



# Beck's Reformed Church Newsletter

BECK'S REFORMED CHURCH



July 2010

## From the Pastor...Lasting Buildings



On July the Fourth, the United States of America will celebrate its 234<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Americans will get a holiday and many will celebrate it with joy and yet while I am thankful for my country, I am also saddened for it. I have a dear friend who thinks my concern for our nation is misplaced and reminds me that my citizenship is in the Kingdom of God. While I know that my ultimate home rests with God and His Kingdom, I cannot dismiss my concern for this nation because it is composed of people and God is concerned with people. Governments are established by God (Romans 13:1) and are established to serve His purpose (Daniel 2:21).

The role of the Christian is to obey our rulers but we are not to obey them unconditionally (Mark 12:17). Our ultimate authority is God and not the United States and we cannot truly love our nation unless we love in, through

and under God. When I speak of God, I mean the Triune God revealed in Holy Scripture and, as does the Bible, regard all other so called gods as idols. If any nation rejects the true and living God, then God is going to reject that nation.

There is a great effort going on in the United States to reject the true and living God of the Bible and it is experienced in many places. Our children are being taught the rubbish that the socio/cultural background of the United States was not Christian but deistic rationalism. While Jefferson and Franklin were not Christians, the teaching about their role is emphasized in an exclusive way and the majority Christian views of the remaining founding leaders goes ignored. There were no Muslims, Hindus or Buddhist at the writing of the Constitution. A brief review of the governments established by the Muslims, Hindus, or Buddhist will not reveal a society which affirms the values of human freedom, worth and dignity you find in Christian based societies. The Islamic and Hindu governments are

marked by oppression and prejudice. A review of human rights records in these countries will prove my point. Because Christians have confidence in the truth of their worldview, they choose not to forbid the free expression of other religions and because they have often been the victims of mistreatment, they want to seek a government which protects those who may differ with them. These values are not found outside Christian influenced cultures.

We make talk about rebuilding our nation and its economy but if we ignore the true and living God we are building in vain. Perhaps we ought to spend the 4<sup>th</sup> of July praying rather than celebrating. Praying that the nation will look unto the true and living God and act under His will as a nation!

Pastor Gerald M. Sanders

*Psalms 127:1  
NKJV  
Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.*

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**VBS is almost here! Save the Date... July 11-15, 2010!**

**James 1:5**

***5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.***

**Equipping Our Children In Christ's Name!**

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**Consistory Update...June 2010**

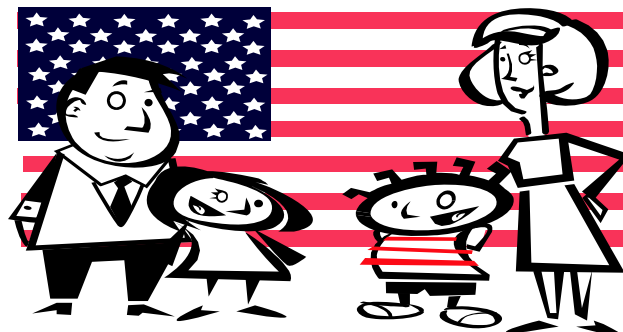
- o THANK YOU to the congregation for supporting the Youth Mission Trip. The contributions received met the needs of the trip to TN. There was some utilization of the E-giving that is now available through the church web-site. This added feature seems to be a viable tool for some members in their support of the church. Thank you again for your support of the youth!
- o The Scholarship Committee recommended the use of the interest from the Scholarship Fund be used to award financial support to the seven members that applied. The Consistory approved this recommendation and each applicant will receive approxi-

- mately \$157.00
- o Summer Communion will be held at both services on July 4.
- o Fourth Tuesday Prayer Service is scheduled for June 22 at 7pm.
- o A request was made by the Children's Music for a TV. This would be used in the music room in the Grand Hall area. It will allow the teachers and young choir members to be "on the same page" with their music. The request was approved.
- o The Consistory approved to support the Boy and Cub Scouts Troops in the amount of \$250 each to assist with some current needs and an increasing enrollment.
- o You will see a new look to the Sunday bulletin. Please see a Consistory member if you have suggestions for improvement; your input is welcome. The new design is intended to reduce on some of the inserts, allow guest and members to

communicate easier with the church, present a simple weekly calendar that may be posted at home, and organize some of the information in a cleaner fashion. It will also provide space for sermon notes. Please let us know your thoughts and ways to improve this important weekly communication tool.

