

FROM THE MOUNTAIN



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Summer 2016



Dr. Jim Lowry Retires

Dr. Jim Lowry recently retired as District Superintendent for the Atlanta Marietta District of the United Methodist Church. He has worked with our Mountain Top Board for many years, providing ideas and solid comparative information that helped form many of our policies and procedures. His broad contacts and experience not only in Georgia but overseas with missions activities has been inspiring and his helpful demeanor has been most welcome. Please join us in wishing Dr. Jim the best at jim.lowry@ngumc.net

RECENT ADDITIONS TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Terry Walton is the new District Superintendent for the Atlanta Marietta District of the United Methodist Church (UMC). He is moving to Kennesaw, in his new District, as required by church practice. That's a good thing because he is an avid Braves fan and will now be closer to the new stadium. The District Superintendent is an automatic member of the board, since the District owns the land on which Mountain Top is built.

Jeff Self is President of Self Recycling, a scrap metal processing and recycling center that has been serving North Georgia since 1964, now with three locations in Cartersville, Dalton and Jasper. They offer premium metal recycling for residential, commercial, and industrial clients. Jeff brings important knowledge and contacts in the communities around Mountain Top.

Glenda Bell has worked with various church projects such as helping raise the first wall in a Habitat for Humanity build and praying for a Peruvian father's recovery from injury while visiting the family's dirt-floored, thatch-roofed, 2 room home. Glenda's retired from inside sales/operations management for an industrial equipment manufacturer's rep and customer support/management for a Fortune 500 materials-science company. Her experience is proving valuable as she is finding new opportunities for Mountain Top. Glenda and her husband Tom attend East Cobb United Methodist Church.

Rev. Roger Vest is the newly appointed minister at Powder Springs FUMC. He has done all sorts of community and non profit work and serves as a Director for Sweetwater Mission and chairs the Cobb Collaborative. His fundraising experience will be most beneficial for our boys.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR'S COMMENTS



RICH MACDONALD

Being with our boys all summer gives us a special opportunity to really tune into our kids' lives and help them deal with growing up in productive ways. We've watched the news at night and discussed the issues, asking for opinions without telling the boys what they should think. A boy was squinting while looking at the TV so we scheduled an appointment with the optometrist, then helped him pick out the frames and tried to convince him that he looks smarter with them on, and that girls really DO make passes at boys who wear glasses, then bought a hard case to protect the lenses and we have a spare pair ready to go because we know he'll leave them on the bus at some point - because he's a boy!

Our summer has been filled with teachable moments like these. If you really pay attention there are opportunities in most of the activities we've participated in so far, like going to a Braves game, a weeklong basketball camp, Vacation Bible Schools, visiting the animal shelter and loving some puppies for an hour at a time at Petco, turning over rocks at the creek and seeing what crawls out, doing our chores every day and keeping our vehicles clean, feeding our dogs and making sure they feel loved and have clean water, etc, etc. There are lessons to be learned and larger understandings to be gained in some of the smallest things that happen around us every day, and it's our privilege to make the most of these little things and try to help our boys understand their real value.

Rich

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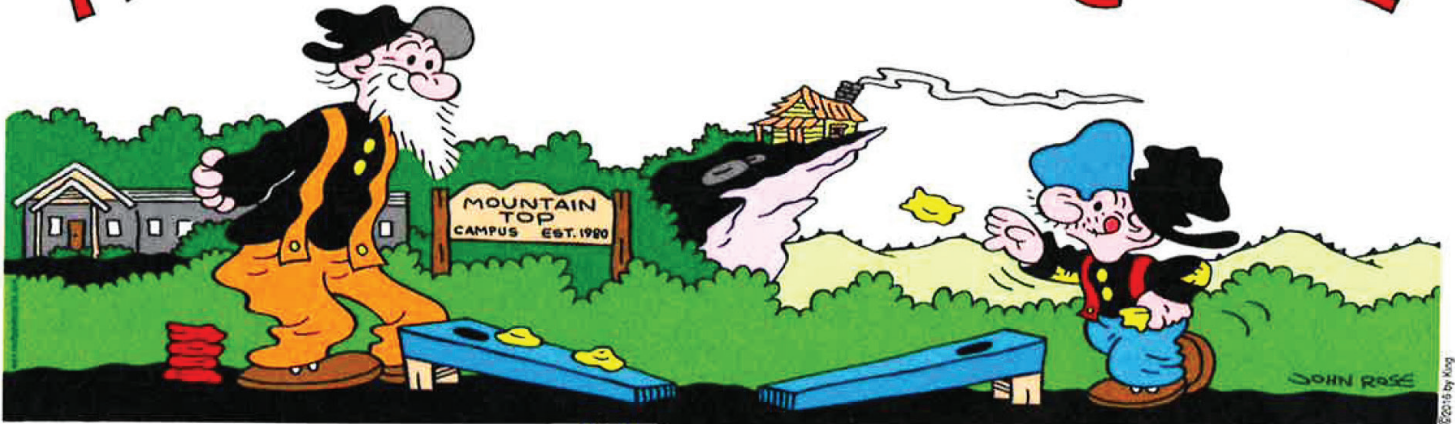


"A group of like minded men giving back to the Community" is what their card says, and they certainly have helped our boys - riding from Calhoun to Mountain Top to Resaca to raise funds. There the Mountain Top Staff grilled hamburgers and hot dogs.

Last Christmas they held a party for the boys with clothing gifts. Then they bought a new American Flag to replace our old one; and the boys will soon be participating in a hot dog cookout at Eagles Way Community Outreach with some of the riders.

Think you've got game??

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THANKS TO SCOUT TROUP 467

A special thank you to Scoutmaster Bryan Husk and all the scouts that participated in their "volunteer service campout" at Mountain Top. The troop from Peachtree Road United Methodist Church completed projects that benefitted our boys and gave the scouts credit toward merit badges and Eagle status. The troop brought a very large donation of much appreciated hygiene articles that the boys use daily. They also brought a spirit and example that benefitted all who live on the mountain.

Scout groups are welcome to use our facilities. We have excellent outdoor campsites in acres of woodlands, plus an indoor bunkhouse. And we always have some projects that need careful attention.

SAVE THE DATES

Music on the Mountain - August 27th

Open House BBQ - October 22

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