

Salt and Light Michaels Peripheral Gardens Restored

In addition to many other renovation projects recently completed, or still in progress, I am very pleased to report that the Michaels Peripheral Gardens, located near the east front fellowship hall entrance, have been restored and beautified.

First established by Frank and Lib Michaels in 1985, in memory of Frank's parents, John Jacob and Clara H. Michaels, the Peripheral Gardens have greeted thousands of people over the years who have attended regular events or special meetings in our fellowship hall.

In recent years, this area, while still attractive, was increasingly in need of professional attention and refurbishing.

As part of our "Turning Dreams into Deeds" emphasis, which has transformed our buildings and grounds in some wonderful ways in recent years, our Church Properties Committee (in cooperation with our special Building Committee) began to bring attention to this particular spot, among others.

Lib Michaels and her daughters, Clara Jean (who lives in Raleigh) and Becky (who resides near Seattle), each made a very generous donation to allow the church to service and restore the Peripheral Gardens.

First Baptist member Jeff Willingham, who at one time had his own professional landscaping business, very kindly agreed to redesign the area and do all the hard work required to replace the old plants and put in the new ones. He also donated and installed new metal borders.

I am deeply grateful to the Michaels family for all of their financial assistance and to Jeff for bringing new life and beauty to what had, at one time, been a very beautiful area.

I also wish to thank our Church Properties Committee Chairman Steve Bailey for all of his assistance in seeing that the project was planned and done.

In some upcoming columns I will highlight some other special projects and recognize other people for their efforts in "Turning Dreams into Deeds."

For now, before the cold weather begins to envelope us, please take a moment to look at the Michaels Peripheral Gardens and note these wonderful enhancements.

As always, to God be the Glory!

Love, Tom

TDID PROJECTS CONTINUE

October is a busy month !

Replacement of the slate on the front sanctuary steps will begin immediately and continue for 2-3 weeks. During this time please use the new ramp & walkway. All the step handrails must be removed for the stone work and replaced with new conforming ADA approved handrails. Some of the steps may be useable at times. **Please use caution.**

Work continues on the West side entrance vestibule. The ceiling grid and lighting is being completed. A new entrance doorway is being fabricated by local craftsmen. A drawing of the doorway is posted at the west entrance. New awnings have been installed on the west side, and at the kitchen service entrance. The awning at the west side will remain until the approved building projects for there can be designed and funded. The gray awning matched to the roof and trim colors will help on rainy days, and softens the rather strong austere look that was the west corner entrance. **After extensive linguistic research by the Senior Pastor, the new name for this area is the porte-marcheur (walking entrance: typically covered).**

Footings have been dug for a new main sign near the east side parking entrance. The signage will face traffic at Burkemont and West Union. To be made of FBC famous white brick, the traditionally styled sign will allow for greeting attendees and visitors, plus messaging of church events. Completion is scheduled for the end of October.

Inside, work continues on finish touches to the main floor hall, library and office into November. Some paint and new ceiling tiles will complete the job. Already the new floor tile and paint plus energy saving lighting is so pleasing to the eye that many members are urging for more upgrades to other floors. With some volunteer help we might be able to do more over the coming winter months.

There is so much that needs to be done, and indeed, more certainly could be done. Many of the needs and projects are simply proving more extensive and more \$\$\$ than planned nearly five years ago. The youth suite work and sanctuary repairs are yet to be tackled among other projects.

Thanks to your support, commitments and sacrificial giving through hard economic days, we have accomplished much that should serve well the years ahead. Many committee and church members are to thank for their work this recent months. With all the summer work, our building fund balance is dropping sharply now as projects complete. Please continue what you can to prayerfully, and sacrificially, support needed repairs and improvements to our church home.

To God be the Glory.

The Special Committee on Building

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Nunzio Loiudice - Italy
Annette Hall - France
Robert Dunlop - Ireland
New Pastor at Brannockstown
Mark Hamblen
Janos Katona - Romania

SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION

Eric Duckworth	Erienne Davidson
Shawn Graham	Veronica Graham
Roland Berger	Mark Scannell
Ryan Moya	P. J. Chapman
Joshua Davidson	James Gillon
Zack Maye	Mark Shell
Jacob Durden	Wes Shuffler
Pat Morrison	Johnny Franklin

Just 4 YOUTH

Sunday, October 18

9:44am - Bible Study
5:00pm - Youth Choir
5:45pm - Youth Meal
6:09pm - Super Session

Wednesday, October 21

5:30pm - Family Night Meal & Western Roundup
6:10pm - No Grapple & Spectrum

Hello Friends,

Thanks for the many ways you are participating with Jesus to reconcile, renew, and restore the world back to what God originally had in mind for it. I hope you will add your name to the Church Day @ Wake Forest sign-up sheet. If you have not signed up for a Great Pumpkin Party booth, please see Catherine Black or Caroline Harrell. I hope you have a wonderful week. I'm sure I'll be seeing you around!

Jeff



SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

All Sunday School officers are urged to attend these brief, but very important gatherings on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 9:45 over the next few weeks. Let's be intentional in allowing the Holy Spirit to take our classes to another level in life-changing studies, outreach, fellowship, and ministry.

The next meeting is Sunday, October 25 for all Class Outreach Leaders and Secretaries

We will meet in the Kistler Home. Come to the first class at the top of the last set of stairs. It will be on the right.

Remember, the lift is available to reach that level.



RICK RUDICILL MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 2

2:30 - 7:00 p.m.

in the fellowship hall

Please call Cathy at 437-2544 x 11 to schedule your appointment.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Offering Received Oct. 11.....\$22,705
Budget Required to Date..... \$729,554
Received to Date \$679,030
Under Budget \$50,524

TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS

Pledged \$807,000
Building Fund Rec to Date \$773,072
Building Fund Expenditures ... \$667,848
Building Fund Balance \$106,854

MEMORIAL

A memorial has been received to honor the memory of Dr. Fred Bentley.

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY

October 18, 2009

Sermon: "Free Indeed"
(John 8: 31-36)

Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. will be
preaching.

Special Music by the Young
Disciples Praise Team.



MEN'S SINGING GROUP

All hombres who can sing a lick are invited to join the "Wild Bunch" Troubadours and their debut at our Western Roundup Cowboy Songfest. Even if you ain't choir material, if you're man enough to make a "joyful noise" we want you to be a part of this merry macho chorale (or should that be corral? ☺) Join us for a "one shot" rehearsal on Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 A.M. in the choir rehearsal room.



CHURCH DAY @ WAKE FOREST

**Wake Forest vs. Florida State
Saturday, November 14**

Game Time: To Be Announced
Tickets: \$25/ Transportation: \$10
(Could end up being less.)

Please call the church office 437-2544 to sign up.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 18 - Sandy Baden