



PASTOR'S ARTICLE

By Pastor Tom

September is Stewardship Emphasis Month at Celebration Our Stewardship Theme is "God's Generosity and Ours"

Ephesians 1:3-14 - ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

In the opening of Paul's letter to the Christians in Ephesus, he shares a beatitude (a blessing) expressing the manifold blessings God has generously given us in Jesus Christ. In the Greek this is just one long sentence that outlines the gift of redemption and eternal life that God has blessed us with. Paul describes our adoption as God's own children and the forgiveness of our sins that God has graciously lavished on us through Jesus Christ. Paul even describes how God has sealed each of us with the Holy Spirit as a pledge (from God to us) of our inheritance as God's own people among the redeemed of God. All of this generous outpouring from God inspires us to live for the PRAISE OF GOD'S GLORY! We have life in all its fullness by the generosity of God who loves us and calls us to live our lives worshipping and praising God and following Jesus Christ in fulfilling God's will in our daily living and serving.

Friends, God's Generosity is demonstrated to us day by day. We see it in the wonders of nature, the provisions of our daily bread, the forgiveness of our sins, and in the call to let our lives reflect God's love in our words, our deeds and in our own patterns of giving. May God inspire us in gratitude and trust to grow and extend our own generosity in how we give and how we live and serve our neighbors. It takes each of us joining together in generosity to support and extend the mission and ministry of Celebration Presbyterian Church. Our motivation to live and give generously is not fear or compulsion but God's own demonstration of generosity (as described above by the Apostle Paul) that inspires our gratitude and desire to glorify God by giving our lives fully to God's work in the world today.

Thanks to each of you for your growing generosity in support of Celebration. God Bless You,

Pastor Tom



Pastor Tom Dendy

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SESSION UPDATE

By Nancy Torcivia

Holy Communion will be served
September 4, 2016

Next Session Meeting is Sunday,
September 18 at 12:15 PM.

The Session met on August 22 and
discussed and acted on the following:

Elder Jansson attended the Carolina
Forest Elementary School Open
House and handed out 80 packets
about Celebration Church and
spoke with many families new to
the area. She is working on
procuring an address list of new
families in our area that we could
reach out to on an ongoing basis.

The function of church bookkeeping
and finance reporting is being
moved to the physical church
offices. We are in the process of
setting up an office and hiring a
replacement for Gretchen Deubler,
who is retiring.

The Mission and Outreach team is
supporting Jade Bender with a
project for Soles4Souls. Gently
used shoes will be collected during
September. Bins are available for
shoe donations. The shoes will be
sent to people in third world
countries.

The church will host a blood drive with
the American Red Cross on
October 24 at CPC from 3-8pm.

A work day with Habitat for Humanity
is planned for October. We will be
painting a home at Hope's
Crossing.

Christian Education is looking for an
adult Sunday School teacher for fall
teach a short-term class, and also
for people who can substitute for

our regular teachers. Please contact
Cheryl Dulin if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School was a big
success. The kids stayed safe with
Lifeguard Pastor Tom on watch!
An average of 60 children
registered.

First Wednesday Fellowship dinners
begin again in September. Please
use these fun dinners as a time to
invite your friends to experience
the friendly people of Celebration!

Training for new Acolytes is being
scheduled.

We are looking for volunteers for the
media shout booth during worship.
You need good computer skills. See
Bernadine Lamar if you are
interested.

A new computer has been purchased
for the finance office.

The Nominating Committee is meeting
and contacting candidates to serve
on the Session. The number of
Elders is being expanded to twelve
members to help spread the work
to more people.

Pastor Becky has an Agape Meal tasting
of first century foods planned
following worship on September 4.
A new study recommended by our
new PCUSA co-moderators, using
the book "Waking up White" will
begin September 12. Pastor Becky
is also exploring having an
additional weekday class on
Spiritual Practices.

Pastor Becky's temporary supply
contract was extended through
December 31, 2016.

Two new pieces of playground
equipment have been installed.
Thanks to Roy Andrews and his
crew for their hard work and
perseverance in the heat!

The size of the Preschool Board has
been expanded and new members
added. A "meet and greet"
gathering was held on August 24 so
the teachers could meet the board
members. Joe Alexander, Kasey
Watson, Nancy Torcivia, Bernie
Pettijohn, and Leslie Eckert join
Jeanne Bredbeck, Paula Jansson,
and Jan Coulter. Pastor Tom and
Director Susan Spraker are
nonvoting members of the Board.

