

Hey Youth!

December 6th from 11:30am to 2:30pm we will be volunteering at the Kernersville Christmas Store. It will be a great chance to reach out to others in our community. December 13th at 6:30pm we will be having a Youth Christmas Party at John and Tina Church's house. We'll get to fellowship together in celebration of the birth of our Savior! The next day, Sunday, December 14th we will be going to Charlotte to see the Carolina Panthers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers face off. Dress warm, I'm sure it will be cold!

Ministry Opportunities from the Youth: Any time is a great time for prayer, including the Christmas Season! The youth will be placing a Christmas Prayer Tree on Dec. 3rd in the Fellowship Hall. We will be creating a prayer chain out of paper to wrap around the tree. We invite all to add a link or multiple links to the chain as you feel led. We will provide the paper for you to write your prayer on and then will add the links as they are received or you may add the link yourself if you wish.

Youth Sponsored Post Office: We will be running the post office Dec. 3rd to Dec. 21st.

Children's Corner

December 5th from 6pm to 9pm we'll be having a Parents Night Out event. December 7th at 6pm there will be the annual Christmas Children & Youth Program. December 14th at 6 PM there will be the church Christmas party and Santa will be there! Please come out for a great time of fellowship with plenty of fun, food, and laughter.

December Birthdays

12/1	Faye Lakey
12/3	Mark Reavis
12/4	Heather Dortch, Delese Venable
12/5	Hannah Litaker, Bennett Lysse
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
12/22	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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- Dec. 3, 6:15pm – International Supper
- Dec. 5, 6:00pm – Parents Night Out
- Dec. 6, 6:00pm – UCBC Coffeehouse
- Dec. 7, 6:00pm – Youth & Children Christmas Program
“The Christmas Story”
- Dec. 14, 11:00am – Adult Choir Christmas Cantata
“Mary, Did You Know?”
- Dec. 14, 6:00pm – Christmas Fellowship
- Dec. 24, 4:00pm – Candlelight Communion Service

Dr. H. Mark Ashworth
Mrs. Marisa Fraley
Mrs. Gayle Wimbrow
Rev. Marty Daniels
Mrs. Angie Weavil
Mrs. Becky Longworth
Mrs. Teresa Tucker

Pastor
Minister of Youth & Children
Minister of Music
Minister of Education
Organist
Pianist
Secretary

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

A Prayer for Advent

Lord Jesus,
 Master of both the light and the darkness,
 send Your Holy Spirit
 upon our preparations for Christmas.
 We, who have so much to do,
 seek quiet spaces to hear Your voice every day.
 We, who are anxious over many things,
 look forward to Your coming among us.
 We, who are blessed in so many ways,
 long for the complete joy of Your kingdom....
 We are Your people, walking in darkness,
 yet seeking the light.
 To You we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
 Amen.

—MARK NEILSEN (2002)

Senior Moments Highlights

We will be going to the Candle Tea at Ardmore Baptist, Dec. 4th, at 2:00pm. Leaving the church at 1:00pm. Please bring canned goods and staple items for the **Bread of Life Food Pantry**. Our Christmas luncheon will be Dec. 18th. The location will be announced later.

International Supper

The WOM is sponsoring the **International Supper** on Wednesday, December 3rd, at 6:15pm. Bring a pot of soup, salad or crock pot special with an international flair. Additional items suggested are baked potato toppings, salad dressings or variety of crackers. The baked potatoes and tea will be provided.

Christmas Cards

Are you getting your Christmas cards ready to be sent out? Well, as we have done in the past, we'll have the youth-sponsored post office. You can mail your church family Christmas cards for \$0.25/card or a donation of your choosing to Lottie Moon or Global Missions. It will be open Dec. 3rd through Dec. 21st.

Parents Night Out

December 5th from 6:00pm to 9:00pm we'll be having a Parents Night Out event. We will be serving pizza, showing Christmas movies, and crafting. This will be a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done or simply have a night out. Please pre-register your child today! We have forms on the website page or contact Teresa in the church office. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Marisa

2015 Budget Presentation

The Budget Committee will present the 2015 Budget at Church Conference on Wednesday, December 17th, at 7:00pm. The budget was handed out on Sunday, Nov. 30th, so you should have time to review it prior to the conference. After discussion on Wednesday, we'll vote before worship Sunday, Dec. 21st.

Nursery Schedule

December 3, 2014 (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
December 7, (Sun)	Tammie & Katie Weavil AM
	Alice Striplin PM
December 10, (Wed)	Edna Bond PM
December 14, (Sun)	Marianne & CC Casas AM
	Robin French PM
December 17, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
December 21, (Sun)	Melissa Little & Robin French AM
	No Evening Activities PM
December 24, (Wed)	Robin French PM
December 28, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
	No Evening Activities PM
December 31, (Wed)	No Evening Activities PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

December 7, (Children's)	Julie Striplin & Dale Lakey
December 7, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
December 14, (Children's)	Neal & Lindsey Parnell
December 14, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
December 21, (Children's)	Randy & Cathy Honeycutt
December 21, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
December 28, (Children's)	Melissa Little
December 28, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin

Financial Summary

	November 2, 2014	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 5,493.59
Designated Gifts		\$ 437.00
Total Offering		\$ 5,930.59
	November 9, 2014	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,758.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 511.45
Total Offering		\$ 4,269.45
	November 16, 2014	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,645.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 292.25
Total Offering		\$ 2,937.25
	November 23, 2014	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 2,443.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 1,040.25
Total Offering		\$ 3,483.25

General Fund

October General Fund Receipts	\$ 18,334.59
October General Fund Expenses	- \$ 13,802.50
October General Fund Net	\$ 4,532.09
October Fund Balance	- \$ 24,780.00



Mark your calendar our next "Cookies for Hospice" will be **Sunday, December 7.**

What a wonderful number of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes were filled—I am so very pleased to report we had **26** this year! This is more than we have had in several years—thank you so much for your participation.

By the time you receive this newsletter, our Pilot Mountain Baptist Association Toy Store collections will be well under way, but you will have until **Wednesday, December 3** to bring in your donations. Birth through the 8th grade youngsters will be served again this year—please help us help needy youngsters have a Merry Christmas.

Plan to join us on **Wednesday night, December 3** for our monthly family night meal sponsored by the WOM. Every family is asked to bring a crock pot meal (i.e. soup, chili) or a salad and join us. This year we are also asking that each person bring canned food or other staple item for the associational Bread of Life Food Pantry. As in years past, boxes of food are often dispensed to families receiving toys wherein a desperate need for food is expressed.

Christmas is a special time for giving, **but UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE** throughout the entire year with "gifts" of love and concern for others. God Bless you all!

Backpack Program

We are forming a backpack committee to help with various responsibilities and planning. Let Sara VonCannon know if you are interested. Backpack trees/ornaments -if you would like a tree or flyers and donation coupons at your business, or if you would like to sponsor a child, contact Sara as well.

Fundraisers: December 4th- There will be a pancake supper and singing featuring Downtown Casey Brown and The Saints & Sinners at the Moravian church from 5-7pm. Plan to stop by and enjoy some fine food and fellowship.

December 6th- We will hold a bake sale at Holly Days at Glenn High School from 9-3pm. **Please bring your donation of baked goods** to the church by Friday evening (please note your name/phone number on items) **AND/OR come by during the sale to purchase** some delicious treats.