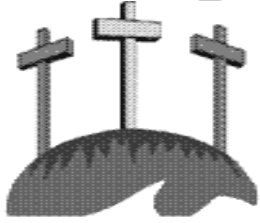


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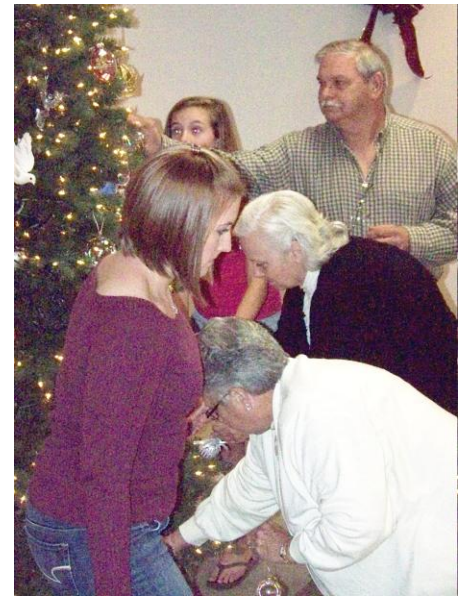


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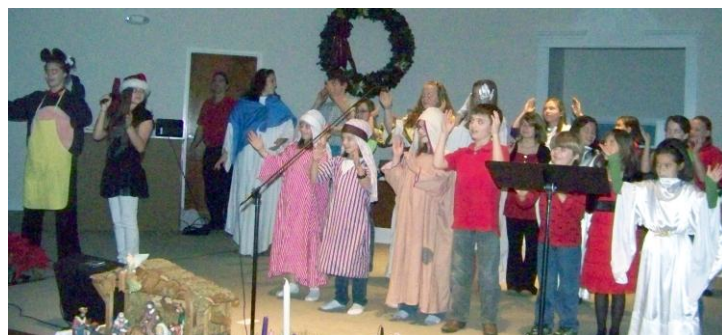
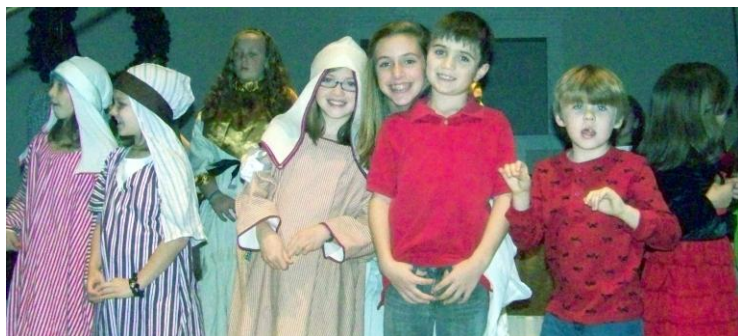
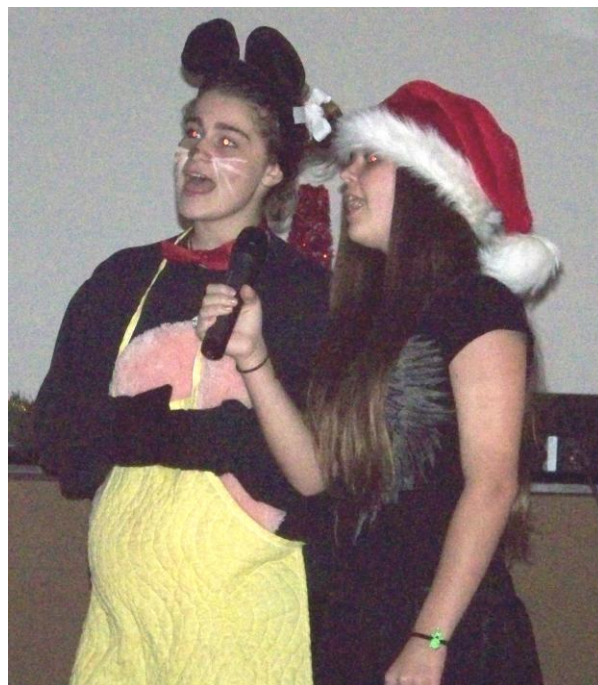
Christmas at the Creek



Pictures taken by Lisa Godfrey at our
Hanging of the Greens Ceremony on
November 27th and Christmas Cantata on
December 10th.



