

The Scroll

THE PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

October marks the formal beginning of a new church calendar year. Take a look at our church calendar and you'll see there are a lot of activities planned for the upcoming year. So, with that in mind I thought it might be a good idea to address a few calendaring issues from my foxhole.

A calendar is only a guide or as we say in the military a tentative plan of the planned events. Church calendars are a great idea, but they come with a few hazards. For instance, if everyone is not on the same page--that is paying attention to calendar events, then folk get left out, events are poorly attended, and as a result frustration can set in within a church body.

On the other hand, if folk are overly involved in everything at church, then they get burned out and bummed out on church. In addition, if we view the church calendar as etched in stone, like the 10 Commandments, then we become an inflexible calendar/event driven church. The church is not a bureaucratic organization, nor is it a static building. The church is the living, dynamic body of Christ; it is an organism and as such has a life cycle that is sometimes subject to change by the events of life itself.

Now, on a pragmatic level, since the calendar is a dynamic and living document it will at times be subject to change. When change occurs we will endeavor to post changes ahead of time in the bulletin, in the church newsletter, and on the church website. We will also make an announcement at the end of our worship hour when significant changes to the calendar occur. In addition we will use the phone tree to also help notify the church when the calendar changes.

As your pastor, I do not subscribe to a programmatic church. Programs are for spectators. We have too many spectators in

today's church. The church, the body of Christ, doesn't need more church workers. What the church needs is willing workers committed to the kingdom work of Jesus Christ.

I see the planned events on the church calendar as ministry opportunities for us to grow and go with Christ and for us to reach our community for Christ. Hence, these ministry opportunities provide each of us a chance to exercise our spiritual gifts to not only enlarge God's kingdom, but to build up the body of Christ at The Creek. I am not talking about the horizontal growth of increasing numbers, but the vertical growth of each of us growing in Christ. When we individually and collectively as a church body are growing and going with Christ, God the Father will send the harvest.

Our church council has done a great job praying, planning, and preparing a church calendar that reflects the battle rhythm of the body of Christ here at The Creek. I understand that not everyone will attend everything; I can't and don't expect you to. So here is what I want you to pray about, plan for, and be prepared to do.

First, look at your spiritual gifts and see where they can be used within the context of the various ministries and committees within the church. If you don't know your spiritual gifts, see me and we'll sit down and take a spiritual gift inventory. Part of my calling as your pastor is to help each of you discern your spiritual gifts.

If you are a ministry/committee leader, be proactive and look at the calendar and see where your ministry/committee can plug into an event to help. In addition, if you are not attending the church council meetings, plan on doing so because that is where a lot of event synchronization takes place. The next church council meeting is October 28 at 8:45 am.

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The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. Unrolling it, He found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the LORD is on me, because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor."

Luke 4: 17-19

(Isaiah 61: 1-2)

Deep Creek Baptist Church is a Christ-centered, Bible-based, Ministry-focused community of faith committed to serving the LORD Jesus Christ.

FROM THE EDITOR

I love You, O LORD, my strength.
 The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
 He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
 I will call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.
 Psalm 18: 1-3

In the latest Star Wars book released in August, the good guys are surrounded at Mt Lyss expecting annihilation and death in the next few minutes. Suddenly more good guys in x-wings show up delivering them from certain death and save the day. One of the good

guys asks: "Who did you call for help, anyway? ...Myri smiled and answered, a considerable quantity of the little girl in her voice. I called Daddy. ...When you've lost everything else, you can always call Daddy." (Star Wars: X-Wing: Mercy Kill, 47% on Kindle)

With our heavenly Father, we do not have to wait until we've lost everything to call on Him. He is always available to us and willing to help us. All we have to do as His children is to remember that little girl or little boy voice and ask Him. He truly is our Deliverer!

The Sovereign LORD is my strength; He makes my feet like the feet of a deer, He enables me to ascend to the heights.

Habakkuk 3:19

PRAYER REQUESTS

At Home

- Ivey Epley-Ken Epley's father
- Francis Fulk
- Ed Hoots-Sherry Leftwich's brother
- Dwight Leftwich-Sherry Leftwich's husband
- Dixie Moncus-Nadine Moncus's daughter-in-law
- Dana Sharpe-Catrina Renegar's niece
- Tommy Shore-John & Geraldine Shore's son
- Pat Shupe-Katrina Renegar's mother
- Whitney Todd-Bobby Todd's niece
- Andy Willard-Ron and Lucille Shore's nephew

Plumer Wooten-Sue Brandon's mother

Nursing Home/Rehab

- June Blunk Beulah Stanley
- Audrey Chewning Tobie Styers
- Nell McKnight Polly Todd
- Lois Sencial Mary Waller
- Betty Shore

Upward Basketball Program

THE PRAYER OF
 A RIGHTEOUS
 MAN IS
 POWERFUL
 AND EFFECTIVE .

