



Villa Rica First United Methodist Church



September, 2015



Finding God's Will



We believe God's will is best for us not merely because of the infinite wisdom and power of God, but also because of the infinite love that lives within our Eternal Creator. As the body of the Church, it is our responsibility and privilege to live out the character of God in this broken world, so that all may taste the richness of God's love. It is in serving God that we most profoundly push beyond our human limitations in experiencing and understanding God.

As a leader of a United Methodist community of believers I have found truth in John Wesley's teaching for the need of social religion and social holiness. I have continually seen God move most powerfully in Villa Rica FUMC at The Garden when the people move together in focusing on following God's will.

One of the ministries where I have experienced this understanding the most is in the VRFUMC Two Shirts Thrift Shop. This ministry is a tangible manifestation of the love of God as expressed by the people of this great church. The shop's mission is to convey that God is continually providing second chances to all people. Through the ministry of the shop, the church is putting its faith in God into action.

Often, we are reminded that whoever is served more than they serve, is no longer a servant. Where, and whom, are you serving today? If you want to know God's will for your life, try serving Him more.

See you Sunday!

In the hollow of His hand,

Derek





September Birthdays

Happy Birthday, Everyone

1 Darrell Smith
1 Elle Turner
2 Corbin Turner
2 Jan McDaniel
3 Steven Copeland
3 Susan Darby
3 Emily Gardner
4 Forest Duncan
4 Kara Duncan
4 Larry Volk
4 Carl Worthington
5 Baylee Walls
6 Jack Taylor
6 Miriam Wilson
7 Zachary Crawford
7 Everest Huggins
7 Sharon Jeffers
7 Donna Thomas
10 Betty Jeffers
12 Melissa Deason
13 Maggie Mote
14 Jennifer Childers
14 Gidget Jordan
14 Reba O'dell
15 Ashley Burke
15 James Willoughby
16 Thomas Hunt
17 Katie Fowler
17 Marcus Newman
18 Ron Eberhart
18 Daniel Jones
19 Drew Gardner
19 Ronald Martin
20 Bailey Blair
20 Judy Jones
21 Andrew Copeland
21 Melissa Crawford
21 Alison Huggins
21 Austin-Lane Smith
22 Nathan Brown
22 Mykl Klingenberg
22 Lisa Waller
23 Jay Collins
23 Jackson Glisson
23 Jason Tullis
25 John Payne
25 Laverne Swenson
26 Lauren Turner
27 Betty Arnold
27 Noah Best
27 Donna Luster
27 Christian McConnell
27 Beverly Swafford
28 Lisa Davis
28 Jeff Matthews
29 Abbeygail Gamble
30 Amie Williams



September Anniversaries

15 Ken & Joan Cleary-Sargent
17 Mark & Melissa Crawford
22 Michael & Emily Gardner
23 Mark & Amy Lolley

DON'T GET LEFT OUT



Fall Connect Groups are starting after Labor Day. Be sure to check the weekly bulletin for Connect Group offerings.

Doc Ringlaben

rringlaben@yahoo.com

We Need to Know

We want to serve our church family better. To this end we need updated information on **EVERY** church member! Please completely fill out the information form in the bulletin and put it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Medical Equipment Needs



The Medical Equipment Ministry is alive, well, and serving people in and outside the West Georgia community. As our ministry is growing, we are in need of wheelchairs, rollator walkers, and a lift recliner. Also, we need a volunteer to help maintain the inventory and to pull items for clients occasionally. To volunteer or for more information contact Marvin Osborne.

marvinosborne@bellsouth.net

Connect in the Trailers

Come join a Connect Group in our lovely trailers at ten each Sunday morning. Two groups are meeting there now: DIG and Martha Blake.



Thrifty is Nifty

Thank you to all the volunteers who work tirelessly going through, sorting and pricing mountains of donations. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to bring your donations to Two Shirts.

All items that are donated need to be clean and in good repair. We want to be known at Two Shirts as having great merchandise. We get so many donations that we don't have time to wash or repair items that come to us in less than good condition. Please help us by washing clothes, bedding, curtains or any other washable items before you bring them in. Make sure other items are clean and in working order. If it's dirty or broken we can't sell it.



Contact Chris (770.367.1978) or Nancy (404.374.4154) if you would like to volunteer at Two Shirts.

Sunday Service Times

Fellowship: 8:30

First Service: 9:00

Connect Groups 10:00

Second Service: 11:00



*planting our legacy
yesterday, today, and tomorrow*

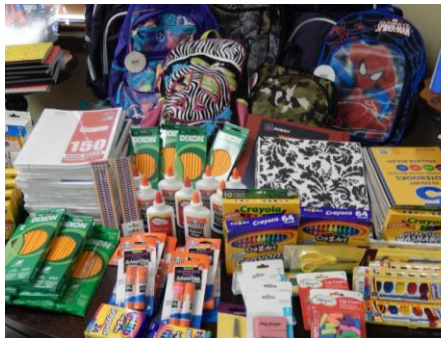
**Mortgage Balance
Through 8/24/2015**

\$713,956.99

For more information please contact

Sharon Jeffers
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VRFUMC You Rock!!



