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**WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9:30 am Sunday School	7:00 pm Boy Scouts		6:00 pm KISS (Keep It Simple Supper)
10:50 am Morning Worship			6:30 pm. Bible Study for all ages
5:30 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions)	7:00 pm Hand bells Cub Scouts		6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Praise Team Youth Discipleship Training	8:00 pm Coffee Break		7:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm College Music & Message			

# The Reminder



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Loving Father, help us to remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.  
 Amen! —Robert Louis Stevenson

**Showing Our Love For God**

The Spanish saint known as Teresa of Avila taught that the way we show our love for God is by serving those around us. She felt that helping and caring for others—the poor and destitute, the elderly and children, the hungry and the helpless—are ways of showing love for God. Her attitude reminds us that Jesus said when we serve the hungry, comfort the sick, welcome the stranger, visit the imprisoned, care for the desperate poor, we are serving Him. “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these...you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Our Christmas gift to God should be doing something for God's suffering children.

**Give a Gift**





**Pastor's Paragraphs**

The following is an article titled "A Timely Reminder" taken from the November 2005 issue of Bits & Pieces.

"WHAT DO I HAVE TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THIS YEAR?" whined Lindsey. "My house needs a new roof, my car needs new brakes, and my hours at work just got cut!"

"Well, let's start with the three things you just mentioned," said Patty.

"I know, I know. At least I have a house, a car, and a job," said Lindsey. "Spare me the lecture."

"No lecture, just a reminder," said Patty. "You can always find something to be grateful about. Setbacks can be a source of opportunities. Look at it this way, your new work schedule gives you more free time which you can use to oversee the work being done on your roof. And if you spend more time at home, you won't need to drive as much."

"I never thought of it that way."

"You always have to look for the silver linings or else you'll forget they're there," said Patty. "So, now tell me something that you're grateful for."

"I'm grateful for having a friend like you to help me remember the upside to life."

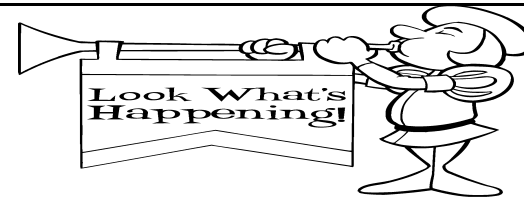
In this special season of the year, Thanksgiving and Advent, we would do well to take time each day to count our many blessings and see what God has done. Also, as we enter the Advent season, let's take time to remember that this is a season of preparation for Christmas, a time to reflect on the coming of Christ into the world. As we decorate our homes, let's prepare for the wonderful celebration of the birth of our Lord.

God bless you all. I look forward to seeing you Sunday as we celebrate Advent.

*Michael*

**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!**

Date		Date		Date	
1	Lauren Penny	12	Harry Burnish	26	Angie Stewart
3	Leanna Depew	13	Benny Enzor	26	Frances Austin
4	Gilda Blackmon	15	Rev. Steve Pegram	27	Gina Smith
5	Kenneth Stewart	18	Justin Ellis	29	Anne Oxford
6	Jim Bales	19	Joanne Penny	29	Gene Stewart
8	Ed Johnson	22	Beulah Stewart	29	Juyeon Kang
9	Tom Baker	22	Celia Melvin	30	Betty Sue Stewart
10	Crystal Johnson	23	Luke Stewart	30	Jon Stewart
10	A.G. Hare	23	Danielle Hicks	31	Joan Lanier



**Buies Creek First Baptist Is Online**

The new church website is up and running at <http://www.bcfbc.org>.

Visitors to the site can view pictures of our church; read a welcome from our pastor; check out pictures of our church staff; read a brief church history; view our weekly worship activities for all ages as well as our monthly calendar of events. In the future new options will be added, some of the works in progress include having our Church Newsletters available online as well as a picture album of church activities which can be viewed by going to: <http://www.bcfbc.org/photo>. We are planning on having a direct link to photos in the future for all visitors, if you would prefer not to have your picture or you child's picture posted please call the church office and let us know. Please check the website for any schedule changes to the calendar as well as for the updates mentioned above. We are happy to be reaching out to the community and to people looking for a place of worship here in Harnett County in this exciting new way!

