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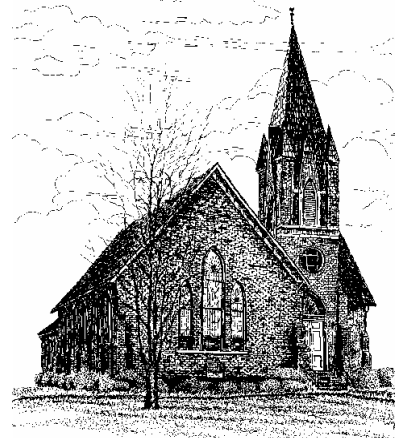
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm (Closed Fridays)



August 11, 2009

From the Pastor

It hardly seems possible, but I checked my calendar twice to make sure. As you receive this issue of Trinity In Touch our teachers will be starting back to school. I know, we were just recognizing our graduates, promoting our young people in Church School and enjoying Vacation Bible School, and now school is about to start back! The Missions Team has been promoting the school supplies that PATH has needed, and some of the folks who work at PATH have let us know how much they are appreciated and how rapidly the book bags and supplies have been distributed. Of course, you know what goes into those bags—paper, folders, crayons (though someone gave PATH enough crayons to last for years, so they are requesting we not donate any of them this year!) Parents are probably busy everywhere, getting lunch boxes, school clothes, school shoes and all of the other things that it takes for a child (or a teacher or administrator) to be ready to go back to school.

I'd like to suggest a few other ideas about what to pack in your back-to-school survival kit. Take a minute and read I Kings 2:10-12 and 3:3-14. King Solomon isn't about to go back to school but he is about to go to work as King of Israel. That's almost as important as going back to school. God appears to him and tells him, "Ask what I should give you." Solomon asks for "a discerning mind," and God is so pleased that he gives him the wisdom he asks for and then gives riches and honor and long life as long as Solomon walks in God's ways and keeps the statutes and commandments. One of the important things we need in our back-to-school survival kit would be a willingness to learn. A part of what I am thinking about is that discerning spirit that Solomon asked for, and a part of it can be seen in the ways that Solomon had learned from his father, King David, in preparation for being king. A willingness to learn begins with the understanding that we don't already know it all. It continues with openness to the guidance of others. I remember one year when we had gone to "Meet the Teacher," and had noticed that the teacher had arranged the room in such a manner that our child and two or three children who always seemed to be up to something or into something together were seated in very close proximity. We told the teacher that it wouldn't work. The parents of the other children told her that it wouldn't work. She was in her first year as a teacher and was very sure of herself. "I'm going to leave them there; it will be OK," she told us all. The headaches and aggravation she endured for the first few weeks could have almost all been avoided if she had been a little more willing to listen. One of our children once told Anna's Dad that he already knew everything he needed to about fishing, that he was an expert. Anna's Dad, who was an expert, stepped back and let him flounder around (accidental pun) until he finally came and asked for help. "I thought you were an expert," he chided, before helping him learn more about fishing. Willingness to learn comes with willingness to listen to others. It also comes with recognition of the need to hear what others have to say.

Another item in the survival kit would be enthusiasm. Solomon's enthusiasm about being king can be seen in his willingness to grow into the job with God's help, and his awareness that wisdom was important. Now, I know that there are some parts of going back to school that are hard to get enthusiastic about. It takes a particularly perverse enthusiasm to get excited about learning the multiplication tables; but it can be seen as a challenge to be overcome and there are some folks who really thrive on overcoming challenges. There can be all sorts of rewards (not just stuff, but privileges, or even the intellectual satisfaction of completing something difficult) that can be embraced enthusiastically. Each of us has different motivational styles, and as we find ways to become motivated, or as we find ways to motivate others, we all can grow.

We also need a sense of mission, or vocation, in our back-to-school kit. The most motivated learners are the ones who are learning so that they can take their skills and get out into the world. The most motivated folks are the ones who see beyond school to the life they want to live. Solomon knew he was to be king, and he wanted skills that would make him a better and wiser king. The best teachers I know are the ones who have a sense that teaching is not just a job, but a vocation. Some knew from 4th Grade that they wanted to teach. Others discovered after a few years in the business world, or after a few years in college that they are born teachers.

What other skills would you put into a back-to-school survival kit? I'd be curious to hear what other suggestions you have? After all, what is good for back-to-school might be useful for back-to-church. The skills that students need are skills we all can use. We need to be willing to listen. We need that discerning spirit. We need enthusiasm for what we do.

Most of all, we need that sense that we are learning because we have a mission to accomplish. God calls us all into ministry and we are all gifted to do the work that we've been given. At the same time, we need to learn and grow so that we can do the work God puts before us.

Come and let's worship and grow together. Gene Feagin, Pastor

Sunday, August 16th, 2009
Scriptures: 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; John 6:51-58
Sermon: "The Gift We Need"

SUNDAY – August 16

Worship Service	9:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Lay Leadership Team meeting	5:00 p.m.
Contemporary Worship Service	6:00 p.m.
Flower Ministry:	Circle #4
Lay Reader:	Alice Smith
Nursery Infants:	Terri Alford & Robin Johnston
Toddler Church:	Staci & Chip Rampey
Children's Church:	Terry & Lee Keller
Acolyte:	Maggie McSwain

MONDAY 17

Ages 2-10/Monkey Joe'sMeet at the church 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY 18

NESEI Craft Project 9:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 19

Chancel Choir 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 20

Brownie Troop 3495..... 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY 22

Summerfest Breakfast..... 7-9:00 a.m.

