

Salt and Light
Budget "Catch-Up" on Sunday

Let me begin this very brief column on a sensitive topic with a word of deeply sincere appreciation. I wish to thank everyone for your faithful stewardship during these incredibly challenging times. We are "hanging in there" budgetarily while, at the same time, striving to complete successfully our "Turning Dreams into Deeds" building campaign. What a time to be taking on either task! With our local economy in shambles, and with family and individual resources greatly diminished, we are doing very well to be doing as well as we are! We do, however, need to try to give our church budget its annual "shot in the arm" by promoting Budget Catch-Up, this coming Sunday, November 1. Last spring, our Finance Committee, chaired by Dwight Brakefield, made the hard but very wise decision to reduce our current operating budget by 5%. There is a very strong likelihood that our proposed church budget for 2010, currently being finalized by our Finance Committee for Deacon and congregational approval, will total even less than our revised budget of \$925,313 for 2009. Every institution, business, nonprofit agency, family, and individual is having to make some very hard choices these days. We are no exception. Still, I am reminded of Paul's words about the sacrificial benevolence of the Macedonian Christians (mostly Gentiles) to the Christians (who had been Jewish) in and around Jerusalem: "Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity" (II Corinthians 8:2). In that same spirit, starting Sunday, let us do our best to inch the current budget income closer to our revised goal for 2009. Again, I thank you very much for your ongoing faithful giving to the cause of Christ through the church.

Love,

WESTERN ROUNDUP THANKS

Wee-doggies we had a fun time! Thanks to all who had a hand in singin', pickin', or playin' the various and sundry songs about the old west in a most entertaining manner. Special thanks to the many folks who came out – some in western outfits - and dined, fellowshipped, supported, applauded, laughed, and pretty much whooped it up in grand fashion – all in generally Christian ways. ☺ We are grateful to Suzette and our wonderful Food Service Ministry for serving everybody so efficiently. Special thanks to Phil Scarboro for cooking the mouth-watering prime rib and donating his time and expertise. We appreciate the incomparable Betty Day for her effort, skill, and use of her beautiful items in decorating for this big autumn event and to Barbara Lambert who served as her able "sidekick." Once again Tammy Gercken painted a perfectly theme-related backdrop for our stage and has our deepest gratitude. (We'll give you more notice next time, Tammy! ☺) Campfire kudos and happy trails to all!

MEDICAL SUPPLIES REQUEST

Back when Parish Nurse Mark Silvey was working with us, we began a medical supplies closet. The supplies are kept here at the church. Alicia Evans is keeping up with these supplies and loans them out to patients who cannot afford to purchase these items or to our members when the need arises. Our medical supplies are getting low and harder to find. We are in need of bed side commodes, shower chairs and tub transfer benches. If you have any of these items available, please bring them to the church office.

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND CHILDREN!
HANGING OF THE GREEN WORSHIP
CELEBRATION**

Part of our Hanging of the Green service this year will be a simple Christmas pageant. Children are needed for various roles. These will be non-speaking parts, with no lines to learn, so we promise to keep rehearsals to a minimum so as not to add to your busy family schedules and extra holiday season activities. We will be signing up children in Sunday School and Wednesday evening Discipleship, or you can call Rev. Schuszler at 437-2544 X 14 or email fls999@hci.net if you want your child(ren) included in this meaningful experience.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS
CHILD**

It is again time to prepare your gift of a shoe box for a child this Christmas. Last year, First Baptist Church's generosity prepared approximately 270 boxes. Boxes are available at the drop off table. Dates for drop off are November 16th through the 20th.



**RICK RUDICILL MEMORIAL
BLOOD DRIVE**
Monday, November 2
2:30 - 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
Please call Cathy at 437-2544 to schedule your appointment.

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
Michael Bradley	

DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 1 - Doris Bentley

Just 4 YOUth

Saturday, October 31

5:30 – Great Pumpkin Party

Sunday, November 1

9:44am - Bible Study
No evening activities

Wednesday, November 4

5:30pm – Family Night Meal
6:10pm – 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. I hope you have a wonderful week. I'm sure I'll be seeing you around!

Jeff

**WATCH YOUR STEP
PLEASE!**

On Sunday, as you enter the sanctuary, please watch your step! *We would prefer that you use the ramp to enter the sanctuary from the front doors.* If you are coming from a Sunday School class, please enter through the educational building. Thanks for your help!

**TOYS FOR
CHRISTMAS CHEER**

This year we plan to do a little something different as we collect toys for Christmas Cheer. We will be collecting on Wednesday nights during Church Family Night. If you would, please bring your toy as you come to supper or to your class. We will have a place on the stage for you to place your unwrapped gift. We will be collecting November 4, 11 & 18. If you are not able to participate on Wednesday nights you may bring your gift by the church office.

**CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT
MENU**

NOVEMBER 4, 2009
Baked Spaghetti/Salad Bar
Garlic Bread/Beverage
Child's Meal -Same as above
Veggie Meal - Vegetarian Spaghetti
Salad Bar/Garlic Bread
Desserts - \$1.00

****NOTE: NO BAKED POTATOES
THIS WEEK!**

Serving Team: Betty Ann Elmore

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Offering Received Oct. 25.....\$10,147
Budget Required to Date..... \$765,142
Received to Date \$707,710
Under Budget \$57,432

TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS

Pledged \$807,000
Building Fund Rec to Date \$778,331
Building Fund Expenditures ... \$671,588
Building Fund Balance\$106,743

MEMORIAL

Memorials have been received to honor the memory of William Harbison, Gross Waters and Frank Wallis.

**IN HONOR OF
Martha Waters**

**FINAL SUNDAY SCHOOL
LEADERSHIP MEETING**

**This Sunday, November 1 for all
Class Fellowship/Social Leaders.
We will meet at 9:30 a.m. 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.

**DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
For Grade School Children**

Tuesdays, November 10 and
November 17

At 4:00 p.m. in the church library
Leader: Rev. Fred Schuszler
We will learn how to become a Christian, discuss the meaning of baptism and the Lord's Supper, and find out how to be an active church member. Join us for these fun, informative, sessions just for kids.



**CHURCH DAY @ WAKE FOREST
Wake Forest vs. Florida State
Saturday, November 14**

Game Time: To Be Announced
Tickets: \$25/ Transportation: \$10
Please call the church office
437-2544 to sign up.

THANK YOU

A note of appreciation has been received from the family of William Harbison. The note has been placed on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Coming In November

- ❖ November 2 - Rick Rudicill Memorial Blood Drive
- ❖ November 11 – Church Conference – FBC Budget 2010
- ❖ November 14 – Church Day Wake Forest Vs. Florida State Game
- ❖ November 15 – Dreams Into Deeds Worship Celebration followed by Annual Mimosa Christian Counseling Center Spaghetti Luncheon
 - ❖ November 22 – 10:55 A.M. Thanksgiving Communion Worship Celebration 7:00 P.M. – Morganton Area Ministerial Association Community Thanksgiving Service at Grace Episcopal Church
 - ❖ November 26 – Happy Thanksgiving Day!
 - ❖ November 29 – First Sunday in Advent!

COMING NEXT WEEK

◆ Sunday, November 1



8:30 a.m. - Deacons' Meeting
 9:30 a.m. - Class Fellowship
 Leader Meeting
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 10:55 a.m. - Worship
 4:00 p.m. - Devotional Knitting

◆ Monday, November 2

9:45 a.m. - Women's Bible Study
 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Rick Rudicill
 Memorial Blood Drive
 7:15 p.m. - Combined Choir
 Rehearsal - Choir Room

◆ Tuesday, November 3

7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

◆ Wednesday, November 4

Church Family Night
 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Music Makers
 (Grades 1-3) Room 208B
 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. - Young
 Musicians Choir and Handbells
 (Grades 4-5) Room 304
 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Preschool
 Choir (Ages 4-5) Room 302
 5:30 p.m. - Serving Line Opens
 6:05 p.m. - Blessings &
 Celebrations

6:15 p.m. -

- Youth Newz 306A
- Faithweaver Friends - 302
- Children's Discipleship - 304

6:25 p.m. - Adult Center for
 Spiritual Formation studies

- Middle School Grapple - 300
- High School Spectrum - 306A

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir
 Rehearsal
 Committee on Comm - Library

◆ Thursday, November 5

7:00 p.m. - Adult Handbells

◆ Friday, November 6

10:00 a.m. - Women's Prayer

GREAT PUMPKIN PARTY

A Safe, Fun, Halloween Carnival for the Entire Family

Saturday, October 31, 2009

5:30 – 8:00 P.M.

**This Year's Theme:
"Under the Big Top"**

**First Baptist Church of Morganton
Fellowship Hall and Front Lawn
Games! Prizes! Giant Inflatables!**

Face Painting! Candy! Cake Walks!

The Haunted Café will have a great supper menu!



Fall Back

DON'T FORGET...

To set your clock back 1 hour Saturday Night

WORSHIP WITH US THIS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2009 10:55 a.m.

BUDGET CATCH-UP SUNDAY

Sermon: "It's Alright to Be Little Bitty"
(Mark 12: 41-44)

Dr. Tom Bland, Jr. will be preaching.

