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WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES		
<p>Sunday 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 5:15 p.m. Children's M & M (Music & Missions) 6:00 p.m. Youth Discipleship</p>	<p>Monday 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 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. Hand Bells</p> <p>Thursday 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m. College Group Bible Study</p>

The Reminder



October 28, 2011

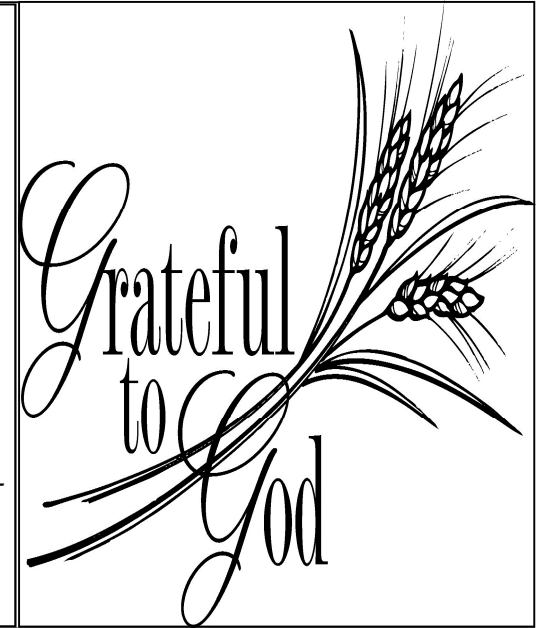
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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and do not forget all his benefits—
 who forgives all your iniquity,
 who heals all your diseases,
 who redeems your life from the Pit,
 who crowns you with steadfast love and
 mercy,
 who satisfies you with good as long as you live
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 —Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist's all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.



Giving thanks for all things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee. But what about life's storms or unanswered prayers? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that he is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

Pastor's Paragraphs

Here is a story from the October 2011 issue of Bits & Pieces which I think you will enjoy. It's entitled "More Than Meets The Eye."

Junior loved to hang out at the corner store, so the manager hired him to do odd jobs such as sweeping up and sorting the recycling. Junior was a quiet kid, but a good kid, though he seemed a little different from the other kids his age.

A group of boys who went to school with Junior often teased him when they were in the store. "Two bricks short of a load," they would say.

"Which one is more," they would ask and offer him the choice between a dime or a nickel. Junior always chose the nickel and would laugh with them as they called him a sucker. The manager always scolded the boys for being smart alecks, but Junior seemed oblivious to their pranks.

One day, after getting another nickel, the manager finally said to him. "Junior, why do you let those boys make fun of you? A dime is smaller in size, but worth more than a nickel."

"I know," said Junior. "But if I take the dime they'll stop giving me the money."

Needless to say, not everything is what it may seem to be. In the story, Junior was a lot smarter than the boy who thought he was two bricks short of a load. And so it is with most people and most things. I learned long ago not to "judge a book by its cover." One thing is certain however, as far as Christians, our lives should be transparent when it comes to our faith. When others look at us, they should see the love of Christ in both our actions and our words. No one should ever have to wonder about who we are and to whom we belong. Our lives should speak loudly that we are followers of Christ and we belong to Him. The means by which we make our decisions is faith, whether anyone else understands that or not. It is true as the songwriter says: "Let others see Jesus in you."

God bless you. Have a wonderful week. I am looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Michael



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Scott Horne
- 8 Ann Davis
- 8 Priscilla Mangum
- 9 Frances Lewis
- 9 Laura Ryals
- 13 Kenneth Moore
- 16 Josh Ryals
- 16 Hannah Julian
- 17 Patricia Harmon-Lewis
- 21 Wiley Altman
- 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 **Celebrating** 

- 2 JD & Vaniece Johnson
- 7 Doug & Debbie Jones
- 20 Harold & Gina Smith
- 23 Eric & Laura Matthews
- 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. However, this month, we are asking for donations of all kinds as we have depleted our food pantry to help those who had been impacted by the tornadoes that recently struck our area. Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Pantry and be sure to check again next month to see how you can help. If you have any questions about the Food Pantry please contact Brenda or Sumer Edwards.

Financial Outlook 2011

Budget amount needed to date as of
 10/23/11 = \$254,500.23
 83% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
 10/23/11 = \$223,944.66
 73% of annual budget

Thanks For a Job Well Done

Thank you to everyone who made the Fall Festival such a wonderful success. With the addition of the Country Store, the event brought in approximately \$2500 to go toward the debt retirement on the new church bus. The Barbeque was good as were the two Gospel groups, The Resurrection Quartet and the Spirit of Grace Quartet. The best part was the wonderful fellowship we all enjoyed together. Thank you to those who planned and coordinated the event, to those who cooked and set up everything, to Rev. Kevin Gregory and the Church by the Creek for the loan of an outdoor stage, to all those who made crafts and goodies and ran the Country Store, to the Fellowship Committee, to all those who worked behind the scenes. This is always a wonderful day for us to enjoy and a great way to reach out to our community. On behalf of all of us, thank you, thank you, thankful.

