

❖ Cornerstone ❖

Scotts Hill, North Carolina

September, 2011

From the Co-Pastors...

As we mark the tenth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, we are mindful of how blessed we are as a nation and especially as Christ's Church. We enjoy a level of freedom and security that very few generations have experienced. Of course, that freedom comes at a great cost. Countless men and women have risked or, in many cases, given their lives to enhance and preserve our national freedom. Christ himself gave the ultimate sacrifice in order to bestow upon us our Christian freedom from the powers of darkness, sin, and death. Christ freed us to serve, share, love, and rejoice in the Lord. Both our national and spiritual freedoms are precious and bring with them great responsibility. As we reflect upon the events of the preceding years, let us look to the future with an eye toward exercising our faith in the midst of these great freedoms. How can we, as Christ's ambassadors, best proclaim the coming and nearness of His Kingdom? Let us first open our hearts to the daily work of the Holy Spirit in order that we may be guided by God onto the paths he would have us take into the days and years ahead. Let us not lean on our own understanding, but rather depend on the wisdom of God who created us and all people for His glory! Let us be quick to share the forgiveness and grace of God with others, just as Jesus has so generously shown mercy to us! Let us be mindful of the needs of the poor, the weak, the oppressed, and the forgotten! For once we were "no people," but now we are "God's people" and, as the Lord's people, we are commissioned to seek out the least, the last, and the lost and proclaim to them by word and deed that God loves them and cares deeply for them. Let us not confuse our nationality with our identity as Christ's followers! Disciples are found among every nation, tribe and tongue. Our allegiance to Christ goes beyond our pledge to a particular flag and the nation for which it stands. As we seek to be good citizens of the USA, let us do so in such a way that our neighbors will come to understand that our ultimate callings are to be witnesses to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords of whose Kingdom there shall be no end. May God bless America and all the countries of the earth as they seek God's will! May Wesleyan Chapel offer hope and light through Jesus Christ as we follow Jesus in every aspect of our life together!

Peace and an eternal future in Christ,

David

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to..

The family of **Brooks Wicker** whose uncle, Wade Murchison, died on July 15.

The family of **Nancy Greenwell** whose sister, Joan Noonan, died on August 3.

The family of **Kay Vinson** whose brother, James Garfield Sullivan, died on August 14.

The family of **Lyn Hearne**, whose brother, J.B. Hearne, died on August 20.

USHER AND GREETER COORDINATORS

Thank you to Kay Vinson for serving as Usher and Greeter Coordinator for over a year. Kay has done a great job!

Donna Updegrave will now be serving in that capacity. If you would like to volunteer to be an usher or greeter, please contact the church office at 686-4041. It is a great way to meet new people and serve your church.

Thanks Kay and Donna!



Get your tickets now to attend the SWEET DREAMS fund raiser dinner for the NC UM Camp and Retreat Ministries.

Leonard Sweet will be the keynote speaker.

Live auction, steel drum band, great dining and campfire dreams!

October 1st at 6 pm at the North Raleigh Hilton.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at ncumcamps.org or see Dail Ballard, 910-352-8081.

NEW ADDRESS

One of our church members who moved across the country has requested we provide you with her new address.

