

Happenings at the CREEK



Beaver Creek Baptist Church
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Widows, Widowers & Singles Ministry enjoying fellowship at the Feed Mill in Broadway on July 1st.



Choir Ministry participating at the Praise Fest in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church on July 31st.



Picture by: Lisa Godfrey

WHAT CAN I DO?

By Pastor John

It's an interesting question, isn't it? I must confess that the following discussion may ask more questions than it answers. But the questions must still be asked.

When we come to church, what are we looking to do? What are we expecting to happen there? The book of Acts is filled with God's miraculous moving in the lives of people. There are healings (Acts 3:1-9), visions (Acts 9:1-7 and 10: 9-16), rescues from prison (Acts 12:6-19), and both mass conversions (Acts 2) and singular conversions (Acts 8:26-40). The formal title of Acts is "The Acts of the Apostles." I heard it said once that the name should be "The Acts of the Holy Spirit *through* the Apostles."

I like that idea. For in truth, we don't do anything, but rather it is the Holy Spirit working through us to accomplish His purposes. All that we try to do is for nothing without the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

I am not trying to sound too self-righteous or super-spiritual. As a minister I can fall into the same way of thinking as everyone else. "What songs can *I* plan for the choir?" "What Bible study can *I* teach?" "What can *I* do to minister to someone?" These questions may be based in a genuine desire to serve God in the best way I can. But note the perspective- how many times is it about what *I/we* can do?

The question should not be "What can I do?" but "What can God do through me?" *I* am no longer the focus- God is. The question is not about what Bible study I teach or songs I plan, but "God, what would you have your people learn?" Then we can just go along with His plan. *I* am merely a tool in the hands of God. Does a hammer get credit for building the house, or the carpenter?

As we are in the midst of the process for choosing ministry leaders for the upcoming year, let us all think about opportunities to serve and not ask "What can I do?" but to pray "God, what do you want to do through me?" And then let Him do it.

WOM MINISTRY

The WOM met Tuesday, August 9th with 7 women present. Kim Smith provided the devotion. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 13th. Our meetings meetings are open to all women. On Saturday, September 17th, we will be having a movie night in the Family Life Center. Donations will be accepted for the movie and snacks will be for sale. The movie being shown is Soul Surfer. It starts at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there.

Please be in prayer for our upcoming women's conference on Saturday, October 15th. Pray that this conference will reignite the love of Christ in all women's hearts and they can carry it back to their home churches and many souls can be saved as a result of this conference. Registration and a light breakfast will be at 8:30, opening ceremony at 9:00, followed by the breakout sessions. Our keynote speaker, Betty Sue McNeill will be speaking at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. Our testimonial speaker, Dr. Gael Hogan will be speaking at 2:00 pm. Come out and receive a blessing. For more information on the conference go to beavercreekchurch.org and click on the registration form. You will find a brochure of our conference. You can also see any of the WMU ladies for any information. Hope to see each of you there.

Love in Christ,
Jeanette Sellars
WMU Director
910-986-3986

WIDOWS, WIDOWERS & SINGLES' MINISTRY

Everything will be all right! Sure you've got worries. And sometimes you have doubts. But your future is just ahead, and it's going to be great! The joys to come will outnumber any troubles, and those dreams you've been dreaming are ready to unfold - no doubt about it!

A few notes of inspiration: 1. Celebrate what you do right! 2. Disappointments are only temporary. 3. You are a beautiful person. 4. A single moment can change everything. And everyday has 1,440 of them! 5. You can handle anything that comes your way. 6. Your needs count, too! 7. Like yourself. There's no reason not to!

We had a good get together for our August lunch. Seven ladies came and everyone enjoyed our time together. Due to the closing of "Chris Restaurant" in Carthage we have another place on our list. So, ladies for September 2nd we will meet at the "Pizza Hut" on Horner Blvd. Same time, 11:30 a.m. and please do try to bring along a friend. Everyone needs a break from all the cooking and everyday chores. I have been told that the Pizza Hut has a very good lunch buffet. Remember, if you need a ride; please call me before 6 p.m. the day before.

TO EVERYONE: Have a great day and I hope to see you in church.

Love in Christ,
Ms. Carleton



Hymn #365

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis, he said, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Then, finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down. The song leader stood very cautiously and announced with a smile, nearly laughing, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, "Shall We Gather at the River."

PRAYER MINISTRY

Good Day to Beaver Creek Church Family and guests! Well, we are having some cooler weather so Fall must be on the way!! God is good, all the time.