- o Vacation Bible School is the week of July 11. Teachers and helpers are needed. See Kristie Regan or Katie Young.
- o Rev. Stan Hankins will be visiting with us September 24 – 26. We will have Friendship Sunday on the 26<sup>th</sup>.
- o Discussion was held on constructing a simple classroom area and a service road behind the Fellowship Hall. The service road would correct some of the current erosion issues on the hill and lead to the flat area at the top of the hill. John Bryant is looking into this opportunity.

<b>Beck's Reformed Church, Inc.</b>	
<b>Financial Information</b>	
<b>Month ending May 31, 2010</b>	
Checking Account	\$ 72,838.46
Money Market Account	\$ 46,632.94
Scholarship Fund	\$ 84,044.00
Barbecue Shelter Fund	\$ 11,062.29
Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,279.26
Video Ministry Fund	\$ 475.24
Missions Fund	\$ 4,328.70
Library Fund	\$ 713.67
Building Fund	\$ 37,361.55
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 25,000.00



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## Consistory Mid Year Update

o Beck's Reformed continues to move forward in its mission to serve Our Risen Savior. To do this appropriately, we must all be in Biblical study, prayer, and fellowship. The Consistory wishes to express appreciation to all the Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, ministry groups, and of course the church staff. Obviously, all members play an important role in the life of this church; we all have a mission to fulfill in Christ's church. Thank you for your service to God and continued support of Beck's Reformed Church.

This update is not intended to be all-inclusive of activities and events that have occurred in the first six-months of 2010. Its purpose is to highlight activities for the congregation and to increase overall awareness of the church and its activities/programs.

### Biblical/Faith Growth

Thanks to Kristie and the many that supported Get Revived at Camp Walter Johnson. This event continues to develop and your continued support and input is welcome and needed. Also, the Church Day at Camp Walther Johnson received good attendance.

The membership has responded to needs in the church and community through their prayers and financial support. The giving to the Owle Family, youth missions, and other special matters demonstrates a caring church family. Thank You! We have been blessed and need to continue sharing and learning how to share our blessings.

We received twelve young adults into membership through Confirmation. For this we should all be excited and thankful!

Plans for Rev. Stan Hankins visit in September include a three-day Bible Study and for him to conduct the service on Friendship Sunday, Sept. 26

The satellite system offers great promise for the spreading and understanding of God and His Word. The Beth Moore Seminar and two Bible Study broadcasts demonstrate the promise of this technology to our church membership.

A Prayer Service has been started on the fourth Tuesday at 7pm in the Sanctuary. This is open to all in the congregation and greater community. Prayer is important for our spiritual growth – as individuals and as a church.

SPLASH continues to attract a good number of youth on Wednesday evenings.

Thanks to those involved in the J.O.Y. and Crochet

Ministries, your caring and concern does more than you may realize!

### Physical needs of the church facility/ grounds.

The Fellowship Hall received vinyl siding and stucco, improving its appearance while addressing current and future maintenance issues. The Fellowship Hall restrooms received some new plumbing and fixtures.

We have experienced some plumbing issues in the church, also. Replacing and updating the fixtures was the best means to resolve this issue. The ladies' restroom has received update plumbing fixtures. The men's restroom near the Amen corner has completely been remodeled to also serve as a handicap restroom for the Sanctuary level of the facility.

We experienced a growing request from Sunday School classes to have access to TV's for computer and media use with their instruction. Through the direction of a Media Committee, TV's have been installed in our Sunday School classes and general use areas of the facility.

Plans are underway to develop a grill area outside the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. The overall plan includes re-locating the current large BBQ Pit to a level area to the right rear (kitchen side) of the Fellowship Hall. Final details are being developed, but activity on the grill should be in progress by the fall of 2010. With this BBQ Pit/Grill enhancement, fund raising opportunities for the church and its organizations could expand as the process of preparing meals will be more easily managed.

There is some preliminary work being developed to access the upper property behind the Fellowship Hall and to have a temporary "outdoor classroom" for the youth.

### General Items

The Sunday bulletin is being studied and updated. To improve communication with our guests and congregation, we are trying a new style. It includes "tear off" panels to address the previous concerns as well as providing more space to include information. The goal is to reduce the amount of inserts while communicating more clearly with the congregation. This is a "work in progress" and your input is welcome!

A financial study of the membership's giving for 2009 was conducted and shared with the congregation through the newsletter.

An attendance study was conducted of 2009 and the first-quarter of 2010.

