



# *The Inman Informer*

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## **Grab a Snake by the Tail**

I love the stories in Exodus of the encounters with Moses and Pharaoh. I am reminded that God has, and does, work in common people to bring about His good for His glory.

One story that I love to share comes from Exodus chapter 4. This is at the beginning of Moses following God's call on his life to be a prophet and lead the Hebrew people out of captivity from Egypt and into the Promised Land that God has in store for them. But first, God has to get Moses ready, because Moses doesn't feel very qualified to do the job that God has laid out for him. In fact, he is very insecure about what he is supposed to be doing.

I have heard it said that God doesn't call the equipped, but He equips the called. I have sure found this to be true. And it was true for Moses, too.

But in an effort to help get Moses ready for an encounter with Pharaoh, the single most powerful ruler in the known world at the time, God gave Moses a practice run. This story is in Exodus 4:1-5. Moses was holding a staff in his hand and God told him to throw it down on the ground. When Moses threw it down it became a snake. God told Moses to pick it up and when Moses picked it up it became a staff again.

There are a couple of things I wanted to share with you today from this story. When Moses threw the staff down and God turned it into a snake Moses ran from it. I get it, I would have done that too. And probably so would you! But the thing is that we do that all too often. Run from things, I mean. When we are faced with an unexpected fearful situation (and this was just that, God could have at least given Moses a heads up of what He was going to do) we have a few options. One is to run from our fear. This is probably the most common reaction. Or we can be frozen by our fear. Paralyzed. I have seen this as a pretty common reaction also. Or there is a third option: face our fear. This is what God tells Moses to do. "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail," God told Moses (4:4a).

I am not a snake expert, I have never really owned a snake. I have studied them and always dreamed of having one. I am sure that Rebekah would never allow it. So, you as you may guess, I am not exactly a proficient professional in snake handling mannerisms but there is one thing I do know about picking up a snake. Never, and I mean NEVER-EVER-NEVER, pick it up the tail. If you pick up a snake by the tail then it might swing around with its free end, its mouth, and bite you. So why did God tell Moses to pick up the snake by the tail? Did God want Moses to get bitten? Did God not know that Moses would be vulnerable to a snake bite this way? Or did God have an ulterior motive? Did God want to teach Moses, and us, something more important than just proper snake handling etiquette? I think the latter.

Maybe, by picking up the snake by the tail Moses was being forced to face his fear (not run from it and not be paralyzed by it) and trust God at the same time. God calls us to a living faith, and a living faith involves action!

Is there something in your life where you need to trust God and reach out and take hold of? I can promise you that if you are following God's plan for your life He will take care of you. If God has brought you to it, He will bring you through it.

And one more side note about snakes: the mouth is the big end...the tail is the little end. You just take care of the little end, the part that you can handle, and trust that God handle the big end. Now, stop running and pick that thing up by the tail in the name of Jesus.

Blessings,  
Pastor Tommy

# NORTH GEORGIA UMC SHORELINE CAMPS

All upcoming 3rd through 9th graders are invited to  
**Shoreline Camp**  
July 15th through 20th  
in Lagrange, GA

Shoreline provides an overnight camp experience for campers. Shoreline camp is a chance for your group to get away and grow together for a week, to focus on faith, to learn more about who and how God created us to be and live. There are crafts, games, canoeing, ropes courses, worship, and many other activities.

The cost for the week per camper is \$475. There are scholarships available, but those spots fill quickly, so please speak to Dena as soon as possible if you would like to apply for a scholarship.

For more information about the camp, visit [shorelinecamps.org](http://shorelinecamps.org)  
*To register your child, please speak to Dena Anderson, our Children/Youth Coordinator.*

## Joy & Sharing

Joy & Sharing will meet Tuesday, June 12th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share. For more information, see Gloria Reid. We hope to see you there!

## Primetimers

The Primetimers will meet Tuesday, June 26th at 11:30 a.m. at Concord Café. Please join us! For more information, please see Jean McChargue.





## Vacation Bible School

Invite your friends and family to join us for VBS

July 9-13th

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We are also in need of volunteers to make this event happen. Please consider where you can help us serve in this program and outreach event to the community. There are signup sheets outside of the sanctuary. Thank you in advance for your support of our children and the children in our community.

