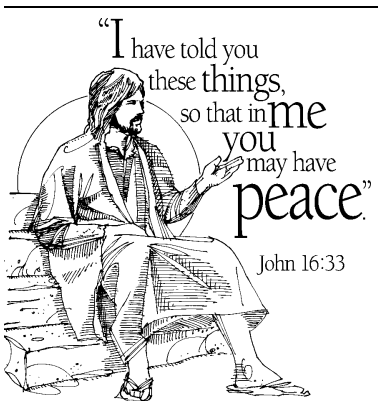
## Lowell and Claudia Wertz

Medical testing in South Africa showed that the right ureter (the tube from the right kidney to the bladder) was completely blocked by scar tissue, probably caused by the nine procedures during the last year and a half. This blockage caused swelling and damage to the kidney and was deemed an emergency, so the next day an operation placed a drain tube through the back into the kidney.

Major surgery was then performed on April 2, when three surgeons performed a six hour operation which removed the damaged section of the ureter and rebuilt the tube using part of the bladder. A very senior surgeon said it was one of his most difficult surgeries. Eleven days were spent in the I.C.U. and most of April was spent in the Pretoria Urology Hospital in South Africa.

As the day of surgery approached I felt uneasy...wasn't fear, exactly. It was just disturbing to imagine someone taking a knife and cutting me open, putting his hands inside of me, and trying to fix what is wrong. Thinking about the pain and how miserable I would be, and how long it would take to feel normal again, did not inspire tranquility. While the intelligent part of me knew it must happen, another part of me seemed not so sure.

Though the surgery was a physical experience, it was also a spiritual one. The surgeon was a strong believer. We knew God's presence would be in the O.R. In the depth of my pain in the I.C.U., God came closer to me than ever before. Nurses, a doctor, strangers, and people from local churches that I did not know, came to pray for me. Several people asked me to pray for them, after they shared their needs and overwhelming problems. Finally Claudia asked, "What's going on here?"



The prognosis is excellent and we have returned to our work in Tanzania. I felt the presence of the Lord throughout this time. Claudia and I wish to thank all who prayed, expressed their concern and love, and sent their best wishes. God's promises met my needs. When God promises, He keeps His Word. His love fills our lives with His goodness. His promises bring peace.

2012 Missions Festival

# Sharing God's Love Both Here and Everywhere!



October 13-14, 2012

Mark your calendar now for a weekend filled with opportunities to share God's love! The weekend will feature Bob Alber preaching at both Sunday morning services; a women's brunch on Saturday; work projects at both Fellowship House and Neighborhood Center; a Praise and Pizza night on Saturday; and a closing lunch on Sunday.

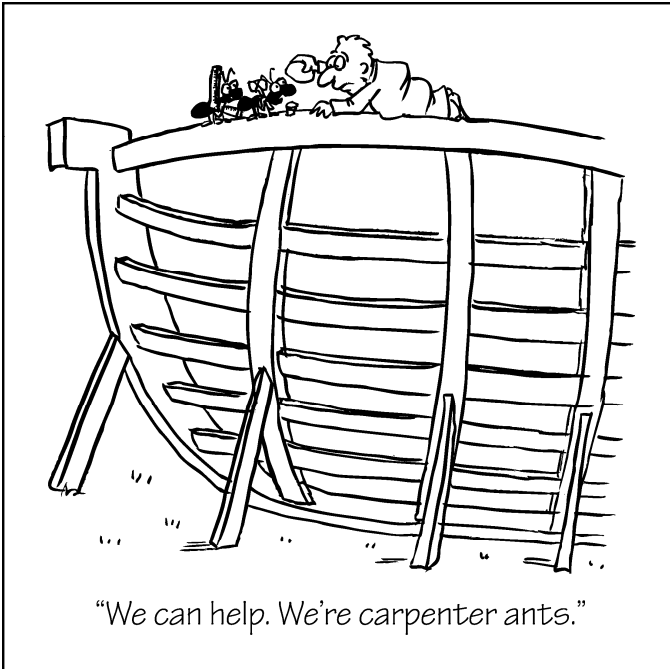
Save your loose change now for a Noisy Offering to be taken on Sunday, October 14, for Bob and Barb Alber and their ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Dallas, Texas!

