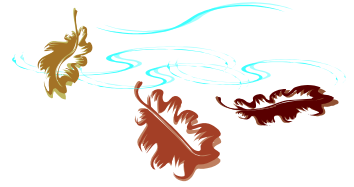


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From the Pastor... Understanding the Kingdom

*Matthew 13:35 NKJ
that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will
open My mouth in parables; I will utter
things kept secret from the foundation
of the world."*

Beck's Church is entering a period of teaching which will help any person who wants to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our Church will be focused in the Wednesday evening SPLASH/ADULT STUDIES on the parables of Jesus. I will be preaching on the same parables on Sunday. I hope every parent and grandparent will see that their children are involved in these studies. I hope we have so many adults participating that we will have to

use the sanctuary for the adults.

The parables of our Lord Jesus are important because they reveal truths about the Kingdom of God that were completely unknown until Jesus gave us these parables. It is very important that we understand the Kingdom of God and its principles if we are going to think and live in the ways of that Kingdom. Each of these teachings on the parables will include discussion questions and prayers for the homes of our church. I want our church family to have a full un-

derstanding of what our Lord Jesus has taught us about the Kingdom of God. I want us to understand that His disciples are to begin living in the ways and life of His Kingdom now!

Do you want to understand the Kingdom of God? Do you want to begin to live and understand life in the Kingdom of God right now? Then involve yourself and your family in this study of His parables.

Blessings and Peace in
Our Wonderful Savior,
Jesus Christ,

*Pastor Gerald (Jerry)
M. Sanders*

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Breakfast Circle...by Marilyn Hilton



Breakfast Circle will meet on
September 1 at 8:30AM at
Southern Lunch...see you there!

We reconnected on August 4th. Ruth Hedrick decorated the tables w/red cloth, green napkins, and had a "watermelon" book marker at each place. Sure did look like summer.

Marilyn had the program which included the meaning of "Laus Deo" (Praise be to God) which is actually on top of the Washington Monument in Washington DC. There are many interesting items in this article about Washington DC as well as the Constitution which does NOT say anything about the separation of Church and State. Also included was How do I know which of God's promises are for me?" Bottom line on this one is that if a promise is conditional, look for the word "if". God gives us promises to help us better submit to His will and trust Him. A promise does NOT make God bend to

our will. Do not assume to know precisely when, where, or how the promise will be fulfilled in your life. Remember the battle that goes on inside of people is like a battle between two wolves. One is Evil – (anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego). The other is God (joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith). The one that wins is the one that you feed!

The business portion of our meeting was conducted by Ruth Hedrick.

Old Business: We feed the VBS group and had chips left over which were given to be used by VBS or to be taken to Camp Caswell with the youth.

New Business: Youth groups

will be selling BBQ chicken on September 11th as a fund raiser for their mission work. November 13th we will be having Brunswick stew, etc. This will be a combination of youth groups, women's guild, senior citizens and circles.

Cards were sent to Eddie Frank, Juanita Shoaf. Louise Cross will not be having surgery at this time. Bruce Greer will be having surgery on August 19 and Laura Surratt has had additional surgery on her hand. We pray for all of these people as well as those who need prayer who were not mentioned.

Our next meeting will be on September 1st at Southern Lunch, 8:30 AM. Shirley, Hazel and Ann will be our hostesses and have the program. DO NOT FORGET ITEMS FOR THE CRISIS MINISTRY!!!!

Day Circle...by Jeanne McCarn

Day Circle will meet on
September 9 at Christo's on
Hwy 8 at 11:00am...plan to
join us!

The Day Circle met on August 19, 2010, at the Badin Lake home of Carol Crouse. Andrea Regan was program leader & shared an essay written by 17 year-old Brian Moore, who was electrocuted by a downed power line after his car hit a power pole, just weeks after he wrote the essay. His writing, entitled "The Room", described his vision of Heaven as a room filled with file cabinets containing every event, good or bad, of his life. Jackie Garner ended the program with signing the song "I Can Only Imagine". Thank you, ladies, for such an inspirational program.

After the program, we acknowledged Novelia Potts' August 13th birthday & August anniversaries for Betty Hedrick on the 12th, Brenda Burris on the 22nd, & Barbara Owen on the 23rd. Best wishes to all of you on these special occasions. During prayer time, we lifted

up Novelia Potts, Annie Mae Miller, Grace Chapman, Eddie Frank, Hazel Frank, Debbie & Kevin Scoggin, Bertha Kopley, Rose Burn-sides, Scott McCombs, Kay Padon, Louise Cross, & Bruce Greer. May God bring you healing & strength to face life's challenges.

During our business meeting, the minutes & treasurer's report were presented and accepted. Everyone was reminded of the overall guild meeting scheduled for September 19th. We had an update on the Book Bag Ministry project that was recently completed. We packed 132 book bags for needy students, which were blessed during worship on August 15th. The bags were delivered to D-T, Southmont, & Silver Valley elementary schools & Nazareth Children's Home on the 16th. We also delivered mis-

cellaneous school supplies to Central Middle School. We send a thank-you to everyone who helped with this ministry. Many lives have been touched through your generosity & service.

After our business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Carol Crouse. Thank you, Carol, for being such gracious hostess. Anytime you want to try more new recipes, we'll be willing guinea pigs! After the meal, we worked on favors for the Ladies' Spiritual Renewal event scheduled for October 2nd. A fun time was had by all!

Our next meeting will be held on September 9, 2010; we plan to meet at Christo's restaurant (Hwy 8) at 11:00 a.m. for lunch. After lunch, we will divide in to small groups to visit shut-ins. Hope to see you there!



Senior News...by Marilyn Hilton

On August 10th, 21 of us gathered at the fellowship hall for a car trip to Lake Norman and Catawba River Boat Lunch cruise. It was a fine day but very HOT! We were to continue to Lazy 5 Ranch for a wagon ride tour to see the animals. The problem arose when I got a telephone call at 8:30AM from Lazy 5 telling me that they would not use the horses if the temperature was 95 degrees or above. Well, the horses were stopped at 12 Noon so we did not go on that leg of the journey and that portion of the money was refunded. We did have a good cruise (in air conditioning), a good lunch, and a good idea of where the "rich" folks live. There are truly some magnificent homes on Lake Norman.

On August 18th, we met at the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch and program. Many thanks go to Thena and John Goss, Gail Smith and Johnny & Maxine King for getting everything ready.

Johnny King had the devotions and read the daily devotions for this week from a book that he and Maxine use. He also read some really funny "bloopers" that were printed in church bulletins.

Margaret conducted the business meet-

ing and Jerry Hedrick announced that a possible trip is being planned to Chatlee Springs on September 14th. Cost will be \$25 which includes the meal and the transportation. November 12th is the Wytheville trip for a Christmas show. Information for these trips will be coming shortly.

Cards were sent to Eddie Frank, Bertha Kepley and Dana Burnside. Margaret also reminded all of us to visit with our sick and shut-ins. You will get much more out of it than they will – guaranteed!

Sara Chambers was our guest speaker. She is from a company called Home Instead located on East Center Street. Her company provides in-home care (non-medical) for seniors. They can be there as a companion, a home helper (light housekeeping and some cooking) or for personal services such as transportation to appointments, shopping, etc. These are non-contracted services and are not covered under Medicare or regular insurance. A long term care policy may pay for some of these services. Fees depend upon services provided. ALL employees are thoroughly screened, must have high school diploma or equivalent, pass drug screening

(including random tests), have a completely free record (including no speeding tickets) and are licensed, bonded and insured through the company. If anyone has a need for these services please call them for additional information.

Sara also brought information about how to stay safe. Seniors are always vulnerable for home invasions, identity theft, purse snatching and scams. We all need to be ALERT at ALL times. For answering questions correctly, John Goss, Johnny King and Maxine King won gifts brought by Sara.

We only had 21 members present but we all had a good time and shared wonderful food. Leslie and Gracie were our guests for lunch. Kristi and Pastor Jerry were very busy and unable to join us.

Our next meeting will be on September 15, 10:30 AM, Covered Dish Meal at the Fellowship Hall. Our Host and Hostesses will be Jim and Barbara Strickland, Brenda Pruitt, Lloyd and Laura Surratt. We look forward to seeing you then.

Gifts, Honors and Memorials

July 25-August 22, 2010

Book Bag Fund

Donation by Odell and Ruth Hedrick

Donation by Mr. and Mrs. John E. King

Donation by Ed Wilkerson

Get Revived

Donation by Abby Bryant

Samaritan Fund

In memory of Betty Chesnut by John E "Kayo" and Maxine King and Family

Consistory August Update

Doug Beck and Joseph Young updated the Consistory on the landscaping project near the ramp. The steeple cross will be repaired and incorporated with the goal being the addition of some year around color while utilizing low maintenance plants. Work should begin in late fall.

The Consistory approved the construction of a BBQ Shelter to be located outside the kitchen door of the Fellowship Hall. Funds for a BBQ facility have been in the church account for numerous years as a result of some timber sold from the church property. The Men's Sunday School Class and others have worked on this plan. We will soon be able to enjoy this facility for church functions and fund-raising activities.

The congregation is reminded of the monthly Fourth Tuesday Prayer Service held in the sanctuary. Our next Prayer Service is August 24th. Elders will meet after this service (no meeting on Monday, the 23rd). Eddie Garner will be leading the service.

A TV will be installed in the Children's Music Room to assist the children as they learn new songs. The total amount for the TV and mounting bracket is \$656.63.

