

Beck's Reformed Church Newsletter

Beck's Reformed Church



From the Pastor...Count Your Many Blessings

November 2011

I remember my mother singing Christian hymns as she cleaned our home. Most of her singing was centered around praising God and acknowledging His goodness and mercy. It was a wonderful environment to grow up in and God used her praise to place seeds of faith in the hearts of her children.

One of the songs she sang very often was **"count your many blessings, count them one by one, count your many blessings and see what God has done."** This is a wonderful way to lift up

one's heart and soul.

All of us have times that try our spirits. All of us have times when things, for the moment, are not going well. This song reminds us not to number our problems but to number our blessings. It reminds us to look not to our circumstances as defining who we are but to look above.

Recently our church was blessed to have Graham Cartier of Auckland, New Zealand as our revival speaker. His mission ministry, like so many others in this period of economic downturn, is undergoing financial challenges. He shared with all of us that he sings all his letters to his staff with the initials

"KOLU." This stand for **"Keep On Looking Up."** This is the spirit of Psalm 105 and of the song my mother sang. Look to the Lord and He will encourage you and help you. Stop counting your troubles and start counting your blessings and keep on looking up to our wonderful and faithful God. You will find your heart encouraged!

Blessings and Peace

Pastor Gerald Sanders

Psalm 105

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD!

***Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds
among the peoples!***

***2 Sing to Him, sing
psalms to Him;***

***Talk of all His
wondrous works!***

***3 Glory in His holy
name;***

***Let the hearts of those
rejoice who seek the
LORD!***

***4 Seek the LORD and
His strength;
Seek His face
evermore!***

***5 Remember His
marvelous works which
He has done,
His wonders, and the
judgments of His
mouth,***

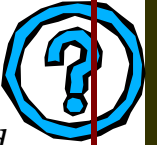


Dear Becks Church Family:

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth ... Autumn is such a great time of the year to experience the beauty and majesty of our Lord's creation. The air seems to be clean and crisp, the sky clear of haze that shines a brilliant blue and the foliage bursts forth and array of beautiful colors. God has placed us in the body of Christ, the church- HIS church, a beautiful place in all seasons... a place, for our spiritual growth, our protection and blessing. How else will we learn to grow spiritually unless we interact with other believers? We learn humility, gentleness, and patience developing the character of Christ as we relate to one another in the body of Christ. God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. Genesis 1: vs 1 & 31.

November 13, 2011

1:30pm ~ Sanctuary



Congregational Question and Answer Session Regarding the Proposed Constitutional Changes

All Members Are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend

October has been a great month in the life of Becks Church. Thank you to all the Senior Citizens who worked so hard to have the poor mans supper. **Sure was some great fiddles.** Thank you to the organizers of the Ladies Spiritual Renewal which bought participants from all over the area. Thank you to the missions committee who hosted Graham Carter during his time with us at revival. Our Youth Director, Kristie Regan organized a special Wednesday night version of the "Crash Program" with the musical group The WhoSoEvers. Over 125 teenagers from surrounding churches and the American Children's home on Highway 8 came to the Praise Center to enjoy the music and hear a truly powerful testimony. Thank you Kristie for your amazing commitment to the Spiritual Welfare of our young people. Thank you to the volunteers who helped get the new digital sign installed and all the bugs worked out. So many of you are continuing to step up and use your gifts- thank you! If you are not involved and want to volunteer in HIS church, please call the church office or let a Consistory member know. There is a place for you. God is so awesome!

Your Consistory has been working hard as well. There will be four very important items to vote on at the Congregation meeting on December 4th.

- **Item one-** new Deacons and Elders.
- **Item two-** the budget for the next fiscal year.
- **Item three-** to approve or disapprove changing the Constitution to move the fiscal year of the church to begin March 1st and end the last day of February and move the annual Congregational Meeting to the month of February.

Item four- to approve or disapprove a Procedural Process for Ordination and Licensing for Ministry

The Consistory unanimously approved all four items. We realize that Items Three and Four are new to you and understand that you will have a lot of questions. In the subsequent pages of this Newsletter, there are two different letters each describing and explaining in detail Items three and four. Since we are proposing to change the church constitution and introduce a self ordination process, we have planned an informational question and answer session about all four items, **Sunday at 1:30PM- November 13th**. This will not be a congregational meeting day, rather an informal time for you to gather information and ask questions.

Your Consistory has spent much time in prayer and believes that these new measures will serve the church well. We are asking you to continue to pray for each other, HIS church, our nation, and all those in leadership positions...from our world leaders to our church leadership. *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. I Thessalonians 5:11.*

We also hope that if you have not attended recently, that you would consider re-dedicating Sunday morning for worship. Jesus made it a priority to meet together with other believers. As followers of Christ, shouldn't we? *He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. Luke 4:16.* It was His custom- His regular practice- to go to church. The Joy of our faith is a genuine relationship with God and an opportunity to experience all of the blessings he has planned for us as we relate within HIS church body.

See you Sunday !

In HIS Service

John P. Bryant

Dear Beloved Members of Beck's Reformed Church:

Attached with this letter is a proposed procedure for the licensing and ordaining of ministers in Beck's Reformed Church. This proposal was unanimously endorsed by your Consistory and is going to be presented to you, the members of our church, for action at our forthcoming annual meeting. I want to take the time to share with you why the Consistory wants your approval and support for this approach to ordaining and licensing ministers in our church.