Children's Christmas Program on December 18th.



SENIOR SAINTS' MINISTRY

We pray that everyone had a very safe and MERRY CHRISTMAS. To me Christmas is another time to show others that you care by giving some small 'gift' such as a bigger smile and good wish for the year that is upon us. But most of all remember that it is and will always be the birthday of JESUS!!

There will be no meeting of the Senior Saints on January 2nd. Our next scheduled date will be on Monday, January 9th. at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will not be visiting the Nursing Homes during January or February. We do not want to take any "germs" into or take from the nursing homes. If you have any questions, please contact our leader Nina Ashley. But when we do visit, come out and join us the Beaver Creek Senior Saints and help us make a shut-in smile when YOU visit them just to say 'hello and let all know we are thinking about them today.

The following message was e-mailed to me over Thanksgiving and I hope you will get the true meaning of it.

"Another year has passed and we're all a little older. Last summer was hotter and winter seemed much colder. I rack my brain for happy thoughts to put down on my pad. But lots of things that come to mind that kinda make me sad. There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast. Now I fully understand about "Living in the Past". We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches. Now we go to funeral houses and after-funeral brunches. We used to go out dining and couldn't get our fill, now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill. We used to often travel to places near and far. Now we get sore from riding in the car. We used to go out shopping for new

clothes at the mall but now we never bother as all the sizes are too small. We used to go out for dinner and dancing and have a drink or two. Now we stay at home at night and watch the evening news. That, my friend is how it is and now my tale is told. So, enjoy each day and live it up before you're way too old"!!

During our December meeting at the FLC the following was shared and I do hope you enjoy it as much as we did and do.

BE NOT AFRAID

*I walked through the valley with the shadows about me
and I was afraid.*

*Then I met the good shepherd who put His arms about
me and this is what He said;*

*"I will give you peace if to me you release all your
confusion and doubt".*

*Trust in me and you will see all the glories to be and
heaven will sing and shout.*

*So release your fears and give Him your tears and be
not afraid*

*The shepherd is near and for you He cares, just listen to
what He said.*

*"I will give you peace if to me you release all your
confusion and doubt".*

(Written by: Linda Denkins Blackburn)

Thank you and please keep writing.

May everyone have a wonderful New Year and may God watch closely over us and keep us safe. Remember in your prayers to thank Him for seeing us through another year.

Love in Christ,
Ms. Margie Carleton

WOM MINISTRY

The WMU met on Tuesday, December 13th at the Outback Restaurant in Southern Pines and had our Christmas party. We did the Chinese Christmas and one particular gift got stolen a couple of times. We had a blast. There were 11 women present. The Saturday after that on the 19th, we enjoyed a trip to Southern Supreme that morning and had lunch at Crossroads Grill. A big thank you to Pastor John for

being our chauffeur. He had graciously agreed to be our chauffeur on our next outing. Later on that same evening, we hosted our cookie exchange in the FLC with 29 women present. If you were not able to come be with us, you missed out. We had a wonderful time of fun, fellowship, and cookie tasting. Jessica Smith won for best tasting cookie and Angela Hankins won for best looking cookie. Congrats to you both!

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We will be starting our new year off on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00. We will meet in the church and not in the FLC during the winter months to help cut down on the heating cost. I have been asked if anyone can come to our meetings. The answer is YES! YES! YES! The WMU is OPEN to any and all women of Beaver Creek Baptist Church. It does not matter if you are in another ministry. You can be in more than one. Please come out and join us. We are doing something different this year. At our first meeting, we will be drawing names for our SECRET PAL. If you wish to participate with this, please be at this meeting so you can draw a name. You will be doing special things for your secret pal throughout the year with your secret pal being revealed at the Christmas party next year.

