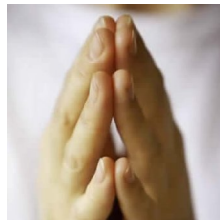


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Thank you Lord for:



Back to School Prayer Vigil

Saturday, August 22nd from 7AM-7PM

We need **24 people** to pray for our kids, faculty & staff as they return to school. Every school age child & school employee from our church will be prayed for & their name written on a river rock. **Do you have someone you'd like us to pray for?** Just write their name on the list across from the office, call 667-3950 or email the church office by Monday, August 16th.

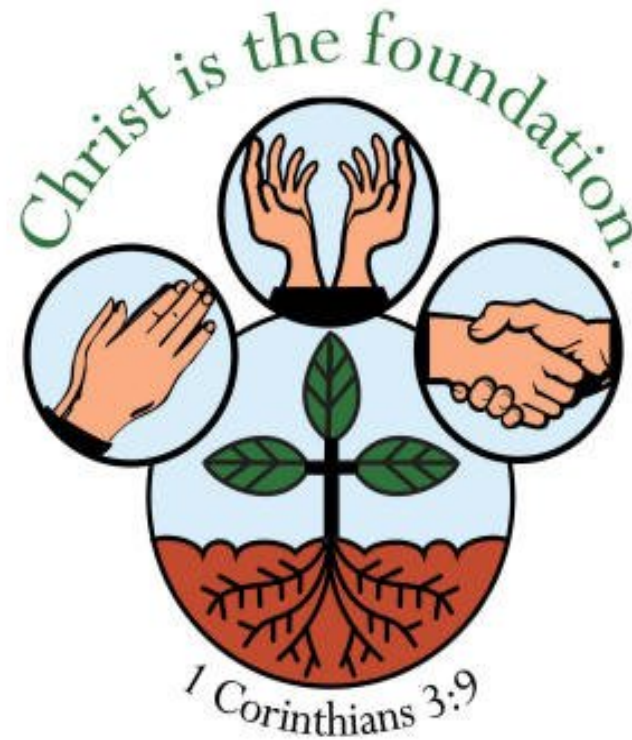


Back to School Luncheon & Service of Blessing

Sunday, August 23rd

Everyone is invited to join us immediately following worship for our Back to School Luncheon & Service of Blessing. We will take a few moments during lunch to lift up the names of our children, teachers and schools for the 2010-2011 school year. *Afterwards, children & youth are invited to Open Gym. Please wear or bring tennis shoes.*

THE COMMUNICATOR



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"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."
 1 Corinthians 3:9

IN MINISTRY

Minister	Fred Carpenter
Interim Choir Director & Organist	Jamie Bryson
Admin. Asst.	Danya Sellers
Custodian	Glenda Shook
Nursery	Sharon Lutz
Nursery	Amy Dayton
Ushers	Todd Cathcart
	James Hudson
	Charlie Kooles
	Al Sanchez
Acolyte	Malorie Hudson
Greeters	

District Superintendent—Dr. John S. Boggs
 Resident Bishop—Dr. Larry M. Goodpaster



Summer
 Outdoor
 Worship
 Service
 Sunday,
 August 1st
 at 11AM
 Lake Julian

Everyone is invited. A church picnic will follow. Please bring a covered dish/dishes to share with your church family. Paper goods and beverages will be provided. You may also want to bring a lawn chair. Hope to see you there!

Choir Retreat & Church Picnic

The choir will be retreating near Cashiers, NC on **Saturday, August 28th** for an introduction to the Christmas Cantata Music. Choir members should plan to meet at the church at **8:15** to carpool. We will spend the time from **10:00 – 1:00** learning the cantata music. At **2:00 p.m.** the whole church family and friends are invited to Jamie's Family Home Place for a picnic. More details will be forthcoming. If you are interested in joining the choir, this will be a great time to do so. We will have a day of fun, fellowship and of course, **SINGING.**



If you are not part of the choir, consider visiting the small towns of Cashiers and/or Highlands, and then join us for a great fellowship meal in Whiteside Cove. Or come on down to "the cove" any time that morning or early afternoon and enjoy the beautiful mountain scenery and the refreshing creek. More details and directions will be given later in the month.

We hope to see you there!

FALL CHOIR REHEARSAL BEGINS

Choir rehearsals will begin again on Wednesday Evening, **August 4th**. For the month of August we will rehearse from **6:00 to 7:30 PM**. **The choir is accepting new members!** If you have sung in the choir in the past or feel led to do so now, please join us. The choir is open to all adults of all ages, and anyone of High School age.

