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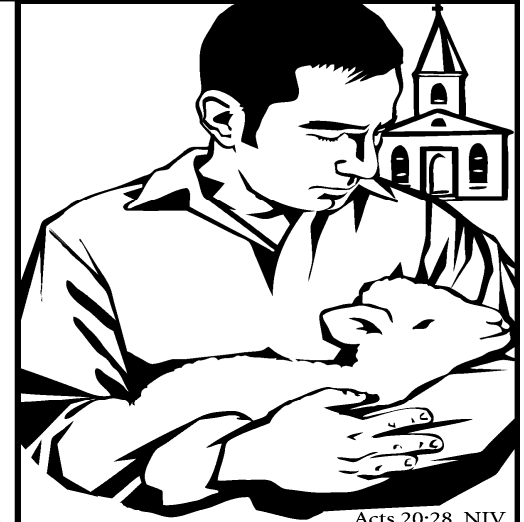
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My Church

My church is composed of people like me. We make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

My church will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with those things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be!



Acts 20:28, NIV

Be shepherds of the church of God ...

Advantages of Joining the Choir

1. You never have to worry about what to wear.
2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.
3. From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, wave to, and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.
4. The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.
5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.
6. The cost for all these benefits? Just one evening a week.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

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

Pastor's Paragraphs

It is good to be home after a challenging trip to Vermont to work with the Faith Christian Fellowship in Pownal. When we arrived we discovered that the groundwork which we thought had been done was not done at all. This meant that we had to try to promote what we were doing ourselves on the day we started our work. We also discovered that the weather would prove to be a challenge as it rained at the exact time of some of our activities. We discovered that we were to be on our own 99% of the time. If this were not enough, the bus we planned to take from Buies Creek to Pownal threw a rod the week before we were to leave and we had to rent vans for the trip. So much for the negatives or at least what we thought to be negatives at the time.

We learned a lot about faith, flexibility, and need on the trip. When we arrived in Pownal we discovered we would not have been able to do what we needed to do had we gone on the bus. We also discovered that had the publicity been done, though we might have had better participation in Pownal itself, our team would not have gotten out into the community as much. Some of our team went door to door meeting people, inviting them to Bible study, and sharing the gospel. We decided to have an afternoon sports camp in Bennington, a town 7 miles away along with the Backyard Bible Club which was already scheduled at an apartment complex. Thirty-five to fifty children showed up each day. In Pownal we worked with a total of eleven children throughout the week. Very few of the church adults participated in the nightly Bible study, but our team members participated well. This proved to be a time of spiritual renewal for us. We were reminded that God does not answer prayers the way we sometimes envision. We prayed all along that God would prepare the hearts of those to who we were to minister. It turned out that the bulk of our ministry for the week was in Bennington. We shared the gospel everyday. We reached children who were desperately in need of love and attention. We ministered to children who had **never** heard about Jesus. Our eyes were open. Each member of our team learned how to witness and share the plan of salvation. You could see the concern for the children that our youth expressed each day. One day our Youth voted to give up their lunch so that they could feed the children at Bennington. Everyone worked hard and pulled their weight. We were up by 6:00 and went solid until 10:00 at night. We gave up any attempt to go sight-seeing in order to minister to the children. We learned what God can do through us when we work together. We came back to Buies Creek excited about what God enabled us to do. We saw some decisions for Christ. We saw a lot of gospel seed planted in the hearts of the people. And we came back excited saying that if we could do what we did in Vermont, why shouldn't we be able to do it here. Why can't we use our time and resources to share Jesus here? If twenty-five of us could work together with one purpose there, why can't our church work together with one purpose here? People need the Lord and we have the Lord to share.

We learned a lot about faith, sacrifice, and the joy of sharing Jesus. We are thankful for the way God answered our prayers and for what we learned in the process. Our challenge to you, the church family, is for you to get excited about Jesus too. Share your faith. Invite others to join you at church. Use your spiritual gifts to make this body function as it should. Then watch and see what the Lord will do.

God bless each of you. I am looking forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Michael


**SEPTEMBER
BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Harold Smith
- 5 Joe Wynns
- 8 Ted McLeod
- 9 Shelly Humphrey
Nicole David
- 10 Nathaniel Rhodes
- 11 Rosalie Cauthen
- 12 Jonathan Jones
- 15 Pam Yates
- 19 Janet Goswick
- 21 Kaitlyn Melvin
- 22 Martha Dixon
Brenda Edwards
Joseph Inscore
- 23 Millie Wiggins
Tim Wade
- 26 Ginny Lanier
- 29 Rebekah Jones
- 30 Billy Mason
Eloise Sheppard

**ANNIVERSARIES
IN
SEPTEMBER**

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

- 1 Ken & Martha Barbour
- 3 Gene & Betty Sue Stewart
- 4 Terry Martin & Linda Kuhns
- 5 Jack & Margaret Stewart
- 9 Phil & Celia Melvin
- 24 Kenny & Jennifer Stewart