Rev. Stan Hankins will be here September 24-26. Mark your calendar! Friendship Sunday will be September 26.

Rev. Sanders is planning a "Saturation Activity" to inform the community of Beck's Reformed Church. This is currently scheduled for mid-September. If you wish to assist in getting the word out about Beck's, let him know!

The Consistory looked at a few drafts of a congregational survey. If you have suggestions for items to include in this survey, see a Consistory member.

The Consistory's constant goal is to please God through the decisions that are made concerning Beck's. The Consistory also wishes for the congregation to understand that any new project or program will be announced with time provided to the membership for feedback to a Consistory member.

August 29th is our next Fifth Sunday, with Sunday School Promotion and a Youth Ministry Review as the 9:30 agenda. The Koinonia Class is in-charge of refreshments.

Joy Ministry...By Marilyn Hilton

This has been a busy month for our visiting "angels".

Roma Jean Burkhart was visited at Brookstone by Joann Hedrick and Dianne Burris. She was in a craft class and was proud that she was doing a good job with her coloring. She was also visited by Myrna Davis and Margaret Burkhart and was found eating ice cream. She enjoyed hearing Margaret tell about having been visited by Roma Jean's great-grandson, Carter, recently. **Novelia Potts** was visited by Joann and Dianne who found her in the craft room. She said she did not need to do the craft anymore since she had done it years ago. After a short visit, she was ready to return to her room.

Another Brookstone visit was for **Martha Seals** by Joann and Dianne. They caught up with her in the hallway and she was really glad to see visitors from Beck's. She was surprised on Mothers' Day by her granddaughter and her new baby. She really enjoyed holding that precious 2-week old child. The day was capped off for her by a family trip to Cracker Barrel where the baby sat on the table. Another visit was made by Myrna and Margaret who enjoyed looking at her family pictures. Since Martha enjoys sending cards, they took her a few cards with stamped envelopes.

Lexington Health Care has many of our special people. **Hazel Frank** was visited by Joann and Dianne. Hazel was glad to have the company but was on her way to physical therapy. Said she felt better than she had all year. Hazel was also visited at home by Brenda Burris and Sandy Spurrier. She was having a very good day and we had an enjoyable visit. She is espe-

cially grateful for Tammy and all she does. We were sorry to hear about Eddie having cancer and ask that everyone say a special prayer for him. Back to Lexington Health Care again, **Bertha Kepley** was visited by Joann and Dianne. She was resting but was awake when we returned. We had a great conversation about family, trips, and the fact that Dianne babysat for her children. Another visit was made by Joyce Greer. Joyce asked her how she kept her skin so beautiful and she said Ponds. This may be good news for all of us. They enjoyed their conversation and Bertha said she missed the ladies in the Day Circle. **Bertha** was also visited by Myrna and Margaret on an unscheduled visit and they also visited with **Grace Chapman** who will be on our next schedule. They both looked lovely and seemed happy to have visitors.

Ruby Tussey is a resident at Piedmont Crossing. Joann and Diane found her asleep and did not wake her. Joyce Greer found her asleep as well.

Louise & Bill Cross were visited by Tammy and Paul Lopp. They had taken them some food. Louise was still in a lot of pain but was hoping some surgery would be beneficial. They had a good visit talking about weather, fishing, etc.

Foy Floyd was visited by Jill and Emma Grace Hunt. He met them at the door with a big smile and told them they did not have to knock – just come on in. We delivered a meal but had to accept the bag of tomatoes and onions he had grown. We talked about many things and we felt like we knew him all of our lives. Emma Grace gave him a hug and a kiss before we left. This

was a great visit and definitely a blessing. Brenda and Sandy also attempted to visit with him but did not find anyone home. The trip was not a loss since they bought watermelon and cantaloupes at a neighbor's house and visited with them.

Beulah & Robbie Swing were visited by Myrna and Margaret. They delivered biscuits from Biscuit King, homemade hash browns, blueberry muffins and peach ice cream. They visited for a while and left so they could enjoy their lunch.

Willa Mae Younts was visited by Brenda and Sandy. As they enjoyed a foot long hot-dog lunch she told them of some of the trips she and Toby had been on. She also shared some of her hummingbird plants as well.

Van Hoy & Margie Hines was visited by Brenda and Sandy as well. He his healing well from his broken arm. Their grand daughter was visiting with them as well. You can tell she is the joy of their lives. This was a sweet visit with some sweet people.

Donna Yarbrough and Joann Hedrick took a meal to **Sylvia Hedrick** and got to visit with two of her daughters, Phyllis and Jamie, as well. She had gotten good news from the doctor and we all laughed and had a great time. We also found out where some of the "old" builders from the community go to spend time now that they have retired but we will keep their secrets. One amazing thing for us was the fact that Sylvia & Roma Jean are sisters. You never know who you may be talking to in the Beck's community so you must be careful!

Ladies Spiritual Renewal

We met at the church at 7:00 PM on August 16, 2010

Members present were:

Andrea Regan, Jeanne McCarn, Brenda Burris, Dianne Burris, Jackie Garner, Betty Hedrick, Jan Hanes and Marilyn Hilton.

Members absent were:

Joann Hedrick and Kaye Sanders

Andrea led us in prayer to begin our evening.

SPEAKER Ashley Hartley will begin her program with "God's Hand on the Journey" which is her testimony. In the afternoon she will speak on "Climbing Life's Mountain"

MUSIC will be done by Katie and Joseph for the morning worship singing. Katie will also sing in the afternoon. Hopefully she will sing "My Redeemer Lives" and Jackie will sign.

FAVORS Jeanne and Jackie are in charge of making the bookmarks (butterflies) which will be done by the Day Circle. Vickie Moore who will be attending the event asked if she could help with "gift" bags. She works at Abbott Creek Health Care and can provide us with Chap Stick, lotion and hand sanitizer. Isn't it great how God works! Kay will be getting pens in teal color. Looking to see if we can do gift bags with a butterfly cutout or something of that nature. We need

to find small packs of tissues. We will find some candy to put around the tables instead of doing a candy bar.

DECORATION will be headed by Brenda & Betty. Brenda, Betty and Andrea will be getting the tablecloths, etc. Table cloths will be a rather dark pink and we will have teal accents. Suggestions have been hanging butterflies from the ceiling – origami butterflies at the tables (maybe in the glass globes).

FOOD will be taken care of by Joann and Dianne (box lunches). Turkey and/or Ham Croissant, red skin potato salad, fruit cup and brownie or lemon bar (cost to be \$5.50 each). Breakfast will be mini bagels and muffins, flavored cream cheese, mixed fruit, juice, coffee. We will serve iced tea and water for lunch.

TREASURER (Brenda) advised that we currently have \$1241.96 in the checking account. Andrea talked with Kevin (consistory) and they will be putting this event as a line item in the budget so it will repeat each year as long as we have this event.

REGISTRATON table will be Brenda & Marilyn

HOSTESS will be Jan Hanes... Andrea will be getting Ashley Hartley's biography to her.

TIMING of the event will be the same – registration and continental breakfast from 9:30-10:00. We will be playing the time allowed for lunch by ear since some thought it was too long

last year. Suggestions were to do some of the door prizes then or just start earlier with the afternoon session.

CLOSING PRAYER by Kaye Sanders

MAILINGS were done by Marilyn. 22 Emails for "save the date" were sent out on 7/26, 48 letters and registration forms were sent to various churches on 7/30, and 21 Emails with registration forms were sent on 8/11. Leslie worked with Marilyn to get out the registration forms for these mailings.

POSTERS Kristie and Andrea worked on the posters and registration forms. They will also have butterflies. We will each get a supply of posters by the first week in September and the registration forms will be with the bulletins on Sunday, August 29th.

ADVERTISING Andrea will be checking with Kristie to see if we might get some "FREE" publicity from the Dispatch or the local radio station.

DOOR PRIZES Jackie will be doing a small afghan (lap size) with a butterfly in the middle and flowers in the corners. Kay Padon said she will again do something. Becky Wynn will do a wreath and have a waxing machine. We still need many more items so we need to keep busy. It was decided NOT to wrap the door prizes but to show everyone what is being given away. We will need the two sided tickets for the drawings.

Our next meeting, unless Andrea needs more help, will be on Friday, October 1st at 7:00 PM for decorating.

Attire for the event will be white blouse and dark pants.

If I missed anything please let me know. Thanks!

Beck's Reformed Church, Inc.
Financial Information
Month ending July 31, 2010

Checking Account	\$ 67,945.94
Money Market Account	\$ 46,640.73
Scholarship Fund	\$ 84,283.34
Barbecue Shelter Fund	\$ 11,063.21
Samaritan Fund	\$ 2,089.22
Video Ministry Fund	\$ 1,105.33
Missions Fund	\$ 406.54
Library Fund	\$ 713.73
Building Fund	\$ 37,389.68
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 25,000.00



Friendship Sunday

September 26th

FFC Sunday will be providing a meal after the service.

There will be hamburger steaks, potatoes, green beans, etc. Please plan to join us to continue to fellowship with friends and family.

Did You Know?...by Doug Beck

Once a year, a portion of the leaders of Beck's Reformed Church are elected and serve for a period of three years. This election process is in accordance with our Constitution.

Have you ever wondered why the leaders of Beck's Reformed Church are selected, elected or picked in the manner in which we employ? Was our election process selected for a particular reason and were our leaders called "deacons" and "elders" as a result of tradition or is there a sound precedent for our process and the titles given to our leadership?

