



# The Mountain View

Mountain Presbyterian Church  
3831 Highway 515 East  
Blairsville, GA 30512

October 2011



## Celebrating 25 Years

Dear Friends,

I greatly enjoy celebrating holidays, birthdays, spontaneous get-togethers—you name it!

The celebrations I enjoy the most are anniversaries. The reason for this is, those celebrating them are given a chance to enjoy memories of the years past and the years ahead at the same time.

As we continue to celebrate our 25th Anniversary as Mountain Presbyterian Church, it has been most enjoyable to recall the events of these past 25 years.

The “This Is Your Life—MPC” was a great evening. Sharing stories of the saints that have gone before us who enabled us to reach this landmark celebration was memory inducing and awesome.

The belief and commitment of those members and friends in our congregation was and is amazing and humbling.

Parishioners like the Sime’s, Patterson’s, Martin’s, Gunden’s, Sharp’s, Kinney’s, Hawks’, Benz’s, Adams’, Palmer, Fisher’s, Helsley’s, Bears’s, Hubbard’s, Smith’s, and Mikronis’, to name a few and you who have joined us and enabled us to enlarge the original building by 2/3rds and increase our ministries at least 10 fold., have allowed for us all to claim an amazing history!!

It was wonderful for us to worship with our Presbytery Executive Ken Meeks and to be reminded of Presbytery’s importance in our past as well as our denomination’s and our generous and supportive

commitment to them. To have been able to present our extra commitment gift of over eleven hundred dollars to Presbytery at that service was incredible!

This month on October 23rd we will continue this celebrating with a special service of worship. The Reverend Collin Blair Adams will be presenting the sermon. It is indeed gratifying to remember that in our relatively short lifespan one of our “church children,” in large part because of the faith and love known and shown to him by his parents and faith family, answered God’s call to ordained ministry. That is an amazing legacy of how we have touched the lives of others for Christ and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We will joyfully remember our past with special music and a surprise or two and then begin looking at our vision for our future—a future that is as bright and big as God wants it to be! “Let us praise God from whom all our blessings flow; praise Him all who are here below; let us praise Him above the heavenly host; Praise our Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost..”

I hope you all will be with us on the 23rd and I know you all will be with MPC as we continue to make history!

ἀγάπη (Love and Peace)

Travis

### Kirkin Kaput for 2011

Because of the super-special 25th Anniversary Service on October 23rd, we will not be having a Kirkin Service this year. Ahhh....but we will be remembering our roots and heritage as we celebrate our MPC history so you can certainly wear your tartans and kilts and other Scottish paraphernalia on the 23rd. The tartan banners will be hung and we may even have the bagpiper and the Beadle in our midst.

Also, shortbreads are solicited and encouraged for the Anniversary Luncheon.





## Stewardship and Finance

**Revenue and Expenses for August 2011:** Contributions: \$13,984.14 Expenses: \$15,006.41  
 The expenses are greater than our contributions for the month of August by \$1,022.27  
**Year-to-date** our expenses are greater than our contributions by \$5,668.06.  
**Loan Balance:** \$20,365.00

# Thrilling Thursday

**October 13th—Dinner at 6:00 p.m.**

*King James Bible  
 Celebrating 400 Years*



“To the most high and mighty Prince, James, by the grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith....”

“Great and manifold were the blessings, most dread Sovereign, which Almighty God, Father of All Mercies bestowed upon the people of England when first he sent Your Majesty’s Royal Person to rule and reign over us....”

So begins the dedicatory of the Authorized Bible, better known as the King James Version. Just what part did the august James play in bringing about this most magnificent of English language Bibles? Did he author it, if not—who did? How has this version of God’s word affected God’s world? Is it the “official” true word of God as some profess it to be?

Over its 400 years this translation of the Bible has left its indelible mark on the way we speak and our culture itself. No other book has had such an impact on so many people.

We will gather on **October 13th** for a **Thrilling Thursday** presentation the K.J.V. Bible, its heritage, history, use, and misuse over 400 years. Come and share in the fellowship and a further understanding of this incredible work of literature and the word of our Lord.