The new church telephone system has
been installed.

Church Clean up-Day on August 15
was a success. Thanks to all who
helped.

Pastor Becky will be working on
organizing volunteers to assist with
weeding around the new plantings
along the edge of the parking lot. If
you'd like to "pull for Jesus",
contact Pastor Becky.

The Session discussed the final chapter
of the Sailboat Church as their
generative time discussion.

Thanks to all the folks of Celebration
who take on so many volunteer tasks
with such abundant love. On behalf of
the Session, we thank you all for the
many things you do for Celebration.

THE NEXT
BREAKFAST
BUDDIES WILL BE
AT HOT STACKS
SEPTEMBER 16, 9AM



BREAKFAST BUDDIES

By Pat Teal

Even though we were small in attendance at Flapjacks this month, we laughed, had fellowship time, and a good breakfast with excellent service. Even our fearless leader (Tom) attended. It was good to have him there. Our hosts, Mary Ann and Larry, were not able to attend because Larry's knee isn't doing

well. Thanks, Mary Ann. Marilyn and Jesse were not able to attend either as her knee is also giving her problems. Some of our regulars are on vacation: Laurie and Roy, and Judy. Hope they are having a great time.

Our next breakfast will be at Hot Stacks, next to Olive

Garden, on Highway 17 Business in the K-Mart Shopping Mall, September 16, 9:00 a.m. Yours truly is hostess. Please sign up in the Narthex at church. Bring family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

VACTION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

By Carol Butler



This year's Vacation Bible School was a great success. Our theme "Surf Shack" made a big hit and our setting was a beach and it looked awesome. Pastor Tom was our lifeguard, "P.T. Waikiki" and he ROCKED the part. The children watched toothpaste erupt, listened attentively to Bible stories each night, played lots of fun games, ate

yummy snacks, made cute crafts and started and ended each night with music and movement. There were 84 children registered (a record I think) and an average of 60 attended per night (another record, maybe).

All of this would not have been possible without the many

volunteers who signed up to help. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you. You are what makes this church what it is today. A warm, caring group of people whose only goal was to bring smiles to the children and their families. KUDOS to you all!!!

THE NEXT
LADYBUG
LUNCHEON WILL
BE ON
THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 1
AT
DUCATI'S



LADYBUG LUNCHEON

By Carol Butler

Our August luncheon took us to Hwy 55, a 50's-60's place where burgers are the main attraction.

There were 17 LadyBugs in attendance. Mary Ann brought her granddaughter Emmy and Emmy's charge Riley. Nice to have the young ones with us.

We collected \$70.00 for charitable purposes. Thank you ladies for your generosity.

While burgers were the main attraction, there were other delectable choices on the menu and some of us opted for them. The food was great as was the service

Someone, whose name doesn't even need mentioning, was very naughty!!! While there wasn't much straw paper flying, a large handful of straws somehow found their way into her hands. Oh well, it all makes for a lot of laughter and conversation.

The next lunch will be Thursday, September 1, at Ducati's Pizzeria & Trattoria which is located in the Lowe's Shopping Plaza across from Grand Strand Medical Center. Priscilla Mulligan will be our hostess.

Sign up in the Narthex if you know you can make it. Let me know if you need a ride. All LadyBugs, their friends and family (female of course) are invited.....hope to see you there.

Youth of Celebration

THE SECOND AND
THIRD SUNDAY
OF EACH
MONTH IS OUR
HE~BREWS
COFFEE BAR!



YOUTH

By Cecilia Evans and Jackie Sinnet

School has started and that means we will be kicking-off He~Brews Café. Our first meeting will be September 11. We will discuss plans for

2016-17. Bring your ideas for Bible studies and activities you would like to discuss for this year.

Looking forward to seeing you and hearing about your summers.

MISSIONS/OUTREACH

By Cecilia Evans

The church participates in many worthwhile mission activities. Each month I try to highlight some of what we have accomplished and upcoming events. I am always awed by your energy and dedication to the community.

A shout-out recognizing a few of our on-going mission projects: Bingo, Meals on Wheels, Neighbor-to-Neighbor, working the Pelican's Games and serving at Shepherd's Table. If you would like to become involved in one of these please, contact Cecilia Evans, 843-520-6069.

Over the last two months we took on two additional projects, Socks for Santa and Help4Kids, as the VBS mission project. To date we have collected 404 pairs of socks. I wish I could find a stronger word than thank you for your generosity.

