IN MEMORIAM

We prayerfully remember our deceased retirement clergy and spouses who have died since January 15, 2015:

Nancy May McArthur Porter (Everett) Memphis, TN February 3

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Reservations $15
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FROM THE EDITORS’ DESK

We write this column with mixed emotions. As previously announced, we’ll be retiring at the Retirees’ Luncheon at Annual Conference.

For 16 years, we have been privileged to serve on the Retirees’ Association Executive Committee and to edit this newsletter. It’s been a real learning experience, figuring out how to put a newsletter together using a non-publishing program…only Microsoft Word.

It’s been a thing of beauty to work with our many wonderful reporters, who are THE HEART AND SOUL of this newsletter. Thanks to all of you who have shared your time and talents so that together we could weave a memorable tapestry about the retired life of clergy and spouses of the Memphis Conference. Our creativity has been challenged to the fullest as we judiciously edited reports to maintain the basic style and content of individual reporters…and to find that “just right” graphic or photo to illustrate a story.

It has been gratifying to watch the newsletter grow from single digit editions to the maximum of 20 pages we’ve produced several times. It took some tinkering to keep one issue from being 24 pages, but by slightly reducing the font size and changing the spacing, we were able to squeeze it into 20 readable pages.

We have prepared 64 editions, or about 960 pages of print, typically containing 850-890 words per page, totaling about 840,000 words. [The average novel is about 100,000 words in a 6” x 9” format or more than eight books while this is 9.5” x 11.”] We can’t imagine how many keystrokes this has required and we have no idea how much ink and paper we have used. Yet, we have never felt burdened by the task but rather invigorated to have a small part in this awesome communication chain provided by NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS. We thank the visionaries such as Elton
Watlington and the late Homer Johns for giving birth to this rather unique Conference newsletter.

Now it’s time to introduce you to our NEW EDITOR, Beverlyann Jetton of Jackson. She is a talented and enthusiastic person who has been a creative reporter for us since 2011. We have shared our files and “learnings” with her and feel confident that she and our wonderful reporters will provide a communication tool of which we’ll all be proud. We know you’ll be as supportive of her and her staff as you have been of us. Let’s all be patient as she masters the learning curve. With our prayers and affirmation, we commend Beverlyann to you and look forward to receiving our July 2015 edition! Reporters will e-mail their July reports to her at: rjetton@yahoo.com

Again, THANKS as we pray God’s blessings upon you.

Carroll & Russell

NEW ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS

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MYSTERY PHOTO

Do you know the identity of this minister’s wife? See answer on page 14. Send your photo scans for use in our upcoming. Issues to: rjetton@yahoo.com

OUR READERS WRITE

I never cease to be amazed at you and Carroll putting this BABY [News ‘n’ Views] to bed on a quarterly basis AND on time. You have worked as a team for such a long time. You have made the newsletter what it is. Thanks for your hard work!!!! (AND I MEAN THAT!!!!)

Vida McClure

You all have done such a wonderful job with the News ‘N Views. You do deserve a break. Harrell Warren, Tampa, FL

Russell and Carroll: Just finished the [January 2015] Newsletter. You two are going to be a HARD Act to follow. I am very much impressed by the finished product. Well done good and faithful servants.

Harold Montgomery

Thank you both for all you do for the Conference retirees. Can’t imagine how we will get along without you, but will trust the Lord will provide. Providing the two of you to help us has certainly been a good gift all these years.

Blessings, Shirley Lynn

Dear Russell & Carroll....I understand April is your last time to do the newsletter and I really hate to see you go. I do understand but you all have done such a wonderful job and thank you very much.

Jenna Garland

Dear Carroll and Russell, we enjoy getting the News ‘n’ Views newsletter! You are doing a good job! Well done! Shirley and I have co-authored a children’s illustrated book, “Boots Flies to Boston.” Our friend, Tanya Virgilio, illustrated it for us….did a great job! It is not published yet. Shirley has been sharing it with the children at school where she substitute teaches. They really like it. Shirley plays the keyboard at a local church; we sing in a quartet and are involved in doing ministry there. We both go to the Gardens Assisted Living Facility where Tom serves communion once a month and Shirley plays the piano….and Tom helps sing also. Our two friends from the Presbyterian church also go along to help us. We enjoy doing this and other types of ministry. We have a winter garden with tomatoes, English peas, spinach, lettuce, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, and radishes. It has taken several years to build-up the soil. Keep us in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless everybody! We appreciate what the United Methodist Church is doing for us! Sincerely, Tom and Shirley Small [12244 Hernando Rd., North Port, FL 34287]

[Eds’ note: book copies available for $12 plus S&H]

Thank you for what you do! You are a real blessing to us.

Jacque & Harold Stricker

[Eds’ Note: We’re grateful for your comments and support. We’ll retire at the June 2015 Session of the Annual Conference and will join you in helping Beverlyann in keeping the retirees’ news coming our way.]

QUESTION #1: What is the significance of this date: May 24, 1738? (see answer, page 4)

MEMPHIS AREA #1

Reporters – Bev and Joyce Farnsworth

Tom Hicks - I’m surviving. I went to visit my cousin in El Paso and had a very relaxing and enjoyable visit. I had no worries as they entertained me well. They took me to Dallas for a visit with Mary
Helen and then she brought me to Memphis along with her two cats. They will visit with me while she is doing some work here in TN.

Joe and Mary Ann Piercey - We are not doing much. We had all our family for Easter Sunday.

Everett Porter - Nancy died on Feb. 3 at 3:30 p.m. That is so appropriate for a School teacher for that is the time she usually arrived home in the afternoon. The Memorial Service was very special. There were at least 200 in attendance on Friday, February 13th. We are grateful for those who came and those who sent memorials.

Elton Watlington - I came through the winter well with no winter illnesses. The bad weather hindered my church attendance. I’m glad to see spring come. I travelled to Chattanooga on April 3rd for a visit with my son and two daughters. I may try to attend Annual Conference this year.

Bev and Joyce Farnsworth - We are fortunate to have made it through the winter without any colds or flu. We are very thankful for that. We have spent a lot of time inside with all the snow and ice we have had. It is so wonderful to have the warmth of the sun to draw us outside. We did receive some bad news this week. Our son Stephen lost his job due to the bank he was working for was sold. We are praying that he will find another job quickly. We want to take this opportunity to thank Russell and Carroll for all their fine work over these past years. They are a joy to work with.

