

**CAN YOU FIND 16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?**

Circle 16 books of the Bible as *they* appear in the paragraph below. Watch out, this could be tricky! I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu. Kept people looking so hard for facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam. Especially since the name of the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be a loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady say's she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are sixteen names of the books in the Bible in this story.

**ECHO**

Please remember to bring nonperishable food items to donate for the less fortunate for Thanksgiving.

**Suggested Items:**

Pumpkin Pie Filling	Chicken Broth and/or other	Instant Potatoes
Sweet Potato Pie Filling	Canned Gravy	Rice
Cranberry Sauce	Canned Fruit	Peas
Applesauce	Stuffing Mixes	
Green Beans	Bread Crumbs	

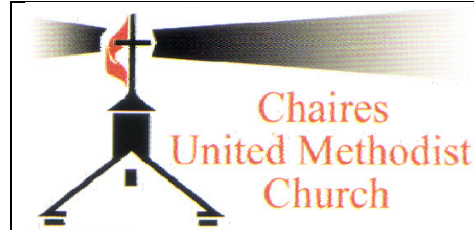
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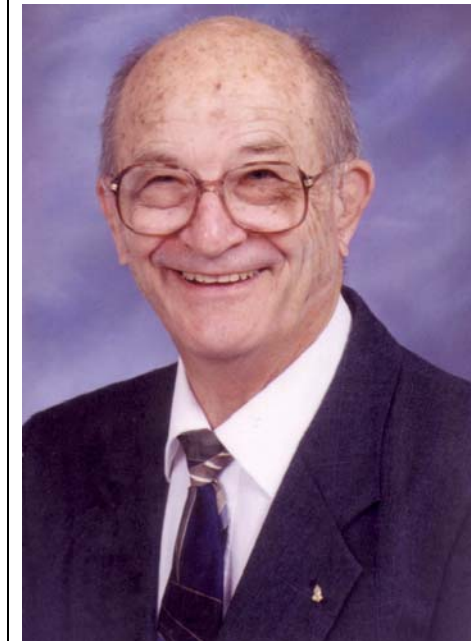


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**Our Featured Member ~ Mr. Jack Holland**



Student, soldier, writer, artist, businessman, author, legislative aide, civil servant, untiring civic worker, first Eagle Scout of Levy County, first Adult Community Education Director of Levy County, husband, father and most of all, dedicated Christian gentleman. All of these (and more) can be used in describing our featured member for this month's newsletter.

I first met Jack soon after starting to attend Chaires UMC. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, a "work party" was hastily organized to clean the Maggie Patterson house to make it livable for a soon-to-arrive hurricane evacuee family. My wife received a call asking if she could come out and help. So, I went along.

After providing what little help I could (mostly in the form of advice) for a short period, I noted an elderly gentleman sitting alone on an abandoned church pew on the front porch.

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**Yard Sale/Fish-Fry – A Successful, Profitable Endeavor!**



What a success the October 7<sup>th</sup> Yard Sale/Fish Fry was! The proceeds, which also included the Bake Sale, Cookbooks and Christmas Ornaments, were a little in excess of \$1,200!

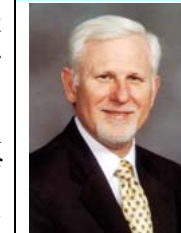
A great big THANKS to Theresa Smith for organizing and setting up for the yard sale. Theresa extends a "Thank you"

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**Pastor's Column**



George Strait came out with the song "Love Without End, Amen" a few years ago that is one of my favorites. It's a song about a father's love for his son and the chorus goes like this: And he said, "Let me tell you a secret about a father's love, a secret that my daddy said was just between us." He said, "Daddies don't just love their children every now and then. It's a love without end, amen. It's a love without end, amen."

I was thinking about this song after hearing a tall, gentle man tell a story about his love for his son earlier this month at the Emmaus retreat. He is a cattleman who has experienced about all that cows can do to a man; he has been kicked, stepped on, head butted, and knocked to the ground. His voice began to crack and tears welled up as he told a group of men that none of that hurt as bad as the hurt he felt while trying to cope with his wayward son's behavior.

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**news & announcements**

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**Church Expansion Update**

Pastor Bill and Jon Berry met with Rev. Tony Fernandez, District Superintendent to obtain approval to proceed with the next steps to pursue expansion of our church. Rev. Fernandez was very supportive of the Chaires UMC efforts to grow the church facilities to keep up with our congregation growth. The next step will be to retain a registered Architect to convert our ideas and needs into a set of workable design and construction plans. We have already started this process. The step after that will be to present those plans to the Chaires UMC charge meeting, which will be scheduled after the chosen Architect provides plans for review and discussion. As promised earlier, we will keep you informed with each step we take, either through this newsletter, or through announcements on Sunday.

