

## To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Dear Friends,

It has happened to Jennifer and me. That "empty nest" thing. I know full well that God, in His wisdom, has designed life in such a way that you get a few years with your children and then they move on to a new phase of their lives. Some move out to go to college, others to "try it on their own" with a job and apartment, and others, to get married. Even the Divine order of nature is such that birds, when their young grow old enough, actually push their babies out of the nest. If one lingers longer than he should, the mother bird sometimes destroys the nest, forcing her baby to fly into the future.

On June 14 of 1988, I didn't think of the day when my beloved daughter would fall in love with a fine young Christian man, marry and leave home to start a whole new life. Where did nineteen years go? Moms and Dads, don't blink your eyes – as you go about the everyday business of life, the clock is ticking. Cherish your family time.

Am I sad? Yes. But, let me tell you, it's wonderful to know that your child has made a good choice in a life partner. Transition is hard, but I'm counting on the words of a great friend who said, "You'll get over it. You'll be surprised how quickly you'll get over it." I'm counting on that.

I want to thank all of you, my church family, for your love and support during this transition in our lives.

Merle

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## COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL

*"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42 (NIV)*

**Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00pm – 9:00pm**  
**Location: Boyce Farms**

Please join us as we celebrate the fall season. We will be enjoying face painting, jumping castle, pumpkin decorating contest, chili cook-off, cake bake-off, hayrides, trunk-r-treating, cookie decorating, hobo stew, hotdogs & fixin's, hot apple cider and much much more...



Volunteers will be needed for the following:

vegetables for hobo stew,  
cake bakers,  
chili cookers,  
decorated pumpkins  
(Following the festival, pumpkins will be delivered to  
our elderly and shut-ins.)

Bring your family and friends.

*P.S. Don't forget your lawn chairs and blankets.*

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## HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be on **Sunday, October 28th**. Alan Cotney, former Youth Minister, will be preaching during the morning worship service. A church-wide covered dish lunch will be held after the service. Please put this date on your calendar.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

*"From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another." John 1:16 (NIV)*

We extend our congratulations to:

- Alex Hall and Jake Alexander on their recent marriage.
- Alan, Beth, and Will Cotney on the birth of their daughter and sister, Emma, on August 5th.
- Elizabeth Anne Martin and Peter Eli Arnold on their marriage on August 11th.
- Lisa Keith Rees and Brian Johnson on their marriage on September 22nd.
- Max Halliburton and Frankie Noel on their marriage on September 22nd.

#### Anniversaries

Doulgas & Renee Martin	Oct 14
Denton & Dorothy Conrad	Nov 6
Richard & Cindy Daniel	Nov 11
James & Susan Ray	Dec 3
Jeff & Mary Grainger	Dec 6
Truett & Cindy Ray	Dec 26

#### Birthdays

Ashleigh Grainger	Oct 8
John Gray	Oct 11
Randal Tidwell	Oct 11
Brian Bramson	Oct 12
Brooke Tidwell	Oct 13
Cameron Kidd	Oct 16
Audrey Woolard	Oct 17
Diane Wallace	Oct 17
Sandra Schmitt	Oct 18
Bobby Moore	Oct 20
Ruth Ray	Oct 20
Elizabeth Singleton	Oct 21
Logan Gray	Oct 23
Kathy Keith	Oct 28
Truett Ray	Oct 29
Pauline Rudd Glynn	Oct 31
Elizabeth Foland	Oct 31
Beth Schmitt	Nov 3
Mike Boyce	Nov 5
Lynda Bolzner	Nov 8
Jennifer Boyce Lavrack	Nov 9
Ann Estes	Nov 15
Helen Ray	Nov 20
Terri Austin	Nov 21
Louise Goldston	Nov 22
Jalenn Layton	Nov 24
Cody Kelley	Nov 25
Jerry Grainger	Nov 24
Stephen Ray	Dec 6
Carrie Arnold	Dec 7
Steven Peedin	Dec 18
Perry Ray, Jr.	Dec 23
Rusty Kelley	Dec 23
Sam Woolard	Dec 24
Brittany Knight	Dec 31

#### Websites to Check Out:

For movie reviews from a Christian perspective, go to: [www.pluggedinonline.com](http://www.pluggedinonline.com).

For good advice on a variety of topics that affect family life, go to: [www.family.org](http://www.family.org) (Focus on the Family) or [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com) (Family Life Today).