October 27 is the date and 9:30 a.m. is the time for Fellowship House's annual fundraising breakfast. This year's theme is **“Growing Together at Fellowship House.”** A great opportunity to meet students and adults to whom we minister is yours. Please write the date down on your calendar or give yourself a reminder on your smart phone. We will also have our tradition of the silent auction. Perhaps you could donate a homemade item, a gift certificate to a store or restaurant, a new item, or a service you would enjoy getting yourself. We'd love you to participate in this way and of course, we want you to come that Saturday morning. Please let Janice Bittle know if you have items you are willing to donate.





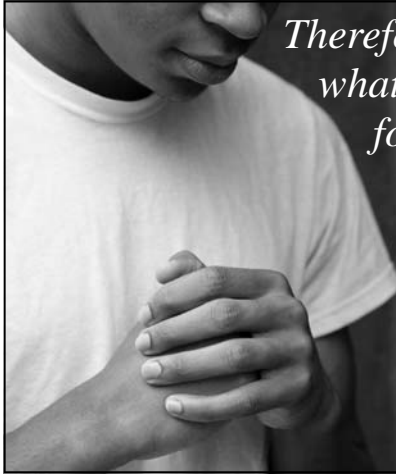
"Careful, honey, she seems a little bitter."



"We can help. We're carpenter ants."



## *Wings of Prayer*



*Therefore I tell you,  
whatever you ask  
for in prayer,  
believe that  
you have  
received it,  
and it will  
be yours.*

*Mark 11:24*

Recently I overheard a teenager pleading with her mother, “Why don’t you believe me?” That girl was in good company. Christ asked many of those who followed him the same question. “Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don’t you believe me?” (John 8:46) God Himself asked this question of Moses. “How long will these people treat me with contempt? How long will they refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miraculous signs I have performed among them?”

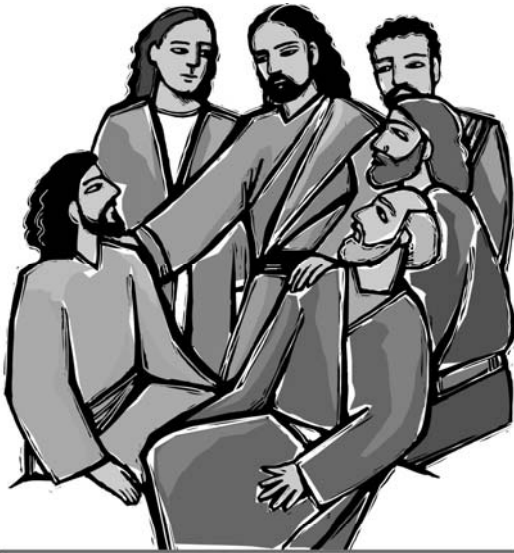
In all these situations, there is a question of being believed. An online search of the NIV using the word “believe” netted 151 verses. It was interesting to note that many had the word “not” before believe – not believe. Noticing that, my first thought was, “Does God think we are “non-believers?” That couldn’t be right. Praying about this, the Spirit led me to Mark 11:24. Christ tells His followers, “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.” Then I was reminded of John 19:35b. “He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.” God wants us to pray, believing He will provide the answers. Once we have received these answers, we are to tell others so they too may believe.

What does it mean to “believe?” A young lady in the 4 and 5 year old Sunday School class provided me with the answer. I asked them, “What does it mean to believe? What does the word “believe” mean?” She clasped her little hands together as if she was going to pray and then shook them up and down. At the same time she screwed up her mouth and squinted her eyes, thinking very hard. “Believe is... Well, when you believe, you know in your heart it is true!” With that, she brought her hands, still clasped together, hard against her chest – her heart.