This important undertaking has come about firstly because the Holy Spirit is truly working in our church. When God begins to touch a congregation with the Holy Spirit and begins to bring it into a spiritual awakening, one of the things that happen is that people begin to experience the call to full time ministry. We have seen this in the calling of Kristie Regan into the full time youth ministry of our church and all of us know the outstanding job she is doing. God has also spoken to the hearts of Kevin Firquin and Steve Regan with a call to ministerial leadership and ministry. These people are children of our church and we rejoice that the Holy Spirit is calling them to a special setting a part of their lives for specialized ministry. We, as their mother congregation, have a special responsibility for them. We are to encourage and help them on their way to higher realms of service.

Since Beck's Reformed Church has decided to remain an Independent Reformed Church, there is no place these called servants of God can turn to other than our own congregation to recognize and authorize them for ministry in the capacities to which they have been called. The practice of the local church ordaining and licensing persons who have been called into ministry is well founded and is the norm in all independent churches. Your Consistory honors the choice that our congregation has made to remain independent so we come to you with this proposal to establish a method for recognizing and authorizing people called to ministry within our church. In doing this, we shall say to the other churches that these persons are able to perform in the Lord's wider field as ministers of the Gospel. It would serve to allow them to receive wider recognition as ministers of the Gospel and open doors for new opportunities for ministry. It would be sad if these people whom God has called to Christian service had to go to some other group or church to get ordained or licensed.

You can see by the proposed document that any person licensed or ordained by this church will have met the highest standards and will be persons of whom we shall not be ashamed. We will be extending the work of the Lord by making available to the wider church, as well as our own, ordained and licensed ministers of the Gospel. We, your Consistory, hope you will support us in establishing this proposal for training and authorizing members of our church who are being called into the Lord's wider service to His church.

Blessings Upon All You Coworkers in the Gospel,

Pastor Sanders and the Beck's Reformed Consistory

Proposed Procedural Process for Ordination and Licensing for Ministry

– Becks Reformed Church

1. Candidate shall be recommended to the Consistory by written notice the Senior Pastor. The Senior Pastor shall state to the Consistory why he believes this candidate(s) are qualified and prepared for the office for which they seek licensing or ordination.
2. The Candidates shall be interviewed by the Consistory and inquiry shall be made as to:
 - a. A testimony of their call to the office for which they are seeking authorization.
 - b. The candidate shall describe why they wish to be authorized for this office.
 - c. A description of the candidate's perception of the duties of the office for which they seek authorization.
 - d. Discussion of how they perceive this authorization will affect their future in terms of their Christian service and ministry?
 - e. Does the candidate's family support their call to ministry?
 - f. How does the candidate see or understand their ongoing relationship top Beck's Reformed Church?
3. Doctrines and Faith Statement of the Candidate.
 - A. Describe your understanding of the nature of God.
 - B. Describe your understanding of the nature of man.
 - C. Describe your views of sin and how the problem of sin is remedied.
 - D. Describe how salvation comes into a person's life.
 - E. How does the salvation event affect a person who has come to saving faith?
 - f. What are your views of Holy Scripture?
 - g. Describe your view of the Church?
 - h. Do you personally confess as you own the faith confessed in the Apostle's Creed and the Nicene Creed?
 - i. Have you read the Heidelberg Catechism? Do you accept its teachings?
4. Will the candidate honor their faith confession and seek to die to themselves and live to the glory and honor of Christ Jesus? Will they seek to serve the Lord in the office to which they are called and be ever seeking the will of Christ in their ministry and witness.

Upon an affirmative vote by the Consistory, the candidate(s) shall be presented to the Congregation at a called or stated meeting (the Congregation having been dutifully notified) and by secret ballot be affirmed or denied. A 2/3 majority vote shall be required for affirmation.

After a positive affirmation, the candidate shall be ordained/licensed at a special service for the candidate.

Proposed Constitution Change

The Consistory unanimously voted to approve and seek congregational approval to change the annual meeting to the month of February and fiscal year of Becks Reformed Church to begin March 1st of each year and end the last day of February. This means that the budget year will start in March and end in February and that new Deacons and Elders and the budget will be voted on at an annual Congregational Meeting in February each year. The new Consistory would start at the beginning of every March. This would not affect Sunday school promotions or other calendar events. The inspiration to make this change is to enhance the Christmas season and provide better financial planning.

The month of December is so busy in the church. There are several special services and events which often bring guests to our church during the Christmas season. The timing of those services and events often coincide with business meetings of the church which at best seem to be awkward at times when there are large numbers of visitors.

Secondly, the largest giving month in the church is December. The Deacons will have a better idea of how to plan the church budget with month of December passed. If this motion passes, the current Consistory will serve until the end of February and the 2012 – 2013 Budget of Becks Reformed Church will begin March 1st. Also, if this motion is approved by the Congregation, the first Congregational Meeting will be in February 2013 and not February 2012 since we just had a meeting in December 2011. The proposed changes in the church constitution are in bold, italics & underlined. What will be removed is stroke-through with a single line.

MOTION from the Consistory- To change the fiscal year of Becks Reformed Church to begin in March 1st of each year and end the last day of February and change the annual meeting to the month of February as outlined in the proposed changes in the Constitution of Becks Reformed Church. The first regular scheduled Congregational Meeting will be February 2013.