## Landing Get-Togethers

Each Sunday, following the 8:45 a.m. service and again between Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service, a group in our church will sponsor a brief time of hospitality on the stair landing. During the month of June, the Children's Ministry will be promoting our upcoming VBS. Stop by to see how you can get involved.

The Outreach Committee has planned for the followings groups to host the Landing Get-Togethers for the coming months:

June	VBS Sign up
July	UMW & Youth - Back to School



## **For healing from health concerns**

Jayne Akeman  
Carlos Allen (Gloria Reid's brother)  
Wanda Anderick (Nancy Allgood)  
Anna Anderson (Angus Anderson)  
Sara Ballard  
Ray Barday (Charles Cox)  
Liz Beardon (Judy Becco's sister)  
Glenda Berman (Dixie Berner)  
Cameron Cathey (deployed to Iraq)  
Brad Cook  
Darleen Cornelison  
Kathy Cottrell (Kay Cox)  
Charles Cox  
Nancy Dunaway (Mary Jane Fortner)  
Brenda Durkee  
Cheryl Gibbs, aneurysm (Tommy Peacock)  
Luke Gilliam (Jane St. Amour)  
Ed Goins (Kay Cox)  
Nicole Henry, colitis  
Jean Hilten (Claire Starkey's aunt)  
Bill LaTerre (Martha Kozisek)  
Tommy Mask  
Miriam Schmidt  
Lori Smith  
Ursula Strickland (Linda DeLisle's mother)  
Katy Swanger  
Dorothy Swanson (Nancy Allgood)  
Lee Wagner (Brad Wagner's father)  
Jeff Wedge  
Rhonda Wheeler (Daughter-in-law of  
George & Lynn Wheeler)  
Don Whiteside  
Albert Williams (Jane St. Amour)

