



# Monthly Newsletter of Ed & Linda Baker



**The Mission Society**

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## **Christ UMC, Milton, FL**

If you are driving down Highway 89 (Dogwood Road) through Milton, FL; and see a sign that reads "Fish Fry" STOP! These folks KNOW how to do a fish fry. The best catfish we've ever eaten! Hats off to the men of Christ UMC.



41 Years! Now that's something to brag about!

One of the many joys we have as missionaries is being able to share what God is doing in our lives. This month we were able to visit 4 different churches in the North Florida & Atlanta

areas. What a blessing March Madness gave us! We started at Christ UMC in Milton, FL. This small church in North Florida celebrated their 41st Missions Conference! One of the members said the church opened it's doors over 50 years ago with missions in mind. On their web site, the Missions page states: "We follow the understanding that the command to go applies to our neighborhood (Jerusalem), our state and area (Judea and Samaria), and our world." We shared our ministry along with 2 mission families serving with WGM (World Gospel Mission), and an individual with One Mission Society.

Next, we had Wednesday night supper with St. Mark UMC, in Pensacola, FL. This church has been the financial backing of 4 water projects!

They are also a very mission minded congregation. St. Mark is

the home church of one of our "Over 90 Club" members. She is unable to attend on Wednesday nights, so we had the opportunity to visit with her in her daughter's home.

We then drove to Fernandina Beach, FL, where we visited with Memorial UMC. We were blessed to be the mission emphasis for the month of March. If you are at the beach, consider worshipping at Memorial. It's located on Centre Street, and is part of the historical district of Fernandina.

Our next church visit was back in the Atlanta area with Smyrna UMC. This was this first Global Impact Celebration for Smyrna. It was good to see how enthusiastic the Smyrna congregation was with their new missions commitment. We also had a chance to visit with other Mission Society missionaries attending the week-end long GIC. The Celebration concluded with a wonderful message from Pastor Steve Dodson, Peachtree City UMC. He gave one of the best messages we've heard during a missions conference.

**March Madness—Bring it on!**

We were joined at Smyrna UMC with other Mission Society folks. From l-r : Dave & Ellen Bartlett (Ghana), Ed & Linda Baker (GRT), Graham & Sharon Nichols (Ecuador), Ben & Jenny Reyes (Brazil ), Todd & Pam Attaway (Thailand), John & Katheryn Heinz (USA), Doug Cozart (USA), Natalie Brown (Haiti)



## Prayer Praises & Concerns

You can be an integral part of our ministry just by joining us in prayer. We have the following praises & concerns:

- ◆ Continued good health.
- ◆ Thanks be to God for safe travels in March.
- ◆ Guidance as we continue to do God's will.
- ◆ Those that are "thirsty" around the world.

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## The Things We Learned!



### Smyrna UMC Smyrna, GA

This church was established over 170 years ago. The church's theme is taken from I John 3, "Loving one another to Christ". They would love for you to visit if you are in the Smyrna area and looking for a church.



### Memorial UMC Fernandina Beach, FL

The Partin Center is the home for the offices of Memorial UMC. On your next beach visit, stop by to visit. Mary will greet you with a big smile & a warm "hello".

## Contributions

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