What are your thoughts on the matter of prayer? Do you pray when you are sick? Do you pray when a loved one dies? Do you pray when you are feeling down? Do you pray when you are worried? These are all good times to pray, but what about on a bright sunny day when all is right with your world? Any time is a good time to pull closer to your Father. He is always waiting for you to give Him a moment of your time. What about the first thing in the morning when you get up? He kept you safe through the night. How about before you eat? He has provided you with food. There is also the last moment before you go to sleep. Thank Him for a good day praise and Him for all of the blessings He has given you.

Have a wonderful September and remember to thank the One who loves you more than anyone ever will love you. Thank God for all that you have or ever will have in this life and the one to come.

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

Prayer Warriors

Sept. 4 – Sylvia Ring & Jancey Dickens
Sept. 11 – Jane Evans & Peggy George
Sept. 18 – Frank & Suzanne McDonald
Sept. 25 – Eddie Sellars & Adam Medlin

BIBLE MEDITATION:

I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. John 9:4

DEVOTIONAL THOUGHT:

Robert Moffett, a great missionary statesman, said, "We shall have all eternity in which to celebrate our victories, but only one short hour before the sun sets in which to win them."

Life's setting sun is sinking low. There are only a limited number of days in which to save souls. Are you going to spend your days investing in the things of this world, or putting up treasures in heaven? When?

Are you going to start sowing seeds of salvation or are you going to plant happiness in this life alone? When?

Are you going to do something nice for your wife?
When?

Are you going to write your father? When?

ACTION POINT:

Make a promise to yourself right now that you will not put off until tomorrow what you should be doing today.

NURSERY MINISTRY

Sept. 4 – Jeanne Fannin & Tiffany Lubeck (Courtney Evans)
Sept. 11 – Mary-Michael & Hali Calcutt (Macala Hardy)
Sept. 18 – Vivian Cline & Suzie Starr (Tiffany Wold)
Sept. 25 – Sherri Edwards & Doris Figerova-Clapp
(Courtney Evans)

*(Coordinators: Christy Evans: 910-639-1422 &
Carrie Morris: 910-947-1441)*

SANDHILLS BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

September Calendar Events

11th - Week of Prayer for State Missions

15th - Senior Adult Advisory Council, Resource Center, 9:30 am

24th - Region 4 Operation Inasmuch Training, Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Free lunch.

26th - Region 4 Operation Inasmuch Training, Trinity Baptist Church, Raleigh, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Free lunch.

CANCER SUPPORT MINISTRY

The next meeting for our group will be on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. starting at 7 p.m. Again we will meet at the home of Gloria and Jimmy Wicker. Last month there were only a small few that came. I guess some had to squeeze in some last minute vacation plans, or were worn out from a busy schedule. This is to let you know YOU were missed. Please get any info on up-dates for those on our prayer list. If you have names to add, please get them to Gloria to add them to our list.

It was so good to see Marie Heasley at church. We do pray that she will continue to improve and can return often.

THE SECRET

One day, one friend asked another, "How is it that you are always so happy? You have so much energy, and you never seem to get down."

With her eyes smiling, she said, "I know the Secret!" "What secret is that?"

To which she replied, "I'll tell you all about it. But you have to promise to share the Secret with others. The Secret is this: I have learned there is little I can do in

my life that will make me happy. I must depend on God to make me happy and to meet my needs. When a need arises in my life, I have to trust God to supply according to His riches. I have learned most of the time I don't need half of what I think I do. He has never let me down. Since I learned that 'Secret', I am happy."

The questioner's first thought was, "That's too simple!" But upon reflecting over her own life she recalled how she thought a bigger house would make her happy, but it didn't! She thought a better paying job would make her happy, but it hadn't. When did she realize her greatest happiness? Sitting on the floor with her grandchildren, playing games, eating pizza or reading a story; a simple gift from God.

Now you know it too!! We can't depend on people to make us happy. Only GOD in His infinite wisdom can do that. Trust Him! And now I pass the Secret on to you! So once you get it, what will you do? YOU have to tell someone the Secret, too! That GOD in His wisdom will take care of YOU! But it's not really a secret. We just have to believe it and do it. Really trust God! I just did and I pray you will too.

Love in Christ,
Ms. Carleton

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY



"Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music to the Lord in your heart." Ephesians 5:18-19 (HCSB)

By Pastor John Alford

Well, the hot summer weather is almost behind us and that can only mean one thing- Christmas is here! No, I'm not trying to beat Wal-Mart to put out decorations, but I am letting you know that the choir is beginning preparations for our Christmas Cantata. This year it is entitled "Lead Me Back to Bethlehem." If you are interested in joining us, there is always room for more. If you are interested, please let me know or just come to rehearsals. We meet on Thursday nights from 7-8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

If you or someone you know would like to sing a song as the music special for any worship service, please let me know. You do not have to be in the choir to sing special music. If you or someone you know would like to join our service as an instrumentalist, please let me know as well. We are trying to include more instruments in our music ministry. My email is bcbcmusic@windstream.net and my cell # is 919-498-5962.

