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The Church has a message for today--Life has meaning and hope

As the fall comes upon us most people I know are complaining about an increase in activity or responsibilities that tend to cause anxiety. Even retired persons may feel overwhelmed by challenges to their health, many doctors' appointments, and family issues that often involve change and adjustment. Yet as Christians we believe life has meaning and peace. Thomas Merton says:

“He (a person of faith) must realize, above all, how utterly useless is human effort to please God, without Christ. Man (humanity) cannot save himself; no matter how heroic may be his sacrifices, without Christ. BUT ON THE CONTRARY ONCE THE SACRIFICE OF THE CROSS IS SEEN AS OUR TRUE SALVATION, THEN EVEN THE SMALLEST ACT OF CHARITY BECOMES VALUABLE AND PRECIOUS IN THE SIGHT OF GOD—EVEN A CUP OF COLD WATER.”

So we are encouraged to live as Christian disciples in every aspect of our lives. We know that every good act we do is blessed by God no matter what happens as a result of our efforts for God works in ways that often cannot be seen. Of special importance is our place in the church through Baptism, Church membership and faith. This is our testimony that we are aligned with the people of God and the traditions of worship, prayer and service of the Christian Faith. We are headed on a lifelong journey of discipleship concluding in our Heavenly Home. Christ waits to welcome us at the end of our journey of Christian Discipleship.

So be encouraged in your Christian walk. All of us have questions and frustrations on different levels of belief and experience. Yet we know the Lord will see us through. We take our stand with the people of God, the church, to say there is hope for every seeking person and we participate in our local churches ministries with our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service. All of this must be done in love, mindful of diversity of perspective and the needs of our sisters and brothers in the faith.

Let us continue our ministry this year together as a kind of “Christian Wellness Center” where we celebrate and struggle together in a community of acceptance and love. A community that recognized every person has gifts and challenges in their lives. Let us always be a community that seeks to make room for everyone in their uniqueness in a non-critical spirit of Christ who set the example of including everyone who came to him with an open heart.

Blessing and Peace,
Pastor David

- September 01 Elaine Campbell
- September 02 Carolyn Hunter
- September 02 Bobby Taylor
- September 04 Mary Grace Brown
- September 05 Jaron Ferrer
- September 06 Samantha Smiley
Brenda Johnson
- September 10 Rick Greer
- September 12 Gwen Vaughan
- September 15 David Presnell
- September 16 Casey Galvin
- September 17 Jim Durham
- September 17 Debbie Gissendanner
- September 17 Betty Pierson
- September 18 Libby Wingate
- September 19 Jeff Gould
- September 19 Jesse Smiley
- September 22 Pat Teat
- September 23 Tee Evans
- September 26 David Hagins
- September 27 Norman Penland
- September 28 Kevin Gibbs
- September 28 Christina Enter



- Sept. 01
Carolyn & Ronnie Hunter
- Sept. 13
Bobbie & Miller Bogan
- Sept. 16
Jan & Bob Murray



THE BAZAAR IS COMING UP FAST!

Can you imagine that it's been nearly a year since our last Bazaar? Time surely flies! In less than 3 months our "big event" - our church wide Bazaar will be taking place, November 4th and 5th. We hope you're using these hot, muggy days of summer by working on your special projects— whether its canning home-made preserves, chow-chow, pickles, woodworking, sewing, etc. We do need each member to support this special yearly event, that the Berea Friendship Quilters sponsor Thanks to those who have so generously donated jars, they really help in keeping our cost down. Keep working and have a blessed rest of this "hot" summer



Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for remembering Mom with the gift in her memory to our church. Your thoughtfulness was appreciated very much
 Love Jean Vaughn & Jerry Bynum

I would like to say a **VERY BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who came to my spaghetti dinner and/or gave donations. It has helped me greatly. I will now be able to finish my project without no worries or hold ups of any kind. Again, Thank You! Anne-Marie Failor

Dear Margaret & Jim Rawson and the Evangelism Committee,
Thank you so much for coming and talking to our parents at the CDC. The breakfast was a wonderful idea and for them to know the church is involved is a great ministry to our families. If you know anyone needing childcare, we have some open spaces. Please recommend us. Thanks Shannon.

SpringMaid Beach Trip

Do you want to have fun and relax at the beach? Sign up for our beach trip on November 14th thru November 17th. Can't beat the price! (\$150.00). This includes 3 nights stay, 3 Buffet Breakfasts, 1 night meal with a new show (Pirates Voyage). We have placed a sign-up sheet on the back door of the sanctuary if you would like to go with us.



