

# BECK'S REFORMED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### From the Pastor...A Time for Prayerful Reflection

Summer is almost over and Beck's Church, while busy during the summer, is going to get even busier during the fall. A number of important events are coming up such as our revival services in early October with Graham Carter and the Women's Spiritual Renewal Conference which has become a ministry even to the whole Triad Region. We need to keep these activities in our prayers and ask God to bless them. There will be coming up in the late fall two other important activities for Beck's Church that we also need to be in prayer about and that is the adoption of a budget and the election of Elders and Deacons. In so many churches these events are seen as basically business kinds of decisions. This may be true for people of the world but the Church of Jesus Christ is to see all

things as primarily spiritual if they affect the life of His Church. Paul admonishes individuals and the Church to do whatever we do in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Now we can only do this if we ask the question: **Do my actions or decisions reflect the known will of Christ Jesus made known in His life or the Word of God?**

When we come to budget decisions we need to be asking ourselves, "does my thinking reflect what the Lord wants in this matter of His money (remember all our monies are really His monies). When we come to nominating and electing Elders and Deacons, we need to remember that the qualifications for these offices are spiritually defined. You ought to read 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1 (remember the word translated bishop can also be translated

Elder and it means overseer). These passages address the God ordained qualities for Elders and Deacons and that will govern our choices if we are making these decisions as done "in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Please let us all pray about all the upcoming events and pray that as individuals and a church, we shall be able to say... **we have done it in the name and spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

Pastor Jerry

### Colossians 3

*16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

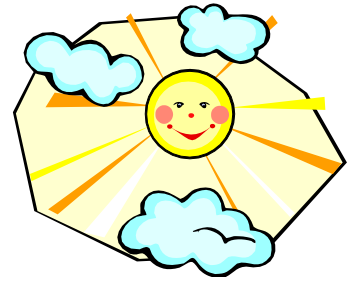
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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD ONLY GETS 10%?



## From the Consistory

To my Dear Becks Church Family,

*If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being in one spirit and purpose- Philippians 2: 1-2.* Our Lord continues to shower many blessings upon HIS church because we, HIS elect are of one Spirit and Purpose...to grow in our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and share the gospel to those who do not know the love of our Lord. I am so proud to be part of a church family that is coming together in *one spirit and purpose* working together in unity as Christ as our standard bearer.

Great things are happening at Becks for HIS glory. Bible school was fantastic!! God bought us kids from all over the community, nearly 100. If you missed the closing program, ask the video guys in the balcony for a DVD. God was at work - HE is awesome!

Over thirty middle school and high school young people just returned from an amazing youth conference at Fort Caswell Christian Retreat Center on Oak Island, NC. Once again, God was at work on this trip transforming lives like only he can do. Many re-dedicated their lives to Lord & several were baptized. Thank you Becks church for your commitment to the young people of our church and community. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with bible school & for those who took the time from family and work to chap-erone and counsel on the summer youth trips.

Project 2011 is picking up steam and moving full force ahead. Our church is so blessed to have so many talented and gifted Consistory members and Trustees who make time to meet with the contractors that are doing the various parts of Project 2011. Putting in a new state of the art Sound System in a 50 year old building is no easy task. However, it should be completed by the first week in August.

Last month, I wrote to you that we have not officially named the new Renovated Gym/ meeting area. Thank you to those who offered suggestions for the name of the New Facility. The Consistory voted at the last meeting to name the new facility the "PRAISE CENTER". This name just seems to embody the reason it was developed; to offer a non-intimating place where the Love of Jesus Christ can be shared & His name be Worshiped and Praised. While the Praise Center and Fellowship Hall share the same roof, it will be considered two different facilities. New Use Guidelines are nearly completed and will be posted on the Internet and copies will be made available at the church office and the adult Sunday school classes.

The Praise Center renovation is nearly complete. The furnishings have been selected and the Deacons will be organizing a funding opportunity for the congregation to "purchase a chair or a sofa". A few church members have donated a new portable Ping Pong table and foosball table to be available for youth gatherings. If anyone has a Pool Table that is in good shape that they would like to donate, please let me know.

All site plans have been approved and the permits for the Digital Sign have been issued. It is scheduled to be installed in late August. Several of you have asked me when are we purchasing the Church Bus. While no doubt it would have come in handy the last couple of months, the Consistory has chosen to wait until the Praise Center, Digital Sign and Sound System are complete. I mentioned last month that the Consistory is paying careful attention to the cost of each part of Project 2011. Our goal is to come in at budget or less on each part of the project. We will have a more accurate accounting of where we are in terms of dollars spent when the final invoices are submitted. We believe that we can move forward on the Bus later this fall or winter.

