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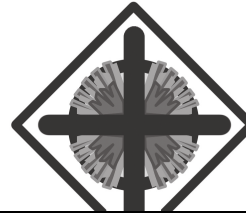
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**A Preta Good Evangelism Campaign**

Mark Westmoreland

Being a faithful churchgoer really shouldn't be newsworthy, it seems to me, but there it was nonetheless—a story from the Reuters news service about an individual named Preta, a regular churchgoer in Sobrado, a town in northern Portugal. Every Sunday for the past three years, it seems, Preta has attended without fail the 7:30 a.m. mass. Granted, that's good, even commendable, but newsworthy?

There is, however, more to the story. It seems that in order to attend worship every Sunday Preta has to walk 16 miles from her home. OK. Now I'm a little more impressed. But I guess what makes Preta's 16-mile early-morning walk to church every Sunday really newsworthy is the fact that she's a dog. That's right, a dog—four legs, tail, small parasites, the works. Now we're talking news.

Like many churchgoers, Preta once was a stray, but now she's found a home in the Sobrado congregation. And obviously she's devoted. Every Sunday she makes the 16-mile hike (Do dogs hike?) and takes her usual place beside the altar (Like most of us, she's a creature of habit, preferring a regular seat). During the service, Reuters reported, Preta stands whenever the worshipers stand and sits when they sit. Afterward, she usually walks back home, though the report notes that occasionally she will ride in a car; provided the driver is someone she knows.

That's pretty amazing stuff, I have to admit. But here's the part of the story that caught this preacher's eye. The congregation at Sobrado has grown, the story concludes, because many people have been coming to the church just to see Preta. Aha!

This evening, I'm going to have a talk with our dogs, ZuZu and Bailey. Granted, Preta has beaten us to the "dog who walks to church every Sunday" punch, but what if I could teach ZuZu to preach? She doesn't even have to do it all that well, I figure. I mean, think back to some of my most mediocre sermons, but now imagine them delivered by a dog! It changes everything, doesn't it? We can make her a little robe and velcro a Bible to her paw and ...

I know. I know. It's just a gimmick, I can hear some of you saying. It lacks integrity. We're better off relying on the power of Christ's gospel of grace and love to touch lives, you say. Our calling is to provide meaningful ministries for all ages, care for those who are hurting and preaching that explores the depths of life and the heights of God's good news. You're right. You're right. Never mind, then.

But what about a cat who can sing solos?

**Inside This Month's Connections**

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**About Our Church Family**

**In Memoriam**

Elizabeth Steffy July 10, 2010	Mildred Arrington August 4, 2010	Hill P. Huddleston August 10, 2010	Nina Garner August 16, 2010	James DuRant August 17, 2010
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**In Sympathy:**

- Mr. & Mrs. Ray Moon and family upon the death of Linda's mother, Elizabeth Steffy, on July 10.
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Burkett and family upon the death of Paul's mother, Doris S. Burkett, on July 24.
- Mr. & Mrs. David Carley and family upon the death of Lori's father, Carl "Doc" Rutherford, on August 6.
- Mr. & Mrs. Pete Neal upon the death of Pete's sister, Patricia Neal, on August 8.
- Mrs. Ruth O'Neal upon the death of her sister-in-law, Mildred O'Neal of Woodbury, on August 17.
- Mrs. Terry DuRant upon the death of her husband, James, on August 17.
- Mr. and Mrs. Bill Karwisch and Mr. and Mrs. Don Karwisch upon the death of their son and brother, Bill Karwisch, Jr., on August 21.

**Keep Them In Your Prayers:**

Emma Anderson	Carolyn Croft	Annis Harrell	Brad Wilkinson
Ambrose Burch	Jewell Eubanks	O.C. Hendrix	
George Copeland	Jim Friday	Dot Smith	

<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Church Membership: 2022</b>	<b>Donations</b>
<b>Aug 1</b> Worship: 511 Sunday School: 211	<b>Aug 15</b> Worship: 642 Sunday School: 211	A donation to the Building Fund has been given in memory of Nina Garner and in honor of Jewell Eubanks by the Fellowship/Discipleship Class.
<b>Aug 8</b> Worship: 590 Sunday School: 252	<b>Aug 22</b> Worship: 575 Sunday School: 265	
<b>Our Giving Through August 22:</b>		
Budget: \$108,765.39 Building Fund: \$4,594.00  2010 Budget: \$1,435,874.00 <b>Shortfall: \$61,186.64</b>		

**Note of Thanks!**

Words cannot express how thankful we are for our church family. We are forever grateful for the cards, food, visits, phone calls, thoughts, prayers and never ending love. Your continued thoughts and prayers are appreciated and will help to provide great comfort for us in the days ahead. All our love, Susie, Nathan, Mary Katherine Keaton and family.