Choir Fest 2011, Johnny Norris, Bobby Harris, Sherri Edwards, Kim Smith



Picture by: Lisa Godfrey

SENIOR SAINTS' MINISTRY

We had a great turnout for our meeting August . There were 13 seniors present. Good job to everyone. Our prayers go out to all that could not be with us due to illness. But do try to make it next time.

Due to Sept. 6th being a National Holiday we will NOT have our regular meeting. So take that day to spend with family or even visit with a shut-in.

On Monday, September 12th., we will be going to Pinelake and Tara Plantation nursing homes starting at 10 a.m. We will break for lunch after this and have a brief meeting. Do come with us to the nursing home visits and share in the blessings we get from letting someone know that they have not been forgotten. Some get very few if any visitors and they do like us to stop by for a quick hello and let them know we DO care.

You're perfect just the way you are! When we look at ourselves, we tend to see only what we think we need to improve or fix. Somehow, we push aside our many wonderful gifts and strengths and even wish we were like someone else--someone "perfect." But there's no such thing! And why try to be someone else when you're already someone fabulous? Maybe you think all the little things you do don't add up. But they multiply! Maybe you think you're just like everyone else. But you're a blessing, a gift, a gem! How could you ever think you're ordinary? Nothing would be the same without you!

Good rules for all:

1. *Be nice to one another.*
2. *Think good thoughts.*
3. *Try to do better.*
4. *Say please and thank you.*
5. *Smile.*
6. *Be happy with what you have.*
7. *Listen to others.*
8. *Be helpful.*
9. *Speak kindness.*
10. **NEVER GIVE UP!!**

"To have GOD on our side doesn't mean sailing on a boat with no storms; it means having a boat that no storm can sink!"

Love in Christ,
Ms. Carleton

*Senior Saints gathered at Grace Chapel in Sanford:
Ms. Vivian Cline and Ms. Virginia White*



Ms. Mary Cleary and Ms. Carleton



Ms. Cleo Wood and Ms. Jean Brown



Pictures by: Ms. Lisa Godfrey



BAPTIST MEN MINISTRY

2nd Annual Golf Tournament Saturday, September 24th

At

Quail Ridge Golf Course

5634 Quail Ridge Drive
Sanford, NC 27332
919-776-6632

Registration Time: 8:00AM
Start Time: 8:30AM

Sign Sponsorship - \$100 per hole
(available for business and individuals)

Cost: \$50 per player-
4-Man Super-ball/Captains choice

Contacts:

Tommy Collins Corky Rogers Eddie Sellars
919-708-8678 919-356-5497 919-353-5660

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sept. 4 – Doris Figerova-Clapp (younger)
Joe Wood (older)

Sept. 11 – Jancey Dickens (younger)

Sept. 18 – Suzanne McDonald (younger)
Chuck & Faye Guin (older)

Sept. 25 – Kathy McBride

*Coordinator: Jeanne Fannin H: 919-499-1385,
C: 919-770-3061*

SUNDAY DEVOTION

Sept. 4 – Pastor John Alford

Sept. 11 – James Tyner

Sept. 18 – Louise Hardy

Sept. 25 – Mark Beaver

Coordinator: Chris Morris

FIX YOUR EYES

By Ms. Margie Carleton

Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. - Hebrews 12: 1-2.

Over and over again, my driving education instructor said these two words: "Drive ahead." This was his way of telling me to focus on the horizon, not just on my immediate surroundings. Drivers who continually look to the right or to the left may well go into the ditch.

Satan is good at causing 'road-side distractions' that tempt us to look at him rather than Jesus. If he can get our attention, he may be able to get us off track and delay our spiritual progress. He even tried this with Jesus Himself!

After Jesus was baptized, Satan tried to deter Him by suggesting 'better' ways to accomplish His work. Satan told Jesus that He could prove He was the Son of God by throwing Himself from the temple (Luke 4: 9-11). But Jesus knew that proving He was God's Son would come by submitting Himself to the cross, not by flinging Himself from a high building. He responded, "*You shall not tempt the Lord your God*" (v.12). Jesus had His eyes on our redemption, and He knew He couldn't accomplish it by taking a detour around the cross.

The way to stay out of spiritual ditches is to fix our eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:2) and refuse to even glance at Satan's distractions.

*The only way to overcome
Temptations that we face,
Is to be focused on the Lord,
Who strengthens by His grace.*

Satan ought not to be in our line of vision, but behind us.

Notice what you do right! Everyone makes mistakes sometimes. But you mess up less than you think! In fact, you're doing a better job than you give yourself credit for. So the next time you're tempted to find fault with something you did, give yourself a pat on the back instead. You do your best. And your best is better than good enough!