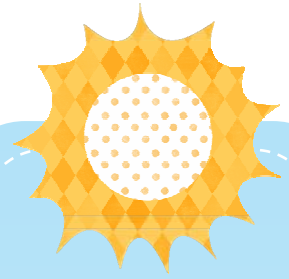


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Beck's Reformed Church Newsletter

From the Pastor...Keeping Healthy

Pathologists are learning more and more about the factors which bring on many diseases and one of the things they are learning is the degree which life-style choices bring on many diseases. Our diet, exercise regimens, use of tobacco and rest habits often result in the developing of many diseases.

This month I am teaching about some of the diseases that can affect our spiritual health as individuals and as churches. These diseases are the result of choices we make or that our congregation makes. Any choice we make as an individual or congregation which is contrary to the will of God made known in Scripture will damage the spiritual health of the individual and the church.

Some common choices individuals make are gossip, critical spirits, and the lack of transparency. These will damage a person's spiritual health and, as all diseases do, limit the proper function for which we are created. Some common choices churches make are those of exclusion, self-centered and self-direction.

God has a super treatment for all our spiritual diseases. First, His Word makes the diagnosis, secondly His Spirit calls us to repentance and change and thirdly faith and trust in His forgiveness and redirection brings healing.

I hope good spiritual health is your personal aim and is also your hope for the Church! Come and hear about God's diagnosis and His healing of our spiritual diseases.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Jerry

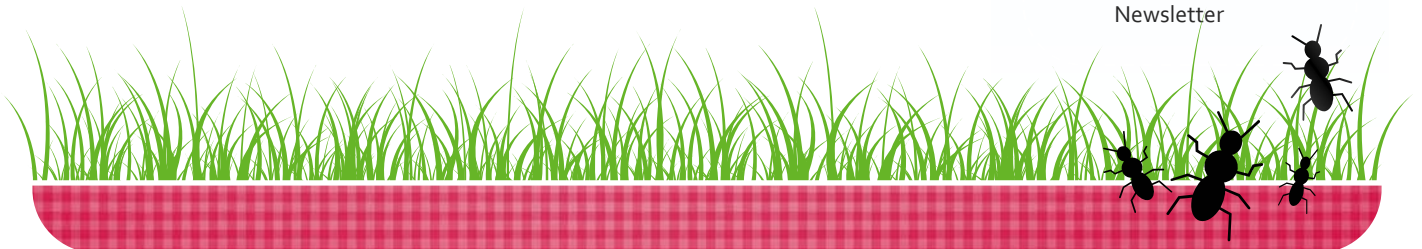
James 5:15 NKJ

*And the prayer of faith will save the **sick**, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven*

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Gifts , Honors and Memorials will be printed in the June edition of the Beck's Reformed Church Newsletter



Consistory Update– April 12, 2010

Dates/Events to Note

April 27 – Prayer Service at 7pm

May 2- The Children will present a program during the 9:30 hour (no Sunday School that day – come enjoy and appreciate our children).

May 16 – Youth Sunday

May 23 – Pentecost Sunday – we will also welcome our Confirmands into membership

May 27-30 – Johns' River

May 30- 5th Sunday – Recognize Graduates and Confirmands during the 9:30 hour

June 13- Homecoming

July 4- Summer Communion

- Our restroom facilities are in need of attention, with a current focus being placed on the restrooms in the Educational Wing.
 - The current ladies' restroom will receive new toilets and updated plumbing. (The small child's toilet will remain).
 - The men's restroom will become a handicap accessible restroom. This will be the men's restroom, but also serve as a "unisex" restroom to assist those in need of a handicap facility. Due to limited space and requirements for a handicap restroom, there will be only one toilet in this restroom. (The urinals will be removed to provide the necessary space).
- The consistory is exploring the request from members of the congregation that have interest in "E-giving" (electronic payment through a bank account) as an option for their tithes and other contributions. The concept has met approval; currently the safest procedure for members and the church are being investigated.
- Marketing of the church is part of the 2010 Budget. Steve Regan is leading this committee. They are exploring the most effective means of communicating Christ to the community through the message and programs of Beck's.
 - The Church supported Get-Revived with the purchase of Bibles and other gift items for children from the Baptist Children's Home and Greensboro Salvation Boys and Girls' Club. This totaled \$750.00.
 - Approved \$500 for approximately fifteen women from the local Homeless Shelter to attend the Beth Moore Event at no cost to them.
 - FYI – As of 4-12, enrollment for the Beth Moore Seminar is over one-hundred.

