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The Reminder



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A Church Garden

First plant five rows of peas:

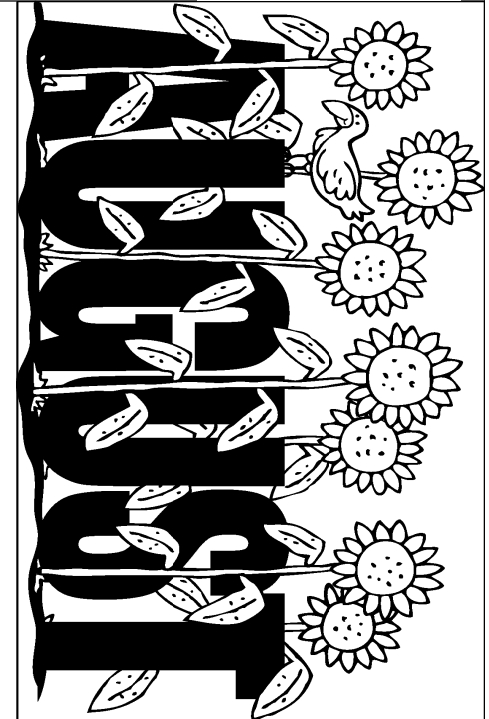
- Presence
- Promptness
- Preparation
- Purity
- Perseverance

Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip.
- Squash criticism.
- Squash indifference.

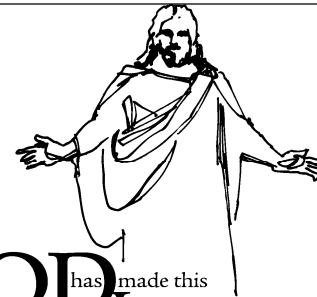
No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up for meetings.
- Turn up with a smile.
- Turn up with new ideas
- Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.



WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Sunday 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 5:15 p.m. Children's M & M (Music & Missions) Youth Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice</p>	<p>Monday 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>Wednesday 6:00 p.m. K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Supper) 6:30 p.m. Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>Thursday 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting</p>
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“GOD has made this JESUS, whom you crucified,
 both LORD
 and CHRIST.”

ACTS 2:36, NIV

Common Thread

Christ was common to all in love, in teaching, in tender consolation, in generous gifts, in merciful forgiveness. His soul and His body, His life and His death and His ministry were, and are, common to all. His sacraments and His gifts are common to all. Christ never took any food or drink, nor anything that His body needed, without intending by it the common good of all those who shall be saved, even unto the last day.

-Jan van Ruysbroeck

Pastor's Paragraphs

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the blessings God is giving you daily. I am writing today to share some wonderful news with you. Our Vacation Bible School was a great success. Not only was a weekly visitation team developed from the adult study, but we had five children make professions of faith during the school and one on Sunday morning immediately following the school. Of the six children, four followed through here on Sunday morning and baptized during the morning service and two were referred on to the churches they regularly attended. I want to thank everyone who participated in VBS in any way and made it such a memorable time.

Since I wrote last month, our Youth attended Youth Week at Ft. Caswell. What a terrific week. This is the third time I had the opportunity to attend camp with them. I want you to know that we have a great bunch of youth. I am proud of every one of them. I know you are too. They are committed to Christ, well behaved, respectful to those around them. I expect to see great things from them in the future.

Also since last month, we have begun the renovation of our church sanctuary. For the past two weeks, we have worshipped in our Fellowship Hall (packed out to say the least). Work is going on each week day and progress, though slow, is being made. Originally we were to be in the sanctuary on July 26th. It may be later than that, but hopefully no later than the second week in August. I think you will be well pleased with the results. I want to say a special word of thanks to Arlene Brown-Page, Bob Roberson, and Edgar Smith. They have worked alongside the crew from Church Interiors and have helped the process along and cut costs to us as well. When you see them, tell them "thanks."

