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## Happy Birth(Independence)Day America!

By *Pastor Ron*

We continue to live in a great land that has been blessed by God from its founding. We should celebrate giving praise to God and work united to keep her strong and unwavering from a righteous path. We should love God first and enough to love this land He gave us. That's the America I grew up in, and that's being patriotic to me. So yes, I love our country with all its strengths while still recognizing we have a lot of weaknesses as well to work on.

America was founded by Christian people with biblical principles to govern us. Here are a few of those foundational principles we find in Scripture: God created human beings to be social creatures. We were designed to live in relationship with God and with other people. Because of our strong and free wills God knew we would need authorities to govern us. So God instituted governments in the world to promote justice and peace. And God ordained the Church in the world to promote God's relationship with us and to keep us ever growing closer. Ultimately God was preparing His eternal Kingdom in all of this. So both the Church and government serve God's purposes and He directs us to submit to each in their own unique sphere of sovereignty.

The other thing that we need to see is that because of our free wills, we live in a world where there is a lot of trouble. I know that sin is not a popular word today, but it explains the realities of hate, greed and lust that are so prevalent around us and in us.

So while God has given us both the Church and government as authorities over us, both are affected by humanity's rebellion against God. Both are filled with people with good and sinful natures that get thrown into the mix.

Recognizing this is important in talking about how we are to love our country. It is not enough just to wave the flag or shoot off some fireworks and say your devoted. Neither is it enough to just criticize and protest everything the government does with which we don't agree. To be a good Christian citizen in this or any other country requires understanding the true history, scope and limitations of your citizenship and the proper participation rights and responsibilities in its governing.

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The country of our origin is a gift of God. So it's good for us to love our country enough to prayerfully participate by serving in our communities and in civil affairs (like voting and expressing ourselves) because we know that too much that is done by every political party and all of the branches of the governments can be unjust. But we can also take heart that while our government can fail us if we are not watchful, God is still ultimately using it for His purposes in the world. Though we may wonder sometimes, nothing is out of God's control.

God tells us in His Word that He is redeeming a people for Himself. He is building an eternal Kingdom which we as His Church in the world help fill with people by His love. So God is at work in spite of all the things that are happening, and in the end God will intervene and total justice will be served. All previous injustices will be made right and in that day His rightful reign will be universally acknowledged.

God uses all the nations for this purpose, even though they often do wrong. We can be proud to be Americans not because we (US) have it all together (we don't), but when recognize that God has called us to be Americans and when we strive to be the best Americans we can be for His honor and glory.

May God Bless America and the world through us.  
Have a great celebration!

*Pastor Ron*



Join us at the **Downs United Methodist Church for “Galactic Blast” Vacation Bible School**, July 25 -29.

Students will enjoy crafts, games, snacks, and a whole lot more as they go on a cosmic adventure praising God. Through daily missions, kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

VBS is offered to pre-school age students through adults and will be held at the church from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sunday July 25 through Thursday July 29.

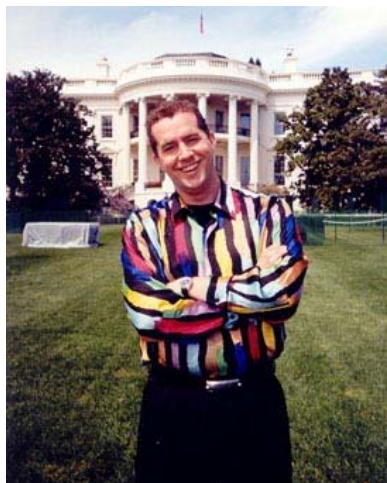
If you have any questions, call Janice Cuba @ 378-2651 or email secretary@downsumc.org (registration) or Michelle Forbes @ 530-2404 (Director).

Don't miss out, complete and send in your registration now.

Please consider giving a **\$5.00** donation per student to attend.

**REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH. CALL 378-2651**

**To kick off the VBS Week, TIM HANNIG** will be presenting a show on Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church Sanctuary.



He will be entertaining with Magic, Comedy, and Music and will have an inspirational message.

This is open to the public! Let's pack the church for this event. It is for all ages to 100!

Outreach has put a lot of effort in getting this show for our community, so please mark your calendars for this event and bring a friend!



Come support our Youth on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Dooley Park. They will be selling sno-cones. Proceeds will go towards next year's mission trip.