Pastor Michael

Please Remember in Prayer: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Al's Nephew, Korea), Alex Litz (Al Upshaw's cousin, Korea), Gary Altman, Wiley Altman, William Medina-Diaz, Larry Osborne, Scott Horne, Gene Stewart, Lisa Johnson, Michelle Daggett, Gene Larche (Bonnie Larche's son), Mechell Turner (Rufus & Martha Turner's daughter-in-law), Cora Christian (Gene Lewis' aunt), Donald and Jane Strother (Donald Strother's parents), Patsy Matthews (Eric Matthews' mother), James Webb (Angela Webb's father), Billy Gross (Terry Potter's grandson), Edwin Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's father), Johnny Honeycutt (Hope Hammond's father), Janie Tripp (Debbie Persinger's mother), Carolyn Lucas (Brenda Edwards' mother), Tina Crabtree (Jonathan Lazenby's mother), Grace Wimberly (Tony Wimberly's grandmother), Mamie Smith (Pam Yates' grandmother), and our homebound: Hazel Weaver, Betty M. Stewart, Mattie Slaughter, Billy Mason-Parrish Nursing Center in Dunn, Doris Morgan, May Marshbanks, Mae Kuhns-Universal Healthcare in Lillington, Ruby Biggs-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, Doris Yates-Harnett Woods Nursing & Rehab in Dunn, Sue A. Brown, and Eloise Sheppard.

"Praise the name of God forever and ever, for He has all wisdom and power...I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors, for you have given me wisdom and strength." Daniel 2:20,23a The Lord God Almighty certainly gave the Youth and Kidz Khoir wisdom, strength and peace as they presented "That's So Daniel." Thank you to all of you who helped and prayed us through this awesome experience. The book of Daniel provides so many wonderful godly lessons and it is my prayer that we take each one and ponder it in our heart daily.

Speaking of pondering, on Wednesday nights we have started a new study for our children. It is called Hometown Nazareth...Where Jesus was a Kid. Throughout the coming weeks we will hear from Mary, the mother of Jesus, many of the things that she *pondered* in her heart. We will meet Eunice, a neighbor who does not believe or understand that Jesus is God's son. We will enjoy singing, doing crafts, playing games and who knows what else. So children, come and have fun and hopefully help Eunice understand that Jesus is the son of the Living God.

Finally, please remember our Children's Fall Festival...Slime Time! I am still in need of volunteers and wrapped candy for the children's goody bags. This event will be a flashback to our 2008 VBS ~ *Power Lab!* As *Daniel* showed us...prayers are much appreciated and needed!!!

May God be Praised and Glorified!

Debbie



Classified CiA/Acteen Report: AUTHORIZED EYES ONLY

All Agents - CiA & Acteen - important information follows.

We have been focusing on “home land security” for the last few weeks. Our emphasis has been on getting the word out to those on our own soil. We will now be expanding our scope to spread beyond our borders. Over the next couple of months we will be reviewing historical data about one of our most famous Agents - Lottie Moon - and studying current foreign endeavors.

Spotlight Badge of the Month: **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®**

- Earned when an Agent completes the “Lottie Project” where he/she learns who Lottie Moon was, discovers at least three ways Lottie Moon Christmas Offering money is used to help missionaries do their work, contributes to the offering & is part of the group presentation of to the church.



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 opportunities to assist in their training!! This message will self-destruct in 20 seconds.....



Gina Smith

From the Minister of Music

The Youth and Kidz Khoir performed the musical *That’s So Daniel* on Sunday evening, October 16. The experience of preparing and practicing this musical presented a special time of growth and spiritual development for the youth and children who participated. They were able to discover their gifts and talents in music and drama. There were many lines to learn and dramatize. The music required skill in learning music, words and choreography. All the participants put forth their best effort and were able to experience the joy of accomplishment that gave them pride and self-esteem. The leaders who directed and helped with the process were very proud of all the participants and enjoyed the opportunity to work with them. The story of Daniel and his faith was brought to life for the participants. The message of how God will be there for all of us when we face the hard times or “Big Cat Moments” in our lives became a reality through song and drama. We will always remember the catchy tunes and phrases that we learned as we worked to bring to the church the message of God’s grace and promise of protection for all of His followers.

Thanks to all who worked to bring about this wonderful experience for our youth and children. There were many participants behind the scenes who gave of their time and talents to pray and work on drama, music, choreography, sound, lighting, costumes, food, staging and set, transportation to and from practice, bulletins, putting up and taking down the staging, the zoo trip and the bon fire extravaganza. This has been a very rewarding experience for all.

The Kidz Khoir will begin work on music that they will sing with the adult choir for the Christmas Musical, *The Spirit of Christmas* which will be performed on Sunday morning December 4th. The Cherub Choir has begun to practice on a mini-Christmas musical that they will sing for us during the Christmas season.

The Handbell Choir will help us celebrate the Thanksgiving season by playing the favorite hymns of faith, *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* and *All Hail the Power of Jesus Name*, during the Sunday morning worship service on November 20th. They will also provide Christmas music on Sunday morning, December 11 to celebrate the birth of Christ.

There is still room for anyone who would like to participate in the music ministry of Buies Creek First Baptist Church. Call Dorothy Mullins at 910-814-1260. We would love to have you join us.