PARIS-McKENZIE AREA NEWS
Jacque Stricker – Reporter

Covie Byars is now in Paris Health Care, Rm. 411, 800 Volunteer Dr., Paris, TN. Her son said she seems to be doing pretty good now that she is there. Please send her a card. I know she would appreciate being remembered.

Richard and Mary Jane King are both doing well. They didn’t take a step out of the house with all the snow. They are hoping the bad weather is over and looking forward to going to Lake Junaluska! All the doctor appointments are going well for them. Praise God!

Ozella Sykes is doing well. She is now at the Benchmark Healthcare, 220 College St., Puryear, TN 38251 and I know she would also enjoy a call (she still has the same phone number) and a card. She said Trish Trull came along with a few other people and brought a devotional and Jo Ann (I know her as McDoo, but she married so it’s different now) played the piano and they all sang. Ozella really enjoyed it. Vita is faithful in coming as often as she can and this last Friday she brought Ozella a flower unlike any she had ever seen. She said she is living well and has things within her reach.

Harold and Jacque Stricker - Ahhhh! Spring!!! I am sooo ready! I won’t say we had more snow than anyone, but I will say I got my snow-fill the first snow, so by the second snow I was over it. Me and my big mouth…“Oh, we’ll be lucky if we get a dusting. They ALWAYS call wolf….” And I said that twice! Harold shoveled snow and shoveled snow to the point that, by the second snow storm, I put pity and tried to help. He brought out the tractor. (Not for me. Give me my two feet on sort of solid ground.) The snow and ice was deeper the last time, but didn’t last as long as the first snow and ice. OK, got that out of my system. Now on to the news…. We filled in for a month in January for Liberty, Trezevant, and Atwood. They are some of the most beautiful people! Right now, we are filling in at St. Paul’s, Sedalia, and Burnett’s Chapel in Graves County. Once again, the people at these churches are wonderful! They have taken us in, accepted our limited abilities and have loved us. What more could I ask for? We are truly blessed! Our daughters came for a few days’ visit and while here we moved wood and our youngest son-in-law and daughter split wood for us. We tried moving the wood to the shed but with the ground being so wet we had to haul it a tractor bucket-load-at-a-time and then three of our young grandsons stacked it for us. They all did a really good job! (Made mama proud!) Our granddaughter and her husband came for Palm Sunday and went to all three churches. They live up (well, since we are now preaching in Kentucky, maybe I shouldn’t say “up”) in Kentucky and are expecting their first child in July. Our youngest son’s two children came for about three days during spring break. Grandchildren! They are a blessing. That has just about been all we have done. We need to get out and get some work done outside, but with three churches and doctor appointments it is difficult. Well, we hope you enjoy the springtime with all God’s glorious colors!

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit….” Acts 2:4
Joe and Bernice Walker - I talked with Bernice for about 5-10 minutes and she says they are doing fine.

Zada Russ – When I called Zada, they were traveling down the road so we postponed our conversation until later. They were on their way home from spending a week with her siblings in Biloxi, MS. She knows she is fortunate to have children to take her down and bring her home and brothers and sisters to welcome and enjoy their time together. She is doing well and feels thankful and blessed.

INDIANA NEWS by Carol Craig

After a cold and snowy winter (stranded at my property near Hazel, KY) with two different ice and snow storms—one 15 inches and another 22 inches, then flooding on the roads, all in February and March—California was a welcome sight! Weather: 70-80° daytime; 40-50 nighttime. I visited friend Debra Vermillion in Burbank, arriving March 19. We attended Lenten Services in which she was involved and prepared Wednesday dinner at her church. We set-up chairs, prepared popcorn and lemonade for Friday’s movie night at the church. A Hollywood stuntman is their film person. He stars in stunts in a newly-released and rated film, “Do you Believe.” We stayed home one day to visit and be quiet until a friend called and invited us to dine with him. We shopped for food on Saturday in preparation for the 5th Sunday Fellowship Lunch that honors those who have served there a long time. A couple I had met 18 years before in Evansville were the honorees. The wife had been there for 65 years and the husband since he was 15. High school and college sweethearts, they had wed in 1968 with 47 married years in that church. It was a joy to celebrate this honor with them and their four close friend Debra. In addition, Debra and I saw two tapings of The Dr. Phil Show and lunched at the famous Roscoe’s Chicken and Waffle Diner. We traveled to Los Angeles and saw the exposition of The Dead Sea Scrolls which included a ticket to the movie Jerusalem and the opportunity to see the Space Shuttle Endeavor. I recommend this exposition if you have the opportunity to see it, but be prepared to spend three hours to view all of it. I returned home on March 31. It was rush-hour traffic time in Louisville, and while debating whether to spend the night there, a nice gentleman offered to let me follow him to I-64 near Evansville. Traffic was bumper-to-bumper for several miles at one point but I stayed on-his-bumper until he exited. I arrived home about 6:30 and saw my spring flowers in full bloom...very pretty, but the yard needed mowing! So, yard work will be my time-consuming job until frost. I spent Easter Sunday with son Daniel and family, then I began rescheduling eye doctor appointments, etc. Blessings and prayers to all and hope to see you at Conference.

JACKSON AREA #1
Reporters - Harold & Linda Montgomery

This reporter (Harold) was not able to elicit much news from my list of contacts for this quarter. Maybe not much has been going on or maybe there was excitement and they just didn’t remember. Judging from personal experience, I suspect that the latter explanation is the right one. Everyone I was able to contact expressed gratitude for the blessings they enjoy. Your reporter received an excellent, encouraging report from a recent cardiac evaluation.

John and Ann Archer didn’t recall anything they considered newsworthy but are grateful for good health and good memories.

Mary Douglass recently fell at home and damaged some vertebrae. She is currently receiving rehabilitation services as an inpatient at Northbrooke Healthcare Center in Jackson. Their children are taking care of Paul during Mary’s absence.

Ruby Crockett is in room 120B at Maplewood Health Care Center in Jackson. Martin Crockett is in room 17 of the Special Needs Section at West Tennessee Veterans Home in Humboldt.