Please mark your calendar and save the

date for Saturday -September 10<sup>th</sup> for the formal Dedication/ Celebration of the new Praise Center and Digital Sign. We will be planning a daylong celebration filled with fun and activities for the whole family. Then later in the day, we will formally dedicate the Praise Center and Digital Sign with a ribbon cutting, worship and praise to our Lord. Details will be coming soon.

Before you know it, fall will be here. I know that many individuals and organizations are planning various events and fund raisers for the benefit of Project 2011. Please make sure that you submit all your church related events & plans to our Event Coordinator, Kevin Firquin to prevent competing events and provide proper communication and advertising for your event.

God has been so good to me, allowing me to be in a Church where I can serve HIM among such blessed saints. When I stop and think about all of you that are serving, or stepping up to serve our Lord, I know that God is moving the congregation of Becks Reformed Church to a new place spiritually, one where we seek HIS will in all that we do *for it is God who works in you to will and act according to his good purpose, Philippians 2:13.*

In HIS Service

John P. Bryant

## Senior Citizens

### Breakfast Circle...by Marilyn Hilton

There was no meeting in July. Our next meeting will be on August 3, 2011, 8:30 AM, at Southern Lunch.

We look forward to seeing you then!

### Day Circle...by Jeanne McCarn

The Day Circle will meet at 11:00 a.m. on August 11, 2011 @ Lexington Style Trimmings. Brenda Burris & Betty Hedrick will be hostesses. Please join us for fun & fellowship.

### JOY Ministry...by Marilyn Hilton

On July 1<sup>st</sup> Jerrie and Andrea went to Carolina House to visit with Ms. Hallie Hawkins and Bertha Kepley. It was a beautiful day so they took them out on the porch so they could enjoy the sunshine and light breeze. They were very excited to see them and lit up when they went outside. There were more people on the porch so we all had a great time talking. Ms Hallie talked about going to Preacher Clyde's church service the day before and how much she enjoyed it. Bertha talked a lot about the fishing trips she and James used to go on to

Hatteras. She said they caught a lot of nice big fish and she would clean them and James would filet them. She did not like to cook them so they would go out to eat. When asked what they did with the fish, she said they just took them home and put them in the freezer though she did not know why! They could have sat and talked with them all day, they are so much fun. Ms. Hallie told them about she and her husband used to go to a special July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks event and how beautiful it was. She said she could still see them in her mind – Praise God.

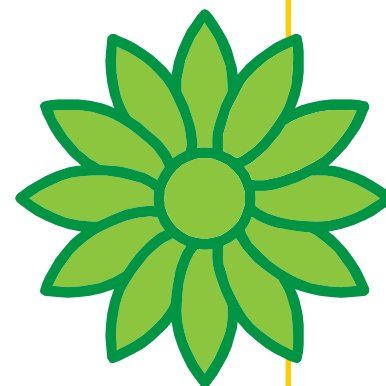
Jerry and Andrea were "filled" when they left. Ms Hallie & Bertha had to run because they were "grilling on the grounds" for a special lunch and they were very excited.

They then went to see Louise Spruill at Pine Ridge. She was not having a good day and was sleeping. Hopefully she will be feeling better next time.

There was no meeting in July. Our next meeting will be on August 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am at the fellowship hall.

There is no speaker that I am aware of – it might just be a surprise.

Lloyd, Laura, Ruth Hedrick and Libby will be our host/hostesses for the meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone there!





Save the Date!

Sept 10 the youth will

have a BBQ Chicken fundraiser to start raising funds for the 2012 mission and Caswell trips!

## Youth News...by Kristie Regan

I would like to thank the church for supporting the youth in all our ventures! Because of your generous donations and support, we have been able to lead many of our youth to Christ through the mission trip, bible school, and our Caswell trip. I'm always amazed at the support we get from the congregation and I think it is very important for you to know that your efforts are not without reward. Galatians 6:9 tells us that we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up. There is no doubt that we have spent a summer sowing to the Spirit and our youth will reap the benefits of that one day. Thanks for your support and please continue to keep our youth in your prayers that God will continue to work on their hearts and that their spirits will be strengthened in Him! God bless each of you! *Kristie*



### Girl Scouts

#### Bethany Girl Scout News

Where did the summer go? It is time for Girl Scouts to be starting back. The leaders will be having a meeting on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at 4:00 pm to discuss plans for the new year.

