

December 2011

# Beck's Reformed Church Newsletter

## *From the Pastor...At the Right Time*

There are many places the Bible talks about the birth of our Lord. In the Old Testament the birth is talked about by the Prophets. In the New Testament the birth of the Savior is talked about in two main ways. There is the narrative way used by Luke and Matthew who describe the events about our Lord's birth with a chronological and historical commentary that goes from His divine conception to his birth and all the events which surrounded it. Paul and John take a theological approach in discussing the birth of our Lord. John's description is what some would call cosmological which means he describes the coming of our Lord in terms of its ultimate origins in the Holy Trinity and why the Word (Jesus) became flesh. Paul's sharing about the coming of Christ focuses, as Paul always does, on Jesus as the person and means by which God offers salvation. God

inspired each of the writers in the Bible and He inspired all the perspectives so that our knowledge would be made adequate and complete for His purposes and our understanding.

Paul teaches us that the timing of Jesus' birth was no accident but came at the appointed time when God had arranged things perfectly for the accomplishment of His purpose in sending Jesus. An analysis of history will show that God had put in place the means whereby the Gospel could be spread via the Roman roads and a common language (Greek) that was not in place in any other period of history. A study of pagan and Jewish writers will show a frustration with their physical and spiritual situations so that many would be open to the Gospel who previously would not have been spiritually ready to receive it. In just the right time, God

sent His Son and all who have come to salvation are beneficiaries of God's perfect timing. Jesus came to save us and provide the only means whereby we can be saved.

Paul is a great evangelist and is always pointing to our need to come into a saving faith relationship with Jesus Christ. He tells us that the Birth of our Lord happened to make this salvation possible. Believers need to share with the world that Jesus came for the purpose of saving men, women, boys and girls from sin and death at just the right time. It is the right time for any who have not come to Jesus right now. All the Biblical writers tell us that while now is the right time (a time of grace) that there is a time when the right time will have passed (when Christ returns). Those who understand why Christ came and have believed in Him will have a truly Merry Christ-

### *Galatians 4*

*1 Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ*

mas but the rest only have a superficial moment of fleeting happiness.

May Your Christmas be truly Merry because you have seen and know Him who God sent at just the right time!

*Pastor Jerry*

Dear Becks Church Family:

Nine Seconds. Nine Seconds is about how long it took for a tornado pass over some of our fellow church members and neighbors' homes. In those few quick seconds...tragically, lives were lost, some sustained injuries and others suffered severe property damage. In those few seconds, lives were changed forever. Life is so fragile. It is a gift from God to to be cherished and nourished. When these things happen, it really puts into perspective what is really important. To me, this was a wake-up call from God and made me really think just how incredibly blessed I am... how we all are so blessed.

The tornado passed right by my home, completely destroying two of my neighbors' homes and causing death and significant damage to several others. My family is safe, and there was no damage to my property, just some debris to clean-up. I have been told by so many, "boy you sure are lucky" ...and my response was, "very blessed". These things aren't easy to understand. Why do these things happen? I wish I knew. But what I do know is how the body of Christ, the church, HIS CHURCH stepped up to help others. A reporter asked me if this event has "shaken my faith". I said no, it has **strengthened my faith**. I saw first-hand how our *volunteer* fireman went into collapsing homes, how our church members and young people came out to aid those in need. I saw how other churches in the community answered the call to help. Neighbors reaching out to neighbors doing whatever they can to help those directly affected by the storm. I was truly touched by all the phone calls and emails asking me if we were OK. I experienced the love of God shown through by my church family and neighbors. God is so awesome!

No doubt it will be difficult for many in our church family and many of our neighbors. Let us all keep them in our prayers and be ready to lend hand and offer encouragement through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Matthew 11:28-29.*

The month of December promises to be very special at Becks. There are several special services planned to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Christmas Cantata, Children's program, and Christmas Eve candlelight services are scheduled. We will also be having the Live Nativity scene and the Men's Class will be having their annual BBQ fundraiser. There will be lots of opportunities to serve in HIS church. If you are not involved and want to volunteer, please call the church office or let a Consistory member know. There is a place for you. Please keep check in the bulletin or on the church web site for times and dates. Also, since Christmas day is on Sunday, we will be having one Worship service at 10am. No Sunday School.