Thanks to your generosity we were able to supply school supplies to:

- Glanton-Hindsman Elementary School
- Ithica Elementary School
- Villa Rica Elementary School
- Villa Rica Middle School
- Villa Rica High School
- Bay Springs Middle School

You have helped children who needed school supplies. Villa Rica FUMC is now known as a generous congregation.

To God be the glory!

Check Out the Website

See bulletins, newsletters, current calendars and upcoming church events on our website.

villaricafumc.net



D.I.G.
(Delighting in God)
Connect Group
Sundays at 10am

Simplify
by Bill Hybels

How long has it been since your days had breathing room, your schedule was balanced, and your relationships were running smoothly? How long has it been since you felt at peace and connected to God? Join our small group as we discuss ways to simplify our lives and maintain it for the long haul.

For more information contact:
Linda Rogers 770-948-5666

**We want to show even more
hospitality and friendliness to
our church visitors!**



Have great ideas to share?
Contact and share with **Doc Ringlaben**
rringlaben@yahoo.com



Thank you all for the outpouring of Christian love, prayers, cards, food, and support during the illness and passing of our Mother, Mary Helen Bell. Please keep us in your prayers as we move forward. God has blessed us with a wonderful extended family and we are grateful for each one of you!

Jackie B. Waldrop and Family

PRAISES!



The Coffee Hospitality Center is really a nice touch! ☺ - Michelle Cammon

Araceli Hurley received a clear PET scan!
☺ -Sally Williams

Circle 3

The Circle 3 September meeting will be held in conjunction with the joint UMW Circle 3 and Royal Circle Salad Luncheon, Sunday, September 13th at noon.

All women are invited to join our group.
For more information contact

Beverly Swofford
770.598.0242



The Royal Circle

The Royal Circle fall kickoff meeting is Monday, September 14th at 6:30PM. We will join the Men's group for dinner. Following the meal, we will make thankful jars. Bring a mason jar with you to decorate while we discuss activities for the coming year. **All** women are invited to attend and childcare will be provided. Please RSVP by Sunday, September 13th, so we can plan for food! We look forward to see you then!

Katie Fowler
katie.fowler@carrollcountyschools.com

Covered Dish Luncheon



Sunday, September 20th at noon, all members are invited to the covered dish luncheon. There will be bounce houses for the children. Bring your favorite dish and fellowship with your church family.

Happy Hearts + Cards = A Good Time

This month's Happy Hearts will combine with the Senior Ministry Bunco Game, Wednesday, September 10th at 1:00 pm. As always, birthdays will be announced and door prizes awarded.

Menu: Barbeque, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and dessert

God's Food Pantry

Thank you so much, church, for your dedication in support of God's Food Pantry.

Please pray for each family served.

Make sure your caring includes doing.



vrfumcfoodpantry@att.net



Christian Love & Sympathy To

Jackie B. Waldrop & Family
In the loss of her mother
Mary Helen Bell

Kathy Bethards & Family
In the loss of her son
Tim Keen

The Annual Joint Circle III & Royal Circle Meeting



This year's UMW joint meeting will be a Salad Luncheon on Sunday, September 13th at 12:30pm. Both Circle groups will report on the past year's activities as well as discuss plans for the upcoming year. ***All women are invited to attend.*** Contact Beverly Swafford, 770.598.0242, for more information



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Greeters Needed

The 3G Ministry (Great Greeter Group) would like a few more of you to join. Be one of the few, the proud, the friendly...

Contact **Doc Ringlaben** at rringlaben@yahoo.com for details.



Meals on Wheels



Each Friday this month the Meals on Wheels team will prepare and package meals for shut-in, disabled, and elderly individuals in our community. Sponsored by Fullerville Mission, Meals on Wheels meets at 8:30 AM in the church kitchen to enjoy great fellowship and service while the lunches are prepared. Approximately 80 meals are prepared, then picked up and delivered by drivers from Fullerville Mission.

We would love to have enough volunteers to schedule different teams to cook each week. Right now, we have one team of about six persons who have supported this ministry for many years, and we welcome anyone who wants to enjoy this ministry with us! Our opportunities to serve are January, May and September.

If you have questions or would like to join with us, contact

Jackie B. Waldrop ~ 770-789-9892

Belize Careholder Member Dinner



The Belize Careholder Member Dinner is Sunday, September 27th at 6pm. Join us at the Garden for an evening of fellowship and sharing. We are excited to share our experiences with you as we eat and enjoy each other's company!

