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The Reminder



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A Mother's Prayer

Make me a wise mother, O Lord. Keep me calm and give me patience to bear the small, irritating things in the daily routine of life. Give me tolerance and understanding to bridge the gulf between my generation and that of my children.

Let me not be too ready to guide my children's stumbling feet, but allow me to be ever near to bind their bruises. Give me a sense of humor that I may laugh with them but never at them. Let me refrain from preaching with words; let me show by example instead.

Keep me from forcing their confidences, but give me a sympathetic ear when my children come to me. Make me humble. Keep my children close to me, O Lord, though miles may separate us. And let Thy light so shine upon me that they, too, will perceive Thy glory. Amen.

Memorial Day

Over the years, Memorial Day has become a big holiday weekend. It's now the unofficial start of summer, rather than a day of tribute to the departed it was originally meant to be.

Even if we plan fun events for Memorial Day weekend, it's important to stop long enough to bow our heads and pay respect to our departed loved ones — especially those who fell in battle while helping preserve America's liberties.

Let us take time to make the pilgrimage to various cemeteries and pause long enough to say, "Thank you, Father, for these special lives, for sacrifices made and for friendships we have shared."

Memorial Day



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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Pastor's Paragraphs

Easter Sunday is over but the results of Easter live on in our hearts each day. The resurrection principle isn't just something that we talk about one Sunday out of the year and that's it. Indeed, it is a principle that is in effect every day of every year. It simply states that "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive." Because Christ lives, so we shall live. When Jesus walked out of His tomb on Sunday morning, He made eternal life possible for all of us who believe in Him and truly trust Him. Resurrection is not just something that happened and it's over; it happens again and again. Everyday Jesus resurrects hope within us. Everyday He resurrects within us purpose and grace. Everyday He resurrects the possibility for us to know and do the will of God. The only way that the resurrection principle is not at work in our lives is when we choose not to let it work within us. For me, I can choose to be gloomy and full of despair. I can choose to wander aimlessly through the day. I can even choose to seek my own way rather than God's way. When I make these choices, I must remember that I was the one who made the choice not to be empowered with the resurrection power today. It was not God's choice for me. On the other hand, I can choose to let the resurrection principle be at work within me and remain focused on Christ and experience the joy He has for me. The choice is clearly mine. And so, the choice is yours too, each and every day. If I don't feel resurrected, I can change that by looking to Jesus. The same is true for you too. How about it? Let's make the right choice and be resurrected again and again in spirit and let our resurrected Lord have his way within us. It is simply a matter of faith and choice. The resurrection power is available for each of us each day. Today I choose Jesus. How about you?

As we come to the end of April and enter the month of May, a lot of changes are going to take place in Buies Creek. The Campbell University students will be finishing their exams and many of them going home for the summer. Some of them will be graduating and seeking jobs. The face of the congregation is going to be changing. Families will be going on vacation, so our congregation will vary more and more from week to week. But, with the summer, comes Vacation Bible School, Children and Youth Camps, Mission Trips, and special activities. It will be a busy time as well as an exciting time. Check your Reminder each month and your bulletin each week to see how you can be involved. This is going to be a great summer filled with wonderful opportunities for those who have resurrected power and those who truly seek it. Be involved. God will bless you for it.


I hope each of you has a blessed week. I look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Michael



MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY *Celebrating* 
An Anniversary This Month

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

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. May's spotlight item is staples such as Rice, Boxed Instant Potatoes, Dry Beans, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Noodles and Sauces (Spaghetti, Marinara, Alfredo). The special treat for the children for this month is snack cakes like Little Debbie's or Tastykake. 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
 4/12/09 = \$88,393.80
 29% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
 4/12/09 = \$70,531.62
 23% of annual budget

Summer Mission Trip News!

Good news, the 2009 church-wide mission trip is in place. We will be participating in the NC Baptist Men's "DEEP IMPACT" (similar to World Changers) program at Red Springs, N.C. Team members will be ministering in areas like: creative arts, backyard bible club/VBS, sports camps, construction/painting/landscaping, light construction, care ministry teams, prayer walking and servant evangelism. Your mission team asks for your prayers of support as they represent you on this mission field. Your prayerful support is greatly needed. Also please pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts and minds of the ones we will be ministering to. Thanks in advance for your support.

-Your 2009 Mission Team

Economic Encouragement Fair

There will be an Economic Encouragement Fair at Crossroads Church in Lillington on Friday May 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Temp agencies, BRAC, counselors, family budget planners, resume specialists, etc. will be available to assist in finding a job or in helping you seek further education or training. Anyone in need of a little encouragement in these tough economic times should plan on attending!

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, Kelli Melvin, Helen Occhiuzzo (Jill Inscore's grandmother), Wanda Melanson (Eric Matthews' sister), Juanita Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's mother), Wanda Miller (Roger Tankersley's sister), Bunn Bennett (Joyce Stewart's brother-in-law), 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, Mary Lucas (Brenda Edwards' grandmother), Billy Mason-Parrish Nursing Center in Dunn, Doug Johnson, Beulah Stewart-Harnett Manor in Lillington, Wayne and Doris Morgan, May Marshbanks, Mae Danner-Windsor Point in Fuquay-Varina, Mae Kuhns-Harnett Manor in Lillington, Ruby Biggs-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, Leon Davis-Harnett Manor 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, Mary Ramer-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, and Eloise Sheppard.

