

## From the desk of *Pastor Bramble*

At the crucial point of decision making in any campaign, whether it is financial or building, whether it is to strengthen our budget or provide a new roof for our church, some fear the future. They are unsure that what they want to do can be done. And at the same crucial point, we find those who say, "We need to have faith, now more than ever. Let's not be afraid of the future." Those same two spirits do battle at every crucial decision-making point in the life of the church - and in our own personal lives. What does the future hold for Quiet Dell or Monroe Chapel United Methodist Churches? Should we be afraid? Should we go forward?

God promises that the future will be better. In just a little while, God will shake the heavens and the earth and all the nations, so that the treasure of all the nations will come to Jerusalem and the splendor of the new Temple will be even greater than the first Temple. What a powerful image (Read Haggai 1:15-2:9) - God's shaking the nations, turning them upside down, so their treasures fall out of their pockets and rain down on Jerusalem!

Is it too much to say that when we here at Quiet Dell or Monroe Chapel trust God for the future, God gives us an even brighter future than we could have ever imagined?

My prayer is this for our charge: "Lord, we don't want to be cocky about the future, but we do believe that you are in the future for us, calling us to come to you. We believe that you will bless our future if we trust you with it. Help us to live what we say. Amen."

May you continue to enjoy the rest of the summer!

Pastor George & Cheryl

## August Birthdays

JoLynn Elizabeth Conley	August 5 (3)	Mary Wolfe	August 18
Austin Farnsworth	August 5 (13)	Toni Bishop	August 19
Lilly Bumgardner	August 7 (7)	Christy Nichols	August 19
Drew Hastman	August 8 (4)	Kelci Stromberg	August 20 (21)
Tricia Price	August 10	Barbara Bennett	August 22
Makayla Prindle	August 11 (14)	Bill Merrill	August 22
Becky Burns	August 12	Eric Bastin	August 23
Taylor Keith	August 14	Shelly Conley	August 26
Kelly Ferren	August 15	Kate Linch	August 26 (92)
Pat Mick	August 15	Andrew (A.J.) King	August 27
Elivia Suttle	August 15	Daniel Boone	August 28
Clay Bailey	August 16	Lonna Auvil	August 29
Jack Freeland	August 17	Patty McCullough	August 29
Heidi Bastin	August 18	Ryan Butler	August 31 (21)

## August Wedding Anniversaries

Dave and Heidi Leaseburge	August 1 (2 years)
Jack and Marilyn Freeland	August 6 (51 years)
Steve and Sandra Douglas	August 7 (34 years)
Donald and Phyllis Knight	August 8 (55 years)
Craig and Sue Burns	August 11 (32 years)
Henry and Melissa Van Eck	August 11 (10 years)
Rev. Bob and Cindy King	August 14 (35 years)
Rev. William G. and Ruth Ann Kniceley	August 17 (44 years)
Dan and Barbara Forinash	August 18 (50 years)
John and Martha Stopiak	August 18 (27 years)
Gary and Ellen Auvil	August 19 (10 years)
Rod and Colleen Fox	August 25 (37 years)
Larry and Karen Huff	August 25 (21 years)
Brian and Melissa Merrill	August 29 (7 years)

## September Birthdays

Jimmy Daetwyler	September 1	Vangie Zickefoose	September 18
Bob Dennison	September 5	Mia Coe	September 19 (13)
Tim O'Toole	September 7	Betty Hager	September 22
Brad Woody	September 7 (4)	Sandra Firth	September 23
Sherry Daetwyler	September 8	Karla Kile	September 23
Barbara Forinash	September 8	Jeannine Lafferty	September 26
Larry Jarrett	September 9	Lorraine Nester	September 26
JoAnn White	September 9	Kermit Auvil	September 29
Ruth Ann Kniceley	September 12	Reed Judy	September 29
Loria Oldaker	September 12 (19)	Michael Oldaker	September 30
Paul Hager	September 13	Patrick Oldaker	September 30
Cathy Liberati	September 16	Christopher Suttle	September 30
Jodi Allen	September 17		

## September Wedding Anniversaries

Erik and Faith Scheuvront	September 4	(1 year)
Clay and Diane Bailey	September 7	(26 years)
Mike and Debbie Mann	September 11	(19 years)
John and Roxanne Sandy	September 19	(2 years)
Christopher and Marybeth Stewart	September 25	(1 year)