Do you know what the role of the elders, deacons and consistory actually is in Biblical inspired leadership of the Christian Church? Do you know what the Scriptures have to say about the desirable qualifications for serving as deacon and elder? Do you know what the constitution of Beck's Reformed Church says about the offices of elder and deacon?

Most church members are aware that the use of elders and deacons in the modern day church is a practice that was employed in the Bible but probably do not know why nor how these two important positions were established. Likewise, how was the "consistory" established as the ruling body?

Article 7.9 of the Constitution of Beck's Reformed addresses the Elders and Deacons in Beck's Church as follows:

"Elders and Deacons are members of the church elected by the church and publicly ordained to or installed in their office. They shall assist and support the Pastor or Pastors in the spiritual affairs of the church. They shall provide the elements for the Lord's Supper and when invited by the Pastor, shall aid in their distribution. They shall have jurisdiction in matters of discipline except in the case of the Pastor. Elders and/or Deacons shall take heed to the high calling of their office, guarding faithfully all the spiritual interests of the church, maintaining order in the house of God, visiting the sick and ministering to the edification and comfort of all."

This one short paragraph in the constitution is probably adequate for establishing the basic responsibilities of elders and deacons within Beck's Church but it says nothing of the importance of these offices or their qualifications. The only reference to the qualifications for an individual to serve as an elder and/or deacon is simply "take heed to the high calling of their office?" What does this "high calling" mean and where is it defined?

With these questions in mind, the Biblical model for leadership in the Christian Church, the qualifications of Elder and Deacon and the role of Elders and Deacons in the Christian Church will be explored.

Beck's Reformed Church has claimed as its own, the heritage of the Reformed understanding of the Christian faith. We trust that it has done so not just for historical reasons, but because it believes that this understanding of the Christian faith is the correct understanding of God's Holy Word as outlined in the Bible. The motto of the Reformed Church in the United States was *Semper Reformatis* which is Latin for "Always Being Reformed" or that the Church and believers are always having their lives reformed. True reformation is bringing our lives and the life and practices of the Church under the authority of the true Lord Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

The Reformed faith clearly teaches that the Bible is the very Word of God and is, therefore, the sole rule of Christian faith and practice. This means that the Christian church does not look to the teachings of men to set the standard for our faith and practice. It is from this same "Word of God" that the model for leadership in the Reformed Church is derived.

While the Biblical roles of Elders and Deacons do differ in function, they do share a common responsibility for the Church and its health---both spiritually and physically. As leaders of the Church, Elders and Deacons are called to live lives that reflect the example that Jesus set forth and to fulfill the Christian life to which they call the people of the Church to live. In simple terms, they are called to provide Biblical leadership for the Christian Church both through teaching and by example as well.

Using the Bible as a guide for the leadership of the Church, it becomes very apparent that the Kingdom of God is not a democracy and the Church, as the God chosen expression of that Kingdom upon the earth, has an order and chain of authority defined and prescribed in Holy Scriptures. The Church has but one head and this one head is Jesus Christ, as Paul teaches us when he writes of Jesus and the Church.

Ephesians 1:22

"And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church".

Colossians 1:18

"And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn, that in all things He may have preeminence."

As God establishes Christ as the head, He also sets in place leaders within the Church who are to exercise governance and authority of the Church. He supplies and gifts those persons, under the headship of the Lord and called by Him, necessary to exercise leadership and authority over the Church.

Ephesians 4

"11) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12) for the equipping of the saints for work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13) till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

1 Corinthians 12

27) Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28) And God has appointed these two major offices in the Church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

In scriptures that will be covered later in detail, we see that the Apostles appointed two major offices in the Church. The offices of Elders (Pastors are included with Elders) and Deacons are those established as the authorities over the various ministries and work of the Church.

The New Testament Church has established the following chain of authority and command!

The Holy Triune God

The Apostles

Elders

Deacons

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Members with recognized particular gifts of ministry

While the Holy Triune God as head of the Church requires no explanation, the responsibilities and roles of the offices of Elder and Deacon are greatly misunderstood as detailed in God's Holy Word and deserve close examination. With this in mind, the following study delineates the roles, responsibilities and what is expected of both the Elders and Deacons as supported by the various scriptures found in the Bible. The course of events in the Bible, beginning with Jesus' ministry and the growth of Christianity, also provide us with reasons as to how and why Elders, Deacons and even the consistory came into being.

The fourth element in the chain, "members with recognized particular gifts of ministry", is also a very important link in the life and leadership of the church. While the elders and deacons probably possess "gifts" of leadership and maybe other "gifts" as well, the many and varied gifts of the congregation must be utilized to maintain a viable and growing church. The elders, deacons and pastor cannot do it all. Biblically inspired leadership is not enough to provide for a healthy, growing church. An active, spiritually inspired congregation working in conjunction with the leadership completes the "team" that is required to build a little piece of God's Kingdom.

Attending church is most important but just sitting in the pews for one hour or so one day a week is not enough. This short exposure to the preaching of God's Holy Word is not enough "spiritual food" to provide for the spiritual growth of each individual nor is it adequate to maintain the spiritual and physical health of the church itself. The congregation is the source of the "recognized particular gifts of ministry." These God-given "gifts" cannot be recognized nor utilized just by sitting in the pews one day a week. God has given all of us one or more "gifts" for a reason. He expects us to not only determine what gifts we possess but He also expects also us to determine how they fit into His plan and use them.

The importance of using ones "gifts" and the requirement for a physically active and spiritually inspired congregation will not be covered at this time. Spiritual "gifts" is a topic in itself and will be addressed in a later article.

Form of Government

The practical structure for the governance of the Reformed Church is a representative form of government. It is not shaped by worldly philosophies of government but seeks to look to the Word of God rather than politics of the world. It traces its approach to the representative form of government back to the early church as revealed in the historic accounts in Acts and the Letters to the Apostles.

It is this "representative" characteristic that makes a Consistory member very important.

Members of the Consistory "rule" the congregation. The Consistory exercises authority, administers discipline and transacts the congregational business. The Consistory initiates, plans, launches and promotes congregational programs. The Consistory oversees the work of all congregational auxiliaries and counsels with the pastor.

But these responsibilities are performed as the elected representative of the congregation. The congregation, properly called into business session, in addition to its other prerogatives, can initiate matters which Consistory persons have overlooked, or which the consistory did not want to proceed with without securing congregational approval. And if the service of a consistory person is in any way unsatisfactory to the congregation, the congregation can, in due time, elect someone else.

This very fact, however, that a consistory person is the servant and representative of the congregation, is what makes the office so significant. Hopefully the congregation believed in the potential consistory members, for their intelligence and Christian devotion enough (and not for popularity nor personal reasons) so to elect the required members as elder or deacon.

The congregation depends on the elected Consistory members to lead them in what St. Paul speaks of as "*works of faith and labours of love and patience of hope.*"

OUR NEW TESTAMENT ROOTS

From Fellowship to Organization

When a group of people agrees to meet together in the interests of some common cause, they first meet informally and then, if they wish to continue in fellowship and to proceed in behalf of the cause that brought them together, they form an organization. It might be a temporary one and they might give themselves no more formal name than that of a committee. They might, so far as officers are concerned, simply designate someone to act as chairperson and another as secretary.

But if in time their continuing co-operation in the interests of the cause appears to require it, their organization may become more formal and complex. The number of officers is increased; and, accordingly, their official titles and their respective responsibilities are more specifically and clearly defined.

Something like this seems to have happened as the following of Christ grew. It began, actually, as the simple informal fellowship of those who loved the Lord. When Christ was no longer bodily present with them and as their passion to spread the Gospel influenced their daily activity, their numbers grew. Other groups of disciples began to gather themselves together in towns and cities all over the eastern end of the Mediterranean world, more formal organization, more specific assignment of official responsibility, was needed.

Some were to devote themselves to teaching and preaching. Some were to administer help to those in need. Someone had to arrange for the supply of bread and wine. Someone had to consecrate and administer the sacred elements when the followers of Jesus met to observe the Lord's Supper and partake of the Holy Communion.

We can get some idea of this "division of labor" by reading the twelfth chapter of I Corinthians and comparing it with such a passage as Romans 12: 3-8.

The Apostles

One should begin with the "choosing of the Twelve" in tracing this story. That Jesus had many more than twelve followers before His death is evident from I Corinthians 15: 3-8, where references are made to "*above five hundred brethren at once,*" and Acts 1: 15 where "*about a hundred and twenty*" are said to have been gathered together in the "*upper room*" in Jerusalem.

However, from among all His followers, and doubtless from among the very first who became His followers, He chose twelve to be His most intimate companions, sort of an inner circle. We now speak of them as Apostles and their names may be found in Matthew 10: 2-4, Mark 3:14-19, Luke 6:13-19 and Acts 1:13. In the latter reference, only eleven are named, for by this time, Judas Iscariot, who betrayed our Lord, had committed suicide as a result.

The very fact that (Acts 1:15-26) the upper-room group felt it necessary to elect (cast lots) a successor to Judas Iscariot reflects the early Christians' growing conviction of the need for some form of organization or at least some mutually designated official leadership. Nothing is known of this elected successor of Judas and many have felt that St. Paul was the real spiritual successor to a place among the Apostles. Certainly he is the outstanding figure among those in the New Testament to whom the name of Apostle was given.