#### Our leaders are:

**Daisy (K & 1st grades)**  
Holly Cameron, Anna Flippen, LeighAnne Leonard

**Brownie (2nd & 3rd grades)**  
Jessica Bruff, Dollie Corner

**Junior (4th & 5th grades)**  
Joanna Smith

**Cadette (6th, 7th, & 8th grades)**  
Carol Gallimore, Michelle Hulin

**Senior (9th & 10th grades)**  
Holly Fritts, Lyndee Koonts

**Ambassador (11th & 12th grades)**  
Catherine Bowers, Joanie Parks

Our first troop meetings will be Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 6:30 pm. If you are interested in joining, please contact Dollie Corner at [cassiedollie@lexcominc.net](mailto:cassiedollie@lexcominc.net) or 243-4084 or Lyndee Koonts at [lkoonts@gmail.com](mailto:lkoonts@gmail.com) or 746-4040 and make sure we have you on our list.

# Uptown Lexington Summer Stroll

*presents*



# August 5th 6pm - 8pm

**Main Stage In Front Of Conrad Hinkle**

## Soul Winning Through Small Group Ministries

When I started to think about the possibility of implementing a small group ministry within Beck's Reformed Church's ministry plan, the idea of it arose out of my own continuing quest to seek God's Will in my life and a desire to live my faith obedient to His Word. You see, I have attended several churches over the years, and I see the same thing happening over and over – a body of believers who are well intentioned, connected to a common church, whose focus is most often exclusively inward, rather than being balanced with a healthy, vibrant outward concentration to reach the unchurched. I intentionally use that term, "unchurched", as it adequately describes without insult or degradation, a significant number of people across our land, who have not attended church for at least a six month period, excepting for an occasional wedding or funeral event. Defined as such, the number of the unchurched in the US is staggering: according to the Barna Research Group, which provides primary research services to organizations focused on enhancing people's spiritual lives, in a 2002 study, the number of unchurched was 100 million strong.

When God reveals Himself to hearts, and when those hearts accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, there is a natural compelling urge to want to share this miraculous salvation experience with others. You see, as Christians, we have the answer to sin, that defiant attitude of wanting to

have things our way, rather than God's way. The answer is full consecration of our will to God's will, a full surrender of any rights to our own selves. Without that commitment, we will continue in our downward spiral to make as idols our own fleshly desires, inevitably rejecting what God wishes for us.

When I asked Jesus Christ to be my Saviour, I took Him at His word by faith that He would complete the work within me. I cannot to this day explain to you the immediate change He wrought in my life. I just know that it happened. The things that I did as a sinner, the places that I went, the people I hung out with, my thinking, my desires, immediately changed. Without explanation as to how, He did the work! Praise His Name! My life changed, my desire is now to serve Him with all that I have, and I want others to know Him as I know Him. I want others to possess this peace that passeth all understanding. We have the solution to sin and its miserable end, folks! It's Jesus Christ!

We are currently inviting members to join the small group ministry, to be trained as small group ministry leaders. We ask for your prayers in this matter. If you are interested in wanting to know how to be the church rather than simply go to church, if you want to actively engage your faith, we heartily invite you to meet with us and learn more. We fully anticipate that training could take up to a year. It is imperative to take the proper time to train in order to guarantee a successful result – a spirit-filled, growing and empowered Christian who is fully equipped to be used by the Holy Spirit to gain souls for His Kingdom. Our first phase of training will include an affirmation of our individual faith, a time where we will be challenged to privately exam-

ine our own hearts by seeking God, growing in knowledge of scripture and the things of God. We will pray together and privately between classes, asking God to bless our ministry, and to search our own individual hearts. If you are serious about your spiritual life – your prayer life and your faith, God will draw you closer to Him through this experience. After the first phase, we will then begin phases two and three, which will train specifically for the work at hand – effective soul winning and shepherding the unchurched, through the small group ministry.

There is no negative to this, brothers and sisters. Revival comes when hearts are melted. Revival comes when wills are broken, "me" becomes "them", lives are consecrated, wrongs are righted and relationships are restored. Join us in this effort to fully realize what God can do by preparing our hearts and consecrating ourselves fully to His Work. The fields are white...the labourers are few...will you join us in the harvest? See Him there on the Cross...He bled for you, He was tortured for our sin. He gave His life for us and took the punishment rightfully ours. Look at Him! He loves you enough to die for your sin. What will you do for Him in return?