Dee Dee Egan
4823 Kelly Dr.
Carlsbad, CA 92008
910-336-0927

September Birthdays

1	Mack Wicker	18	Rick Glover
	Allen Wicker		Ginger Howard
	Kelcie Landon		Woody Vinson
	Ron Casterline	20	Larry Adams
	Nanette Strawn	21	Fay Fowler
2	Katie Fischetti		Jill Robertson
	Patricia Voorhees		Jay Reynolds
4	Ronnie Edens, Jr.		Furman Holland
	Milford Smith	22	James Steele
	Catherine Herring		Jennifer Carrell
5	Sandy Torbit		Shannon McLaurin
	Pam Perry	23	Esther Dorsett
6	Jackie Leitch	24	Dot Chalmers
	Joshua Lee	25	Jenny Hall
	John Kellam		Port Nugent
7	Lindsi Jones		Laura Bartholomew
	Dereck Roberts		Judy Lewis
8	Bob Foster		Jo Alford
	Ryan Boyette		Brandi Holland
9	Laura Puryear	26	Walter Graves
	Lily Ridenour	27	Bradley Pippin
10	Julia Jacobi		Garrett West
	David Gillikin		Kevin O'Keefe
11	Lou Reynolds	28	Todd Brohaugh
	Cameron MacLean		Corbit Kellam
	Linda Goslee		Larry Bailey
12	Tommy Allen		Elizabeth Gillikin
13	Casey Lowman		Thomas Gallo
	Bronza Kiger		Janey Jones
15	Sarah Horne	30	Karen Morgan
	Lori Nugent		Vance Moore
16	Bobby Schultz		Gladys Booz
	James Hodges		Catherine Huffman
	Doug Owen		Renee Rambo
17	Nicholas Anders		
	Angie Schmitz		

September Anniversaries

1	Steve and Angie Schmitz
3	Billy Jr. and Ann Sanders
4	Larry and Rose Matthews
	Mark and Jessica Williams
5	Bill and Sandra Stephenson
6	Randy and Teresa DeMarco
8	Pat and Melva O'Connor
	Dennis and Cathy VanGilder
10	Larry and Patti Adams
15	Durwood and Jackie Page
	Brian and Laura Allen
25	Ken and Kathryn Upton
	Rick and Felicia Greene
	Clark and Sharon Helton
28	Larry and Kathy Anderson
29	Randy and Carlyn Williams
	Russ and Miriam Shipp
30	Dennis and Leslie Capen

September Volunteers

Ushers and Greeters

8:30am	Worship Service Ushers	James Steele, Dickie Spears, Gene Parker
8:30am	Worship Service Greeters	
4	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
11	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
18	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
25	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
11:00am	Worship Service Greeters	
4	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
11	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
18	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
25	TBA, Shirley Parsons	
11:00am	Worship Service Ushers	
4	Gretchen Simmons, Tom Riggins, Mitch and Betsy Thomas	
11	James and Pam Perry, Jack Morgan, Jamie Huene	
18	Lawrence Matthews, James Hodges, Marie Millis, Roy Marshall	
25	Richard and Pat Luther, Rob Pollock, Tamara Slayton	

Nursery

4	Susan Albon
11	Linda Riggins
18	Terri Vejvoda
25	Barbara Wicker

Children's Church

4	Valerie Rogerson, Jennifer Carrell
11	Meg Gillikin, Susan Albon
18	Karen Lowman, Amy Bullard
25	Valerie Rogerson, Lou Reynolds

Bus Drivers

	8:30 Service	11:00 Service
4	Mike Landon	Steve Tyler
11	Gary Horne	Mitch Thomas
18	Mike Landon	Steve Beuth
25	Steve Flowers	Jack Morgan

Good Samaritan House Volunteers

3	Morning:	Jack Morgan, Nancy Kroeger
	Afternoon:	Linda Riggins, Judy Lewis
10	Morning:	Mary Ann Owen, Linda Riggins
	Afternoon:	Arlene Rivenbark, Virginia Perpall
17	All Day:	Marie Miller, Sara Waters, Mary Sanders, Beth Sanders
24	Morning:	Carole Jacobsen, Ruth Flint
	Afternoon:	Judy Carter, Marie Millis

Friday Mornings 9:00 - 11:00

Sandy Wright, Jan Kinney, Larry and Cathy Bailey

LET'S MAKE A SPLASH!

UMYF 2011 - 2012 KICK-OFF

September 11— All middle school and high school youth are invited to a beach party at Topsail Island to kick off your year. The church bus will leave following the 11:00 church service. Bring a swimsuit, sunscreen, and towel! We will provide lunch, snacks and drinks. Join us for an afternoon of swimming, corn hole, volleyball, and fellowship. We will return to the church by 5:30 and have a mandatory parent meeting at 6:30.

