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Come away...

DEPTH SOUNDINGS

Encouragement, Inspiration and News from The Anchorage

July 2012

Return Service Requested

*"It is impossible that God would prove false, we who have taken refuge might be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this **hope, a sure and steadfast anchor for the soul**, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf has entered."
Hebrews 6:18b - 20a*



"Servant Leaders and Sue Perrin at May 2012 meeting. From left, Peggy Dulaney, John Hever, Madeline Blackwell, Carroll Page, Sue Perrin, Robert Miles and Beverly CroweTipton

GOOD NEWS: Updates on what's new

First we want to invite you to: **Taste & See, our 2nd Annual Friend Raiser, Thurs., October 30th 6:30-8:30** at First Baptist, Greenville. Come enjoy a "Taste" of The Anchorage and meet Sue Perrin our new Ex. Dir. She is awesome! Please contact The Anchorage office (864) 232-LOVE, if you would like to attend, leaving your contact info. A Table Host will then follow up.

We have changed from 4 to 3 "Depth Soundings" this year pointing you to our booklet of events at www.theanchorage.org. We are glad to provide a hardcopy of the booklet with all the details if you like, just let us know. If it is possible for you to help out with a gift to help cover the cost that would be fantastic! Know that if you enjoy the hardcopy we want you to have it, glad to send it!

The transition in leadership is ALL GOOD! As Sue gets oriented we may add more events. Our November "Depth Soundings" may have new listings so keep your eyes - and heart - open for them.

*In our November "Depth Soundings" we will provide more info about our **15th Anniversary in May!** Please begin planning now to take part! We want to bring together and praise God for all of you who have helped over the years, from 1998 up to today. It will be a time for varied gatherings honoring God's grace throughout!*

Financial Status as of June 2012 (Fiscal Year is July 11 - June 12)

Total gifts budgeted	\$ 38,350
Total received	\$ 25,810
Amount needed	\$ 12,540
Total income budgeted	\$ 82,000
Total received	\$ 46,933
Amount needed	\$ 35,067

Praising God for you, our awesome donors and participants!

All new gifts will be credited for Fiscal Year '12-'13 beginning July 1.

We expect our budget to be similar to this past year. As you can see to the left - we will have a 2012 - 13

"Taste & See" October 30th!

Your gifts today count toward this Friend Raiser. During this 'silent phase' you can meet a strategic need: help us present a BIG TOTAL already pledged or given before the event itself.

All gifts are fully tax-deductible.

Online donation/registration is available all the time!

"For all that has been...

Thanks!

For all that will be...

Yes!"

Dag Hammarskjöld



*anchor
deep*

Exciting News!

by John Hever

In March we formed a search committee to find a new Executive Director for The Anchorage. I was fortunate to be able to work and mostly pray with Molly Wilkes and Cathie. In our search we reviewed many resumes one which kind of came out of the blue. It seems Sue Perrin had been told of the opening through a friend of a friend of a friend, and then The Anchorage newsletter arrived with the info about the search and in her own words, "I realized that God was nudging me to learn more and do more, so I mailed my resume!!!" She had not noticed the 2011 search! After our interview with Sue our choice became obvious, our prayers were answered.

It is my pleasure to introduce Sue Perrin as our new Executive Director for The Anchorage. Sue is a resident of Inman, SC. Sue, an Ordained Deacon, has a rich history of service to the Christian Community. Sue's bio can be found on our website under "Leadership" in the new booklet.

All of us at The Anchorage are looking forward to serving with her as we continue to offer some favorite programs and some new ones, in keeping with our mission to provide a setting of contemplation and prayer.

(Thanks to John for this article and for his leadership with The Anchorage. He has shared his gifts as a Servant Leader for 2 years, and assumes the position of Chair this July. John is a retired engineer living in Taylors. He and his wife Jean are active members of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and are Associates of the Sisters of St. Francis of Dubuque, Iowa.)

THANKS... and YES!

by Sue Perrin

THANKS and YES are both important components related to HOPE. By offering THANKS we acknowledge what has been and recognize what is. In responding YES, we turn toward what will be – the future. Propelling us in the direction of what we do not yet know or cannot yet see, but HOPE to learn and to become.

In our lives, throughout our communities and the world, HOPE is sought by folks from all walks of life, searching for new and different ways to focus on the future. Ways to bring about change that will not only serve the common good, but will provide a community that is open to HOPE.