Carroll and Russell Gallimore have experienced an intense past three months. After Carroll’s mom, Mary Hensley (96), became a resident of Morningside (which provided wonderful care), her health deteriorated rapidly and she died March 1. (Carroll had been scheduled for knee replacement surgery two days later. That was rescheduled for March 27) Then the ice and snow hit and the funeral for Mrs. Hensley had to be rescheduled. Per Mary’s request, Russell conducted her funeral service, assisted by Sharon Karamoko, her pastor at Bemis UMC (where Mary had been a member for 87 years). With little time to grieve, Carroll’s surgery went well and she’s rehabbing at home. She and Russell thank everyone for their continuing prayers. Russell found time to teach Sunday school and to serve parking lot drive-by communion on Easter morning at Aldersgate along with retirees John Archer, Harrell Phillips, and Diane Sneed.
Bill and Sara McClarin reported a blessed Holy Week and Easter. Despite lingering health challenges, they are enjoying retirement.

Paul and Jimmie Phillips enjoyed celebrating Easter with children and grandchildren. Paul preached at First UMC Lexington where he had been pastor from 1989 – ’92 on April 12th.

I was unable to reach Lula Bingham for this issue.

**MEMPHIS AREA #2**  
Becky & Wesley Fears - Reporters

Charlotte Comes - The Comes family is doing well. Daughter, Laura, is surviving her cancer. Grandson, Tucker is college-shopping. This will be my third grandchild to head to college. Where, oh where, did all those years go? Our family gathered at my home for Easter dinner and we enjoyed being together once more. With everyone’s busy schedules, we don’t get to do it often enough. I’m helping plan a 100-year celebration for Trinity UMC for September 19-20. Dr. Jim Laney will be our special speaker. What a joy that will be! Jim was a young man at Trinity a long time ago. His sweet mother, Ruth, was a delight. Also this will be a great way to celebrate my birthday! God had richly blessed our family but we miss our precious George and Dad.

Tommy and Sandra Cook - We were able to make a trip to Orlando, FL, between winter storms. The airport opened in time for us to go see our grandchildren, Anderson and Reese Bobo, run in a track meet. It was cold and windy for the meet. The boys did well. We swelled with pride. We arrived back in Memphis one day before the airport was closed again for bad weather. We enjoyed having dinner with Jeff and Lisa for Easter. Our Easter treat was a box of 30 pieces of chocolate from Chocolatier Blue. We thought the treat would last, but by Monday it was gone. The various colors and shapes of chocolate were just too tempting. Time to tackle the weeds. We thought the cold would kill them. Seems just the opposite. The weeds are stronger than ever!

Kay and Craig Jordan - This winter has been a time of illness and loss for our family. Craig’s dad, Raymond, who has lived with us for the past three years began a steady decline in January becoming increasingly frail, more forgetful, and severely fatigued. On Feb. 19th, Dad was admitted to Baptist Desoto Hospital with hypothermia and with a low heart rate. After being transferred to intensive care, his temperature and heart rate stabilized, but his mental status worsened as he became unresponsive. On the 21st, Dad began inpatient hospice care at Baptist Desoto. The staff and adequate medications kept Dad comfortable through the night. He died at noon on Sunday, the 22nd at age 93. While we miss Dad greatly, we are also thankful for his long life, his final three years living with us, and that his dying was peaceful and swift. Two days after Dad’s funeral, Craig’s cousin, Jerry, living in Iuka, MS, died of metastatic brain cancer. Three family and church friends died subsequently over the next three weeks. As of this writing, we have gone nine days without a death and are thankful! Our children, Michael and Rebekah, and their respective families are well and active. Michael continues to enjoy his relatively new job with Media Tech in Austin. Granddaughter, Courtney, recently competed in a middle school history contest in Houston. She and her partner placed 3rd in the regional competition and greatly enjoyed the adventure. Rebekah continues to focus on caring for Daniel (his 3rd birthday is 16 April) and her work with Barefoot Books. She was the recipient of a Barefoot Books travel award and will spend a week in France this summer with other company representatives. Grandson, Holden, continues to do well at Central High and is beginning to think about possible colleges now that he is in his sophomore year. Kay has been dealing with arthritis issues in her hands. She had had significant improvement with steroid injections. She continues to enjoy sewing for the grandchildren, meeting with her smocking group, volunteering at the Desoto Literacy Council, singing at Trinity, and lunching with her retired teachers’ group. Craig has continued teaching at Rhodes and enjoys having only one class section this semester compared to the two sections in the fall of 2014 (too much work for an old man). He is also looking forward to more riding opportunities with Mr. B as spring weather improves. At the end of May, Kay and Craig will join Kay’s sister, two brothers, and respective spouses for a two-week vacation in France. This trip will be the first trip all eight siblings and their outlaw spouses have been able to share together. It’s no surprise that we are EXCITED! Peace!

Becky and Wesley Fears - We are enjoying the beautiful weather and feeling renewed after the long cold winter. We are still making as many trips as possible to the Gulf Coast to visit with Becky’s brother, Jimmie, and his wife, Kay. We treasure every visit and
are thankful that, even in the midst of the cancer’s advance, we have time for wonderful talks, sharing memories, and sharing our confidence of faith in God’s love and grace. We are still keeping William, our six year-old grandson, after school for four days every week. He keeps us active and we love our time with him. Wesley and I have a goal to visit all 50 states and the five Great Lakes together. We are excited about our plans for a road trip this summer into the northwest part of our country. We will tour nine states and then stay on Lake Superior on the way home. That will leave us only three states west of the Mississippi and one Great Lake for us to visit together. We will have fun planning for those when we return from this trip.

MURRAY AREA NEWS
Jenna Garland - Reporter

We made it through the winter -- and praise the Lord, spring is here! Everything is in bloom and so beautiful. I want to personally say “Thank You” to Russell and Carroll for the wonderful job you have done with the News ‘n’ Views. I am also thankful for the one who will take your place. I know she will do a wonderful job also.

I talked with Nell Dotson and she was thankful to have made it through the winter and was doing very well. She had a nice Easter with her family and was just looking forward to spring.

Faye Garrett was scheduled to have surgery on her foot on the 23rd of April. They were going to remove some knots that had become infected because of a fallen arch. We wish her well with that; her great-grandson is also having a tonsillectomy. He will be seven years-old on the 23rd, the day she was to have her surgery.

Carol Craig has written: I really enjoyed the snow this winter because I didn’t have to put my foot on the ground. I was so blessed to have my sister and her grandchildren to come and bring in my mail and get a few groceries as needed. I read about 10 books during the two weeks I was confined and exercised on my treadmill. So far I have stayed well the whole winter for which I thank the dear Lord. We had a wonderful Easter service in the Pavilion where we have met since our church was burned out. Slowly, it is being redone. We are in the process of picking-out flooring etc. it is a long process but we will get there. We have been so blessed by our brothers and sisters in Christ who have given sacrificially on our behalf. I keep being reminded that “unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain that build it.” I pray that God will get glory from what someone meant for evil. Jesus is alive and well and I praise Him.