On behalf of your leadership team, we wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS !

In HIS Service, John P. Bryant



## *Breakfast Circle...by Maribyn Hilton*

November 2nd 12 ladies gathered at Southern Lunch for breakfast and fellowship. Decorations, all with fall and Thanksgiving in mind with were provided by Laura Surratt and Beth Green. Also included was a home-made pumpkin pound cake muffin. Yummy!

Ruth led us in the business section of the meeting. Karen Hedrick had a birthday, November 11 and Beth green had an anniversary on November 4th. We were reminded to (1) bring canned corn, canned green beans and boxed mashed potatoes to help feed the hungry families for Thanksgiving, (2 ) set clocks back on November 5th, (3) Nominations for consistory at 9:30 AM on November 6th, (4) Golden Age Lunch at church on November 6th. Chicken Pie fundraiser will be on October

13th after the service. There will also be a Question & Answer Session at 1:30 on the 13th . Members of the Women's Guild will be helping the youth group members with the assembling of chicken pies on November 12th.

Beth Green had the program for the morning which included 3 short stories. One was about a son who found a large rock in the middle of his sandbox. He struggled with his little shovel and finally got the stone loose. It was much too large for him to pick up so he pushed it with his feet until it got to the side rail and he could not do anything more. His father had been watching all this from the window. A shadow fell over the little boy when his father came outside. He asked his son if he did everything he could to remove the rock. The boy replied that he had done everything. The father

then told his son that he had not asked his father for help. This is a great reminder that we can do anything if we ask our Father in Heaven for help.

A great example of a good attitude is the lady who woke up one morning and found she only had three hairs on her head. She was really happy and braided her hair and had a great day . The next morning, she only had two hairs so she decided to part her hair in the middle and she had another great day. The next morning she only had one hair so she decided to wear her hair in a pony tail and once again had a wonderful day. On the next day she found she had no hair and she said "This is great, now I don't have to fix my hair at all" and she had a wonderful day again.

Our next meeting will be on December 7th. Dolana and Joyce will be our hostesses and have the program.

## *Day Circle...by Jeanne McCarn*

The Day Circle met on November 10, 2011, at the church fellowship hall. There were 11 members present. To those who were unable to attend, we missed you!

Carol Crouse opened the meeting by reminding everyone that our reason for being there was to "turn our thoughts toward our Maker." For our program, Andrea Regan shared several thought-provoking e-mails. The first pointed out that if we treated our Bibles like our cell phones, we would never be disconnected from the Lord & would always have our Bibles with us. The second was titled "I pray you enough"- a prayer of enough to get you through life. We also heard readings from John about loving others & how we should make others our first priority. Thank you,

Andrea, for reminding us to be more like Jesus in our relationships with others.

After the program, we acknowledged Lalah Frank's November 28th birthday. God bless you on this special day. During prayer time, we offered prayers of thanksgiving for Ralph Burkhart, Baby Rose, & Lisa Thompson. We then lifted up Imojean Burkhart, Lalah Frank(back pain), Jenna(dental work), Justin Miller, Carol & Ken Hinson (house burned), the Eatmon family, Jean Plummer & her brother, Don Hunt, Sylvia Hedrick, Teresa Gregg, Bunny Hill, Virginia Hill, Donna Taylor, Gwyn & Tommy Swing, Susie Burris, Reedy Gilliland, & Chad. May God's presence bring each of you comfort & strength.

During our business meeting, Betty Hedrick shared the treasurer's report &

collected the monthly offering. Sandy Spurrier presented the minutes. Carol & Betty have asked that replacements be found to fill their positions. The circle voted to donate \$100 to help with shipping for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. We discussed upcoming church activities & were reminded to support the youth in a chicken pie fundraiser (Nov. 12th - 13th) & participate in the Ladies Christmas Dinner at Tricia's (Dec. 4th , 6:00 p.m.) More information about a children's shopping day will forthcoming. After the business meeting, we enjoyed a deli-lunch & dessert provided by our hostesses, Andrea Regan & Jerrie Swing. Thank you so much, ladies.