ARTICLE 7. CONSISTORY

2. The Consistory shall organize itself at the first meeting of each calendar **fiscal** year electing a president, vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer. The Consistory shall form such committees as will serve the purpose of the church; shall have jurisdiction over, control, maintain and preserve its properties, and minister and control its business affairs, formulate congregational policies, manage and administer the program of the church and be responsible to the congregation for promoting and maintaining the devotional, educational, and financial development of the church, through worship, Christian education, evangelism, community service and foreign missions, stewardship benevolence and Christian concern.
5. Nominations shall be given from the pulpit or by bulletin or letter at least two weeks before the congregational meeting held for election of Elders and Deacons. The congregational meeting for election of Elders and Deacons shall be held on the first Sunday in December of each year **in the month of February of each year.**

ARTICLE 11. CHURCH MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the church shall be held in the month of December **February.** At this meeting, the Consistory, the officers of the committees of the church, the Pastor(s), may submit recommendations.
2. All organizations, if requested, shall give annual reports to the congregation the last Sunday in January **in the month of February.**

☐ Yes- make the proposed changes to the Constitution ☐ No- do not change the current Constitution

Breakfast Circle..Marilyn Hilton

We tried very hard to confuse our group by waiting until October 13th to have our meeting. Scheduling conflicts with Senior Citizens made it impossible to meet until then. We must not have confused too many since all but three members were present. We were certainly glad to have Hazel back with us again. We still miss Gail but she is on the road to recovery and hope she is able to return soon.

The room was festive with pumpkins and other fall accessories. Thanks go to Shirley and Hazel for all their hard work - we even had homemade candy.

As a circle, we are still awaiting information regarding various pro-

jects to come later in the year but have not yet been told dates, etc for the events. Hopefully we will be able to give a fuller report later.

Shirley had the program and the teacher in her really popped out. I would like to share with you the NEW "senior alphabet". I am sure we can see ourselves in many of these.

A - Arthritis; B-Bad Back; C-Chest Pain; D-Dental problems; E-Eyesight (failing); F-Fluid Retention; G-Gas; H -High Blood Pressure; I-Incisions; J-Joints (aching); K-Knees(popping); L-Libido (dropping); M-Memory (where did it go?); N-Nerves (not as good as they used to be); O-Osteoarthritis (or other bone problems); P-Prescriptions; Q-Queasy feelings; R-

Reflux; S-Sleeplessness; T-Tinnitus (ear ringing); U-Urinary problems; V-Vertigo-W-Worry; X-X-rays; Y-another year; Z-Zest (in the mind only). This alphabet allows 26 doctors to be fully employed so we are also helping employment numbers.

Shirley shared many more inspirations with us which we all enjoyed. Thank you Shirley for a wonderful program.

Our next meeting will be on November 2nd, Southern Lunch, 8:30 AM. Laura Surratt and Beth Green will have the program and be our hostesses. We look forward to a great meeting with great love and fellowship with each other.

Day Circle...by Jeanne McCarn

The Day Circle met on October 13, 2011, at the church fellowship hall. There were 10 members present. To those who were unable to attend, we missed you!

In Carol's absence (due to her dad's hospitalization), Barbara Strickland opened the meeting. Kay Padon was program leader. She shared a story from a book by Phyllis Spence, **entitled "Stop, Drop & Roll."** Usually, we think of these terms in relation to a fire, but this article had a twist. The terms refer to our relationship with God. Stop- Stand still & see the salvation of the Lord (as Moses did). Drop- Kneel before the Lord. Roll- Roll with the punches (let God supply your needs). Thank you, Kay, for leading such a thought-provoking program. As part of the devotional time, Jennifer Sipper

shared a personal testimony. Thank you for trusting your circle sisters to hear your experience. God bless you!

After the program, October birthdays & anniversaries were acknowledged. Best Wishes to Miss Hallie (16th) & Kay Padon (29th). Happy Anniversary wishes to Kay Padon (11th) & Jackie Garner (15th)). God bless all of you on these special occasions. During prayer time, we lifted up Hallie Hawkins, Ralph Burkhart, Baby Rose, Bruce Greer, Sheriff John (Guilford Co. - wreck) Seph (4-wheeler accident), & Kathy **(upcoming surgery.)** **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. We discussed upcoming church activities

& were reminded to support the youth in a chicken pie fundraiser (Nov. 12th), & participate the Ladies Christmas Dinner (Dec. 4th). After the business meeting, we enjoyed lunch provided by our hostesses, Barbara Strickland & Kay Padon. Thank you, Kay & Barbara, for providing such a delicious autumn lunch of chili beans, salad, & lemon pound cake.

Our next meeting will be held at 11:00 a.m. on November 10, 2011, at the church fellowship hall. Andrea Regan & Jerrie Swing will be hostesses & program leaders. Lunch will be served. We would love to have any lady in the church join us.

JOY Ministry...by Marilyn Hilton

Angie Franklin and Jennifer Sipper visited with Novelia Potts at Brookstone Nursing Home. They walked her around the halls with her roommate. They really got their exercise that day. Later the same day they visited with Bertha Kepley at Carolina House. They talked until she was ready to go to lunch. They took her to the lunchroom and got her ready for her meal.