The 2009 average attendance at Sunday Services was:

8:30 – Total attendees - 5439 for a Sunday average of 113.3

10:30 – Total attendees - 8693 for a Sunday average of 170.5

2009 **Combined Total** – number attended 14,132/average 285.5

The first-quarter of 2010 data shows:

8:30 – Total attendees - 1279 for a Sunday average of 106.5

10:30 – Total attendees - 1966 for a Sunday average of 163.8

**Combined Total** – number attended 3245/average 270.4

### Financial Information

The congregation has responded well to special offerings to address community and church activities – THANK YOU! We are charged to address those in need and your response is appreciated.

Regular offering and tithing shows that we are currently a little short of the weekly average to meet the 2010 budget. At the current rate, the budget would be approximately \$13,019.76 short at year end. While this is not what any of us like, historically church tithing and contributions increase in the fourth quarter. However, we do ask that you keep regular tithing as part of your spiritual activities and financial planning.

There will be facility needs in the not too distant future. A few examples are: The parking lot will soon need attention and the gym area in the Fellowship Hall needs to be evaluated for the best utilization of that space. Beck's Reformed is a living church that grows and changes striving to serve the Great Commission. We need to be aware of our facilities, their proper maintenance, and their best utilization. The Building Fund exists to address these matters; please remember this fund in your contributions.



## Breakfast Circle...by Marilyn Hilton

Southern Lunch was our location on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for our monthly breakfast meeting with 13 members present. It looked like July 4<sup>th</sup> when we walked. Decorations were all red, white and blue. Coasters were placed at each place. Thank you, Gail, for a beautiful table.

Ruth began the meeting with a prayer and by recognizing birthdays of Hazel and Joyce as well as an anniversary for Joyce and Don. After we had eaten, Gail had the program about 2-way communication with God. We need to listen, study and pray.

Ruth conducted the business meeting by reminding us of upcoming events we need to keep in our minds and in our prayers:

June 13 – Homecoming and covered dish meal

June 20 – Youth mission trip to Gatlinburg

July 11 – Beginning of Vacation Bible School

October 2 – Ladies Spiritual Renewal

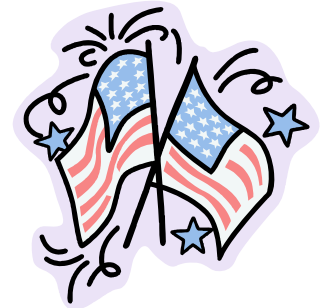
November 13 – joint venture with youth, a silent auction, and more activities (including food)

December 4 – Children’s Shopping

December 6 – Ladies Christmas party

We will continue to bring articles for the homeless shelter. This is in addition to the requests made by the Guild (bins in the “great hall”).

We do not have a meeting in July but we will resume at Southern Lunch at 8:30 AM on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Ruth will be our hostess and Marilyn will have the program.



## Day Circle...by Jeanne McCarn

The Day Circle met on June 10, 2010, at the church fellowship hall. There were 10 members present, and we welcomed Annie Mae Miller’s sister, Audrey, as our guest. For the program, Kaye Sanders shared several stories from Dear God How Did You Do It? We learned that we should trust in the Lord to carry us through and that He will forgive any mistakes we make along the way. We were also blessed by scriptures from Psalms and Proverbs.

After the program, we acknowledged June birthdays for Barbara Owen & Carol Crouse on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and for Betty Hedrick on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jeanne McCarn will celebrate an anniversary on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Best wishes to all of you on these special occasions. During prayer time, we lifted up Tim Ervin (heart catherization), Jackie Garner (surgery), Dana Hedrick Burnsides (pregnancy complications), Scott McCombs (cancer), Louise Cross (pain issues), Bruce Greer (MRSA), Robin Fulp (breast cancer), Foy Floyd,

Marilyn Hilton, Joann Hedrick, Stan Hankins, & our Ladies Spiritual Renewal Day scheduled on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

During our business meeting, which was conducted by Andrea Regan in Carol Crouse’s absence, the minutes & treasurer’s report were presented and approved. Several ideas for circle projects were presented- OCC Shoeboxes, Senior Citizens Ladies Tea, Shut-in visitations after meetings, & Recruitment of new members. We discussed plans for our annual book bag ministry (we will again seek assistance from members & groups in the congregation) & on-going Women’s Guild activities- Tea Party, Children’s Shopping Day, Annual Christmas Party (Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>) & a Youth Fundraiser. We urge everyone to take advantage of these opportunities to worship & enjoy fellowship.