**Prayer Concerns:** All our service men and women, all threats of war, all our students and teachers, Kimberly and James, Braden Allen & his family, Sylvia Alsbrook, Kermit & Jewell Auvil, Lennon Auvil, Chelsea Bailey, Diane Bailey, Heidi Bastin, Clarence Bennett, Dan & Nora Boone, Okey Burton, Judy Eskew, Sarah & Larry Ford & family, Ken Gilbert, Paul Hager, Rachel Harrison, , Donna Heldreth, Jim Higginbotham, Gertrude Howell, Karen Huff, John & Becky Ketelsen family & the families they are helping, Steve Lilly, Kate Linch, Betty Lowther, Tim Martin, George Messinger (Betty Hager's nephew) house burned to the ground, Joni Messenger and family, Betty Michaels, Jim Money Penny, Sonny Norman, Alicia and Tim O'Toole, Steve & Cara Pinti, Brady Price, Sonia Ragin, Freda Price Reynolds, Cleo Rollins, Kim Rollins, Scheuvront family, Sara Beth Seckman, Wilodene Smolder, Penny and Matt Southern, Barbara Stuart, Bob Upton, Matthew Wilfong, Bob Wolfe, Linda Yee, Gene Young, Vangie Zickefoose, Bob Zontek, Cathy T., those with cancer, our Veterans, our POW/MIAs, our firemen and policemen, jobs for unemployed, the lost, traveling mercies, our shut-ins, work situations, family problems, all our unspoken requests.

Prayer: Eternal God, our Father, we thank you for your justice and your love in which we have come to believe. Your love gives us hope and comfort when your justice reveals our sin. Your justice gives us hope and comfort when your love for all humankind is forgotten by the cruel and greedy.

Forgive us our sins and redeem us from any part we may have in adding to the sufferings of your children. Redeem us from insensitivity to their needs. Raise up those who will put principle above profit, peace above war, and you above all.

We pray especially for those whose homes have been struck with tragedy, for those who suffer the loss of family and friends, the anguish of shattered faith, the dread of an uncertain future. Help them all find you even when they can find no immediate answers.

And now grant that we may open our hearts for some new hint of your will for our lives, for some new concern for others, first for those with whom we live and work and play, and also for those we hardly know, but to whom we can be a blessing. Amen.

## A Thank You from Pastor Bramble

Thank You Monroe Chapel and QuietDell Churches for the gift we received from you. You have always been so gracious towards us! Cheryl and I continue to enjoy our ministry with you and look forward to many years with you. Again thank you and God Bless each of you!

### **Special Thank You!!**

Thanks to EVERYONE who was involved in any way with Vacation Bible School. Kudos to AJ & Jackie King and Cindy King for organizing and directing yet another WONDERFUL and successful VBS.

## VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE OUR CHURCHES FINANCES

It has been brought to my attention by our treasurer Ethel Linch that our church's finances are extremely low. They are at the point that we might not be able to pay some of our bills at this point. After sitting down with Ethel and going over the past five or six years of our churches budget I realize that our giving has been approximately the same every year around \$150,000 dollars a year. This is quite a large budget, but we have been able to always meet the budget that was needed by our giving. All of must be aware that the cost of everything has risen every year but it seems our giving has stayed the same. Of course this year we took a step of faith and hired a custodian for 30 hours a week to do much needed cleaning and maintenance in our church. that of course has added to our existing budget by \$15,000 dollars a year. I truly believe we can overcome this financial situation by understanding stewardship or taking stewardship more seriously then we have.

The focus on underwriting our budget by giving our tithes and our love offerings may cause some of us and our friends to assume that stewardship applies only to money, whereas in the Bible (Genesis 1:2; 2:2, 18) it applies to the entirety of life. In Scripture, stewardship is the way in which we take responsibility for the totality of the time, space, and energy entrusted to us.

Here in a nut shell are the earliest answers ever given to the question of why we are called to stewardship: to partner with God in making a better world in which to live, to learn what a great gift we have been given so that we will take time to celebrate the graciousness of the Giver, and to express in our work the kind of sharing we experience most deeply in the oneness of our homes.

Stewardship calls us to a life of hard work in the world punctuated by interludes of Sabbath rest for inner renewal, a life in which sharing with others at the most intimate level triumphs over grabbing from others at the most impersonal level.

What are our marching orders here at Quiet Dell from the first pages of Holy Scripture? Work hard! Rest well! Give freely! Stewardship is a way of life that will quickly underwrite any church budget. But much more, stewardship is God's way for us to underwrite the finest fulfillment that life has to offer.

I truly believe that you or I can never out give God! Will you join me and Cheryl in increasing your tithe or love offering. The apostle Paul believed in giving according to how God has blessed you. That has been my belief and also Cheryl's and He has never let us down.

Thank you for supporting Quiet Dell United Methodist Church in the past and working together to provide ministry for the future.

Your Friend and Pastor

George V. Bramble

Upcoming Events:  
August 17th-Back to School Bash  
September 4-Education Sunday

## **Back to School Bash**

You're Invited!!  
What: Back to School Bash  
When: August 17th at 5:30PM  
Where: QDUM Church Picnic Pavilion

Come enjoy food and fellowship.  
School supplies( for PreK through high school) & contests.  
Hot dogs, tableware, and drinks provided-bring your favorite covered dish.

### We Need Your Help!

Donations are needed for Back to School Bash.

The following items are needed :

pencils  
erasers  
rulers  
crayons  
notebooks  
etc.