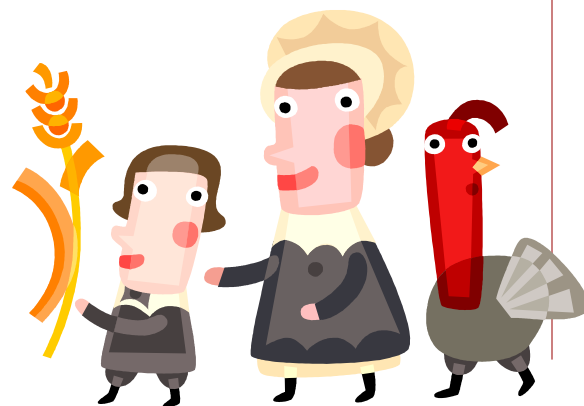
Jean Plummer and Joyce Greer visited with Mrs. Hawkins at Pine Ridge. They found Hallie in the recreation room playing bingo which she really enjoys. The Young at Heart Sunday School Class has been collecting quarters and taking them to Pine Ridge for the bingo players. A quarter is the prize received for a winning card. Unfortunately Hallie did not win that day. They then went to Mrs. Spruill's room they found another visitor, Barbara Strickland. They enjoyed talking with both of them. Barbara shared stories of her mother and how much she enjoyed her great grandchildren. She has lots of pictures of her family on the bulletin board in her room. After all the visiting, Mrs. Spruill decided it was nap time so Joyce and Jean quietly left. Jean & Joyce also visited with Novelia Potts and her friend Ennis. These ladies walk all day so Jean made sure she wore her tennis shoes. They all had great conversation during the walk and Novelia actually remembered their names. Lunch was being served so she guided them back to the dining room and left. They said they were disappointed they didn't get to walk anymore.

Barbara Strickland had a great visit with Willa Younts. She learned that Willa had a fall that week and felt fortunate that nothing broke - including her spirit. Keith's two sons, Logan 5 and Damien 11 were visiting. Logan brought them up to date on what was going on in kindergarten and how you raise your hand when you want to be recognized. He dutifully raised his hand every time he had a comment to make, which was often. Willa looked around and found a Gaither Family video and cassette to take to Barbara's mother and her friends at Pine Ridge. Barbara said that we should stay alert when our elders and our children are talking to us. You will learn something.

Andrea and Jerrie were also on the go this month. They visited with Foy Floyd. When they got there, his son, David, had to drive to the barn to get him since it was pouring down rain, but Foy just had to go look after his cows. When he got back to the house he said it was raining too hard to get much done but he did want the cows to have fresh well water since they liked it best. Andrea said if she comes back to life as a cow she wants to be Foy's cow. Foy settled in and told many stories most of which happened about 70-75 years ago which he remembered quite vividly. The SAD thing is that he started off by saying, "Now you two are probably old enough to remember this one". How depressing that was for Andrea and Jerrie. Foy is such a wonderful man with a ton of well remembered stories. True life stories are always great to listen to! The next visit was to Connie Leonard.

Her son, Dwayne, was there and they had not seen him in quite a few years. It was wonderful to catch up and they felt such a warmth of love watching him with his mother. Connie was so glad to see them and she look good. She is definitely a beautiful person, inside and out. She has a lot of family pictures on a table where they visited. With each picture she showed us, she had a great story to tell. There is a lot of love at her house and Andrea and Jerrie felt so blessed that they got to share in that love. Onward to visit with Hazel Frank. They enjoyed the visit and enjoyed hearing about her grandson's girlfriend and said they would be getting married. She is really excited about that. She also said that her granddaughter, Hannah, was home this past weekend and how Hannah and her boyfriend went to church with her on Sunday. She had a great weekend with her family and seems to be getting stronger for which we are very thankful.

Last month Andrea and Jerrie picked up Annie Mae Miller and took her to Pine Ridge with them to visit Hallie Hawkins. They were not sure who was the most excited. Ms. Hallie was moved to tears since she was not expecting them. Annie Mae is one of her favorite people and they have so much to talk about. This was a great visit for us.



Senior Citizens...by Marilyn Hilton

The seniors have had a busy month . We started out on a trip to Myrtle Beach. Thirty-six seniors and traveling friends left from the fellowship hall on October 3rd. This is the only bus trip for the year. We stayed at the same place as the past two years and as always have had great accommodations. You can be sure we always stop for fast food on the way down - we cannot allow ourselves to get hungry. After unloading, etc. we had some spare time to beach walking or just lazing around until we went to eat at the Great American Steak & Buffet. Why is it that when you go to a buffet you feel that you have to eat way too much in order to get your money's worth? Despite the overeating all the food was really good! We continued to Carolina Opry after the meal and had a wonderful show. They have such a talented

cast, We were entertained by music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. We returned to the motel and enjoyed time in the hospitality room where some people played cards and our just sat around and enjoyed each other's company. The hospitality room was open each evening with snacks and drinks for those hearty late nighters. On day two, we enjoyed our breakfast at the motel and had free time and got our own lunch before loading up to go to The Legends in Concert matinee. This was a new location for them near Broadway at the Beach. We were able to see Michael Jackson, Roy Orbison, Martina McBride, The Temptation and of course Shirley's favorite, Elvis Presley. Elvis even came to the bus to see us. He is a "cutie" We returned to the motel, loaded up later that afternoon for K&W Cafeteria and a night at Alabama Theatre . Once again very talented people and probably the funniest comedian ever. The hospitality room was once again opened up for those "night owls". After breakfast on day three we loaded up and went "shopping" of course. After fast food on the return trip we got back to the church about 3:00 PM. Everyone seemed to have a great time and we had a marvelous bus driver, Mike Brown, who coincidentally goes to Mark Rachel's new church. He is truly a Christian man and a great joy to have with us. He also can but a bus in places that I did not think it would go!