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

Checking Account	\$ 62,973.63
Money Market Account	\$ 46,625.15
Scholarship Fund	\$ 83,705.35
Barbecue Shelter Fund	\$ 11,061.37
Samaritan Fund	\$ 1,559.13
Video Ministry Fund	\$ 360.20
Missions Fund	\$ 317.63
Library Fund	\$ 713.61
Building Fund	\$ 37,358.42
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 25,000.00



Breakfast Circle...by Marilyn Hilton

On April 7th, we met at Southern Lunch for fellowship and breakfast. Spring was definitely in the air. Linda Younts had decorated each place with a small begonia pot to take home. (Believe it or not, mine is still living and growing.) We were only missing three members this morning and hope that everyone will be back when we meet in May. Shirley Frank had the program entitled "That's God". Have you ever had the desire to do something special for someone you love? Have you ever felt the sadness of someone who stands near you? Have you ever thought of someone that you have not seen for a long time and they suddenly appear? Have you every received something wonderful that you did not ask for? Have you ever been in a situation that appears to have no solution, and then suddenly the answer is clear? Have you ever felt an immense sadness and suddenly an inexplicable sense of peace enveloped your entire being? Have you ever felt tired of life and suddenly you were able to find the courage and resolve to continue your

journey? Do you think that Shirley gave this program by chance? In all ways it was God speaking to her and to us. Let God touch your heart and share this message. We all need a reminder that God is with us always!

Ruth Hedrick conducted the business meeting and prayer partners were drawn. She reminded us of all the activities that were planned for the rest of the month. Ruth told us that the Cancer Center was in need of chemo gowns for children. There are currently 3 girls and 1 boy in the program and that each child could use as many as 5-10 gowns per day. Joyce Greer said she took the left-over Easter bags to Crisis ministry. There were 19 bags left and there are currently 16 children in the shelter. Joyce is going to get us a list of needed items so we can help them in some small way.

Our next meeting is May 5th, 8:30 AM, at Southern Lunch. Hostess and Program duties will fall on Laura and Beth. Look forward to seeing you on the 5th!



Day Circle News...by Jeanne McCarn

The Day Circle met on April 8, 2010, at the church fellowship hall. There were 13 members present & 1 visitor (a special welcome to Sandy Spurrier). For the program, Kay Sanders used messages from songs in the One Road Home CD & anecdotes (The Empty Egg & Push-Ups) to emphasize the love & sacrifices of our Lord. We were so blessed by the words of the songs written & performed by Steve Regan & the One Road Home band. Thank you, Steve, for the inspiration of your music.

After the program, we acknowledged an April 16th birthday for Betty Varner & an April 28th anniversary for Imo-jean Burkhart. Best wishes to both of you on these special occasions. During prayer time, we lifted up Florence Coble (Kaye Sanders's cousin who is going through a difficult time), Ray & Jean Plummer (Ray has a serious infection & complications following surgery), Susan Hauck, Susie Burris & caregivers, Dana Hedrick Burnsidés (pregnancy complications). We will continue to pray for each of you & ask that God will heal or comfort you as your needs require.

During our business meeting, the minutes & treasurer's report were presented and approved. We discussed ongoing church & Women's Guild activities- April 17th- Get Revived, April 18th- Church Service & Lunch @ Camp Walter Johnson, April 24th- Beth Moore Simulcast, May 2nd- Youth Program (9:30 a.m.), May 16th-Overall Guild Meeting (5:00 p.m.). We urge everyone to mark your calendars & take advantage of these opportunities to worship & enjoy fellowship.

After our business meeting, we enjoyed a delicious sandwich, pasta salad, & fruit lunch provided by our hostesses, Andrea Regan & Jerrie Swing. Thank you, ladies, for being such gracious hostesses. Our next meeting is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on May 13, 2010, at the church fellowship hall. Lunch will be provided by our hostesses, Brenda Burris & Betty Hedrick. Carol Crouse will be program leader. We invite any lady in the church to join us. Hope to see you there!



Joy Ministry...by Marilyn Hilton

Hopefully this newsletter article will catch up on the "old" visitations. I do apologize to all who were omitted in the past articles.

Martha Seals, Novelia Potts, and Roma Jean Burkhart were visited in February by Sandy Spurrier and Brenda Burris. Martha was resting but feeling OK. They had a good visit with her and she mentioned that others from Beck's had been to visit her. Novelia and Roma Jean were in the activity room with other residents. We had a great visit they both seem to be in good spirits and doing well. Jerrie Swing and Andrea Regan went to visit in April. Martha was doing great and was going to work with an assistant to try to take a few steps. She wants to practice her walking again. Novelia was very quiet. She was not sad just did not have much to say but was very glad to receive some real strong hugs. Roma Jean was feeling well and was very talkative. She certainly made up for Novelia's silence.

Ruth Funk was also visited in February by Margaret Burkhart and Myrna Davis. She said her cancer was in remission and she hopes to get back to her job at the front desk at LMH on a part-time basis. Ruth told us about growing up in the Norfolk, Virginia area and moving to several different locations with her husband who was in the restaurant business after his stint in the Navy. We need to pray for her grandson who is stationed in Afghanistan. We look forward to seeing her back in church real soon.