Free Christian Yoga Workshop at Buies Creek First Baptist Church September 13th 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Would you like to learn how yoga can not only help you keep your body healthy, but how it can also help you deepen your spiritual life? Join Martha Harmon, certified Hatha Yoga Instructor and member of Buies Creek First Baptist Church, for a free workshop that will focus on both the physical postures and the spiritual practice of yoga. Learn how the principles of yoga can support and deepen your spiritual journey toward supreme closeness to God, while the physical practice can become a time of devotion and concentration on God. Class will begin with one-hour of teaching and discussion and conclude with one-hour of postures. To sign up or learn more, please contact Martha Harmon:

yogawithmartha@embarqmail.com or [910-897-2323](tel:910-897-2323)

Financial Outlook 2008

Budget amount needed to date as of
8/10/08=\$188,302.40
61% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
8/10/08=\$151,994.97
50% of annual budget

Thank You!

The Vermont Mission Team would like to thank the church body for their prayers, they were felt and needed the whole week we were in Vermont. We would also like to thank you for your moral and financial support. The team represented BCFBC in fine style, seeds were planted in the hearts and minds of hungry people and now the harvest is in the Lord's hands.

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.

Join the Hand Bell Choir!

The Hand Bell Choir will resume rehearsal on Wednesday, September 3 from 7:30-8:30 p.m. and is looking for new members. Prior ringing experience is not required, but we do ask that members are able to read music. If you'd like to learn more or join this fun music ministry, contact Martha Harmon: mlharmon@embarqmail.com or 910-897-2323.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Iraq, Al's nephew), Rachel Norwood, Mary Rhodes (Volunteer Missionary), Helen Occhiuzzo (Jill Inscore's grandmother), Anne Garner (Pam Yates' mother), Jodie King (Eloise Turner's grandson), Don Strain (Bonnie Larche's brother), Ann Stone (Joyce Harmon and Rosalie Ferrell's sister-in-law), Juanita Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's mother), 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

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Phil. 1:3-6 I wish to echo the words of Paul as I say thank you for your prayers and support. These past few weeks have been absolutely amazing! God is Good!!

Six young ladies and I had the opportunity to attend CentriKid at Campbell University. Nicole, Kate, Rebekah, Mariah, Bianey, and Lea had an awesome camp experience. We had many opportunities to share together what is on our hearts and what God is doing in our lives. When asked what words explained our experience at camp the following were mentioned: making friends, loving family, exciting, learning more about God, laughter, belonging, and refreshing. We thank you for your prayers and enabling us to attend this God centered atmosphere. Our theme for the week was "Lights, Camera, Action". We learned that a great movie has to have a great story and a great cast. Throughout the week we experienced the most amazing story ever told...God's story with His Son Jesus as the star. Even better news is that we are each given a small role in His incredible story of redemption. We were reminded to: know His story, know our script, give Jesus the spotlight in all we say and do, play our part that He has for us, and GO and change the world. Our parting thought was to go and share the story each and every day.

My next adventure with God came less than 24 hours later. Off to Vermont for an awesome mission experience with an amazing team. God is certainly moving amongst His people. The opportunity to come together as a team was incredible. The strength and encouragement that we gain from one another is powerful. I praise God for the experience and give Him all the glory for what was accomplished in His name. We were able to be God's hands and feet to at least 50-60 children and their families. Please join me in praying for the seeds that were planted and the lives changed by God (including each team member that went.) Again, thank you for your prayers, support, encouragement that allowed us to go on behalf of our God and BCFBC.

With a grateful heart,
Debbie

Youth Central

Hello from Youth Central!

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." --Jeremiah 29:11

The last few weeks in youth have been spent in preparation for our trip to Vermont, which took place August 2-9. In preparation, each youth was given the task of presenting his or her testimony to the whole group. We also studied the Romans Road and other means to lead people to Jesus. Despite all of our planning, etc. we faced a lot of challenges while in Vermont. We were given multiple opportunities to share the gospel, and our youth were right in the middle of it. As a group, we would like to thank the church for affording us the opportunity to go to Vermont and share with the people in Pownal.

Jennifer

Classified CiA Report: AUTHORIZED EYES ONLY

2008-09 CiA Training Continues...

A new year is upon us. Shortly we will begin our training for 2008-09. Agents, mark your calendars, training begins September 7, 2008. There will be many new & exciting options for you as you expand your knowledge & become better Agents. Also, there will be news recognition times & equipment. Make sure you are there from the beginning! Remember that enrollment is open for new recruits. Invite a friend!

Spotlight Badge of the Month: **Christmas in August**

Earned when an Agent has participated in the Christmas in August focus project. The focus project centers around helping a missionary by collecting items they need to help them in their work. This year's focus will be on helping Mary Rhodes as she ministers in South Africa. While it is called Christmas in *August* or focus will be in September!

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 ways to assist them as they grow in their service.

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