We were able to take crayons, pens, book bags, paper, rulers, pencils and many other school supplies to Help4Kids. Thank you for helping local children have supplies for school!

So what's up next you ask...

On October 22, we will be supporting Habitat for Humanity as our first church-wide mission project. We will be painting the house for the new homeowner.

On October 24, we will host a blood drive from 3-8 PM at the church. Invite your friends and neighbors to donate. Hospitality will be providing light refreshments for the donors during this event.

Thank you again for all you do to support the community!

FINANCE

By Jan Coulter



GENEROSITY: GOD'S

Where do you see or feel God's Generosity in your life? We take His blessings for granted. As part of our Giving Season, you will be asked to share where God has been Generous in your life and the life of our church. Please notice the large tree on the bulletin board. We will be filling the branches on that tree

with leaves expressing where we see and feel God's Generosity.

Where are you willing to be generous in return to God? He needs our hearts, hands and feet as well as our finances. Where are you willing to commit yourself in service to Him and CPC? You will have an opportunity to express

those on other leaves one week during our Giving Season.

Since the Lord has given us Everything, even his life, we are called to be Generous with our lives in all aspects, including our finances.

May the Lord bless each of us as we enter this time of commitment to God and CPC.

VOLUNTEERS SERVING THIS MONTH

Elder of the Week

Sept 4—Jan Coulter
 Sept 11—Carol Butler
 Sept 18—Cheryl Dulin
 Sept 25—Bernadine Lamar

Liturgist

Sept 4—Laurie Andrews
 Sept 11—Peg Speidel
 Sept 18—Priscilla Mulligan
 Sept 25—Carol Butler

Visitors Table/Greeter

Sept 4—Betsy Hughes
 Sept 11—Sharon Hills
 Sept 18—Nanette Kelly
 Sept 25—Cindy and Chelsea Bramble

Nursery-Trudy Miller and

Sept 4—Vicki Simon
 Sept 11—TBA
 Sept 18—Betsy Hughes
 Sept 25—Nanette Kelly

Pre K –Kindergarten Children's Church— Tonja Paolini and

Sept 4—Mary Ann Bowie
 Sept 11—Nancy Resnick
 Sept 18—TBA
 Sept 25—Cindy Bramble

Children's Church Grades 1-5 Mary Cait Jones

Sound Board

Sept 4—Bernadine Lamar
 Sept 11—Harvey Dulin
 Sept 18—Harvey Dulin
 Sept 25—Bernadine Lamar

Media Shout

Sept 4—Katrena White
 Sept 11—Katrena White
 Sept 18—Bernadine Lamar
 Sept 25—Katrena White

Ushers for the month of

Paul Youngblood, Terry Baker, Beth Bruton, Joe Alexander

Communion—Jan Coulter, Katrena White, Larry Dowd, Barbara Barranco, Paula Jansson.



The Campbell's Soup Labels for Education Program has been discontinued. The only label that we are collecting now for Thornwell Home for Children is the Box Tops for Education. The website that has all the products that have the box top on them can be found at www.boxtops4education.com. Please continue to collect these Box Tops for Education. There is a place on the bulletin board for you to place your box tops.



To date you have donated **1,131 pounds** of food to Helping Hand. Thank you for helping others in need. You may bring your canned goods and boxed goods to church on Sunday. Bob and Linda Miller take the food each week to Helping Hand!

HOSPITALITY

By Laurie Andrews



First Wednesday Night Dinners will resume on September 7.

Celebration meets Margaritaville with a Key West Theme. Think Cheeseburger in Paradise for the menu and Jimmy Buffett for the music.

Flip flops, shorts and Caribbean shirts are optional. The Hospitality Team will provide hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments and drinks. You are asked to bring a dish to share.

The program that will follow the dinner will be a time of fellowship, to meet new friends and visit with old friends.

The dinner will begin at 5:30pm, so come and join the fun.



BIRTHDAYS FOR SEPTEMBER

Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes or send them a card.

If your birthday is not listed, please let Linda Berry in the office know.