I talked with Robert Saywell and he said tell everyone that he is an optimist and that if he was doing any better he didn’t know what he would do. He sounded real good. Doris is OK, too.

Sue and Robert McKinney are doing OK...going all the time and looking forward to gardening; and she still keeps two great-grandchildren two days a week. They had a good Easter with her family there. She said between doctors’ appointments and church work they don’t have much time for anything else. They are doing a good work at Palestine in Calloway County.

I didn’t hear from Dan Leslie and Aileen or Glenn Hill. I hope they are doing well.

MEMPHIS AREA #5
Joe Moseley - Reporter

Martha and Jerry Wagley - CUBA, CUBA, CUBA captures our report this quarter. Jerry and I were there in February for eight days, traveling with a group on a "People To People" approved itinerary. What a pretty country filled with friendly folks who welcomed our travelers with "Bienvenidos a Cuba.” We were in Havana for two nights before heading to Cienfuegos, on the Caribbean Sea. We visited Trinidad and then returned to Havana for the last few days. Havana was filled with old cars from the 1950s, brightly painted and many kept in pristine condition. They were often used as taxis which added to the income of the owners. We visited three World Heritage sites, The Revolution Museum, the community of Fuster (much like the work of Gaudi) and heard the splendid Chorus of Cienfuegos. Pastel-colored buildings, cigar-smoking men and women, children playing in the parks and delicious fresh seafood were part of almost every day. Scattered throughout our stay, we toured local schools, where we delivered school supplies many of us brought to
Cuba, Cathedrals, community centers, cultural concerts, the University of Havana and art and craft shops. One of the highlights for Jerry and me was the visit to Ernest Hemingway's house, where he lived for 20 years and wrote "A Farewell to Arms," "The Old Man and The Sea," along with several other acclaimed literary pieces. Yes, the poverty is ever-present, and many buildings needed repair...along with a feeling of being stopped In time, the 1960s. There are many stories to tell, but this is quite enough for this purpose. We enjoyed the trip, the warm weather and graciousness of the people. We are grateful for this experience in a very unique country. Above is a photo of us on the steps of Ernest Hemingway's house in Cuba.

Joe and Carol Mosley - It's been a topsy-turvy time for the Moseley’s. In October, my mom voluntarily put herself in a nursing home. At 89, she was in relatively good health although almost four years-ago she was diagnosed with a slow-growing cancer. Carol and I spent every day visiting her along with getting her affairs in order. In early December, she took a turn for the worse and on December 22nd she was told it was only a matter of weeks. Her reply to the doctor, which I will always cherish, was, “Well, that’s good news!” Mom was so prepared and ready to leave this world. We had many cherished moments in those final days to reminisce and talk about death, life, and heaven.

On January 28th, after 90 years, 2 months, and 15 days on this earth, she died peacefully. I must add, this Easter season holds a much more meaningful experience. On Easter Sunday, I began filling a pulpit until new appointments take place as a pastor is on a leave-of-absence although we will miss May 3rd as Carol and I are heading to a Crawfish Festival in Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. We were there in 2013 and loved it!!! Then in mid-June, we’re off to explore the Northwest in our “new to us” Winnebago. Oh yes, one more thing to report...I bought a motorcycle! Blessings to one and all.

"Good friends are like quilts - they age with you, yet never lose their warmth."

DYERSBURG AREA
Pat Calhoun – Reporter

The Dentons keep the doctors busy! Richard is diabetic and may need to have more of his foot removed. Plastic surgery on the foot may be a future possibility. Viola has improved but still has back pain. They both need our prayers. They attended the Easter service at Newbern UMC and later enjoyed an Easter meal at the daughter’s home and visited with children and grandchildren.

Ann and Frank Gardner – Ann was ill for three weeks with a bad cold. The medications affected her blood sugar count and left her feeling bad from that! Her sister’s son-in-law has lung cancer which has created much concern. She and Frank had a good Easter. They reported 116 folks attended the Sunrise Service at the Gardner Church.

Dene and Ralph Gunter will be celebrating the one year birthday of their great-grandchild, Liza Kate Brock, on April 30th. They’re still caring for two teenaged grandchildren. Dene is feeling better after a hospital stay and a blood transfusion.

Beverly and Tommy Jowers have “stayed-in” because of the bad weather. They attended the early Easter Service at Dyersburg First where Tommy enjoys singing with the Men’s Choir. They had Easter lunch with family.

Betty Young’s daughter, who lives in Tullahoma, spent an enjoyable Easter with her. Betty has been getting some exercise while mowing and trimming outside. She’s anxious for warmer weather (aren’t we all?)!

Gale and Judd Mowery are feeling fine and recently visited their children in Memphis. They attended Easter Service at Heartsong UMC (Stephen Stone, pastor). Judd took his 15 year-old grandson fishing in an Obion County pond and caught several crappie.

Michael Blake belongs to a covenant group and was returning from a spiritual retreat center in Kentucky. He has been caring for his 92 year-old mother. He serves on a Volunteer Missions Team that’s raising funds for an orphanage in Southern Sudan. With 13 kids in the orphanage, they need to expand.
Jane Edwards’ sister, who lived in Linden, TN, died on April 8. Jane visited with her in the nursing home before her death. We send sympathy to her and the family.

Faye Howard had her son and grandson with her for Easter and they attended church. A heart test was scheduled for mid-April to determine if she needed stents to help her breathe better. Remember her in your prayers.

My attempts to talk with Fred Thomas were thwarted by poor phone connections. Trust he and Lorene are doing OK.

The Calhouns – Jim has recovered from a three-week bout with a bad cold. He’s supplying for our pastor, Tim Atkins (Union City First), who is experiencing an eight-week recovery from serious back surgery. We had Holy Week Services from 12 noon – 1 p.m. with lunch provided by our Methodist ladies and preaching by various ministers. After a weather-delayed start, we’re converting a back porch into a sunny study/den...almost finished and we’re looking forward to its completion soon. We’re both doing fine!