The Deacons

The first specific New Testament instance of the "division of labor" and the establishment of an additional type of church officer is recorded in Acts 6:1-6:

"1) Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2) Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables 3) Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business: 4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word 5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man of full faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicocanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, 6) Whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

Because of the growing burden and difficulty of administering charitable aid and the consequent dissatisfaction on the part of some who felt that they were being neglected, the Apostles asked that the Christians select "from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business".

The seven duly selected were then ordained by the Apostles with the "laying of hands" and prayer. Nowhere are these seven given the name of deacon; but, in asking for their selection and appointment, the Apostles had said, "It is not fit that we should forsake the word of God, and serve tables". The word serve is translated from the Greek word that in English is spelled *diakonein*. It is the selfsame word from which our word deacon is derived.

It is a great word. For it is the very word our Lord used of Himself when He said (Matthew 20:28), "The Son of man came not to be ministered unto (or, not to be served), but to minister (or, to serve)." Moreover, it is the word that (John 12:26) is said to have used in explaining what true Christian discipleship is: "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honor". A deacon is thus a servant---as his Lord and Master was a Servant and wished to be known as such!

The greatness and dignity of the deacon's office is further reflected in the way

I Timothy 3: 8-13 defines the desirable qualifications of the man who is to serve as a deacon.

8) Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to too much wine, not greedy for money, 9) holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. 10) But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless, 11) Likewise their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. 12) Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13) For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Jesus Christ."

It is customary, in a consistory's division of labor, to think of the deacons as being assigned to the business and benevolence responsibilities in the congregation. Without doubt that was the original occasion for the appointment of the Seven. But it is evident that much more than business ability and the faithful transaction of business are implied in the office of deacon.

That they were men to be men "of good report, full of the spirit and of wisdom," and with sober moral and spiritual qualifications indicated in the passage quoted above, suggests that they, too, as well as elders, were expected to be "spiritual" leaders of the congregation.

The qualifications of a deacon as laid out in I Timothy demonstrates that the office of deacon is not to be taken lightly by persons assuming this office and also the person nominating someone to become a deacon. Both require prayerful consideration and the responsibilities and above desirable qualifications for deacon should be of utmost concern.

The Elders

As long as there was only one Christian congregation in the whole world, the congregation at Jerusalem, the Apostles could carry the burden of spiritual leadership while, at their request, the deacons looked after administration and benevolence responsibilities.

But when, as the story is told in Acts 13: 46-52, the early Christians formally inaugurated what we now speak of as the missionary work of the Church, a new need arose. The Apostles came more and more to be traveling missionaries of the Gospel. In the very nature of things, however, as new congregations of Christians were established in distant places, the Apostles could not remain with these new congregations to take care of them. The Apostles were forced to select others among the members in each locality whom they charged with the leadership of the growing number of congregations.

So it came about that the first mention of elders as the chosen leaders of local congregations is found in Acts 14:21-23. There it is recorded that, as St. Paul and his companion Barnabas neared the end of what is generally called Paul's first missionary journey, and as they had to leave their newly-established congregations to return to Antioch, they appointed "elders in every church."

21) And when they had preached the gospel to the city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, 22) strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God. 23) So when they had appointed elders in every church, and prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

Meanwhile, however, even in the congregations in Jerusalem there had appeared, besides the apostles and the deacons, another group of leaders who, in Acts 11:30, are spoken of as "elders." It was the elders at Jerusalem to whom Barnabas and St. Paul delivered the relief assistance sent from the Christians at Antioch to the famine-stricken Christians at Jerusalem. It was the elders at Jerusalem as well as the Apostles there to whom, as recorded in Acts 15, the relationship of Christians to the law of Moses was referred for adjudication, and who issued the official decision which served further to free the new faith from the encumbrances of the old Jewish legalism.

Who these Jerusalem "elders" were, we do not know, although from Acts 15:22-23, it can be inferred that the men named Judas Barnabas and Silas were among them. It is worth noting that this Silas---shall we call him Elder Silas?---succeeded Barnabas as St. Paul's companion on his second missionary journey. It would appear that as one by one the Apostles left Jerusalem for mission work afar, the responsibilities of spiritual leadership in the local congregations were turned over to this new group of leaders called "elders"; and certainly it is true as previously noted, that in the new congregations founded by St. Paul it was the "elders" who were appointed to oversee the life of these new congregations in the absence of the Apostle.

It may be said, therefore, that as deacons today are successors of the Seven chosen to assist the Apostles in the church at Jerusalem, so the elders today are, so far as spiritual leadership of the local church is concerned, successors to the Apostles. As a matter of fact, in some churches even today the pastor is referred to as the "teaching elder" and the lay elders as the "ruling elders", implying that both the pastor and the elders are successors to the Apostles, the pastor as preacher of the Word and minister of the Sacraments, the elders as his assistants in the spiritual oversight of the congregation.

Look at that word *oversight* again, and its companion-word *oversee* near the end of the second preceding paragraph. They will serve to introduce us to another New Testament word used to designate a church officer. It is the Greek word which in English would be translated as *episkopeo* (the verb), meaning to oversee or to look after carefully, and *episkopos* (the noun), meaning an overseer, a superintendent, a guardian. It is evidently very closely related to our word *episcopal*, and in its noun form is sometimes in the New Testament translated by the word *bishop*.

Elders are Bishops

Today, the word *bishop* immediately suggests an ordained minister who has been elevated to a superior church office: a Methodist bishop, for example, or a Roman Catholic archbishop.

An interesting fact is that in New Testament times the names of *elder* and *bishop* seem to have been used interchangeably. This is apparent in Titus 1: 6-9 where St. Paul or whoever wrote in his name reminds Titus that he was left in Crete to "appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge." The passage then proceeds to list some of the qualifications of those who are to be appointed elders, in the midst of the passage goes on to say, "For the *bishop* must be....", as if *bishop* and *elder* were one and the same officer. Look at elder-bishop's qualifications as here listed:

6) If any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot and unruly. 7) For the bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre; 8) but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate; 9) holding fast to the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

A similar description of the elder-bishop's qualifications is found in I Timothy 3: 1-7

1) This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of bishop, he desireth a good work. 2) A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3) Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, nor covetous; 4) One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; 5) (For if any man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) 6) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

No man, having read these qualifications, can enter the office of elder without feeling that he/she is unfit and unworthy; but if that feeling is sincere it is probably the best evidence of his/her essential fitness for the office, the best guarantee that he/she will grow in fitness for it. But these New Testament qualifications for both elder-bishop and the deacon indicate what a sobering responsibility it is to be a consistory person and what high standards of character and devotion the Bible places upon a person in either office. As indicated for the office of deacon, assuming the office of elder is not to be taken lightly and should only be carefully considered with prayerful consideration.

The fact that the names *elder* and *bishop* were at first used interchangeably probably helps to explain how and why people were chosen to this office. They were quite understandably chosen from the older and more mature members of the congregation, therefore *elders*. They were chosen to oversee, superintend, and look carefully after the congregation, therefore *bishops*.

These two words, *elder* and *bishop*, the word *deacon*, and even the word *apostle* were probably at first not capital letter words, proper nouns, official titles, at all. Elders were simply *older* men of recognized spiritual maturity. As bishops they were charged with congregational *oversight*. Deacons were chosen to *serve* the congregation as the need arose. Apostles were men *sent out* by our Lord (the Greek word for *sent out* is literally translated into English as *apostello*, just as our word *missionary* comes from a Latin word meaning *to send*). Only as the church grew, and new needs arose, did these words Elder, Deacon and Bishop become official titles; they all originated in terms of humble, loving service to our Lord.

Together--The Consistory

The phraseology found in the exhortation recorded in I Peter 5:1-4 specifically addresses elders but is relevant for deacons as well and as the leaders of the congregation (or flock) is also directed at the consistory.

1) *The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2) tend the flock of God which is among you, exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

3) *neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves examples to the flock. 4) And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

It should be noted that the office of deacon is not a secondary church office. The function of deacons is not confined to material affairs, even though these are their immediate responsibility. Much of what is written about the office of elder could be written with only slight modifications about the office of deacon.

Together they are, under God, the leaders of the congregation. Together they are called to assist the pastor in ministry to the congregation and as Peter says "to tend the flock of God." This is the meaning of the word *consistory*, for it comes from Latin words meaning *to stand together*. In that spirit, of togetherness in the oversight of Christ's flock, they are, with the pastor, the ministers of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

The implication is that the offices of elder and deacon are not to be taken light heartedly because, namely, the spiritual health of the Church and its effective witness to the non-believing world depend, in large measure, on the seriousness, constancy and devotion with which a consistory person performs the duties of the office and exhibits in their daily life the qualities of Christ-likeness which the Church seeks to establish as the way of all persons.

Elders and Deacons are Ministers

Recall that the word *deacon* really means *servant*. Moreover, probably in every New Testament instance where one reads the words *minister* or *ministers*, they come from forms of the same Greek word and might, with equal accuracy, have been translated *serve* and *service*. It is apparent that in the development of the offices of elder and deacon, both of them were to serve, to minister. They were the Church's servants, the Church's ministers.

In the Reformed Church, elders and deacons are laymen and laywomen who have been ordained to assist the pastor. As such, there are certain things they are not ordained to do, for example, to baptize, to consecrate the bread and wine for use in the Holy Communion, to confirm, to preach the Word. But they are ordained to assist the pastor, even in his performance of many of the duties the original right and authority for which are reserved to him.

It is evident, therefore, that by the New Testament roots of these offices of elders and deacons, are in a very real sense, ministers, servants.