Fall Bazaar Jewelry Needed. All ladies of the church please remember we need your old jewelry for the resale table at the Bazaar! We have a box located in the back of the sanctuary for any items you would like to donate.

Morning Circle Starts Back.

The Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Quilters Room. We will not have our Pledge Program as planned. Please bring school supplies for Alexander Elementary to the meeting.

Prayer List

- Mildred Bray
- Ruth Brock
- Lucy Hughes
- Louvina Leach
- Gloria Moore
- Jake Moorehead
- Joe Philpot
- Juanita Sherlin
- Martha Smith
- Allen Zorn
- Mac McWhite



PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

We are only listing those who we know are in nursing/Assisted living homes, the home-bound, those who are hospitalized at present, and those who are at present under going medical procedures such as chemo, etc. We do not want to leave anyone out so if you want your name or loved ones name listed, please notify the church office. We will up-date this list every 30 days—please help us with this important endeavor.

Pre-Game Meal for Berea High School Football Team

Once again this year, our church will put together a Pre-Game Meal for the Berea High School football team. This will be on Friday, October 7; the team will be at the church at 4:00pm. Last year, we did a "Breakfast" dinner: Casseroles, hash browns, fruit, and muffins, and it went over very well. We need about 5 double-recipe casseroles (or 10 singles), and muffins. We will also need persons to help set up, serve, and clean up. Please contact Terri McCloud at 834-0381 if you would like to assist with this wonderful outreach opportunity.



Youth. Youth meet every Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come support the youth on Sunday, September 11th, at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for breakfast.



Greenville Hospital System. We would like to invite you to attend our new FREE Diabetes Support Group. The support group will be held the second Monday of each month on the second floor of the Greenville Life center, Classroom 1 from 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Dates are Sept. 12th, Oct. 10th, November 14th, and Dec. 12th. For more information call (864) 455-4003, (864)455-4025, or (864) 455-423.



The Quilters are in need of pint and half-pint jars for their wonderful home-made jams and goodies for the Bazaar.

Flowers Needed For September. If you would like to reserve flowers in memory of or in honor of someone, please call Debbie Capps at 246-4311 at the church office or write your name on the calendar outside the Huckaby Class Room located on the bulletin board.

Bible Study. We will begin Bible Study again this month on September 7th, 2011. We would like to accommodate as many people as possible so they can be aware of God's word.

Acolyte Coordinator.

If you would like to train to be an acolyte, please call Anne-Marie Failor at 294-9755. Anne-Marie is coordinating the schedule for our acolytes. We are so glad to have Debbie Gissendanner and Dalton Argo as our faithful acolytes!



United Methodist Men Yard Sale

The Methodist Men will have their annual Yard Sale on Friday, Sept. 9th, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, Sept 10th, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We need all folks who are able to come out and help price and set things up for the sale and to help clean up afterwards. If you would be willing to help, please let Ron Failor know. The Yard Sale will be open to the church and CDC staff on Thursday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



Newsletter Deadline. Please have all items for the October Newsletter in by Tuesday, September 20th.



August Ministry Workers

Ushers

- 04 Gene Bondurant, Steve Capps, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- 11 Eddie Hughes, Jim Humphreys, Ronnie Hunter, Corky Holman
- 18 Steve Capps, Tony Earnest, Corky Holman, Ronnie Hunter
- 25 Steve Capps, Wilson Creswell, Ronald Failor, Ronnie Hunter

Altar Guild for September: Doris Williams

Stewardship for September: Pat Teat

Trustee for September: Laura Gould

September Nursery Schedule

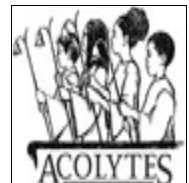
- 04 Vickie & Anne-Marie Failor
- 11 Marsha & John Disher
- 18
- 25 Becky & Henry Philpot

September Children's Moment

- 04 Martin Leathers
- 11 Terri McCloud
- 18 Cindy Hester
- 25 Terri McCloud

Acolyte Schedule for September

- 04 Debbie Gissendanner
- 11 Dalton Argo
- 18 Anne-Marie Failor
- 25 Debbie Gissendanner



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FALL FESTIVAL

The Church will have it's annual fall festival on Saturday October 29th from 4:00 until 7:00 P.M. If you would like to sponsor a table, please let Vickie Failor know. Also, if you would like to make a themed basket to be raffled off, please let me know. Watch the bulletins and newsletters for more information.