The last of the February visits (I hope) was to Willa Mae Younts by Margaret Burkhart and Myrna Davis. Willa Mae was enjoying telling about how Margaret was spoiled rotten since she was the baby of all the cousins. She was very glad to have company and would welcome phone calls as well. Jill Hunt and Jeanne McCarn also visited with Willa Mae and enjoyed the stories of family outings to the mountains and camping trips with the last Mr. Younts, and making yarn dolls to sell. She has once again donated books to our church library. She was in good spirits and has a very positive and optimistic outlook.

Sylvia Hedrick was almost visited by Margaret Burkhart and Myrna Davis. A meal was to be prepared for her but when the call was made it turns out that she had a doctor's appoint-

ment. The food was delivered to Jamie's house. Tony (Jamie's husband) assured us he would eat it all – actually he said he would be sure that Sylvia and Jamie and received the food.

Robbie and Beulah Swing were taken food prepared by Katie Young and Tammy Lopp. Delivery was made by Tammy and Paul. Beulah was enjoying some bright yellow buttercups that were on a table beside her chair. Paul and Tammy enjoyed the visit very much.

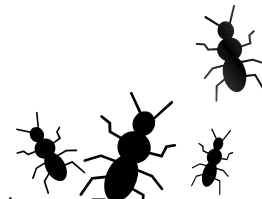
Foy Floyd was visited by Carroll D. and Brenda Burris. When they called to let them know they were bringing a meal, David asked them to join them. They asked David to invite Bonnie. We had a great time sharing the meal, but Foy was most appreciative of the visit.

Bertha Kepley and Ruby Tussey were visited at Piedmont Crossing by Sandy Spurrier and Brenda Burris. It was a beautiful day and we asked if Bertha would like to go out for a while. She wanted to go to McDonalds for some ice cream. We sat in the car with the windows down, talked, ate ice cream and had a great time. We also rode around the facilities at Piedmont to look at the flowers and trees. She was happy that she had a little time to lie down before dinner. When we went to Ruby's room she was sitting up in bed. We told her we were from Beck's Church and that our church continues to pray for her.

Vanhoy and Margie Hines were visited by Joann Hedrick and Donna Yarbrough. A meal was prepared for them. (This visit took place before he decided to break his arm – glad he is back at home again.) Margie told us that when they were first married she did not know when water was boiling and that Vanhoy taught her how to cook. He helped his mother cook and he also cooked in the Navy. We also got to meet their granddaughter, Alexi. She gets off the bus at their home until her parents pick her up.

For all those who are not participating in this ministry, get a partner and sign up. You will be rewarded and have a wonderful time.

We need to keep all these folks in our prayers.



Senior News...by Marilyn Hilton

On April 13th, forty-four "seniors" loaded up a bus and traveled to Raleigh. We had a tour guide from Tobacco Road Tours who was extremely knowledgeable about Raleigh and how it has progressed during the years. We stayed on the bus going to various locations, including some historical sites and restored homes. We really learned a great deal about our state as well as the capitol. We had lunch at the Farmer's Market and were dropped back off at the capitol building so we could go to the museums, etc. Margaret had a devotional as we departed as well as some "funnies" on the way. Before ending the day, we ate at K&W in Winston-Salem (You know we have to eat!). A great time was had by all who went. New friendships were developed and old ones strengthened. A great deal of thanks goes to Brenda Burris and Jerry Hedrick who "ramrodded" this trip. There will be more so stay tuned!

On April 21st our regular senior meeting was held. There were twenty-five members in attendance. Joyce Greer had decorated each table with a plant; a basket of flowers greeted everyone in the entry and a very "springy" vase on the food table. Each place had seed packets and one lucky person per table got to take the plant home. Joyce certainly did an outstanding job and we thank her very much.

Joyce also had the devotions based on Song of Solomon 2:11-12 and Mark 4:26-28. Only God can make the seeds come up. Just as we plant a seed, we can plant seeds in people but we cannot make either one grow. We all need to keep growing in grace and in our spiritual life.

Pandora Hamilton was our guest speaker. She is the owner of Pandora's Books and the Black Chicken Coffee Shop. She is a local girl (Jack and Lalah are her great uncle and aunt). Her father was blind and as a result she was able to get some Lion's Club scholarships for her education. Her undergraduate degree is in speech pathology and audiology from UNCG where she also got her master of education. She taught in Asheboro schools for 2 ½ years before moving to New York City. She was working with the New York Easter Seals and had many funny and sad stories about the children they worked with. She was the speech pathologist and worked with children who could not or would not talk. After moving back to Davidson County she worked in the Davidson County School System for 19 years before retiring. She has been legally blind for 12 years and her usable vision is decreasing to the size of a very small TV screen. They have made changes to the book store by moving the children's section up front. They sell all types of books – if they do not have what you want they will gladly order it for you.