When the Consistory Meets

Most church members think of Consistory meetings as Consistory members meeting once a month to pay the congregations bills, provide for repairs and improvements and transact such business as is necessary to the continuation of congregational life.

That is an important part of their responsibility, however, much more will hopefully be accomplished in ascertaining what direction God wants to lead the church. The very genius of the Consistory meeting lies in the meeting of minds, the exchange of opinions, the balancing of one idea against another; for when this is achieved in a spirit of prayer and devotion, it is the very point at which God has His best opportunity to break through and reveal His will.

Not a Debating Society

A Consistory meeting is not a *debate* and was never meant to be. A Consistory is, rather, a *deliberating* body.

And there is a world of difference between deliberation and debate.

Most of the quarrels, ill-concealed resentments and the like, which have sometimes plagued Consistories, have arisen because one or more members have never learned the nature of deliberation. A Consistory meeting takes on the nature of a debating society the moment even one member participates in the discussion with the idea that his/her opinion is the only right one. The situation is fraught with even more danger if such a Consistory person depreciates the spirit and opinions of his/her fellow consistory member and sits in a meeting determined that "what he/she says goes."

Respect for other member's opinions, regardless of how ridicules they might appear, should be of the utmost concern and should not be treated in such a manner as to become an affront to the member's personal dignity. Such action is not only counter-productive but can also destroy the unity of the Consistory and hamper the Consistory in performing its function of leading the congregation.

Any member of Consistory may be, on any issue, the channel of wisdom and light. It might be you at one meeting. It might be the youngest deacon or the best schooled elder at another. A realization of this truth will preserve a Consistory from most of the unpleasantness that sometimes weaken and hinder its work and can cast a cloud over the life of a congregation.

It should not need to be said, but it is well to remember that a Consistory is a group of Christian brothers/sisters who meet together at regular intervals to discuss, in the spirit of love and concern, the problems, needs and mission of the congregation which has chosen them to be their leaders. As spiritual leaders, they will pray and consult the Word of God for His will and not their own, looking unto Christ as their head.

Not In Secret, But In Confidence

Since the Consistory meets as the elected representatives of, and to act for, the congregation, it would appear that any member of the congregation should be eligible to attend your meetings if he/she chooses to do so. For this to occur, except in unusual circumstances or by specific invitation, would seem to be inadvisable. It could be interpreted as a lack of trust in the duly elected officers of the congregation. It might also be construed as evidence of an undue curiosity and forwardness on the part of the member.

More especially, however, it must be recognized that while the Consistory does not meet in secret and has nothing to hide from the congregation, Consistory meetings do have to deal, at times, with matters that must be held in confidence. It might be a discussion of the financial contributions made by members. It might be disciplinary problems involving indifferent or wayward members. It might be organizational difficulties with reference to Sunday School, auxiliary organizations, building plans, church services and so on where delicate and careful discussions are vital to the peace and progress of the congregation.

Further more, confidentiality of discussions on the various topics covered by the consistory is of the utmost importance. One of the worst things that can be said of a Consistory man is that "his wife knows everything that goes on as soon as a Consistory meeting is over and he gets home." If she is a wise wife and church member, she will not inquire; and if he recognizes his responsibility as a Consistory man, he will treat with the utmost confidence all matters that require it. If moreover, she is inclined to be "talkative" and to be somewhat proud of possessing advanced information, this can present a more serious problem for the life of the congregation. The same is true if the husband/wife roles are reversed.

Consistory Members must never lose sight of the fact that in administering the affairs of the congregation, they are dealing, ultimately, with human soul-stuff, fragile, potential; with good or evil and deserving ever the label "Handle with Care."

The routine business of a Consistory is never just routine; for even in a motion to pay the bills, the Consistory is doing business in the name of and for the sake of souls for whom Christ died and who are precious, every one of them, in the sight of our heavenly Father.

The referenced scriptures contained herein, clearly show the high office and responsibility, which a consistory member holds and the level of accountability members have before God. These same scriptures delineate the "higher calling" that God Himself has outlined for the leaders of His Church. As spiritual leaders of the Church, elders and deacons are to be models for the congregation in their Christian walk. They cannot call upon the members of the congregation to do what they are not willing to do. Leaders cannot talk the talk without walking the walk. It is this "higher calling" that our Lord requires of those persons serving as leaders of His church.

Conclusion

The Bible specifies two major offices for leading the Church and these are the offices of elder and deacon. The Bible is quite specific regarding the qualities of life that are to be found in these offices (1 Timothy 3, Titus 1) and the specific responsibilities and accountabilities that come with these offices. Due to the seriousness of both offices, it should be remembered that popularity within the congregation is not one of the requirements listed in the Bible.

Elders are charged by the Lord to oversee the flock of Christ, to teach, protect and guide the Church of Jesus of Christ. They are to ensure the practice of sound Biblical doctrine and shepherd the Church of Jesus Christ, in love, seeking to direct it to truly represent the Body of Christ in the world until He returns to receive the Church unto the Eternal Kingdom of God.

The deacons are likewise charged by the Lord to the special ministries of helps and service. They are to lead and direct these ministries in the Church which are the means whereby the physical needs of the people of God are met and the fiscal means to meet those needs are secured.

We have seen, according to the Bible, that the New Testament sets the model for the offices of the Church to be those of elder and deacon. Jesus knew that His time on earth was limited and His Church would need continued guidance and leadership after His departure. In and through His twelve Disciples, He set the pattern for that continued leadership under Godly leaders. The twelve Disciples continued the work that Jesus had carefully groomed them to do in his absence. They completed the chain of leadership that Jesus started and it is this leadership "template" that we now employ. So, yes our method of leadership and the titles that we give to our church leaders do have a strong precedence. Jesus Christ Himself and His twelve Disciples set the precedence for our leadership style.

Likewise, Jesus and His twelve Disciples defined and declared a "higher calling" for persons serving His church as elders and deacons. The qualifications for individuals serving as elders and deacons are very lofty requirements. To live by these standards as detailed in the scriptures, requires a moral fiber that can only be achieved through God's constant guidance. While these two offices are very important in that they represent the Biblical leadership of the Church, it should be remembered that the Lord Jesus Christ alone is head of His Church, which is His Body.

The Scriptures are clear. As leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ, elders and deacons are to seek His will and minister and serve in obedience to Him, "standing together" as the consistory---- they are the leaders of the congregation of the Church of Jesus Christ.

September Flower List

September 5—Brooke and Chase Franklin

**September 12—Eddie and Jackie Garner; Altar Stand
—Jimmy and Kathryn Everhart**

September 19-The Millers and Johnsons

September 26-Shirley Putnam and Betty Varner





September Birthdays and Anniversaries

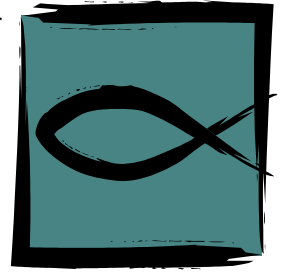


- 1 Tara Young, Marie Gobble, Jill Shoaf, Gaynette Hedrick, *Sam and Judy Tussey*
- 2 Arnold Miller, Shannon Leonard, *Gerald and Susie Beck*
- 3 Larry Younts, Jennifer Leonard, Mindy Crotts
- 4 Steven Young
- 5 Samantha Burkhart, Rachel Brock, Ben Renas, Angie Franklin
- 7 Logan McCarn, Nathan Regan, David Spratt
- 8 Jill Beck, Stephen Barnhill, Wayne Johnson
- 9 Phillip Sink, *Carlton and Ann Sealey*
- 10 Bret Burkhart, Taylor Glosson, Darrell Swing, Imojean Burkhart, Paul Leonard, Jennifer Sipper
- 11 Becky Wynn, Kristen Burkhart, Kali Swing, *Gene and Gail Smith, Bruce and Gilda Greer*
- 12 Judy Tussey, *Ronald and Jamie Loman*
- 13 Kayle Brock, Rodney Miller
- 14 Joshua Parks, Mallory Mize, Willie Hayes
- 15 Chad Garner
- 16 Dalton Frank
- 18 Randy Davis, Alison Graves, *Phil and Jodi Hernandez*
- 19 Gilda Greer
- 20 Gina Idol
- 21 Brenda Burris, John Beck
- 22 Sherry Burkhart, Martha Seals
- 23 Daniel Burkhart
- 24 Steve Regan, Shane Miller
- 25 Jimmy Wilkes, Ed Wilkerson, Sandra Spurrier, *Blair and Carol Crouse, Josh and Whitney McCarn*
- 26 Brandi Euart
- 27 *Daniel and Jessie Crouse*
- 28 Stephanie Shoaf
- 29 Donald Hedrick, Patsy Lohr
- 30 Miriam Burkhart, *Odell and Ruth Hedrick, Eddie and Joni King*





MSY have had a wonderful summer and now we're ready to start the new school year with a slate full of activities. We will tailgate with the CWGs at Central's home football game on Friday Sept. 3 from 6-7pm. Look for the BYG Flag in the parking lot for great food and fellowship before the game.



September 11 from 11 – 2 please come pick up your BBQ chickens if you purchased any. They will be available at the fellowship hall. Proceeds from this sale are going towards youth missions.

Remember Grandparents Day is Sept. 12. Honor your grandparent with a spot in a honor/memorial booklet we are putting together. Forms are in this newsletter as well as the church bulletin weekly until the 12th.

