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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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The Paradoxes of Life

When I spend myself — body, soul and strength — I find replenishment within.

When I extend kindness freely, I find kindness growing abundantly within.

When I give abundantly to God and charity, I find my resources increasing instead of diminishing.

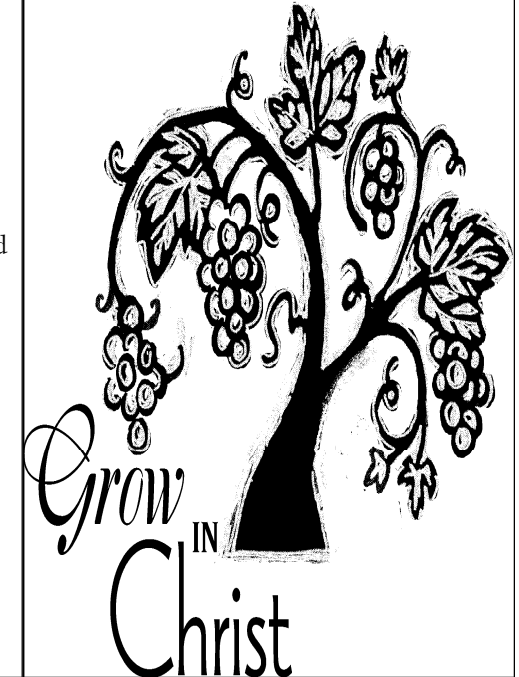
When I exhibit happiness, I find mostly happy responses.

When I give or serve or share or provide, I receive or am served or shared with or provided for in return.

When I offer peace of mind to another, I discover it growing within myself.

When I feel at peace with God, I discover I am at peace with the world.

—Charles Ferrell



The Surpassing Grace

The word "surpass" means to exceed, to go beyond, to transcend the reach or capacity of. In his second letter to the church at Corinth, Paul refers to "the surpassing grace of God that he has given you" (2 Corinthians 9:14, NRSV). Paul was reminding the Corinthians of the amazing, abundant grace God had showered upon them.

When Paul wrote that letter, the church in Jerusalem was suffering intense persecution. The members were poor and struggling to be faithful under dire circumstances.

Paul knew the church at Corinth was doing fine financially and that they had a mind to help out the Jerusalem church. He wrote: "You glorify God ... by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they ... pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you" (2 Corinthians 9:13-14, NRSV).

Consider how you can share God's surpassing grace with others in need.

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPHS

Let the celebration begin! "Celebration? What are we celebrating?" you ask. Well, there are a host of things we can celebrate. Let's start with today. Educator and nurse, Sally P. Karioth states in *Bits & Pieces* (September, 2008): "I've learned that if I don't celebrate the exquisiteness of each day that I've lost something I'll never get back." So, let's start with today. The Psalmist says in Psalm 118:24: "This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." How about it? Today is the day God has given you to experience his love and presence. That doesn't mean that everything is going to be perfect, it just means that God is with you today and will bless you in his own special way. I don't know what today will hold, I just know that God is here today with us. It is a special day, a unique day. Let's make the best of it and rejoice.

Next, let's celebrate life. You and I got up this morning. Our names were not in the Obituaries. We are alive. That means we have another day to enjoy the blessings of God. With life, come love, relationships, opportunities, challenges and growth. Wow! The Psalmist is right. We can celebrate today for it is a gift from God.

Most of all, we can celebrate Jesus. After all, he is the one who makes life abundant and full of promise. Celebrate Jesus by reading his word and having a time of prayer and meditation. Celebrate Jesus by giving thanks for his presence with you today. Celebrate Jesus by telling someone about him and what he is doing in your life.

I am convinced that the more we celebrate about each day, the more we will enjoy each day. The more we enjoy each day, the more we will appreciate what God is doing in our lives and the better witness we will be for Christ. After all, when others see us celebrating, they will wonder why and we have the opportunity to tell them. Today is unique and special and worth celebrating.