The business portion of the day was led by Margaret Burkhart. She advised that a donation to Pastor's Pantry would be made in honor of Pandora for coming to speak to us today. The minutes were given to all individuals and we accepted as written. An accounting of the monies in the checking account was also given to all individuals and was also accepted.

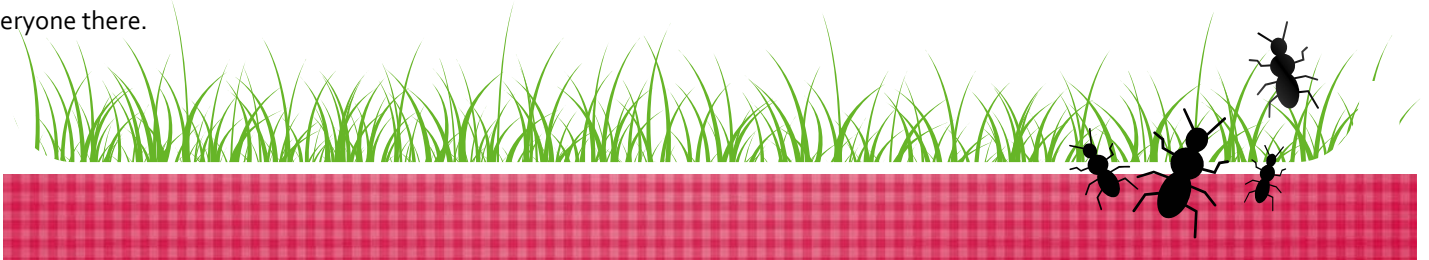
Jerry Hedrick talked about the Raleigh trip and announced that the next trip will be to Cody Creek in Dobson. Signup sheets are available. Trip will be on May 11th, money to be in by May 3rd. Cost will be \$6 per person. This will be to pay for gas (we will be taking private vehicles). We will be leaving the church about 2:00 PM. We will tour the grounds, covered bridge, old general store, and wedding chapel and eat at The Depot Restaurant (meal will be on your own). We should return about 8:00 PM. The next trip will not be until August when we will go on the Catawba River Cruise and Lazy 5 Ranch.

A card was sent to Vanhoy and Margie Hines. Marilyn advised that she tries to catch members of the senior citizens group that need cards. If you can, please let her know to be sure that we do not forget anyone.

Maxine King said the cancer walk was a success and she and John appreciated the donation from our group

We were happy to see that Pastor Jerry and Kristie were able to join us for lunch. Leslie however must have had more important things to do!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 19th at 10:30 AM. Bring a covered dish meal. Carroll D., Brenda, Jerry & Betty will be our hosts for the meeting. Leslie Ward will be telling us about her trip to Haiti. This should be a great program. Hope to see everyone there.



SPLASH!

More than two years ago, we began a special Wednesday evening ministry here at Beck's Church aimed at reaching and teaching the children of the Church and Community about Jesus and helping them grow in their faith. The program has been highly successful and is well attended. They are growing in their knowledge of Jesus and in their faith in Him. All of those who are familiar with this program are so grateful for what God is doing for these children through this program. I know all the parents are thankful for the positive faith reinforcement that this ministry provides, especially when our children are surrounded with so many negative influences in our society today. I rejoice that this program may set some child's feet in the right direction towards faith in the Savior.

I am so thankful to the people who have worked to make this program a success. I thank the teachers and helpers who have been working to do the work of Christ for these children and young people.

Right now, the Splash Ministry has a need. Our teachers wish to take a break from their work next year. I know that this ministry is of God and is having an impact on our children's lives. I am praying that Christ will speak to others here in the Church and that hearts will be moved to stand in the gap and take up

the ministry of teaching in the Splash program. Jesus said, *"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* He loved little children and wanted them to come to Him. The Splash Ministry is bringing our little children and youth to Jesus every week!

I know that we want to see this continue and I know God will speak to the hearts of our membership to come forward and be a part of bringing these children to Jesus. I know we are a church that will make a way and will not allow the lack of teachers and leaders to function to forbid the children the opportunity to come to the Savior. If the Lord speaks to your heart and concern for this ministry and is calling you to perhaps the greatest opportunity for Christ you can know then call me and say, "Yes, I love these children and I will gladly be used of God to bring them into His Kingdom by being a teacher in the Splash Ministry."

In Christ's Service

Kristie Regan,

Director of Youth Ministry

MSY...by Kristie Regan

Thanks to all the MSY who supported Get Revived April 17. Not only did you do a great job coming and inviting friends but you performed a powerful dance that showed the importance of the event. It is so easy to grow away from our faith so it's very important to constantly remind ourselves that our relationship with Christ should come first. Great job!

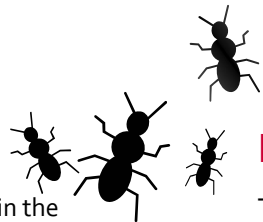
For May, we will have two events. First on May 1 we will participate in Touching Davidson County with Love. The youth are asked to meet at the fellowship hall at 8:00am for breakfast and after that we will head to Kamp Kiwanis. We should be finished and back at the fellowship hall by 1:00pm. Please wear clothes that can get dirty and bring either a broom or a rake.

