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# NEWS FROM MCCK

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## ***PET MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS BOOST 'POISED FOR GREATNESS'***

**“ALL PRAISE TO YOU, OH LORD, FOR ALL THESE  
BROTHER AND SISTER CREATURES”**

-ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

These special creatures bless not only those individuals whose souls they touch, but ALL of us in the MCCK community. Through the generous donations received in their honor/memory, the Poised for Greatness campaign received \$1,096.00. We are grateful for these loved animals and for those making contributions on their behalf.

### **IN MEMORY OF CHARLES & LENA VOGT**

<b>MY HORSES</b>	<b>Linda E</b>
<b>ZEUS</b>	<b>Carolyn H</b>
<b>POOKIE</b>	<b>Peter M</b>
<b>ZOIE</b>	<b>Carolyn H</b>
<b>ZEEK</b>	<b>Carolyn H</b>
<b>PLAIN &amp; PEANUT</b>	<b>Steve D</b>
<b>ALL OUR BABIES-</b>	<b>Amy R &amp; Debbie H</b>
<b>BEETHOVEN</b>	<b>Carolyn H</b>
<b>BEAR</b>	<b>Carolyn H</b>
<b>DAISY, BUSTER, GRETAL, SCOUT, &amp; LUCY</b>	<b>Vicki V &amp; Lois W</b>
<b>KENNEDY</b>	<b>Melissa L</b>
<b>RUDY &amp; ANDREW</b>	<b>Ray E</b>
<b>ROCKY &amp; MEMPHIS</b>	<b>Denise L</b>
<b>Cash Offering</b>	<b>Anonymous</b>
<b>Cash Offering</b>	<b>Anonymous</b>

*All Things Bright and Beautiful, All Creatures  
Great and Small, All Things Wise and Wonderful*

*The Lord God Made Them ALL*

## ***MCC CHURCHES MEETING IN ATLANTA***



The GA TN AL Cluster Gathering is only days away. This gathering promises to be full of information, worship, and holy conversations!

You will not want to miss out on this wonderful opportunity of meeting together. Come here and meet Rev Elder Darlene Garner, who is the Size Elder for many in the Southern Clusters.

**WHEN:** Friday Nov. 6-Saturday Nov. 7  
**WHERE:** First MCC of Atlanta

On-site registration will be available.

## ***BEING BETTER STEWARDS OF WATER***

The world is running out of clean, drinkable water. In many places in the world today, there is inadequate water for drinking and for growing food. A water problem soon becomes a hunger problem in many parts of the world.

In the U.S., many places like California and Florida need more water than they are able to provide for themselves. So they are buying water from their neighbors. Many scientists think we will run out of water before we run out of oil.

We need to become more conscious of our use, and abuse, of water. The average American uses 160 gallons of water a day. Here's some of where we use the most at home:

- Flushing the toilet 3 gallons per flush
- Load of laundry 40 gallons
- 10-minute shower 50 gallons
- Brushing teeth with water running 3 gallons

Set some goals. See if you can reduce your water use by 10% next month. You can do it!!! Some ideas:

- Don't water in the yard. Save rainwater or use landscaping options that do not require watering.
- Take a shorter shower.
- Make sure you do full loads of laundry and wash dishes when the dishwasher is full.
- Don't leave water running when cleaning up in the kitchen.
- Make sure that any leaks or drips are fixed quickly.
- Buy products that have the EPA "Water Sense" label since these are designed to use less water.

Another reason to save water? For those of you who live in Knoxville, KUB just raised the price of water. And for most of us, we pay additional sewer charges for each gallon of water we use.

--from your Green Team

## ***A BIBLE FOR BOOK LOVERS***

*(a review)*

TNIV- *The Books of the Bible* from [www.ibsdirect.com](http://www.ibsdirect.com)



Here's a cool deal...

What if the Bible were arranged more chronologically (and logically)? What if books that originally formed one unit were again reunited? And what if we left off all the verse/chapter/paragraph

headings and just read it as it was originally written - as whole books?

That's what Today's New International Version *Books of the Bible* does. It differs from the format of most current Bibles in significant ways:

- \* Chapter and verse numbers are removed from the text
- \* Each book's natural literary breaks are shown instead
- \* There are no notes, cross references, or section headings in the text
- \* Text is presented in one column rather than two or more

\* Books that have historically been divided into parts are restored

\* Books are presented in an order that gives readers more help in understanding

I am very excited about this new Bible and want the word to get out! Now, you can read the Bible in a better and more logical way. How many of you know that the Books of the Bible had no chapters or verses? Or that the order of the Books was put together in two ways, one based more on length (in the English Style), another in the Jewish order for the Old Testament? Many of you know that I like to read the Scriptures out loud -- now with this new edition I have the Scriptures presented in such a way for oral presentation. The TNIV (a gender-friendly translation) commissioned a group of Bible scholars to make the text a continuous flow -- and what a pleasure this is to READ OUT LOUD. The thoughts flow beautifully without the imposed structure in most traditional Bibles.