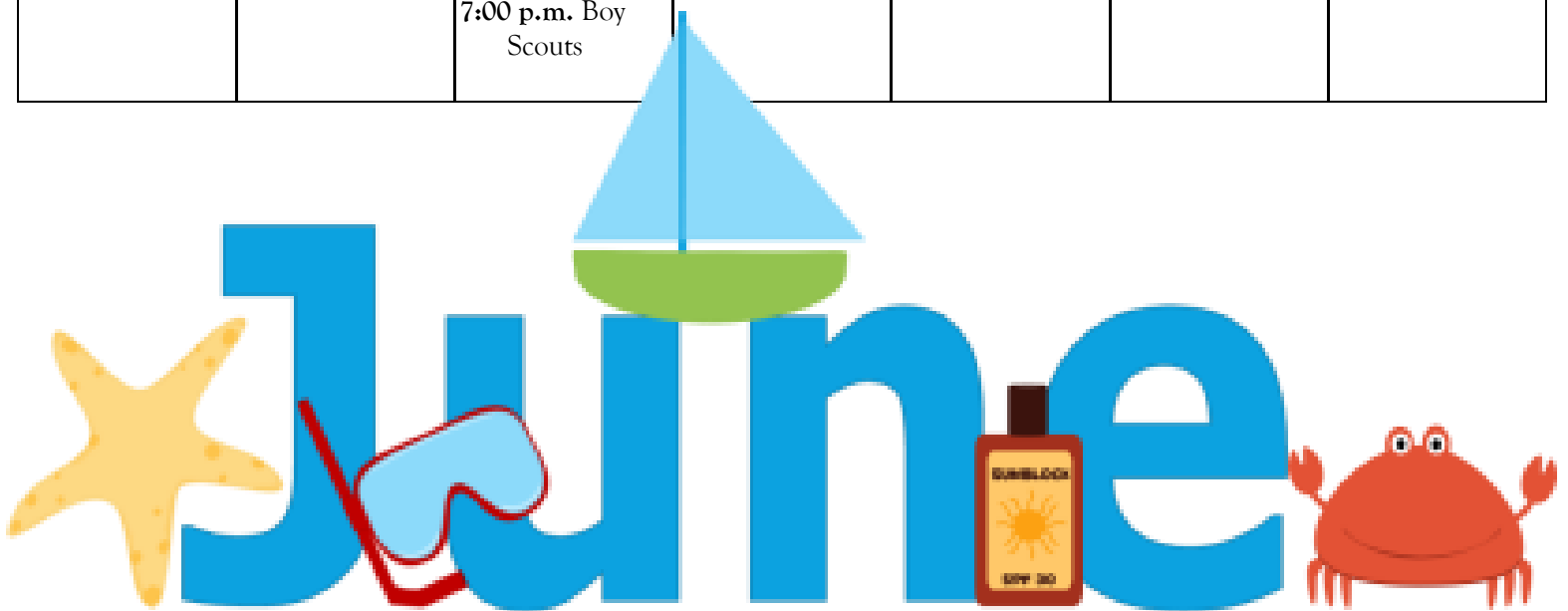
## **For healing from cancer**

Terri Adams (Virginia Adams' daughter)  
Ben Akeman  
Brandon Brown (Claire Starkey)  
Sandy Burns (Kay Cox)  
Wayne Byrd (Cyndie Hogeland)  
Barbi Charles (Dena Anderson)  
Nancy Cox (Cox's sister-in-law)  
Marcie Daudry (Brenda Neupert)  
Walter Delia (Martha Kozisek)  
Dan Dudley (Pat Pratt)  
Mary Lee Giddings  
Gina Henderliter (step-daughter of Carolyn  
Kramlich)  
Donna Hilton (Claire Starkey)  
Matt Kirkindall  
Marvin Markham  
Harry Martin (George & Lynn Wheeler)  
Agnes McChargue  
Barbara Redmon (Nancy Allgood)  
James Rideout, bone marrow transplant  
Katie Schmidt (Brenda Schachle)  
Joey Shelton (Debora Morris)  
Ann Talant (Caroline Akeman)  
Brent Taylor (Jim & Karen Blue)  
Lee Turner (Dean Turner)  
George Wheeler  
John Williams (Arlys Ferrell)  
Louise Woods (Ann Hembree)  
Kay Young (Forrest & Sara Ballard)

## **Other Concerns**

For the children and youth programs of  
Inman  
Unspoken prayers of the congregation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 8:00 a.m. Impact Wall Build
3 Holy Communion Noisy Buckets	4	5 10:00 a.m. Summer Lunch Program 6:00 p.m. Impact Kickoff Dinner 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	6 Impact Service Project	7 Impact Service Project	8 Impact Service Project	9
10	11	12 11:30 a.m. Joy & Sharing 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	13 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 Appalachian Service Project Trip	18 Appalachian Service Project Trip	19 Appalachian Service Project Trip 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	20 Appalachian Service Project Trip	21 Appalachian Service Project Trip	22 Appalachian Service Project Trip	23 Appalachian Service Project Trip
24 UMCOR Adult Mission Trip	25 UMCOR Adult Mission Trip	26 UMCOR Adult Mission Trip 11:30 a.m. Primetimers 6:30 p.m. UMM 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	27 UMCOR Adult Mission Trip 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice	28 UMCOR Adult Mission Trip	29 UMCOR Adult Mission Trip	30 6:00 p.m. Youth Encounter



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## Congratulations to our pianist, Carolyn Kramlich!

Carolyn submitted a march again this year for the American Heritage Contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. "I am happy to announce that my march won first place nationally ~ for the second year in a row!"

The theme for 2018 was Exploring America through the Arts (specifically music). Inspired by the American spirit of exploration, innovation, and determination during the 1800s, I entitled this march 'Traveling Companions,' paying tribute to the adventurous women in American folk songs that were popular during that time period."



**United  
Methodist  
Women**

In honor of Father's Day on June 17th, the UMW LAF Circle is preparing a list of loved ones that you would like to remember or honor in our church bulletin that Sunday. The cost is \$1.00

per name, and all proceeds will go towards projects and missions in the coming year. Sign up sheets are available in the bulletin on Sunday. Please turn in your slips and money by June 10th so there is time to order flowers.

Keep an eye on the bulletin for any updates and information.

Blessings,

Joni Janssen, President



## Birthdays This Month

Paul Ballard	6/4
David Ballard	6/5
Lynn Wheeler	6/11
Melanie Wagner	6/12
Ira Bishop	6/16
Sam Jones	6/17
Scott Ballard	6/23
Patsy Elliott	6/24
Ruth Sitton	6/24
June Dudrow	6/25



The United Methodist Men will meet on Tuesday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Speedi Pig in Fayetteville. Please see Michael Barb for more information on how you can be involved in this ministry and the many ways they serve the church.

If you see that a birthday is missing, please notify the church office so that we can make the correction in our database.