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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Join us on Sunday evenings for our new contemporary worship service "Sunday Night Praise" from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. This will be a time of praise and worship, prayer and fellowship. Everyone is invited to come and experience this new worship service. We look forward to seeing you there!

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 Sunday Night Praise Contemporary Service		7:00 am Men's Prayer Meeting

The Reminder



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WMU URGENT NEWS FLASH !!!

SHAMPOO DONATIONS FOR WOMEN PRISONERS BY OCTOBER 27

We are helping to collect shampoo as part of the "Red Box" program for women prisoners in Raleigh...plastic bottles ONLY, 10-15 oz. size ONLY. Bring by Monday, October 27.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER - NOVEMBER 3

We are invited to meet with the women of Lillington Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 3, in their church fellowship hall. Light refreshments served. They are expecting us!

WOMEN'S PRAYER RETREAT - NOVEMBER 7 - 9

Sign up now on the fellowship hall bulletin board for our 2008 Women's Retreat to Topsail Beach. Our retreat leader is Becky Blackburn, the Pastor's wife from Angier Baptist church. Cost is \$25 for one night; \$30 for two nights. We're expecting a wonderful time of study, prayer, fun, food, and fellowship! Becky will be a great leader! We want you to be with us!

INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Everyone is invited to be a participant in the International Mission Study on Wednesday evening, December 3, beginning with dinner at 6:00. The cost for dinner is only 2 cans of food for the food pantry. Our guest leader will be Jessica Wynns who has served in Ecuador. Please be present to learn more about missions in South America and enjoy a special dinner.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR PRISONERS

Again this year our Little River WMU is collecting Christmas cards for prisoners here in Harnett Co. We need unsigned boxes of cards as well as ones signed with our church's name. Only scriptural cards that tell the real "reason for the season" are acceptable. Do not seal envelopes.

WOMEN'S MISSION GROUP TO PROVIDE CHICKENS, A PIG, OR A GOAT!!!

The WMU Missions Group ("Circle") is saving their \$\$\$ to provide a special gift, through WMU's partnership with the Ricks Institute, investing in a program that will have a lifetime impact in the war-torn nation of Liberia helping feed a hungry family. Our missions "circle" will help provide some chickens, perhaps even a pig or goat! Come join this group which meets the first Monday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in various member's homes...next meeting is November 3, at Frances Lewis'.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

A humorous story is printed in the September 2008 issue of Bits & Pieces.

Cory was transferred to a new department after receiving a recommendation from his old manager. A week later, that manager received a visit from the head of the department to which Cory had been promoted.

"I've got bone to pick with you!" said this new boss. "You told me Cory was a responsible worker."

"That's right."

"Then I'd like to know your definition of 'responsible' because that kid is a walking disaster."

"Well, Cory worked in this department for three months. The first month, our computers crashed eight times and our database was wiped out. The second month, our new database was corrupted and the phones stopped working. By the third month, I had migraine headaches every day. And I'd say for each one of those things, Cory was responsible."

Well, I guess we are all responsible for something. I am asked to give references on former employees, peers, and church members many times throughout the year. I jokingly say to the one who tells me ahead of time that I will be asked for a reference: "I will be glad to give you a character reference. After all, I can surely vouch that you are quite a character." All joking aside, think for a moment. What are you responsible for and to whom are you responsible. As Christians we are ultimately responsible to God and we are responsible for being a good witness for Christ in all that we do. Considering this, have you been responsible for telling someone about Jesus of leading someone to Christ? Can the Lord say of you, "Your Name is one I can recommend as a faithful and obedient servant, a friend who has served me well and has been a good steward with all I have entrusted to him/her." When others speak of you in all sincerity, can they say that they felt love and compassion from you and saw you eagerly go about the Lord's work? You see, we are all responsible to Christ as Christians. It really isn't about computers or databases or phones; but about being a witness for Jesus wherever we are. What if Jesus asked the people you know for a character reference on you? How would you fare?

As we come to the end of October and enter the last two months of the year, let's work together to serve our Lord responsively. Thanksgiving and Christmas are ahead. Let's give thanks and celebrate and lead others to know Jesus as Savior and Lord.

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

Pastor Michael

**NOVEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Carolyn Greene
- 3 Jack Stewart
- 8 Jill Upshaw
- 8 Ann Davis
- 8 Priscilla Mangum
- 9 Laura Ryals
- 9 Frances Lewis
- 10 Mae Danner
- 13 Kenneth Moore
- 16 Josh Ryals
- 16 Hannah Julian
- 17 Patricia Harmon-Lewis
- 22 Ruth Quakenbush
- 23 Wayne Rhodes
- 24 Jonathan T. Lanier
- 26 Ruby Biggs
- 26 Brenda Brown
- 27 Kenneth Stewart
- 30 Phil Melvin

**ANNIVERSARIES
IN
NOVEMBER**

- 2 JD & Vaniece Johnson
- 7 Doug & Debbie Jones
- 20 Harold & Gina Smith
- 25 Demery & Frances Austin
- 28 Carvel & Gisela Gregory

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. November'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 2008

Budget amount needed to date as of
10/12/08=\$241,262.45
78% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
10/12/08=\$197,479.58
65% of annual budget

NEW DEACON OFFICERS

As you are aware, we elected 4 new Deacon's on September 14th, and since then the Deacon's have elected their new Officers. The new Deacon Chair is Jane Tart, the new Vice Chair is Harold Smith and the new Secretary is Joan Lanier. Please pray for the new officers and for all of our Deacon's as they faithfully serve the church over the next few years. The rest of our Deacon Body is as follows: Arlene Brown-Page, Brenda Brown, Jim Edwards, Dorothea Gilbert, Eddie Humphrey, Ed Johnson, Jason Lemons, Chip Mangum and Pamela Yates.