Sept 1 – Paul Youngblood

Sept 1 – Michael Resnick

Sept 9 – Sam Mason

Sept 19 – Sandy Wallace

Sept 20- Gretchen Deubler

Sept 21 – Jennifer Baker

Sept 22 – Katrena White

Sept 22 – Heidi Cherry

Sept 23 – Carol Stepanek

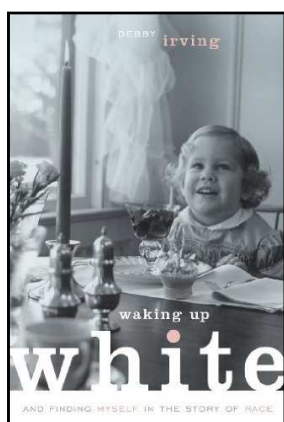
Sept 23 – Cecilia Evans

Sept 24 – Larry Dowd

Sept 24 – Bernie Pettijohn

Sept 24 – Linda Miller

Sept 24 – Jack Bamrick



TOOL TIME BIBLE STUDY

By Becky Kiser

NEW STUDY FOR TOOL TIME. Starting Monday, September 12, all are invited to join in a study of the book ***Waking Up White***, by Debby Irving, a recommendation from our new Co-Moderators

of General Assembly in this time of renewed racial tensions. Irving relates her awakening to the benefits taken for granted by white citizens. Tool Time meets Monday mornings at 10:30 in the

sanctuary and all are invited.

For a review of the book, see <http://www.wbur.org/hereandnow/2015/08/10/waking-up-white>.

PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker



It is hard to believe that this is my 10th year at Celebration! I have had a very busy summer registering children for our program. We have a record number of students attending preschool. This school year will start with 120 children. It is amazing to think there were only 85 children in the program when I started at Celebration.

I am very happy to report that all of our staff have returned for the new school year. Ms. Buffy is once again assisting me in the office each day and is always there to help answer any questions. All of the teachers returned mid-August to begin setting up classrooms for the new school year. It is always nice to catch up after being off for a couple months. There is such excitement in the building when everyone first returns. You can feel it as soon as you walk in the building.

I would like to take this time to welcome Leslie Eckert, Nancy Torcivia, Joe Alexander, Bernie Pettijohn and Kasey Watson, who are all new members to the

preschool board. They join Jeanne Bredbeck, Jan Coulter and Paula Jansson. Thank you so much for volunteering your time to help with our program. I look forward to all of your new ideas and recommendations to make our preschool program the best it can be.

Our first day of school is set for September 6th. Feel free to stop in and say hello. I am sure it will be a little crazy for the first couple of weeks.

We are looking forward to another fun and successful year! If you ever have any questions or concerns about our program, please do not hesitate to call.

SEPTEMBER 2016

PRAYER OF JABEZ —“Oh that You would bless Celebration, indeed, and enlarge our territory, in your name. That your hand would be with us and that You would keep us from evil, that we may not cause hurt to others.” **I Chronicles 4:10 (Adapted for Celebration)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
OUR STEWARDSHIP THEME THIS YEAR IS: GOD'S GENEROSITY AND OURS				1 Ladybug Luncheon at Ducati's at 12 noon	2	3
4 Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am COMMUNION 1st Century Agape Meal Sampler 12:00pm	5 LABOR DAY OFFICES AND PRESCHOOL CLOSED	6 Quilters 10am Preschool begins	7 Men's Break-fast at IHOP 8am First Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30pm Program to follow Choir Rehearsal 7pm	8	9	10
11 Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am Youth He~Brews Café Pasta with the Pastor 12:00 pm	12 Tool Time Bible Study new study begins 10:30am	13 Quilters 10am	14 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	15 Team C Shepherd's Table	16 Breakfast Buddies at Hot Stacks at 9am	17
18 Fellowship 10:15am Worship 11am Youth He~Brews Café SESSION 12:15pm	19 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	20 Quilters 10am	21 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	22	23	24
25 Fellowship 10:15 Worship 11am	26 Tool Time Bible Study 10:30am	27 Quilters 10am	28 Choir Rehearsal 7pm	29	30	



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CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OUR IDENTITY STATEMENT

We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all!



Celebration is once again selling the **Attractions Dining and Value Guide for 2017** as a fundraiser. They are available now in the church. You can begin using the coupons when you purchase them and through 2017. These make excellent gifts also. The cost is \$20 per book of which the church receives a portion. There are a few 2016 books remaining and they have been cut to \$10 and are good through 2016.



Look for this tree on the bulletin board in the hallway. During the month of September you will be given the opportunity to write on the leaves expressing where you see and feel God's Generosity.

You will also be able to write on leaves ways that you would like to offer your Generosity to God.