In Christ,

Dale  
A servant of Jesus Christ

# Why Do We Call Ourselves Beck's Reformed Church?

**Have you ever been asked what church you attend? When you said Beck's Reformed Church, the next question was probably, what is a Reformed Church?**

As members of the Reformed denomination, we take it for granted that everyone is familiar with the Reformed Church. In reality, the Reformed Church is not a widely recognized denomination in most areas of the country and most people have no idea what the Reformed Church is. Ironically, the Reformed Church is one of the oldest Christian, Protestant Churches in the world but is not widely known.

While it is sad that the Reformed Church is not widely known, more important is the answer given by professing members of the Reformed Church when asked "What is a Reformed Church?"

What answer would you give if asked about the Reformed Church?

So, what is a "Reformed Church?" Reformed from what? What do we believe and why are we called "Reformed?" Why Beck's?

***Lets take the easy one first.***

***Why Beck's and not Hedrick's, Smith's, Burkhart's or any other name?***

Only a small amount of documented history exists on Beck's Church and sadly, no answer can be found that indicates the reason for naming the church Beck's Church. Being a Beck, I would like to tell you that it was named after the Becks because they were great people but I don't believe that myself.

What little church history does exist indicates that the Beck family was fairly large and very active in the early church. This supports one story as to why the church was named Beck's. It seems that in order to name the church, a vote would be taken to determine an appropriate name. A Sunday was selected to take said vote. On the stated Sunday, the Beck family (in-laws and out-laws) showed up, in mass, and, out numbering all the other families, obviously voted for the Beck name. This is a simple answer but very possible.

A more plausible explanation comes from the location of the church with respect to its closest neighbor. The area around Beck's Church was known as the "Dutch Settlement on Abbotts Creek" and exactly when the church became known as Beck's Church is unknown. In 1760, the Beck's Church area was located in the middle of the sparsely populated, back woods of Rowan (later to become Davidson) County, North Carolina. The closest neighbor to the church property was Davault Beck. Davault was the father of John Beck, Sr. John Beck was born in 1761 and died in 1843 and was very active in the early church. The Beck property was located just across Pounders Fork from the church property and in all probability, when directions were given for the location of the church, it was simply given as the "church next to the Becks". Over time, this was probably shortened and simply became "Beck's Church" and has been known as Beck's Church (Reformed and Lutheran) ever since. So, the name Becks was simply a "location" that became a permanent part of the Reformed (and Lutheran) Church that was located on Pounders Fork..

Now on a more serious note, let's try to get a handle on what it means to be Reformed.

The Reformed Church is a historical church in that its roots can be traced back to the sixteenth century "Protestant Reformation" in Europe, and beyond that, to the early Christian church of the several centuries after the apostles died (AD 100-500)--but who reads history.

Since Beck's Church has a document entitled "*This We Believe*" that covers our beliefs, we will just look at a little history and find out what "reformed" means and where it originated.

The definition of "reformed" is a good starting point and the definition actually pretty much sums up the actions that resulted in the name "Reformed Church." The dictionary defines "reformed" as:

*"to improve by removing faults or abuses, to amend, to make better."*

**This is exactly what was attempted in Europe in the 1500s and led to the "Protestant Reformation" after several Godly monks attempted to "remove faults" in the Roman Catholic Church or simply "reform" the Roman Catholic Church. Yes, the Reformed Church, as did most Protestant churches-even the Baptist, was born directly or indirectly out of the Roman Catholic Church.**

**I know that most people, like myself, were either asleep or simple did not care about such things as the Protestant Reformation in tenth grade history class. Besides, the Reformation occurred several centuries ago and if I did pay attention, it quickly faded away but, the answer to the question as to "What is a Reformed Church?" is wrapped up in the "Protestant Reformation". A little insight on the "Protestant Reformation" and the events leading up to it will help unravel our answer.**

***"Prior to A.D. 315, Christians had been persecuted and put to death by the Roman government. At this time, the Roman leader, Constantine, converted to Christianity and, with his conversion, Christianity became an allowed religion of the Roman Empire (it later became the official religion) thus the "visible" Church of Rome became joined with the power of the Roman government. This marriage of church and state led to the formation of the Roman Catholic Church. Over time, this "marriage" caused the Roman Catholic Church to "refine" its doctrine and develop its structure in a way that best served the purpose of the Roman government, not God's Word. During this time, opposing the Roman Catholic Church was the same as opposing the Roman government and carried with it severe penalties. If one disagreed with the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church, it was the same as disagreeing with the Roman Government. Most often action was taken against the "protector" and it resulted in a serious charge that often resulted in excommunication from the Church and many times death."***