AREA – WIDE #2
Beverlyann Jetton – Reporter

Beverlyann Jetton – I am probably one of the few who really enjoyed all the snow this winter – I can sit and watch it on the news all day! I spent my high school years in Michigan and certainly remember shoveling the snow and scraping the ice off the windshield. NO THANKS! I arrived at church one Sunday and found one of the members “shoveling” the drive with the kitchen broom – the closest thing we had to a snow shovel. That’s my kind of winter. I am enjoying the beautiful spring. When I left for Florida earlier this month, I did not see any blossoms until I was south of Montgomery, Alabama. When I returned to Jackson I found all the trees in full bloom and almost missed the buttercups. How beautiful! This December, I became a first-time puppy-owner (although the pound told me he was three years old!). I found out that traveling with a puppy is just about as much fun as traveling with a toddler. The return trip home from Florida was much more pleasant after a call to his vet to get some pharmacological assistance. Willie has accompanied me on several homebound visits. Many of the nursing homes are open to having small pets visit and our members are delighted by their furry visitor. Recently, I visited the Safari Park in Alamo, TN, with my grandchildren. What a delightful experience! The kids were horrified when a llama put its head into the car. They quickly became more comfortable and enjoyed seeing Grandma feed the animals. I am looking forward to Conference and the fall Retirees’ Retreat at Lakeshore. If you have not attended before, please consider attending this year. We have a great time relaxing and visiting with each other.

Rosalina Salyers and her sister Ida are both doing well and send their greetings.

Joe and Becky Thornton - For nearly 190 years, the kinfolks of Richard Taylor (Haywood County) have celebrated in camp meeting, recalling their spiritual heritage and coming together for a week on a site near Brownsville. During these years, rustic cabins and kitchens with wood burning stoves have not been vandalized. Most campers (about 450 during the week in July and nearly 700 over the week-end) have felt secure in leaving their camps open, with modest security during the rest of the year when few people are on the grounds. Until this winter, little had ever been taken. Unfortunately, this year some 21 room air conditioners were taken from a variety of camps. Just overnight, it seems that we cannot do business as we have in the past. This is not so surprising, given the news items each day that reveal a new era in our towns and cities. We have taken comfort in the security of former times, and now take more responsibility in seeing that we ourselves leave less to chance and random burglary. Of course, our ancestors would say that we should not have AC in the first place! Where’s your spirit of roughing it? We share this recent incident so as to warn others who might be as cavalier about their properties as we have been. One thing for sure, nothing will damper the on-going blessings that we have realized over the years as we come to better terms with the times in which we live. God is still Good, All the Time.

Durwood and Maria Worley - Maria and I are doing well and keeping busy. I was blessed to be a part of a Good Friday Service at McCabe UMC in Martin. I
recently filled the pulpit at Shiloh and Cowell’s Chapel in Benton County. Maria’s mother returned to her home in the Philippines on March 22nd. We really enjoyed having her as our guest for over five months. I had cataract surgery on my left eye with the right eye scheduled to be done in two weeks. Maria and I are to go on a western vacation in May to visit Hoover Damn and the Grand Canyon, etc. With traveling in our plans for the spring and summer, we will not be doing much gardening. (Reporter’s note – as nice as fresh tomatoes are, the Grand Canyon is even nicer!)

Nancy Wheatley - I spend Tuesdays and Saturdays with my mother at Maplewood Nursing Home in Jackson. She continues to be about the same; bedfast and trying to remain cheerful and cooperative. The staff is very good to her, and I think she's become something of a "pet!" Seems like there have been an unusual number of deaths in our church and community. In a place the size of Huntingdon, we all feel like family. Bishop McAlilly visited our congregation in March, and we were truly blessed with his preaching. Our children's choir sang several songs with much enthusiasm in memory of one of their playmates who died unexpectedly in February. We were truly blessed by their singing. That night, the Finchers from Frog Jump came to minister to us and others in our community with their music. It was a very special day in our church! I attended the Habitat for Humanity Gala at the Civic Center in Huntingdon in March. There is very strong support in Carroll County for this worthy project. Our pastor, Mark Carrigan, very ably led us through the Holy Week services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We are blessed in our church to have a very gifted choir and musicians. A brass ensemble from Martin added very much to our Easter Service as well as a young, gifted soprano who came from UT-Martin. My grandchildren, who were reared next door to me in Huntingdon, were home for the week-end which made for a very happy time, too. I know many of you are anxious to get out in your yards and gardens as warm weather approaches, but, my excitement is to get back on the golf course! Happy spring to you, however you most enjoy the season!

Dick and Loretta Haley – Like most people, the Haleys laid low this winter waiting for spring. They had most of their family with them for Easter – just in time for the Civil War re-enactments near Shiloh. The Haleys had front seat access to all the action as they live in Shiloh. The grandchildren loved all the excitement, the adults jumped each time the cannons were fired. Dick and Loretta also enjoyed a trip to the Smoky Mountains this spring. It is with sadness that Dick has decided to give up his appointment at Pisgah after serving over 15 years. Please keep them in your prayers as they explore what God has for them in the next part of their lives.

Mary Wright - Mary experienced a very hectic Easter. She said she was doing what Methodists do best – packing and moving! She and her son recently moved from an apartment to a home. They are excited about the additional space. Mary said no matter how many times she has done it, moving is always frustrating. She found that there were boxes that she had not unpacked after her last move! Mary is no longer driving, having given up her car last year. She and her family are becoming active at Aldersgate UMC. When not packing and moving, Mary enjoys reading. She is looking forward to beginning a new novel, Sunset Park. I have enjoyed getting to know Mary over the phone. We are making plans to go out to lunch together and get to know each other better.

Jo Nell Maness Copeland - I have reconnected with Jo Nell after losing contact for a long time. She sends out the most uplifting text messages – often arriving just when I need a word of encouragement. There are many creative ways to be a witness in today’s fast-paced world. Jo Nell is an example of adaptability!

Tom and Mary Perkins – Thanks, Beverlyann, for all you will be doing as the new editor. Mary and I are trucking right along. If we are not busy, it sure feels like we are. We were spending a week in Nashville once a month for shopping (Mary) and biking the Music City Bike Trail along the Cumberland River (me). It's getting harder to work that in right now. My hobby, which has always been writing, is more so now than ever. I have published The Gospel According to Pap, volumes I and II. NOTE: Anyone can publish a book, that's no big deal. I have my own publishing company now called BOLD PERKS CHRISTIAN PUBLISHING, INC. If you know anyone interested in
publishing a book, send them my way. I can help them. I got tired of rejections so I just started my own. It works! I haven't turned me down yet! Mary and I will be back in the pulpit come mid-June. I include Mary because she is my partner. In the past, every time I left a church, they would say, "You can go, but Mary stays." Retirement is something I just can't get used to. My books will be available at Cokesbury during Annual Conference. I'm also starting a project called FUND RAISING MADE EASY WHILE SPREADING THE GOSPEL. I hope you hear more about it.