After our business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious meal provided by Kaye Sanders, Hallie Hawkins, Sandy Spurrier, and Annie Mae Miller. Thank you, ladies, for being such gracious host-

esses. Special thanks go to Brenda Burris for providing beautiful hydrangeas in memory of Aunt Rettie Spears. The original cuttings for these flowers came as a gift to Brenda from Aunt Rettie’s own hydrangea bush. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2010, at Carol Crouse’s home on Badin Lake. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m. to carpool. Lunch will be at the Old North State Country Club. Andrea Regan will be program leader.

# Save the Date!

Ladies Spiritual Renewal

October 2, 2010

More Information Available Soon!

There will be no July Meeting... See you all on August 18th!

### Senior Citizens...by Marilyn Hilton

What a great day. Thirty "seasoned" citizens gathered at the fellowship hall for an informative program, fellowship, and, of course, food.

Our hostesses, Dianne, Hazel and Marie had the room decorated in red, white and blue. All was very festive. Margaret opened the meeting with a prayer and we all stood and said the Pledge of Allegiance. (I wonder how many young people could do that today.) Special people were recognized, Lib Lohr was in attendance as well as Susie Burris. The minutes were accepted as written and the treasurer's report was also accepted. There was no old business.

New business: Trip information was passed out. We will be going on a lunch cruise on the Catawba Queen (Lake Norman) followed by a wagon ride through Lazy 5 Ranch. This event is planned for August 10<sup>th</sup>. If you need information and signup sheets for this trip, please see Jerry Hedrick

or Marilyn Hilton. All information is to be returned by July 19<sup>th</sup>. Birthdays and anniversaries for the month of June were recognized and special recognition went to Maxine and Johnnie King for 64 years of married bliss! Cards were sent to Thena Goss, Louise Cross, Gladys Briggs, Butch & Judy Gibson and Carolyn Welborn.

Margaret then introduced our speaker who really needed no introduction at all. Kevin Firquin gave all of us some really great information on getting things in order in case of emergency, illness or incapacitation. This is information that pertains to wills, banking, stocks, insurance policies, etc. This is absolutely excellent advice for any age. The trick is to let somebody know where it is. Be sure you have a power of attorney, a will, a medical power of attorney (also called a health-care proxy) and a living will. This will guarantee that your wishes will be maintained. This information makes it easier for those who are put in charge and eliminates confusion and mistrust between family mem-

bers.

Kevin also gave us some interesting history facts – did you know that the interstate highway system as originally built to transport troops in case of emergency as well as emergency landing of planes. There had to be so many miles of STRAIGHT highway to accomplish this. Did you also know that the ink on our paper currency never dries! Try it; rub a bill on a white sheet of paper and you will see some of the ink come off.

Margaret gave grace and we proceeded to the food table. We were glad to see that Leslie and Pastor Jerry were able to join us for lunch.

There will be NO MEETING in July. Our next regular meeting will be on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the fellowship for a covered dish lunch. Our host/hostess will be Thena, Gail, Johnnie & Maxine. Look forward to seeing everyone then.



## Did You Know?...by Doug Beck

How many times have you walked through the front door of Beck' Church? In all probability, many more times than most of us can count. On your many trips up the front steps, have you ever paid attention to the round stained glass window located above the door? Probably not.

Most of us are usually either in a hurry to get into church or just struggling to make it up the steps. In either case, we do not have time to pay attention to just another inconspicuous little stained glass window; after all, the church sanctuary has many beautiful, larger and more elaborate stained glass windows and because of its location, the inscription it bares is not visible. I will bet that very few people, if any, remember which Christian symbol dominates the window or what shape it is. But on each sunny Sunday morning, the sanctuary stained glass windows become brilliant displays of color- each depicting Biblical scenes and symbols. Compared to these big beauties, this little inconspicuous widow with no back lighting to show off its colors, garners very little attention----at least until you know its story---light or no light.

While most of the windows in the Beck's Church are memorials, dedicated to many of the early members of Beck's Church, the little round widow is also a memorial but it is a special memorial in that it is dedicated to the memory and service of a real American hero---Lieutenant Reid Parks.

This is his story...

Most of you have probably never heard of Lt. Parks but for a few short years he was a member of Beck's Church---for you see, Lt. Parks' life was cut all to short. He was only 21 years old when he died--- in service to his fellowman and his country ----the United States of America.

Lt. Parks was born Reid Grover Parks on July 31, 1924, to Henry Grover and Minnie Young Parks. Reid graduated from Southmont High School in the Class of 1940 at the age of 15. While only 11 years of school were required in 1940, to graduate at the age of 15 was

pretty remarkable and indicates that Reid was very academically gifted. Reid then attended Brevard College and graduated from Brevard in 1942. In 1943, Reid continued his pursuit of higher education by attending North Carolina State College. It was apparent to all who knew Reid that he was destined to become successful at whatever vocation he chose to tackle.