The WMU will be having a spaghetti fundraiser luncheon immediately following Sunday morning service toward the end of the month. Some people have asked why we need to have fundraisers. The ministries of the church are self-supporting and fundraisers are our only source of income. We had such a good response to our women's conference this past October, that we will be making this an annual event. It takes a lot of money and effort to put a conference together. We also do other missions throughout the year. On behalf of the WMU, we would like to thank you in advance for the support that you as a church show us. We greatly appreciate it and never once take it for granted.

Love in Christ,
Jeanette Sellars
WMU Director
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PRAYER MINISTRY

Welcome to 2012, here we are again into a new year. There were trials last year and triumphs. Hopefully we learned something from both. The following is from a devotional I got the other day. I pray that you will enjoy it and can relate to it. An eye on yourself

Read Ahead: Luke 6:37-42, *First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck in your brother's eye.* Luke 6:42, HCSB

Most of us live by a double standard. We judge ourselves one way, but we use a different set of rules for others. When we sin, we're quick to explain the reasons behind our disobedience:

- * "I was exhausted."
- * "I didn't know what I was doing."
- * "I was under a lot of stress."

When it comes to other people, however, that's another case. We put on our judge's robes and pronounce them guilty, regardless of the evidence:

- * "He knew better."
- * "This isn't the first time she's done this."
- * "There's just no excuse for that!"

It's good to help your friends live the life God desires, but your first priority should be to make sure your own life is pleasing to God. When you're diligent to keep sin out of your own heart, you'll then be able to see others in the correct perspective.

Whenever you're involved in willful, deliberate sin, it distorts everything you see. But when your heart is pure, you won't be so quick to condemn others for their sins, nor will you jump to

conclusions about them. You'll have the grace to help without judging.

What makes us so comfortable with our own sins, yet so irritated by the sins of others?

Let's all pray to our Father in heaven to help us to realize when those "logs" get stuck in our eyes. There was only one perfect man and we just celebrated His birthday.

Love to all,
Jane E.

For personal prayer and to start a prayer chain, please call as stated below:
Moore & Lee County – Jane Evans @
910-944-3805, 910-639-7256,
firstgrader@windstream.net
or Sylvia Ring @ 910-783-5158

Jan. 1 – JoAnn Denkins & Jeanne Fannin
Jan. 8 – Felicia Overton & Sharon Crawford
Jan. 15 – Lee Logwood & Jimmy Wicker
Jan. 22 – Frank & Suzanne McDonald
Jan. 29 – Adam Medlin & Eddie Sellars

Read the following story that was sent to me and may it change the way that you may think about prayer, and also the way you pray. You will be blessed by this.

A missionary on furlough told this true story while visiting his home church in Michigan.
God's 26 Guards

'While serving at a small field hospital in Africa , every two weeks I traveled by bicycle through the jungle to a nearby city for supplies. This was a journey of two days, and required camping overnight at the halfway point.

On one of these journeys, I arrived in the city where I planned to collect money from a bank, purchase medicine, and supplies, and then begin my two-day journey back to the field hospital.

Upon arrival in the city, I observed two men fighting, one of whom had been seriously injured. I treated him for his injuries and at the same time talked to him about the Lord. I then traveled two days, camping overnight, and arrived home without incident.

Two weeks later I repeated my journey upon arriving in the city, I was approached by the young man I had treated. He told me that he had known I carried money and medicines. He said, 'Some friends and I followed you in to the jungle, knowing you would camp overnight. We planned to kill you and take your money and drugs. But just as we were about to move into your camp, we saw that you were surrounded by 26 armed guards.

At this, I laughed and said that I was certainly all alone in that jungle campsite. The young man pressed the point, however, and said, 'No, sir, I was not the only person to see the guards, my friends also saw them, and we all counted them. It was because of those guards that we were afraid and left you alone.'

At this point in the sermon, one of the men in the congregation jumped to his feet and interrupted the missionary and asked if he could tell him the exact day this happened. The missionary told the congregation the date and the man who interrupted told him this story: 'On the night of your incident in Africa , it was morning here, and I was preparing to go play golf. I was about to putt when I felt the urge to pray for you. In fact, the urging of the Lord was so strong; I called men in this church to meet with me here in the sanctuary to pray for you. Would all of those men who met with me on that day stand up?'