NASHVILLE AREA NEWS

Doug and Blair Meeks - Reporter

Doug and Blair Meeks are doing well and spent a week with their daughter, Cissy and her husband, Ed, in Jacksonville, Florida, and enjoyed Easter lunch with their son, Wendell, and his family here in Franklin. They are looking forward to attending grandson Jim Connelly’s graduation from Medical School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in May.

QUESTION #2: The term Pentecost is a Greek term meaning: 1st, 7th, 40th, 50th? Answer, page 12

MEMPHIS AREA #4

Elton and Billie Jean Baker report Elton, who has a pacemaker, recently had an ICD generator charge by Dr. Van Whye. The treatment was successful. Elton says he has “slowed down;” however, Billy Jean reports he does well for 97 years-old.

Nancy Blankenship is busy with volunteer work and does a lot of things she feels are important. Nancy is grateful to be healthy and is very active in her church, Mullins UMC.

Evelyn Brady was hospitalized recently for nearly two weeks and then in rehab. She is now at home in Wesley Meadows Retirement Community in Hernando, MS (assisted living). Evelyn enjoys phone calls (683-5571) and other contacts from friends.

Frank Bulle reports he is doing well and continues to enjoy The Village at Germantown.
Jerry and Martha Ann Corlew could not be reached by phone. We hope to hear from them next time.

Gail and Bill Gaddie report that after a difficult start, their newest great-granddaughter, Ella Kate, is doing well. The Gaddies went to Bemis for the baptism of Ella Kate and her daddy, Robert. After the service, the family gathered at Andy’s home in Bemis. A very blessed day!

Richard Hackleman reports he is doing well. He really treasured preaching at Trinity UMC on April 19th where he baptized both grandsons!

Jack and Vauneida Henton will see their granddaughter Natalie graduate from Ole Miss in May. Grandson Jay will graduate from Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, TX, and in August the Hentons will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary! In other news, Jack will be stepping down from his position at Germantown UMC.

Jim and Ida Holmes have moved to the Heritage, Forest Hill Irene Road, Apt. 101. They report they have more space at less cost and like the Heritage very much.

Charles and Ruth Leist are doing well. They report they just keep on moving and are grateful for it.

Betty Jo Masters is pleased that Kevin (her first grandchild engaged to be married) will be ringing wedding bells in Iowa in the future.

Fred Morton has been busy. He preached at Trinity UMC on Scout Sunday and delivered the noon devotional at Bartlett UMC on Good Friday. He looks forward to Annual Conference in Jackson.

Jim and Ruth Mulroy report they are “holding their own.” They were distressed for their daughter-in-law Mary whose brother was killed in an accident; and shortly thereafter, Mary also lost her mother, Murriel Graves Blow (photo).

Mary Ann Sturdivant is doing well and will be making a trip to Florida with some of her family in May.

Roy D. and Helen Williams live near their granddaughter Rachel, who reports Roy D. is “not doing so well.”

Mary Helen Barnes, widow of Gene, lives with her daughter and son-in-law. They report Mary Helen’s health is not good, and she is currently in Rehab.

Your Reporter will be attending the graduation of her grandson Chris from UT and then the graduation of her grandson Austin from high school a few weeks later. The boys are sons of Billy Lynn and wife Beth; the family lives in Nashville. The “News ‘N’ Views” congratulates all the graduates! -- Shirley

The most memorable people in life will be friends who loved you even when you weren’t very lovable!

JACKSON AREA # 2
Bill Vaughan – Reporter

Bill and Marge Vaughan are both improved following health issues and Bill is retiring for good in June. Bill played golf recently and was only four over for seven holes (had to quit due to partner’s need). The Vaughan’s entertained the Lunch Bunch (formerly supper club) April 10th and were privileged to have Billy Bailey's granddaughter, Sarah Stoneking, as a guest along with the octogenarian bunch minus three or four (56 years meeting!).

Sarah Dickerson has been in the hospital recently due to breathing problems. Her daughter, Mary Catherine, visited her during Easter. While visiting Sarah at Maplewood, I also visited Mary Lou Underwood mother of Nancy Wheatley. Pray for Mary Lou.

Gene Davenport continues to write thought-provoking articles for The Jackson Sun. I was unable to contact Gene.

Brady Whitehead is moving to Spring Hill in the near future to be nearer his daughter Dianne and husband Tom Pierce. Tom is a minister in the Tennessee Conference and Brady visits them on weekends.

Jean Penny is thankful for her improved health. Her daughter Theresa came recently to celebrate Jean's birthday which was very special to her. Jean looks forward to seeing all her friends at Conference.

David and Deborah Morris will return to Salem Church for another year and David has had two of his books translated into Spanish.

Mary Mitchell Morgan has shed her leg brace. Her leg has healed itself and Mary is taking therapy. She and
Charles plan a trip this fall that will include Denver and San Francisco and a train trip in the Rockies.

Margaret Simons celebrated her 92nd birthday in March and her three daughters came from Arizona, Houston (TX), and Laverne (GA) to make it special.

Wayne and Jane Fesmire continue to enjoy life.

I was unable to contact Jennie Doss and Roanne Nace. Grace!

Answer from page 10, question #2: The term Pentecost is a Greek term meaning: 50th

Jackson Area #3
Walter German – Reporter

Donna and I have been blessed during the Lenten and Easter season. We are enjoying the evolving spring weather. It seems everything is going well. I was a member of the Emmaus team for the spring women’s walk. Walter Lockhart and I served as weekend spiritual directors. It was a successful and rewarding seventy-two hours at Lakeshore. I have filled the pulpit a couple of Sundays and continue to teach the adult Sunday School Class at Bemis UMC. Donna and I are making plans to travel to Richmond, Indiana, to attend our grandson’s high school graduation the last of May. We may have to miss at least a part of Annual Conference. Our daughter, Dianna, will be having the last of her scheduled surgeries in mid-May. She hopes to be recovered enough to attend Allen’s graduation.

Benny and Gail Hopper have been dealing with the hospital stay and recovery of Gail’s mother after a fall and broken hip. She is now in a Brownsville Nursing and re-hab facility. Benny had a stay in the Hospital in Nashville with tests to determine treatments concerning problems he was having. He is doing better and hopes soon to be able to play golf with his buddies. As you can see, Gail has her hands full. They both are looking forward to the high school graduation of the triplets this spring.

