

## SENIOR PASTOR WRITES...

### GOD IS IN THIS

Every once in awhile, a remarkable music album comes out of nowhere and takes the American public by storm. The soundtrack to the movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* is a good example. It was the surprise winner at the 44th Annual Grammy Awards, presented on February 27, 2002 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles. The multi-platinum album took home five Grammys including the coveted Album of the Year award, besting works by U2 and Bob Dylan. Produced by BMI songwriter/producer T Bone Burnett, who was named Producer of the Year, the bluegrass soundtrack features some of my favorite artists including John Hartford, Alison Krauss and Dan Tyminski. The album also won Best Compilation Soundtrack Album, Best Country Collaboration with Vocals for "I Am a Man of Constant Sorrow" by the Soggy Bottom Boys, and Best Male Country Vocal for "O Death" by Ralph Stanley. It was 75-year-old Stanley's first Grammy. Rolling Stone called it one of the best albums of 2001.



Matthew 5:7

The Whites and a few other groups, along with the Soggy Bottom Boys (a fictional group) perform on the album. The Whites have been performing gospel, country swing, and bluegrass music for more than 30 years but the success of this album caught them by surprise. The direct reason for the album's success is that it is a soundtrack to the popular movie *O Brother, Where Art Thou?*

The second reason for the album's success is expressed well by Sharon White, from the family singing group. She said, "This music touches people on a level that we're not accustomed to being touched on in our culture today. Modern entertainment is all about arousal and sensuality. But this music is honest and pure, and it moves you like a mountain stream moves you. It's something so deep it almost defies explanation."

I like what she says next. She describes herself as "loosely Southern Baptist," and she believes there are spiritual forces at play: "God's in this," she says. "There's no doubt about it. We look at everything we do that way, and I hope the people at the concerts see this, because I, we, are very unattractive, weak vessels."

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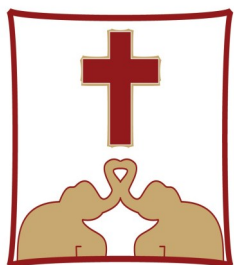
### SERMON SERIES: "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JESUS - LIFE LESSONS FROM THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT"

Part 1 - The Beatitudes	February 19 - "A Call to Obedience" Matthew 5:5	March 11 - "Discarding our Mask" Matthew 5:8
February 5 - "Oh Lord, It's Hard to be Humble" Matthew 5:3	February 26 - "A Thirst for Life" Matthew 5:6	March 18 - "Blessed are the Peacemakers" Matthew 5:9, Dr. J. Ellsworth Kalas
February 12 - Close to God's Heart" Matthew 5:1-12 (The Message)	March 4 - "A Great Mercy" Matthew 5:7	March 25 - "In God We Trust" Matthew 5:10-12

I know what she means. Every now and then you hear something, whether it is music or poetry, or some bit of wisdom that touches you on a level we're not accustomed to being touched. As soon as you hear it, you know that it is addressing eternal truths. I like to think that those who sat around Jesus on that day in Galilee when he first preached, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," looked at each other with that look that says, "That's right! I understand what he is saying. God is in this."

The Beatitudes are words so deep they almost defy explanation. As we begin the Lenten season, we are going to consider these words in Matthew 5:1-12 as part of a new sermon series- **"The Gospel According to Jesus: Life Lessons from the Sermon on the Mount"**. I believe the Lord has much to teach us in these days. Join us on this journey of discovery!

Bill



**THAILAND  
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Thank you for your generous gift to support the Thailand Methodist Mission. We are honored to serve as your missionaries and are blessed by your faithfulness. You are a great blessing to us and to the Thai people. This past year, your giving has made an eternal difference in the lives of Thai people. In 2011, your partnership in mission made it possible to accomplish these goals:

1. You helped to plant 2 new churches in Mai Ya and Wattana Nakhon, which are in sub-districts (counties) that never before in history had a church of any type. You are expanding the Kingdom of God, making disciples and changing lives in new pioneering areas. Already, one of these churches, in Wattana Nakhon, has multiplied and has become two churches forming a circuit.
2. You helped to save and change the lives of over 50 orphans and street children in Pattaya, who are at great risk of child trafficking. Your ongoing support has helped provide services for over 200 at risk children through Blessing Home.
3. You helped provide Bible college scholarships to 2 students who will be future pioneer pastors, opening churches in unreached sub-districts in Thailand.
4. You have provided ongoing support for 2 churches planted by us in previous years, the Pattaya Akha UMC and the church at Nakhon Pithom.
5. You have provided training through the Pioneering Pastors Program for over 40 pastors and church leaders who will be pioneering new churches in unreached areas, not only in Thailand, but in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Nepal, India, Philippines, and Africa.
6. You have provided ongoing support for children and youth ministries in 5 churches in Thailand that are in pioneering locations.