May 16 is youth Sunday. If you would like to participate, please let me know as soon as possible. All youth are asked to be at church that day and if you are not performing, you can sit in the choir loft together.

Friday May 21 we will be going to see the Winston Salem Dash at their new stadium. If you would like to attend the game, please let me know asap. We will have a lock in that night and a car wash/bake sale the next morning. Please plan on helping!

SPLASH! Attention All Students!

May 5 is "Inside Out" night at SPLASH. Come dressed with your clothes inside out and we will have a special lesson! SPLASH will rap up for the year on May 26 with a finale party from 6:30-7:30. Please come prepared to get wet and have fun! We will serve pizza and snacks.



Notes of Thanks...

Get Revived 2010!

Thanks to all the staff, volunteers, and folks who made donations for Get Revived. It was a wonderful evening. We saw kids from the children's homes and boys and girls clubs come together with youth groups in the area to praise God and that was an awesome thing. I've gotten many comments from people who were blessed by attending the event and that would not be the case if it were not for the many volunteers who made it possible. Thank you!!!!

Thanks from John and Maxine King for your participation in the Carolina Cancer Services Inc. "Walk, Run, Ride for Life" on April 17, 2010.

Thank you to all who participated in Get-Revived 2010. From the fundraisers to the event itself, you all made yourselves willing to help out and work hard to make the event a success. Thank you for all of your hard work for the Kingdom of God!

Kaye Sanders

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Sanctified Kids In Telling The Lord's Everlasting Stories

Calling All Youth!

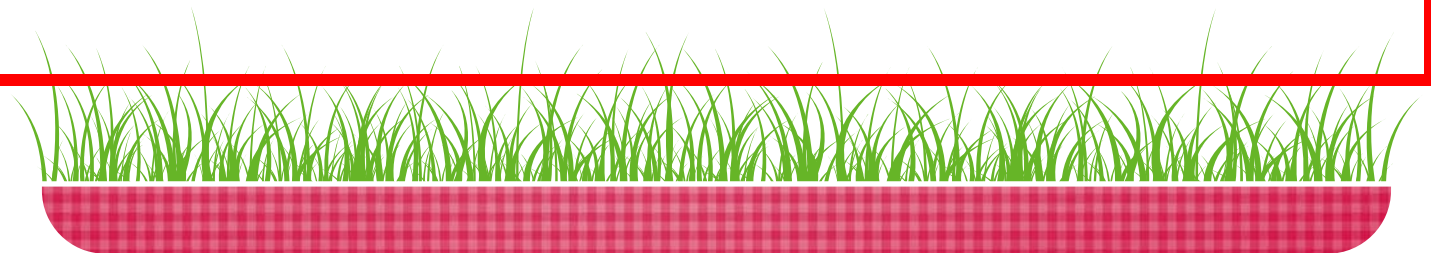
Grades 6-12

To Join

Beck's Drama Team

Is His Spirit In You??

If interested please contact Katie Young at 746-7441





Join us for...
Youth Sunday
May 16, 2010



8:30 am: Year End Recap Service

Recap of the year's events and lessons through skits, music, & video

9:30 am: Sunday School

10:30 am: Youth Worship Service

All youth are asked to arrive at 8:00am to practice and get ready for the service.



We will also hold a practice for the service on Wed. May 12 at 6:30pm during SPLASH.



Middle School Youth
MANIC MAYDAY!!!
May 21 & 22, 2010



May 21: Winston Salem Dash Baseball Game

When: Fellowship Hall 4:00pm

What: Tailgate Dinner then Dash Game for Faith & Family Night
Bring \$5.00 for Dinner & Wear your BYG Fish Shirts!



May 21: Lock-In

When: Following the Dash Game

What: Lock-in at the fellowship hall with movies, snacks, & fun!



May 22: Car Wash/Bake Sale

When: 9:00—12:00

What: Car Wash and Bake Sale to raise funds for the Mission Trip

Prayer Ministry of Beck's Reformed Church

May 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

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 Crotts

Patsy Flynn (breast cancer)

Katie Gulledege

Justin Hardin

Claudia Rapier

Shell Crotts

Parks Brown and Mary Adelee Brown

Willie Owen

Sterling Hedrick

Lynn Fletcher

Terry Fields

Jerry Lohr

Nancy Swing

Bob Almstead

Phyllis Hughes

Morgan Ward

Sharon Hedrick

Brett Tharp

Beulah Swing

Vanhoey Hines

Leigh Ann Thomas

Gene Smith

Jacob Moore

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—2107 Dove Lane #1, Portales, NM 88130

Zack Miller—503 e. Sladen Pl, West Point, NY 10996

SN David Black

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

Joy Ministries...