John and Bobbie Clarke are recovering well from some physical problems earlier. Bobbie had a fall some time ago and John received a pacemaker recently. Their grandson (the second one), is graduating this spring from high school and planning to prepare for a career in medicine.

I tried to contact Cecil and Tharon Kirk, and Hiram and Michelle Harrison and was unable to reach them.

Harrell and Alice Phillips did not have much news. They both serve as volunteers at Regional Hospital in Jackson. Harrell keeps busy teaching and preaching when asked. Alice had a special visit from a cousin she had not seen in quite some time. Their cousin stayed overnight which gave them more time together.

Joan Eickhoff informed me she was doing fine and had a good Easter with family.

My report is short this quarter. Donna and I want to express our appreciation to Carroll and Russell for all their faithful service in getting out the newsletter over these last sixteen years. We wish Carroll a speedy recover from her recent surgery. [Eds’ note: Thank you so much for your comments!]

“I would rather be ashes than dust! I would rather that my spark burn out in a brilliant blaze than be stifled by dry rot. I would rather be a superb meteor, every atom of me in a magnificent glow than a sleepy and permanent planet. Our function is to live, not just exist. I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them. I shall live my life.” — Jack London

Paducah Area
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Do you ever think: “Stop this train and let me off!” As you look around, read the news, do your work, do you ever feel the need to stop and take a deep breath?? News ‘n Views offers that opportunity for you. So kick your shoes off – get your cola or coffee, push your recliner into reclining mode and enjoy – relax!!! Folks from the Paducah District wish you a blessed, peaceful journey – not just for today but for life! And now for the NEWS!

Calvin & Judy Clark report they are doing well. They visited their daughter in Nashville and then they all journeyed to Hot Springs, Arkansas. They did not say they enjoyed it but I believe they REALLY did even though tired when they got home declaring: “Too long a trip for two old folks – we need to stay closer to home.” (I really think Judy wrote this just as they pulled into their driveway. They will be ready to go again soon – at least I bet they will be! vm) They
recently celebrated grandson Calvin’s fourth birthday. They also enjoyed Easter services at Simpsonville UMC.

**Merle and Norma Jean Thomas** have been struggling with health issues. Merle spent five days in the hospital the latter part of February with bleeding ulcers which required four units of blood. On April 23rd, they are looking forward to clergy friends from Illinois visiting for three or four days. These are some school friends with whom they get together every year. While speaking to Norma Jean, she indicated she was going back to Nashville soon for a follow-up visit with the eye doctor. Have not heard her results but we certainly hope the report was good. Keep Merle and Norma Jean in your prayers.

**Wedding Bells Will Soon Be Ringing!!!** On May 2, Ruth Montgomery will become the bride of Rev. Ed Endsley at the Benton Illinois Church of the Nazarene. They plan to attend Annual Conference in Jackson so you will have an opportunity to meet Ruth and offer congratulations to Ed and Ruth. Ruth has a son who is a Nazarene minister in Lansing (not sure I have the location right but I think he said Lansing – but is it Michigan and Illinois?? vm). She also has a daughter that lives in Benton. Their new address will be Ed and Ruth Endsley, P.O. Box 1441, Benton, IL 62812. By the way, Rev. Judd Mowery has already met Ruth as he was the evangelist at the Bonnie Holiness Camp where Ed and Ruth serve on the Board. Ed will continue his current appointment at Ina UMC.

**Kendrick and Ruby Lewis** are having a wonderful time at Oak Level UMC. They are looking forward to Homecoming on May 3rd with Ronnie Cunningham preaching and Grandpaw’s Legacy doing the singing. Singing will start at 10 a.m.; preaching at 11 a.m. and food at 12 p.m. (or is it a.m.??)

**Marvin and Alice Jones** are not letting grass grow under their feet in Kansas! Holy Week started with reenactment of the Last Supper. Easter opened with Sunrise Services and then worship at 8:15 a.m. Marvin reported that after two years in Texas (and I thought he lived in Kansas – at least that is where I send his mail), he has developed allergies which doctors had warned him would happen. He has been using his walker when he and Alice go out walking. They enjoy seeing their children, grandchildren and greatgrands – especially on Sundays and special days. Marvin recently preached at the Wednesday night service – doing a very good job! Marvin and Alice declared they are blessed – PLUS, they celebrated their 75th Wedding Anniversary in January. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**Fred and Lou French** are keeping various MDs in business. Lou had an episode recently and wound up in the Lourdes Hospital for a full schedule of tests. Nothing was definitely determined – just a few more pills! She has had a lot of back, knee and ankle pain. Fred continues to visit both hospitals in Paducah checking for Methodist patients – many times from out-of-town. (Quoting from Fred!) “Someone said just today (in a local nursing home) that preachers never retire; I could have said (if I had thought in time) that we never retire, they just quit paying us.” Fred finds a rewarding outlet preaching in local congregations as he is invited. (Quoting again!) An old man was walking down a country road, and came upon a frog. The frog begged him to kiss him and release the beautiful princess someone had put under a spell. The old man picked up the frog and put him in his pocket. The frog said, ‘Wait a minute, kid me and we’ll make beautiful love forever’. The old man said, ‘At my age I’d just as soon have a talking frog!’’’ (When you see Fred French’s name – expect a funny joke/story/saying/whatever next!!! Vm)

**Ben and Ann Boone** are both recovering from sinus infections and the cruddy cough that has plagued West Kentucky this winter. In December, Ben began to serve Arcadia UMC part-time. Ann continues to be a regular sub at McCracken High School. They are enjoying their four grandchildren and their families. Life is good!

**Margaret Mayhew’s** greatest news is that daughter, Tanya, is now free from all restraints on her right leg – surgery was MOST successful as God created more bone to fill in where needed and her legs are the same length now!!! She is walking so straight and her hip is no longer a problem – blessed and giving thanks for answered prayers!!! As for Margaret, she is doing fine in spite of the extreme balance problem. She can stand up and walk with a walker and to top it off – free from pain. (quoting from Margaret) “I just cannot believe I am 87 years old, don’t feel like it in my spirit nor my mind but my body and my mirror say ‘YEAH, you!’” Weather in Florida? – GREAT!
The message from Robert and Patty Fejes was short but sweet. “Things are going well. I’m enjoying my retirement and Patty is enjoying her work.” *(By the way, Patty did an excellent, impressive job directing the joint choirs of Paducah District RRM Fund Raising! Vm)*

Martha Traylor says things are moving along as usual with family, church, friends and YOGA! She enjoyed a wonderful Easter week-end – a terrific Good Friday Service, an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday with lunch for everyone, then to top it off – Easter Sunday, eight people joined the church – music was heartwarming plus the children participated in worship with music. How could you ask for a more blessed Easter!