Dear Church family, for the past seven years our family has lived with the knowledge that my grandson, Matt Mullis (now age 19), would eventually face liver failure.

His wonderful medical team at Egleston Hospital did the "impossible" to prolong his liver function and extend his life. Last Tuesday night, July 27th, Matt received a new

liver. We are so thankful to the family of the donor. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Many of you have prayed for Matt from the very beginning of this journey – others have only recently discovered this. There are no words to adequately express our thanks for all the many thoughts and prayers offered on his behalf. Please continue to pray for him as he recovers. There may be bumps in the road until he heals completely.

God bless you all!  
With a thankful heart,  
Genie Welch

**YOUTH NEWS**

**Youth Ministry Programming resumes Wednesday, September 1st!**

All students from 6th-12th grade are invited to participate in any of our programs! Pick up a youth program guide in The Welcome Center or in a kiosk to see where you can plug in!

**Dream Big Mission Experience**

You will not want to miss this opportunity! We are partnering with Square Foot Ministries and SafeHouse Outreach to create a potentially life-changing experience. The event will take place on October 14-17. The trip will be dedicated to the memory of Chris Keaton and is named after a phrase that he commonly used, "Dream Big". There will be nothing small about this project! We will leave on Thursday night and head down to LaNette, Alabama. There, we will stay in a church that is set up to host groups. We will be taking constructed pieces of a house off of a semi-truck and completing a home for a family in need. We anticipate finishing the home Saturday afternoon. Then, we will take a ride into Atlanta to SafeHouse Outreach ([www.safehouseoutreach.org](http://www.safehouseoutreach.org)). There, we will help feed over 300 homeless, worship together with them, then deliver food to the homeless that evening. We will deliver breakfast to the homeless Sunday morning and return to sit together and share in the 11:00 worship service here. Cost for the whole weekend is \$60. This includes materials for the home build, food provided by Square Foot, food at SafeHouse for us and the homeless, transportation, and a t-shirt. Sign up for this trip in The Welcome Center or by emailing Chris ([cmucha@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:cmucha@fayettevillefirst.com)).

**Sun Stand Still**

1|99 is going to kick off this fall with an amazing series called, "Sun Stand Still". The theme is based on Joshua 10 where Joshua prayed for God to make the sun stand still, and God did! Why do many of us believe in an all powerful God that wants only good for us, yet we feel like we don't have it in us to channel that power? What kind of faith did Joshua have to make such audacious requests of God? We believe that God has big plans for each of our students, and this fall we are going to decipher what those plans might be as we "dream big" to allow God to do through us what he has been doing through his followers for all of time. Steven Furtick says, "If the size of your vision for your life isn't intimidating to you, there's a good chance it's insulting to God." Join us as we delve into scripture to see that our God is great, God wants good for us, and all it takes are small acts of obedience to see miraculous movements of God!

**Attention: All Volunteers with Children, Youth, Sunshine Group, and Older Adults Safe Sanctuaries Training on October 3**

This past spring, our Church Council approved an updated Safe Sanctuaries policy. Adopted by the General conference of The United Methodist Church in April 1996 and expanded to include vulnerable adults in the 2008 Book of Discipline, the Safe Sanctuaries program seeks to reduce the risk of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and financial abuse. With the new policy in place, we must have a training session to educate all volunteers of our church's policies and procedures. This training will also include basic first aid led by Allen McCullough. All volunteers are required to be Safe Sanctuaries trained, so please make every effort to attend. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 3 from 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. Drinks will be provided. You are welcome to bring your own lunch or to pick up a lunch from the Trustee BBQ. Contact Kristin Heiden with any questions.