Two excerpts from the March Issue of Joy Ministries were inadvertently left out, my apologies...here's some reading to catch up on!

In January Margaret Burkhart and Myrna Davis visited with Foy Floyd and his son David. It was a cold rainy day but the house was toasty warm from the fire burning in the wood stove in the basement. It was a pleasure for Myrna to sit and listen to Margaret and Foy talk about years past when Margaret was even known to play hookey from school in order to help her grandfather out with farm chores. Foy talked about having a birthday coming up on Valentine's Day. He has a very sharp memory for events that happened many decades ago, and especially enjoys talking about his tractors, cows, and life on the farm. Foy is still able to get out and about some, and occasionally can be seen at church on Sunday mornings, but he stays inside on days such as the day we visited, when it is damp and chilly.

In January Margaret Burkhart and Myrna Davis visited with Sylvia Hedrick and her daughter Jamie. Myrna is learning a lot about who is related to whom at Becks Church. For example, Sylvia is the sister of Roma Jean Burkhart, who is married to Margaret's brother Lloyd. Also, Sylvia's late husband, James, was the brother of Margaret's mother. Sylvia was very alert and seemed to be feeling well. She wears a device which alerts her daughter in case she should fall and be unable to reach a phone. We enjoyed looking at the many photographs on display of Sylvia's family. We learned that there is very little as far as food is concerned that Sylvia doesn't like, so when it's our turn to deliver a meal it'll be a cinch!

Donations to Beck's Library

On Easter Sunday

Donated by Sandra Carrick

Easter Bunny Are You For Real?

Donated by Sandra Carrick

The Legend of the Easter Egg

Donated by Sandra Carrick

The Love Dare Day by Day

Donated by Paul and Tammy Lopp in Honor of Kevin and Jennifer Firquin

You're a Blessing to Me

Donated by Amanda Hedrick in Memory of Shelia Hedrick

Positive Living Day by Day

Donated by Amanda Hedrick in Memory of Shelia Hedrick

Getting Old Ain't for Wimps

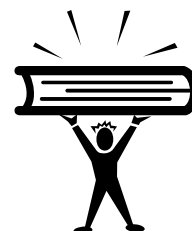
Donated by Amanda Hedrick in Memory of Shelia Hedrick

Help Lord, I'm Having a Senior Moment Donated by Amanda Hedrick in Memory of Shelia Hedrick

Experiencing God (book and 2 workbooks) Donated by Amanda Hedrick in Memory of Shelia Hedrick

Where God was Born (CD)

Donated by Amanda Hedrick in Memory of Shelia Hedrick



May Birthdays and *Anniversaries*

1 Cheryl Burnham

2 Mitchell Loflin

3 Maxine King, *Donnie and Darlene Parsons*

4 Michael Crouse, Sarah Hedrick, Tiffany Hedrick

5 Clay Yarbrough, Sherry Garwood, *Norman and Nancy Jones*

6 Patricia Jenkins, Tommy Hampton

7 *Scott and Stephanie Shoaf*

8 Ruby Tussey

9 Christi Swing

10 Carlton Sealey, Jonathan Younts

11 Todd Hanes, Grace Chapman

12 Cynthia Barnhill, Louise Cross

13 Mandy Everhart, Rebecca Swing, Chasanie Cross

14 Shirley Frank, Gina Brown, Betty Sue Holman, Zack Sipper

17 Ben Glover, Katelyn Glosson

18 Andrea Regan

20 Caroline Burkhart, *Steve and Andrea Regan, Robert and Christi Swing*

21 Mike Swing, *John and Ann Bryant*

22 Benny Garwood, *Brad and Jill Shoaf*

23 Michelle Norris, Bertha Kepley, Christen Grace Younts

25 Joseph Pope

26 Nadine Lohr

27 Seth Firquin, Lynn Walser

28 Jenny Parks, Willie Owen, Angela English, *Keith and Shirley Frank*

30 *Will and Joanie Parks*

31 *Roger and Wendy Younts*



Beck's Reformed Church

2009 – Financial Study

Jigsaw puzzles, often with one-thousand or more pieces, create beautiful scenes. Some pieces are easy to find, such as the corner pieces. These four pieces have a 90-degree angle making them easy to see. Next, you locate the frame or side pieces and that is not too hard as they all have a straight edge. Once you build the frame, the hard part begins. You must properly place confusing pieces together to complete the picture puzzle. Each piece is important; each piece helps complete the picture. We may easily spot the corner pieces of our church – the Pastor, Music Director, Youth Director and so forth. We may even be able to locate our frame or side pieces. But the picture is not complete until all the pieces are in place. Each member of the congregation has a purpose and is part of the picture. This presentation attempts to help us understand one part of the puzzle, the grace of giving, at Beck's. We present a picture to the world of Jesus Christ. Each member has a part in this picture and this study hopes to help us see our picture puzzle more clearly.