Fall UMYF Schedule

September 11 - Make a Splash Beach Party following 11:00 worship service
Mandatory Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

Sunday Evenings 5:30-7:00

September 18 - Wild and Wacky Game Night - wear old clothes and bring a towel for the traditional "messy" back to school game night at UMYF

September 25 - Fundraiser Luncheon following the 11:00 service to offset cost to Pilgrimage

Coming in October - Canoeing on the Black River, Saturday, October 1st.

Coming in November - Pilgrimage Youth Event - Friday -Sunday, November 11, 12, 13

K-5 ALIVE!

K-5 Alive! is a lively mid-week ministry that includes choir/drama, crafts/games, a family-style meal, and Bible study for elementary age children, Kindergarten through 5th grade. Each Wednesday the kids come together for *fun, fellowship, and Christian education*. Incorporated in the fall session, children rehearse for a *musical* to be presented on Sunday, December 4, at the 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services. Children who wish to be a part of K-5 Alive! must be registered for the entire session prior to the start. There is a small fee of \$25 for to help offset the cost of meals. Scholarships are available in case of need.

The next session of K-5 Alive! is set to begin on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, and will meet each Wednesday (except November 23, Thanksgiving Break) through November 30. There will be a Dress Rehearsal for "Good King Wenceslas" on Saturday, December 3, from 9 am - 12 Noon. You may sign up online at https://secure.accessacs.com/access/nonmemberlogin.aspx?ReturnUrl+events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=4097&EventID=24808&sn=103556



JOY Group

The JOY (Just Older Youth) Group had a great time playing games in August and then traveled up to the Saw Mill Grill where 11 of us enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We have a variety of games to choose from, or if you have a favorite game bring it to share. We usually break into smaller groups and have several different games going. We will stop games around noon, but will continue the fellowship with a light meal which will be provided. Our calendar for the remainder of the year will be the third Tuesday of the month, so mark your calendar now for these dates so you won't forget.

October 18th
November 15th
December 20th



GOOD SAMARITAN HOUSE

The Good Sam House is in great need of volunteers to work Saturday shifts from 9-12 or 12-3. You can volunteer to work once a month, every other month, or once a quarter.

What a great way to contribute to a variety of missions all at once. We offer clothing, toys, and household items at great prices which help members of our community, especially those who are struggling financially. We also donate clothing to the Seamen's Center, an area church that works with the homeless population, and the Salvation Army. We have also assisted people who have relocated to our area due to crises with clothing and household items. Proceeds are used to assist others through the 4 C's Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, and seniors in need of financial assistance with medications. So by volunteering at the Good Sam House, you are also helping all these other ministries too.

It takes 108 volunteers to staff the GSH for a year. Based on our weekly attendance each Sunday, if everyone volunteered you would only need to work once every three years. We currently have 17 wonderful volunteers who are covering those 108 slots and they would love to share this opportunity with you.

Please contact Beth Sanders at efsanders@charter.net or 686-4127 if you would like to volunteer or want more information.



PENNIES FOR HUNGER

This program had a fantastic collection of \$271.91 for the month of July. Thanks to all who contributed!

We will be deciding which worthy cause to support with a donation from this fund.

Please remember the last Sunday of each month is "Pennies" Sunday, so please contribute all you are able!

MOTHER'S CONNECTION (MEETING ON THURSDAYS THIS YEAR)

Do you enjoy good conversation, building great friendships all while munching on tasty snacks? Every Thursday, a group of women get together to laugh and share with each other the joys and concerns of being a mother of an infant and/or preschooler. This semester will offer Bible study, special guests, guided discussions, and mom's nights out to name just a few of the great activities. Oh yes, and childcare is included too!