RSVP with Sami Glisson by Friday, September 11th. samiglisson@gmail.com

Mission Opportunities

September

Operation Fresh Start
Backpacks
Meals on Wheels

October

Trunks for Trunk or Treat
Ongoing

God's Food Pantry,
Two Shirts Thrift Store

Two Shirts Thrift Store

In store needs for Two Shirts include small bottles of water, sharpie markers of any color, bathroom cleaner and give away candies that are individually wrapped. We also still need a set of hand trucks if anyone has a set to share. Thank you to the generous supporter last month who read our needs list and responded. You know who you are!



Chris Obenauer ~ 770.367.1978
Nancy Wise ~ 404.374.4154

Project Fresh Start



Project Fresh Start is an undertaking of the Royal Circle. We are collecting personal hygiene items to be distributed to families who have left abusive relationships and are starting over, often with very few possessions. Donations may include (but not limited to) body wash (adult & children), bar soap, lotions, shampoo, conditioners, etc. We are asking for regular sized products as opposed to travel size. Please support **Project Fresh Start** to help individuals as they begin their fresh start! Donation Boxes will be placed in the placed in the sanctuary.

Grief Ministry

How can we help those
who are grieving?

Holidays are often the most difficult times. When you send a Christmas card, especially if the loss was recent, choose one that focuses on the peace our Savior's birth heralds. Less "Merry" and more "Christ" with a message that acknowledge how different this Christmas is.

For more info contact

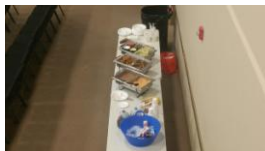
Jan McDaniel
770.313.2460

BUNCO!

The Senior Card Social was a success! Eighteen men and women enjoyed food, fun, and fellowship. Come to the Garden and join us on September 9, Wednesday at 1:00.



Refreshments courtesy of
La Fiesta Mexican Restaurant



Our Sincerest Thanks

Jake and Janis Austin we appreciate your generous hospitality for opening up your farm and providing the locale for the Family Fishing and Cookout.

Sami Glisson, we appreciate the use of your time and talent to paint the JAM Zone Mural.

Thank You

Missions 2015

Doing what we can, where we are, with what we have!

Matthew 25:40 And the King will answer,

"Truly, I say to you, as you did for the least of these you did for me."

VRFUMC BACKPACK MINISTRY IN NEED OF DONATIONS FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR



Hunger Doesn't Take Weekends Off

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. - Matthew 25:35

What Do We Do? The VRFUMC Backpack Ministry provides several area school children who are on the federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program a bag of food to take home for each weekend during the school year. We include 10 items in each bag that cover breakfast, lunch/dinner and snacks for 2-3 days. Backpack food includes easy-to-prepare, ready-to-eat foods, like granola bars, juice boxes, mac and cheese, ravioli, fruit cups, and oatmeal. We currently serve 25 students at Villa Rica Elementary School and 12 at Villa Rica Middle School. We have a team of faithful servants who purchase and stock the food as well as pack and deliver these bags each week. When the children are out for holidays, we make sure to pack double the amount to get them through the break.

There is a definite need in our community and we are so grateful for our church's continued support in this very special ministry! We appreciate this so much and continue to rely on these donations to carry on this program as these children have no other means to get food over the weekends.

Please consider donating the food items mentioned above or tag your monetary contribution with "Backpack Ministry". There is a drop-off box located in the front lobby for food donations. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sami Glisson at samiglisson@gmail.com.

A New Women's Bible Study Coming Fall 2015
Wednesday Evenings, beginning Sept.9, 6:30-8:00

Contact Sami Glisson or Alison Huggins for more information.

samiglisson@gmail.com / alisonhuggins@ymail.com

You may register online with following coupon code!

The Quiet Fight Between Women

Become Aware of the Spiritual Unease Among
Women and Learn How to Heal the Division

The greatest opportunity for growth in battling this division among women will occur in a group setting. We have designed this course for both individual and group study. If you are considering joining a group going through the course, check out this promotional video here: quietfight.angietolpin.com



CHILDREN and YOUTH



New Playground in Use

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our playground fundraiser and to those who worked hard to install it. The kids love it.

We still need \$3,200 to finish paying for the equipment. Please Help!



Zoom Zoom!!



Thank you to Frank Jones and Debra Kibbe for the awesome tricycles!! The Pre-K students have loved riding on them already!

Youth Opportunities

We are excited to offer so many exciting mission, worship, and educational opportunities for our youth. We hope you will fellowship with us. If you have questions please contact Jason or Erin Backus at:

youth.villarica@gmail.com or Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/VRyouth>.