The year 2009 was a financial challenge for families, businesses and organizations. Beck's Reformed Church shared in this reality. Because of this experience, the Consistory has conducted a study of our giving patterns for 2009. The purpose of this study is simply this: A better understanding of ourselves allows us to act pro-actively as a Church Family striving to please Our Savior and to serve our Church Mission.

THE PUZZLE - PART ONE: THE CORNER PIECES

Budgetary Receipts for 2009

Through the first three quarters of the year our receipts were not meeting the 2009 budget. This concern stirred the Consistory to ask the congregation to respond through the November Harvest Offering. The special offering was a significant piece in the puzzle that allowed us to end 2009 in a positive financial position. The membership continued to increase its contributions during the fourth-quarter. This response allowed the church to finish 2009 in good standing (see the chart below). **Thank you!** Your efforts filled in the missing pieces of this financial puzzle.

BUDGET RECEIPTS-2009

Total APPROVED BUDGET for 2009	\$347,769.76
Envelope Offering for 2009	\$328,716.32
2009 Harvest Offering	\$26,125.00
2009 Loose Offering	\$2,893.55
Interest	\$2,204.98
TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	\$359,716.32
Amt. Above Approved Budget-excluding interest	\$9,741.58
Amt. Above Approved Budget -including interest	\$11,946.56

As each of you has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 1 Peter 4:10

THE PUZZLE - PART TWO: THE FRAME

Four Sides Make the Frame; Four Quarters Make a Whole Year

Just as we do in our homes, the church faces monthly expenses and obligations. The church deals with benevolences, utilities, salaries, insurance, supplies, maintenance, Sunday School materials and, as in our homes, unexpected expenses. Household finances are easier to manage when the "income" arrives consistently throughout the year. However, 2009 was not such a year for the church and it created concern. Thirty-five and one-half percent (35.5%) of the church's total contributions arrived during the 4th quarter (Oct-Dec.). The lowest quarter was the 3rd, which continued a downward trend for the year. This concerned the Consistory. Thus, began the sharing of this concern with the congregation through bulletin financial updates, announcements and the November Harvest Offering. Thankfully, this trend did not continue in the 4th quarter. Your response allowed your church to complete the year in a positive financial standing. **Again, thank you!**

MONTHLY/QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTIONS

(ENVELOPE AND HARVEST OFFERING)

<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>1st Qtr</i>		<i>% of Total</i>
25,691.14	23,627.41	32,489.36	81,807.91		Contributions
<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>2nd Qtr</i>	<i>1st Qtr. -81,807.91</i>	<i>23.05%</i>
27,154.87	27,040.77	22,805.77	77,001.41	2 nd Qtr. -77,001.41	21.70%
<i>July</i>	<i>Aug.</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>3rd Qtr</i>	<i>3rd Qtr.-72,248.00</i>	<i>20.36%</i>
21,048.75	26,794.00	24,405.25	72,248.00	4 th Qtr. - 97,659.00	27.52%
<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>	<i>4th Qtr</i>	<i>H.Off,- 26,125.00</i>	<i>7.36%</i>
28,936.00	36,039.00	32,684.00	97,659.00	Total- 354,841.58	
	Hrvst. Off. 26,125.00		Inc. Hrvst. 123,784.00		

THE PUZZLE – PART THREE: FILLING IN THE MIDDLE

All the Pieces Matter!

HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION

The financial data recorded during the year was evaluated according to family, or household, units. Each household's 2009 budgetary contribution was totaled. This information was used to compile the information you will find in the following graphs.

Please apply the following qualifiers as you study the following charts and information:

The data is based on household/ family units, not individual members. (Confirmed members living at home remain with their respective household/family unit).

Household or Families that are NOT church members but who contributed to the budget ARE included in the data.

Sunday School Classes or similar "group contributions" are NOT included

CONTRIBUTIONS BY HPERCENT GIVEN BY "HOUSEHOLD GROUPINGS"

\$ Amount Given-2009	Number of Family Units	% of Church Membership
\$0-25	86	28.6
\$26-100	55	18.3
\$101-250	23	7.6
\$251-500	21	7.0
\$501-750	9	3.0
\$751-1000	10	3.3
\$1001-2000	38	12.6
\$2001-3000	14	4.6
\$3001-4000	8	2.6
\$4001-5000	8	2.6
\$5001-6000	10	3.3
\$6001-7000	5	1.6
\$7001-8000	3	1.0
\$8001-9000	5	1.6
\$9001+	5	1.6

The next chart creates groups from the above chart that simply seem to "fit" together. The first group (\$0-\$100) is obvious, representing almost half (47.0%) of the church's membership. The next two groups are approximately 15% each (30% of the church's membership). Finally, there are four more groups, each representing approximately 5% of the church's membership (roughly 20% of the church's membership).