Information about our December meeting will be shared at a later time. We would love to have any lady in the church join us.



# JOY Ministry...by Marilyn Hilton

**Willa Mae Younts** had a small home invasion. Jill Hunt, Emma Grace, Jeanne McCarn, and Logan visited. She was happy to receive the company. She had fallen several weeks earlier and was still trying to recuperate. Her COPD was being troublesome and a knot on her knee was not healing well. She was still very optimistic and in good spirits. She talked of family visits, trips to her time share in the mountains and the books she had read.

Brenda Burris and Sandy Spurrier had some great visits. In October they visited with **Annie Mae Miller**. She shared stories of her family and letters that her parents had written to each other during the war, old pictures and other collectibles. She also showed them some of her antique furniture and the stories that surrounded them. They said they always knew that Annie Mae was

smart and she showed them her grade school reports to prove it. They had a wonderful time with her and she is truly a beautiful person.

Brenda and Sandy also visited with **Sylvia Hedrick** and **Teresa Gregg** on November 9th. They came loaded with food - chicken pie and chocolate pie from Lexington Style Trimmings. They had a great visit. Sylvia was still sore from a fall several weeks before and Teresa as good and bad days. They both are so thankful and happy for each day. It was a great visit.

The next stop was to pick up **Robbie Swing** for lunch. Upon his request, we went to Lexington Style trimmings for guess what -- chicken pie. When they got to the restaurant, Robbie said he had forgotten his walking stick. They asked him was it just because he would have a lady on each arm to help him. He laughed and just said yes. They enjoyed their meal together and

ended it with a piece of pie. They then took a tour around Finch Park and rode around the neighborhood. Robbie could not wait to tell Bobbie where he had been that day.

Beware if Joyce Greer and Jean Plummer come to visit. They went to see **Bertha Kepley** at Carolina House. When they got there Bertha was taking her morning nap so they just woke her up. Being the lovely and gracious lady that she is, she welcomed them and was glad they had come to visit. Bertha and Jean talked about making baskets several years ago and showed Joyce one of the baskets besides Bertha's bed. Jean had made this for her to keep lotions, etc. She talked about playing bingo with Andrea and Jerrie the day before. We also got the latest update on grandchildren. A visit with Bertha is always very enjoyable. As she began to get sleepy again, Jean and Joyce quietly said good-by.



## Bethany Girl Scout News

Please see your Bethany Girl Scout and place your order for your favorite Girl Scout Cookies! We will be taking orders from our family and friends starting on December 18, 2011 and will continue taking orders through January 16, 2012.



Cost is \$4.00 per box and goes to help support the local troops at Bethany and council wide camps and services. They will be delivered in February.

Girl Scouts will be selling the following types of cookies:

Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-a-Lot, Lemonades, and Shout Outs.



The Girl Scouts will be again sponsoring Operation Sweet Treat. We will collect boxes of donated cookies to send to the troops overseas. So even if you do not eat cookies yourself, please consider purchasing a box to be sent to our troops protecting us.

You can also call Dollie Corner at 243-4084 to place your order.

Thank-you so much for your support!



## *Senior News...by Marilyn Hilton*

We had a great time this month. The fellowship hall was decorated in a Thanksgiving theme. Many thanks go to Shirley, Keith, Jack, Lalah and Hazel for all their hard work. In addition to the 31 regular members, we had guests and we had many "seniors in training" with us (Shirley and Baby Rose). We also were pleased to have Shirley's sister, her son and daughter-in-law and their baby, Kelly). Jack's son and daughter-in-law were also in attendance.