God is good and so are His people. Thank you for being the people of God. None of this would be possible without you.

We are getting closer to our goal of buying a building for Blessing Home and now have over \$123,000 received. In two weeks, we will go building hunting with Pastor Banyan. Please pray that the Lord will lead us to the right building, the right location.

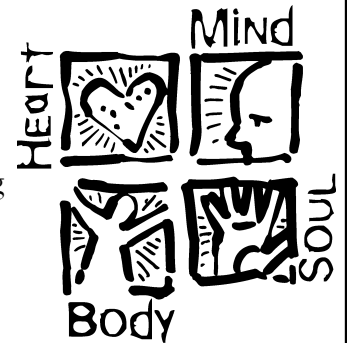
Yours in Christ,  
Mike and Sherri Morrissey  
Chonburi, Thailand

## Become Aware of Your Thyroid

The question that many of us should be asking ourselves is “Could we have a thyroid problem?” Thyroid disease is easily and frequently misdiagnosed as depression and can be the actual cause of weight gain or difficulty losing weight. Experts estimate the majority of thyroid sufferers remain undiagnosed and untreated as it is not typically tested as part of regular blood work in an annual physical. There are many different risk factors, signs and symptoms of thyroid conditions. A few are noted below:

### Risk Factors:

- Female and over age 50 with a family history of thyroid or autoimmune disease
- Being left-handed, or prematurely gray and a former smoker
- High stress life events
- Exposure to iodine via contrast dye, surgical antiseptic, herbal supplements containing iodine or living in an iodine deficient area
- Radiation exposure through radiation to neck area or exposure to nuclear facility



### Signs and Symptoms:

- Low body temperature – Unusually low or high blood pressure
- Enlarged, tender or sensitive neck – husky voice – extreme thirst
- Warm when others are cold or cold when others are hot – heart palpitations
- Fatigued – constipation or diarrhea – puffiness around eyes – dry eyes – hair loss
- Pains, aches, stiffness in joints – carpal tunnel – plantar’s fasciitis
- Anxiety, panic attacks – insomnia – depression – changeable moods

These are only a few but should you have risk factors as well as signs and symptoms, the Health and Wellness Ministry Team suggest you request your physician check you for thyroid problems on your next visit. By Carlene Ott

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UMW Board Meeting  
February 7, 6:30pm  
Hazel Finney Reception Room

**The Faith Susannah Wesley Circle** will meet Wednesday, February 8, at 9:30 am in the Reception Room at the church. Our speaker will be Priscilla Bagley, Director of Children’s Ministries at SHUMC.

**The New Life Circle** will meet at 5:30 pm February 9, in the Reception Room. Members will bring items to fill Valentine bags for the youth at the Methodist Home and will finalize plans for their February 18 *Room in the Inn* responsibilities. They will also share Hug Buddy updates. For additional information please contact Kay Griffin or Patti Lester.

**The Pat Herren Circle** will meet on February 14, at 9:30 am, in the Fireside Room. Cookie Exchange — by taking plates of homemade cookies to some of the members of Southern Hills who are shut-ins.

**YUM Circle:** The Upward Basketball and Cheerleading concession stand is up and running, operated and run by the Young United Methodist Women’s Circle throughout the Upward season (approx. 8 weeks beginning Jan. 14), every Saturday. This concession stand serves as one of our two-yearly-fundraisers.

# BUDGET REPORT



On January 22 the Administrative Board approved our 2012 budget, which follows this article. There were several reductions made to the originally proposed budget based on the outcome of our Stewardship Campaign--and our final budgeted income depends upon a number of pledges still outstanding. If you plan to pledge, but have not, please contact me so I can include you in our plan for this year.