**The Roman Catholic Church had strayed from preaching the truth as found in God's Holy Word and had become corrupt all the way to the top--the Pope. The above excerpt simply points out two important points. The first point emphasizes the potential "price" one might pay for expressing opinions about false teachings and corruptness of the early Church. The second point is that the true Church of Jesus Christ cannot serve two masters. In this case the two masters were the government and a low second was God. The very conditions that gave rise to the "Reformed Church" as well as the other Protestant churches are evidenced in this excerpt.**

Many “protestors” spoke out but the turning point seems to have started with a Roman Catholic monk by the name of Martin Luther. He dared to protest the false teachings and doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church and was best noted for nailing the “95 theses” to the church door. In his bold protest, Luther’s intention was not trying to split the Church but was trying to “reform” the Roman Catholic Church by removing their corruptness and false teachings and institute a return to Biblically sound doctrine within the Church. By protesting, Luther and other protesters were not only protesting the ills of the church but also challenging the authority of the government and the Pope.

Several points of conflict between Roman Catholic teachings and the reformed minded groups within the church existed but two points stand out and were considered “false” teachings by the protesters.

The first major point of contention was Rome’s insistence that the Bible was only one authority among many. Church tradition and the Pope were also accepted as “authority” in matters of the church. The “protestations” of the reformers were that God’s Holy Word (the Bible) alone was the ultimate authority in the church. This point is still the central belief in present day Reformed doctrine.

The second major point of contention was that the Roman Catholic Church preached that sinners were saved from their sins and God’s wrath by co-operating with God’s grace in doing good works. In addition to “works,” forgiveness could also be purchased. In Roman Catholic theology, an “indulgence” involves forgiveness of sin and indulgences were being sold. The use of the “indulgence” became a very lucrative money making system even for the Pope. The “protestations” of the Reformers were that *according to scripture, sinners are not saved by “works” (or money) but by God’s grace alone which is received through faith alone which is placed in Christ alone*. These teachings, along with others, are expressed both by the Lutherans and the Reformed in various confessions of faith and in various catechisms. Again, this second point of God’s saving grace is still central to Reformed doctrine.

As might be expected, the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church refused to heed Luther’s call for “reform” and amend their false teachings. With the “protestors” standing firm on their demand for reform, an impasse was reached. The “protestants” would not conform to the false teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and were left with one option—leave the Roman Catholic Church. This split was not very well accepted by the leadership of the Roman Catholic Church and resulted in many violent conflicts. Many lives were lost in the struggle with many being burned at the stake.

Under the leadership of men like Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin and others the Protestant Reformation began and four major “protestant” traditions evolved— *Lutheran, Reformed, Anabaptist and Anglican*. The Lutheran and Reformed traditions are obviously the foundations of the present day Lutheran and Reformed Churches. While one might think the Anabaptist would be the forerunner of the Baptist Church, the Anabaptist actually became the present day Mennonite Church. The Anglican group became the Church of England and from the Anglican group came the Puritans. It is with the Puritans that the Baptist trace their roots.

Zwingli and Calvin are credited with founding the Reformed Church but due to the strong influence that Calvin’s teachings had on the formation of the Reformed Church, members of the Reformed Church were frequently referred to as Calvinist.

**Reformed churches are also Christian churches because they trace their roots to the early Christian Church. Like the early Church, Reformed churches receive the Bible as the Word of God and believe Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior. Simply put, Reformed churches are Christian churches because the Reformed theology is built upon the teachings of Jesus Christ.**

Reformed churches are also Protestant. German princes who supported Martin Luther first used the term “Protestant” at a meeting (1529) between the Holy Roman Emperor and his rulers, some of whom issued a *protestio* against him because of his convictions (protest) against Roman Catholic teachings. By definition, an individual who protests is defined as a protestor or “protestant” hence, all people, or groups of people, who protested against the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, were known as “protestants”. All the churches that sprang out of this protest have been and are still referred to as Protestant churches. Lutherans, Reformed, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterians and many other Christian churches are all included in the group of Protestant churches--the Roman Catholic Church being excluded from this group.

One question arises as to why so many different “Protestant” churches were born out of the Protestant Reformation. If the “wrongs” of the Roman Catholic Church were “righted” through the evolution of a new “reformed” doctrine, why are there many “reformed”, protestant churches instead of just one Protestant Church or Reformed Church?