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#### Treasurer's Report – 4TH QTR 2006 / 2007:

*"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." (God speaking to Moses) Leviticus 27:29 (NIV)*

As reported during the September 2007 business meeting

#### End of Year 2006/2007 Treasury Report:

##### All information as of 08/31/07

Bank Account Balances	Year to Date Totals
Building Loan: \$343,292.84 (outstanding loan)	Total Offerings Collected: \$143,098.66
Building Fund: \$ 42,394.82	Total Expenditures: \$145,443.76
General Fund: \$ 21,603.02	Total Deficit: \$ 2,345.10

#### Year End Summary

- General Fund offerings fell short of expenses by \$2,345.10 for the 2006/2007 Church year.
- All mortgage payments paid from the Building Fund. We received \$4,037.16 less in Building Fund offerings (\$35,230.08 received) than has been paid (\$39,267.24 in mortgage payments).
- \$12,000 has been given to the roof fund.

#### Information on our building mortgage:

It is a conventional loan and not a line of credit. When we closed on the building the line of credit we had was converted to this conventional loan. The terms are 6.31% APY for 15 years.

#### Calendar Of Events (October, November & December):

##### OCTOBER:

Sunday 7th	- CHILDREN: Bowling Party at Buffaloe Lanes North
Tuesday 9th [2:00 PM]	- WMU Meeting
Wednesday 17th [6:30 PM]	- Fellowship Supper
Wednesday 24th [4:00 PM]	- CHILDREN: Shrine Circus at NC State Fairgrounds
Saturday 27th [5:00 PM–9:00 PM]	- EVERYONE: Fall Festival at Boyce Farms
Sunday 28th [11:00 AM]	- Homecoming followed by lunch

##### NOVEMBER:

Monday 5th	- Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
Tuesday 13th [2:00 PM]	- WMU Meeting
Wednesday 14th [6:30PM]	- Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting
Thursday 22nd	- Thanksgiving Day

##### DECEMBER:

Sunday 9th [11:00 AM]	- Adult Choir Christmas Drama
Tuesday 11th [2:00 PM]	- WMU Meeting
Wednesday 12th [6:30PM]	- Fellowship Supper & Children's Christmas Program
Sunday 16th [9:00 AM]	- Adult Choir Christmas Drama at Abbotswood at Stonehenge

#### Weekly Services:

Sunday:	Wednesdays:
9:45 AM Morning Bible Study	6:00-6:30 PM Snack Supper*
11:00 AM Worship Service	6:30 PM Youth Bible Study
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship	6:30 – 7:15 PM TeamKID for Children
4:30 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal	6:30 – 7:15 PM Adult Prayer & Worship
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\* Monthly Wednesday Family Fellowship Meals/Business Conferences will begin at 6:30.

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### Next Newsletter:

Events and information for the next newsletter (1st QTR 2008) should be sent to Dale Austin by December 15th.

### BIBLE FACTS:

"Prayer is the contact of a living soul with God. In prayer, God stoops to kiss man, to bless man, and to aid in everything God can devise or man can need." – E.M. Bounds

"For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Matt. 7:8

For more interesting Bible facts that can change your life, join one of our Sunday morning Bible study classes. These classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 – 10:45.

### MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

*"Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world."* James 1:27 (HCSB)

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering** - The first offering for foreign missions was instituted in 1888, in response to a plea from Lottie Moon to Foreign Mission Board corresponding secretary Dr. Henry A. Tupper to send women missionaries to China. Lottie suggested that a week of prayer and an offering at Christmas would unify the women to a common cause and proposed that the newly organized WMU raise \$2,000 to send two women to China to provide assistance to her. Led by Annie Armstrong, the women of WMU brought an offering of \$3,315.26 to the January 1889 meeting, enough to send three missionaries to assist Lottie. An offering for foreign missions has been taken ever since that time. The offering was known as the Christmas Offering for China until 1919 when it was named the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for China, at the suggestion of Annie Armstrong. In 1926 it became the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and in 1969 the name changed to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. Woman's Missionary Union continues to promote this offering and set the goals for giving to international missions.

The **Inter-Faith Food Shuttle**, in cooperation with Harris Teeter, Triangle United Way, MIX 101.5, the RBC Center, WRAL, Durham Area Transit and the City of Raleigh, will, on Sunday, October 7, 2007, hold the fifth annual Harvest Feast. This is a traditional holiday meal served, free-of-charge, to thousands of local residents at the RBC Center. We're inviting you to come and share a fabulous meal with your neighbors or to volunteer for this event. There will be live music, clowns, celebrity guests and a free gift for the children. We'll be needing over 250 volunteers to help us. To volunteer, please contact Emily Zartman at 919-250-0043 or [volunteer@foodshuttle.org](mailto:volunteer@foodshuttle.org).