JAMES 5:16B

Birthdays

- Oct 3 Bobby Lynch
- Oct 4 Edsel Allgood
- Oct 5 Ashley Holden
- Oct 12 Lowell Todd
- Oct 17 Randy Watson
- Oct 27 Barry Orrell
- Oct 30 Isaiah Lynch

**For You created my inmost being;
 You knit me together In my mother's womb.
 I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
 Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

Psalm 139: 13-14

Empty Bowls Luncheon

Courtney Baptist Church will be sponsoring the Empty Bowls luncheon at the Yadkinville United Methodist Church on Oct 30 from 11 am until 2 pm. The ticket price is \$20 per person; the proceeds will benefit Yadkin Christian Ministries. Please see Mae Burcham for tickets or call 336-679-3080 for more information.

C H I L D R E N ' S M I N I S T R I E S

| | Nursery Workers | Children's Sermon/Church |
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| Jesus said, | Oct 7 Judy and Hailey Brown | Oct 7 Collins Sisters |
| "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." | Oct 14 Tammy Smith and Cindy Austin | Oct 14 Sherry Leftwich |
| | Oct 21 Debbie Hoots and Janet Epley | Oct 21 Charles and Ann Holden |
| | Oct 28 Freddie and Rhonda Robinson | Oct 28 Tammy Smith |
| | Nov 4 Linda and Kristie Kent | Nov 4 Collins Sisters |
| Matthew 19:14 | Nov 11 Melinda Cook and Heather Holbrook | Nov 11 Sherry Leftwich |
| | Nov 18 Bobby and Rosie Lynch | Nov 18 Charles and Ann Holden |
| | Nov 25 Barry and Debbie Orrell | Nov 25 Tammy Smith |

Y O U T H N E W S

YARD SALE

We as a youth group would like to send out a big thank-you to everyone who worked, donated, bought, or contributed in any way to the success of our recent yard sale. We would especially like to thank the Joy Group, Georgia Jackson's Sunday School class, and all who participated in the setting up and operating the sale on Friday. At last count we have raised \$1893.00. Wow! This is a record amount for our yard sale endeavours. God is truly at work in our church. All your efforts are allowing our young people to be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior. Thank-you!

Impact Yadkin

Deposit for Impact Yadkin was due Sept 1. If anyone has not turned in their deposit, please see Jody if you still plan to participate.

Look Up Lodge

Deposit for LookUp Lodge is due Oct 1. To

make your deposit or ask questions, please contact Jody or Tammy Smith.

Dixie Classic Fair

The youth will be attending Christian music night at the Dixie Classic Fair on Wed Oct 3. All are welcome but those under 12 will need a parent to accompany them. We are tentatively planning on leaving the church at 4 pm. Contact Jody or Tammy Smith for more information.

Youth Meal

The Youth will be sponsoring the Wed night meal on Oct 17. The menu will be chicken, green beans, creamed potatoes, and home-made dessert. There will be a sign up sheet in foyer the Sunday before the meal. This meal will be free, but we will accept donations with all money going toward youth missions and camps.

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Joy Group

The Joy Group will meet at the home of Priscilla Eller for a video; please bring your own lunch. The date is to be announced. The Joy Group went to the Billy Graham library in September and had a fantastic time.

Ushers

- Oct 7 Edsel Allgood, Woodie Gough,
Barry Orrell, Wayne Renegar
- Oct 14 Lee Cook, Rosie Lynch,
Tami Merrell, Jody Smith
- Oct 21 Clyde Hoots, JD Hutchens,
Bud Kiger, Bobby Todd
- Oct 28 Edsel Allgood, Chris Disher,
Barry Holbrook, Harrell Todd

Backpack Ministry

The Deacons will pack backpacks in October.

He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in His arms, He said to them, "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in My name welcomes Me; and whoever welcomes Me does not welcome Me but the One who sent Me. Mark 9:36-37

Election Day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, for national, state, and local elections. Voting is both a privilege and a responsibility as citizens of the United States.

The Yadkin County Board of Elections is holding early voting in their office at the Yadkin County Courthouse from October 18 until November 3 (the only Saturday) from 8am until 5pm Monday through Friday and 8am until 1pm on November 3. Absentee voting is also available; please call 679-4227 for more information.

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Newsletter submission

If you have information that you would like to have in the church newsletter, please email it to Teresa Page at teresa.w.page@gmail.com or send it by snail mail to 309 Pine Valley Rd, Yadkinville, NC 27055. The deadline for submission will be the 20th of the month prior to publication. Thank-you for your help!

