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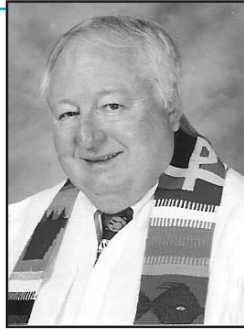
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"AN UNEXPECTED UPGRADE"

Assuming this newspaper makes its way to you on its proper publication date, August 10th, I should be flying around South America, en route homeward following 10 days of mission work in Ecuador. So I thought I'd offer you some thoughts from a previous air journey, one which occurred about a decade ago:

I was flying from Albuquerque to Seattle for a gathering of Christian evangelists from across the nation. There was a stop with a change of planes in Salt Lake City. When I arrived at the Salt Lake airport, I checked in with the gate for the next flight and sat down to read a book to pass the time while waiting. I'd been sitting there for half an hour when the gate attendant called my name on the intercom. I immediately thought, "I wonder what's wrong?" But those thoughts, on that occasion, were totally in the wrong direction. When I went up to the podium and told the gate attendant my name, she said, "Mr. Ring, give me back your coach boarding pass. We're moving you up to first class."

I was amazed. In 30 years of flying, that had never before happened to me. I certainly didn't argue, but I did ask why. The gate attendant replied, "We had some empty seats in first class and, since you're one of our frequent flyer club members, we thought you might enjoy moving up."

Jesus once told a story on this very subject, as recorded in the fourteenth chapter of the Gospel of Luke: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have

been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

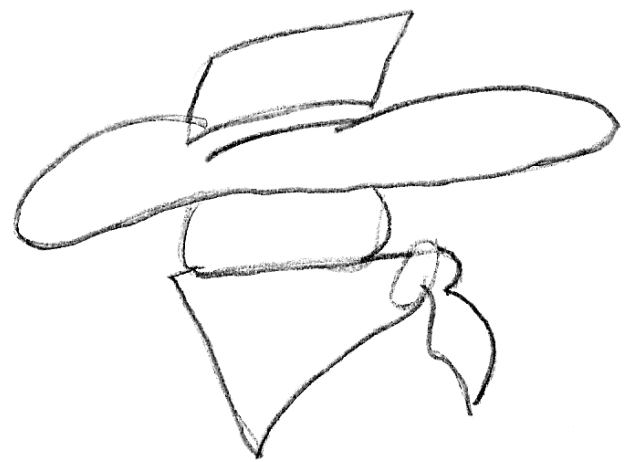
That airplane flight from Salt Lake to Seattle was only two hours long, but I felt like a king the whole time. Imagine me, who always, of necessity, has to find the lowest possible fare, being invited to fly first class! It truly made my day.

Being invited to sit with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in the great banquet feast of heaven is an honor that those who humble themselves in this world for the sake of Jesus and His Gospel will receive in the Kingdom of God. That will not only make your day, but it will make your eternity.