This week we have fifteen members away on a mission trip in the Red Springs area. We commissioned them last Sunday. What a wonderful and committed group. They are doing many different types of ministry in three counties this week. I am anxious to hear from them when they return.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Martha Turner
Lamar Norwood
- 5 Gene Davis
Addison Stewart
- 8 Grace Upshaw
- 12 Frances Roberson
- 13 Alex Ezzell
Carolyn Johnson
- 14 Hazel Weaver
Hunter Hood
- 15 Letha Davis
- 17 Doug Johnson
- 18 Phillip Melvin
- 19 Pat Harmon
- 20 Wanda Register
Ron Kendrick
- 25 Matthew Lanier
- 27 Oscar Simmons
Jennifer Stewart
Tommy Carter
- 28 Mildred Harmon
Michelle Thornton
- 29 Carvel Gregory
Teri Hatcher
- 31 Elijah Lemons

ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST



- 3 Michael & Sandra Simmons
- 5 Gene & Patricia Lewis
- 11 Ken & Veronica Stewart
- 23 Wayne & Teri Hatcher
- 24 Don & Joanne Penny
- 30 Wayne & Doris Morgan

Food Pantry Spotlight

Each month we will spotlight a different category of food for donations to the Food Pantry as well as a special treat for the children of the families that this food will go to. August's spotlight item is boxed dry goods such as Hamburger Helper, Pasta Salads, Stuffing, Brownie/Cake mix, and breakfast cereals. The special treat for the children for this month is suckers or gum. Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Pantry and be sure to check again next month for the next category. If you have any questions about the Food Pantry please contact Brenda or Sumer Edwards.

Financial Outlook 2009

Budget amount needed to date as of
7/12/09 = \$165,001.76
54% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
7/12/09 = \$130,575.88
43% of annual budget

Dear church family,

Thank you all for the love, kindness, generosity, support and prayers given to Mary during her ministry in Rustenburg, South Africa. You are all such a blessing to Mary and our family. We miss her tremendously, but know that she is serving a greater purpose for our Lord Jesus Christ in South Africa.

God's love is freely given and demonstrated through all of you at Buies Creek First Baptist Church.

Please continue to keep Mary in your prayers.

Love in Christ,

Wayne & Susan Rhodes

Many thanks to all of you who helped provide food for the Mission Serve Team that was working in Erwin. We fed lunch and snacks to a crew of 14 who put a new roof on a lady's home. A second team, fed by Neill's Creek Church, built a wheel chair ramp on her home. Thanks also to the 11 servers who prepared and delivered the meals. There were about 17 BCFBC members who donated food for snacks or lunches. The team was most appreciative of the delicious meals. Even though most of us are unable to go and do some of these needed projects, we are helping those who are able to go and do. Again, thank you.

-The Missions Committee

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Germany, Al's nephew), Peter (Chip) Dinklage (Iraq), Wiley Yates, P.J. Melvin (Iraq), Mary Rhodes (Journeyman), Anne Oxford, Joyce Harmon, Wayne Hatcher, A.G. Hare, Wanda Melanson (Eric Matthews' sister), Juanita Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's mother), Wanda Miller (Roger Tankersley's sister), Joseph Baker (Ann Davis' father), Bunn Bennett (Joyce Stewart's brother-in-law), Hellen Phillips (Donnie Yates' grandmother), Vera Bostic (Jennifer Stewart's mother), Joyce Haire (Brenda Edwards' aunt), Larry Wynns (Joe Wynns' uncle), and our homebound: Jill Upshaw-IHS Nash in Rocky Mount, Donna Turlington, Hazel Weaver, Mattie Slaughter, Iva Newton, Billy Mason-Parrish Nursing Center in Dunn, Doug Johnson, Beulah Stewart-Harnett Manor in Lillington, Wayne and Doris Morgan, May Marshbanks, Mae Kuhns-Harnett Manor in Lillington, Ruby Biggs-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, Juanita Hight-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, Mildred Harmon-Freedom House in San Antonio, Frances Jones-Britthaven of Harnett in Dunn, Doris Yates-Britthaven of Harnett in Dunn, Sue A. Brown, and Eloise Sheppard.

