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# NEWSLETTER

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## ...The Nelson Files

As a little girl, dad and I loved to watch the wacky Inspector Clouseau in the zany Pink Panther movies. How we would laugh until we cried with the clueless inspector's antics and his surprise nemesis, Kato. Whether Peter Sellers was asking, "Does your dog bite?" or having a drawbridge hammer him through the bottom of his canoe, dad and I kept coming back for more... holding out hope that this bobbling buffoon might solve his impossible caper. I love thinking back to those times with pop. Whether you liked the antics of the Pink Panther Movies or the oddness of a few Blues Brothers or perhaps even the high-speed thrill of a Mission Impossible movie, we all like to see a mission unfold and find ourselves caught up in the story. Quite frankly, this is more true-to-life than we realize. You see, all of us ARE on a mission. If you have breath in your lungs, you, my friend are indeed on a mission. Now whose mission it is depends much on your mind and heart.

When our lives have been captured by the amazing love of God, many times (but not always), we long to be all about GOD'S mission. "Lord, set my feet to your path. Reveal to me your plan. Direct me in your ways." In an ideal, spirit-filled existence...this would be our hope—to be on God's mission. But... (Don't you hate the "but"?)... We can be a very self-absorbed and controlling people. We are prone to steal the mission back, making it our own and marching to our own beat. Truth be told, though, any mission that does not originate from the Father in heaven comes from the father of this world... Satan. From the start, Satan has been all about his own mission and not God's. Anytime we veer off God's mission, the mission we undertake comes from the Enemy who would like nothing more than to cause separation from the Father...thus making us orphans in our thinking and actions. This can happen quickly (like Kato jumping out of nowhere and tackling Inspector Clouseau!). Before we know it...we're down. Good news is that the Lord is committed to reconnaissance. He never leaves "an agent" of His behind and always offers a way of escape when we find ourselves in impossible situations (Tom Cruise has never seen the kind of miraculous escapes that the Lord Jesus Christ specializes in! ☺).

So ask yourself...whose mission am I on? If you walked into your kitchen today and found a briefcase on the table with a description of "your mission should you choose to accept it," would the Lord be the author of your mission? Don't be fooled, beloved. To not choose His mission is to be heading down harm's way. So get into that prayer chair today, talk with the Master of your mission or else your mission might master you.

P.S. Peter Sellers was told that this man's dog did NOT bite. When proceeding to pet the dog, the pup nearly chewed off the inspector's hand. To which Clouseau remarked, "I thought you said that your dog did not bite!" And the man replied, "That is not my dog." Watch what you are getting yourself into, beloved. Sometimes seemingly innocent situations come back to bite you! Test the spirits...evaluate the mission.

*Rev. Deborah J. Nelson*

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# ...Getting caught up...

## A Note from Joe

I want to thank all of the Trustees and everyone that worked so hard during the clean-up days to get God's house ready for the holiday season. It was a lot of hard, but gratifying work. I also want to thank little Jake and Maggie Cunningham for taking it upon themselves to paint the playground equipment and repairing the sign. What a great job they did. Like Grady says "Future Trustees in Training". As for the near future we have to plan our budget and get the Pastor's residence ready for the Open house. Details will be forthcoming. If you would love to serve the Lord by using your Trustees skills please contact the office or myself. Thanks and God Bless all of you!!!!!!!!!  
Joe Cannon

Chairman

Board of Trustee's



Left to right: Ted, Louise, Guy, Kevin, Walt, Dennis, Grady, Jake, Maggie, Joe and Suzanne

## LifeKidz Celebration

Each Wednesday night from 6pm to 8pm we get to meet kids from the community, eat dinner with them and their parents. We have crafts and games or activities and close with a 20 minute bible lesson. We do this because it is important to get the word into the hearts of these children before they grow up not knowing who God is and how much he loves them!  
Come join us as we have a blast each week...



## The Pumpkins are here!

Thank you to Carol Defilippo and Bob for all your hard work and organizational skills and planning that go into the patch every year! We know they could not have done it alone either...so thank you to EVERYONE who has worked before the pumpkins came, who helped unload them and who helped sell the pumpkins all month long. There is so much that goes into all the behind the scenes to make it successful, so THANK YOU ALL AGAIN!!!!!!!!!!

## In case you missed it...

All the small groups are in full swing so find a group near you and get plugged in!

Here is a list:

Cunningham =	see Lori or Grady
Ritz =	see Joanne Ritz
Miller =	see Pam Blomberg
Koinonia Café =	see Pastor Debbie
Spring Hill =	see Alice Black
Ladies Bible Study	see Lindy House
Youth Group =	see Pastor Guy

## Habitat for Humanity update...

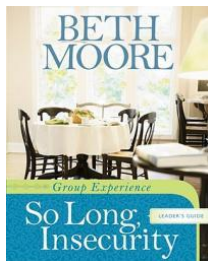
At the beginning of 2009 we decided to take a voyage support Habitat for Humanity and Build a home for a needing family. We joined forces with other Methodist Churches and the "Methodist Build was born". The committee met and we set forth on our first mission "Auction" at the fairground within thirty days. After the auction we had a meeting and decided that it was too much for just four small congregations to handle. So we decided to call it the "Apostles Build" and began inviting other denominations to join. For the rest of 2009 we concentrated on recruiting and had very few fund raisers. However our little white church was blessed with a donation of a motor home to sale, potty planter and Habitat had a booth at our Fall Festival. AS 2010 rolled in more churches began to join the Apostle Build, Habitat for Humanity hired a Public Relations Manager and the planning of larger events started. Habitat for Humanity held the Beach-Ball & Splash-Bash a two day event at Weeki-Wachee Springs. This event combined with the previous events gave us enough funds to get the permits and have the groundbreaking in September 2010. In March 2011 Habitat for Humanity held the "Cruise-In" fundraiser at Weeki-Wachee Springs and most recently The Brick sales. So how far have we come? The original price of the home to be built was around \$80,000.00. We have approximately \$30,000.00 left to appropriate. Now when I say we it is not our church alone it is a joint effort withal of the members of the Apostle Build. Right now we are lacking approximately \$1200.00to get the drywall. Habitat for Humanity will be at our Fall Festival with a booth and future fundraising details will be presented as they are developed. Meanwhile if you feel the need to make a contribution of any kind please contact me @ 352-206-0791 or Debbie Prescott @ 352-754-1159. I want to say THANK YOU for all of the support you have given over the past two years. Hopefully we will have the Kyle family in their home soon. Thanks and God Bless!!!!

Joe Cannon

Recommended Resources:



Kari Jobe/ Worship Leader



Beth Moore/ Author



Mighty Macs/ Movie

Who's Who...

Do you know who your current Trustees are?

- Joe Cannon – Chair
- Louise Gerheuser
- Ron Ritz
- Carol Defilippo
- George Nelson
- Walt Eastman
- Larry Sawyer
- Arnie Koranda

What about the current Outreach Team?

- Mary Cannon
- Cathie Moore
- Linda Means
- Suzanne Winchoba

Did you know our outreach team is responsible for:

- Pantry three times a month feeding an average of 60-80 a month
- Easter baskets
- Thanksgiving Baskets
- Angel Tree
- Backpacks for school
- And more throughout the year

Huge thanks to both Outreach Team and Trustees for all your hard work and commitment!

# New word brought to you by?

Googleheimer's (*noun*): condition in which you think of something you want to look up, then forget what it is by the time you get to the computer.