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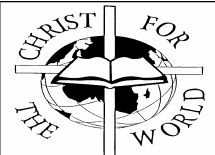
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The Reminder



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A Christmas Prayer

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



WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday	Monday	Wednesday
9:45 am Bible Study	7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting	6:00 pm KISS (Keep It Simple Supper)
11:00 am Morning Worship	6:00 pm Girl Scouts	6:30 pm. Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions)	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m. Hand Bells
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team Youth Discipleship Training	7:00 pm Cub Scouts	Thursday 7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm College Music & Message		



By the time you read this, Thanksgiving will have already passed and the Advent Season will soon be upon us. God has been good to us this year; but then, God is always good to us. Thanksgiving is a time that is more than turkey dinners and football. It is even more than just a day off from work. At least it should be. It is a time of reflecting on God's goodness and the many blessings we have received; realizing that each and every one is from Him. It is a time of giving thanks; genuine, heart-felt thanks for all that God has done for us. While we are doing that, we would do well if we remember that we owe everything to Him.

I am reminded of story in the Bible of the ten lepers who were healed by Jesus. Only one took the time to come back and give thanks. The other nine went on their way without ever looking back or giving their healing a second thought. They just took for granted what the Lord did for them. I suspect that some of us are like that. We just take God's blessings for granted. Developing an attitude of gratitude is not easy. It takes work and time. But, as the story reminds us, only the one who gave thanks was pronounced "whole." Wholeness comes, not just from the blessing, but from recognizing the blessing and giving thanks to the One who gave it. This Thanksgiving, make time to remember what God has done for you, especially your salvation through the cross of Jesus. As you do, give thanks. What a difference it will make.

Before you receive another newsletter, we will be in the Season of Advent, at the time of preparing for the coming of the Messiah and the celebration of Christmas. I know you will find more to do than you will have time to do it, getting ready for the Christmas celebration. In the midst of your busyness and wandering from store to store and place to place; take time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and say, "Thank You Jesus for coming into my world and giving me both hope and life; indeed, a reason to celebrate today." Remember, God gave his greatest gift (his love, his salvation, his very life; all wrapped up in human flesh) to us. Thank You Jesus! Thank You indeed!

Have a blessed week. I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Michael



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lauren Penny
- 1 Linda Kuhn
- 4 Gilda Blackmon
- 5 Kenneth Stewart
- 6 Jim Bales
- 8 Ed Johnson
- 9 Tom Baker
- 10 Crystal Johnson
- 10 A.G. Hare
- 18 Justin Ellis
- 19 Joanne Penny
- 22 Celia Melvin
- 22 Beulah Stewart
- 26 Frances Austin
- 26 Angie Stewart
- 27 Gina Smith
- 29 Gene Stewart
- 29 Anne Oxford
- 29 Juyeon Kang
- 30 Jon Stewart
- 30 Betty Sue Stewart
- 31 Joan Lanier

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER



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Top Secret C.i.A. Report

Hello Agent Supportive Church Member!

Recently a group of new recruits have entered the CiA training camp (Children in Action). To date, 12 recruits have already progressed from trainee to Junior Agent status, with 3 in line to follow within the next couple of weeks. This year's recruits are some of the best yet. As always, our mission is to equip them for a "life of service" in the "Agency" (the church) and a desire to follow the "Commander & Chief's" (God's) directive - *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Matthew 28:19-20.*

Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is three-fold:

1. Regularly pray for our recruits/Jr. Agents as they come to a deeper understanding of missions;
2. Watch for upcoming displays done by CiA Agents regarding their five areas of service – learning about missions, praying for missions, giving to missions, doing missions and going on mission;
3. Join CiA Agents in Missions opportunities. Seeing your example helps them gain an understanding that a mission lifestyle is for everyone.

Your Contact is either a Senior Agent (Harold/Gina Smith or Alicia Turner) or any of the Recruits/Jr. Agents (children grades 1-6).