CONTRIBUTIONS BY "HOUSEHOLD GROUPINGS"

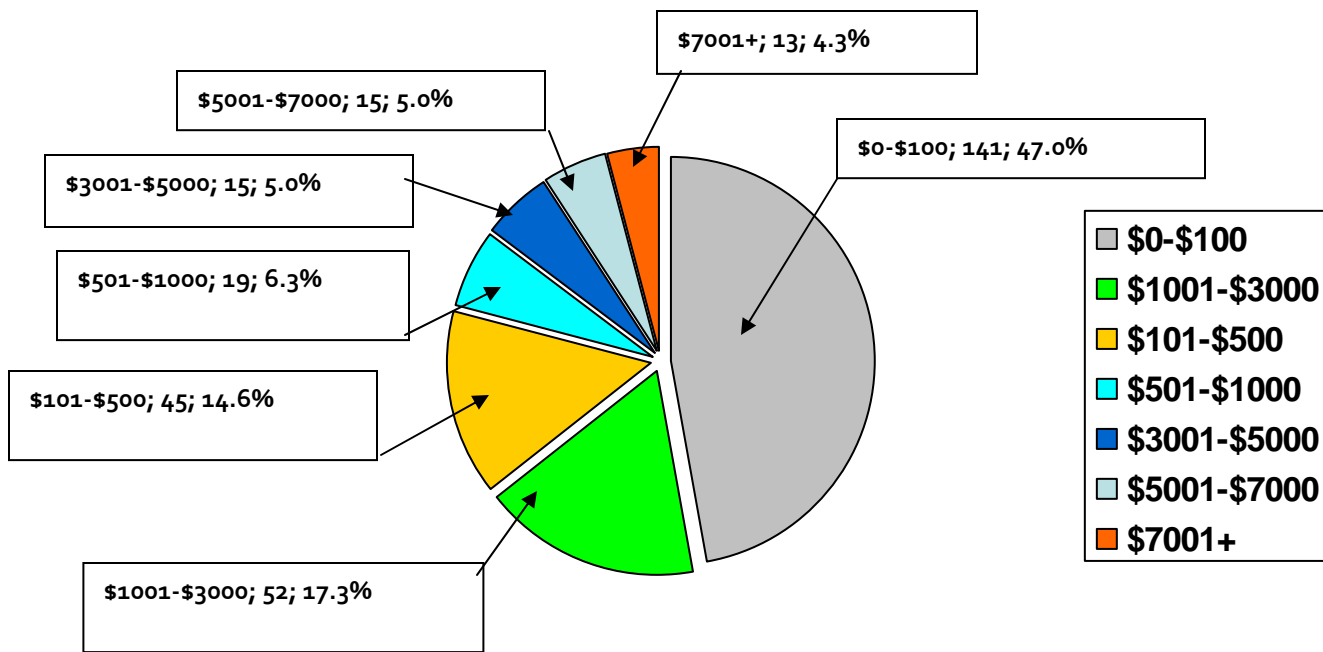
PERCENT OF TOTAL

HOUSEHOLD – 2009

Amount Contributed	# of Families	% of Total
0-100	141	47.0
1001-3000	52	17.3
101-500	45	14.6
501-1000	19	6.3
3001-5000	15	5.0
5001-7000	15	5.0
7000+	13	4.3

Malachi 3: ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Below is a visual of the previous chart - **PERCENT GIVEN BY "HOUSEHOLD GROUPINGS."** Please note the following as you study this graph. In each heading you will find from left to right the group's total contribution amount; the number of families in this group; percent of the church's family memberships.



THE PUZZLE -PART FOUR: A PICTURE (But Only a Part of It)

SUMMARY

This information should be shared with the membership. Having an annual Harvest Sunday is NOT a desire of the Consistory. Each household, each individual, is an important piece of the puzzle that completes Beck's Church. While this is a study of church finances, please be assured the "bottom line" is not our church's purpose, but we must understand finances are a part of the church puzzle. As believers, we each have gifts that are all important in growing Christ's Church. *(Please study and pray on Romans 12)*. We are given a "talent," not to hold or hide but to share so we may experience the grace of giving. We ask that you pray for God's direction. We ask that you pray for the Church so that as a congregation we are seeking and following God's will. Thank you for your time, your prayers, your caring and your sharing. - The Consistory

*2 Corinthians 8:*¹And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ²Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. ⁶So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

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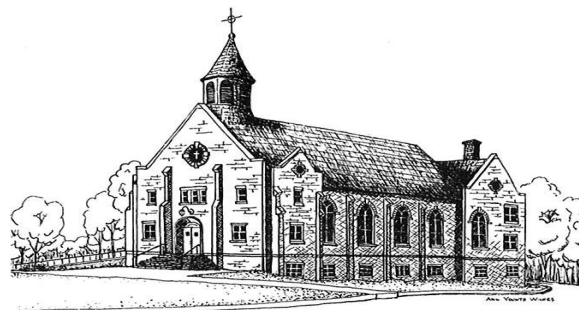
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