A community that is open to HOPE is one that is open to the gift of the future. One that delights in encouraging new ideas, while preparing a vision of promise for the future; appreciates the sense of community, while humbly realizing insufficiencies; as well, recognizes the diversity of its members, while indicating a willingness to identify the richness in their gifts, then delight in them.

A community that is open to HOPE and the gift of the future has an original vision that is expressed through core values, motivating not only the internal workings, but service to the community-at-large. It is the deeply rooted, core values which need interpretation during times of change, to discover new ways for enriching the original vision.

A community that is open to HOPE and the gift of the future thrives in an atmosphere permeated with appreciation, wonder and mystery. Knowing it is God who calls the community into the future and to something amazing.

Needed are reflective and contemplative hearts and minds . . . still, quiet and receptive . . . emptied of the clutter connected with everyday life . . . to listen for God's voice and receive God's vision for the future. Simply put, only with appreciation for the beauty of God's wonder can God's mystery be experienced.

Now, God is inviting each of us, to reflect and contemplate with hearts and minds. Listening and receiving God's vision for the future of The Anchorage – a community that is open to HOPE and the gift of the future.

Thank you for your prayers of HOPEfulness

(Thanks to Sue for this article - the first of many! Please welcome her and pray with and for her, as: Ex. Dir. of The Anchorage. We are blessed!!)



The Anchorage

Vision

For all people everywhere to see God more clearly, love God more dearly and follow God more nearly. For when just one person moves toward living out of that graced space, where we know we are loved, there is a ripple effect which is our best hope for the healing of our world. The Anchorage wants to contribute to that hope.

Mission

The Anchorage provides a setting in which women and men may come away to be with God, as revealed in Jesus the Christ; and to come to love more deeply, through contemplative retreats, book studies, and spiritual direction this God who loves us beyond measure.

Metaphor

A safe harbor in which to anchor deep in still waters as a respite from the wind and waves; where pilgrims may enjoy prayerful grace, honor the rhythm of Sabbath and open more fully to the mystery of God's love.

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Registration Form



Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to be part of Taste & See pledging this amount over the fiscal year, July, 2012 – June, 2013:

__ \$1,800 (\$150/mo) __ \$1,200 (\$100/mo) __ \$900 (\$75/mo) __ \$600 (\$50/mo) __ \$360 (\$30/mo) Other: _____

Comments: _____

I prefer to pay \$____ now, \$____ monthly, \$____ other ____ I pledge to pray for The Anchorage regularly ____

I'd like to register for: _____ Deposit (\$10) included: ____

For more information see www.theanchorage.org Please send form with payment to: The Anchorage

Or call: (864) 232-LOVE (5683) or email: Margaret@theanchorage.org

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We welcome all regardless of ability to pay. IF ALL YOU CAN PAY IS \$10, KNOW YOU ARE WELCOME!!!!

**NOTE: Unless there are three (3) participants registered by the due date, we will cancel the event, so please register by the due date if possible. Our suggested fees do not cover our expenses so those who can pay more please do!

The \$10 registration fees are non-refundable unless the event is cancelled.

Three Knots

by Robert Miles

The author of my favorite book on seamanship proclaims that there are three knots every sailor should learn to tie from memory, in the dark, with one hand. "One day, they will probably save your boat," he says. "They may save your life."

That, for me, is an image for The Anchorage. The Anchorage has "saved my boat" on several occasions. It has probably saved my life at least once.

The Anchorage is many things – it is time away; it is spiritual guidance and direction; it is a community of similarly-focused individuals; it is a partnership of those who help each other practice prayerful attentiveness to God; it is a daily reminder to "come away and anchor deep;" and it provides ready access to those who will help us do just that.

The more we practice these things, the more we are able to do them from memory, in the dark, with one hand. Then, when the storms and the darkness come, we discover that they are "saving our boat," maybe even saving our life.

As The Anchorage has been moving through this time of transition, it has required many different kinds of gifts from servant leaders and participants. Late last year, I reached a point where I felt I did not have the leadership gifts which The Anchorage needed. Yet, the more I prayed and tried to step away, the more I found myself unable to do so. I realized finally that God was not letting me walk away

The knot, you see, is holding!

I am still discerning what role God wants me to have in this new chapter of the ministry we call The Anchorage. But The Anchorage is once again "saving my boat," perhaps even my life.

May we keep practicing these things, together!

(Thanks to Robert for this article and for his involvement with The Anchorage. He is serving his 2nd term as a Servant Leader and served as Chair in 2010. Since 1988 he has served as Pastor at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Greenville. He is married to Debbie and they enjoy their grown children and being on the water.)

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