**Acolyte/Crucifer Lunch & Learn, Sunday October 10**

Are you a student in fourth grade or above, an active acolyte or crucifer or maybe a student who wants to know more about what it means to serve in worship? If so, you are invited to an afternoon of food, fun and learning. We will gather in the Family Life Center gym immediately following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 10. We will enjoy lunch together followed by a chance to celebrate what our role in worship means. Let us know if you are coming! Also if you have any questions or need more information please contact Julie Harp, [jharp@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:jharp@fayettevillefirst.com) or 770.461.4313 ext. 14.

### Kristin's Kids Korner

Sometimes in our lives, we feel like everything is working against us. Nothing is going right, no matter how hard we try. When this happens, we get mentally and emotionally beaten up – we feel defeated and lost. What is there for us when this happens? Where do we turn? What do we look for?

In Sandy Eisenberg Sasso's book, *Butterflies Under Our Hats*, this is the predicament that the people of Chelm face. They seem to have lost their luck and are resigned to the fact that nothing good will ever happen again. Houses are left to ruin and gardens are overgrown until a strange woman enters the town to tell them about this little thing called hope. What is better than luck, she asks the people. Soon they will discover that luck means nothing when hope is involved.

Check out this latest addition to the children's library and others by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, *God's Paintbrush* and *In God's Name*, previously featured in the Kids Korner.

### 3rd Grade Bible Study

We invite all our third graders and their families to join us on Sunday, September 26 at the 11 a.m. service as FFUMC presents them with their bibles. It is the church's privilege to be a part of this faith journey, and the bible presentation is our way of continuing to guide these students on their path. Formal invitations will be sent, but please let Kristin Heiden know if you will be unable to attend.

### Kids FLIP Pajama Party

We will continue with this wonderful service opportunity on Wednesday, September 29. All children are invited to wear their pajamas and bring a new pair to be donated to Gracie's Closet.

### Family Movie Night

Families of all ages are invited to dinner and a movie on Friday, October 8 at 6 p.m. There is no cost, but please rsvp to Kristin Heiden by Wednesday, October 6 so that enough food will be ordered.

### Blessing Our Schools

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered to help at North Fayette Elementary during their pre-planning week. We received a great letter of thanks from assistant principal, Felecia Spicer. Here is an excerpt from the letter:

Each time I think about the members of your team entering our school to help out last week, I can't help but smile! Pre-planning week is always so hectic...There is never enough time; [the teachers'] only hope is to work late into the evenings or to have someone they can trust to help. Like a miracle, your team was there. Not only were they there ready to work, but they brought with them the love of Jesus; it was all over their faces. Their hearts were beaming! Because of you, our teachers were ready and our students could sense their excitement on Open House Night. We will be forever grateful and look forward to a true partnership this school year.

A true partnership is what we are looking forward to as well. More opportunities to serve with North Fayette will be coming throughout the year. We hope you will join us as we seek to build a bridge between our church and the community through the Blessing Our Schools program.



## Announcements and Special Events

### Disciple Classes Beginning in the Fall

"If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples." ~John 8:31

DISCIPLE is a program of disciplined Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian leaders. It focuses on the disciple as learner; believer; follower; proclaimer; and servant while providing the fellowship of a small group for study, prayer, preparation, support, and servanthood. DISCIPLE assumes that the Bible is key to renewal in the church and affirms that the canon was formed as it is in order for God to speak to us. The study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God and draws upon the work of scholars to aid understanding of the Bible.

This Fall, we will offer two opportunities to participate in a DISCIPLE study:

#### Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

A 34 week study utilizing one theme each week to organize study and reflection featuring 17 weeks of Old Testament and 17 weeks of New Testament. No prerequisite required. This class will meet on Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning September 12. Martina Bober will facilitate.

#### Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life

A 32 week study which concentrates on the Writings of the Old Testament and the Gospel of John; 1, 2, 3 John; James; Jude and Revelation in the New Testament. Completion of Disciple I is required to take this class. This class will meet on Wednesdays, 6:15-8:15 p.m. beginning September 1. Barry Blair and Len Gough will facilitate.

Cost for each class is \$40. Contact Kristin Heiden to register.

## Living Faith Fully

As we continue to explore different aspects of our faith, the following opportunities will be available in the coming weeks:

### September – A Faith of Mind and Soul

Beginning September 8, Mark Westmoreland will lead a class on Wednesday evenings titled Holy Moments. This four-week class will cover the different holy moments that occur in the church: baptism, communion, weddings, and funerals. The class will meet in C-260 from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Beginning September 9, Kristin Heiden will lead a class on Thursday evenings following Bishop Will Willimon's book, *This We Believe*. This 7-week study will discuss what we believe as United Methodists and as Wesleyans. Cost of the book is \$12. The class will meet in C-260 from 7 – 8 p.m.