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

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| Oct 1 | Deposit due for anyone attending Look Up Lodge HIM class 7pm | Oct 20 | Team Kids 4-6pm |
| Oct 3 | The Youth will attend the Dixie Classic Fair 4pm Worship Committee meeting | Oct 21 | Deacon's meeting 8am Baptist women 6pm |
| Oct 4 | HIM class 7pm | Oct 22 | HIM class 7pm |
| Oct 6 | Team Kids 4-6pm | Oct 25 | HIM class 7pm |
| Oct 7 | Church at Stone Mountain State Park 10:30am | Oct 27 | Harvest Festival 6pm |
| Oct 8 | HIM class 7pm | Oct 28 | Church council 8:45 am |
| Oct 9 | Children's committee meeting 7pm | Oct 29 | HIM 7pm |
| Oct 11 | HIM class 7pm | Oct 30 | Empty Bowls luncheon |
| Oct 13 | Team Kids 4-6pm | Nov 3 | Team Kids 4-6pm |
| Oct 13 | Chicken BBQ at Enon Baptist Church to raise funds for Impact Yadkin 2013 See Tammy Smith for tickets | Nov 4 | Evaluation day for Upward Basketball |
| Oct 14 | Sunday school training 8:45 am | Nov 6 | Election Day |
| Oct 15 | HIM class 7pm | Nov 10 | Team Kids 4-6pm |
| Oct 17 | Wednesday night meal hosted by the Youth | Nov 11 | Veteran's Recognition during Worship |
| Oct 18 | HIM class 7pm | Nov 17 | Team Kids 4-6pm |
| | | Nov 18 | Thanksgiving Luncheon after Worship Lottie Moon Christmas Offering begins |
| | | Nov 24 | No Team Kids |

Healthy Initiatives Ministry

“Always be full of joy in the Lord; I say it again, rejoice! Let everyone see that you are unselfish and considerate in all you do. Remember that the Lord is coming soon. Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don’t forget to thank Him for His answers. If you do this you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand...” Philippians 4:4-7

Thank you to everyone who participated in the AED/CPR Training on September 18. We plan to locate the AED close to the Library on the main level of the church. Instructions for use will be prominently displayed. Remember that the AED is very, very simple to use. A list of those people who have been trained will be located in the AED receptacle. We are considering another CPR/AED training class and will let you know the date and time in advance. Will you know what to do if the need arises?

On Thursday, September 27 we will begin our Healthy Eating Guidelines lecture series. We are using the USDA 2010 Guidelines for All Americans, the American Heart Association guidelines, and the American Diabetes Association guidelines. We will also discuss stress reduction and the effect of stress on our bodies. Presentations will be limited to about fifteen minutes and then we will have about forty-five minutes of low impact aerobic exercise. We very frequently have taste tests and plan to prepare a meal for our membership in December. Our HIM Classes will continue on Mondays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Please take time to look at the new revised version of the HIM brochure which contains comments from HIM participants. We have many loyal members who have been participating since January! I can sense enthusiasm building for the second phase and am excited as we begin this venture together. God has blessed us with the ability to learn, to have fun, and to strengthen our bodies as we strive to live more like Him, and to enable us to reach out to the community and minister to their needs.

In Him,
Fran

Youth

Work Detail

Our youth has taken up the task of earning their own way in accomplishing missions and attending camps. God’s work is not easy and not inexpensive. We believe doing this will not only give our young people a sense of accomplishment, but also a sense of achievement when they realize every aspect of the service in which they are involved. Service is not service if it is easy and without commitment. Having said this, this group will work for food, donations, or for free. If anyone has a job that needs accomplished and feels comfortable with this group, please contact Jody for details.

Youth Studies

The youth are in the process of studying Foundations by Ken Ham. This is a study that focuses on the importance of making sure that we as Christians start with the Word of God as the beginning point in our view of creation and our everyday lives.

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Second, be proactive, take charge, and be intentional about seeking out places where you can serve. In God’s eyes there is no ministry too small. I subscribe to God’s ministry of small things that make a big difference. There is a lot of kingdom work to be done and it takes the entire body of Christ to get it done. I urge you to find your place within the body of Christ and at The Creek and get plugged into the kingdom work of Christ.

Finally, invite someone to join you as a partner in ministry. Jesus sent out His disciples two by two. There are great benefits to partnering with someone in ministry. I have observed that we grow in Christ the most when we partner and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ by advancing God’s kingdom.

So, don’t just look at the church calendar as a calendar of programs and events, but rather as a calendar of ministry opportunities. Don’t just look at the church calendar as a document that is written in stone and inflexible, but rather as a living breathing document that reflects the life of the body of Christ at The Creek. Don’t just be a spectator of the ministry that is taking place, but be part of those ministering to others on behalf of Christ to make His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Selah!

In the Grip of God’s Grace,
Rick Page