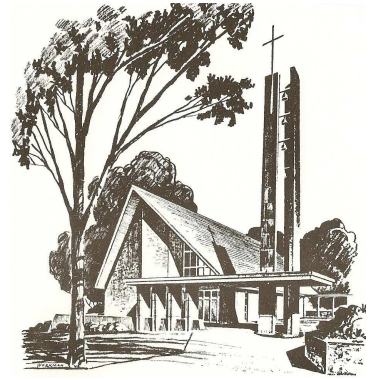


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Vacation Bible School

August 8—12

Time: 5:30—8:00 pm

The entire church family is invited to join us on Thursday evening for a hot dog supper and celebration.

UPDATED VBS Supplies Needed

- Sugar free drink mixes
- cookies
- Mini marshmallows
- raisins
- M&Ms
- Chex Mix
- chips
- Peanut butter
- Cheese sauce for nachos
- Tortilla chips
- ketchup
- mustard
- salsa
- Boxes of Mac & Cheese



College Students-Addresses

Please call or email the church office with college addresses. Even if the addresses were the same as last year, they were cleared for the summer in our computer, so we will need them once more. Our WMU groups send out care packages at exam time and we don't want to leave anyone out.



MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you would like to continue receiving the below magazines please contact the church office by Tuesday, August 31

Biblical Recorder

(New or Renewals) \$13.79 per year.

BAPTISTS Today

(New or Renewals) \$20.00 per year



PASTOR TO PEOPLE

The Wisdom of God

For a good many years I have alternated in using two publications by Upper Room as a guide for my daily devotions. They are *A Guide to Prayer for All God's People* and *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*. The choice of scriptures, prayers, hymns, and thoughts for daily reflections are very helpful in leading me in my own prayer and meditation. The discipline of following such a resource daily is very valuable in growing our relationship with God and relating our faith to daily life. Out of the many helpful resources available, these are two that I highly recommend.

The invocation in this week's readings includes the statement that God *in His wisdom* created man and all creation. When I went back to read that the second time I suddenly was startled by the statement. Look at the mess that humans have made of creation. Consider all the evil that is so rampant in our world. Was it wise to create human beings and then give us freedom, even the freedom to rebel and disobey and destroy?

The reason that this caught my attention is not that it caused me to question God's wisdom. It caught my attention because it reminded me that when I want to sometimes throw up my hands in despair, I need to remember that God *in his wisdom* knew what he was doing when he created us and gave us freedom. It is a reminder that God's kingdom may be resisted and rejected but, as Martin Luther said in his great hymn,

*And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed His truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.*

*...Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.*

That is the central truth that Jesus proclaims in the parables about the Coming and Growth of the Kingdom. This Sunday we will look at another in that category when we focus on The Parable of the Weeds (Matthew 13:24-30).

Vacation Bible School

On August 8 we will begin our annual Vacation Bible School. The plans are shaping up and I am excited about the opportunity and potential. On Monday night we will have a very special guest with us in the opening assembly (about 6 o'clock) in the sanctuary. Parents and other adults are encouraged to join us. It will be a good surprise!

Grace and peace,
Roger

◆ BULLETIN BOARD ◆

Wednesday, August 4
6:30pm Bible Study
6:30 Book Club Discussion
NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Blood Drive



A blood drive will be held on Saturday, August 14 here @ the church from 9:30 am—2:00pm. It is sponsored by the Bradley Mission Group. **The need for blood never takes a vacation so PLEASE GIVE!! Type O Donors are needed now!!** Please make plans to attend this very important event. There will be a sign up sheet available in the office or please see the sign ups in your Sunday School classes. You can also call the church office or see a member of the Bradley Mission Group. Please bring a photo ID. **All donors are entered to win a \$1000 gift card!!** Hydrate &

Re-Scheduled Book Club

The book club meeting will now be Wednesday, August 4 @ 6:30pm. The book they will be discussing is *The Legacy of Big Jake* by our very own Bud Fussell.



BIRTHDAYS

8/1	Magdalene Comer	8/15	Tom Hart
8/2	John Haynes	8/16	William Anderson
8/3	Ann Anderson	8/17	Julie Marion
8/4	William Haynes	8/18	Bruce Chappell
8/4	Donna Pearson	8/18	Mary Collins
8/4	Thomas Taylor	8/18	Todd Collins
8/5	Lauren Parker	8/20	Libby Lanier
8/6	Jacob Dalton	8/21	Jean Atkins
8/6	Ettice Short	8/21	Carol Dunning
8/8	Sammy Gentry	8/24	Cindy Coone
8/9	Deyton Rogers	8/24	Willodene Hatcher
8/11	Janice Guyer	8/24	James Loflen
8/12	Reece McDuffie	8/25	Amy DeBorde
8/12	Jack Ramsey	8/25	Tina Johnson
8/13	Ashley Sumner	8/27	Yvonne Edinger
8/13	McKenzie Sumner	8/29	Amy Wilson
8/13	James (Jim) Roberts	8/29	Julia Sharpe
8/14	Howard Morris	8/31	Barbara Smith
8/15	Diane Hart	8/31	Meredith Taylor



Congratulations to George & Barbie Smith in the birth of their grandson, Matthew Rivers Moser

HOME COMING

Sunday, October 10

Speaker: Dr. Richard Wynne

More details to follow at a later date.