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Kitchen Renovations News

For a number of months now a kitchen remodel/update committee has been at work and starting October 20th our contractor, Ted McLeod will start the renovation. Our kitchen will be out of service until completed. In 30 days or so we should be enjoying a new and updated modern kitchen. The "KISS" suppers on Wednesday nights will continue with some slight changes to accommodate for the remodeling work. Thank you for your patience and contributions (still being accepted) to the "Kitchen Renovation Progress".

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Iraq, Al's nephew), Peter (Chip) Dinklage (Iraq), Mary Rhodes (Volunteer Missionary), Anne Oxford, Pat Harmon, Barry Howard, Helen Occhiuzzo (Jill Inscore's grandmother), Jodie King (Eloise Turner's grandson), Lib Harmon (Pat Harmon's cousin's wife), Ann Stone (Joyce Harmon and Rosalie Ferrell's sister-in-law), Juanita Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's mother), Bernard Clayton (Phyllis Tankersley's father), Bunn Bennett (Joyce Stewart's brother-in-law), Larry Wynns (Joe Wynns' uncle), and Lee Byrd (Arlene Brown-Page's nephew), and our homebound: Jill Upshaw, Donna Turlington, Hazel Weaver, Mattie Slaughter, Iva Newton, Mary Lucas (Brenda Edwards' grandmother), Billy Mason, Doug Johnson, Beulah Stewart, Doris Morgan, Mae Danner, Ruby Biggs, Leon Davis, Juanita Hight, Mildred Harmon, Frances Jones, Doris Yates, Sue A. Brown, Mary Ramer, and Eloise Sheppard.

Autumn Greetings!! I hope that everyone is looking forward to our *Fall Carnival* set for Sunday, October 26 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. It will be a wonderful time of family fun and fellowship. Let me encourage you to use this as an opportunity to invite your friends, especially those without a church home, to come and enjoy the fall festivities.

As I was reading through *ParentLife*, one of the publications that our church subscribes to, I came across a feature entitled **Kid's Life**. Its focus is on "What Kids Really Think"...in the November issue the question is asked, "IF YOU COULD ASK GOD ONE QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?" By nature children are very inquisitive and curious. They definitely say and ask what ever pops into their heads. (If you have any doubts come closer during one of my Children's Sermon and just listen!) Better yet strike up a conversation with one of our children. Both *ParentLife* and *HomeLife* are wonderful resources that our church makes available to us. While reading this delightful and thought-provoking article, I decided to ask our children the same question and this is what they had on their minds:

"Could you come to my house?" - Eli, 5 "Are you in the Sun?" - Ian, 5

"Would you come to my house?" - Timmy, 5 "How did you make me?" - Kaitlyn, 6

"How did you make Mammals?" - Samantha, 6 "What is in my future?" - Nicole, 12

"Why can't I have a Wii?" - Caroline, 8 "How were you always there?" - Kate, 11

"Will I be a famous sports player when I grow up?" - Lea, 9

"Do cats, dogs and other pets go to heaven? and How long until you come again?" - Rebekah, 11

"How long will I live? and How did you come up with months?" - Anna, 11

"How did you make everything?" - Bianey, 11

A verse that has been on my heart recently is Proverbs 3:5-6 "*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths.*" As we lead and guide our children may this familiar passage remind us to always direct them to God and his word for wisdom and understanding.

Standing on His Promises,
Debbie



CELEBRATION DINNER

When: Sunday, November 2nd 6:00 p.m.

Where: Buies Creek First Baptist Fellowship Hall

Food and Activities will be provided for children at Buies Creek First Baptist Church

Meat and beverages provided by the church, please bring covered dish/vegetable and/or dessert item

If you have not yet signed up for this event using the sign-up sheet in the Sunday Bulletin please call the church office at 893-4280 to let us know that you will be attending. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there!

Classified CiA Report: AUTHORIZED EYES ONLY

2008-09 CiA Training Continues...

By the time you read this the agents will have already completed our 1st big project – joint sponsorship with WMU of the World Crafts party. (If you missed it, there is still time to order either from a catalog or online- www.worldcraftsvillage.com Ask Gina for details!) It was a wonderful missions learning experience for all who participated!

Our “Christmas in September” project was a grand success. The Agents were able to raise \$ 18.09 to help Mary Rhodes serve Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches during missions camp in Africa. Mary told the Agents that their efforts helped share the Gospel with 70+ children.

Spotlight Badge of the Month: **Tea Party**

Earned when Agent participates in at least two of the following:

- o Prepares Missions Tea Party Materials (i.e. invitations, decoration, missions materials)
- o Sets Up and Tears-Down equipment the day of the event
- o Acts as a Host or Hostess at the Tea Party

On **Sunday, November 16, 3 pm**, the church fellowship hall will be transformed into a “Missions Tea Room”. Agents will be hosting the tea & sharing what they are learning about mission. It’s a great opportunity to support our children as they learn about missions and as they learn the responsibility of teaching mission to others. Watch your Sunday School roster for invitations .

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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