Thanks, we appreciate your continued support.

TRUSTEE Committee  
~ contributed by Jon Berry

*Missing Your Dishes!*  
Please check the church kitchen for any dishes you may be missing. Also, please be sure to label your dish when bringing it for a meal. This will help to eliminate the extra supply in our church kitchen. A great big

**THANKS**

from the "kitchen crew"!

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Again, thanks to all who help as we continue on a monthly basis, most especially to Jim Taylor, who allows us to print (in color) on his equipment at no charge. And THANK YOU to all of you for submitting articles in a timely manner. Generally, we must have articles of interest no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to assure that we have time to prepare and distribute the newsletter. If you wish to contribute, please notify Evelyn Brown in person, by phone at 877-1975 (H) or at 487-3579 (W), or, if you prefer, by email at [evelynbrown@comcast.net](mailto:evelynbrown@comcast.net)

**Chaires UMW & UMM News**

The Chaires UMM donated a sum of \$1,000 to be used for the Window Restoration Project for the old church.

**Remember Bradley's Fun Days - November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Men who are working there – and you know who you are - please watch your schedules and allow ample time to be EARLY! We will be located just opposite from where we were last year.

United Methodist Women will be featuring the following at Bradley's Fun Days:

- Chaires Country Cookin' It's More Than a Cookbook – buy one and get a FREE cup of Mike's Chili!
- Bake Sale – *No cupcakes please!* Volunteers needed to make and donate Pound Cakes, Cookies and Brownies ~ individually wrapped per serving.
- Quilt tickets will be on sale - \$1 per ticket or 6 for \$5 -- Drawing to be held Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>
- Chaires UMC "Historic Church" Ornaments & Note cards will be on sale – (ornaments -\$7 each, notecards \$8 per packet).
- Magic Mugs – add your favorite hot drink and watch the scene change - \$11.95 each.



More details to follow. Please check Sunday bulletins.

UMW will be making Thankful Baskets for Thanksgiving. Please talk to Barbara Palmer if interested.

We want to thank Dorothy Hutto for so graciously donating the materials for the quilt and also for getting it started for us! Thank you Dorothy!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Family Night 6:00 PM Choir 7:00pm	2 Trustee's Meeting 6:30pm	3	4
5  Communion Sunday ECHO	6	7 UMW & UMM Meeting 7:00pm Election Day	8 Bible Study 10:30am Prayer Mtg. 6:30pm Choir 7:00 pm	9	10 Inaugural Women's Conference 5:30pm to 9:30pm	11 Women's Conference 8:30am to 12:00pm Veteran's Day
12 Stewardship Sunday	13	14	15 Prayer Mtg. 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm	16	17	18 Bradley's Fun Day
19	20 Thankful Baskets	21 Mission Trip Meeting 7:00pm	22	23  Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 Christ the King UM Student Day Youth will be teaching classes and preaching	27	28	29 Prayer Mtg. 6:30pm Choir 7:00pm	30		
Birthdays			Anniversaries			
Donna Stephenson	1	Michael Smith	8	Ken & Liz Thompson	16	
Charles Messer	3	Sandra Harrison	14	J.C. & Judy O'Steen	18	
Ruth Ann Wynn	3	Lance Harrison	18	Charles & Wanda Messer	19	
Mary Alice Linzy	4	Ashley Pollock	18	Tom & Rane Kempton	20	
Michael Pahl	6	Charlene Walker	19	Talmadge & Bobby Harrison	21	
Anniversaries						
Michael & Mary Alice Linzy			3	Lewis & Carol Jones	22	
Michael & Christi Alley			4	Bob & Lynn Glover	25	
Pete & Linda Peters			5	Walter & Mary Taylor	28	
				Ed & Lynne Fannin	29	

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I decided to join him there and he introduced himself as Jack Holland. Somehow, as often happens in men of our age, the conversation turned to World War II - the Great War.

As I listened to Jack, I was mesmerized! I soon realized that listening to him relate war stories and other life experiences far surpassed in value my housecleaning contributions. My services were lost to the cleaning crew for the rest of the time.

Jack related how he had served on General George S. Patton's staff. As I recall, he told me that one of several assignments was disarming explosives. His presence here today indicates that he must have been good at his work. That job doesn't allow one to fail and continue on in life.