Expenses

- July** - \$18,941.44
- Jan—July** \$131,477.43

Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes presents Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt, Author, Educator, and Grief Counselor September 20th-21st. **For the General Public**, "The Wilderness of Grief: Finding Your Way; and for **Educators Children at Risk**: Exploring the "Shadow of the Ghosts" of Grief. **For Professional Caregivers**; Exploring the Special Features of Sudden Death, Trauma Loss, and Suicide Grief. Who should attend? Persons experiencing grief in their lives, and caregivers interested in furthering their knowledge of the process of dying, grief, and healing. We look forward to having you join us for one or all of these support and grief workshops. There are Registration Forms with the times and dates located on the back table in the sanctuary. The programs will be held at the TD Convention Center, formerly the Carolina First Center on 1 Exposition Dr., Greenville, SC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Early Charge Conference. Our Charge Conference has been set for Sunday, October 9th at 5:00 p.m. All committees should meet ASAP. All reports should be typed on line (if you need assistance, please call the office). Reports include: Church Council, Pastor, Trustees, Lay Leadership Development, Finance Committee and PPRC (Parsonage Report). Chairpersons are responsible for seeing these reports are done on time! Reports must be turned in to the office no later than Monday, September 26th!

Lay Leadership Committee. The Lay Leadership Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the Ruth Bible Class.

Epworth's Annual Work day Offering

On Sunday, September 11th we will be taking up an offering for Epworth Children's Home. The offering envelopes will be placed in the pews for you to use. Thanks for all the help you have given Epworth in the past. They rely heavily on the faithful gifts of the Methodist people to provide exceptional care to God's children. As you consider what God is calling you to give to Epworth, you can trust that Epworth will use those resources with the same CARE they provide the children.

Wednesday Night Suppers Start Back this Month!

September 7th

Chicken Strips
New Potatoes
Slaw
Fruit
Chocolate Cake
Rolls
Tea/Coffee/Water

September 14th

County Style Steak
Rice/Gravy
Green Beans
Fried Okra
Banana Pudding
Rolls
Tea/Coffee/Water

September 21st

Lasagna
Tossed Salad
French Bread
Brownies
Tea/Coffee/Water

September 28th

Ham
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Squash
Apple Cobbler
Rolls
Tea/Coffee/Water

Replenish the Food Bank

Our food bank is starting to go down, if you would like to donate items please put them in the Huckaby Class Room on the shelf or in the blue bins outside the Huckaby Class Room marked for United Ministries.

Thought of the day: "Whatever we plant in our sub-conscious mind and nourish with repetition and emotion will one day become a reality."
-Earl Nightingale

The "whatever" can be positive or negative; so be careful of what you plant!

The Berea High School Centennial

Celebrating 100 Years of Tradition and Excellence


Fall Sports Celebration
*Honoring Players & Coaches from
Football Band Volleyball Cheerleaders
Cross Country*

**Berea High School
Tuesday, September 13
Program & Reception
Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.
Program begins at 7:00 p.m.**

All Bulldog fans and alumni are invited!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>4 Communion Sunday S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30</p> <p>Start setting up for Yard Sale</p>	<p>5 Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>6 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>7 Bible Study 4:00 WNS 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:30-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Lay Leadership meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Yard Sale open to church mem- bers & CDC staff 6:00—9:00 p.m. before sale starts tomorrow</p>	<p>9 Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Yard Sale 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>
<p>11 Youth Breakfast 8:30 a.m. S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30 Epworth Day Offering for Epworth Chil- dren's Home</p>	<p>12 Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30</p>	<p>13 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Berea High School 1911-2011 Celebrating 100 Years of Tradition and Excellence. Registration 6:30 Program 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>14 Bible Study 4:00 WNS 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:30-7:30 p.m. Church Council 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30</p>	<p>15 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 UMW Greenville District 39th Annual Meeting @John Wesley UMC</p>
<p>18 S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30</p> <p>Covered Dish Lunch after the morning service. Please come join us!</p>	<p>19 Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30</p>	<p>20 Newsletter Deadline, Morning Circle - 10:00 a.m. in the Quilters Room. We will not have our Pledge Program as planned. Please bring school sup- plies for Alexander Elementary. Quilters will follow Circle Meeting Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Bible Study 4:00 WNS 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Shalom Circle 6:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. Inspiration Group will go Apple Pick- ing at Stepp's Ap- ple Orchard and will leave at 9:00 a.m. Devotion be- fore at 8:30 a.m. We will eat at Mills River restaurant</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 S.S. 9:30 Worship 10:30</p>	<p>26 Girl Scouts 6:00-7:30</p> <p>Deadline for Charge Confer- ence Reports to be in</p>	<p>27 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>28 Bible Study 4:00 WNS 5:30 p.m. Youth 6:30-7:30 p.m. Choir 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Quilters 10:00 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>30</p>	