We have a great time preparing for worship service each week. *Please prayerfully consider being a part of this vital ministry at FAUMC.* If you have questions, see Jamie.



Hearts with Hands "School Tools" Shopping List



- ◇ Gallon Zip Lock Bags
- ◇ Quart Zip Lock Bags
- ◇ Folders
- ◇ Pencils
- ◇ Facial Tissues
- ◇ Crayons (24ct)
- ◇ Rulers
- ◇ Glue
- ◇ Notebook Paper
- ◇ Back Packs
- ◇ Pink Pearl Erasers
- ◇ Blunt Nosed Scissors
- ◇ Pencil Top Erasers
- ◇ Glue Sticks
- ◇ Graph Paper
- ◇ Markers
- ◇ Dry Erase Markers
- ◇ Clipboards
- ◇ Wipes
- ◇ Composition Books(Bound)
- ◇ Pencil Sharpeners
- ◇ Colored Pencils
- ◇ 3-Ring Binders
- ◇ Highlighters
- ◇ Hand Sanitizer

A collection box will be in the Narthex for donated items thru August 15th.

Our August Communion Offering on August 8th will go to Hearts with Hands "School Tools".

WOW!

Luncheon at Shoney's
Tuesday, August 3rd
11:30 AM

All the ladies of the church are invited to join WOW for lunch. Call Dot Peebles at 665-1443 for more info.



BACKPACKS
with SCHOOL
SUPPLIES
NEEDED
for Sand Hill-
Venable

Below is the list of needed BACKPACKS. Please see Danya to sign-up. Supply Lists available in the FAB Room.

Kindergarten Boy: Bobbie Ashe
Kindergarten Girl: Pam Hall
1st Grade Boy: Glenda Faye Shook
1st Grade Girl: Kaylee Sellers
2nd Grade Boy: Betty Wilson
2nd Grade Girl:
3rd Grade Boy: Brenda Rhinehart
3rd Grade Girl:
4th Grade Boy:
4th Grade Girl:
5th Grade Boy: Mollie Scott
5th Grade Girl:

All items are due by August 8.

Coming soon!
Young Couple's
Class



CHILDREN'S
CHURCH
TEACHERS

8/1: Lynn & Cindy Crook
8/8: Beth & Travis Arrowood
8/15: Shelly Cloud &
Mollie Scott
8/22: FROG Youth
8/29: Bat & Mel Hudson

Blood DRIVE

FRANCIS ASBURY UMC

Thurs, August 12
2PM — 6:30 PM
Howard Building
Help save a life.
Call 667.3950

Pisgah Villa Worship Service

Sunday, August 22nd
2:30 PM

Come and worship
with the residents
of Pisgah Villa.

WORSHIP
WITH US

Snip-it from Sandy: I am sitting here typing from Myrtle Beach, SC. I am in a hotel lobby that I will probably never be in again in my life. You might not be aware how many times the word "Snip-it" pops into my head throughout the week. I am always looking for an inspiration. Well, this month I had it narrowed down to two things...God's majestic creations of the beautiful ocean or about the paths that we take. Then this morning I was in the hotel elevator and noticed a guy in front of me wearing a Claremont Rescue t-shirt. In case you don't know, my hometown is Claremont, NC. I tapped him on the arm and said, "Do you live in Claremont?" His reply was yes and I asked his name. I'll say it was "Oliver Hossenfeffer" just to protect his identity from any scandalous Snip-It Expo that might appear later in some nasty tabloid expose! haha. Anyway, I replied to him, "Bunker Hill High School Class of?" And he said, "Yeah!" It was so funny to see someone that I had not seen in a long time and to end up on the same elevator at the same hotel at the same vacation spot.



When I was a Freshman in High School, my friend Sherry was asked to the Jr/Sr. Prom by her boyfriend who was a Junior. She wanted me to go too and said that she would find me a date. Well, she came up with 'Oliver' because he needed a date. As I remember, 'Oliver' called me and asked me to the prom. There was no other conversation, no other talk of going out to grab a pizza, nothing! I declined the invitation because I didn't even know him and sorry "Oliver" there was no attraction at all and I wasn't going to use someone just for a ticket to go to the prom! But, you know what...What if I had accepted that invitation? What if we hit it off? Where would I be now? Well, I guess I would still be at the beach with my family on a hot July day! ha hah Do you ever wonder, "How did I get here?" "How did I get to this point in my life?"