**Church Meetings  
Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

5:30pm Nurture/Outreach/Finance

6:30pm Supper. Served by  
Ginger Campbell & Lyn Edwards

7:00pm Ad Board Meeting

**Sr. High Youth is meeting on Wednesday nights starting at 5:30pm. They are cooking their own meal under the direction of Michelle Forbes. Questions, contact Michelle.**

**Don't miss a single day in the Word! Be sure to share it with your friends, too! We have some new devotionals you may want to try. "The Word For You Today" They are in the back of the Sanctuary.**

## Mission Minutes by Ginger Campbell

I pray your summer is going well and none of you have floated away! One thing about it, the grass is staying green, even with all of the heat!

Our Mission Buckets for June, as I conveyed to you in church last Sunday are going for a very special program here at the church. I cannot tell you how good I think **Tim Hannig** is. I pray that you will all plan to attend on July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. I think you will be blessed by his performance. I would GREATLY appreciate it if you could let me, Jamie Ward, Peggy Stark or Donna Clark know if you will be attending. I would like to get some idea of the number of people we can expect. God has been in the preparation of this whole idea and I hope you will come, along with any friends you might invite - children through adults. The buckets collected \$167.51 for which we are very grateful!

Following are the gifts that have been given since the last Newsletter:

Financial Needs	\$400.00
Missions	\$250.00
TOTAL	\$650.00

Praising God and thanking him for all of you and your commitment to our church and its programs. I pray you have a safe and blessed summer.

**DUMC Trustee Meeting Minutes** May 3, 2010  
**Present** Craig Solvie, Ron George, Dave Bach, Dave Wysocki, Andre McNaught, Brad Weichman, Jeff Curtis, and Rick Hayes  
 Ron George opened the meeting at 6:09pm with a prayer. The minutes from the last meeting weren't available. It was suggested that the minutes from the meeting be emailed or mailed to all trustees prior to the next meeting.

### Church

- Entryway has a temporary coat of paint-**thanks to Lyndall Cuba**.
- Rick Hayes will get bids on bell tower and roof repair and will schedule roof repairs soon. Tuck pointing will then follow.
- Brad Weichman has repaired the furnace pipe-**thanks**.
- Back entrance doors need paint. Rick suggested using automobile paint.
- Landscaping in the front of the church will be done soon by Kyle Connour.
- Handicapped ramp is still on our to-do-list but must wait until the sewer project is done.
- Parking signs for the DUMC back lot will be

## GALACTIC BLAST VBS NEEDS YOU

Positions Needing to Be Filled:

**Lessons** – Lessons are grade specific. Looking for help for each grade level (PreK-K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, Jr. High). Lesson plans are provided.

**Crafts** – Help needed to guide students through craft activities. Ideas, instructions and materials provided. Looking for 2-3.

**Games** – Help needed to coordinate games. Game suggestions provided – can be altered. Looking for 2-3.

**Missions Director** – Someone to talk to the kids each night about the mission. Mission will be decided before hand and message points will be provided.

**Drama** – Someone to coordinate the skits for each nights opening. Scripts provided.

We can definitely coordinate to work with schedules. Even if someone were to help just one day it would help out tremendously.

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**Snack Donations:** Please sign up for VBS snack items that are needed. Sign up is by the office door.

ordered and replaced as needed.

### Loft

- Stair railing is done-**thanks Craig**. Ron will add carpeting. Ron and Rick will add outside light on the east side.

### Annex

- The five porch overhang roofs still need shingles replaced.

### Old Parsonage

- Ron reported from the April 18th Ad Board meeting. The recommendation for a day care business was voted down. Trustees are to look for another possible use for the facility. Trustees are checking into renting the facility as a family dwelling. Dave Bach will get estimates on separating the water and the gas so the old parsonage can have its own meters. Dave Bach will also try to get a more accurate estimate on sewer costs for all four properties. A representative from the Farnsworth Group will be invited to our next Trustee meeting.