### October – A Faith of Heart and Hands

During this month, we will offer a variety of How To ... classes as we explore how we can live out our faith using our hands. The classes will cover gardening, basic home repairs, common car maintenance, and an introduction to writing/journaling. The class will meet Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m.

Also during this month, we will offer a study of Ron Greer's book on integrity, *If You Know Who You Are You'll Know What To Do*. We are fortunate that Ron will join us for the final class session on October 27. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:15 – 7:15 p.m. Cost of the book is \$12.

Contact Kristin Heiden to sign up for any of the opportunities above ([kheiden@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:kheiden@fayettevillefirst.com); 770-461-4313 ex 17)

**Barbeque to Support Transportation Fund**

On October 3, the trustees will be selling barbeque plates in an effort to raise funds for the Transportation Fund. It is time to replace the two church vans with larger and more reliable vehicles. It has become increasingly difficult to accommodate our church groups with our current aged vehicles. The trustees have identified two projects to begin the fundraising process. The barbeque will be the first fundraiser. This will be a take-out only dinner available for pick up after each service. Tickets will go on sale soon. Mark this date on your calendar and watch for more information.

**Body Recall Continues**

We are well into this 10-week session of Body Recall and the participants are experiencing good results. Come join us to improve your overall fitness and just have a good time. The movements are slow and deliberate and help to improve the functions necessary to carry out everyday activities. The next session begins September 29. Classes meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and see what it is all about or call Laura or Joyce in the church office for more information.

**Historic Oakland Cemetery and the Margaret Mitchell House**

Thursday, October 7th; Deadline to register is Sept. 29

Join us for a fun-filled day honoring Margaret Mitchell. We will begin the day with a tour of Oakland Cemetery. This Victorian garden cemetery is the final resting place of Gone With The Wind author Margaret Mitchell. Also buried in this historic cemetery are Civil War soldiers, leaders of industry and Civil Rights pioneers. We will eat lunch at Six Feet Under, then tour the Margaret Mitchell House. Known as the "birthplace" of Gone With The Wind, the Margaret Mitchell House is a museum dedicated to preserving the legacy of this Atlanta born, Pulitzer Prize winning author. We will depart from the church at 9:00 a.m. sharp and return by 4:30 p.m.

**Help us update our college student roster**

We are looking for up-to-date information on all our college students so we may communicate with them periodically. In order to do so, we need your help. Please provide us with student's name, college, mailing address, phone and email, as well as class status. You may give your information to Connie Robertson at [crobertson@fayettevillefirst.com](mailto:crobertson@fayettevillefirst.com) or 770.461.4313 ext. 10.

**Seamstress Needed**

This year, we will again be making school kits for the United Methodist Committee on Relief at our Fall Festival in October. In preparation for this, we need individuals to sew the school bags using the pattern provided by UMCOR. If you are able to sew a few bags between now and October 31, please contact Kristin Heiden who will provide you with the pattern and materials.

**Have You Ever Tried Yoga?**

Did you know that yoga is offered here at FFUMC each Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.? The class, taught by Toni Padgett meets in the fellowship hall. Yoga is a great way to increase flexibility, improve balance and strengthen your core. It is also an effective stress reliever. This class is for beginners or those who are more experienced. Come try it out!

**Start Collecting Your Bric-A-Brac**

Remember the UMW Bric-A-Brac Sale Nov 6. This is a good time to "clean house" and use all those unwanted items for a good cause. We need just about everything except clothes & computers. For storage info, contact Cindy Hall (678-329-4184 or [harvecin@charter.net](mailto:harvecin@charter.net)).