There will be a covered dish meal at 6:00 p.m. and the program led by Travis Adams will start at 7:00 p.m.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



## Shirts available in sizes Small to 4XL.

**Ladies’ Open Neck 3/4 Sleeve Blouse**—Priced from \$32.98

**Ladies’ and Gentlemen’s Knit Sport Shirts**—Priced from \$20.98

**Men’s and Ladies’ Long-sleeve Denim**—Priced from \$32.98

Colors are shown on the display in the Fellowship Hall

## Order your Mountain Presbyterian Church Shirt Today!

Join in the celebration of our 25th Anniversary with your MPC shirt. Check out the styles and colors available on the display on the wall in the Fellowship Hall. An order sheet is nearby on the counter. Great to wear to events at the church and around town to let folks know you’re part of the MPC church family. For questions or further information, please call the church office.



## Mountain Presbyterian Women!

*"We're saving a place for you!"*

**Next Meeting, Thursday, October 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sunday School room.** After the lesson from our study of the Beatitudes, there will be refreshments and an important meeting regarding disbursement of funds earned from the Trinkets & Treasures Sale. All women are invited!

**Our September Retreat was a great experience!** Our Presbyterian Women were joined by 12 women from Hayesville Presbyterian Church at our annual retreat. Linda Abel gave us insight into some interesting ways to pray, such as using meditation, prayer beads, or praying in color. Our new Hayesville friends have expressed a real desire to join us again next year for the retreat since they do not currently have a PW group. They may also join us for our Christmas luncheon!

**Coming up:** NE Georgia PW Fall Retreat at Camp Pinnacle in Clayton, GA on October 21-23

### Halloween on the Square

Once again, we will be participating in this fun-filled event on Saturday, October 29th. We'll begin collecting wrapped candies (individual pieces or small bags) on Sunday, October 9th. Boxes have been provided in the narthex and Fellowship Hall.

Plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship on October 16th to fill bags to be handed out on Saturday night, October 29th.



**Bob Johnson standing at left rear, Sue Royal kneeling (with backpack) in front and our "sweater girl" to her left.**

### Could that be an MPC CroKnitter Sweater???

In September Sue Royal and her husband, Bob Johnson, vacationed in Peru. One of the highlights of the trip was a cruise down the Amazon with stops at villages along the way.

At one of the stops, a group of children rushed over to greet them and a little girl was proudly wearing an orange sweater with a stripe. She had received the sweater from a mission group and it is the same pattern that our MPC CroKnitters use to fashion sweaters for needy boys and girls. These sweaters are distributed around the world by Guideposts Knit for Kids through various mission organizations. It could be one of our sweaters!

The CroKnitters ladies meet every fourth Tuesday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the church library—come join them. Patterns, yarn and instruction available. For more information contact Dottie Riggs or Marguerite Drayton..



### Please Remember the Food Pantry!

Your generous contributions of food and hygiene items continue to bless many in our community. In the month of September we helped 29 families representing 70 people keep food on the table. Many are hardworking people who have been laid off or had their hours reduced to the point where both paying bills and buying food is difficult, if not impossible.

Please continue to bring in food and hygiene items. Hot dogs and buns are needed—please place them in the first freezer—also **tuna, tuna helper, Vienna sausages, Spam, macaroni & cheese, crackers, soups, canned vegetables & fruits, cereal, dry milk, toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, clothes soap, and toilet tissue.**

Please keep those donations coming so we can continue to spread the love of Jesus to our community through the pantry .



### Flowers, Greeters And Coffee Hour

Thank you all so much for your continued support of food, flowers, and fellowship!

**We really need your help to host the Sunday Coffee Hour and provide flowers on Sunday!** Many dates are still available. Check the calendar in the narthex for flowers and in the Fellowship Hall to host Coffee Hour and pick your Sunday.

Flowers in honor or memory of a loved one are \$32.10 for a lovely bouquet or you may provide your own flowers.

October Greeters	October Coffee Hour Hosts	October Flower Calendar
2 June & Bud Lederer	2 Kathy Adams	2 Adams
9 Lynn & John Gonsalves	9 Kinneys	9 Helsleys
16 June & David Kinney	16 Ron & Jean Dick	16 Mays
23 Patricia & Richard Czeck	23 25th Anniversary Dinner	23 Ransom
30 Les & Nancy Jones	30 Ransoms	<b>30 Flowers needed</b>

### In Memoriam

#### Joy Kissel

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Walt Kissel and his family on the passing of his wife, Joy, on September 13. Our prayers are with you all.

### Men's Breakfast Tuesday, October 18th, at 8:00 a.m.

All men of the church are invited to join us for a delicious breakfast and time of fellowship. As always, our gourmet breakfast chefs will be cooking up the meal. Sign up in the Fellowship Hall!



### Daylight Saving Ends November 6

Time to set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m. on November 6. Also a good time to change your smoke alarm batteries.



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