Jack also told me that soon after being assigned to General Patton's staff, he "acquired" a pistol (a Walther, I think he said) that the general, a lover of guns of all types, was especially fond of and had expressed a desire to own that particular model. Knowing this, Jack, new to the General's staff and receiving little to no recognition up to this time, jumped at the first opportunity to present the general with this highly desired prize. Jack said that although the gift had not been intended as a "bribe," from then on he - Jack - was one of General Patton's "boys."

Jack also tells the story of being assigned to KP (Kitchen Police - required to perform undesirable duties in the kitchen). He was given a paring knife and told to peel a 100-pound sack of potatoes. Soon, he developed a method whereby he could peel a potato with only six strokes of the knife; an accomplishment of which he was very proud. He completed peeling the bag of potatoes in a matter of minutes and delivered the perfectly squared, peeled potatoes in a dish pan to the Sergeant in charge, who seemed very pleased until he realized the pan of peeled potatoes represented the entire 100-pound bag. He ordered Jack in very strong language to go back and peel the peelings, a task that took much longer but yielded several more pans of potatoes.

Jack was born in Macon, Georgia, on January 6, 1925; the only child of Ruby and Jack Martin Holland, Sr., who were associated with the lumber business. During 1935, the Holland family moved to Bronson, Florida where they bought out the commissary (company store) which they ran for a number of years. Four days after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday and in his second year at the University of Florida, Jack was drafted into the U. S. Army. He served his country for more than 41 years, retiring as a Colonel.

During a long business/working career, Jack was editor and publisher of three weekly newspapers; the "The Williston News", the "Dunnellon News" and "The Chiefland Citizen", which he founded. He is a graduate of the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and a Master's degree. He has also served on the staff of numerous state legislators.

Jack also wrote several books, including *Rural Ain't Necessarily Country* (Volumes I and II), which I understand is quite a read, *The Reception Station*, *Florida Veterans Benefits* and *Parents Guide to Career Education*.

Although not as active as he once was, you can still see Jack helping out as much as he can around the church. He is often one of the first to start removing and restacking the chairs following an "eating meeting." He likes to eat cookies, enjoys a Sunday afternoon milkshake and loves to wear a hat - and there have been many different "hats" that he has worn. Today with Jack, one of the things that is immediately noticeable is his love and devotion to Neva and Marty and theirs in return to him.

As some of our members have said of Jack; "He is an honest, happy, upright, faithful and God-fearing Christian gentleman whom we are all proud to know and be associated with." We love you Jack! You are a blessing and an inspiration to this congregation.

~ compiled by Mulder Brown from interviews and information furnished by the Jack Holland family

## news & announcements

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### SSgt. Shane A. Marshall - U.S. Marine Corp Reserve



Shane A. Marshall currently serves as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corp Reserves. He joined the Charlie Company, 8<sup>th</sup> Tank Battalion, 4<sup>th</sup> Marine Division in 1992. The unit is housed here in Tallahassee. He is transferring to an Amtrack Unit in Jacksonville at the beginning of the year.

Shane served ten months in Djibouti, Africa as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. The mission of the unit was peacekeeping. He returned in May 2005 with an even greater appreciation for America and his family.

While he was away I developed an even greater appreciation for him as a father and a husband. We missed him terribly but were proud of what he was doing. God Bless all of the families who have someone serving in the military away from their families.

~ contributed by Joy Marshall

### Attention Ladies!

Are you planning to attend the most awesome Women's Conference coming up on Nov 10 and 11? If not, you will certainly miss a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the fun, good food, fellowship and learn more about what God really wants from us as Christian women.

And best of all - there is still MORE SPACE! We will be taking registrations until the space is full and look forward to seeing YOU there!

1 Peter 3: 3-4

11/10/06 - 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm  
11/11/06 - 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

### News from CUMC Youth Group

October was a great month for the youth at Chaires. Earlier in the month we were able to take a camping retreat at Torreya State Park, and God truly blessed us. We enjoyed beautiful weather, great hiking, a Sunday worship service on the river bank, and we all came back safe and sound. We finished up October with a look at church history and a study of Reformation Sunday.

By understanding our past, we can have a greater appreciation and celebration for our faith. Also, Sunday school bible study began a new book as we started our study of the Gospel of John.

November looks to be an exciting month as well. We will be starting our new investigation into what our faith really means. We will begin to cover all the basics of our faith and our relationship with God. This looks to be a great direction for us. Also, I am looking at organizing an outing/outreach cookout at, perhaps, Tom Brown Park on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in helping out or who have some great ideas, please feel free to contact me. I am hoping to get other Christian youth from other churches, along with our youth, to help bring their peers who don't know Christ to this event. God willing, this can be a great opportunity to reach others for Christ, and have a great time in fellowship, activities, music, the Word, and of course...food.