Blessings to you all

Dave Ring

WANTED



TRUSTEES

TO SERVE FUMC & CHRIST

1--HAVE INTEREST IN THE PHYSICAL FACILITIES OF THE CHURCH

2--POSSESS PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITIES

3--EXHIBIT ENTHUSIASM FOR DETAILS

4--MUST BE PREPARED TO

A) ASSUME LEADERSHIP

B) ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS

C) COMMIT TO FOLLOW THROUGH

MEETINGS PROJECTS TO COMPLETION

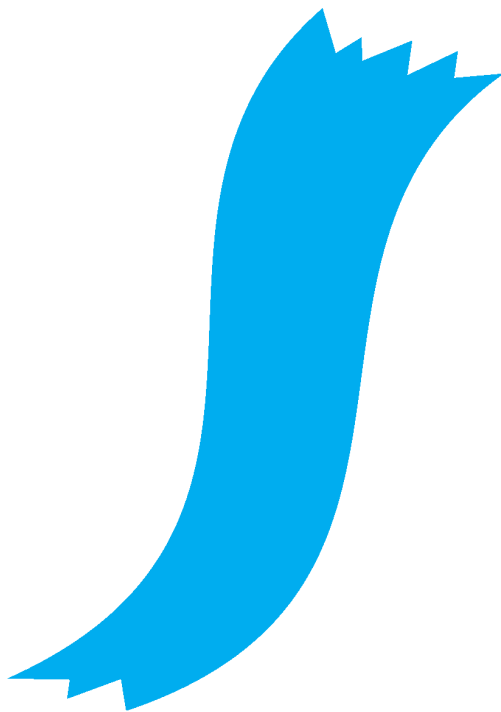
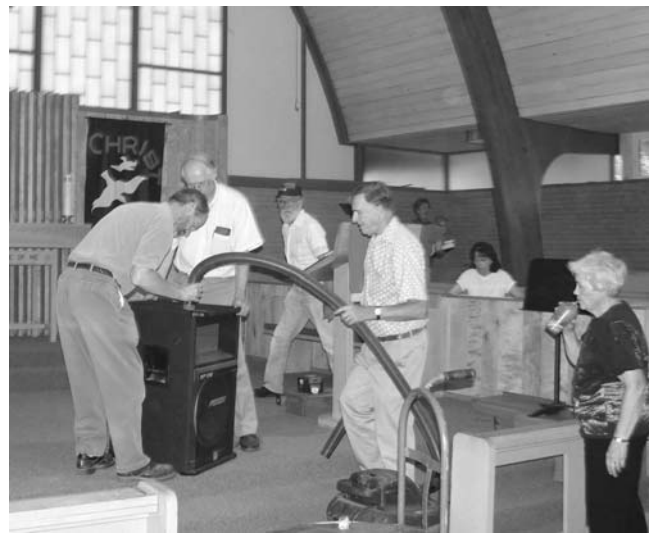
Time for Carpeting

Some things are done as seldom as possible. I never really thought about it, but I guess if you only put in new carpet once every twenty-seven or eight years, that would qualify as seldom. As Alice Carter reminded us, our first sanctuary carpet was installed in our church back in 1980. In carpet time that added up to several lifetimes!

Well, we've done the deed; replaced the carpet. Having lived through the process of recarpeting with a number of you, I'm sure you will agree with me that it probably should only be done once every twenty-seven to thirty years! There is an amazing amount of work that goes into carpeting a sanctuary.

Pictured on this page are a few of the people who worked on parts of the project. Pews had to be removed and replaced, hymnals stacked and unstacked, speakers, lecterns, robes, sheet music, etc. Floors had to be cleaned and vacuumed (more than once).

Thank you to all the people who contributed to our sanctuary's new carpet. Thank you for sharing your time and effort to completing this project. Special thanks are offered to Louise Mendius, Sue Kinkead, Jay Carnes, and the Trustees.



Special August Days

Birthdays:

Jan Stong 08/06
 Charles Mader 08/08
 Lynne Cash 08/13
 Jim Terrell 08/15
 Don Enemark 08/16
 Dean Taylor 08/18
 Tressa McDaniel 08/20
 Mark Anthony Ortiz 08/21
 Riley Courtright 08/23
 Marion Keene 08/24
 Walt Ellis 08/25
 Carla Shuman 08/27
 Peggy Kruse 08/28
 Grant Janecky 08/31

Anniversaries:

August 6
 John & June Pirtle
 August 15
 John & Anja Blackadar
 August 17
 Mark & Susan Hodgson
 August 23
 Don & Sheila Enemark
 August 27
 Joe & Irene bubernak

New Ark Director



The Ark is excited to welcome Lorri White as the new director. Lorri came as a teacher to the Ark in 2005. She has a BA in psychology and an elementary education teaching certificate. Before coming to the Ark she taught in Rio Rancho, Jemez Valley, Cochiti, Algodones and Moreno Valley, California school districts in the pre-school, younger elementary and special education pro-

grams. Lorri was also program director for Anything Possible here in Los Alamos. She and her son, Christian, will be moving to Los Alamos from Jemez Springs this fall. She is a member of Top of the Hill Episcopal Church. After a transition period, Lorri will officially take over as Ark director sometime this fall.

First United Methodist Church called to:

Seek God,
 Share Christ's Word,
 Serve His World

The next edition of Visions will be dated August 24.
 The deadline for articles is Friday, August 17.