September 13 – 18th is Saturation Week at Beck's. We'll end the week with a coffee night to raise funds for "Noah's House" on Friday Sept. 17th from 7-9. Youth are asked to come to the church from 5-7pm to hold up signs inviting people to come to church that weekend. Dinner will be provided for the youth that participate. Special musical guest "One Road Home" will perform that night.

September 18th the SKITTLES will perform at the YMCA at 8pm. Please come support them as they showcase "Everything" for a group of teens at a Christian night.

See You at the Pole is September 22nd. MSY will meet at the CDMS flagpole at 7:00am for prayer. Adults are invited to come share in this special time of prayer as well.

September 25th CYF, MSY, & CWGs will be going to Carowinds for Christian Music Day. If you are going, you need to RSVP to Kristie by Sept. 5. We will leave the fellowship hall at 9:30am and be home around 11pm that night. Cost of the trip is \$25.00 per person. Please let me know if you have any concerns regarding the fee and we can make other arrangements for you.

SPLASH!

Well the time has come for SPLASH! to kick off for the year. Join us Wed. Sept. 8 from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the church basement as we begin our in depth study of the Parables of Jesus! Oily Al and Chef Francois return for an adventure of biblical proportions! Classes for toddlers through High School. For the kickoff, please wear clothes you can dirty! We'll have a SPLASHing good time!



ALL YOU YOUTH

Thanks to all that helped with the End of Summer Youth Kickoff Party at the Lake! It was a ton of fun. Special thanks to David & Terresa Parks for hosting and to Scott & Stephanie for all the tubing rides! Youth were able to come and learn about all the fun activities we have going on this year. Special musical guests "Tomorrow's Awakening" performed and Pastor Jerry led us in prayer. The group also enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, and a yummy cake and ice cream treat!

CWG'S

The CWG's are off to a great start. We had a great turn out at the youth kick-off party. This year we will be tailgating at the home Central games.

The first game is September 3, 2010. Please come and eat at 6:00 and enjoy some fellowship with fellow youth members. If you have friends, please invite them to join us. The new youth leaders ask for prayers for a successful year and that we can allow God to work through us and bring this group of young men and women closer to Him. If you were unable to attend the kick-off party please see one of the youth leaders for a copy of this year's schedule. Our first CWG meeting is September 19, 2010 from 5:00-7:00 at the home of Joseph and Katie Young. Hope to see everyone at tailgate.

In Christ,

Katie and Joseph Young and Jessie and Daniel Crouse

Beck's Reformed Church
SPLASH! Calendar 2010
The Parables of Jesus

SEPTEMBER

(Sept 8, 15)

Parable: Luke 14:28 **The Cost of Being a Disciple**

Pivot Verse: *You cannot come with me unless you love me more than you love others or your own life. Luke 14:26b CEV*

(Sept 22, 29)

Parable: Matthew 13:45-46 - **Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl**

Pivot Verse: *For whoever finds me finds life, and receives favor from the LORD Proverbs 8:35 NLT*

September Service Project: Collect Bibles **September Virtue:** Self-Discipline **September Challenge:** Read your Bible

Sept. 8, WED: SPLASH! Kick Off Party	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Sept. 15, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Sept. 22, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Sept. 29, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

OCTOBER

(October 6)

Parable: Luke 6:46-49 **The Wise and Foolish Builders**

Pivot Verse: *But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22 NLT*

(October 20, 27)

Parable: Matthew 18:23-35 - **Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

Pivot Verse: *If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

October Service Project: OCC Shoeboxes **October Virtue:** Forgiveness **October Challenge:** Assist someone in need weekly

Oct. 6, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Oct. 13, WED: SPLASH! Shopping Trip	6:00 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Oct. 20, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Oct. 27, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

NOVEMBER

(Nov 3, 10)

Parable: Matthew 20: 1-16 – **Parable of the Workers in Vineyard**

Pivot Verse: *Do your work willingly, as though you were serving the Lord himself, and not just your earthly master. Colossians 3:23 CEV*

November Service Project: Adopt a Shut-In **November Virtue:** Sincerity **November Challenge:** Write a letter to your Shut-In

Nov. 3, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Nov. 10, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Nov. 17, WED: SPLASH! Holiday PARTY	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

JANUARY

(Jan 5, 12)

Parable: Matthew 9:14-17 - **Fasting**

Pivot Verse: *Let the wonderful kindness and the understanding that come from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ help you to keep on growing. Praise Jesus now and forever!*

2 Peter 3:18 CEV

January Service Project: Hand out 10 Beck's Brochures **January Virtue:** Encouragement **January Challenge:** Ask a non-church friend to church

Jan. 5, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Jan. 12, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Jan. 26, WED: SPLASH! Ice Cream Social	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

FEBRUARY

(Feb 2, 9)

Parable: Luke 15: 3-10 – *Parable of the Lost Sheep & Parable of the Lost Coin*

Pivot Verse: ...There is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents Luke 15:10 NLT

(Feb 16, 23)

Parable: Matthew 22:2-14 – **Parable of the Wedding Banquet**

Pivot Verse: Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us Ephesians 5:1-2a NKJ

February Service Project: Care Packages for Genesis House **February Virtue:** Godliness **February Challenge:** No mumbling or grumbling for 30 days

Feb. 2, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Feb. 9, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Feb. 16, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Feb. 23, WED: SPLASH! Party/Banquet	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

MARCH

(Mar 2, 9)

Parable: Luke 18:9-14 - **Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

Pivot Verse: God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8 NLT

(Mar 16, 23)

Parable: Luke 19:12-27: **Parable of the Ten Minas**

Pivot Verse: ...faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless. James 2:17 NLT

March Service Project: Tell one person about God's Grace **March Virtue:** Gratitude **March Challenge:** Share God's Grace with others

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Mar. 9, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Mar. 16, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Mar. 23, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Mar. 30, WED: SPLASH! PARTY	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

APRIL

(Apr 6, 13)

Parable: Luke 13:6-9 – **Parable about man with fig tree**

Pivot Verse: When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father. John 15:8 NLT

April Service Project: Collect water bottles for Get Revived **April Virtue:** Citizenship **April Challenge:** Bring a friend to Get-Revived

Apr. 6, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Apr. 13, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
Apr. 27, WED: SPLASH! Open Mic Night	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

MAY

(May 4, 11)

Parable: Luke 12:15-21 **Parable of the Rich Fool**





Pivot Verse: "Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." Luke 12:15 NLT

May Service Project: Clean out your treasures and donate to the needy **May Virtue:** Simplicity **May Challenge:** Clean out your treasures and donate to the needy

May 4, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
May 11, WED: Youth Sunday Practice	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
May 18, WED: SPLASH!	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement
May 25, WED: SPLASH! FINALE Party	6:30 – 7:30pm	Church Basement

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Beck's Reformed Church
MSY Calendar

	MSY		Fundraiser
	SKITTLES		Church-wide Activity
	Activity		

Leaders: Kristie Regan 336.247.0017 and Christi Swing 336.239.0895

AUGUST

Parable: Luke 10:25 – 37 **The Good Samaritan**

Pivot Verse: He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself. Luke 10: 27 NIV

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Aug. 29, SUN: Turn in BBQ Chkn Tickets

SEPTEMBER

Parable: Luke 14:28 **The Cost of Being a Disciple**

Pivot Verse: You cannot come with me unless you love me more than you love others or your own life. Luke 14:26b CEV

Parable: Matthew 13:45-46 - **Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl**

Pivot Verse: For whoever finds me finds life, and receives favor from the LORD Proverbs 8:35 NLT

September Service Project: Collect Bibles September Virtue: Self-Discipline September Challenge: Read your Bible

Sept. 3, FRI: CDHS Tailgate Party 6:00 – 7:00pm CDHS Parking Lot

Sept. 7, TUE: SKITTLES Practice 7:00 – 8:00pm CIA Classroom

Sept. 11, SAT: BBQ Chicken Pick Up 11:00am – 2:00pm Fellowship Hall (Mission Fund)

Sept. 12, SUN: MSY Meeting 5:00 – 7:00pm John & Ann's House

Sept. 14, TUE: SKITTLES Practice 7:00 – 8:00pm CIA Classroom

Sept. 17, FRI: Youth Saturation Night 6:00 – 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

Sept. 17, FRI: Coffee Night Fundraiser 7:00 – 9:00pm Fellowship Hall ("Noah's House")

Sept. 18, SAT: SKITTLES perform 8:00pm YMCA Gymnasium

Sept. 22, WED: See You At the Pole 7:00am CDMS Flagpole Rain or Shine

Sept. 25, SAT: Carowinds Christian Music Day 9:30am – 11:00pm Fellowship Hall Cost: \$25.00

Sept. 26, SUN: Friendship Sunday Bring a friend to church! Lunch to follow Service

OCTOBER

Parable: Luke 6:46-49 **The Wise and Foolish Builders**

Pivot Verse: But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. James 1:22 NLT

Parable: Matthew 18:23-35 - **Parable of the Unmerciful Servant**

Pivot Verse: If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Matthew 6:14-15 NLT

October Service Project: OCC Shoeboxes October Virtue: Forgiveness October Challenge: Assist someone in need weekly

Oct. 1, FRI: CDHS Tailgate Party 6:00 – 7:00pm CDHS Parking Lot

Oct. 2, SAT: "I Am" Movie Night 7:00 – 9:00pm Sanctuary

Oct. 3, SUN: MSY Meeting 5:00 – 7:00pm John & Ann's House

Oct. 8, FRI: Coffee Night 7:00 – 9:00pm Fellowship Hall (Get Revived)