The men who had met together to pray that day stood up. The missionary wasn't concerned with whom they were, he was too busy counting how many men he saw. There were 26.

NURSERY MINISTRY

Jan. 1 – Cheryl & Laura Smith

Jan. 8 – Christi Maddox & Maude Oakley

Jan. 15 – Judy Brown & Mechelle Butler

Jan. 22 – Jeanne Fannin & Tiffany Lubeck

Jan. 29 – Mary-Michael & Hali Calcutt

Coordinators: Carrie Morris: 910-947-1441

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVOTION

Jan. 1 – Adam Medlin

Jan. 8 – Chuck Guin

Jan. 15 – Jeanette Sellars

Jan. 22 – Jimmy Wicker

Jan. 29 – Barbara Marks

Coordinator: Chris Morris

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jan. 1 – Jancey Dickens (younger)

Jan. 8 – Suzanne McDonald (younger)

Chuck & Faye Guin (older)

Jan. 15 – Mary-Michael Calcutt (younger)

Jan. 22 – Kathy McBride (younger)

James Tyner (older)

Jan. 29 – Carrie Morris (younger)

Coordinator: Jeanne Fannin

H: 919-499-1385, C: 919-770-3061

CANCER SUPPORT MINISTRY

Let's all look forward to a much better year than the one that is ending. We all have had our 'ups and downs' during the last 12 months. But let's not look at the past but go on to the future.

Believe in yourself and you'll go far. It's easy to doubt our potential, question our abilities and talk ourselves out of success. But you can talk yourself into it too! So tell yourself that your strengths outnumber your challenges - because it's true. And tell yourself you deserve your dreams. Because you most certainly do!!

Celebrate who you are now! You don't need to lose weight, earn a degree or get a new job to be a winner. You already are! So give yourself a pat on the back. Whatever you're working toward will happen. In the meantime, you're a great person. And that's reason enough to feel proud!

The next meeting for our group will be on January 3rd. at 7 p.m. at the Wicker home...if the weather permits.

Mark your date book for the Cancer Support Group Valentine's Dinner on February 11th. in the Family Life Center. The time and price will be in the church bulletin in early January. At that time, PLEASE make your

reservations as tickets do go fast.

A New Year Meditation.

What better time and what better season, what greater occasion or more wonderful reason to kneel down in prayer and lift our hands high to the God of creation who made earth and sky, Who sent us His son to live here among men and the message He brought is as true now as then, so at this glad season when there's joy everywhere, let us meet our Redeemer at the altar of prayer.

Asking Him humbly to bless all of our days and grant us forgiveness for our erring ways. And though we're unworthy, dear Father above, accept us today and let us dwell in Thy love so we may grow stronger, upheld by Thy grace. And with Thy assistance be able to face all the temptations that fill every day, and hold onto our hands when we stumble and stray -- for we thank You dear God for the year that now ends and for the great blessing of loved ones and friends.

Submitted with love and prayers to all, that everyone will enjoy the wonderful New Year that is upon us. Stay well and safe and I'll see you in church.
Ms. Margie Carleton

Submitted by:

Ms. Margie with love and prayers to all.

As the New Year starts and the old year ends, there's no better time to make amends for all the things we sincerely regret, and wish in our hearts we could somehow forget.

We all make mistakes for it's human to err, but no one need ever give up in despair. For God gives us all a brand -new beginning, a chance to start over and repent of our sinning and when God forgives us we too must forgive and resolve to do better each day that we live.

By constantly trying to be more like Him more nearly and to trust in His wisdom and love Him more dearly; Assured that we're never out of His care and we're always welcome to seek Him in prayer.

As we start a new year untouched and unmarred, unblemished and flawless, unscratched and unscarred, may we try to do better and accomplish much more, be kinder and wiser than the year before.

Let us wipe our slates clean and start over again, for God gives this privilege to all sincere men who will humbly admit they have failed many ways but are willing to try and improve these 'new days'.

By asking God's help in all that they do and counting on Him to refresh and renew their courage and faith when things go wrong. The way seems dark and the road rough and long; what will you do with this year that's so new? The choice is yours --- God leaves that up to you!