Shirley had the devotions to begin the program. She spoke of a very rich man who stopped to pick up pennies when he saw them on the sidewalk. When he was questioned about this odd habit, he replied that the words "In God We Trust" is on every penny. When you pick it up, pray to trust God and you will have a blessed day.

Jack had the program which was on the Memorial Services in Holland this year. He showed many slides of Amsterdam, he went to the Ann Frank museum which is the most visited place with very long lines. Just to

remind us that it is not what you know, but who you know, Jack and his party did not have to wait in any lines. American veterans of WWII are treated with great respect and honor during the services. Over seventy-five wreaths are placed at the cemetery. There are not as many graves as there were since families have claimed the bodies of their relatives and they are now buried in America. There are still 8,300 graves left there. Before children graduate they spend one afternoon reading the names of all who are buried there. There is also a requiem performed by the best musicians to honor the dead. Jack also got to tour parts of Belgium and showed pictures of the caves where they hid during the war. Jack has amazing stories to tell about his part in the war and his warmth for the people over there.

During our business session it was decided to obtain 8 names from the Pastors Pantry angel tree. Shirley's sister gave us the money to obtain another name as well. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Our next trip will be on December 6th to the Billy Graham Library for their Christ-

mas festivities.

Our next meeting will be on December 21st. We will have a catered meal - just bring some desserts.

We wished Lalah Frank a happy 87th birthday and sent cards to Jean Plummer, Karen Allred, Lisa Thompson and Lib Lohr. Jean will be having surgery on December 1st at Duke and Lisa will be having surgery at Chapel Hill on the next week. We certainly keep all these wonderful people in our prayers and trust that they will be back with us soon.

Needless to say we all enjoyed our food and our fellowship. It was really great to have some little ones to play with as well.



## *Small Group Ministries...by Dale A. Wagstaff*

All praise be to our precious Lord as we look back on the month of November and reflect upon His goodness and mercy to our Group Leaders in training. On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the very first Small Group Ministry meeting was held at the home of David Parks, as a combined effort of all Group Leaders. Through their efforts, four precious people were brought into the fellowship, which were formerly un-churched, have various needs, and appeared quite interested in seeking genuine relationships with their new-found friends. It was wonderful to see the smiles and hear the laughter as various activities were conducted in an effort to provide a relaxed atmosphere geared to assist all involved in becoming acquainted with each other. This is the beginning of a development of deep seated and caring relationships, serving to bond and unite our small work in Christ.

You can be proud of these Group Leaders. Since August, each person has grown in their devotion to Christ. It has been interesting and exciting to watch! People who had not been reading books essential to spiritual growth are now reading. People who really had not thought much about evangelizing outsiders are now aggressively looking for opportunities to do so. These opportunities were there all the time, but now these opportunities are being seen and recognized for what they are, and most importantly, are being acted upon. There is an ever increasing understanding of the scriptural mandate dictated for every Christian, now being implemented by these people. New ideas are being embraced, as thinking has been stirred for the good. We ask for your continued prayers, as our efforts continue in this ministry. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, we will hold our second Ministry meeting. Not only do we have commitments that our former four will be attending, but already there are seven additional un-churched persons who have committed to attend as a result of our core group efforts. God is truly blessing our work, and all praise goes to Him!

## Youth Christmas Program

The Youth Christmas Program will be held on **December 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM** in the Church Sanctuary. In years past, Santa has taken time out of his busy schedule to visit after the program and distribute any gifts that may be under the Christmas tree. Our youth have been involved in various mission trips this year along with mission work in our community and especially the work they've helped do over the last couple of weeks.

**Santa heard the good news of the Christian dedication which our Youth and Church Family continue to display to our community and has sent the following request:**

### HELLO FROM THE NORTH POLE:

We have been hearing of the mission work being done by the Youth and members of Beck's Reformed Church for the community there in Lexington since the storms, the work accomplished during the mission trip, and the number of shoeboxes shipped to various corners of the world. Being a Christian witness in showing the love of God is especially important all during the year. So from Mrs. Claus, the Elves, and Santa we say a very special THANK YOU.