But in 1943 Reid got side tracked, as did many young men and women. In 1943, the whole world was engaged in "the War" (World War II)--- a war that literally encompassed the whole world. It stretched across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, Asia, Europe and Africa and America was right in the middle. Most young American men were enlisting in the US military to fight for their country. Reid was no different and in 1943, at the age of 19 and still in college, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp (later became the United States Air Force).

In 1944, Reid received his Officers Commission and Pilots Wings at Stuttgart Army Air Field in Stuttgart, Arkansas. After being commissioned, Reid was assigned to the 325<sup>th</sup> B-24 Liberator Bomber Squadron at Foggia, Italy where he received his 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant commission and the Air Medal.

As the pilot, Lt. Parks was commanding officer on a B-24 heavy bomber. The B-24 was a four engine aircraft and was the workhorse of the Allied Forces until the later stages of the war when the larger B-17 Flying Fortress became operational. The B-24 was designed to deliver a deadly bomb load to the heart of the enemy---the Nazi forces of Adolph Hitler's German Third Reich.

Each bombing mission over enemy held territory was extremely dangerous. Many times one half to three fourths of the attacking American bombers did not return from their mission. A flight of aircraft could include 50 to 100 aircraft and each aircraft carried a crew of 7 to 10 men, so the loss of life was very high on each mission. Even if the aircraft returned to base, usually, many of its crew would be seriously wounded or dead. Land-

Landing a damaged aircraft was often an ordeal that many crews did not survive.

As a result of the severe emotional stress from flying such dangerous missions, many pilots suffered so severely emotionally problems that they became unable to continue flying. In order to maintain morale and help preserve their mental stability, after 30 bombing missions, pilots would be promoted in rank, rotated out of combat and moved to safer areas or even sent back to the United States where they would be assigned to other duties. To successfully fly 30 missions was extremely difficult to accomplish and not many pilots were able to achieve this goal but it gave them a target to focus on. The survival rate for bomber crews was very low.

Lt. Parks had flown 27 sortie missions and was flying his 28<sup>th</sup> mission---so close but so far from 30 missions. A "sortie" is a mission in which a small group of aircraft breaks off from the larger group and strikes specific targets. These "sorties" were most often extremely dangerous because the small group would loose protection from the firepower of the larger group of aircraft. With little to no supporting firepower, the bombers were very often sitting ducks for the German Luftwaffe (air force). Also, since there were fewer aircraft to focus on, these small groups of aircraft became easy targets for enemy anti-aircraft guns on the ground.

It was this type of circumstance that Lt. Parks and his crew encountered on the return leg of their 28<sup>th</sup> sortie. Lt. Parks and his crew had successfully delivered their load of bombs and were headed back to base---the run was halfway finished. While returning home, the aircraft was flying over Graz, Austria and the inevitable happened. Lt. Park's B-24 was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire and two of the four engines were knocked out. While the B-24 was designed to fly on two engines, in all probability, the aircraft suffered much more structural damage and its ability to stay in the air was very doubtful at best. To keep the aircraft flying required all the skill and sweat that Lt. Parks and his co-pilot could muster. Bailing out of the disabled aircraft over enemy

The aircraft crashed but did not burn. Lt. Parks' body was recovered from the B-24 and was interred in Naples, Italy. In 1948 the United States government returned Lt. Parks' body to Lexington, NC where it was interred in Beck's Reformed Church Cemetery. His remains still rest in the Beck's Reformed Church Cemetery beside those of his father and mother---Grover and Minnie Young Parks.

We are left to only speculate as to why Lt. Parks did not escape his crippled bomber. It is a known fact that he remained at the controls of his doomed aircraft. Seven of eight crewmembers owe their lives to his heroic action in maintaining the aircraft at an altitude and attitude that allowed their parachutes to safely deploy. With the aircraft probably steadily losing altitude, Lt. Parks might have decided he did not have enough altitude to safely jump and tried to coax the aircraft down to a successful crash landing. Another possibility was that the history of the B-24 indicates that in an emergency exit from the aircraft, it was very difficult for the pilot to make a safe exit. When the pilot took his hands off the controls, the aircraft would become erratic. This particular aircraft was heavily damaged and was already difficult to control. The aircraft could have simply just fell out of the sky and Lt. Parks never had a chance to bail out. The possibilities are many but we will never know what happened.