During the month of October, we will be looking at proposed constitutional and by-law changes, and preparing for next year's budget. Let's celebrate the opportunity to state who we are and what we are about and the opportunity to be good stewards of what God has given us as we plan for ministry. God has blessed us and continues to bless us. What will we do with those blessings? In November we will have the opportunity to vote on the Constitution and the budget. Whatever the outcome, let's celebrate the opportunity to serve Christ and be a part of growing his kingdom.

Indeed, let the celebration continue. Enjoy each day and be blessed. I will see you Sunday.

Pastor Michael

**OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Rosalie Ferrell
Don Penny
- 2 Eddie Humphrey
Eric Matthews
Patricia Greene
- 5 Lucy Baker
Jason Lemons
- 7 Frances Jones
- 8 Jane Tart
- 9 David Newton
- 10 Kyle Bain
- 12 Renie Jones
- 14 Laura Matthews
- 17 Donnie Yates
- 27 Sandra Simmons
Kate Upshaw
- 28 Timothy Wade
- 30 Leon Jernigan
Diamond Matthews
Laura McLeod

**ANNIVERSARIES
IN
OCTOBER**

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

- 5 Eddie & Shelly Humphrey
- 6 Jim & Nancy Bales

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. October's spotlight item is canned goods, such as soups and vegetables. This category may also include drinks such as Hi-C. The special treat for the children for this month is Halloween candy. Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Pantry and be sure to check again next month for November's 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
9/14/08=\$217,724.65
71% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
9/14/08=\$179,212.14
59% of annual budget

NEW DEACONS

On Sunday morning, September 14th, we elected four new deacons. Those elected were Brenda Brown, Eddie Humphrey, Chip Mangum, and Pamela Yates. Please pray for these along with the eight other deacons who make up our deacon body. They are Dorothea Gilbert, Ed Johnson Harold Smith, Arlene Brown-Page, Jim Edwards, Joan Lanier, Jason Lemons, and Jane Tart. Along with our prayers for those who are serving, we want to say a special thank you to those who rotated off the deacon body this year: Phil Melvin, Win Quakenbush, and Wayne Rhodes. Thanks for a job well done.

Attention Ladies!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Beach Retreat scheduled for November 7-9. Plan to attend this meaningful and relaxing time together. Look for more information in the Bulletin and future Newsletters as we get closer.

Operation In-As-Much

This year's Operation-In-As-Much will be on Saturday, October 18th beginning at 7:30 a.m. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall and there will be mission activities for all ages. Nursery services will be provided for OIAM workers. Please sign up using the sign-up sheets in the bulletin or on the Bulletin Board in the Fellowship Hall. Please see Win Quakenbush for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Iraq, Al's nephew), Mary Rhodes (Volunteer Missionary), Anne Oxford, Barry Howard, Helen Occhiuzzo (Jill Inscore's grandmother), Jodie King (Eloise Turner's grandson), Lib Harmon (Pat Harmon's cousin), Ann Stone (Joyce Harmon and Rosalie Ferrell's sister-in-law), Juanita Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's mother), 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.

KidShine

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

*Greetings! Recently, our Children's Ministry Team met and we began planning and dreaming for the new year. As we look forward to a new year of ministry and service I think it is appropriate that we remind ourselves of the mission statement for our preschool and children's ministry. **The Children's Ministry of BCFBC desires to: meet children at their level of development; teach Biblical truths in fun and creative ways; lay a strong foundation that can lead children to a personal relationship with Jesus; and encourage each child to be a light in the world around them.** Recognizing, of course, that this can only be accomplished under the guidance and leadership of God's Holy Spirit. Therefore, our theme for the 2008-09 year is to: Watch what God is doing and join Him! A fitting verse for this year is Ephesians 5:1-2 which states "Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." I covet your prayers that we allow ourselves to be used by God in a powerful and miraculous way this year.*

