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VBS 2008 June 22-26!
This year's theme is "Power Lab" and we are looking for some "lab assistants" to be a part of the "solution". Please see Debbie Jones to find out how you can help make this year's VBS the best yet!

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	7:00 pm Boy Scouts	6:30 pm. Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting
5:15 pm Children's M&M (Music & Missions) Youth Discipleship Training	7:00 pm Cub Scouts	7:30 p.m. Hand Bells
6:00 pm Choir & Praise Team		**Thursday**
7:30 pm College Music & Message		7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting

The Reminder

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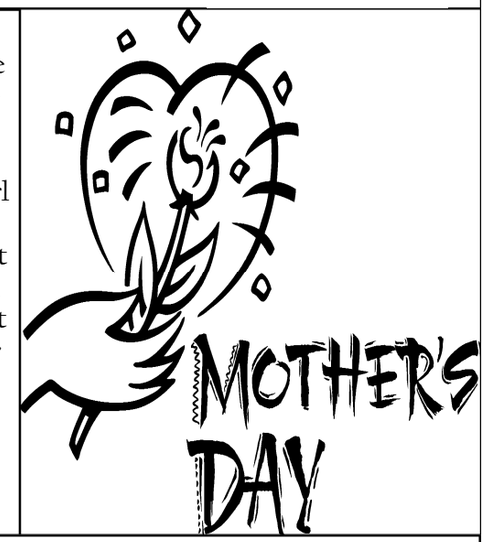
Returning The Favor

When a mother came home from the hospital, she had to be confined to bed for several days. Her 9-year-old daughter came home from school one afternoon and peeked into her mother's room. Thinking that her mother was asleep, the little girl tiptoed into the room, quietly unfolded the blanket at the foot of the bed, and gently tucked it around her mother. The mother stirred, and then whispered, "You know, it wasn't too long ago that I was tucking you in. And now you're doing it for me. Thank you."

The daughter replied, "That's okay; around here we take turns."

Take time to remember and appreciate your Mother this Mother's Day.



Remember to Remember

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them.

"That's the day the swimming pool opens!" answered one eager boy. What he didn't realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 26.

FROM THE PASTOR

Pastor's Paragraphs

The following is adapted from the Random House Book Of Jokes And Anecdotes as recorded in the April 2008 edition of Bits & Pieces.

Marvin and Kate were clearing the old clothes from their closets. "Hey, look what I found in the pocket of one of your suits!" Kate called out, holding a claim ticket in her hand.

"What is that?" asked Marvin.

"Apparently, you left some shoes for repair at the shop around the corner… 10 years ago."

"You don't say." Marvin looked over the ticket. "I often wondered what happened to those shoes. Do you think they're still there:"

"I doubt it," Kate said.

"I've got nothing to lose at this point. I'll just ask about them."

Marvin walked into the shop wearing his best poker face. He placed the ticket on the counter and said, "I'm here to pick up some shoes."

"Oh my, these have been here a while," the shoe repairman said after checking the ticket. "I hope we still have them." He walked into a back room and began rummaging through some boxes. "Hey," he called out. "They're still here!"

"I can't believe it! That's incredible," said Marvin.

The shoe repairman returned to the counter holding a pair of dusty shoes. "Yep, still got 'em. They'll be ready for you next Thursday."

I have heard about having to hurry up and wait but how about waiting ten years and still having to wait. Well, I guess the shoes were not needed too badly. But, there are some things that simply cannot wait. People need to hear about Jesus and they don't need to wait ten years; they don't even need to wait until tomorrow. Yet many will have to wait unless you and I tell them. I want to both encourage and challenge you this week to make time to tell someone about Jesus and what he means to you. Who knows? Your testimony is what they many have been waiting on for a long time.

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

Pastor Michael

MAY BIRTHDAYS!

1	Fran Tyson
2	Marilyn Buie
4	Kenneth Barbour
4	Jean Ryals
9	Caroline Upshaw
14	Susan Rhodes
17	John Ryals
21	Elizabeth Yates
22	Mary Rhodes
22	Larry Buie
23	Juanita Hight
24	Amy Tyson
25	Eric Ross
25	Allison Bain
26	Phyllis Tankersley
26	Phillip Hatcher
27	Hannah Hood
28	Alicia Turner
28	Debbie Jones
30	Lea Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

14	Hal & Allison Bain
16	Gene & Ann Davis
30	Chris & Tina Stewart

If you sat for a picture but still haven't picked up your new church directory, there is a copy set aside for you in the church office. Please see a staff member or drop by the church office to pick up your copy today.

