

# *Tower Tidings*

## *August 2012*



### *From the Heart by Pastor Katie*

#### *The Obstacle in Our Path*

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition. Often the time between pastors is seen as an obstacle, wasted time, or time to die back as a church. I hope that as we end the summer we will start the fall with renewed energy and see what God can help us to discover and learn as we work and minister together in Monticello.

Lovingly, Pastor Katie

I will be on vacation with my family from August 1—14. In case of an emergency, please contact Les Schwarzentraub or Darrell Stevens while I am gone.

*Children's Corner By Betty McFarland*

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*Kairos School News By Betty McFarland*

Summer is almost over. Session 2 of Kairos Summer Camp started July 24 and continues until August 9. "The Summer Olympics 2012" is the theme. If anyone is still interested in joining us, call Kairos 762-5151.

Kairos School will begin the year 2012-2013 on September 4 and 5, 2012. Kairos School has always started school the day after Labor Day. Hopefully, weather will be cooler by this time.

Monday, August 27, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. the school will have the annual Parent-Teacher Orientation for all parents with children at Kairos for the fall 2012. This will be a time to ask questions and meet the teachers and parents in your child's classroom. Anyone from First Presbyterian Church who would like to meet the Kairos staff and parents are welcome to join us.

Kairos School has openings for the Fall 2012-2013. If interested, call Kairos at 762-5151 to set up a time to register your child.

God Bless,  
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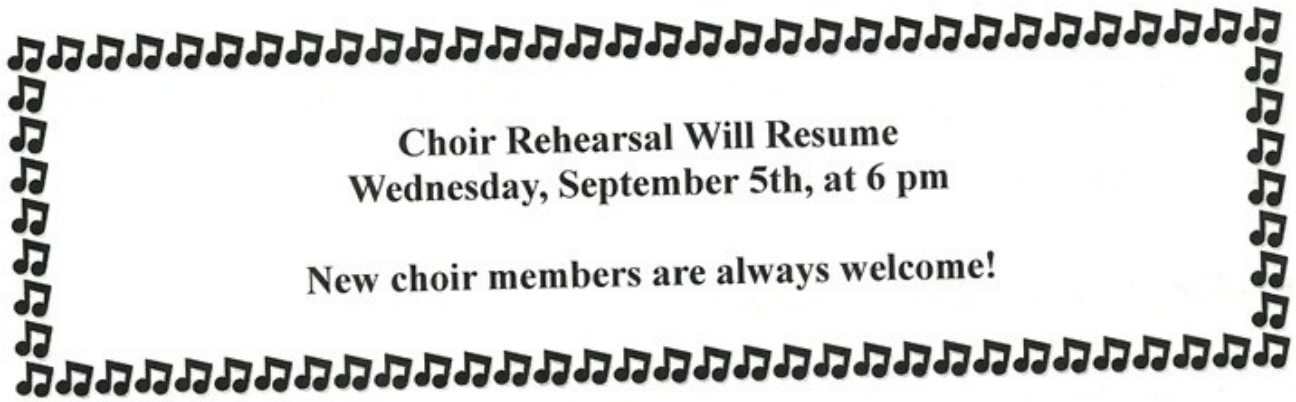
## *Clown Report (Jesters for Jesus)*

Last month, the "Jesters For Jesus" hit the road! We loaded up the "wagons" and headed out "West". On Saturday, July 7th, the clown troupe traveled to Decatur. We presented a clown show at Fair Havens Christian Nursing Home for the residents and staff. We enjoyed entertaining everyone, but the best part of the show was the sound of rain drops on the roof. As we headed home, light rain sent the clowns on our return trip to Monticello.

On Sunday, August 19th, one of our clowns will present a brief skit during our morning worship for the children's message.

The remainder of the month will be quiet for the clown troupe. We do plan to meet together after Labor Day. So try to keep cool and pray for rain.

Until next time. . .  
Butterfly (the clown)



**Choir Rehearsal Will Resume  
Wednesday, September 5th, at 6 pm**

**New choir members are always welcome!**

Never be ashamed of the scars life has left you with.  
A scar means the hurt is over, the wound is closed,  
you endured the pain, and God has healed you.

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