And we have a special request this year. Instead of bringing a gift to church this year and placing under the Christmas tree, we ask that you continue to help those in your community who may need a little extra help during the Christmas season. This would be a great help to Santa and the Elves.

The most important gift that was shared was when God gave us His Son, Jesus Christ. With the continued work that you do and showing the love that God has for all of us, that gift is the best gift of all.

Again, THANK YOU for all the work that you do and I'll see you after your program on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

*Santa Claus*



# Happy Birthday Jesus!



Join us for  
**Christmas Caroling &  
 Birthday Party for Jesus**  
**Saturday December 10**  
**3:00pm—7:00pm**

Meet at the fellowship hall and we will divide up to visit our shut ins and rest homes. If have a favorite senior you would like us to visit, please email Kristie:

youthdirector@beckschurch.com or call the church. After the caroling we will have a party for Jesus with hot dogs, cake, ice cream and fun!

I THANK YOU FOR  
 the food + dessert.  
 I had lots of fun  
 with the corn  
 maze and tractor  
 trailer ride! I would  
 love to do it again!  
 God Bless,  
 Ashley Green

from: Brandon Colwell,  
 thank you for the  
 corn maze and food  
 it was very interesting  
 and enlightful

TO:  
 Beck's reform church  
~~Beck's Reform Church~~

Becks Reform Church,  
 I like to personally thank you for  
 inviting us to your event. It was a great  
 opportunity for fellowship. I met tons of  
 great people & did a corn maze-which  
 I've never done before. It was a great  
 experience & I hope to be able to come  
 back to visit. Again I'd like to say:

Thank-you:  
 Brandon  
 -J.  
 Charis

Thank you for the  
 amazing spaghetti  
 dinner and the  
 fun and awesome  
 corn maize. Hope's  
 to come back.  
 Feana  
 (NCH)

Thank you the  
 reform church I  
 really appreciate  
 it. That was my  
 first corn maze.  
 Thank you for  
 letting be the  
 best I really  
 enjoyed myself

Dear Becks Reformers:  
 Thank you for letting us  
 come spend time with you  
 all. I really liked the  
 corn maze.  
 Emmanuel Fields

**Nazareth Children's  
 Home says THANK YOU!**



# Davis Townsend Angel Tree

Precious children from our community are in need of sponsorship for Christmas. If your group, ministry or family would like to sponsor one of these kids, please take a name card off of the poster board on the upstairs secretaries desk and return the gifts with the name card to Kristie's office by Sunday December 11. Please go ahead and wrap the gifts if you can. Please write your name on the sheet attached to the board so that we can follow up on who has which names. Thank you!



## December 20, 21 (Youth Night), 22

### 7:00 – 9:00pm Nightly



### Operation Christmas Child Processing Center

We are in need of ten hearty volunteers to go work at the processing center in Charlotte on December 2 from 9am – 3pm. We will leave Beck's by 7:45 and return by 4:30pm. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on my door or you can email me at [youthdirector@beckschurch.com](mailto:youthdirector@beckschurch.com) or send me a text

336.247.0017. Thanks!!!

## Prayer Ministry of Beck's Reformed Church

December 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 email the church secretary at [churchsecretary@beckschurch.com](mailto:churchsecretary@beckschurch.com)

### 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

#### **Louise Spruill**

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

**Hallie Hawkins:** Pine Ridge Health and Rehabilitation Center 706 Pineywood Road, Thomasville, NC 27360

**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

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 Burnside

Gail Smith

Katie Gullede

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

Reedy Gilliland

### 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

*October 30, 2011 - November 20, 2011*



## **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH:**

Donation by Doug and Gayle Beck

## **PACIFIC PARTNERS:**

In honor of Pastor Jerry by Kent and Jeanne McCarn

## **DONATIONS OF MONEY TO THE SHOEBOX MINISTRY:**

Christy Swing

Shane Lawson

Randy and Brenda Hedrick

Gail Williamson

Michael and Jill Hunt

Jimmy and Kathryn Everhart

Jason and Meredith Gallimore

Lowell and Valerie Miller

## **PROJECT 2011:**

In memory of Dr. Mel Palmer by Paul and Tammy Lopp

Donation by Beck's Youth Groups (Candy Sale)