VBS 2008 JUNE 22-26!

This year's Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we need your help to make it the best one yet! This year's theme is *"Power Lab"*, and we are looking for some eager *"lab assistants"* to be a part of the *"solution"* . If you would like to help out with Crafts, Games, Music, Bible Blast, or be a Crew Leader, please see Debbie Jones and find out how you can get involved.

To Buies Creek First Baptist Church,
Thank you for all you did to help my parents over the past years. Your friendship has meant a lot to both of them and you will all be missed. We are also grateful for the assistance provided recently in helping them get packed up to move.
In Christ,
The Florida Oxfords

Buies Creek First Baptist Bereavement Committee,
I just wanted to thank you again for the wonderful meal you prepared for our family at mother's funeral. It meant so much to us. Mother loved the church and all of you very much. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
Judy, Gordon and family of Winifred U. Stewart

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 1st. There will be a special Prayer Service at Veteran's Park at the courthouse in Lillington from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. that day. In addition, the church sanctuary will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for those who would like to come and spend some time in prayer and meditation.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Iraq, Al's nephew), Gilda Blackmon, Donna Turlington, Hazel Weaver, Mattie Slaughter, Iva Newton, Mary Rhodes (Volunteer Missionary), Larry Wynns (Joe Wynns' uncle), Coy Lanier (Coyte & Gladys Lanier's son), Lee Byrd (Arlene Brown-Page's nephew), and Ernie Steinmeyer (A.G. Hare's son-in-law), and our homebound: Jill Upshaw, Mary Lucas (Brenda Edwards' grandmother), Billy Mason, Doug Johnson, Gerry Gregory, Beulah Stewart, Doris Morgan, Mae Danner, Ruby Biggs, Juanita Hight, Mildred Harmon, Frances Jones, Doris Yates, Sue A. Brown, Mary Ramer, and Eloise Sheppard.

KidShine

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

Greetings one and all! If you have already read some of this please forgive me. It seems that the April newsletter was lost in the mail. We had a wonderful Easter Celebration. It began by hearing the reading of "The Best Reason for Easter" by our very own 4th and 5th graders ~ Thank you Anna, Kate, Rebekah, Nicole, Bianey and Nathanael. We then shared in a meal of chicken and rice along with other baked goodies. We appreciated those who cooked and baked the delicious dinner ~ Our compliments to Doug, Renie, Janice, Jennifer S, Brenda and Laura. As always, our egg hunt was a highlight ~ Thank you Maegan, Alicia, Tyffany, Jennifer H, Luke Kyle, Daniel, Tommy, Christopher, and Grace for hiding over 280 Easter eggs! Lastly, the children, youth and college students decorated a puzzle piece that formed a beautiful Easter egg that is on display on the bulletin board in the back hall. Thank you, Lucy, for taking pictures and making sure that everyone was represented on our "Easter Egg." In John 17:22-23 we find Jesus praying for all believers saying, "I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be **one as we are one**: I in them and you in me. May they be **brought to complete unity** to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." We are each an important *piece* of God's plan and purpose. Just like the different pieces of a puzzle, we are each unique with different abilities, talents and spiritual gifts. As we come together in a unified and fitted way we form a wonderful picture of God's love and design.

Speaking of talents and gifts...preparations have started for **Vacation Bible School 2008**! I am so excited about this year's VBS. It is called **POWER LAB** *DISCOVERING JESUS' MIRACULOUS POWER!* As the title denotes it will definitely be scientifically amazing. I am currently searching for "Lab Assistants" of all kinds. There are those who have already accepted the challenge and plugged into a position that fits their abilities and gifts...How about you? We have an amazing group of children who are eager to realize Jesus' power in their lives. Please mark your calendars for June 22—26. Be listening, praying and getting ready to experience the miraculous power of Jesus' as HE works in and through each of us.

Thanks for being that willing piece of the puzzle ready to "fit" together to form all that God desires for BCFBC this summer!

There's Power, There's Power, There's Wonder-Working Power!

Debbie

WMU™ ...is on the move in so many ways. Great things are happening within our fellowship as we are *"putting our faith in action"* in 2008. . .