Please mark your calendars for this important event.

Caring and Sharing in Our Church Family

1 Corinthians 12:14 and 26

Write a note, make a telephone call, or pay a visit to the following:

HOSPITAL

Helen "Honey" Rowe—Forsyth

SYMPATHY

To Alice Hawks in death of her brother

HOMEBOUND

Lorraine McKinney

Golden Living

542 Allred Mill Road, Rm# 302, Mt. Airy

Rilla Redman

1000 RidgeCrest Lane, Rm# 213, Mt. Airy

Grace Notes

I have had a quick trip home to the mountains to see family. My father was the youngest of eight children, so there are lots of cousins from that family. Most are scattered across North Carolina, some are in other states, but one of my cousins, Betsy, lives in Ireland. I was her flower girl when she married John, an Irish Presbyterian minister. They became missionaries to Lebanon and later to Africa. They have now retired to Ireland (their children and grandchildren are all in the British Isles). Although Betsy and John try to get to the States each year, my schedule doesn't always allow me to see them. When I learned that they would be at our family home in July, I really wanted to be there. My grandparents' home in Yancey County has become the place for my cousins to gather. It is a wonderful old home; I have written about it before. We all have good memories of sitting on the big front porch in one of the many rocking chairs. In fact, when Betsy got out of her car she looked at all of us sitting on the porch and said we looked like all the old timers. The truth is that you don't have to be very old in my family to have the white hair that is so prevalent, but there were several white heads sitting on the porch yesterday, including Betsy's (heads that weren't white were probably doctored). We shared lots of memories and compared notes on family history. We all want to remember the important and even the unimportant facts correctly. We enjoyed being with each other and hearing of children and grandchildren, the next generations to sit on the porch. It was like church, wasn't it? Good to be part of the family sharing the traditions and preserving them for the future.

Joe and I won't be with you Sunday. He has a convention in Colorado, so I am going along for some fun in Colorado and New Mexico. With all this going on, taking a day to go home seemed impossible, but I am so grateful that I did. Also like church, isn't it?

Sing to the Lord!

Linda

Re-Scheduled Diaconate Meeting

The Diaconate meeting has been rescheduled to be Sunday, August 15 instead of Sunday, August 1. Please mark this on your calendars.

Statistics	Date: 7-25-10	
Sunday School Enrollment	363	
Sunday School Attendance	149	
Worship Attendance	179	
Tithes and Offerings	This Week	To Date
Weekly Needs	\$9,690.00	\$290,700.00
Budget Offering	\$8,452.34	\$253,979.47
Amount Needed/Budget	\$1,237.66	\$36,720.53
Designations	\$3,995.00	\$86,695.65
Total Offering	\$12,447.34	\$340,675.12
Designations		
Building Fund	\$2,884.00	
Miscellaneous	\$26.00	
Designated Missions	\$1,085.00	
Loan		
Building Fund Bal to Date	\$9,241.00	
Loan Bal as of 7-13-10		
Building	\$211,098.28	
Bus	\$22,569.40	

Memorials And Honorariums

General Fund

In memory of Louise Hill by

Howard & Maude Morris

Shirley Tillotson

Ellen & Lee Airs

In memory of Patsy Rosenbluth by

Shirley Tillotson

Music Ministry

In memory of Louise Hill by

Sam & Susan Gentry

Building Fund

In memory of Louise Hill by

Harris & Tonita Greene



Open Date for Flower Calendar

August 8 is now open for anyone who would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on that date. Please contact Inglis Rowe @ 789-4854 or Rocelle Hart @ 789-1373 ASAP.

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The Week Ahead

SUNDAY, August 1, 2010

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
Finance Committee Presentation

WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2010

6:30pm Bible Study
NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 5, 2010

5:30pm *Feeding Friends Meal—Fellowship Hall
6:30pm Prayer Shawl—Fireside Room
7:00pm *Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

SUNDAY, August 8, 2010

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
5:30pm Vacation Bible School

MONDAY, August 9, 2010

5:30pm Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, August 10, 2010

5:30pm Vacation Bible School

WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2010

5:30pm Vacation Bible School
NO Bible Study
NO Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, August 12, 2010

5:30pm VBS—Hot Dog Supper & Celebration
5:30pm *Feeding Friends Meal—Fellowship Hall
7:00pm *Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

SATURDAY, August 14, 2010

9:30am Blood Drive @FBC 9:30am—2:00pm

SUNDAY, August 15, 2010

9:15am Prayer Time—Prayer Room
9:45am Sunday School
11:00am **The Church at Worship & Praise
Baptism

*Community Ministry **Hearing Assists / Valet Parking
Available upon request - Wheelchair spaces available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chair.

DEACONS OF THE WEEK Gregg & Elizabeth Martin

Ministry for Sunday, August 1: Sermon: Dr. Roger Gilbert; Scripture: Joel 3:11-21 & Matthew 13:24-30; **Sunday School Greeters:** Bobby & Bonnie Watson; **After Worship Greeters:** Gregg & Elizabeth Martin; **Kid's Korner:** Mike & Laura Marion; **Nursery Workers:** Nicole Jordan & Amy Wilson, Stephen Surrell & Lori Farrington; **Sound:** Steve Jordan & Wes Parker

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