Sign up for our Remind text service by sending "@ VRyouth" to 81010**

Jason & Erin Backus

Upcoming Youth Events

September 2nd ~ Jam & Youth Parent Night
@ 6:30PM

September 9th ~ YB2SB15



AM with us, you know you want to!!



Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."* Matthew 19:14

WEDNESDAY NIGHT JAM VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	Art	Snack	Games	BIBLE	3/4/ Pre-K	K	1 st	2-3
WEEK 1	Allison H		Beverly B			Meg W	Brittney	Carlos
WEEK 2	Alison W				Beverly B	Lauren T	Brittney	Carlos
WEEK 3	Susan S		Sonja M	Amie W	Beverly B	Heather M	Brittney	Carlos
WEEK 4	Beverly B						Brittney	Carlos

4th-5th GRADE SCHEDULE

WEEK 1: Linda R

WEEK 2: Erin P

WEEK 3: Amanda

WEEK 4:

Contact Erin Backus to volunteer: student.villarica@gmail.com

**Get Ready,
Get Ready,
Get Ready!!!**



YB2SB15

An evening of fun,
fellowship, worship,
and Jesus



Greeters @ 9:00

6th ~ JoAn Blankenship
 13th ~ Dixie Tackett
 20th ~ Nancy Wise
 27th ~ Sandra Brown

Greeters @ 11:00

6th ~ Doc Ringlaben
 13th ~ Doc Ringlaben
 20th ~ Doc Ringlaben
 27th ~ Doc Ringlaben

COUNTING SCHEDULE

6th ~ Linda Martin & Barbara Myers
 13th ~ Dixie Tackett & Sandra Brown
 20th ~ Charlene Payne & Nancy Wise
 27th ~ Linda Rogers & Judy Beck

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

6th ~ Communion
 13th ~ Derek Porter
 20th ~ Erin Backus
 27th ~ Lauren Turner

USHERS @ 9:00

Bob Chiles
 Hubert Blankenship

USHERS @ 11:00

Ricky Lewis
 Bubba Chewning
 Ricky Harrelson

OPEN & CLOSE

Open: Dustin Thomas
 Close: Dustin Thomas
 or Marcus Newman

**Sunday Fellowship**

Join us for Coffee and Conversation at 8:30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4PM ~ Food Pantry 6:30PM ~ Boy Scouts	2 6PM~JAM & Youth Parent Night	3	4 8:30AM ~ Meals on Wheels	5
6 Communion The Gospel's Final Fishing Story 1PM ~ Youth Band	7	8 6:30PM ~ Boy Scouts 7PM ~ Murphy Hearts @ cottage	9 1PM~Happy Hearst Senior Social/Bunco Game 6PM~YB2SB15 7PM ~ Trustee meeting @ cottage	10 7PM~Lay Leadership Meeting	11 8:30AM ~ Meals on Wheels <div>JAM 4th & 5th Graders Retreat</div>	12
13 Precursors to Revival 1PM ~Youth Band	14 6PM ~ UMM Supper 6:30PM ~ Royal Circle	15 4PM ~ Food Pantry 6:30PM ~ Boy Scouts	16 6PM ~ Wednesday Night Live 7PM ~ S.O.S.	17 7PM ~ SPRC Meeting @ cottage	18 8:30AM ~ Meals on Wheels	19
20 A Longing for Holiness 1PM ~ Youth Band	21 6PM ~ Finance Meeting	22 6:30PM ~ Boy Scouts	23 6PM ~ Wednesday Night Live	24 7PM ~ Lay Leadership Meeting	25 8:30AM ~ Meals on Wheels	26 UMM Mancathlon
27 A Crisis of Faith 1PM ~ Youth Band 6PM ~ Belize Careholder Dinner @ church	28	29 6:30PM ~ Boy Scouts <div>Derek at Church of Resurrection</div>	30 6PM ~ Wednesday Night Live			

Need Prayer? Call the prayer chain hotline.

Irma Andrews 770.459.1816 or Sonja Bradley 770.459.6012

I know that when I pray something wonderful happens.
 Not just to the person or persons for whom I am praying,
 But also something wonderful happens to me.
 I'm grateful that I'm heard. ~ Maya Angelou



JESUS WAS IN A SMALL GROUP. I'M JUST SAYIN'...

Adult Connect Groups

Delighting in God (D.I.G.)

Teacher Linda Rogers

Martha Blake

Teacher: Robert Pitts

Outreach

Teacher Rotation

Reba Roberds

Teacher: Danny Waldrop

Explorers

Teacher: Cindy Smith

College Age:

Basic Gift

Teachers: Melody & Jerry Crowe

Youth (6th – 12th grade):

Teachers: Clay Willoughby
& Brent Price

Children (3 yr. – 5th grade)

Children's Worship
Ages 3 – 3rd grade
9:15 & 11:15

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