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Children's Christmas Musical

The Kidz Khoir of Buies Creek First Baptist Church will present the musical *The Mystery of the Manger* on Sunday evening December 16 at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This musical centers around Jane Blonde, an investigative reporter for *The Morning Star* newspaper who wants the facts...just the facts! Her questions and searching would make headline news on Christmas morning. As she observes rehearsal for the Christmas Eve pageant the children teach her through their songs that "Like the Wise Men" we're all searching for the truth, and that the gospel accounts of Jesus' life are "The Gospel Truth."

Community Christmas Musical

Buies Creek First Baptist Church is joining with the Choirs of Lillington Methodist Church and Pleasant Union Christian Church to present a community Christmas musical entitled "Noel" on November 30th and December 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Scott Concert Hall at Campbell University. There will be drama and narration along with participation by the children's choirs. A reception will be held each evening after the musical in the foyer of the concert hall. Everyone is invited to come and join with the community in celebrating the Christmas story in song.

-Dorothy Mullins, Music Minister

I would like to thank the Buies Creek First Baptist Church family for their thoughts and acts of kindness during my recent surgery and convalescence. The cards of encouragement were appreciated. The phone calls were enjoyable, the visits uplifting. The prayers DID IT.

Thanks.

-T.H. McLeod Jr.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Iraq, Al's nephew), Donna Turlington, Louise Adams, Gerry Gregory, T.H. McLeod, Hazel Weaver, Valeria Lanier, Iva Newton, Doris Morgan, Beulah Stewart, Winifred Stewart, Coy Lanier (Coyt & Gladys Lanier's son), Candace Hutchins (Roger & Phyllis Tankersley's daughter), Charles Stewart (Susan Rhodes' father), George Yates (Donnie Yates' brother), Angela Buchholz (Pamela Yates' sister), Linda Talley (Brad Talley's wife), and Keith Lanier (Dorothy Mullins' nephew); and our homebound.

KidShine

"Let your light shine before men...and
praise your Father in heaven."

Greetings! It seems that autumn has finally arrived. Even in the midst of the drought that we have been experiencing, we are still blessed with the sight of beautiful fall colors. As I look out our back door and see the breathtaking hues of gold, red, orange and yellow, all I can say is **Praise God** for His awesome creation and goodness. God is good all the time!!

Fall Festival 2007 was a great success. Our theme was GLOW (GOD LIGHTS OUR WAY) and our verse was "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105. As always, this event would not have been possible without the help of many of you. We had wonderful fellowship while partaking of soup, sandwiches and yummy desserts. Thank you to the following who provided dinner: Ann Davis, Gina Smith, Jim & Brenda Edwards, Carolyn Greene, Jill Inscore, Jane Tart, Laura Matthews, Annette Hood, Eric Ross, and Doug Jones. Let me also say thanks to those of you who provided snacks and goodies for the children: Patricia Harmon-Lewis, Celia Melvin, Michelle Thornton, and Frances Lewis. Many thanks to Angela Ezzell for providing the baked goods and manning the Cake Walk. It is always enjoyed by all! A new addition this year was our "mock" hay ride (we used blankets rather than hay...which was hard to come by this year.) This was definitely a big hit for all! Thanks to JD Johnson for allowing us to use his tractor & trailer and to Gene Davis for being our driver. We also had Bingo this year and both adults and children alike enjoyed this game. Ann Davis did a great job being our hostess for Bingo — thanks, Ann! AND last but certainly not least, I want to give a big shout out to our Youth and College departments. They planned, decorated and manned all of the many carnival games. As well as, providing balloon creations and face painting. Our Youth participants were Jonathan, Kyle, Daniel, Christopher, Hannah and Grace. Our College participants were Maegan, Tyffany, Mary, Kim, Jonathan, Paula, Nathan, David, Robin, Amanda and Chelsea. On behalf of the children and their families, thank you one and all for letting your light shine so brightly!!

Currently, our children are busy preparing for their Christmas Musical/Drama...The Mystery of the Manger It's the Gospel Truth. The Kidz Khoir will be presenting this on December 16 at 6:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for our children as they continue to learn the songs, their parts, and as they put God's awesome message in their hearts. This promises to be an amazing presentation of the Gospel story! Be thinking about who you can bring along or invite.

Let Heaven and Nature Sing,
Debbie