We should never be ashamed of the Gospel or afraid to spread its message of love. I pray that our children will truly understand this and become the beacons of light that they have the potential to be.

In Christ name and praises,

Peter J. Marvin

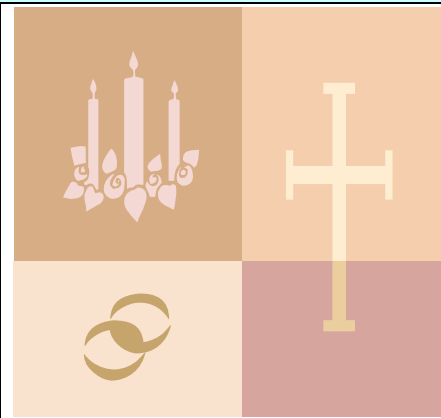
## news around the church

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### Celebrate Charles Wesley's 300th birthday

DURHAM, N.C. — Methodists and other Christians around the world will mark the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth in 2007, and United Methodist-related Duke Divinity School and the United Methodist Board of Discipleship are offering a 10-day pilgrimage in England July 31-Aug. 10 to celebrate this event. The pilgrimage will focus on the historical background and religious heritage of Methodism and the life and witness of this cofounder of the Methodist movement. For details, go to <http://charleswesley300.gbod.org> or contact Becky Caudill at (877) 899-2780, Ext. 7059, or [bcaudill@gbod.org](mailto:bcaudill@gbod.org).

*Adam and Eve must have had a great marriage. Adam couldn't talk about his Mother's cooking, and Eve couldn't mention all the men she could/should have married.*



### Foundation approves scholarships

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The United Methodist Higher Education Foundation has approved \$1.8 million in scholarship funding for all 2007-2008 academic year programs. The funding will provide scholarship support for more than 1,000 students. For more information regarding foundation programs, visit the Web site at [www.umhef.org](http://www.umhef.org), call (800) 811-8110, or write to [umhef@gbhem.org](mailto:umhef@gbhem.org) or P.O. Box 340005, Nashville, TN 37203-0005.

### Mechanics Ministry provides cars to needy

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The Mechanics Ministry at Wesley United Methodist Church in Augusta has restored and given away more than 100 cars to people in need. The members of the Mechanics Ministry receive donated cars from members of their church and Augusta families. Two men repair each vehicle. "They're not just fixing cars, they're repairing lives," says the Rev. Greg Porterfield, pastor of Wesley Church.

*A Sunday School teacher asked her little children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."*



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*A Successful Yard Sale/Fish Fry held at Chaires UMC in October*



~ Pastor's column – cont'd from page 1

As I was sharing this story with my son, Will, thinking of the problems we have had in the past, I leaned over and said, "I can relate to that pain - I guess I have failed as a dad." Will, showed his big pearly whites and said, "You must be talking about Matt!"

It's not easy being a parent these days; on the other hand it is not easy being a teenager. Regardless of my shortcoming as a dad, and God knows I have made my share, I am still learning what it means to be a loving father. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 5:1, "Follow God's example in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Live a life filled with love for others, following the example of Christ." We may never be perfect parents, but we have a heavenly Father who is perfect. And He wants to help us become godly parents.

I think we beat ourselves up too much when our children misbehave. If we were the only one influencing them, then okay; but there are others outside the home also influencing our children.

Charles Stanley offers six ways God helps us to become godly parent(s):

- An intimate relationship with God and our children where they can openly express their thoughts, activities and mistakes to us.
- Good communication that includes listening and giving our children our undivided attention when needed.
- Loving unconditionally.
- Meeting the needs of our children and are we instructing our children in the truths of the Bible?
- God holds us accountable; therefore we must hold our children accountable for their actions and words.
- Living by example.

"Let me tell you a secret about a father's love, a secret that my daddy said was just between us." He said, "Daddies don't just love their children every now and then. It's a love without end, amen. It's a love without end, amen."

Resting in Christ's hands,  
Bill

~ Yard Sale - cont'd from page 1

to everyone who pitched in and helped set up and devote many hours toward the success of the yard sale. And, thank you also to all the men who prepared a wonderful fish fry with all the trimmings.

Donna Stephenson's coleslaw was just great, as usual! To top it off, a delicious array of desserts were provided from the kitchens of some of our talented ladies.



A great big Thank You to everyone. It was a wonderful day, lots of fun, and if you didn't make it to this one, try to make certain that you attend the next, which will be sponsored by our "mission team." All acceptable items left over from this sale (and there was quite a bit of "good stuff" that was not sold) were donated to the mission team for them to sell to help raise money for their mission.



~ by Evelyn Brown