**We are “Reformed” because Godly people within the Roman Catholic Church were willing to stand up and be counted by calling for “reform” of false doctrine within the Roman Catholic Church. Instead of a “reformed” Roman Catholic Church, a “reformed” doctrine that is based on the true Word of God emerged and with this “reformed” doctrine, the Reformed Church was born.**

We are “Protestant” because these “reform” minded “protestants” would not be silenced and stood firm in their “protest” against the refusal of the Roman Catholic Church’s to return to teaching the truth as found in God’s Holy Word—the Bible. All who turned from the false teachings of the Roman Catholic Church to the new “reformed” doctrine were labeled “protestants” and have ever since proudly worn the name Protestants.

The details of how all the different denominations developed within the Protestant group would be very lengthy but simple differences in interpretations of scripture (not false teaching) by various groups lead to the formation of the various protestant denominations.

Several examples of such differences are:

- Is baptism accomplished by emersion or sprinkling,
- In Communion, does the wine and bread actually become the body and blood of Christ or is Communion and act of “remembrance”
- Baptism of children

- Predestination or free will
- Ordination of women

These are just a few areas about which certain groups felt strongly enough that certain interpretations, though not false, were not acceptable and resulted in the formation of new denominations. All are Protestant, Bible believing, Christian churches with the same foundational doctrines but with slight differences of opinion on the interpretation of various scriptures. Even with these minor variations, all of the Protestant churches adopted many parts of the Reformed doctrine.

**In conclusion, the answer to "What is the Reformed Church?" can be summed up in two short paragraphs and five words.**

To be Reformed means, historically, that we can trace our roots back to the Protestant Reformation when Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, John Calvin and others led the movement to reform the Roman Catholic Church back to teaching God's Holy Word as found in the Scriptures. Theologically, it means belief in the absolute sovereignty (complete authority) of God and that the highest good is God's glory. This historical and theological heritage is often expressed as the "solas" of the Reformation—God's grace alone as the only way to be reconciled to God, faith alone as the only means of receiving God's grace, Christ alone as the ground of God's saving grace, Scripture alone as the only infallible authority for belief and God's glory alone as the ultimate purpose for the lives of all people.

These five important and fundamental doctrines are the reason for the Protestant Reformation and compose the core belief of the present day Reformed Church. They are at the heart of where the Roman Catholic Church went astray in its doctrine and why the Protestant Reformation was necessary to return the churches throughout the world to true doctrine and Biblical teaching. They are just as important today in evaluating a church and its teachings as they were then. In many ways, much of Protestant Christianity needs to be challenged to return to these fundamental doctrines of the faith, much like the reformers challenged the Roman Catholic Church to do in the sixteenth century.

**Grace-----Faith-----Christ-----Scripture-----God**

While this article is in no way an in-depth explanation of the Reformed Church, hopefully it will give some basic answers as to what the Reformed Church is about and where it originated.

By Doug Beck



**NAZARETH CHILDREN'S HOME INC.**

7/6/11

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Dear Friends in Christ:

Summer is officially upon us, so the weather man says, although to me, it's felt like it has been here for months now. Our children are staying busy as always, enjoying summer camps and so much more. Mostly, I think they just love not being in school. Sound familiar? It sure does to me. Our kids are no different than yours or mine in that aspect.

However, before coming to Nazareth, our children weren't given a fair lot in life, oftentimes experiencing horrible abuse, neglect, and even complete abandonment. As I type this letter, I'm watching three of our younger boys playing basketball right outside my office window, and I cannot help but think where they would be, were it not for Nazareth. I want you to know how much we appreciate you and your selfless giving, which allows us to love and care for these boys and girls each day.

Your gift today of \$5,200.00, is so timely and it was greatly needed. Times are difficult right now for so many people, and that makes your willingness to continue to support us, all the more special. We don't take your generosity for granted, and I can assure you that we are faithful stewards with your gifts. In fact, we're proud to say that 96 cents of every dollar donated to Nazareth goes directly to the care of our children. With a budget of more than 5 million dollars, that makes us very unique in the nonprofit world. Today, because of you and so many friends who share in your passion for supporting disadvantaged youth, there are 56 children whose lives are being drastically changed for the better. Thank you again for this and all you do for us, and may God continue to bless you.