Ron closed the meeting at 7:15pm with a prayer.  
 Submitted by Acting Secretary Dave Bach

## July Dates to Know

|    |           |                          |
|----|-----------|--------------------------|
| 4  | 8:00am    | Service                  |
|    | 9:00am    | Fellowship               |
|    | 9:15am    | Sunday School            |
|    | 12:00nonn | Parade                   |
|    | 6:00pm    | Bible Study              |
| 5  | 6:00pm    | Boy Scouts in Annex      |
|    |           | Trustee Meeting          |
| 7  | 6:00pm    | Free2Praise Practice     |
| 11 | 1:30pm    | 4H Meeting               |
|    | 6:00pm    | Bible Study              |
| 12 | 6:00pm    | Boy Scouts in Annex      |
| 14 | 6:00pm    | Free2Praise Practice     |
| 18 | 5:30pm    | Finance/Nurture/Outreach |
|    | 6:00pm    | Bible Study              |
|    | 6:30pm    | Supper                   |
|    | 7:00pm    | Ad Board                 |
| 19 | 6:00pm    | Boy Scouts in Annex      |
| 21 | 6:00pm    | Free2Praise Practice     |
| 24 | 7:00pm    | Tim Hannig Show          |
| 25 | 10:30am   | Free2Praise              |
|    | 6:00pm    | VBS                      |
| 26 | 6:00pm    | VBS                      |
| 27 | 6:00pm    | VBS                      |
| 28 | 6:00pm    | VBS                      |
| 29 | 6:00pm    | VBS                      |

## July Birthdays

|    |                 |    |                 |
|----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| 1  | Greg Lanchester |    |                 |
| 2  | Kathy Bustle    |    |                 |
| 4  | Lyndall Cuba    |    |                 |
| 9  | Landon Cuba     |    |                 |
| 10 | Kim Lewis       |    |                 |
| 10 | Rick Hayes      | 20 | Amanda Lewis    |
| 10 | Chris Nalley    |    | Anna Lewis      |
| 13 | Brett Lewis     | 21 | Jon Spelde      |
| 15 | Ginger Campbell | 22 | Brandon Whitted |
| 15 | Dennis McNeese  | 23 | Cindy Halloran  |
| 15 | Amaya Adams     | 23 | Jackie Palmer   |
| 16 | Jean Riordan    | 28 | Scott Dryer     |
| 17 | Molly Forbes    | 31 | Jody Simpson    |
| 18 | Ken Garling     | 31 | Bryan Fike      |
| 18 | Sydni Rivera    | 31 | Kristen Palmer  |
| 19 | Sydney Nelson   |    |                 |
| 19 | Andy Williams   |    |                 |
| 20 | Chris Chaszar   |    |                 |



## Stewardship report— Giving for 2010

|                                             | Last 4 Weeks | YTD        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| Tithes & Offerings                          | 11,550.80    | 70,689.40  |
| Total Need                                  | 12,484.00    | 65,541.00  |
| Difference                                  | -933.20      | -10,456.60 |
| Building Fund                               | 635.00       | 12,268.15  |
| <b>Mission &amp; Special Project Giving</b> |              |            |
| Good Sam                                    | 1,567.51     | 11,787.98  |

### 2010 UMW Officers

President—Donna Clark  
 Vice President—Kay Hull  
 Secretary—Sheri Mushrush  
 Treasurer—Leigh Hayes  
 Social Concerns Chair—Ginger Campbell

All women of the church are encouraged and welcomed to be a part of this Mission Ministry. The ladies meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month for breakfast.

**The next meeting will be Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Hostesses are: Donna Clark & Jessica Cuba.**  
**Devotions are by Ginger Campbell**

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE BY THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH. They can be faxed to 378-2651 or emailed to [officedumc@juno.com](mailto:officedumc@juno.com). Input is welcomed. It is your newsletter!

## July Anniversaries

|    |                         |
|----|-------------------------|
| 4  | Joe & Abby Young        |
| 10 | Ed & Donna Clark        |
| 10 | Gary & Marla Brotherton |
| 14 | Marvin & Dee Prosser    |
| 18 | Jon & Jen Nelson        |
| 19 | Dan & Kali Caldwell     |
| 28 | Ron & Laura Bass        |

### MILESTONES

Someone is turning 20 and two others are hitting the big 50 mark!