CAMP MEETING SUNDAY – August 23

NO 9:00 am Worship Service

Fellowship Time	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Evangelism Team Meeting	6:00 a.m.

USHERS FOR AUGUST: *Dick Sweigart, Chip Alexander, & Church Youth

TRUSTEES/AUGUST: Mike Smith & Mary Jane Shuler

ALTAR GUILD/AUGUST: Libby Brown & Judy Hanners

WELCOME VISITORS/AUGUST: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/AUGUST: Eric Johnston

Sunday School Attendance August 9: 104
Worship Attendance (9:00 am) August 9: 48
Worship Attendance (11:00 am) August 9: 108
Contributions received on August 9 not available at time of printing this newsletter.

MEMORIALS in memory of Wilma Mitchell

To the Operating Fund by The Jack Benfield Class; John & Frances Howe; Betty J. Jones; Elizabeth W. Reid.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Libby Brown, Martha Bostic, Louise Smith, Clark Warren, Havern & Helen Brindle, John Smith, John Deyton, Lois Crolley, Ernie Ulbricht, Bob Johnsey, Bebe Benfield, Wes Lancaster, Charlie Gallion; also with Jeff West anticipating surgery; Steven Maxwell Mellon who remains hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center, Pineville; Geneva Warren hospitalized at Piedmont Medical Center; Mildred Kalb hospitalized at Carolinas Medical Center; Carol Moody convalescing at Westminster Rehab Center; and Carol France recovering at home following surgery.

Also, we remember Robbie Hinkle, mother of Helen Pridmore; Betty Beck, sister of Bunny Whitesides; Virginia Baker, sister of Jo Hammond; Grayson Carroll, niece of Ken Cushman; Dot Caldwell, Anne Hipp's sister; Roy Wilkerson, father of Denise Mitchell; Karen Duncan, Kinsley James, and Mackenzie Decuir.

Congratulations to:

Steve & LeAnn Mellon on the birth of their son, Steven Maxwell Mellon, born on Thursday, August 6.

Daniel Correll who graduated on Saturday, August 8 from USC with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English.

NESEI Crafters....we still need YOU!! If you wish to order a nativity set, please see Bud Jones. We will be working August 18th at 9:30 A.M. on our necklaces and nativity scenes. REMEMBER, if you can measure, cut, sort, tie knots, crochet or use a glue gun, we need you. We really could use more "crocheters". If you have items being made at home, try to get them to us before Summerfest. **THANKS to everyone who has supported this project by working and buying the items. Your efforts will go a long way to help the girls at the school in the Sudan.**

Summerfest Booths

The Mission Team of Trinity will have two booths at Summerfest and they will be located in the church parking lot. Katrina Missions and Sudan Missions will both have items for sale. If you have some free time and would like to help with either booth, see Kenny Jones, Ellen Jones, Marian Garner or Bud Jones. You may also give your name to Jill in the church office.

Summerfest Breakfast will be on Saturday, August 22 from 7-9:00 am in the Trinity Center. The menu is grits, eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, coffee, and orange juice. The cost is \$6.00 ages 11 and up, \$3.00 ages 4-10, and free for 3 and under. Proceeds are used by the Bible Study Class for Christmas Needy Families. For more information please contact Mary Jane Shuler, 684-4539 or Bill Fischer, 628-1744.

ALICE'S CORNER

- Our family trip to Lazy 5 was cancelled on Sunday. We received word from the owner all wagon rides were suspended because of the extreme heat so this trip will be rescheduled in the fall. Hope everyone will plan to go this time!
- **The Adult trip** to Musgrove Mill State Park and Historic Site is this Thursday, August 13. Meet at the church at 9:00 am for a great day. Bring a covered dish picnic food! 1 seat remains on the bus!
- **The Virginia Biker Trail** excursion is now **just** Saturday, August 15. Meet at the church at 7:00 am. Bring a picnic lunch. Call Alice if you are going.
- **Monkey Joe's trip II** will be held on Monday, August 17 for kids 2-10. Sign up with Alice. Meet at the church at 10:00 am. Cost is \$6.75 per person includes jumping, pizza and drink.
- **There is 1 ticket for the Atlanta Braves adult trip**, August 25-26, remaining. Contact Alice if you are interested.
- **Our tubing trip down the Green River** was so much fun this summer we will "do it again" on Sunday afternoon, August 30. We will leave following early worship and Sunday School, have a picnic lunch at the NC Welcome Center, tube, and return home early for school the next day. Plan to join us for some wonderful family fun. All ages are welcome! Cost is \$6.00. Tubes are furnished.
- **The Adult Christmas trip** to Myrtle Beach has been set for December 7, 8, & 9. We will see the Christmas show at Carolina Opry and Alabama Theatre. Alice is taking names for the bus now! Don't delay.

PLEASE NOTE – THE CHURCH PARLOR WILL BE CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 12.

MISSION MOMENTS - During the month of August

Remember...Schools Supplies for our Back to School Missions Project!!

The Missions Committees Back to School Project is underway!! PATH is in much need of the following items: Bookbags (no wheels), Notebook Paper, and 3 Prong Folders. **NO crayons please!!!** OR to make it even easier, you can donate a WalMart Gift card or a Gift Card to any store that has school supplies and a member of the Missions Committee will purchase these items for you! Just see a member of the Committee for more details!! Remember, what better investment in our future than the investment in our children and their Education.