I'm sure most of you will agree our church has made some significant improvements over the past couple of years--in facilities and programs--and there are more to come. From my perspective, 2011 was a banner year--member support for our church was higher than any year since my arrival in this position. I believe this may be due more to dynamic church ministries as well as improving economic conditions. I trust we will continue this favorable trend and make 2012 even better! By the way, we have 29 members who contribute to the church on a weekly or monthly basis through our auto-payment program. This painless way to donate via an automatic draft of your checking account has been available since last year and is working well.

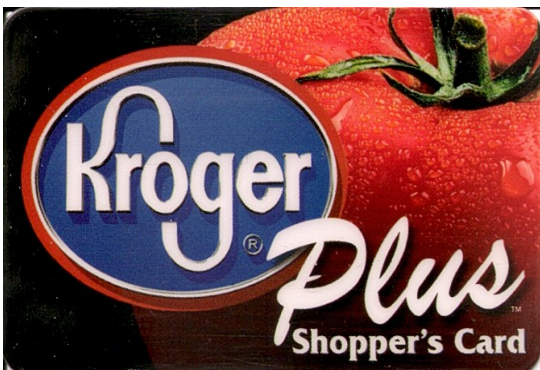
Respectfully,  
Bill McKinney

## Approved 2012 Budget

(In thousands, with 2011 as comparison)

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
<b>INCOME</b>		
SHECP	971.8	897.6
Contributions	1,266.3	1,304.9
Other Income	56.8	59.8
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,294.9</b>	<b>2,262.3</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
SHECP	971.8	973.8
Capital	120.0	115.0
Property	149.3	157.4
Personnel	757.5	708.5
Administrative	215.4	220.3
Education & Worship	52.0	54.3
Leisure & Outreach	28.9	33.0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2294.9</b>	<b>2262.3</b>

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Please remember to use and reload your Kroger cards. Kroger returned over \$8,000 to Southern Hills this last year from your card use--thanks!

## NOTES FROM JOAN

### Elementary Children's Choir to Sing for Worship

On Sunday, February 12, our Elementary Children's Choir will present two very special selections for our traditional worship services. The choir will sing our Introit, "Jubilate Deo," (Michael Praetorius) with Orff instruments, as well as an anthem, "For Love Shall Be Our Song," (Douglas Wagner). Janey Wendschlag is the accompanist for this very special choir.

### Worship on Wednesday

Please mark your calendars for our two "Worship on Wednesday" services, which are held at 6:15 on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

On **February 1**, we will have a traditional Hymn Sing, along with a devotional led by Rev. Dennis Burrows.

On **February 15**, we will offer Worship in the style of Taizé with Holy Communion.

Both services are held in our sanctuary.

### Boy Scout Sunday

Boy Scout Sunday is slated for **February 12**, and our scouts will be recognized and encouraged to participate in both of our traditional services of worship. If you are a Boy Scout or a Boy Scout leader and would like to participate, or if you know of those who should have a part in this special service, please contact Joan Wooden.

([jwooden@southernhillsumc.org](mailto:jwooden@southernhillsumc.org) or call 277-6176, ext. 23)

### Music and Worship Arts Week

Music and Worship Arts Week at Lake Junaluska (North Carolina) is scheduled for **June 24-29**. This is a multi-generational event of arts, praise, and renewal in the beautiful Smoky Mountains, especially designed for those who want to sing, ring, dance, or act all week, as well as for those who lead these ministries in local congregations. A group from Southern Hills is planning to attend. If you would like to join us, please contact Joan Wooden.



### Ash Wednesday Eucharist and Worship Service

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, falls on **February 22**, this year. To help facilitate your worship on this significant day, Holy Communion will be available in the sanctuary from **7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** In addition, a traditional Ash Wednesday service will be held at **6:30 p.m.** in our sanctuary. Please make plans to attend.

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## NATHANIEL MISSION NEEDS

### Breakfast Help

Team of 4 people to help serve breakfast once a month at the mission. One person to supervise cooking starting at about 7:45 a.m. Three other persons are needed to arrive at 8:30 a.m. to help finish the prepping, serving and dish washing. Team will usually finish between 10:00 and 10:30 (in time for the 11:00 a.m. service.) Please contact Bonnie Lynch (269-7626) if you have a team of friends or if you would like to join with others.

### Need people willing to shop!

One person to shop at Kroger's weekly and one person to shop at GFS once a month. A team of shoppers could be developed so that shopping responsibilities could be rotated. Contact Bonnie Lynch (269-7626)