Oct. 9, SAT: Our Friends in Christ Cookout 4:00 – 7:00pm Fellowship Hall w/ Nazareth Children's Home

Oct. 15, FRI: 5th Quarter Party 9:00 – 11:00pm Fellowship Hall w/ Speaker and Band

Oct. 24, SUN: Fall Festival Fellowship Hall

Oct. 30, SAT: Rent-a-Youth Fundraiser 9:00am – 12:00pm Fellowship Hall (Mission Fund)

Oct. 31, SUN: "Fear Factor" Halloween Party 7:00 – 9:00pm Fellowship Hall

NOVEMBER

Parable: Matthew 20: 1-16 – *Parable of the Workers in Vineyard*

Pivot Verse: *Do your work willingly, as though you were serving the Lord himself, and not just your earthly master. Colossians 3:23 CEV*

November Service Project: *Adopt a Shut-In* November Virtue: *Sincerity* November Challenge: *Write a letter to your Shut-In*

Nov. 5, FRI: CDHS Tailgate Party	6:00 – 7:00pm	CDHS Parking Lot
Nov. 7, SUN: MSY Meeting	5:00 – 7:00pm	John & Ann's House
Nov. 13, SAT: Brunswick Stew Fundraiser	Sign up for work times	
Nov. 14, SUN: Souper Sun Lunch Fund.	11:00am – 1:30pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Mission Fund</i>)
Nov. 19, FRI: Coffee Night	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Get Revived</i>)

DECEMBER

Parable: John 10:11-18 – *Parable of the Good Shepherd*

Pivot Verse: *Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; 1 Peter 5:2*

December Service Project: *Christmas Caroling* December Virtue: *Servanthood* December Challenge: *Attend Caroling*

Dec. 5, SUN: MSY Meeting	5:00 – 7:00pm	John & Ann's House
Dec. 11, SAT: Christmas Caroling	3:00 – 8:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 17, FRI: Coffee Night –Christmas	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Get Revived</i>)
Dec. 22, SUN: Bowling	9:00am – 1:30pm	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 31, FRI: Youth New Years Party	8:00pm – Midnight	Fellowship Hall

JANUARY

Parable: Matthew 9:14-17 - *Fasting*

Pivot Verse: *Let the wonderful kindness and the understanding that come from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ help you to keep on growing. Praise Jesus now and forever!*

2 Peter 3:18 CEV

January Service Project: *Hand out 10 Beck's Brochures* January Virtue: *Encouragement* January Challenge: *Ask a non-church friend to church*

Jan. 2, SUN: MSY Meeting	5:00 – 7:00pm	John & Ann's House
Jan. 7, FRI: Coffee Night –Christmas	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Get Revived</i>)
Jan. 9, SUN: Skate Party	4:00 – 6:00pm	Anchor Skate Rink
Jan. 21, FRI: Christian Movie Night	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Jan. 22, SAT: Lunch to Genesis House	10:30am – 12:30pm	Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY

Parable: Luke 15: 3-10 – *Parable of the Lost Sheep & Parable of the Lost Coin*

Pivot Verse: *...There is joy in the presence of God's angels when even one sinner repents Luke 15:10 NLT*

Parable: Matthew 22:2-14 – *Parable of the Wedding Banquet*

Pivot Verse: *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us Ephesians 5:1-2a NKJ*

February Service Project: *Care Packages for Genesis House* February Virtue: *Godliness* February Challenge: *No mumbling or grumbling for 30 days*

Feb. 6, SUN: MSY Meeting	5:00 – 7:00pm	John & Ann's House
Feb. 11, FRI: Coffee Night –Christmas	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Get Revived</i>)
Feb. 13, SUN: Lasagna Lunch Fundraiser	9:30am – 1:30pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Mission Fund</i>)

MARCH

Parable: Luke 18:9-14 - **Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

Pivot Verse: *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Ephesians 2:8 NLT*

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March Service Project: Tell one person about God's Grace **March Virtue:** Gratitude **March Challenge:** Share God's Grace with others

Mar. 6, SUN: MSY Meeting	5:00 – 7:00pm	John & Ann's House
Mar. 11, FRI: Coffee Night	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Get Revived</i>)
Mar. 13, SUN: Carolina House	2:30 – 4:00pm	Carolina House
Mar. 13, SUN: Laser Tag	4:00 – 6:00pm	Laser Tag
Mar. 18, FRI: Christian Movie Night	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall

APRIL

Parable: Luke 13:6-9 – **Parable about man with fig tree**

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April Service Project: Collect water bottles for *Get Revived* **April Virtue:** Citizenship **April Challenge:** Bring a friend to *Get-Revived*

Apr. 3, SUN: MSY Meeting	5:00 – 7:00pm	John & Ann's House
Apr. 8, FRI: Coffee Night	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Get Revived</i>)
Apr. 30, SAT: GET REVIVED!!!		Camp Walter Johnson

MAY

Parable: Luke 12:15-21 **Parable of the Rich Fool**

Pivot Verse: *"Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own." Luke 12:15 NLT*

May Service Project: Clean out your treasures and donate to the needy **May Virtue:** Simplicity **May Challenge:** Clean out your treasures and donate to the needy

May 1, SUN: Joint Worship Service	9:30am – 3:00pm	Camp Walter Johnson (Games & Lunch)
May 13/14: Lock in & Fundraiser	5:00pm – Noon Sat.	Fellowship Hall
May 15: Youth Sunday	8:30 – 11:30am	Sanctuary
May 20-22: MSY Weekend Getaway	TBD	

Summer Activities

Mission Trip: June 19 – 24





Bible School: July 11 - 15

Camp Caswell: July 18 – 23

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Beck's Reformed Church
CWG Calendar

	CWG Activity		Fundraiser
	SKITTLES		Churchwide Activity

Leaders: Joseph & Katie Young: House: 746-7441 Cell: 250-5381

363 Hedrick Mill Road, Lexington, NC 27292

Daniel & Jessie Crouse: House: 249-2709 Cell: 391-1709

404 Pete Fritts Road, Lexington, NC 27292

AUGUST

Parable: Luke 10:25 – 37 **The Good Samaritan**

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September Service Project: Collect Bibles **September Virtue:** Self-Discipline **September Challenge:** Read your Bible

Sept. 3, FRI: CDHS Tailgate Party 6:00 – 7:00pm CDHS Parking Lot

Sept. 11, SAT: BBQ Chicken Pick Up 11:00am – 2:00pm Fellowship Hall (Mission Fund)

Sept. 19, SUN: CWG Meeting 5:00 – 7:00pm Joseph & Katie's House

Sept. 17, FRI: Youth Saturation Night 6:00 – 7:00pm Fellowship Hall

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Nov. 25, THUR: Turkey Delivery to Needy families		

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December Service Project: Christmas Caroling December Virtue: Servanthood December Challenge: Attend Caroling

Dec. 3, FRI: Parent Night Out babysitting	5:30 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 11, SAT: Christmas Caroling	3:00 – 8:00pm	Fellowship Hall
Dec. 17, FRI: Coffee Night –Christmas	7:00 – 9:00pm	Fellowship Hall (<i>Get Revived</i>)
Dec. 19: CWG Christmas Party	5:00 – 8:00pm	
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Feb. 25 – 27: BeDoTell Ski Trip - Winterplace		

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April Service Project: Collect water bottles for Get Revived **April Virtue:** Citizenship **April Challenge:** Bring a friend to Get-Revived

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Apr. 10, SUN: CWG Monthly Meeting	5:00 – 7:00pm	Joseph & Katie's House
Apr. 30, SAT: GET REVIVED!!!		Camp Walter Johnson

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May 1, SUN: Joint Worship Service	9:30am – 3:00pm	Camp Walter Johnson (Games & Lunch)
May 11, WED: Youth Sunday Practice	6:30 – 7:30pm	Sanctuary
May 15, SUN: Youth Sunday	8:30 – 11:30am	Sanctuary
May 15, SUN: End of Year Party	2:00 – 5:00pm	Blair & Carol's Lake Home
May 27-29: Bush Gardens Trip		

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Mission Trip: June 19 – 24

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August Service Project: Collect Bibles

August Virtue: Kindness

August Challenge: Bring a friend to Kick-Off Party

August 22, 2010

3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

David and Terresa Parks Lake House

All Youth Kick-Off Party

Beck's Reformed Church
KFC and CYF
Calendar of Events 2010-2011
PARABLES

September Parables: Luke 14:28 The Cost of Being a Disciple

Matthew 13:45-46 Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

September Service Project: Collect Bibles

September Virtue: Self-Discipline

September Challenge: Read your Bible everyday

September 12, 2010 KFC

September 22, 2010

September 25, 2010 CYF

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

7:30 am at Flag Pole

Christian Music Day/Tailgate

Basement of Church

at your school

Carowinds-\$25.00/ticket

See You at the Pole

October Parable: The Wise and Foolish Builders

Parable of the unmerciful Servant

October Service Project: Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

October Virtue: Forgiveness

October Challenge: Assist someone in need once a week for the month

October 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2010

October 9, 2010

October 24, 2010

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Fall Festival

SPLASH Classrooms

Fellowship Hall

TBA

Operation Christmas Child

Our Friends in Christ Cook Out

Shoeboxes

CYF will go shopping on 10-13-10

November Parable: Parable of the Workers in Vineyard

November Service Project: Adopt a Shut-In

November Virtue: Sincerity

November Challenge: Write a letter to your Shut-In

November 7, 2010 KFC

November 14, 2010 CYF

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Soup and Sandwich Lunch with MSY