Since the last newsletter…

1. Many thanks to ***Brenda & Sumer Edwards*** for leading running our food pantry for victims of AIDS in Harnett County. They have set up a beautiful tan collection box outside the pantry door for your donations. The social worker has been by & has cleaned us out. She expressed her deepest appreciation for our care & concern for these families. That means it's time to restock! As you go to the grocery store over the next couple of weeks, please pick up an extra item or two for the food pantry. Suggestions: peanut butter, jelly, boxed dinners, canned meat, pasta, cereal, rice & canned veggies.
2. ***Mary Rhodes*** has been commissioned & has left to be a Journeyman (IMB 2 year missionary program) to South Africa. Please keep her in your prayers as she teaches AIDS education/awareness & True Love Waits curriculum while sharing Jesus' love. Also pray for her family as they rejoice in her willingness to serve but miss her very much! (Prayer cards with Mary's information on them are located on the bookshelves just outside the fellowship hall.)
3. The Missions Yard Sale was a grand success! Thank you so much for all your help – prayers, pick-up trucks, trailers, strong backs, time, energy, donations, purchases & telling your friends. What you may not know is that we not only raised money for our missions effort here at BCFBC but we also helped other groups in their service to others. We gave two truck loads of items to Overhills Baptist Church for their Project IN-AS-MUCH "give-away yard sale" to help needy families & an entire panel truck loaded floor to ceiling to Beacon Rescue mission to help them assist families in crisis. While we raised in excess of $ 2,100 we also helped others. God is so BIG!!! (PS – The yard sale room is empty, so as you *Spring Clean*, remember you can donate to **Yard Sale 2009**!!!) Statewide Operation IN-AS-MUCH was April 19th. What a blessing to be Jesus' hands & feet to others. Many thanks to Win Quakenbush for all his efforts on behalf of our church and to all of you who gave of yourselves that day! Serving together – What a glorious experience!!!

Upcoming Events…

- May 12, 10 am – New WMU Circle will be meeting at Celia Melvin's house. Any woman who wants to learn about & pray for missions efforts is invited.
- May 22 – Little River Association WMU annual meeting
- May 27 – BCFBC Leadership Team Meeting
- June 1 – Children's Sunday and Music & Missions (M&M) Celebration. Plan to be in Worship as our children, Preschool through 6th grade, lead the service. Then plan to return that evening for a celebration of all they've learned throughout the year about Missions & Music. It will be a great time to encourage & praise our children as they grow in their faith! *Continued on next page*

- June 14 – SummerFest 2008. This event is sponsored by the Baptist Men & is held at the Missions Farm in front of Keith Hills. It was a grand time last year as attendees were give the opportunity to meet countless missionaries, see demonstrations of the practical side of missions (bee keeping, well drilling, extreme gardening, goat herding, etc), horse wagon & helicopter rides and to eat at & tour Manna One – the world's largest privately owned portable kitchen. Mark your calendars & tell your friends! It's a great way to share Jesus.

WOW, 2008 is offering all kinds of missions opportunities for Men, Women & Children. Keep your eyes open as you see bulletin boards, bulletins & newsletters over the next couple of months. Be praying for God to prepare your heart for where He wants you to serve. As always…

…Serving an Amazing God Together~
WMU Leadership Team

Classified CiA Report: AUTHORIZED EYES ONLY

Specialized Training was a Grand Success:

Training continues to go well. We are happy to report that several of our Agents have exceeded the 10-badge point to date. It is quite likely that by the end of this year's training more than 8 of our Agents will reach this level & higher. It is an exemplary group this time.
Three of our Agents have written & shared their personal testimony with the group. All Agents are currently learning what a testimony is and why we share it. Our goal is to help them understand what Missions is – sharing the story of Jesus with those who are lost. In learning that they have a personal testimony, we are equipping them with the tools necessary to help them share Jesus more easily.

Spotlight Badge of the Month: **WMU Badge**

> Earned when an Agent has learned & recited the information on the WMU Vision Statement & Core Values and has given an offering to WMU ministry (local, state or national) or to the WMU Foundation.

As always, our mission is to equip the Agents 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 support is invaluable to our Agent's growth & development. Please continue to 1) Pray for our Agents, 2) Watch for information regarding what they are doing, & 3) Work with then any chance you get!

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