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Sunday Services & Activities
 8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Wednesday Activities
 Chancel Choir 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events Highlights



Sermon Titles

August 12 11th Sunday after Pentecost
 Dr. Dave Ring "Why Do We Keep Making These Strange Mission Trips?"
 New Testament Scripture Text Acts 1:6-8
 August 19 Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Quito Mission Trip

Aug. 1-10

LAF

August 12, 4 pm in the Friendship Center

Outreach/Missions

August 13, 7 pm in the

Library
Christian Education
 August 13, 7 pm, Friendship Center

SPRC
 August 14, 7 pm in the Asbury Room

Staff Meeting
 August 16, 9 am, Lib

Parents' Night Out
 August 17, 6:30 to 9:30 pm

Newspaper Articles Due
 August 17

Youth Leaders Meeting
 August 19, 5 pm

LACares
 August 20, 6:30 pm

Trustees
 August 21, 6 pm in the Library

Ark Board

August 21, 6 pm, MH
Finance

August 21, 6:30 pm, Lib

Choir
 August 22, 7 pm

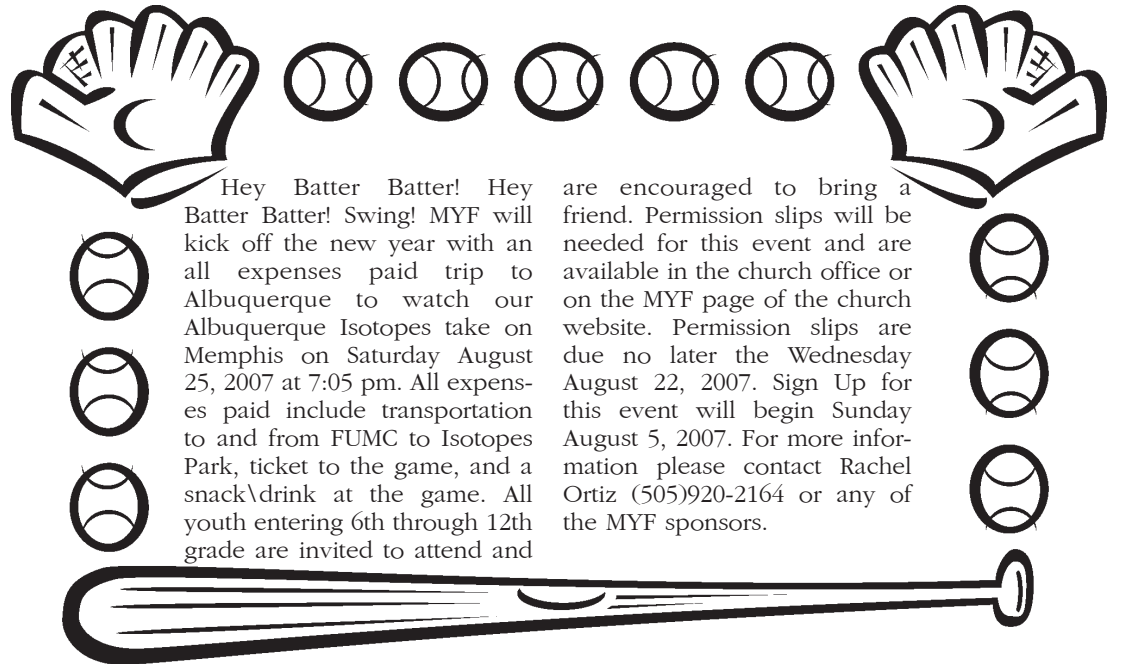
Staff Meeting
 August 24, 9 am, Lib

Roundup in Lubbock, TX
 August 25

Youth at Isotopes
 August 25

Church Picnic
 August 25, 11 am to 3 pm, at Urban Park

Batter Batter!



Hey Batter Batter! Hey Batter Batter! Swing! MYF will kick off the new year with an all expenses paid trip to Albuquerque to watch our Albuquerque Isotopes take on Memphis on Saturday August 25, 2007 at 7:05 pm. All expenses paid include transportation to and from FUMC to Isotopes Park, ticket to the game, and a snack\drink at the game. All youth entering 6th through 12th grade are invited to attend and

are encouraged to bring a friend. Permission slips will be needed for this event and are available in the church office or on the MYF page of the church website. Permission slips are due no later the Wednesday August 22, 2007. Sign Up for this event will begin Sunday August 5, 2007. For more information please contact Rachel Ortiz (505)920-2164 or any of the MYF sponsors.

NEW APPLIANCES FOR THE PARSONAGE



The trustees are pleased to report that they have purchased new appliances to replace the aging ones at our parsonage. A new Sears Kenmore refrigerator, washer and dryer will be delivered soon to the Rings'. We saved 20% of the purchase price of all three plus will get free home delivery due to a special Sears' sale. Sears will also pick up the old appliances and haul them away.

Thank You
 Your kindness

was sincerely appreciated.

Thank you for the acceptance and the support. I am grateful and blessed.

Tyrone Clemons