Basement of Church

More detail closer to event

December Parable: Parable of the Good Shepherd

December Service Project: Christmas Caroling

December Virtue: Servanthood

December Challenge: Attend Meeting to go Caroling

December 11, 2010

December 22, 2010

3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

TBA

Fellowship Hall/Meal

Bowling

Christmas Caroling/Birthday

Party for Jesus

January Parable: Fasting

January Service Project: Hand out 10 Beck's Reformed Church Brochures

January Virtue: Encouragement

January Challenge: Ask a non-church friend to church

January 9, 2011

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Anchor Skate Rink

Outreach with Bethany/Emmanuel

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Parable of the Wedding Banquet**

February Service Project: Care Packages for Genesis House

February Virtue: Godliness

February Challenge: No mumbling or grumbling for 30 days

February 6, 2011

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Basement of Church

**March Parable: Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector
Parable of the Ten Minas**

March Service Project: Tell one person about God's Grace

March Virtue: Gratitude

March Challenge: Share God's Grace with others

March 13, 2011

2:30 pm to 4:00 pm

Carolina House

Crafts/Music/Visiting

April Parable: Parable about man with fig tree

April Service Project: Collect water bottles for Get Revived

April Virtue: Citizenship

April Challenge: Bring a friend to Get-Revived

Easter Egg Hunt

Get Revived

TBA

TBA

Camp Walter Johnson

May Parable: Parable of the Rich Fool

May Service Project: Clean out your treasures and donate to the needy

May Virtue: Simplicity

May Challenge: Clean out your treasures and donate to the needy

May 1, 2011

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Basement of Church

June

June 4, 2011

TBA

Pool Party

Check bulletin and newsletter for updates.

Tara Young 357-5529 (H) 479-6045 (C)

Our Goal is To Provide a Christ Like Walk for our Youth



Grandparents Day Honor Booklet

Honor your Grandparents

Sunday, September 12

with a flower and an acknowledgement in our

Special Grandparents Day Booklet.

We will include pictures of the youth throughout the last year along with special sentiments about our grandparents.

To purchase a flower and a spot in the book, fill out the form and include it with a check and place it in the offering plate or turn into Kristie Regan.

Cost is a \$10 donation to the Youth Mission Fund.

IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF(CIRCLE ONE):

FROM:

SPECIAL SENTIMENTS OR NOTES TO INCLUDE:



BBQ Chicken

Mission Trip Fundraiser

September 11, 2010

Pick up 11:00am—2:00pm

Take Out Only

Price: \$7.00

Meal includes: 1/2 BBQ Chicken—Potato
Salad—Slaw—Roll—Dessert

Make Checks Payable to
Beck's Mission Fund

*See any MSY or CWG youth group
member to purchase tickets!*

We've A Story to Tell

God is doing great things here at Beck's Reformed Church.

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."(Matthew 5:14-16)

When we look at what God is doing we must give Him praise and honor. The Word of God is being taught and lives are being changed, there are two great worship services every week, there are wonderful Sunday School Classes, many study and service opportunities, an expanding missionary movement, loving believers who care about people, a great ministry of music and one of the best youth ministries in the state.

Yet many people who are looking for a vital church like Beck's don't even know about us. Hopefully that is about to change. The week of September 13-19 will be "Saturation Week" and every member will be challenged to share with friends, neighbors, and strangers what God is doing at Beck's and invite them to join with us in the Kingdom's work. Both worship services on the 19th will highlight the blessings God is doing and will do for others at Beck's Church. Materials are being prepared to help you in your sharing and witness. No active and consecrated member should be AWOL in the mission to lift high what the Lord Jesus is doing in our lives.

Prayer Ministry of Beck's Reformed Church

September 2010

*"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 Keypley: Lexington Health Care Room 204, Lexington, NC 27292

Martha Seals: Brookstone Retirement Center 2968 Old Salisbury Road Lexington, NC 27295

Louise Spruill (Barbara Strickland's mother) Carolina House, 161 Young Dr., Lexington, NC 27292

Ruby Tussey: Piedmont Crossing—Room 209, 100 Hedrick Dr., Thomasville, NC 27360

Roma Jean Burkhart: Brookstone Rest Home-Room 36A, 2968 Old Salisbury Rd, Lexington, NC 27295

Hallie Hawkins: 2844 Beck's Church Road, Lexington, NC 27292

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

Novelia Potts: Brookstone Nursing Home 2869 Old Salisbury Road, Lexington, NC 27295

Long Term Prayer Needs

Becky Allison	Jerry Swing
Laura Benedict (terminal cancer)	
Art Bethel (bone cancer)	Nancy Swing
Tamara Crotts	Bob Almstead
Patsy Flynn (breast cancer)	Phyllis Hughes
Katie Gulledege	Morgan Ward
Justin Hardin	Sharon Hedrick
Claudia Rapier	Brett Tharp
Shell Crotts	Beulah Swing
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
Peggy Leonard	Myrna Davis (to feel God's presence near after repeated (job-related) disappointments in recent years)

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
USCGC Thetis (WMEC-910)

c/o USCG Sector Key West
100 Trumbo Road
Key West, FL 33040

Zack Miller, son of Rod and Cindy Miller, is in Afghanistan for 6 months

Zack's military address changes monthly for security purposes, while in Afghanistan

Email address : zfmiller@msn.com



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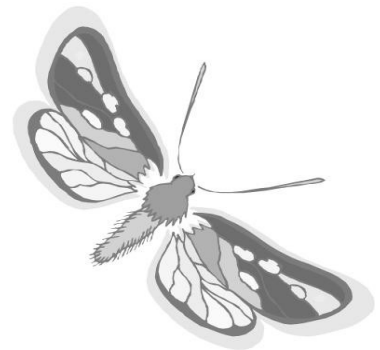
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Attention Brothers in Christ



The Men's Brotherhood of Becks Reformed Church will be having a "Gathering in the Garage" 5pm until, Sunday, September 26th, 2010. After a hearty supper for us growing boys and entertainment by a special band, we will be treated to a wonderful guest speaker from Hawaii, International Evangelist & Conference Guest Speaker, the Reverend Stan Hankins. Many in our area have been blessed to worship with Stan before and know that through his dynamic ministry with Ambassadors for Christ International, thousands of people all over the world have come to know the Lord Jesus Christ. Men, you are encouraged to come and bring a friend to this Men's gathering who perhaps maybe struggling with the trials of life so that they will be uplifted and given hope with

The Good News of Jesus Christ !

Gathering in the Garage

Sunday - September 26th 5 PM until

Guest Speaker



Stan Hankins

To Learn more about Stan and his Worldwide Ministry - www.hankolulu.blogspot.com

Come for Supper and a Great Evening of Fun & Fellowship

Sunday - September 26th 5 PM until

John Bryant's home - 821 Old Burkhart Road
Lexington

Please RSVP at 746-7124 or
jpbryant@triadinvestmentco.com

If you can attend, please RSVP by Thursday - Sept 23rd, 2010

Join Us For This Amazing Study of the Life of Jonah!

You can't escape life's interruptions and Priscilla Shirer will lead us through video and at home study that will change your perspective on life's interruptions. They shock us; they shake us and compel us to change, but only God can change our perspective on them. Dive into the study of Jonah and discover that what you see as an interruption may truly be God's divine invitation to a life so much bigger than you have ever imagined!!

JONAH-

Navigating a Life Interrupted

~By Priscilla Shirer

About the Author...

Priscilla Shirer is a Bible teacher and published author of books and Bible studies. Her desire is to see women know the truths of Scriptures and put them into practical use. Priscilla is a wife and mother and is the founder Going Beyond Ministries, where she and her husband are committed to seeing believers receive the most out of their relationships with the Lord.



Children's Program and Nursery

A children's program studying the book of Jonah with trained children's leaders will be provided for children ages 2-5 years old on the Tuesday morning session of WOW.

Call Rose Mary Brewer at 336-841-4865 to sign up your child for this program. *(A mother, grandmother or aunt must be present in the WOW morning session.)*

If you desire use of the Nursery (ages birth-2years) please call Katherine Team (249-4343) to reserve a space. *(A minimum donation will be charged)*

Morning Sessions led by Judy Johnson with evening sessions led by Stephanie Shoaf
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WOW

Women of the Word

Evening Session: Mondays ~ 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Day Session: Tuesdays ~ 9:15am - 11:15am (Children's Program and Nursery Available)

First Presbyterian Church (corner of 3rd Ave and Main St)

For questions...call Lynda Swann at 248-6900 or Katherine Team at 249-4343

Fall Registration

Introduction Classes:

Evening Session ~ September 13th at 7pm

Day Session ~ September 14th at 9:15am

Fees ~ Cost of the study book - \$13.00 (scholarship funds are available)

Please bring a friend to experience a life changing study and wonderful fellowship!

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Reverend Gerald M. Sanders, Pastor

2845 Beck's Church Road

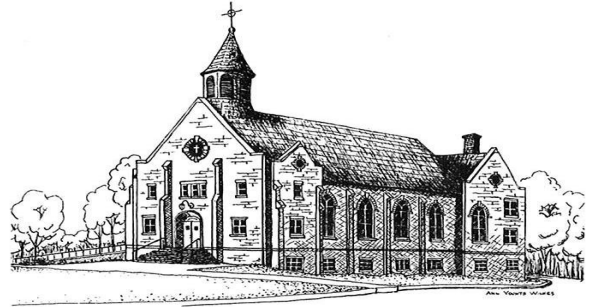
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