### Raleigh Baptist Association Sponsored Events –

- Christmas cakes for Raleigh's Correctional Center for Women – call Jan Turner 772-5633 for information.
- Monday, November 5th Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Raleigh Baptist Association Resource Center 10:00 AM – contact person: Cindy Buffaloe 231-3995. On this day around the world Baptist Women will gather to pray in homes, churches, small groups and associations.

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

*"And He said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little **children**, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 18:3 (NIV)*

#### TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship evenings) we have TeamKID (Kids In Discipleship) for children ages 4 to 11. We will begin our new study called "**Jesus' IM's: Instant Messages from Jesus**" on October 3rd. We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15.



#### Bowling Party

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us for a bowling party at Buffaloe Lanes North in North Raleigh on Sunday, October 7th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Please call Dale Austin at 570-5005 by Wednesday, October 3rd if you are interested in attending.

#### Shriner's Circus

Children ages 4 through 5th grade are invited to join us for the Shriner's Circus at the Horse Complex on the NC State Fairgrounds on Wednesday, October 24th. Any children who are not yet in Kindergarten must be accompanied by a parent. Please meet us at the Horse Complex no later than 3:45 PM. The circus begins at 4:00 PM and usually lasts until 7:00 PM. Parents are welcome to stay for the circus.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY:

**Weekend to Remember** is a weekend marriage conference that teaches God's design for marriage and family. The environment is fun, non-threatening, and sometimes hilarious. And it's a wonderful time for couples to refresh good marriages or heal troubled ones. There are over 150 conferences in cities all across the U.S. each year. Registration is open to individuals, couples, or groups. Whether you're engaged, newlywed, or remarried, enrich your marriage and begin a godly legacy for your family by attending a conference in a city near you. Or plan a memorable getaway to a destination of your choosing. You can register to attend a conference by going to the website [www.familylife.org](http://www.familylife.org) or calling 1-800-358-6329 (toll free).

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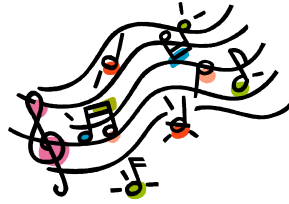
"God permits what He hates to achieve what He loves." – Steven Estes

The account of Job in the Old Testament shows not only a man who has terrible things happen to himself and his family, but also has his friends question his relationship with God. From this account, we see that God permits Job to endure a great amount of hardship, but the outcome in his life leads to a greater faith in God.

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## MUSIC NOTES:

*"Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim His salvation." I Chronicles 16:23 (NIV)*



My hymnody professor in seminary used his hymnal and his Bible for his devotions. What a wonderful idea! Often, we are so busy going through the motions of singing - trying to hit the correct notes and get the correct rhythm - that we miss the message of the song. That is really too bad, because worshiping God through music is so much more than just the tune. I challenge you to read the hymns that we sing in the next quarter – really read them, ponder the meaning, and see what you can glean from them. Here is one to get you started. This is a Thanksgiving hymn written by Katherine K. Davis (#640 in *The Baptist Hymnal*).

Let All Things Now Living

Let all things now living  
A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,  
Who guideth us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us,  
His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
'Til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.

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**It is not too late to join the Adult or Children's Choir and sing in the Christmas programs. We would love to have you.**

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## ATTENTION ALL SINGLES:

The Fall Singles Extravaganza sponsored by the Raleigh Baptist Association will be held on Saturday, October 13th, at Hill Ridge Farms in Youngsville. There will be a picnic dinner, bonfire, and an old fashioned hayride. The cost for the hayride and bonfire is \$16.95 per person; the cost for the combo package which includes dinner is \$23.95 per person. You will need to make reservations in order to attend. You can do this by calling 231-3995. If you have any questions, please call Lorilee Scott at 845-9491. You can get more information at: [www.raleighbaptists.org](http://www.raleighbaptists.org).

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## HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS:

The kitchen committee has cleaned and reorganized the new kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who help to keep our beautiful kitchen clean and neat.

### Reminders:

- Wash used towels and dishcloths and return to kitchen.
- Take home all perishable foods.
- Have someone responsible to return after a function to the church to unload the clean dishes from the dishwashers and put them away.

Thanks so much,  
The Kitchen Committee : Ellen Berry, Betty Farrell, and Becky Shue

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. A pastor's job is often thankless. We tend to remember to complain about what is going wrong in the church instead of affirming him for what is going right. Please keep him and his family in your prayers especially this month, and remember to drop him a note to thank him for all that he does.

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY:

We will be creating a new church directory with updated information and family pictures in the next few months. Please keep this in mind for your family photos. We will have additional information coming soon.