



**Carrollton First UMC/The Bridge**

*The Bridge*

E- Circuit Rider

August 24, 2017



**Begin making plans to invite that friend or family member who has questions about the validity of the Christian faith—that friend who keeps saying, “YOU CAN’T PROVE IT!” Invite your skeptical friends to come see/hear the proof for themselves!**

**Come discover the real evidence of Jesus’ death and resurrection! Whether you are a skeptic or have been a Christian for years, you will be touched by the true story of an award-winning investigative journalist (Lee Strobel)—and avowed atheist—who applies his well-honed journalistic and legal skills to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife.... with unexpected, life-altering results.**

**Starting OCTOBER 29, 2017, Rev. Loomis will begin a four-week sermon series and small group study based on the major motion picture, *The Case For Christ*. Wherever you are in your faith journey—no matter what questions you may have—you won’t be the same after you discover the evidence for yourself!**

**NOTE: We will be hosting a Free Movie Night, showing *The Case For Christ*, at a date and time TBA! Watch for details in upcoming e-newsletters and Sunday bulletins. In the meantime,...**

**PRAY! PRAY! PRAY!**

**INVITE! INVITE! INVITE!**



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## Community Block Party

Sunday, September 10

4:00-6:30pm

Food, Music, Games

@ Carrollton First UMC parking lot

Free Event!

(In case of rain the party will be moved to the Bridge!)

Bring your family and invite a friend or neighbor.

Motorcycle Ride will start at 1:00pm from the parking lot @ Carrollton First UMC. 100 miles; 2 stops. Return to Block Party between 5 & 5:30pm. Contact Vern Perry with questions 330-627-4561.

Help is needed to set up, man the stations and clean up.  
Please sign up for a shift!

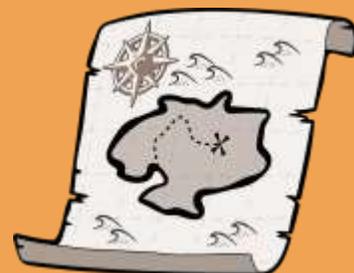
## Connections Sunday

Sunday October 22

12:00 noon—Pizza at The Bridge!

12:30—Scavenger Hunt

Return to *The Bridge* for light refreshments, hands-on family friendly activities, and some Praise & Worship with the Bridge Band! *Bring your family! Bring a guest!*



 **Habitat for Humanity®**  
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Thank you to everyone who worked or provided meals for our Habitat Work Day August 10.

A GROWING IN GRACE MOMENT... **Yesterday Today and Forever**

My little dog, whose slender frame and muscular legs allow her to reach high speeds in short time, hurt her knee. It was evening when I noticed her hobbling toward her blanket on the couch. When Rosie twice tried and twice failed to make the leap from floor to furniture, I knew it couldn't be good. The vet confirmed a badly torn ACL. We were told that with medication for pain and swelling, though she will forever limp, she would begin to use that leg again in a month and it would fully heal in six.

I read a wonderful praise email recently, and the last line got me wondering about healing. It excitedly shared good news of health being restored, and it ended with an exclamation of God's goodness. While God is good, does our opinion of His goodness solely depend on the outcomes of our wishes? If healing had not occurred, would God still be considered good? Most nights for me end with a prayer for my loved ones. If I wake up in the morning and one of my prayed for loved ones does not, will my God remain good in my eyes?

This is something to be grounded in before not after a tragedy occurs. For inevitably it will. Such is life, there is "a time to be born, and a time to die" (Eccl 3:2) for us all. There will be a morning when I wake up and a dearly loved one will not. There will be a morning when a dearly loved one will awaken and I will not. It is not our circumstances that make our God good. It is His very nature that makes Him unable to be anything but good, "No one is good but One, that is, God" (Mt 19:17).

When I listen to world events, there is much happening all around to be frightened by. To focus on all of the bad and disturbing things occurring across our dark land and beyond is to take our focus off the One who is the "Light of the world" (Jn 8:12). It is His Light in us that enables our world to be brighter. He is the "Bread of life" (Jn 6:35) Who nourishes our spirits, strengthening us that we may be able to do all things through Him (Ph 4:13). Jesus is our Good Shepherd (Jn 10:11) Who promises to remain right here in the mess of life with us, seeing us through both the hardships and the prosperous times alike.