Music and Mission is definitely up and running again. We got started again on the first Sunday evening in September with 18—20 children participating! A great start to what I know will be a wonderful new year of teaching and growing in the areas of music and missions. God has blessed this ministry with leaders who are excited and ready to share His love with these kids. Let me share with you those that will be teaching for this year: Cherub Choir — Joan Lanier and Patricia Greene; Kidz Choir — Dorothy Mullins and Al Upshaw; Mission Friends — Shannon Wade; Children in Action — Gina & Harold Smith and Alicia Turner. I know they would appreciate your prayers as they lead and guide our children in these areas.

Our Fall Festival will be October 26 this year. We will be planning around a carnival theme, complete with BB the Clown! So that this will be a fabulous fall event, let me share with you some opportunities of service: providing candy, baking a cake, helping with a hot dog dinner, running a game or activity, inviting those neighbors that are not in church, praying, ETC... If you or your Sunday School class could help us in this way please let me know so that I can plan accordingly. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community in a fun and exciting way.

*Serving an awesome God,
Debbie*



.....Is busy with mission projects. We ask everyone's help in collecting for, praying for and supporting these upcoming projects.

*October collection for inmates at the Women's Prison in Raleigh: Our association will be collecting 15-18 oz. plastic bottles of shampoo. Please put donations in the labeled tubs near the back door outside of the Fellowship Hall. These must be plastic bottles in the aforementioned sizes.

*Operation In-As-Much: Saturday October 18th Please see the sign-up sheet in the bulletin or Win Quakenbush for more information.

*Worldcraft Party: Sunday October 19th, 2-4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The purchase of these beautiful craft items provides income for disadvantaged people in third world countries. Everyone is invited, and if you are unable to attend you may see Gina Smith to check out a catalog.

*Women's Prayer Retreat to the beach: November 7-9

*Operation Christmas Child shoebox collections by the children of our church. Please see Debbie Jones for more information.

Classified CiA Report: AUTHORIZED EYES ONLY

2008-09 CiA Training Continues...

A New Year = A Bigger Group of Agents!! With 16 on roll & 5 more expected, we have our largest group of agents yet! By the time you read this they will have already completed one unit of study & done their first missions focus of the year – "Christmas in September." Their mission was two-fold: 1) Raise \$2.50 each to send to Mary Rhodes to use to serve lunch (Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches) to the children in the camps she will be hosting in October, and 2) Pray for Mary as she shares the Gospel with children. These Agents are learning that missions is a lifestyle not a one-time event.

Spotlight Badge of the Month: **WorldCrafts**

Earned when an Agent has participated in the *WorldCrafts* focus project. This year's project is a World Craft party sponsored in conjunction with BCFBC's WMU Ladies. (*WorldCrafts* is a non-profit ministry of WMU that has sought out artisans in impoverished regions of the world that are not being reached with the Gospel and provided an audience for their work. By providing training, resources & a market for their craft, WMU has cultivated relationships with groups of people who have rarely been exposed to the Gospel. As the partnerships grow so do the opportunities to share the love of Jesus with these people groups. Every item is created by hand in an environment that ensures fair wages and humane working conditions for the artisans. For more info, or to see a catalog online, go to www.worldcraftsvillage.com

On **Sunday, October 19, from 2-4 pm**, the church fellowship hall will be transformed into a "missions shopping center". We will have on display items made by World Craft artisans from around the world along with informational videos & posters about World Craft and how it helps to share the gospel. Orders made that day will arrive in plenty of time for the holidays. Mark your calendars and bring your Christmas shopping lists with you. This is a great opportunity not only to support our children as they learn about innovative missions but also to support missions while taking care of that "shopping list." We look forward to seeing you there.

Your support is invaluable to our Agent's growth & development. Please continue to 1) Pray for our Agents & 2) join them for the WorldCrafts event!

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