Please join us September 1st from 9:30-11:30 upstairs above the nursery. If you're interested please email Jenny Snyder at jensnyder@hotmail.com or Emily Story at mle0608@yahoo.com



Do you sing, play an instrument or know someone who does?? Please contact Jennifer Justus at JustusJA@gmail.com if you are interested in sharing your musical gifts at the **Contemporary worship service on Sunday's at 9:45am.**

WILMINGTON DISTRICT EVENT

The annual "Girlfriend to Girlfriend" event was held on Wednesday, August 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at Grace United Methodist Church in Wilmington. This year's event focused on the problem of human trafficking, which is more widespread than most of us like to think. Linda Rawley, Community Resource Coordinator for the Gang Intervention Program of the Wilmington Police Department, gave an excellent presentation on this growing problem, allowing additional time for questions and answers from the 85 ladies in attendance.



Pauline and Marie Millis represented Wesleyan Chapel at this event. After enjoying a light boxed supper, everyone in attendance had some fun getting to know each other, as we put together cosmetic kits containing some essential toiletries for the women in our local domestic violence shelters. Marie, Pender sub-district leader, delivered 50 kits to Safe Haven of Pender, Inc. in Burgaw.

LIFT

Brandi Holland, bholland9@ec.rr.com, 319-7354

The ladies of LIFT met at Missy Boyette's house on August 1st and were treated to a moving power point presentation on MIRACLES. Missy shared the story of the miraculous birth of her niece and how God answered prayers for little Adalyn.

The retreat which was planned for September has been postponed to January or February. We hope to finalize a date for the retreat at our September meeting.

On August 6th, six LIFT members and some of their children volunteered at Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. The children were huge helpers and it was a blessing to all of us to be able to serve and show God's love to those in need.

Please join us as we kick off the fall season at 7 p.m. on Monday, September 12th at the Church. Bring a drink and/or snack to share. (Please note we are meeting the 2nd Monday in September, not the 1st due to the Labor Day holiday.)

If you are interested in learning more about LIFT and all that we have planned, please contact Brandi Holland or any LIFT member.

Love in Christ,
Meg Adkins, Publicity Coordinator, 612-9225

Lydia Abbey Circle

Beth Sanders, 686-4127

Quoting Lydia Abbey Circle leader, Beth Sanders: "Our craft camp was amazing, the turnout was wonderful as we scrounged to make room for everyone. We really accomplished a lot, in fact I began to worry that everyone would fly through all the projects we had prepped for the week". After a much needed week of recuperation, we began our start-up of weekly meetings during August and September.

With only about two months left, we are in "Bazaar Countdown Mode" and would appreciate additional help in finishing our projects for this year. You can also be thinking of what homemade bakery treats you may wish to donate to our Country Store for sale on Bazaar day. Last year the majority of our baked goods had been sold before 10:00, leaving many of our regular and new shoppers disappointed; as word travels about the delicious homemade cakes, pies, cookies, breads, jams, jelly, and candy that Wesleyan cooks are known for. Please help us keep our good reputation this year, with both quality and quantity of our homemade goodies.

Lydia Abbey ladies voted in August to donate \$100.00 to the Grace Circle school supply drive. Beth Sanders purchased school supply items and book bags for this worthy project. A \$50.00 donation was also made to help purchase supplies for the cosmetic kits that were given to domestic violence shelter occupants. Marie Millis helped purchase and later delivered these kits.

We all need to be thinking about Operation Christmas Child coming up in November. The Craft Circle sells already-wrapped boxes for \$1.00. We are in need of shoe boxes for this project. Please check your closets and drop off larger shoe boxes so they may be wrapped and filled with lots of goodies for the thousands of children who have nothing.

Also on our list of needs is fleece, either solids or prints. Our profit margin is much higher if we do not have to purchase any or many of these items. We are so appreciative to our congregation for helping supply our needs. If anyone out there has a roll of monofilament fishing line not being used, please drop it by the Chapel. Various pieces will do and especially if it is #10 gauge.

You will find the craft ladies at the Chapel on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm and on Wednesdays from 9:00 to 3:00 pm. Drop in on any of these days or times and join us. We promise you will have fun!