Life is full of "What ifs" and sometimes I hate that! We have to remember several things. One is if someone from your past is no longer in your present, maybe that's because they are not supposed to be in your future! Secondly, we would not be the person we are today, if we had not gone through the joys, trials and triumphs in our lives. Another thought is this...If we all threw our problems in a pile and then had to draw out the same number that we put in...Then we would probably choose those same problems and THANK GOD for our MANY blessings! Lastly, just let Jesus take the wheel and he will help you find your path...even if it's in a hotel lobby at 1:00 a.m! Blessings to all! :) Sandy

In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths. ~Proverbs 3:6



Our last meeting was hosted by Bobbie Ashe at her Community Clubhouse. Bobbie also shared the following devotion with us called "Loving Life" and told us about her tree.

Life is not a race - but indeed a journey. Be honest. Work hard. Be choosy. Say "thank you", "I love you", and "great job" to someone each day. Go to church, take time for prayer. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh. Let your handshake mean more than pen and paper. Love your life and what you've been given, it is not accidental - search for your purpose and do it as best as you can. Dreaming does matter. It allows you to become that which you aspire to be. Laugh often. Appreciate the little things in life and enjoy them. Some of the best things really are free. Do not worry, less wrinkles are more becoming. Forgive, it frees the soul. Take time for yourself - plan for longevity. Recognize the special people you've been blessed to know. Live for today. Enjoy the moment.

We then shared a delicious covered dish meal together, had a little business and enjoyed one another's fellowship. Thanks Bobbie for everything!!!

For August, we will meet at First Step Farm for Women for a cookout we are preparing with the ladies of Liberty Baptist. Everyone is welcome!



COSTA RICA



It is difficult to imagine that after more than a year of planning, fundraising, meeting and discussing our trip to Costa Rica, that it is over. I don't think that I have ever anticipated anything so long or as intense. The problem is that most of the time our actual experience of a much planned venture is a let down from the anticipated experience. How many times have we seen a movie preview that we couldn't wait to see, only to be disappointed when we actually saw the movie? Or, how about that new restaurant you wanted to try that sounded so good? Or, the vacation that you planned?

Rarely does reality match up with the anticipation. One of those rare occasions was our Mission Trip to Costa Rica. It was all worth it. The actual experience was even better than the months of anticipation surrounding it. I believe that we had as much preparation for this trip as was possible. We had read the information on Costa Rica Mission Projects (CRMP) website, we had watched the videos and the Director of CRMP, Wil Bailey, had visited us and talked with us about the project. We had read internet articles about the people and wildlife and looked at weather conditions. However nothing prepared me for the beauty of the place and for the connection that would take place among all of us gathered there, both Americans and Costa Ricans. I believe we all have something special that we will always share.

Relationships are the one area where we can be sure that the actual experience is better than the anticipation. Fifteen years ago I was filled with anticipation as Renee and I were about to get married. The idea of marrying her and becoming a family was all I could think about. But the reality of being married to her and having a relationship with her is better than the anticipation. Before I had children, I dreamed of playing with them, going to ball games, teaching them to swim, watching them go to school, all those things we all anticipate doing with and for our children. Yet, the actual relationship with them is even better, when they ask you for advice and come to you with their problems. Give me the relationship any day over the anticipation.

There is one other place that anticipation doesn't come close to the reality. That is in our relationship with God through Christ. We can talk about Jesus all day long, we can teach about his grace, mercy, love, and all those wonderful characteristics of our loving Lord. But there is nothing like the reality of experiencing his love, mercy and grace. The only way that happens is through relationship. It is not enough to plan and prepare, you must establish contact with God. The place that happens is the cross. The Cross is where God met his creation and enabled them to come to Him.

"Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility" Ephesians 2:16 from "The Message"

I went to Costa Rica and was reminded that relationships are the most important things in which I will ever be involved. May the Cross remind you of the relationship that God desires with you today. **Love, Fred**

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- 8/9 Ortenzio Filotei
- 8/9 Jeri Trull
- 8/10 Kelley Newman
- 8/11 Corey Onderdonk
- 8/16 Fred Carpenter
- 8/19 Ethan Russell
- 8/20 Carol Blow
- 8/24 Mollie Scott
- 8/26 Sarah Jennings
- 8/29 Dick Greene
- 8/30 Julia Sharpe
- 8/31 Judy Lumston
- 8/31 Beth McCain

Happy Anniversary to..

- 5 Todd & Angela Cathcart
- 8 Sam & Sarah Jennings
- 13 Neil & Susan Tedder
- 13 Fred & Renee Carpenter
- 15 Charlie & Peggy Milroy