Regardless of what happened in those last few hectic minutes, Lt. Parks knew and accepted the danger that he faced by staying with the controls so that his fellow crewmembers could escape the doomed aircraft. It is apparent that he readily accepted both the responsibility and consequences of his command and performed brilliantly under extreme circumstances. He placed the life of his fellow crewmembers above his own life and gave all eight of them a chance to escape a sure death. Lt. Parks paid the supreme price by giving his life for his fellow man and his country.

So the next time you start to walk up the front steps, carefully stop and take a look at the little stained glass window above your head—pause for a moment---pay a debt of gratitude and honor to a real **American hero, Lt. Reid Parks.**

Of the 39 members of Beck's Church who served in WWII, Lt. Parks was the only one who did not survive the war.

In case you have not made the connection, Lt. Reid Parks was the brother of Hoyle Parks and Ruth Parks.

was not a very good option. If the crew successfully parachuted to the ground without injury, they would probably have been captured and killed. With this in mind, Lt. Parks and his co-pilot were able to nurse the heavily damaged aircraft back over friendly territory--within 40 miles of their airbase at Foggia, Italy. At this point, the heavily damaged B-24 probably began to falter and it became apparent that reaching Foggia and safety was impossible. Lt. Parks gave the command for his crew of eight to bail out. In order for the crew to have a reasonable chance to safely bail out, the pilot and co-pilot had to maintain control of the aircraft, so Lt. Parks and his co-pilot remained at the controls of the crippled aircraft. After the crew had bailed out of the aircraft, the co-pilot was next to bail out and left his seat. Lt. Parks was now alone at the controls and had the monumental task of keeping the aircraft flying until he decided his next option.

Of the eight crewmembers that bailed out, seven survived their escape from the aircraft. The navigator's parachute did not open and he perished.

What about Lt. Parks?

Just before the co-pilot bailed out, he indicated that Lt. Parks was attempting to climb out of his seat as if to make his way to the bomb bay door to bail out. For some reason that we will never know, Lt. Parks never got out of his doomed aircraft alive.



The religious symbol on this stained glass window is a cross and the inscription reads:

*“In memory of their son and brother  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt Reid G. Parks*

*By  
Mr. And Mrs. H. Grover Parks”*



## Prayer Ministry of Beck's Reformed Church

July 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

### Shut Ins and Rest Homes

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

**Bertha Kepley:** Piedmont Crossing—Room 114, 100 Hedrick Dr., Thomasville, NC 27360

**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 Burkhardt:** Brookstone Rest Home-Room 36A, 2968 Old Salisbury Rd, Lexington, NC 27295

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

**Willa 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

Laura Benedict (terminal cancer)

Art Bethel (bone cancer)

Tamara Crofts

Patsy Flynn (breast cancer)

Katie Gulledege

Justin Hardin

Claudia Rapiere

Shell Crofts

Parks Brown and Mary Adelee Brown

Willie Owen

Sterling Hedrick

Lynn Fletcher

Robbie Swing

Bessie Young

Peggy Leonard

Patrick Snider

Jerry Lohr

Nancy Swing

Bob Almstead

Phyllis Hughes

Morgan Ward

Sharon Hedrick

Brett Tharp

Beulah Swing

Vanhoy Hines

Leigh Ann Thomas

Gene Smith

Jacob Moore

Brent Hauck

Sylvia Morris

Kayla Hedrick

Zack Miller, son of Rod and Cindy Miller, is in Afghanistan for 6 months working at a NATO base.

He is working with the Afghan army to help strengthen their officer training.

Zack's wife, Jung Lae, is staying with her parents in South Korea during

Zack's deployment. Keep them in your prayers for their safety - Zack with tension in Afghanistan and Jung Lae

with tensions between North and South Korea.

Zack can receive mail at this

address : Zachary Miller NMAA-KAIA APO AE 09354

### 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

**Zack Miller**—NMAA-KAIA APO AE 09354

**SN David Black**

USCGC Thetis (WMEC-910) c/o USCG Sector Key West  
100 Trumbo Road  
Key West, FL 33040

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## JOY Ministries...by Marilyn Hilton

**Foy Floyd** had supper delivered by Betty and Joyce at the end of April. We were not able to share the meal with him but had a great time hearing his tales of his youth. One thing is certain, he could take care of whatever came his way. He is really fun to visit.

**Beulah & Robbie Swing** received a meal from Betty and Joyce. Betty did deposit money in his parking meter so they would not get a ticket. Beulah did not have much to say but was asking Robbie what he had done to his hair and what was wrong with his shoes. We always have a great time on this visit, they are both fun to talk to.