As we were still recovering, a Poor Man's Supper was held on October 12th as a fund raiser for Project 2011. Thanks to all the people who helped by buying, setting up, cooking, serving and cleaning up we were able to write a check for \$349.36. We had a new "senior in training" with us all day learning the ins and outs of Poor Man's Suppers. Greg you were really great to have around - you now know how to take care of it all - thanks for all your help. All leftover food was sent to the homeless shelter.

On October 19th, 26 seniors who were not afraid of the rain came to the fellowship hall for a covered dish meal and entertainment by David Haynes. David sang several selections (all good old' gospel music) and really lifted our moods. Joyce Greer had the devotions about a quiet sermon and a breakdown of the 23rd Psalm. The tables were decorated with sunflowers and a fall theme. A pack of candy was found at each place setting. Thank you Dianne and Marie for making a festive setting for us Brenda had the business meeting. Mike Swing will cater the Christmas meal for us. There are a few people who want to go to the Southern Christmas Show in Charlotte so we will get a group together. The Billy Graham museum is also on tap for December. More information will be coming on that trip as well. Cards will be sent to: Ralph Burkhart, Lisa Thompson, Bruce Greer and John Burkhart. Many other people were mentioned for prayers as well. Jack k Frank blessed the meal and we thoroughly enjoyed all the good food.

Our next meeting will be on November 16th. Hosts and hostesses as well as the program will be handled by the Franks, Jack, Lalah, Shirley, Keith and Hazel.



Notes from the Missions Committee...

What an exciting and great revival! Graham is still in the states and preaching at Stan's church! I am sure he is delivering a great message, as he was on a roll here at Becks. All who heard him were truly blessed and if you didn't get to come, please see David Parks for the DVD's. It is a thought provoking series and we all are left to let "our little stars shine".

The end result is a mission's committee that is REALLY inspired now. We are planning another Pearl and Jewelry party for Sunday, November 6th from 2pm to 4pm in the Grand Hall. We have done a little shopping and have selected some new pieces for Santa at Christmas, so please drop by or as Mother Teresa would say, "Come and see".

We are very busy sorting through some of Dale's Fundraising ideas. Dale has never shared where he gets some of these ideas and most of us have not ventured to ask. Any one that knows Dale realizes he is not short of inspiration, but reality is not his strong suit. He has big dreams, so we are planning to "pick our fundraising" up a notch for 2012. You are advised to fasten your seatbelt and get ready to soar! We hope our efforts will be good for our missionaries, but also assist Becks on its Mission from Good to GREAT! If you have a desire to help with missions, please come and join us. Plans are in the making and to be announced soon! Any interested party is welcome.

Last, for those of you that may not know, we are now on the Becks WEBSITE! WOW! We even have a blog... If you are new to blogs, so are we, but I think this will be fun. You can also go to our page to see what is "new" from our missionaries per their posted newsletters. We can be found on the Home page under Service Ministries and then click on [World Missions!](#)

A must read for everyone at Becks is Stan's Blog!

For one thing, it really boost his ego and I think makes him feel like he is making a difference! Second, he is a REAL WRITER and a REAL Evangelist and the mix just comes out inspiring all the time. If you read and don't contemplate the thoughts generated, then you may need to cardiovert your heart to get it jump started again. You will know instantly if this is the case if you read and are not catapulted to take another look (urgently) at your faith. Of course, if you are so inspired, you are welcome to join the "Small Group Ministries!" Graham, only 30 plus years ahead of us in thought and deed, offered this ministry much food for thought while he was here.

P.S. If you compare our humble beginnings as a blogger to Stan, you will see that the Lord has his work cut out for him.

Kristie did an incredible job with our page and we are indebted as usual!

For more information or to join our humble group, just Call and Come!!

To God be the Glory!

Rick and Kim Black

Dale and Debbie Wagstaff

David Parks

Jan and Susan Hauck

Ladies Spiritual Renewal...

by Marilyn Hilton

October first began with a day dedicated in the memory of Kaye Sanders who was so instrumental in beginning this event several years ago. Tables were decorated with daisies, handmade mints in the shape of daisies, crocheted daisy book markers, pens, program information as well as a poem written by Jeanne McCarn in memory of Kay which reminded us of her love for the Lord as well as her family and church.

The theme for the event was Being a Daisy in a World of Weeds which was our speaker, Debe Tobin's, morning message. How can you develop a "daisy of an attitude". Daily spend time with God, Adjust your attitude, Involve yourself in others' lives, Speak with love and kindness, Yearn to be like Jesus. If we are able to do these things the weeds in our life will wither and die.

The Praise and Worship Music was provided by "The Sisters". This is an amazing group consisting of sisters and their cousins. Sandra Story is one of the members and you can tell this group has the best time just being with each other.

About 100 ladies enjoyed the continental breakfast and the box lunch what was provided for all attendees and guests. Many left with some of the many door prizes which were given out.

Debe Tobin's afternoon message was Escaping Reality to Live a Dream - this is the difference in living a dream in the world's way and the reality of God's way.

Debe serves as Women's Coordinator for Pleasant Garden Baptist Church. She teaches and is a speaker at various workshops and seminars. She was truly a blessing to our group. This was a day of spiritual uplifting and love for one another. You could feel God's presence through the music and the speaker.

There are so many people to thank but special thanks go to Andrea Regan who organized the event. Without her guiding hand it never would have occurred.