What's for Supper?	
<b>September 1</b> Cubed Steak Baked Potato Green Salad Rolls / Dessert	<b>September 22</b> Choice of Lasagna or Spaghetti Salad / Garlic Bread Dessert
<b>September 8</b> Fried Chicken Rice & Gravy Broccoli & Cheese Biscuit / Dessert	<b>September 29</b> Meat Loaf Creamed Potatoes Green Beans Rolls / Dessert
<b>September 15</b> Hamburgers with all the trimmings Baked Beans French Fries Sundaes	<b>Titus II</b> September 7 Baked Chicken Peas / Potato Salad Biscuit / Dessert

September @ Fayetteville First UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> AA-8			<b>1</b> Kindermusik 9:30 Body Recall: 10:30 (See left for normal schedule) UMW Bric-A-Brac Sale Disciple IV: 6:15 Financial Peace 6:15 UMW Bric-A-Brac Sale AA-8	<b>2</b> Intercessory Prayer: 12 Walking Group: 1 Fellowship/Disciple: Ice Cream Social Financial Peace: 6:30 Mars Lamb Circle: 6:30 AA-8	<b>3</b> Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA:7	<b>4</b> AA-8
<b>5</b> (See left for normal schedule) AA:3	<b>6</b> Kindermusik: 1:15 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA-8 Alanon: 8	<b>7</b> Bethany Circle: 1:30 Titus II: 12 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Sgt. Ft. Ministries: 6:30 Emmanuel Board: 6:30 Ebel Taylor Circle: 7	<b>8</b> Kindermusik: 9:30 Body Recall: 10:30 (See left for normal schedule) Disciple IV: 6:15 Financial Peace: 6:15 AA:8	<b>9</b> Hope Circle: 10 UPW Unit Meeting: 11:30 Intercessory Prayer: 12 Walking Group: 1 Financial Peace: 11, 6:30 Sgt. Ft. Ministry: 6:30 AA:8	<b>10</b> Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA:7	<b>11</b> AA:8
<b>12</b> (See left for normal schedule) Financial Peace: 4 Disciple I Class: 6:30	<b>13</b> Friendship Circles: 1:15 Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA-8 Alanon: 8	<b>14</b> Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Joy Circle: 6 Trinity Circle: 7	<b>15</b> Intercessory Prayer: 12 Phone Circle: 9:30 Body Recall: 10:30 (See left for normal schedule) Disciple IV: 6:15 Financial Peace: 6:15 Choir Support Group: 6:30 AA:8	<b>16</b> Intercessory Prayer: 12 Walking Group: 1 Financial Peace: 11, 6:30 AA:8	<b>17</b> Body Recall: 10:30 Walking Group: 1 AA:7	<b>18</b> AA:8
<b>19</b> (See left for normal schedule) AA:3 Financial Peace: 4 Disciple I Class: 6:30	<b>20</b> Kindermusik: 1:15 Walking Group: 1 AA-8 Alanon: 8	<b>21</b> Shewl Ministry: 9:30 Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30 Sgt. Ft. Ministries: 6:30	<b>22</b> Kindermusik: 9:30 (See left for normal schedule) Disciple IV: 6:15 Financial Peace: 6:15 AA:8	<b>23</b> Fifth Circle: 10 Mary Martha Circle: 10 Intercessory Prayer: 12 Walking Group: 1 Financial Peace: 11, 6:30 AA:8	<b>24</b> Walking Group: 1 AA:7	<b>25</b> AA:8
<b>26</b> (See left for normal schedule) AA:3 Financial Peace: 4 Disciple I Class: 6:30	<b>27</b> Kindermusik: 1:15 Walking Group: 1 AA-8 Alanon: 8	<b>28</b> Walking Group: 1 Seasoned Singers: 1:30	<b>29</b> Kindermusik: 9:30 Body Recall: 10:30 (See left for normal schedule) Disciple IV: 6:15 Financial Peace: 6:15 AA:8	<b>30</b> Intercessory Prayer: 12 Walking Group: 1 Financial Peace: 11, 6:30 AA:8		

**Normal Sunday Schedule**

- Choir Practice: 7:50
- Worship in Sanctuary: 8:30
- Wonders of Worship: 8:30
- Sunday School: 9:40
- Worship in Chapel: 9:45
- Orchestra Practice: 10
- Choir Practice: 10:15
- Worship in Sanctuary: 11
- Wonders of Worship: 11
- Open Court Basketball: 2

**Normal Wednesday Schedule**

- Genesis Youth Choir: 5
- Wed. Night Dinner: 5:15
- Joyful Noise Choir: 6
- Melody Choir: 6
- Sonshine Choir: 6
- 1/199 Mt. & HS: 6
- YOGA 6:00
- Discovery Club: 6:30
- Bells: 6:30
- Chimes: 6:30
- Solomon's Porch: 7pm
- FLIP: 7
- Chancel Choir: 7:30