**Bertha Kepley and Ruby Tussey** are both at Piedmont Crossing. Andrea, Brenda & Betty visited in Mid-May. Bertha looked beautiful as always. We went outside and sat by the fish pond and talked like a bunch of teenagers. Ruby was awake but did not talk with us. We let her know we were from Becks and that we lift her up in prayer. Myrna and Margaret visited with them in mid-June. Ruby was sleeping both times we checked on her. A staff member said she was usually awake in the mornings so we will try a morning visit next time. Bertha reminisced about

various trips taken with Beck's Church. All news of graduations, weddings, new varieties of corn, etc. was discussed and we are now all up-to-date. We enjoyed looking at pictures of her grandchildren displayed throughout her room.

**Willa Mae Younts** received meal and a visit from Joann and Donna. She said that though she enjoys the food she enjoys the visit more. After catching up on various family members she said she was planning on making persimmon pudding for her son to take to her grandson, Michael, and his family. She said since the great-grandchildren had tasted this, they absolutely love it.

**Betty Varner** was visited by Joyce and Betty. Her favorite activity is working in her yard and flowers. Her specific job is to rake magnolia leaves so Shirley can mow. We enjoyed seeing all the hand-made baskets she has made through the years as well as all the family pictures. When we left she was going to decide what to prepare for the supper meal for Shirley and herself.

**Novelia Potts, Roma Jean Burkhart, Martha Seals** are all at Brookstone. Brenda and Sandy went and visited with them. Novelia was talkative and very

cheerful. Roma Jean said she was OK but was not very attentive. Martha had fallen but did gratefully did not break anything, but is sore and in some pain. We took all of them cards so they would know we were from Joy Ministry.

**VanHoy & Margie Hines** were visited by Jerry and Betty. We had a great visit talking about their children and our children. Margie had made a quilt for Dana's baby. They are such loving people and seem to enjoy looking out for each other. Betty said that this ministry gives us and the people we visit an awesome feeling of love. (I am sure that it works both ways, Betty.) They took one of Shelia's collectible angels. They loved it because they had loved Sheila.

**Bruce Greer** is a new-comer on the list. Jerry & Betty also visited with him. Gilda was not home when they got there but came in soon afterwards. We talked about everything and anything that came to our minds. It made our day and hope the visit made their day a little better as well. Betty also gave Bruce one of Sheila's angels – after all, she was Bruce's girl! What a great day.



# July Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

- 2 Jane King Ogletree, Betty Hedrick, Shirley Putnam, Zack Miller  
3 Pat Lohr  
5 Rick Black, Juanita Shoaf  
6 Clayton Younts, Katie Young, Josh McCarn, Brooke Franklin  
7 Jacob Swing, Lisa Gobble  
8 Joni Mills  
11 Lloyd and Pat Lohr  
12 Julia Younts  
13 Danielle Hall, Autumn Stewart  
14 Myrna Davis, *Michael and Lynda Swann*  
15 Tammy Buie, Reid Harvey, Kathy Leonard, Blair Crouse, *Robert and Susan Tussey, Todd and Jan Hanes, Jeff and Pam Shytle*  
16 John Greer  
17 *James and Jeannette Renas*  
18 Meredith Gallimore, Pat Fritts, Ashley Long, Annie Staton, Don Fritts, *Keith and Lynn Staton*  
19 *Tim and Jane Hayes*  
20 Kevin Lipe  
21 Holly Braswell  
22 Anna Beck  
23 Siddalee Skiles  
24 Cliff Glosson, David Tussey and Tiffany Farris  
25 Travis McCarn, Megan Swing, Misty Delbridge  
26 Julie Padon, Phillip Hernandez, Roy Holman, *Larry and Debbie Younts*  
27 Barry Tucker, Jennifer Firquin, Cameron Tussey  
28 Ralph Burkhart, Scott Swing  
29 Erin Leonard, Carole Burkhart, Laura Bryant, *Rod and Cindy Miller*  
30 Chris Younts, *John and Margaret Burkhart*  
31 Connor Shoaf, Geovanna Burkhart, *Jill and Michael Hunt*