Bethany Girl Scout News

On October 4, 2011 the Bethany Girl Scouts held their annual Investiture and Rededication ceremony. We have five girls that are new to Girl Scouting this year and fifty-four girls that are continuing in the program. That is a record number of girls this year with the fifty-nine members. Here are our troops, leaders and members for this year:

DAISY 40091

Leaders: Holly Cameron & Anna Flippen & Leigh Anne Leonard

Caroline Cameron	Kylee Copley	Anna Everhart
Emma Flippen	Karlie Hamilton	Sydney Koonts
Kindal Leonard	Madison Martin	Alexandra Myers
Gracie Phillips	Lilli Regan	Havannah Satterlee
Carlee Shoaf	Asia Swing	Bethany Tongel

BROWNIE 40178

Leaders: Jessica Bruff & Dollie Corner

Janna Beck	Gabby Bruff	Hailey Burkhardt
Elisa Chandler	Addy Comer	Emma Corner
Daisy Hedrick	Sophia Hedrick	Olivia Hunt
Katelyn Leonard	Elizabeth Marsh	Nichole Martin
Rose Rominger	Alyssa Runkle	Lauryn Sink
Dezarae Stone		

JUNIOR 40062

Leader: Tammy Walser

Frances Gray Riggs	Anna Swing	Stephanie Walser
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CADETTE 40012

Leaders: Carol Gallimore & Michelle Hulin

Ashton Burkhardt	Allie Byerly	Blake Gallimore
Hannah Gregory	Kinsley Hulin	Kresen Leonard
Logan McCarn	Madison McDade	Kayley Oetjens
Sarah Sink	Lea Story	Alisha Walser

SENIOR 01703

Leaders: Holly Fritts & Lyndee Koonts

Caroline Burkhardt
Makenzie Comer
Katelyn Fritts
Gracie Koonts
Paige Simpson
Paydon Shoaf
Kellie Story
Alyson Warfford

AMBASSADOR 41384

Leaders: Catherine Bowers & Joanie Parks

Allyson Bowers
Sarah King
Brenna Leonard
Logan Shoaf
Elizabeth Simpson

KFC and CYF
Hayride and Hot dogs



When: November 5, 2011

Time: 5:00 p m to 8:00 pm

Where: Tara Young's house

292 Gray Mill Road

Lexington, NC 27292

Come enjoy fun, food and fellowship!

Gifts, Honors and Memorials

September 25, 2011 - October 23, 2011

CASWELL MISSION FUND:

IN MEMORY OF MARTHA Y. SWING BY JOHN, ANN, LAURA, AND ABBY BRYANT

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In memory of Maggie Wilson by Paul and Tammy Lopp

YOUTH MISSIONS:

Donation by Laura Bryant

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In memory of Lawrence (Bus) Leonard by Mr. and Mrs. John King

Donation by the Senior Citizens Group

In memory of Zeno and Treva Greer and Marvin and Claudia Leatherwood by Don and Joyce Greer

IN MEMORY OF GRANDMA AND GRAMMY BY NATHAN REGAN



Chicken Pie Fundraiser!

Join us for lunch Sunday November 13 and help the youth raise needed funds for their summer Mission trips! We will start serving after Sunday School at 10:30 and serve through 1pm. Join us to eat or pre-purchase to freeze for later. Cost is \$10/pie. Meal Sunday will include slaw and green beans plus a dessert and ice tea or water.

MS & High School Youth are asked to work Saturday November 12 to prepare the pies with the Women's Guild. Please come between 9am—Noon.



Can Food Drive...

The youth are collecting the following can foods in November for Cliff Glosson to give to needy families along with Turkey's. Please bring donations to the table in the basement that is marked for drop off: Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Boxed Mashed Potato mix.

Thank you!



STEPS FOR PACKING:

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2. BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Labels will be available with the empty shoe boxes.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the back of this page.

4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can give online by using our EZGIVE option, or you can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

TIPS & SUGGESTIONS:

- *Save your kids meal toys—they are great for the boxes.*
- *Tootsie Rolls are the only chocolate you can send.*
- *If you send a water bottle or empty container, make sure and use that space, fill it with candy or little treats*
- *Subway has great little bags for their kids meals that are good to include*
- *Make sure if you send pencils, send a sharpener too. If you send a flashlight, send batteries!*
- *Check discount stores after Halloween for good bargains on cute stuff!*

GIFT IDEAS

TOYS

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Bring your labeled, filled shoeboxes with your \$7 donation for shipping included to the front of the church by

Sun., Nov. 13 for dedication.



Children of the CORN MAZE!



October 15, 2011 BYG Joined with Nazareth Children's Home to go on a Corn Maze Adventure at High Rock Nursery! It was a wonderful night of fun, fall, fellowship. We brought a group of 76 people including all four BYG groups and the kids from Nazareth. Before the adventure we ate an early spaghetti dinner at Beck's. Thanks to Ann Bryant for getting that prepared for us. When we arrived at the maze we spent a couple hours running through the field finding clues about the maze and learning about Davidson County. After that we enjoyed a snack while listening to "Sound of Light" play and ended the night with a message provided by Kevin Firquin. It was a nice night and awesome to be able to provide the kids from Nazareth an outing they won't soon forget.



CAROWINDS CHRISTIAN MUSIC DAY!