KidShine

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

We are indeed "one in the bond of love." We are reminded in the fourth chapter of Ephesians that there is unity in the Body of Christ. In Ephesians 4:16 we read that the body "grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." As I often tell the children, the Bible teaches us to work together. We all are gifted, and expected to do our part. I am thankful that our church family knows how to come along side of one another and unite in the love of Christ.

Recently, we had our Easter Celebration 2009 and it was truly a family affair. Families gathered together for pictures, created a craft together, shared together the true meaning of Easter by using the "Jellybean Prayer," enjoyed the egg hunt/games and had great fellowship as we enjoyed a meal together. We had 16 families present and more than a dozen helpers doing their part. We had approximately 62 children, parents, grandparents and helpers that joined together to celebrate our risen Savior! Let me extend my gratitude to those that made this marvelous time possible. We had four ladies that graciously provided cookies for our dessert ~ thank you...Betty Stewart, Paula Smith, Wanda Register and Jane Tart. Our college group, who are always eager to extend a helping hand, made sure our egg hunt was a success ~ thanks so much...Alicia, Nicole, Rachel, Kim, Jonathan, Nathan, Jennifer, and Jessica. Thanks to Sarah Lemons for leading our game time...the games were fun and hilarious! The photographers for the afternoon were Doug and Annette...thank you! The fellowship crew was Dorothy, Doug and Betty Stewart...thanks! Of course, I want to thank the parents for participating and providing the sides for our hot dog dinner. It was an amazing afternoon filled with fun, laughter and good fellowship.

Please unite with me in prayer for the following upcoming ministry events:

Kidz Choir's musical ~ *Living Inside Out in an Upside Down World*

Children's Sunday and M & M Celebration

VBS 2009 ~ Crocodile Dock WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT

Gratefully,
Debbie

A Message From the Minister of Music

The Kidz Khoir of Buies Creek First Baptist Church will present the musical “Living Inside Out in an Upside Down World” on Sunday evening, May 17 at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. This musical by Celeste Clydesdale has given the children a chance to look at life with all its pressures and confusions and sing about how a life given to Christ can be lived in peace and joy even through competitive sports. I hope you will plan to come and support the children in this endeavor.

The Handbell Choir will play on Sunday morning, April 26. We always look forward to hearing them. This will be the last Sunday the students will be here to help. We will miss them. Some are graduating. Please express thanks to them for participating in this music ministry. There will be a need for handbell players for the fall! See Martha Harmon to join.

We have several choir members who are graduating also. We have greatly appreciated their involvement in the music ministry of the church. We pray that God would bless them as they go out from here to pursue their professions and ministry. There is a great need for more choir members. Please consider joining with us in praising the Lord and ministering through music. See Dorothy Mullins to join up!

There were many people who participated in providing music for our Easter celebration at the church. The Palm Sunday service, the Lenten Luncheons, the Maundy Thursday service and the Easter morning service were very inspiring with the beautiful music they provided to help us experience Christ’s death and resurrection. Thank you all for your selfless participation and wonderful music.

Thanks to all the church for your support of the music ministry. We are really in need of a pianist for summer. Joan, our organist, will be gone for the summer so I could use some help. Let me know if you know of someone who could play the piano.

I also want to thank the Sunday Night College Worship praise team. They have been very faithful to provide praise worship music that has been loved by all who have attended. They will join us in worship on Sunday, April 19 for the college Sunday service. I know you will enjoy them. You will also be blessed by a new quartet of young men who will sing on College Sunday morning. They will sing “Amazing Grace.” You don’t want to miss them. They are Shawn Taylor, Alex Rowe, Jonathan Lazenby and Mike Tyndall. God has blessed us with great talent. We are grateful.

Love to all,
Dorothy

WMU News

Wow! What a wonderful Women’s Conference we had on April 4. Trudy White was a terrific speaker and witness for Jesus. She told us of her work in South America as an IMB missionary and her work with her family’s children’s camps. Many thanks to all the women who helped provide food and who participated in the event. Be on the lookout for ways to support our church’s summer mission trip to Red Springs. More information on this later. On Sunday, May 17, WMU and the Missions Committee will host a luncheon fundraiser immediately after worship. We will collect donations for our own Mary Rhodes to be used in her ministry in South Africa. Mary’s mom, Susan, plans to visit Mary later in May and will take our contributions to her.

Classified CiA Report: AUTHORIZED EYES ONLY

Status Report:

Since our last update our Agents have been working hard fine tuning their skills & attending advanced training:

1. Skills Training - Agents have become more aware of a new North American Mission Board sponsored endeavor – FamilyFest. Much like the SummerFest hosted in our area by Baptist Men, this event was piloted in Florida. It targets Families in much the same way as SummerFest – rides, games, exhibits, food & Sharing the Gospel.
2. Advanced Training – three Agents attended Advanced training at our technical site in Asheboro (Camp Mundo Vista). While there, agents met missionaries who serve in a unique church environment – Motorcycle Church. Agents had the opportunity to ask questions & talk one-on-one with the missionaries. They found out that unique service doesn’t have to be done halfway around the world – it can be done just down the street. (These missionaries serve in Angier!!)

- Spotlight Badge of the Month: **Missionary Pen Pal**

- Earned when an Agent participates in the “Missionary Pen Pal Project”. It will include writing letters/emails to a selected missionary over a period of time. Our focus Pen Pal this year is Mary Rhodes, IMB Journeyman to South Africa.

Your support is invaluable to our Agent’s growth & development. Please continue to 1) Pray for our Agents & 2) join them in missions activities!

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