HIGHLIGHTS



From Your Pastorna

I love Autumn (Fall as we call it most of the time)! As I write this article I realize today is the first day of Autumn/Fall! I enjoy this time of year immensely because I enjoy the change of weather. I have nothing against Summer...I just enjoy every season for what it is. I was raised in Hendersonville, which markets itself as "The City of Four Seasons." For the most part, Hendersonville really does enjoy four distinct seasons (at least most years), and there is value and beauty in each season. Farmers will tell you that each season is necessary for a healthy variety of crops, insect management, etc. So change is not necessarily bad...it can bring refreshment...it can bring a reminder that we serve a God who walks with us through each of the seasons of our lives. Change is inevitable...it is how we deal with those changes that define who we are and whose we are. Recently I did a funeral for a family that requested I read the Serenity Prayer as part of the service. I read the common form that we see cross-stitched on mugs and T-shirts, etc., but there is a longer form that is attributed directly to Reinhold Niebuhr:

God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

Blessings and Peace!

Ramon

THE WORSHIP OF GOD



October 4, 2015 11:00 a.m. Baptism and Lord's Supper

Come to the Table of the Lord Sanctuary Choir

Alone? Mark 10:2-16 Ramon Smith

October 18, 2015 11:00 a.m.

God So Loved the World Sanctuary Choir

Upside Down World Mark 10:35-45 Ramon Smith October 11, 2015 11:00 a.m.

Before the Throne of God Above Sanctuary Choir

> Saved Mark 10:17-31 Ramon Smith

October 25, 2015 11:00 a.m.

The Love of God Sanctuary Choir

The Truth on Crying Mark 10:46-52 Ramon Smith

Our Mission...

"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name."

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A NOTE FROM MARY



There was a song I used to sing a lot as a child, and it went like this:

I am a promise. I am a possibility. I am a promise with a capital "P."

I am a great big bundle of potentiality.

And I'm a-learning to hear God's voice, and I'm a-trying to make the right choice.

I am a promise to be anything God wants me to be.

I can go anywhere that He wants me to go.
I can be anything that He wants me to be.

I can climb a high mountain. I can cross the wide sea.

I am a great big promise, you see.

Honestly, I have always thought of this as a children's song, however, I have been reminded this week that we are all in process. None of us has arrived spiritually yet. There are days when I struggle because I feel like I should be farther along than I am or worry that God can't use me. There are habits and sins that I fall back into after I think I have them conquered. Even after degrees and Bible studies and quiet times, there are countless questions that I can only answer with a "maybe this" or "I don't know." And there are days when I still struggle just to hear God speaking and to make the right choice. After all this time, I am still learning. But in spite of this, it is reassuring to know that my God still loves me and desires to be seen in my life, that each of us is His "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

We are still both promise and possibility. Amen.

Next book club meeting:

Monday, October 5 at 7 p.m. We will discuss the book: In the Heart of the Dark Wood By Billy Coffey

On Monday, November 2
We will discuss:
Lizzy and Jane
By Katherine Reay

NC State Missions Offering

Our Goal: \$3,000

Received to Date: \$1,945

STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

9:00 Worship Nursery Workers

<u>October 4</u> - Carolyn Ely, Jan Doty, Rachel Eller, Beth Nelson, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle, Julie Blink, Earl Blink

October 11 - Carolyn Ely, Jordan Gaskins, Grace Hodge, Tammy McDowell, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle, Tammy Cashwell, Craig Cashwell

October 18- Carolyn Ely, Pam Nicholson, Melanie Alexander, Joseph Alexander, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle, Angie Bonner

October 25 - Carolyn Ely, Sarah Talley, Kathy McDaniel, Beth Hinesley, Bernice Hudspeth, Vickie Sprinkle, Anna Sheek, Sarah Hauser

11:00 Worship Nursery Workers

<u>October 4</u> - Beth Huff, Stephanie Phillips, Leigh Ann Pernell, Whitney Pernell

<u>October 11</u> - Janice Jordan, Nell Baker, David Hodge, Beth SabbaghRabaiotti, Stephanie Cayton, Sybil McBride Wanda Foster

<u>October 18</u> - Courtney Gruver, Michael Gruver, Jeanne Hobson, Donna Bates, Bernice Hudspeth, Carolyn Britt, Becky Haney, Pat Blackwell

October 25 - Friends & Partners Sunday School Class, Pat Blackwell, Dianne Garner, Trudy Elkins, Lara Pinnix, Chris Pinnix, Kelly McCrary, Jason McCrary

<u>Greeters</u>

October 4
Jim Pernell
Russell Talley

October 18October 25Sarah HauserJohn VoglerTony PerkinsKen Hatchett

Properties Committee

October 4October 11Phil RobertsMike RoyalOctober 18October 25John NicholsonScott Andrews