This Bible follows very closely to the Hebrew structure of the Old Testament only better because it is organized chronologically. First we have the Covenant History with the two books of Samuel and Kings combined (the way it was originally!) The Prophets are in 5 groups chronologically; now you can see which Prophets spoke at which time. The Writings are grouped by Songs, Wisdom Literature, Historical Writings and Apocalyptic. When we get to the New Testament, we now have the Writings surrounding the Gospels. We begin with Luke-Acts (which was originally one Book) and Paul's Letters in chronological order. Luke traveled with Paul so now we have the narrative with the epistles. Next comes Matthew (Which is Jewish in nature) paired off with Hebrews and James. Mark was very close to Peter, so both Peter's letters and Jude are grouped with this Gospel. John's Gospel is followed by his epistles and the Revelation. You can read more about this at: <http://thebooksofthebible.info/main.php>. I love this Book! What a bargain for \$7.95 -- what an idea for a new generation of believers.

– Wayne S

## ***JOE GUY JOINS RANDY TRAVIS IN SUPPORT OF DAMON AND STELLA FOUNDATION***

Australian horse guru Joe Guy has joined country music legend Randy Travis in support of The Damon and Stella Foundation For Mental Health. Randy Travis has been the spokesman for the group since its founding in 2006 by MCKK's Phillip Ivey and Dario Gildrie.

Travis is excited that Guy is sharing the profits from his book sales. Both men have been personally affected by the loss of a loved one to suicide and had the opportunity to discuss their shared tragedies. "It's a great thing that we can let people know there's help," said Travis.

Guy is riding horseback across the continental United States, sharing his expertise in horse training, his autobiography, *Living a Dream*, and his support of the foundation. His ride will take him through the southern parts of the U.S., ending up in Tombstone, Ariz., in spring 2010.

The Damon and Stella Foundation For Mental Health is a charity that increases the awareness of mental health illnesses and suicide prevention. It was founded in March 2006, after Phillip lost his son Damon and Dario lost his wife, Stella, both to suicide.



L-R: Joe Guy, Phillip Ivey, Randy Travis, Dario Gildrie



## Calendar of Events

Event	Date
Friday Night Social Club	( on hiatus until January )
Gay Men's Discussion Group, Unitarian Church	Monday, Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 7:30 p.m.
Election Day	Tuesday, Nov. 3
Butter Braid order pickup	Saturday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Deadline for next newsletter (December)	Sunday, Nov. 15
Meal, worship at St. Ninian	Fridays, 6:30 p.m.
VETERANS DAY	Wednesday, Nov. 11
Potluck Sunday	Nov. 15, 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.
Deacons' meeting	Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30-8 p.m.
Choir Practice for Christmas show	Sunday, Nov. 22, 2 p.m.
THANKSGIVING DAY	Thursday, Nov. 26

### Metropolitan Community Church Knoxville

**Rev. Bob Galloway, Pastor**

*Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.*

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### Directions to MCC Knoxville

- From I-40 west bound**
  - Take Exit 380 (West Hills)
  - Continue through the first stop light (West Town Way)
- From I-40 east bound**
  - Take Exit 380 (West Hills)
  - Turn right at the first stop light (heading to Montvue Rd.)
- Turn left at next stop light (Kingston Pike)
- Turn right at the second stop light (Morrell Rd.)
- Continue straight through the next five stop lights (1.3 miles, finally crossing Westland Dr.)
- Turn right at the next 4-way stop (Nubbins Ridge Rd.)
- Continue 3 blocks
- Turn left on Tranquilla Dr. (at crest of hill)
- Turn right on Redeemer Lane
- Parking lot is at the top of the hill (through red brick gateposts)

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## Lectionary



<b>November 1 – Proper 26 (31)</b>	Ruth 1:1-18, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:11-14, Mark 12:28-34
<b>November 8 – Proper 27 (32)</b>	Ruth 3:1-5, Psalm 127, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
<b>November 15 – Proper 28 (33)</b>	1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18), 19-25, Mark 13:1-8
<b>November 22 – Christ the King</b>	2 Samuel 23:1-7, Psalm 132:1-12 (13-18), Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37
<b>November 29 – First Sunday of Advent</b>	Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36