As we start up all the activities that were on hold for the summer, may you each “know in your heart” that God hears and answers our prayers so we may spread His Word.

Seek and enjoy the Son shine.

Mary Emily Cameron



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV



### Birthdays

Sept. 4	John Mark Hamilton	Sept. 19	Kyle Ehret
Sept. 6	Pat Gunning	Sept. 23	Jim Brown
Sept. 7	Pastor Sam Mountain	Sept. 24	Kyleigh Hamilton
Sept. 11	Barbara Rapp	Sept. 26	Kathy McGaurn
Sept. 13	Marion Wertz	Sept. 27	Matthew Brown
Sept. 14	Eleanor Springer	Sept. 29	Ruth Ballinger
Sept. 15	Al Neu	Sept. 30	Geralyn Brown
Sept. 16	Britny Molloy		Rebecca Brown
Sept. 18	Nancy Creely		Nancy Gross
	Joan Ferrara		Karen Kline
	Evelyn Hales		Gary McGaurn

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



### Anniversaries

September 10	Steve and Michelle Latch
September 14	Bernard and Carol Beals
September 20	Shirly and Raymond Grube
September 25	Dan & Margie Hughes

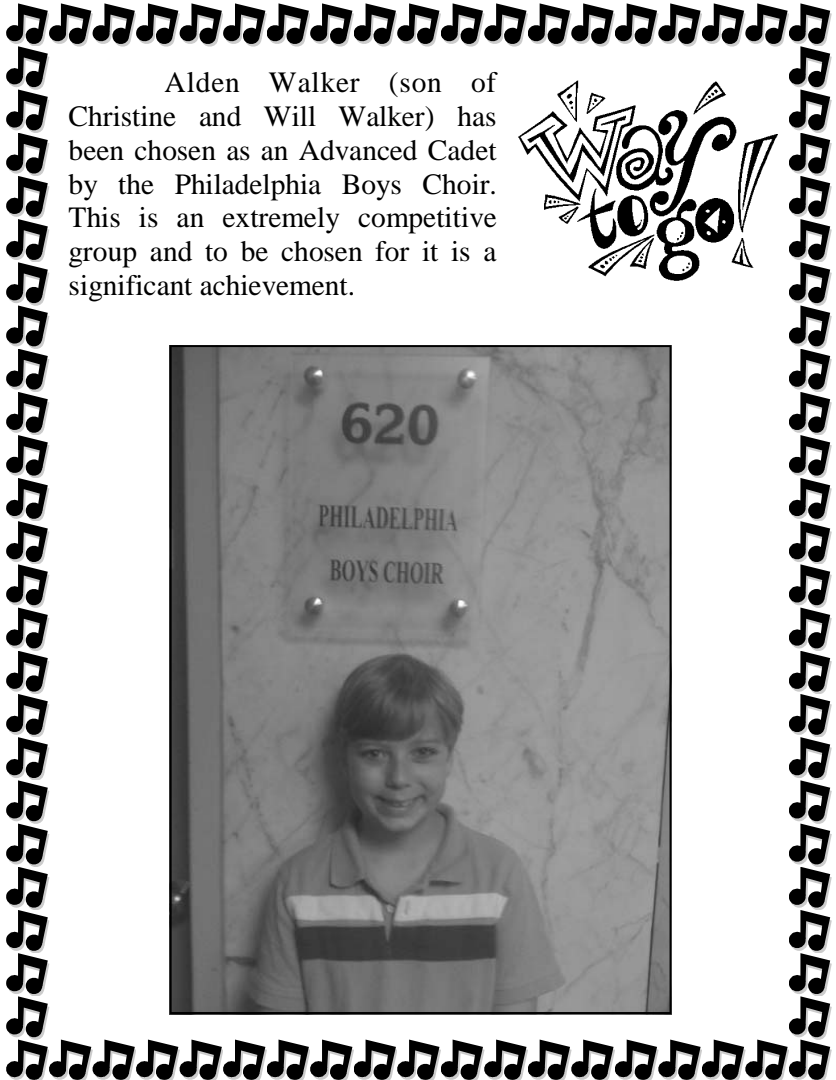
If you have not already done so, please give your dates (birth dates and anniversary dates) to the church office in writing or by e-mail: [maria@fumccollingswood.org](mailto:maria@fumccollingswood.org).



