

Bartlett United Methodist Church



# Genesis Journal

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17

## President's Message

If you are like our family, with the VBS CD in hand for a few weeks now, catchy cooking tunes are likely stuck in your head more than you would like. Every time you get in the car, your kids are wanting to 'Shake It Up' or 'Get Cookin'! I have to say, some years the songs are pretty, well, corny (forgive the kitchen humor) - but this year they're pretty good!

So, have you just mindlessly hummed the catchy tunes, or have you given them any thought? For instance, what are you doing to 'shake it up' for God, to the benefit of the people around you? Is it business as usual—church and Sunday School

when you've run out of excuses, shying away from that conversation with your neighbor about his/her faith, etc.? What could you do differently to *shake things up* a little? Perhaps volunteer to help with a mission project, increase your giving, more deeply involve your kids in church activities? How about stepping outside the box and volunteering to help plan our weekly class lessons beginning in January (hint, hint)? You'll have all the resources you need and don't have to 'teach' - just put some organizational skills to good use, then "trust and obey."

Last month, our family shook it up a little and 'adopted' a young

girl from Kenya named Budha. For a small monthly donation to a well-run organization, we are able to provide some of the necessities of life to a child that lacks many of the basics. We'll also take time to write her short letters and send pictures, to which we have been assured she will respond. It has been a great learning experience for our girls— Grace even has her first letter ready to mail.

So go on..... SHAKE IT UP! You never know where the Spirit may lead you!

In His Service,  
-- Erik

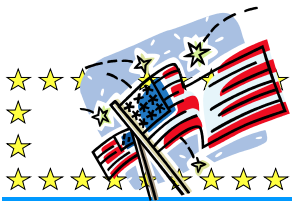
## Treasurer's Report

The total balance is \$1,646.44.

Missions: \$1,098.36

Non-Missions: \$548.08

*This past month we were able to fund a \$324 Lakeshore scholarship out of our missions balance!*



## Missions Moment

Since school supplies will be on sale this month, we thought it would be wise to take advantage and collect these for July's mission. However, we do not have a specific charity in mind. And as such, we

would like to call on the class to think of one or more charities for us to direct our donations. As you collect various school supplies, please be thinking of where you would like to donate them. Keep it real, yo! (Robert's message)

PS: Don't forget that now is a good time to start getting items for Operation Christmas Child!

-Robert and Adrienne

## Anniversaries

Grosvenor/Arey  
July 13th

## Family Focus: The Proseus Family

Erik, Jennifer, Grace (9), Paige (6), no pets, just allergies!

Erik is a Meteorologist at FedEx and small business owner of Cirrus Weather Solutions. Jennifer is a SAHM, substitute teacher, and room mom X 2. They have been members of BUMC for 6 years. They feel that they are most called to serve in the areas of Children's Ministries, Music Ministries, and Financial Peace University. They spend their free time with family, most who live in town, church activities, the girl's school activities, and PTA. Severe weather keeps Erik busy! Some of their favorite

family activities are "mystery trips" to various attractions/events, sharing dinner together most nights, family walks/bike rides in the neighborhood, and just spending time together, whenever it happens to be! They came to the Genesis class because they share common life situations with members, and it was likely God's plan (or perhaps coming from the Presbyterian faith-predestination). One thing that they like most about Genesis is sharing life experiences with others and the fact that the class is service and fellowship oriented. Where do they



see themselves in 10 years?

With two teenage girls, Erik may never emerge from his man-cave except to meet the boyfriends and Jennifer will be Grace's room mom at college.

In all honesty, we look forward to being 100% debt-free by that point and hopefully just living out God's plan for our lives together, whatever that may be.

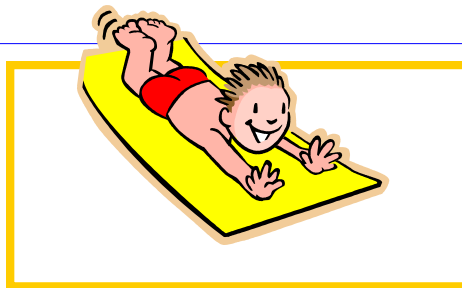
## Social Time

**Wild River Country Water Park  
Little Rock, Saturday, July 16**

*Ticket Info:*

Discount tickets are available online @ [www.wildrivercountry.com](http://www.wildrivercountry.com)

Adults (13-59) regular admission \$32.99/discount admission, \$26.39. Kids(3-12) regular admission, \$21.99/discount admission,



\$15.39. Spectators admission, \$15.39. Children 2 and under, adults 60 and over, and active military w/ ID are free.

*General Info:*

Park hours: 10am-8pm

Locker rental available

Coolers allowed in picnic area outside front entrance.

*Park address:*

6820 Crystal Hill Rd  
Little Rock 72118

## Lesson Update

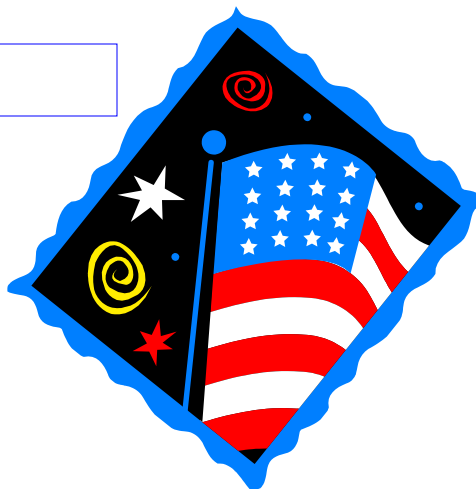
July 3: Doug Meyer

July 10: Rev. Greg Taylor

July 17: Doug Meyer

July 24: Todd Wilson

July 31: Social Sunday



**Editor's Note**



In last month's Genesis Journal, some very important people were left off of the Anniversary List. [My deepest apologies to John and Laura Engbretson who celebrated their 10th Anniversary on June 30th!!](#)