*Gifts, Honors and Memorials*  
**May 30, 2010 ~ June 13, 2010**

**Crochet Ministry**

**In Memory of Ray Plummer by Kent and Jeanne McCarn**

**Get-Revived**

**Donation by Abby Bryant**

**Missions**

**In Honor of Kristie Regan by Gerald and Kaye Sanders**

**In Honor of Youth and Adults on the Mission Trip by Don and Joyce Greer**

**In Honor of Past and Present Youth Leaders by Scott and Stephanie Shoaf**

**In Honor of Kristie Regan by David, Terresa and Josh Parks**

**Donation by Carroll D and Brenda Burris**

**Donation by Lanny and Tammy Hedrick**

**Donation by Jodi Hernandez**

**Donation by Erin and Eric Loflin**

**Donation by William and Becky Wynn**

**Donation by Sandra Spurrier**

**Donation by Judy Younts**

**Donation by Willie Mae Beck**

**Donation by Danny Spurrier**

**Donation by Craig and Laurie Cooper**

**Donation by Donna Yarbrough**

**Donation by Lohr and Linda Younts**

**Donation by Eddie and Joni King**

**Donation by MM Leon Miller**

**Donation by Greg and Nadine Lohr**

**Donation by Jerry and Betty Hedrick**

**Donation by Rodney and Renee Leonard**

**Donation by Kevin and Jennifer Firquin**

**Donation by Katie Young**

**Donation by Paul and Tammy Lopp**

**Donation by Amanda Hedrick**

**Donation by Blair and Carol Crouse**

**Donation by Eddie and Jackie Garner**

**Donation by Stewart and Marilyn Hilton**

**Donation by Mike and Martha Swing**

**Video**

**In Honor of Bobby and Della Crotts, by Steven, Tara, Elizabeth and Brooke Young**



## Join us for Vacation Bible School July 11—July 15

Register a Child:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer to Help:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Preference: (please circle)

PreK/K 1st/2nd 3rd-5th Art Snack Games

Please return form in collection plate or baskets  
located outside sanctuary or to  
Katie Lopp or Kristie Regan

### SCHEDULE:

SUN. JULY 11 CAMPFIRE COOKOUT  
KICKOFF

5:00pm—8:00pm

Dinner, Games, and Opening Night

MON. JULY 12—WED. JULY 14

5:30pm—6:15pm Dinner

6:15pm—8:00pm VBS

THUR. JULY 15

5:30pm—6:15pm Dinner

6:15pm—7:00pm VBS

7:00pm—8:00pm Closing Ceremonies

*Parents Invited*

### ATTENTION Middle Schoolers:

*We will have a special class for Middle Schoolers this year. You will have a short bible study and work on a skit that will be presented at the end of the week. You will also help with snacks and games for the rest of the kids! Don't miss out on your chance to participate in this week of fun!*

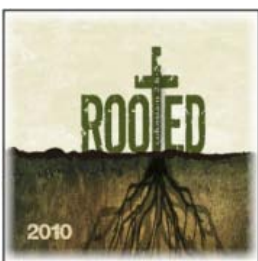


### ROCK-A-THON

MSY & CWGs are asked to participate in a  
Rock-a-Thon on

**Wed. July 14 from 10:00am—5:00pm.**

You will receive pledge sheets in the mail  
and are asked to raise funds for our trip to  
Caswell. We will be rocking in the church  
basement!!!! Snacks & Movies



### CASWELL 2010 JULY 19-25

If you have already signed up for this  
trip, I need to get your \$50 deposits  
in by Sunday July 11. Anyone who  
does not turn in their deposits by this  
date will be taken off the list going  
and your spot will be given away. I  
just need to get an accurate count for  
the trip as soon as possible.  
Thanks!!!

MSY Cookout  
At the home of John  
& Ann Bryant  
Sunday July 18  
5:00pm—7:00pm



### CLEAN UP DAY

All youth are invited to come  
clean the Fellowship Hall on  
**Mon. July 12 from  
10:00am—12:00pm.** This is  
a great opportunity to payback  
the church for their support of us  
on our mission trip!

# Beck's Church News

## Beck's Reformed Church

Reverend Gerald M. Sanders, Pastor

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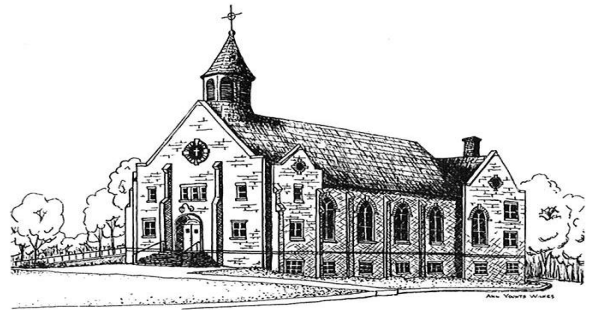
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July 2010



**Join Us in Worship and Fellowship**

**Morning Praise at 8:30am**

**Sunday School Classes for All Ages at 9:30am**

**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30am**

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