At the end of July our children and youth will be going to CentriKid/Crosspoint combo camp at Campbell University. This is their second year to attend camp. It will be an exciting time for them. In case you haven't noticed, our children and youth groups are growing. Again, God is blessing.

In a month, students will be returning to Buies Creek and Campbell University. That means not only that our students who have been away for the summer will be back, but that we will have the opportunity to work with new students as well. This fall, we will have two student interns from Campbell: Janee Chisolm from the Divinity School and Mike Tyndall from the undergraduate school. I am looking forward to introducing them to you soon. They will be assisting in all areas of our ministry.

Pray for the church. Reach out to the unchurched. Volunteer to work where you can. Trust God. Then watch and see what God is going to do right here in Buies Creek. It is an exciting time. God bless you. I am looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Michael

KidShine

"Let your light shine before men...and praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

Way To Glow! VBS 2009 was an incredible experience as we Fearlessly let God's light shine through each of us. Crocodile Dock helped us to remember that God is indeed POWERFUL! We saw His power displayed as we went through an amazing week of learning that God: *is with us, is powerful, does what He says He'll do, gives us life and cares for us...Fear Not!* I want to thank all who prayed us through a fabulous experience. GOD is so GOOD...and He always keeps His promises.

Each evening at Crocodile Dock we began with some delicious dinners. Thank you to all who prepared and served meals each evening. They were just what our hungry bayou leaders and students needed each evening to get ready to *Rock the Dock!*

We had approximately 101 children, youth and adults who participated in this year's celebration during the week. Each of our "crews" grew every evening and our adult Bible study kept an average of 9 participants! Our offering this year went towards purchasing much needed items that will be taken to Red Springs for Single Mom families with very little resources. The children and adults gave with POWER...we raised \$280.00!

As you may have already heard, this year's VBS was one filled with excitement and power. We saw 6 children make professions of faith and we celebrated with four children as they were baptized the following Sunday...Praise God!!! I am indeed grateful to all who served this year. We had well over 29 youth and adults teaching and leading the children, and they were all dedicated to making this the best VBS that it could be!

I am humbled by the outstanding experience this year...our Vacation Bible School was certainly a church-wide effort. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the many tasks that made **CROCODILE DOCK** a place where God's Light shined brilliantly!

To God Be The Glory!

Debbie

P.S. Please be praying for the group of youth and children going to CentriKid/Crosspoint Combo Camp on July 27-31.

From the Minister of Music

This summer we have several individuals helping with the music for our Sunday morning worship services. We appreciate all of those who have been willing to sing or play for us. The sanctuary choir is still on break but will resume in August. If you would like to sing with us, please let me know.

Martha Harmon will again be leading the Handbell Choir. Please think about being a part of this musical avenue of worship. We have lost some of the members due to graduation so we need you to help. Handbell music adds greatly to our worship service. Contact Martha and let her know of your interest.

There is a real need for help with the Cherub Choir on Sunday evenings from 5 – 6pm. This is children from age 3 until they start school. These children love to sing and need someone to help them. There is also a need for help with the Kidz Choir, which has children from grade 1 – 6 and also meets on Sunday evenings from 5 – 6pm. We want to offer handbells this fall for the older children so we need someone to assist with the children in grades 1-3. Please think about this and if God is leading you to help in this area of ministry in the church let me know. As you saw with the children's musical that was performed this spring, we have some very talented kids and we have a responsibility to love and teach them through the avenue of music and drama. This builds their knowledge of God's word, His love and the children's own self confidence. It is very rewarding to be a part of this growth process. I thank the parents who bring their children to church for this experience.

We will have the Sunday Night College Worship services again this fall when the students return. Mike Tyndall and his band will be back to lead us in praise worship. I hope you will plan to support this worship service with the students. Buies Creek First Baptist Church has the potential to play a major part in the spiritual growth and development of the college students who live just across the street. They will come to Campbell University on August 15th and begin to look for a home church where they can worship during their time here. We hope to be able to embrace these students with love and support.

In His Service,
Dorothy Mullins