**December Anniversaries**

11—David & Angela Ezzell

**Do You Know What You're Missing??**

Everybody's seen them but have you really taken a look at them. What are they, you ask? They are the variety of fantastic magazines offered to you FOR FREE by your caring church family here at Buies Creek First Baptist Church. *Home Life*, *Parent Life*, and *Mature Living* are all there for the taking in the downstairs hall by the water fountain. These periodicals offer relevant and informative articles from a Godly perspective on issues we all face on a daily basis as believers in a fallen world. Please take a minute out your Sunday morning routine to stop by and pick up a copy of one or all of these magazines, you'll be glad you did.

### Bake Sale!!

Mary Rhodes will be having a bake sale at the church on Sunday December 4th immediately following the morning service. She is raising money for Campus Crusade's Winter Retreat. Please stay and enjoy some fine baked goods for a good cause.

### *Remember in Prayer*

All of those affected by Hurricane Katrina; Our Country and National Leaders, all Service Men and Women, David Peak (Afghanistan), Joshua Turlington (Iraq), P.J. Melvin (Iraq); Lyn Sander, Alvin Newton, Alene Upchurch, Hanna Julian, Clara Brown-Page, Phyllis Jernigan (Ruby Biggs' daughter-in-law), Gerry Gregory, Gene Lewis, June Simmons, Jill Upshaw, Valeria Lanier, Elizabeth Smith (Harold Smith's mother), and Mary "Tootsie" Ennis (Millie Wiggins' sister), our shut-ins, homebound and missionaries.

### December WMU News!

Throughout the month of December we will be emphasizing World Missions. Under the umbrella theme of "**That All People May Know Him**" we will have a mission emphasis at each morning worship service. On December 14th we will study the country of India, and the missionary efforts that are being carried out there. Amidst the snake charmers, monkeys in trees, elephants in the traffic, camels pulling heavy loads, "holy cows", Hindu and Muslim prayers, beautiful women in bright-colored saris, God is doing amazing things. God is revealing Himself through those who go and tell the story of Jesus. Please mark this date on your calendar and come and join us for an inspiring and informative missions study.

# KidShine

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

Perhaps some of you are familiar with the Chinese Proverb ~ *A child's life is like a piece of paper on which every person leaves a mark.* I came upon this amazing thought this week and wanted to share it with you. What an awesome reminder of the care and consideration we must take in ministering to our children. Certainly our Lord recognized the importance of taking time with children as Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) As adults, some of the meaningful "marks" that we might leave on the children could include: acknowledging them by name, getting down on their level when speaking to them and praying for them and their families. For those of us who teach and spend time with children each week, our "marks" can literally open doors to biblical truths. What "mark" will you leave on our children?

**Trunk or Treat reflections** – We had a great evening! My best estimate for a count, which included several guests, was 90+. We had 8 vehicles decorated and several booths inside for the children to enjoy. Mrs. Vivian once again ran our Disciples (Dessert) Walk. Those that participated with their vehicles were: **Hannah Hood** (Best Use of Light), Harold & Gina Smith, Shelly & Eddie Humphrey, **Meredith Greene & Mary Hardison** (Best All Around), Christopher Rhodes, Joy Duffield, Josh Gurkin & Sharon Dove, and **our College Team** (Best Use of Theme.) The College Ministry team handled much of what went on inside. I am thankful for all who pitched in and who left many positive "marks." God is so good! His blessings are indeed more numerous than we can count.

Remember to mark your calendars for the following events:

- > Nov. 27 ~ **Christmas Advent Celebration** Children singing with the adults, they need to be in place by 10:00 a.m.
- > Dec. 3 ~ **Holiday Family Celebration** This time of games, food and fellowship will be held at the Blaylock Barn beginning at 4:00 pm.
- > Dec. 11 ~ Reception recognizing our Children's Ministry workers during the Bridge of Fellowship time (10:30 a.m.)

Gratefully,

Debbie