

Hey Youth!



We have a few spots reserved at Passport Missions summer camp in Macon, GA for the week of June 24th-29th. Don't miss out on this great experience for 6th-12th graders! See Erin to sign up and pay your \$75 deposit.

Mark your calendar! Saturday night, February 11th will be our annual Valentine's Banquet Fundraiser. Plan now to be here in the afternoon that day to make preparations!

Calling all Kids!



We have reserved a few spots at PassportKids camp in Lynchburg, VA for June 16th-19th. 3rd-6th graders are invited to join in this fun time of games, Bible study, worship, and meeting new friends. See Erin to sign up and pay your \$60 deposit.



January Birthdays

- 1/1 Crista Church
- 1/3 Kenny Smith
- 1/6 Sara VonCannon
- 1/10 Frances Prevette
- 1/12 Judy Daniels, Joey Venable
- 1/13 Steve Hurley
- 1/14 Darrell Beaver, Rick Ziglar
- 1/18 Amanda Farmer, Jean Idol, Beverly Weavil
- 1/20 Stoney Longworth, Kathy Mills, TerriTurner
- 1/23 Lindsay Dortch
- 1/24 Ernest George
- 1/27 Randy Longworth
- 1/29 Amy Simmons
- 1/30 Brenda Grose, Kathy Horton

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The unfailing love of the LORD never ends! . . . Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each day. I say to myself, "The LORD is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

Lamentations 3:22-24

Dr. H. Mark Ashworth
Rev. Erin Lysse
Ms. Gayle Lauten
Rev. Marty Daniels
Mrs. Angie Weavil
Mrs. Becky Longworth
Mrs. Teresa Tucker

Pastor
Minister to Families
Minister of Music
Minister of Education
Organist
Pianist
Secretary

Mark's Musings

My mother had a habit that always bugged me. She had to know how things would turn out. If she picked up a mystery to read, she would invariably turn to the back to find out "whodunit" before she started reading the book. Once we were watching a TV movie about the historic heavyweight championship fight between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling in the 1930s. My mother, not knowing how the fight came out, actually got up from the couch and went in search of an encyclopedia. She just couldn't stand not to know.

Of course, life doesn't let us know what's in store. We begin a new year without the option of reading ahead. And I, for one, think that's a good thing. The story is yet to be written. Some of it will be beyond our control. Other parts will depend greatly on the choices we make. We don't know what lies ahead. But we begin a new year with the sounds of Christmas still ringing in our ears and in our hearts, the sounds that remind us of the one called "Emmanuel." God is with us, and God will be with us. Of that we can be sure. So let us begin 2012 with hope and with faith. Happy New Year!

Grace and peace,
Mark

Senior Moments Highlight

We will be having a luncheon on Thursday, January 26th, at 11:00 am. So bring a covered dish and join us for a fun time of fellowship.

Baptist Men's Day will be celebrated on Sunday, **January 29th**. In observance of this event we invite EVERYONE to attend a breakfast, provided by our Baptist Men, on Sunday morning the 29th at 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. Also our men will lead us in the morning worship service. Baptist Men meet each month on the first Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm after the monthly Family Night Supper. For more info contact Mark Reavis or Mike Simmons.

Bad Weather Policy

1. The Bad Weather Committee in coordination with the Pastor will make the determination to cancel services and/or activities.
2. You may watch WFMY-TV 2 (cable channel 9), WGHP FOX8 TV (cable channel 10), or WXII-TV 12 (cable channel 11) for cancellation information.
3. If you have not heard any news within a reasonable time, you may contact your Deacon.

Nursery Schedule

January 1, (Sun)	Kathy Idol AM
	No Evening Activities PM
January 4, (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
January 8, (Sun)	Kathy Horton AM
	Nancy Clodfelter PM
January 11, (Wed)	Edna Bond PM
January 15, (Sun)	Clint & Mattie McCann AM
	Jean Foster PM
January 18, (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
January 22, (Sun)	Alice Striplin AM
	Kathryn Ashworth PM
January 25, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
January 29, (Sun)	Bill Lysse AM
	Edna Bond PM

Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

January 1, (Children's)	Julie Striplin & Dale Lakey
January 1, (Wee)	Jane Sutphin
January 8, (Children's)	Mike Simmons & Randy Honeycutt
January 8, (Wee)	Susie Hilton
January 15, (Children's)	Phillip & Jennifer Watson
January 15, (Wee)	Sharon Thompson
January 22, (Children's)	Erin Lysse
January 22, (Wee)	Tina Church
January 29, (Children's)	Sylvia Phillips & Delese Venable
January 29, (Wee)	Amanda Farmer

Financial Summary

	December 4, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,937.84
Designated Gifts		\$ 789.80
Total Offering		\$ 5,727.64
	December 11, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 4,768.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 590.60
Total Offering		\$ 5,358.60
	December 18, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 3,672.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 548.30
Total Offering		\$ 4,220.30
	December 25, 2011	
Undesignated Gifts		\$ 5,213.00
Designated Gifts		\$ 320.50
Total Offering		\$ 5,533.50

General Fund

November General Fund Receipts	\$ 17,752.11
November General Fund Expenses	- \$ 18,342.99
November General Fund Net	- \$ 590.88
November Fund Balance	- \$ 18,522.95



The Hospice cookie donations (along with other staple items) were delivered to both locations on December 11 & 12. Our next "Hospice Sunday" will be **January 8**.

At the time of this release no meals had been delivered to any of our church members during December as part of our "Inward Mission" project, but it is our intent to make this an ongoing project.

Three filled baskets of toys, along with two new coats, were taken on December 9 to the Kernersville Library where parents from eastern Forsyth County were coming on the 10th to choose toys for their children. (These donations were in addition to the \$50 check already sent for this project from WOM funds.) Also, there were several folks from our church who assisted with the Toy Store this year.

The Winston-Salem Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Meals project was a tremendous success! So much so, that it was decided to continue donations until Christmas to provide a Christmas meal for a homeless individual.

Charlene has passed along to us that Moses Cone Hospital has not yet begun providing heart pillows to heart surgery patients on their own as had been previously indicated; therefore Nancy and Amy T. have begun making pillows again for this outreach ministry.

Also, a special thank you goes to those of you who have assisted our endeavors by making financial donations for WOM projects.

The soup, salad and baked potato meal sponsored by WOM as the traditional International Supper was very well received. Those delicious soups prepared by various families, along with the salads, potato fixings and desserts warmed us in more ways than one.

The year 2011 closes with each of us reflecting on some wonderful memories, along with some overwhelming days of sadness. We must remember, however, how great is our love for one another and even greater is our Father's love for each of us. His abiding love is a constant that also gives us the desire to serve one another in whatever ways we can. May we all "**grow**" in 2012 as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE**.