Information Center for October

Bill Page Becky Haney

Deacon of the Week

Oct. 4 - 10 Oct. 11 - 17
Cathy Chinlund Joseph Alexander

 Oct. 18 - 24
 Oct. 25 - 31

 Rusty Rose
 Kent Hobson

CHRISTA'S

CORNER

"Legal Issues in the Lives of Aging Adults" will be the focus of our time together when we go to Brookridge for a complementary lunch and discussion with Jason Cogdill on October 19th at noon. We

will meet in Feezor Auditorium, followed by a brief presentation and a time of discussion with Jason. FBC Lexington is also invited. Please let Christa know if you would like to go. We will take the church bus for those who would like to ride together. You may also call Joan in the church office.

On Saturday, October 10th those signed up will go to the Wohlfhahrt House in Wytheville, VA to see "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." If interested, contact Ken Hatchett, Alice Wilson or Christa to check on availability of tickets.

A trip is scheduled for **Thursday, November 12**th to the **Rudy Theater** in Selma, NC for the **Christmas Show.** If interested in going, contact Ken Hatchett, Alice Wilson or Christa.

College Parkers welcome Rodney Stillwell, chaplain at Forsyth Correctional Center, on October 15th. Rodney always inspires us as he talks about his work and God's presence in the ministry to which he has been called. Bring a dish and come be with our group!

Adventures in Learning, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center, meets at Peace Haven Baptist October 13, 15, 20 and 22nd. If you've never attended some of the classes offered, your registration is free. The cost of \$25 is low for all the life classes that are offered. Contact (748-0217) or google Shepherd's Center for information.

Blessings,

Christa Warise

Wednesday Night Suppers

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Hamburger Steak with Peppers and Onions Baked Potato Slaw Rolls Celebration Cake

October 14

Chicken Fillet Style Sandwich
Chips
Veggies with Dip
Dessert

October 21

Pork Roast with Apples
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Salad
Rolls
Dessert

October 28

Baked Spaghetti Salad Rolls Dessert

Deacon Election

It is time for our deacon election process for the upcoming year. We will be electing six deacons. **Nominations open on Sunday, October 11 and close on Sunday, October 25.** Please be in prayer about who God would have to serve in these leadership positions.

CRISIS CON†ROL MINISTRY

Gift for October

Whole Wheat Pasta

"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40

IN THE HOSPITAL

Our prayers and support are offered to the following members of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital during the last four weeks:

John Crabbe
Vennie Davis
Teresa Hill
Mildred Hoots
Robert Huff
Rita Lee
Rusty Rose
Chester Southern
John Vogler
Larry Waller

Christian love and sympathy are expressed to Chester Southern in the death of his sister.

Thank-you notes have been received and posted on the bulletin board from the family of Katherine Hobson, from Roger & Melba Jones, and from Teresa Hill.

WMU Brunch

Mark your calendars now for October 3 at 9:30 a.m.! WMU is hosting a brunch at College Park with Tana Hartsell, past president of North Carolina Women's Missionary Union, as the speaker. All women are invited!

COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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Welcome to the College Park family!

Denver Bierman Concert

You are invited to join us **Sunday, October 4th, at 6 pm in Smith Hall**

Denver takes the classic sounds from the big band era mixed with influences from the 60's and 70's to bring a familiar, yet fresh concert experience. Every Denver Bierman solo concert is a horn driven, inspirational experience full of foot stomping, hand clapping, and glorifying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A love offering will be taken.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

| | <u>9/6</u> | 9/13 | 9/20 | 9/27 |
|---------------------|------------|------|------|------|
| Re:Creation Worship | 120 | 135 | 118 | |
| Sunday School | 237 | 231 | 234 | |
| 11:00 Worship | 163 | 164 | 158 | |
| Brookridge | 46 | 48 | 45 | |

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

Month of August 2015

| Budget Beginning Balance | \$4,263.27 |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Receipts | 57,855.36 |
| Budget Expenditures | 71,400.47 |
| Budget Ending Balance | \$-9,281.84 |

Year to Date August 2015

| Budget Beginning Balance | \$4,904.06 |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Receipts | 539,712.98 |
| Budget Expenditures | 553,898.88 |
| Budget Ending Balance | \$-9 281 84 |

Building Fund - Month of August 2015

| Building Fund Beginning Balance | \$91,814.11 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Building Fund Receipts | 6,722.00 |
| Building Fund Expenditures | 4,658.23 |
| Building Fund Interest | 4,913.18 |
| Building Fund Balance | 88,964.70 |
| Loan Balance | \$1,373,525.22 |