Hank and Grace Russell - I tried to contact them after reading on Betty Houser’s facebook, (Betty is their daughter) that Hank fell in a dentist office and was in Lourdes Hospital in Paducah awaiting hip surgery. By the time you get this, hopefully Hank will be home doing well but I am sure he and Grace covet your prayers during his recovery.

I did not get a written report from Joe Skelton; however, I did speak to him at church. Joe spent several days in the hospital recently but he reported that he is feeling better.

Phillip and Vida McClure don’t have much to report. Last quarter, we reported plans for an 11-day southern Caribbean cruise with EO. We got as far as Florida only for Phillip to become ill and we had to cancel the trip! Vida did enjoy EO’s Women’s Retreat to the Caribbean in February but missed Phillip’s company. March 1-3 we were at Lake Junaluska as Vida had an Executive Meeting with the Southeastern Jurisdictional Association of Older Adults working-out plans for the 2015 Wisdom and Grace Conference. I really hope some of you will make plans to attend this conference. Go online at [www.lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace](http://www.lakejunaluska.com/wisdom-and-grace) to check out our exciting plans including a golf outing and the Lake Junaluska Singers, workshops, worship with Dr. Derrick-Lewis Noble along with platform speaker Derrick Scot, III. Our own Greg Waldrop is doing one of our workshops. Hopefully we will have enough folks from the Memphis Conference to fill a bus. Let’s show everybody that even though Memphis Conference is small in number, they are great in spirit. You can contact me for more local information.

Due to my own schedule I was unable to contact several folks – Agnes Butler, Ronnie and Sherron Cunningham, James Elliott, Donnie and Nancy Harden, Kathleen Mathis, Paul and Ora Bell Peck, and Mary Riley. Keep these folks in your prayers and I am sorry I missed them.

**EDITORS’ NOTE** - THANKS to Wesley and Becky Fears for serving so wonderfully as reporters for Memphis Area #2. This issue contains their last report. We wish you the best as you move on to new ventures. Dear readers, if you’d like to become a reporter or just try it a time or two, contact: Beverlyann Jetton, Editor, at this e-mail address: rbjetton@yahoo.com or call her at 731-431-0165. Thanks.

**MYSTERY PHOTO**

Answer from [page two](http://example.com). The mystery minister’s wife is our retiring lady editor, Carroll Hensley Gallimore.

Send your photo scans for use in our upcoming issues to: [rbjetton@yahoo.com](mailto:rbjetton@yahoo.com)

**MISCELLANEOUS TID-BITS**

**MEMORIALS**

Nancy May McArthur Porter died February 3, 2015. She is survived by husband Everett Porter of Memphis, four children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She donated her body to the Genesis Program. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be given to [Church Health Center](http://churchhealthcenter.org), 1196 Peabody Ave., Memphis, TN 38104.

Sympathy is extended to Carroll Gallimore and Russell on the death of Carroll’s mother, Mary O. Hensley, on March 1, 2015. Memorials may be directed to: 1) Bemis United Methodist Church, PO Box 9298, 23 N. Massachusetts Ave., Bemis, TN 38314 for THE CHILDREN’S MINISTRY, or 2) Order of Eastern Star, %Mrs. Elizabeth Weir, 1700 Campbell St., Jackson, TN 38305, or 3) the church of which Carroll is a member, Aldersgate UMC, 1050 N. Parkway, Jackson, TN 438305, for THE CHOIR FUND.
NEW RETIREE

Congrats to Judy (Mrs. Dennis) Renshaw upon her retirement as the executive director of Leadership Jackson at the Chamber of Commerce. She retires after 40 years of service “to start a new chapter in [her] life focused toward family, and using the gifts God has provided to serve in new ways.” Best wishes, Judy!

RETIREES’ RETREAT...mark your calendars for October 6-7, Lakeshore. Brochures with registration info will be available at the Retirees’ Luncheon on June 1st and in the July NEWS ‘N’ VIEWS.

TRINITY CHURCH TO REBUILD

The congregation of historic Trinity Church in Nutbush, Haywood County, has broken ground for a new building after the church burned on January 7. Sadly, the fire was set, according to authorities. John Bonson is the pastor.

REMEMBERING

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, JACKSON

Jackson area folks will remember this beautiful building that stood proudly on North Highland in Hicksville (near the old restaurant, The Hut, and “the donut place,” The Spudnut”). A Citgo service station occupies the spot now. The photo above was made in 1969 when the late Harold Watkins was the pastor (right, front...in robe and stole). In 1970, Pittman Marbury was appointed as the first pastor of the newly relocated and renamed church at 636 Wallace Road, St. Andrew UMC.

REGISTRATION INFO

Check-out the info about the Older Adults FESTIVAL of WISDOM & GRACE - Let Each Generation Tell...JULY 27-30, 2015, Lake Junaluska, NC. Check with Vida McClure for further details (E-mail: vmcclure1227@att.net) and/or visit the Conference Website to view the colorful brochure with Registration Form...or copy the following into your browser without any spaces:


HOW SMART ARE YOU?

All seven of the words below have something in common? Can you solve the mystery?

2. Dresser 5. Revive

Look at each word carefully. You’ll probably kick yourself when you discover the simple answer (see bottom of this page).

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener.

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it “Pumping Rust.”

Many modern-day forms always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, “A Good Doctor!”

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals. As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Did you ever notice the Roman numerals for forty (40) are XL? The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

Answer to HOW SMART ARE YOU (see above). In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will spell the same word! Words that spell the same forwards or backwards are called palindromes (other examples: radar, madam, mom, dad, etc.).
GRANDMA'S APRON

Submitted by Jim Griffith

I don't think our kids know what an apron is. The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she had only a few. It was also because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons used less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven. It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears. From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven. When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids. And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron. From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls. In the fall, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds. When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

REMEMBER: Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the window sill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the window sill to thaw. They would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron! The only we ever caught from an apron was love!!

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."
Leo F. Buscaglia

THE GREEN FROG

Did you or someone you know have one of these ceramic frogs? Your editors have one that is used daily!

"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is a gift. That's why we call it the present."