On a recent summer morning I was awakened by Rosie leaping onto my bed for the first time in at least six weeks. What a significant milestone in her lengthy healing process. Is my God good? Yes. Would I still feel this way had Rosie remained without the use of her rear right leg? Or if I endure the awful loss of a dearly loved one? I must, for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (He 13:8). His goodness is not dependent on life's circumstances, however, in life's circumstances we are dependent on Him if we are to make it through them.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." Jn 16:33

*By Emily J. Ulman*

Once again, love, blessing and thank you to our church family, as you shared the love of Jesus with the special people in our **KEEP IN TOUCH** outreach.

On August 16, 9 people donated a wonderful assortment of garden flowers, and 3 gifted ladies made them into beautiful arrangements - Over 60 people, from The Bridge and YBC, wrote messages of love and encouragement that were delivered by 6 faithful team members to 9 KEEP IN TOUCH individuals. (3 additional cards were mailed to friends out of the area.)

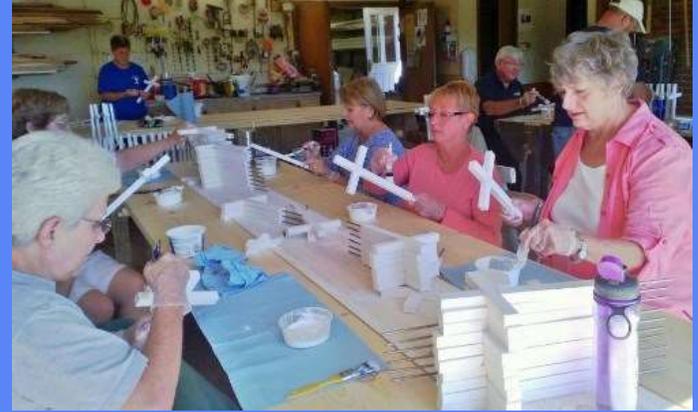


What a blessing, when the family of God ministers in His name and for His glory! Love our church family! Thanks be to God!

## WHITE CROSS MINISTRY

12 volunteers from Carrollton First UMC helped paint 665 crosses for the White Cross Ministry at Magnolia UMC on August 23.

Since September 2016, when the group from Carrollton first started participating in the White Cross Ministry, they have painted **4761** crosses.



## Feedback request...

This is the sixth e-news that has been sent. Are you finding the information current and beneficial? Is it being sent too often? Should we continue with the electronic format or do you prefer a printed copy mailed to your home address? Please send an email to the office [office@yellowbrickchurch.org](mailto:office@yellowbrickchurch.org) or let one of the pastors know.

### MISSION NOTE: Ken & Kathy Keyes

Ken, Kathy, Max, and Peter Keyes stopped by Carrollton First UMC on Tuesday evening, August 1<sup>st</sup>, for a visit with several mission team members, friends from the congregation, and Rev. Loomis. The Keyes' have been "in country" for a month or so, traveling from Dallas, TX, to this part of the country, visiting churches, supporters, and family. Ken's new mission assignment will be to continue work on language translations from Dallas, where SIL, the overseas language organization through which he works, has facilities. He hopes to nurture the on site team building begun these past years, with plans to "go remote"—travel to their former overseas base several times each year. Kathy will, as always, be handling most of the communication with supporters around the country. Her priorities as we spoke were to finalize a home purchase, get their belongings out of storage, find used furniture for their immediate need, and get the boys off to a good transition in a very different school and cultural situation. The boys themselves have done what boys sometimes do—grown taller than their mother! Max is entering his junior year; Peter will be a sophomore.

Ken's enthusiasm for his work and his passion for delivering the Bible, in the language of these somewhat remote villages, was evident as he talked. He spoke of one people group, an historically Orthodox Christian people, who have been without the Bible now for ten centuries! He mentioned a picture dictionary they'd published and how helpful and popular it had been. Ken expressed that this remote assignment would give him the opportunity to be more prayerful in seeking God's provision of workers for the mission field of Bible translation. He asked that we be in prayer for God to reveal to him the "men of peace" he is to work with. His vision, his dream is to see a movement toward Christ by the people of this mountainous, Asian region.

**Next time's *Mission Note*: LeAnn Eyeran**

**REMINDER:**

*Please Submit Addresses for the  
College Student*

*Keep in Touch Ministry*

Send a quick email to the office  
([office@yellowbrickchurch.org](mailto:office@yellowbrickchurch.org))



**BASIC Youth Group**

Wednesdays 6-8pm  
@ One Way Youth Center  
7-12th grade

**Wild Wednesday**

begins Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> @ Yellow Brick Church  
6-7:30pm; Ages 4-8th grade  
Supper, Games, Crafts, Bible Story

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