

Hey Youth!

Need volunteer hours? The Pilot Mountain Baptist Association is sponsoring a Toy Store for needy families on Saturday, December 12th at the library in Kernersville. Volunteers can sign up for 2-hour shifts throughout the day beginning at 8am and ending at 4pm. See Erin to get involved!

We have a few spots reserved at PassportMissions Camp at Mercer University in Macon, GA the week of July 17th-22nd. See Erin to sign up and pay your \$75 deposit.

Calling all Kids!

Don't miss our trip to the Festival of Lights at Tanglewood Park! Meet at the church on Friday night, Dec. 3rd at 6pm.

We have a few spots reserved at PassportKids camp at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center in Lynchburg, VA on June 16th -19th.

PassportKids is for children who have completed 3rd grade - 6th grade. See Erin to sign up and pay your \$60 deposit!



It's time again for the youth-sponsored post office. You can mail your church family Christmas cards for 25 cents each card or a donation of your choosing to Lottie Moon or Global Missions. The post office will operate from December 1st - 19th.



December Birthdays

12/1	Faye Lakey
12/3	Mark Reavis
12/4	Heather Dortch, Delese Venable
12/5	Hannah Litaker
12/7	Bob Spencer
12/11	Zachery Beaver
12/12	Edna Bond, Vicki Boyce
12/15	Marty Daniels
12/17	Jerry Haynes
12/19	Kathryn Ashworth
12/20	Elvert Lakey
12/21	Andy Smith
12/22	Jackson Striplin
12/24	Ethan Reavis
12/27	Avery Lindley, Tammie Weavil
12/28	Robin French, Russell Grose
12/30	Clinton McCann

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Minister of Music
Minister of Education
Organist
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Secretary

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- Dec. 1, 6:30pm – International Supper
- Dec. 5, 7:00pm – Drama Christmas Program
“Bethlehem Speaks”
- Dec. 12, 7:00pm – Children’s Christmas Program
“The Christmas Puzzle”
followed by a Christmas social &
a visit from Santa Claus
- Dec. 19, 7:00pm – Celebrating Our Gifts
- Dec. 19, 11:00am –Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
“O Holy Night”
- Dec. 22, 7:00pm – Candlelight Communion Service



Mark's Musings

I know that it's only a fluke of the calendar that Thanksgiving and Christmas come so close together. Neither date has particular religious significance. Thanksgiving is a cultural holiday, though one with a good and right impulse. Christmas is a Christian celebration, to be sure, but the date is somewhat arbitrary. Most scholars think Jesus was most likely born in the spring. Be that as it may, I used to think that there was something backwards about the order of the two. Thanksgiving comes before the celebration of the greatest Gift of all. Shouldn't we get the Gift, then give thanks? Or maybe that's just the odd way my mind works.

Still, I'm intrigued by the notion of carrying the focus on thanksgiving right on into the season of Advent. To move through these days with a sense of profound gratitude before any presents are exchanged may be a helpful, and hopeful, attitude to have. Advent, we say, is a season of waiting. But there are many lessons to be learned and many blessings to be received in the waiting. May our eyes be open and our hearts be ready to see what God still has in store.

Grace and peace,
Mark

International Covered Dish Supper Wednesday, December 1st

You're invited to bring a covered dish that commemorates a foreign country & join us Wednesday, December 1st, at 6:30 pm for a special supper to remind us to place our focus on Foreign Missions during the month of December. During December we receive an offering to benefit our foreign missionaries. Please prayerfully consider giving to the "Lottie Moon" and/or "Global Missions Offering." Envelopes are available in the Sanctuary foyer for your use.



Senior Moments Highlights

On Thursday, December 9th, we are going to Hamrick's. We will leave the church at 9:00 am and eat lunch out. Our Christmas luncheon will be on Thursday, December 16th, at the Olympic Restaurant in Colfax. We will be loading up and leaving the church around 11:15am. We will return to the church for dessert and coffee and maybe some special music. As you are planning your holiday baking remember that **Happy Home Flavorings** are for sale. Come by the Adult Education Building to see available flavors.

Nursery Schedule

December 1, 2010 (Wed)	Barbara Snyder PM
December 5, 2010 (Sun)	Kathy Horton AM
	Edna Bond PM
December 8, 2010 (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
December 12, 2010 (Sun)	Kathy Idol AM
	Jean Foster PM
December 15, 2010 (Wed)	Kathryn Ashworth PM
December 19, 2010 (Sun)	Clint & Mattie McCann AM
	Alice Striplin PM
December 22, 2010 (Wed)	Peggy Beaver PM
December 26, 2010 (Sun)	Julie Striplin AM
	No Evening Activities PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

December 5 (Children's)	Rob & Jennifer Brantley
December 5, (Wee)	Sharon Thompson
December 12, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Randy Honeycutt
December 12, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
December 19 (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
December 19, (Wee)	Amanda Farmer
December 26, (Children's)	Delese Venable & Sylvia Phillips
December 26, (Wee)	Tina Church

Financial Summary

	November 7, 2010	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,194.20
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,201.78
Total Offering		\$ 4,395.98
	November 14, 2010	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,875.05
Designated Gifts		\$ 279.60
Total Offering		\$ 4,154.65
	November 21, 2010	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,533.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,133.00
Total Offering		\$ 5,666.00

General Fund

October General Fund Receipts	\$ 20,180.43
October General Fund Expenses	\$ 21,146.25
October General Fund Net	-\$ 965.82
October Fund Balance	-\$ 25,255.44



Cookies and a very generous array of other items were delivered to the High Point Hospice Home on Nov 7th with the delivery to WS Hospice Home on Monday, Nov 8th. Our next "**Cookies for Hospice**" **Sunday will be Dec 5th**. Please note your calendar now.

The response to the WS Rescue Mission – Thanksgiving Meals was a great success. We raised \$1,008.00. That's enough to feed 525 people.

Twenty-two Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes were delivered to the designated area church on Nov 18th. A special thank you to those who participated, especially to all the youngsters and their leaders in the Children in Action Wednesday night group—a large majority of those boxes were filled by this group!

The Baptist Toy Store donations must be at the church by Sunday, Dec 5th. There is a collection basket in the Adult Educational Building. Our donations will go to eastern Forsyth County families and we ask that you pray this will be a successful endeavor and many families will be blessed with our donations.

Nancy & Robbie have been very busy sewing pillows for the Cardiology Dept. at Cone Hospital with Diana assisting with stuffing these. Approximately 50 pillows have been completed. This will be an ongoing project and Nancy will be contacting those of you that have offered to assist as preparation continues. Also, due to the expense involved, anyone who can help with the cost of the batting or fabric is kindly requested to see Nancy.

Wed, Dec 1st will be the International Supper and each family will bring a covered dish to be shared. A short WOM meeting will follow at which time we will further discuss the Glenn High Senior that we will be "adopting" this year at Christmas.

Christmas time is about the birth of our Savior and what a wonderful gift that was. May we all search for greater insight and a deeper understanding of God's love for us as we embark on a season of rejoicing. Additionally, may we stay true to our mission calling and continue to show others how **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE**.

2011 Budget Presentation

At a called Church Conference on Wednesday, December 8th, at 7:00 pm the Budget Committee will present the 2011 Budget. You can pick up your copy in the sanctuary on Sun. Nov. 28th. Copies not picked up will be mailed on Monday. You should have time to review it prior to the conference. Your prayerful consideration of increasing your giving for 2011 will insure we meet & exceed our goals. After discussion on Wednesday, we'll vote before worship Sunday, December 12th.