**Congratulations & Blessings to you all!**


**OPPORTUNITIES OF FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH**

***Sunday Fellowship***

**Every Sunday after the 8:00am service  
Breakfast items are served.**

**A freewill offering is taken to cover the cost of the food. Thank you for your support for this ministry, and to everyone that has volunteered to help with this ministry!**

**We are in need of people that can ‘substitute’ in this area. Please let the office know if you can be a part of this ministry. WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF JULY. PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP ON THAT SUNDAY.**



**Take Note...**

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL ONLY BE THE 8:00AM SERVICE FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**

Downs UMC has a class for ages 3 and up on Sunday Morning.

Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Sanctuary at 9:15 for music and then go to classrooms in the education wing of the church.

Junior High (6-8<sup>th</sup>) meet in the Jr. High Room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) in the Annex

Sr. High meets on the first floor of the annex and the Adults are meeting in the LOFT

Sunday School is coordinated by Leigh Hayes 378-3008 and Jamie Ward 378-4621

**GREETERS are always needed.**

**Contact Sherry Reed @ 663-2999 if you can serve in this capacity.**

**July Volunteers~~Thank You!**

**Power Point Operators**

**8:00 am Service      10:30 am Service**

- |    |                |               |
|----|----------------|---------------|
| 4  | Blaise McNeese | No Service    |
| 11 | Rhonda Nalley  | Laura Walters |
| 18 | Kyle Connour   | Tom Coulon    |
| 25 | Sue Colclasure | Jean Riordan  |

**GREETERS 10:30 am Service**

- |    |                                                  |
|----|--------------------------------------------------|
| 4  | No Service                                       |
| 11 | Betty Harvey, Madelyne Gelsthorpe, Karen Walters |
| 18 | Diane Scherr, Carrie Cobstill, Jessica Cuba      |
| 25 | Bill Erlenbush Family                            |



**NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**10:30am Service**

- |    |                        |
|----|------------------------|
| 4  | No Service             |
| 11 | Brian & Janelle Zachow |
| 18 | Jen Nelson             |
| 25 | Leanne Sutton          |

**Fellowship Coordinators**

- |    |                            |
|----|----------------------------|
| 4  | Peggy Stark                |
| 11 | Help Needed                |
| 18 | Rick Hayes/Michelle Forbes |
| 27 | Jean Riordan               |

Ever wanted to have an organ? Here is a great opportunity. Mary Romine is GIVING hers away. It is a Hammond T-33 and is available as soon as you can pick it up! Contact Mary at 378-4439.

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**Summer Office Hours**

**Tuesday 8-12pm**  
**Wednesday 8-12pm**  
**Thursday 8-12pm**

## 2010 Official Role (Positions being Served)

|                        |                          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ad Board Chairperson:  | Brent Ward               | <u>FINANCE:</u> Bill Erlenbush, Larry Stark, Brent Ward, Janice Cuba,                                                                                                                    |
| Recording Secretary:   | Lyn Edwards              | Lyn Edwards, Donna Kleinlein,                                                                                                                                                            |
| Finance Chairperson:   | Bill Erlenbush           | Cathy Finch, Jon Spelde.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Sunday School Super:   | Jamie Ward & Leigh Hayes | <u>TRUSTEES:</u> Jon Spelde; Dave Wysocki; Rick Hayes, Andre McNaught, Craig Solvie, Dave Caldwell, Kathy George, Darla Lanchester, Dave Bach; Brad Weichman; Jeff Curtis, Andy Whitted. |
| PPRC Chairperson:      | George Lewis             | <u>PPRC:</u> George Lewis, Darcie Jones, Kay Hull, Tim Riley, Jon Nelson, Lyndall Cuba, Becky Connour, Jim Finch; Chris Mushrush                                                         |
| Lay Leader:            | Larry Stark              | <u>NOMINATIONS:</u> Shari Riley, Cheryl Bach, Larry Stark, Jamie Ward, Kim Lewis; Sherry Reed; Rhonda Nalley                                                                             |
| Lay Member to Confer.: | Cathy Finch              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Treasurer:             | Janice Cuba              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Financial Secretary:   | Lyn Edwards              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Nurture Chairperson:   | Cathy Finch              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Outreach Chairperson:  | Ginger Campbell          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Witness Chairperson:   | Etta Whitted             |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| UMW President:         | Donna Clark              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Youth Director:        | Peggy Stark              |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Youth Group Leader:    | Michelle Forbes          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Camping Coordinator:   | Carrie Cobstill          |                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Trustee Chairperson:   | Jon Spelde               |                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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