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FALL CAMP MEETING

The Annual Whiteoak Campground Fall Camp Meeting (7300 White Oak Campground Rd, Appling) will be Friday night, Oct. 13 at 7:30 PM, and Saturday, Oct. 14 at 11 AM and 7:30 PM. The speaker this year is the Rev. Dr. Steve Dodson from Thomson First United Methodist Church. Dr. Dodson is well known as a preacher and evangelist and for his commitment to world missions. If you are interested in attending as part of a group from Burns, please contact the office.

YOU'RE INVITED TO



OCTOBER 13-14, 2023

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Fall Campmeeting

The Flame

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From The Pastor

The families at Burns have once again been invited to the Alleluia All Saints Celebration on Halloween. At this event, costumes like the devil, monsters, or skeletons are strongly discouraged. Instead, participants are encouraged to dress up as Bible Characters, or Saints, or as some future occupation. It is neat to see how the people seem to take on the personalities of their costumes. The John the Baptists might call out in a somber voice, “Repent, you brood of vipers.” An Elizabeth, a pregnant looking grandmother, might be saying, “with God, all things are possible.” Someone walking around with a pet cat, might say, “I’m Daniel, and God made the lions as calm as kitties”. It is a fun event, and there is something true about how pretending and “dressing up” can shape behavior.



I read of an interview with one of the actors from Downton Abbey, a TV series about a wealthy British family during the first half of the 20th Century. The actor described how putting on those amazing period costumes affected her. She said when she put on the costume her posture changed, she would speak more refined, and would walk differently. Wearing the costume automatically put her into the character she was portraying.

Maybe this is why Paul chose to use clothes as a metaphor for change in his letter to the Colossians. Paul writes about taking off the old self and then clothing ourselves which Christ’s character.

“Clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.”

(Colossians 3:12b-14, NLT)

CS Lewis writes about this transformation in his book, *Mere Christianity*. He says that as we pretend on the outside, the Holy Spirit is on the inside bringing about the change. So that as we choose and pretend to be loving, God’s Spirit makes us more loving. As we choose to step out in faith, God’s Spirit gives us more courage. As we “pretend to be happy” and sing songs, God’s Spirit will give us the joy that goes with the songs.

I love the idea that transformation involves both us and God. We put on the clothes, the Lord makes them fit. So, if you were to choose a costume seeking the quality of the character you are putting on, who would you choose? What quality do you seek? This desire for growth could very well come from God, and God might be waiting on you to take the first step.

Grace & Peace, *Pastor John*

The Flame Deadline: October 21st



NEW TO THE TEAM


SPRC is pleased to announce that we have hired Alex Kelley as our Children’s Ministry Director. Starting October 1, Alex will be leading Children’s Church on Sunday mornings! This will be an age appropriate worship experience for the children of the church, roughly from Kindergarten to Fifth Grade. We will continue to have the Nursery in place for younger children. Welcome Alex!


MEET YOU AT THE TABLE

As someone said, “Food tastes better when you eat it with friends.” We have two official church meals in October. Please join us!

Fellowship Lunch: Sunday, Oct. 8, following the worship service. The meat this month is pork loin. Please bring a side dish to share!

Family Night Supper, Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 6 PM. We will be having Ribs and Manuel Vanzuela will be playing the guitar and singing for us! The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 4-12. See the church bulletin for further details and to sign up.






GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a meeting of the Global Methodist Church at Trinity on the Hill Global Methodist Church (1330 Monte Sano Avenue, Augusta) at 3 PM on Sunday, October 8th. This is a great opportunity to connect with other churches and to find out more about the GMC. If you are interested in riding over in the church bus, meet at the church at 2:30 PM.

AN ALLELUIA ALL SAINTS

The community is invited to the annual Alleluia All Saints Party, Tuesday night, Oct. 31, featuring a costume parade at 4:45, a meal at 5:30, and candy give away at 6 PM. Participants are asked to come dressed as a Bible character or a Christian Saint. No Adam and Eves, please.





Autumn Word Search



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