Shirley Marie Millis

Grace Circle

Deloris Ryals, 686-4559

The Grace Circle met on August 11th at the home of Betsy Thomas with 18 members present.

After our study, "Praying God's Will", plans for upcoming activities were discussed. The Circle is busy with a number of projects: September Fall Retreat, October Friends of Grace Boxed Lunch, the October 1st "Hoedown" fundraiser and the Margaret Abbey Moore Toy Drive, October 9th and 16th. In November we will be busy with the Corner Café the day of the Annual Christmas Bazaar.

Our September meeting will be at the home of Kitty Lee on Thursday September 8th at 1:00 pm.

Judy Clemmons, Recording Secretary

THANK YOU!

Once again WCUMC has generously responded to the Grace Circle School Supply Drive and a large amount of book bags and other useful school necessities has been provided for use by children in need in our community. Thank you so much for your generous support of this outreach ministry!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Hebrews Race to Glory

On our Christian path are we tempted at times to ask "What's the use?". We have dedicated our lives in service to our Lord and does it sometimes seem to get us nowhere? This is how the original readers of Hebrews felt. Yet the author of this letter cheers for them to stay on track and never give up, so they can reach the finish line by the amazing power of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Come join us as we read through these studies in Hebrews and feel the encouragement you need to stay in the *faith race*.

We will meet on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 9:30 in the conference room. Please join us for study, prayer, fellowship and laughter.

We are all on the same path, just at different places along the way and we can learn so much from each other. Even if you have never been part of a Bible study come and see what we are all about.

Study guides will be available in the office or call me at 686-0798 for more information. Looking forward to seeing you all on the 14th.

Donna Updegrove
dupde424@aol.com

SMALL GROUP STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Twisting the Truth

All are invited to participate in a six week DVD series entitled "Twisting the Truth". Unraveling the lies that twist our lives, Andy Stanley exposes four all-too-prevalent lies about authority, pain, sex and sin. **These deceptions are powerful enough to ruin our relationships, lives, and even our eternities...** but only if we let them. Andy Stanley helps us exchange falsehoods for truth that can turn our lives completely around. Please contact the church office at 686-4041 or email Andi at love2run@ec.rr.com if you would like to participate. Please indicate the best time and day of the week that is convenient for your schedule.

The Five Languages of Apology

Please prayerfully consider joining a book study by New York Times Bestselling Author, Gary Chapman, entitled "The Five Languages of Apology-How to Experience Healing in All Your Relationships".

Real life involves real people who make real mistakes. **Sometimes saying "I'm sorry" just isn't enough.** The need for apologies impacts all human relationships. The good news is that we can all learn the art of apology: Expressing regret- **"I'm sorry"**; **Accepting responsibility-"I was wrong"**; **Making restitution-"What can I do to make it right?"**; **Genuinely repenting-"I'll try not to do that again"**; Requesting forgiveness-**"Will you please forgive me?"**

In the first half of this book we will identify and describe each of the five languages of apology. The second half of the book will illustrate how the concept can enhance relationships in marriages, in parenting, in families, in dating relationships and at work. We will read about one unique televised apology (by Oprah Winfrey) and note two national apologies (the United States to Japanese Americans and Germany to Holocaust survivors). The book causes us to ask: What would the world be like if we all learned to apologize effectively?

There is a study guide at the conclusion of each chapter and a Apology Language Profile included. The cost of the book is \$8. Please contact the church office at 686-4041 or email Andi Woodhouse at love2run@ec.rr.com to reserve a book. Please indicate the times you would be available to participate in this weekly one hour study.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The audit committee has completed its work with respect to the December 31, 2010 financial statements of Wesleyan Chapel. Internal controls have been improved during 2010 and additional improvements have been made during the first few months of 2011. Fortunately, we did not note any instances where funds were misappropriated.

Total revenues of the church increased by approximately \$50,000 during 2010, however cash remains tight. Restricted donations increased by approximately \$57,000 while unrestricted donations from the weekly collection decreased by approximately \$7,000.