Please place these items in box in vestibule.

Any monetary donations can be given to Cheryl or Jackie F.

Thanks in advance for your help!!

## **Education Sunday**

Education Sunday-September 4:

We will recognize our teachers and small group leaders.

We will also recognize promotions and attendance awards.

Please join us during worship service.

**Please join us for Sunday School-classes for all ages begin at 11AM each Sunday.**

## Hack-Ma-Tacks 4-H

As the summer comes to an end so do 4-H camps. The Hack-Ma-Tacks were well represented at county and state camps this summer. Ryan Butler was SAG for State OMC. Jocelyn Stout and Travis Priester were SAG's at Harrison County Camp. Jocelyn also received the Head H award at Harrison Co. Camp. She also was selected for the Allison Crosby Memorial Scholarship at ALPHA II State 4-H Camp. A Big How How to all 4-H campers for a great summer.

The local club will resume monthly meetings in September. The club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00PM in the fellowship hall. Youth in 3rd grade or older are invited to attend.

## United Methodist Women

Ladies enjoyed the evening out on July 26th at Minard's. There was good food and good fellowship. The regular August meeting will be on the 9th. The hostesses will be Juanita and Virginia. Rev. Bramble will have the program and serve communion.

In September Rosemary will start our study from the School of Christian Mission. Phyllis and Catherine will be our hostesses.

The Wesleyan District Fall Meeting is Sept. 24th at North View United Methodist Church.

As we near the end of summer, ladies, rest up because as in the past I am sure we will be busy this fall.

## October/November Newsletter Articles

Articles for the October/November newsletter that you would like published need to be turned in by **September 15**. Articles may be emailed to Brian Nichols at [QDMCNewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:QDMCNewsletter@gmail.com) (His phone number is 622-1293) or turned in to Rev. Bramble, Deanna McNemar or Ethel Linch by **September 15**.

## Sunday Sermon Available By Mail and on the Internet

Do you have a neighbor, friend, or relative who cannot attend church? Would they like to receive Rev. Bramble's Sunday sermon in the mail? If the answer is yes, let Ethel Linch know and we will put them on our mailing list for the sermon. Additionally, our Sunday morning services are now available on the internet as streaming audio, or download. Access the sermons via [www.quietdellumc.us](http://www.quietdellumc.us), and click the sermons link on the left hand side of the page. The site is updated each Sunday after the service.

## QUIET DELL UNITED METHODIST ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Your Administrative Council met for a special summer meeting on Tuesday evening, June 28, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall to discuss reroofing the sanctuary and fellowship hall and the replacement of our septic system. Thanks to all that attended.

Dan Daetwyler presented several estimates for the roof work, both in metal and in shingle. After much discussion, approval was given to accept the lowest bid for a shingle roof at a cost of \$39,400.

He was only able to get one estimate for the septic system to be upgraded to an aeration system with a 600 gallon per day capacity. Approval was given to accept the bid of \$8,600.

Also, replacing the 6 long gone No Parking signs at the church and placing a waiver of responsibility sign at the Center Branch baptismal area was also approved at a cost of \$405.

The combination of these three updates to our church approaches \$50,000. A special effort will be needed from the congregation to defray these costs. We ask that you pray about this need and give generously. It is important that we cover these expenses.

We are very thankful to all those who give generously of their time and talents to prosper and improve our church.

Our church is interested only in glorifying our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and winning souls to His kingdom. All we do, we do only to that end. Pray for us as we lead the Quiet Dell United Methodist Church into not only the coming months but the coming years as well. May God's richest blessings be upon us all.

Gary Auvil, Chairman

### United Methodist Men

The men are currently not having regular meetings thinking we would schedule special meetings as needed throughout the summer months. We are now involved in the special project we have planned. Danny D is heading up the effort. Any men wishing to donate to this project may still do so.

Rick's yard sale raised 2 to 3 hundred dollars mostly on his hot dogs, but the donated items overwhelmed us. It's great to be a part of such a generous church. Continue to pray for us to serve our Lord only in his will.

Dan Forinash,  
President UM Men

**Our Loss:** Harold McNemar died June 9, 2011.

## **Food Pantry Continues to Help Less Fortunate**

My message seems to be the same each month, but what can I say – we are busy and our needs are great.

Thanks to the many who give donations of funds and food! It is certainly appreciated!

### **Food Pantry Shopping List**

*hot dog chili	*applesauce
*jelly	*pork & beans
*oil	*kidney beans
*sugar #1 & #2	*toilet tissue
*cereal	*tea bags
*canned fruit	*hand soap
*canned meat	*jello
*pasta	*tomato sauce
*dish soap	*canned carrots
*detergent	*canned peas

### **Attendance**

	Quiet Dell	Monroe Chapel
May 22	125	31
May 29	124	30
June 5	123	32
June 12	123	33
June 19	121	36
June 26	140	24
July 3	105	34
July 10	134	31
July 17	124	34
July 24	112	28