October 1, 2011 the CYF, MSY, and CWG youth groups loaded up a group of about 60 people and headed to Carowinds for Christian Music Day. The day started with a tailgate lunch in the parking lot followed by an afternoon of rides and lots of walking! About 5pm all groups headed into the concert venue to enjoy the musical stylings of Brandon Heath & Toby Mac along with others. Tom Richter delivered a powerful message that the kids related to. About 11pm we invaded Cook Out and closed out the night with milkshakes and junk food. It was a fun night ! Thanks to all the chaperones for your hard work!



"I AM SECOND" FALL RETREAT 2011

October 21-23 the MSY & CWG youth groups brought a group of 33 to Camp Caswell for a fall retreat based on the theme of "I Am Second". The "I Am Second" movement urges teens to examine putting God first in their lives through a series of videos and devotions that highlight the testimonies of various people who have experienced remarkable transformations through their faith in Christ. The weekend included 4 small group sessions where the youth explored the videos and supporting scripture that went along with each of them. There were also 4 large group sessions led by Chris Plenkenpol, an Iraq Veteran. Chris is a gifted speaker who shared a series of messages

highlighting the life of Peter and how we can model ourselves after the example he set. In addition to the large and small group sessions, there were worship times led by Todd Agnew. Todd is a gift musician and worship leader. He shared favorite praise songs along with some of his original material. There was also time allotted for free time, exploring of the forts, walks on the beach and of course "Death by Chocolate." Camp Caswell always provides an excellent opportunity for the youth to reconnect with their faith and with each other. Thanks to those who sponsored youth to go on the trip. Make sure to ask them about "coning" and "Crazy train"! Also thanks to the chaperones for giving up your weekend! It was an awesome experience.



CDHS TAILGATES!

Thanks to everyone who supported the football tailgates! They were a lot of fun and a great opportunity to outreach to the community.

Also, thanks to those who volunteered their time to represent Beck's in the concession stand during homecoming. It's always a fun night. Very busy, but very fun!



October 19, during CRASH Youth the group was treated to a special performance by the Whosoevers' Ryan Ries and The Rep. 150 youth from American Children's Home and other area churches joined the CRASH kids for a special night of worship. It was a great time to fellowship with other youth and hear Ryan's testimony about how he overcame drug addiction to become a powerful servant for

Christ. A highlight of the night was when Ryan and his crew offered to bring the youth from American home in their tour bus. I wish that everyone could have seen the excitement on the faces of those kids who got to experience something really special that night. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a great night! It's awesome to see how Beck's can impact our community in such a positive way!

Prayer Ministry of Beck's Reformed Church

November 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

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 Re-
habilitation 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

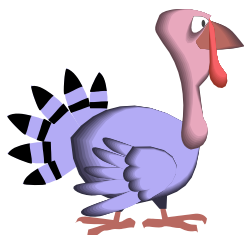
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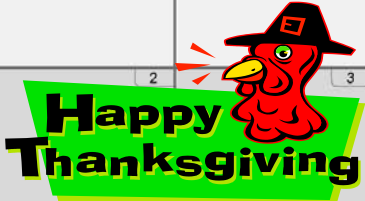
Willie and Sally Marshall —stationed in Germany, serving in
Iraq

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, Kan-
sas 66048



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			8:30am - Breakfast 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Handbells 6:30pm - SPLASH/CR 7:30pm - Choir	7pm - Men's 7:30pm - Small	Fellowship Hall and Praise Center Reserved	5pm - KFC & CYF
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Daylight Saving Golden Age 8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Congregation 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 5pm - CWG Meeting	7:30am - See You at 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	Election Day	6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Handbells 6:30pm - SPLASH/CR 7:30pm - Choir	11am - Day Circle 7pm - Cemetery 7:30pm - Small	Veterans Day	8:30am - Chicken
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 10:30am - Chicken 1:30pm - Congregation	7:30am - See You at 6:30pm - Boy Scouts 6:30pm - Consistory	6:30pm - Crocheting	10:30am - Senior 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Handbells 6:30pm - SPLASH/CR 7:30pm - Choir	7pm - Men's 7pm - Thursday 7:30pm - Small		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
2012 Budget Community 8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 12pm - Fellowship	7:30am - See You at 6:30pm - Boy Scouts	Elder Meeting 7pm - Prayer and	Fellowship Hall 6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Handbells 7:30pm - Choir	Thanksgiving Turkey Sale! 8:30am - CWGs 1pm - Fellowship 7:30pm - Small		9am - Church
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
8:30am - Morning 9:30am - Q&A for 9:30am - Sunday 10:30am - Worship 5pm - Men's	7:30am - See You at 6:30pm - Boy Scouts		6:30pm - Bible 6:30pm - Handbells 7:30pm - Choir			

November

Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Cindy Miller
- 2 Jane Hayes, Craig Idol, Joseph Walser, Florence King
- 4 Harley Yarbrough, *James and Beth Green*
- 5 Madison Glosson
- 6 Beverly Leonard
- 7 Jodi Hernandez
- 9 Lib Lohr, Gary Graves
- 10 Elizabeth Young, Lynda Swann
- 11 Betsy Kepley, Michael Hunt
- 12 Karen Hedrick
- 14 Todd Twilley, Michael Swann
- 15 David Floyd



- 16 Gary Buie, Spencer Davis, Dana Burnside
- 17 Carlea Everhart, Molly Green, Richard Leonard, Chase Franklin
- 18 Maria Clinger
- 19 Hoyle Parks, Seph Padon
- 21 Joyce Swing, Trey Hedrick, *Pete and Martha Moore*
- 25 Grayson Black, Ann Sealey
- 26 Bobby Swing, Tyler Moretz
- 27 Avalon Miller
- 28 Lalah Frank, Byron Lohr, Jennifer Everhart
- 29 Craig Waitman
- 30 Keith Tucker, Mycah Caroline Kepley

Small Group Ministries...Dale A. Wagstaff

We are looking forward to great things happening as a result of our training efforts. November 10th we have scheduled our first official Small Group meeting, where we have invited several unchurched people to attend. Please continue to pray for us and them as we seek to work with those that God has provided to us.