In honor of Dale and Debbie Wagstaff and Dale's birthday by Rick and Kim Black

In honor of Odell Hedrick, David Parks, and David Franklin by Scott and Stephanie Shoaf

In memory of Dr. Melvin Palmer by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny King

In memory of Billie Nell Ogletree by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny King

## **SAMARITAN FUND:**

In memory of Bruce Younts by Betty Younts

## **Update on technology:**

We have added wireless internet service at the Praise and Fellowship Hall. Join the "praise" wifi router to connect to the internet. The church has projectors and projector screens in both the praise center and fellowship hall to connect to your computer. We recommend that you check compatibility of yours and the churches ahead of time to make certain everything is working to meet your needs. The future plans are to provide wireless internet in each classroom and meeting in all church facilities. If you have a problem connecting to the internet please contact Rick Black or Blair Crouse.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
27 8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 5pm - Men's	28 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	29	30 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Handbells 7:30pm - Choir	1 7pm - Men's 7:30pm - Small	2	3		
4 8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 11:45am - Annual	5 7:30am - See You at 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	6	7 8:30am - Breakfast 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Handbells 7:30pm - Choir	8 11am - Day Circle 7pm - Cemetery 7:30pm - Small	9 6pm - Children's	10 9am - Choir Practice 3pm - Christmas 3pm - Church 8pm - MSY		
11 8:30am - Morning 10am - Cantata 4pm - Children's	12 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Consistory	13	14	15 7pm - Men's 7pm - Thursday 7:30pm - Small	16	17		
18 8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 5pm - CWG Youth	19 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	20 6:30pm - Live Nativity @ Confirmed time TBA 6:30pm - Crocheting 10:30am - Senior 5pm - Live Nativity -			21 Youth Bowling Trip	22	23 Christmas Eve 11pm - Christmas	24
25 Christmas 10am - Christmas	26 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	27 Elder Meeting 7pm - Prayer and	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		



## December Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Darlene Parsons,  
Maxine Waitman,  
*Tony and Xiaohong Fritts*

3 Jamie Loman,  
*VanHoy and Margie Hines*

4 Larry Leonard, Greg Lohr

6 Jason Hale

7 Abby Bryant, Karmen Idol,  
Kendal Idol

8 Tyson Shoaf

10 Emily Lipe, Jennie Burkhart, Dolanna Miller, *Bobby and Evelyne Swing, Randy and Myrna Davis, Arnold and Dolanna Miller*

12 Stefanie Younts, Hannah Green, *David and Angie Franklin*

13 Jackie Garner, Kent McCarn, *Greg and Nadine Lohr*

15 Jennifer Burkhart

16 Herbert Hedrick, Carol Padon

17 Gail Smith

18 Lloyd Surratt, Scott Shoaf, Hannah Everhart,  
Jordan Regan

19 Tanya McCarn, *Doug and Gayle Beck, Donna and Kayle Brock*

20 Brandon Braswell

21 Megan Niday, *Robert and Tempie Almstead*

22 Brac Cross

23 Butch Everhart, Robert Younts, Gayle Beck,  
*Butch and Suji Everhart*

25 Martha Swing, Robert Tussey, Paul Lopp

26 Roger Younts, *Lloyd and Laura Surratt*

27 Chris Hurd, Jason Moore

28 Barbara Strickland, John King, James Renas,  
David Franklin

30 Mark Loflin, Sandra Younts

31 Charles Swing, Holly Frank

## Summary of Financials Year to date 10/31/2011

Budget 2011	Actual		2011	Unspent
	Expenses		Budget	Balance
Outreach Ministry	\$ 32,177.58		\$ 40,850.00	\$ 8,672.42
Church Salaries	\$ 104,732.35		\$ 131,020.00	\$ 26,287.65
Christian Education	\$ 25,021.48		\$ 28,150.00	\$ 3,128.52
Operating Expense	\$ 132,167.81		\$ 168,150.00	\$ 35,982.19
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 294,099.22</b>		<b>\$ 368,170.00</b>	<b>\$ 74,070.78</b>