Most Sincerely,

*Josh Regan*  
Director of Development

*Beck*

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**THINGS EASED UP ON GUARDIAN ANGELS AFTER AIR BAGS WERE INVENTED**

**Summary of Financials Year to Date 6/30/2011**

<b>Budget 2011</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>2011</b>	<b>Unspent</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Outreach Ministry	\$ 24,177.58		\$40,850.00	\$ 16,672.42
Church Salaries	\$ 62,980.04		\$131,020.00	\$ 68,039.96
Christian Education	\$ 20,096.64		\$28,150.00	\$ 8,053.36
Operating Expense	\$ 85,998.76		\$168,150.00	\$ 82,151.24
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 193,253.02</b>		<b>\$368,170.00</b>	<b>\$ 174,916.98</b>

<b>Budget Summary 2011</b>	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 168,912.75
Total Actual Expenses	\$ (193,253.02)
<b>Net Changes</b>	<b>\$ (24,340.27)</b>

<b>Non Budget Summary</b>	
Non Budget Receipts	\$ 10,889.79
Non Budget Expenses	\$ (9,981.73)
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$ 908.06</b>

<b>Number of Sundays</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Budget Average</b>	<b>\$ 7,080.19</b>
<b>Actual Averages</b>	<b>\$ 6,492.02</b>
<b>Short Fall per week</b>	<b>\$ 588.17</b>

**Operational Funds**

Checking Account	\$ 48,805.91
Money Market Account	\$ 30,682.76
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 104,488.67</b>

**Special Fund Accounts**

Scholarship Fund	\$ 83,939.51
Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,585.79
Video Fund	\$ 1,205.87
Mission Fund	\$ 2,281.56
Library Fund	\$ 714.06
Project 2011 Fund	\$ 100,687.76
Building Fund	\$ 126.52

# Prayer Ministry of Beck's Reformed Church

August 2011

*"Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16*

Please help us keep this prayer list up to date. For names to add or take off our prayer list call Donna Yarbrough at 357-7569, Reverend Sanders or the church secretary at 357-2369, or

## Shut Ins and Rest Homes

**Foy Floyd** (home) 543 Hedrick Mill Road,  
Lexington, NC 27292

**Bertha Kepley:** Carolina House 161 Young  
Drive, Lexington, NC 27292

**Martha Seals:** Brookstone Retirement Cen-  
ter 2968 Old Salisbury Road Lexington, NC  
27295

**Louise Spruill**  
Pine Ridge (formerly Britthaven)  
706 Pineywood Rd  
Thomasville NC 27360

**Hallie Hawkins:** Carolina House 161 Young  
Drive, Lexington, NC 27292

**Willa Younts:** home—107 Eastview Dr.,  
Lexington, NC 27292

**Novelia Potts:** Brookstone Nursing Home  
2968 Old Salisbury Road, Lexington, NC  
27295

## Long Term Prayer Needs

Becky Allison	Jerry Swing
Laura Benedict (terminal cancer)	Jeff Hedrick
Art Bethel (bone cancer)	Nancy Swing Myrna Davis
Tamara Crotts	Bob Almstead Peggy Leonard
Phyllis Hughes	Rose Burnsidess Gail Smith
Katie Gulledege	Morgan Ward
Justin Hardin	Sharon Hedrick
Claudia Rapier	Brett Tharp
Shell Crotts	Carole Arnette
Parks Brown and Mary Adelee Brown	
Vanhoy Hines	Robin Fulp
Willie Owen	Leigh Ann Thomas
Sterling Hedrick	Gene Smith
Lynn Fletcher	Jacob Moore
Robbie Swing	Brent Hauck
Sylvia Morris	Kayla Hedrick

## Community ♦ National ♦ World

### Military Personnel and their Families:

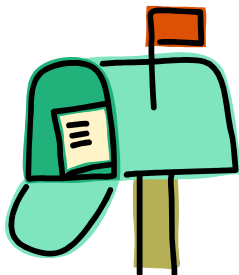
**Jason Moore** –mailing address  
17 Colonial Dr, Lexington, NC 27292

**Willie and Sally Marshall** –stationed in Germany, serving in  
Iraq

**Chris and Heather Hurd**—2133 Hayes, Portales, NM 88130

**SN David Black** - 389 Bay Shore Drive, Unit 4, Barnegat, NJ  
08005

**Major Zack Miller** -4300 Ironwood Drive, Leavenworth,  
Kansas 66048



# **Gifts, Honors and Memorials**

**June 26th-July 24th**

## **PROJECT 2011**

*In memory of Sandra Carrick by Young at Heart Sunday School Class*

*In memory of Sandra Carrick by Eddie and Jerrie Swing*

*In memory of Sandra Carrick by Lohr and Linda Younts*

*In memory of Mary Leonard Everhart by Johnny and Maxine King*

*In honor of Don Fritts on his 90th birthday by John, Ann, Laura, and Abby Bryant*