Operating expenses increased by approximately \$19,000. This increase was primarily the result of increased assessments from the conference \$11,000, increased personnel expenses because a new employee was hired and additional costs for nursery personnel of \$5,000. The church also incurred increased maintenance expenses of \$8,000. These increased expenses were offset by a reduction in accounting expenses of \$10,000.

A copy of the financial statements have been submitted to the finance committee.

Bob Foy, Chairman Audit Committee

Budget Prorated for first 33 weeks	\$373,089.42
Giving year to date through August 14	\$323,193.33
Giving year to date last year	\$342,835.99
Shortfall through August 14	\$49,896.09

INTERNATIONAL SEAMEN'S CENTER

In September, the International Seamen's Center at the State Port of Wilmington will begin collecting items for **Christmas packages** for the seamen. With the help of the Center's volunteers, each gift is assembled and wrapped for distribution from Thanksgiving through New Year's. During this time the seamen are away from home and their families. The Center tries to show Jesus' love by the sharing of these gifts and Christmas goodwill. Last year 663 packages were distributed, as well as a ship's gift for all to use. It was a joy to see the faces of the seamen when these packages were brought aboard their ship. Please help us continue to provide these gifts by donating the items that are most welcome in these packages:

Bar Soap
Decks of Cards
Hand Lotion
Shampoo (small & large)
Tooth Brushes (individually packaged)
Work Socks

Candy
Disposable Razors
Nail Clippers
Shaving Cream
Toothpaste (large & small)

Combs (small)
Deodorant
Puzzles (500 & 1000 pcs.)
Toboggans/Knit Hats
Work Gloves

Please put your donation(s) into the box in Lee Hall where the items will be collected and taken to the Center. We ask that you include the seamen in your prayers as they travel during the year. Thank you for your support! If you have any questions please contact: Ron Casterline, 910-681-1603 or via email to rgcasterline@att.net



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Time sure does fly by; it's already time to start preparing for our Holiday Mission projects.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse which provides gifts to children throughout the world who have suffered because of war, natural disasters, poverty, illness, and neglect. Now is a great time to begin preparing to fill your box. Decide whether you want to do a box for a girl or boy, and the age, 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Now is the fun part as you start selecting items for that special child who will receive your box. **Remember, do not include used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out of date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers.** Just add an empty shoebox and you will have an Operation Christmas Child gift. We will have more information on this project next month and will be collecting the shoeboxes in November.

If you have extra shoe boxes floating around, please donate them to the UMW for the Bazaar we always have wrapped boxes you can purchase for this project at the Bazaar.

Also in November we participate along with other churches from our area in the **Community Holiday Assistance Program**. Through this program we will be providing Thanksgiving food boxes to families in the Topsail communities who are struggling financially, and at Christmas we provide toys and clothing for children in addition to food boxes.

If you would like to volunteer with either Operation Christmas Child or the Community Holiday Assistance Program, please contact Beth Sanders 686-4127 or efsanders@charter.net.



T O Y
Drive

Each year the Grace Circle sponsors an **October TOY DRIVE** to honor Margaret Abbey Moore who was instrumental in starting the Grace Circle.

The toys donated will supplement the toys collected in December for families in our community. Each year names are selected by church members with specific items a parent requests for their child for Christmas. The toys from the October **TOY DRIVE** are surprise gifts for the children.

Grace Circle is asking for your help the **SECOND and THIRD SUNDAYS of OCTOBER**. Bring toys and place them in the baskets in the narthex, by the choir room, and in Lee Hall. Toys for infants through age 12 are needed, such as games, puzzles, jewelry, cosmetics, balls, watches, books etc.

Please help with this **TOY DRIVE** so our community kids can have a special Christmas.