Budget Summary 2011	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 295,267.56
Total Actual Expenses	\$ (294,099.22)
<b>Net Changes</b>	<b>\$ 1,168.34</b>

Non Budget Summary	
Non Budget Receipts	\$ 16,350.54
Non Budget Expenses	\$ (20,651.21)
<b>Total Balance</b>	<b>\$ (4,300.67)</b>

<b>Number of Sundays</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Budget Average</b>	<b>\$ 7,080.19</b>
<b>Actual Averages</b>	<b>\$ 6,710.63</b>
<b>Short Fall per week</b>	<b>\$ 369.56</b>

Operational Funds	
Checking Account	\$ 83,889.20
Money Market Account	\$ 30,693.10
Certificate of Deposit	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 114,582.30</b>

Special Fund Accounts	
Scholarship Fund	\$ 82,895.98
Samaritan Fund	\$ 418.59
Video Fund	\$ 1,206.07
Mission Fund	\$ 3,476.89
Library Fund	\$ 683.30
Project 2011 Fund	\$ 56,857.37
Building Fund	\$ 126.56
Pastor Dental & Eye	\$ 724.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 146,389.04</b>



**Congratulations!**

*We'd like to congratulate David and Bonnie Floyd  
on their recent nuptials, October 21, 2011.*

**Best wishes!**



### New Members Class



Reverend Sanders and Lay Leadership invite those interested in joining in membership with Beck's Reformed to an informational class.

This class will be held Tuesday, January 17 and Thursday, January 19 from 7-8pm each evening.

We request that you attend both classes as they will cover a wide range of information and conclude on Thursday evening. You will need your Bible, pencil and paper. Please notify Reverend Sanders if you have interest signing up for this class.

*A special thanks to  
Marilyn Hilton for  
the many books  
donated to  
Beck's Reformed  
Library!*





*For unto us a child is born,  
unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
And his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*

*Join us for a*

# *Live Nativity*

*December 20, 21 (Youth Night), 22  
7:00—9:00pm*



## Opportunities to Serve:

1. **Stand in the Nativity:** *We need volunteers to stand Tues & Thurs night. The youth groups will stand on Wed night. Standers need to arrive between 6:15—6:30pm to get dressed and ready to stand. Please see one of the following people to volunteer:  
Jackie Garner: (H) 746-6157 [jmgarner77@gmail.com](mailto:jmgarner77@gmail.com)  
Joanne Hedrick: (H) 746-5271  
Brenda Burris: (C) 239-2676 [bburris01@triad.rr.com](mailto:bburris01@triad.rr.com)  
Youth who want to stand the Wed youth night, see Kristie Regan for Sign up. Youth will need arrive by 5:30pm to eat dinner before getting ready to stand.*
2. **Set Up the Nativity:** *We need volunteers to set up the scene on Sat. Dec. 17. If you are available, please show up ready to work at 8:30am.*
3. **Dressers:** *We need volunteers to help dress people in costumes all three nights. If you are available to help with this, please contact Jackie, Joanne, or Brenda.*



*Thanks for your help in making this a special event  
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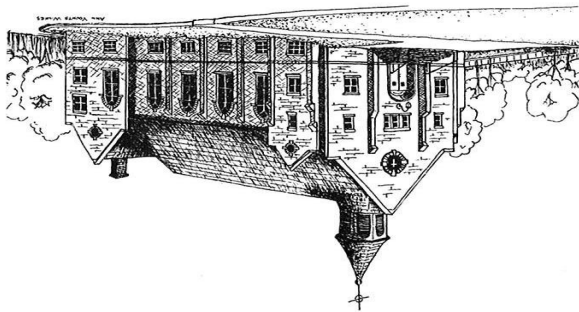
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