*In honor of Bobbie and Della Crotts by Brooke and Elizabeth Young*

*In memory of Sandra Carrick by "Sound of Light" Praise Band*

*In memory of Kaye Sanders by Claudio and Peggy Mira*

*In memory of Beulah Swing by Martha Smith*

*In memory of Beulah Swing by James Ragan*

*In memory of Sandra Carrick by Beverly Leonard*

## **MISSIONS FUND:**

*Scott and Stephanie Shoaf*

*Mark and Michelle Laws*

*Michael Lee Grimes*

*Jan and Susan Hauck*

*Eddie and Jerrie Swing*

*Don and Joyce Greer*

*Ricky and Kathy Leonard*

*Lohr and Linda Younts*

*Jerry and Betty Hedrick*

*Men's Sunday School Class*

*Thomas and Jennie Barnes*

*Edward and Susan Kearns*

*Jodi Glosson*

*Todd and Tracey Leonard*

*Jimmy and Betty Shoaf*

*Brad and Jill Shoaf*

## **LIBRARY:**

*Donation of books by Willa Younts*

## **SAMARITAN FUND:**

*Donations by Myrna Davis*

## **CROCHETING FOR CHRIST:**

*In memory of Dwight Hedrick, Sr. by Kent and Jeanne McCarn*

*In memory of Sandra Carrick by Kent and Jeanne McCarn*

# **August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1 Marty Burris, Kara Akers

2 Ann Leonard

3 Ryne Holmes, Margie Hines, *Leon and Peggy Miller*

4 Diane Everhart, Samantha Sealey, Tempie Almstead, *Keith and Mary Lynn Beck*

5 Chris Beck, Drake Carrick, *Paul and Tammy Lopp*

6 *Robert and Julia Younts*

7 Marie Fallenstein, Amanda Hedrick, Rodney Moretz, Jennifer Younts,

*Drue and Carmen Carrick, Jeremy and Ashley Leonard*

8 Curtis Yarbrough, Reid Hernandez

9 Kenny Newsome, Lisa Fallenstein, Ann Bryant, Lauren Beck, Emily Mills, *Travis and Tanya McCarn*

10 Krista Swing, Sharon Loffin, Dylan Holmes, Robert Swing, Margaret Burkhart, Madison Younts, *Randy and Brenda Hedrick*

12 *Jerry and Betty Hedrick, Gary and Angela Graves*

13 Novelia Potts

14 David Parks, Tim Burkhart, Renee Leonard

15 Jose Rodriguez

16 Bonnie Mize, Bruce Greer, *Jason and Heather Hall*

17 Ronald Loman, Cora Dally

18 Stephanie Beck, Chodd Hedrick, Jerry Hedrick, *Keith and Becky Tucker*

19 *Greg and Sherry Burkhart, Drake Hampton*

20 Jeff Swing, Shawn Hedrick, Martha Moore, *Alan and Jennie Burkhart*

21 Sylvia Hedrick, Jennifer Merritt, *Jimmy and Ann Wilkes*

22 Brandon Beck, Edgar Miller, *Carroll and Brenda Burris*

23 Jessica Merritt, Wende Everhart, *Willie and Barbara Owen*

24 *Steven and Tara Young*

25 Hannah Younts

26 *Roy and Betty Sue Holman*

27 Rodney Leonard, Bill Marion, Tori Bull

28 *Tim and Tina Burkhart*

29 Lori Degner

30 Nancy Jones

31 *Bill and Louise Cross*



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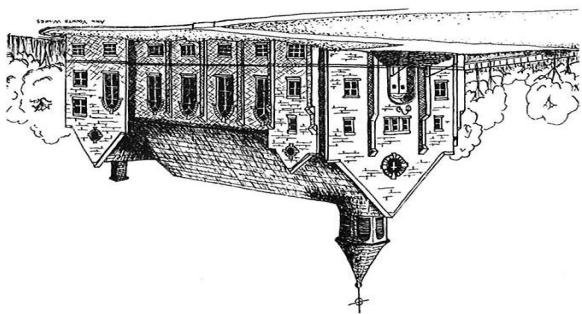
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