Hello,

My name is Bonnie Bell. My brother, Bobby Bell, and I need your help. We want our beautiful sounds to be heard with the rest of the handbells here at WC, but there is no one to play us. Well, Bobby has someone thinking about playing him. What about me!?! I know someone in the congregation has the talent! Don't be shy. Miss Cindie and the other handbell ringers will help you. You must be available at 6:15 until 7:15 PM on Wednesdays and have an elementary knowledge of note reading. I just know there are many of you who can help. So please hurry and contact Miss Cindie at ckhouck@hotmail.com or 740-244-3211 because rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 7. Help ring our praises to our God, the Father and his Son.

Love in Christ,
Bonnie Bell

WCUMC CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

As we approach a new season and getting back into the swing of things, this is a great time to make new commitments and bring others along! Join us on Sundays at 9:45am in the sanctuary for our new sermon series "Fresh Start." There are also numerous ways to serve during the 9:45am service. We are always in need of greeters and ushers as well as sound technicians. There are people ready and willing to walk you through the simple training in order to serve in one or more of these areas.

Please contact Jennifer Justus at JustusJA@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions.

BLACK RIVER PADDLE TRIP

On Saturday morning, October 1st, we'll be embarking on a leisurely paddle along a six-mile stretch of the nearby Black River, which weaves its way through a beautiful old growth cypress swamp. The trip should take about four hours on the water and is open to all ages and skill levels. Don't have your own canoe or kayak? No worries--equipment can be rented in advance.

If you're interested in joining us in fellowship on the river, please contact the church office at 686-4041 and ask them to put your name on the Black River Paddle Trip list.



COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

- The columbarium has been ordered and should be ready in October.
- The columbarium is rectangular consisting of 64 niches configured 8 columns x 4 rows, double sided and has a granite exterior. The Cemetery Committee is finalizing decisions concerning the use of the columbarium and should have this information available shortly.



September 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Mother's Connection	2	3
4 Holy Communion 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45am Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11am Sunday School	5 Labor Day Church Office Closed 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Circle	6 Preschool Begins 9am Poplar Grove Walkers	7 9am Lydia Abbey Circle 4:30pm K-5 Alive! 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm NA	8 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Mother's Connection 1:00pm Grace Circle-home Of Kitty Lee	9	10
11 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45am Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11am Sunday School 12pm UMYF Kick-off - Beach Party 6:30pm Youth Parent Mtg.	12 6pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Circle 7:00pm Lift Meeting	13 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 6pm Building Committee Meeting	14 9am Lydia Abbey Circle 9:30am Women's Bible Study 4:30pm K-5 Alive! 6:15pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm NA	15 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Mother's Connection	16 5:30pm Grace Circle Retreat	17 8:30am Grace Circle Retreat
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Change Service Requested

SEPTEMBER 2011

Grace Circle's Seventh Annual *FAITHLIFT RETREAT*

Grace Circle will hold its seventh annual Faithlift Retreat on September 16-17 here at Wesleyan Chapel. We invite all women of the church to join us for this special weekend of fun, fellowship and worship led by Phyllis Elvington.

The Retreat will begin on Friday evening at 5:30 with dinner in Lee Hall followed by a time of fellowship, singing and a program led by Phyllis. Saturday morning we will have a Continental Breakfast at 8:30 followed by a program, lunch, and Communion.

The cost of the retreat will be \$25.00 and will cover the cost of your three meals.

Sign up sheets will be in the bulletin for the next three Sundays.

We hope you'll join us and bring a friend.



GRACE CIRCLE HOE-DOWN

Swing your partner and Do-se-do.

That's what Grace Circle will be doing on Saturday night, October 1st. in Lee Hall. This will be our annual fundraiser and we hope you will support our cause (local missions) by purchasing a ticket and joining in the fun.

Tickets will be \$12.00 per person and will include a BBQ dinner with all the trimmings and a good old barn dance with caller Nancy Aycock from Cripple Creek Dance Studio in Burgaw. Nancy is great at getting people on their feet and dancing even if you **think you can't dance. Don't like to dance? Then you** can sit on the sidelines, listen to the music and enjoy watching others dance.

Hope you will reserve Saturday night, October 1st.

Tickets will be available in the next couple of weeks.