An Early  
Step Toward  
A Godly Walk

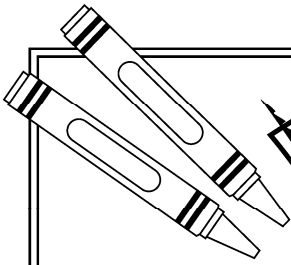
Baptisms at First Church

Faith Alannah McAteer  
June 3, 2012



Alden Walker (son of Christine and Will Walker) has been chosen as an Advanced Cadet by the Philadelphia Boys Choir. This is an extremely competitive group and to be chosen for it is a significant achievement.













# PUZZLE

## AMAZING ANIMALS

God created a rich variety of animals to live on the earth.

**Directions:** Write the name of each animal next to its picture. Then fill in the correct letters to complete Psalm 104:24, NIV.

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	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____		_____	_____
	18	10			3			6	15

“How \_\_\_\_\_ are your \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
 \_\_\_\_\_ ! In \_\_\_\_\_  
 you \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
 of your \_\_\_\_\_ .”

Answers:  
 leopard, dove, donkey, worm, fish, camel, butterfly, ant  
 “How many are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you made them all; the  
 earth is full of your creatures.” (Psalm 104:24, NIV)



## Name that animal

Play a fun drawing game about animals mentioned in the Bible.

### What you need:

- Bible
- Paper strips
- Chalkboard and chalk (or dry erase board, pen and eraser)
- Timer or stopwatch

### What you do:

1. On each paper strip, write a Bible verse that mentions an animal (see list below for ideas).
2. Form teams. Take turns looking up each verse and drawing for your team, getting one point for each correct guess.
3. Time each player. Take turns among teams.

### Possible verses:

Numbers 22:21 (donkey); Deuteronomy 32:11 (eagle); 2 Samuel 17:8 (bear); Job 8:14 (spider); Job 39:13 (ostrich); Psalm 20:7 (horse); Psalm 58:8 (slug/snail); Proverbs 6:5 (gazelle, bird); Proverbs 26:11 (dog); Proverbs 30:25 (ant); Proverbs 30:28 (lizard); Isaiah 7:18 (fly, bee); Jonah 4:7 (worm); Matthew 10:16 (sheep, wolf, snake, dove); Matthew 10:29 (sparrow); Matthew 23:37 (hen, chick); Luke 13:15 (ox, donkey); Luke 13:32 (fox); 1 Peter 5:8 (lion).

# Bible Quiz

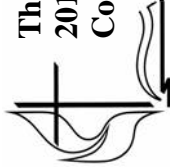
You never know when God might call you from your current circumstances to serve him in a new way. The Old Testament prophet Amos, who lived during the eighth century B.C., worked at two jobs before God called him to take his message to the land of Israel. What were Amos' prior occupations? Choose two answers.

- A. Caretaker of sycamore-fig trees
- B. Priest
- C. Vineyard owner
- D. Shepherd



(See Amos 7:14-15, NIV.)

Answers: A and D



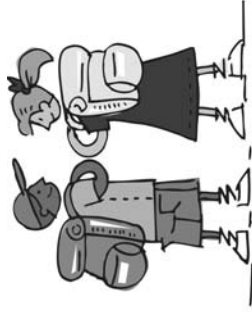
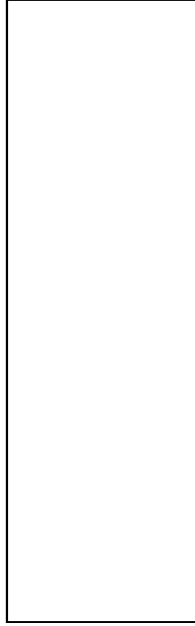
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