We have also begun a bible study on Sundays at 2 pm - 3 pm, in the home of David Parks. We are studying the book of 1 John, and welcome anyone who wishes to attend.

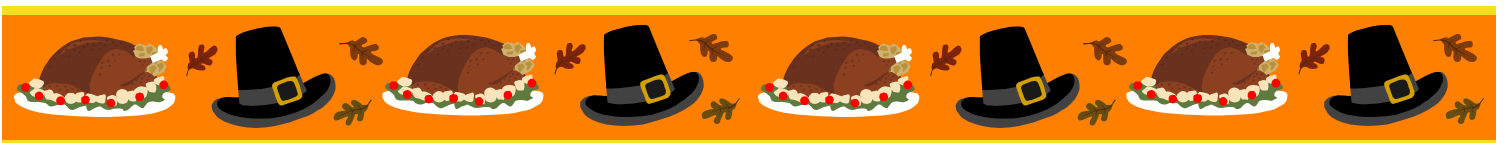
Pastor Rick Warren reminds us that there are five purposes for which we exist. In Matt 22:37, we are told by Jesus that *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.* This gives us the first commandment of the New Testament. Our purpose here is to **worship God**. The second commandment given is *"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.* This tells us that as Christians, we are to have a **ministry** to others by exemplifying the attributes of Christ. In Matt 28:19-20, He says, *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."* These words reveal to us three other purposes for our existence: We should have an ongoing **mission**, where we share the gospel of Christ with as many people as we can, by our example of a Christ led life, as well as intentionally sharing with those who are lost. Fourth, that we have fellowship one with another, through the sacred rite of **baptism**. Lastly, that we should be **disciplining** those within our influence, by equipping them to share the gospel to others, as we have.

Are we fulfilling the commandments of our Lord by consciously engaging ourselves within the purposes of our existence? Are we ever looking towards our goal of continuing our existence eternally with Him? I trust that each person within our congregation will grab hold of these commands and make them real and active within your own life.

In closing, here is a thoughtful phrase that I believe we at Beck's Church should take on as our goal:

"To be a congregation which cooperates with God in bringing redemption to broken lives."

Let us all pray that this will be our reputation within our local community of needy souls.



A Note of Thanks...

Dear Congregation,

Thank you dearly for the beautiful flower arrangement for our mother/mother-in-law, Ms. Martha Seals. She loved you all very much and often spoke about you all and when she did, she always smiled. You all brought a lot of comfort to us and an impression of a very loving church family.

Thank you,

The Seals Family

Ephesians 5:18b-21

but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Summary of Financials Year to Date 9/30/11

Budget 2011	Actual	2011	Unspent
	Expenses	Budget	Balance
Outreach Ministry	\$ 28,427.58	\$ 40,850.00	\$ 12,422.42
Church Salaries	\$ 94,143.80	\$ 131,020.00	\$ 36,876.20
Christian Education	\$ 23,975.22	\$ 28,150.00	\$ 4,174.78
Operating Expense	\$ 119,274.18	\$ 168,150.00	\$ 48,875.82
Totals	\$ 265,820.78	\$ 368,170.00	\$ 102,349.22

Budget Summary 2011	
Total Actual Receipts	\$ 261,363.51
Total Actual Expenses	\$ (265,820.78)
Net Changes	\$ (4,457.27)

Non Budget Summary	
Non Budget Receipts	\$ 13,860.54
Non Budget Expenses	\$ (18,426.33)
Total Balance	\$ (4,565.79)

Number of Sundays	39
Budget Average	\$ 7,080.19
Actual Averages	\$ 6,697.86
Short Fall per week	\$ 382.33

Operational Funds

Checking Account	\$ 77,998.47
Money Market Account	\$ 30,690.49
Certificate of Deposit	0.00
Total	\$ 108,688.96

Special Fund Accounts

Scholarship Fund	\$ 82,892.46
Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,018.56
Video Fund	\$ 1,206.02
Mission Fund	\$ 518.82
Library Fund	\$ 683.27
Project 2011 Fund	\$ 82,635.12
Building Fund	\$ 126.55
Pastor Dental & Eye	\$ 724.25
Total	\$ 169,805.05

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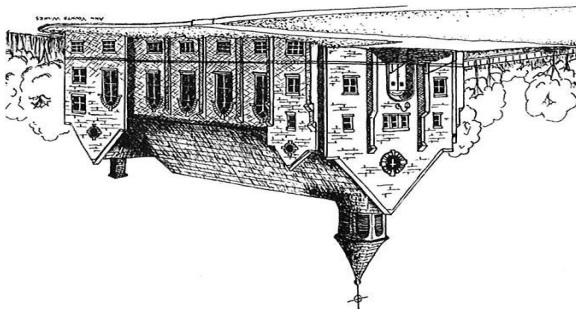
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Sunday School Classes for All Ages at 9:30am

Morning Praise at 8:30am

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