



### To Know Him & Make Him Known

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(Focus on the Family)

Dear Friends,

The other day, as I prepared my message for the Wednesday evening prayer service, I came across this passage from Isaiah 29: ' ***This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.***' Jesus quoted this to the Pharisees, who accused the disciples of not following man-made ceremonial laws. The Pharisees were concerned more about outward appearances than what was in a man's heart. It's not what's on the outside that Jesus is looking for – it's what's on the inside that counts.

That got me to thinking about an experience I had last year. I realized a long-held dream of owning a grand piano. I bought a beauty at what I considered a bargain. The case was black lacquered, so shiny in fact, that I could see my hands reflected in the fallboard as I played it. It looked great in our living room. But as it turned out, the piano was not a quality instrument. That brilliant exterior covered an inside that was cheaply made. Some of the keys rattled, and it wouldn't hold a tune. Even though it looked nice, it just wasn't the "real thing."

I got rid of it and bought an older quality grand. There's a nick or two on the bench. On the inside, the strings are not as shiny. A piano's purpose though, is sound – not show. A piano's real worth is on the inside – and not how shiny the cabinet is. And this piano is not pretending to be something that it's not.

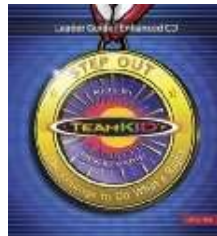
Jesus looks at what's on the inside of us. As with pianos, that's what really counts.

Love, Merle

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### 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.

In the STEP OUT study series, kids are encouraged to step out and do what is right in all parts of their lives. We are studying the great stories and people in the Bible in chronological order to learn about issues ranging from the courage to make the right choices, to the courage to admit when they are wrong, to the courage to follow God's leadership.

#### Shrine Circus

The children will be going to the Shrine Circus on Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The show begins at 4 PM at the Horse Complex located on the NC State Fairgrounds, but the children will need to meet outside of the complex at 3:30 PM, and we will go inside as a group. Any children kindergarten or younger need to be accompanied by a parent or other guardian. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you wish to join us at the Shrine Circus, please contact Dale Austin by Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in order to reserve your ticket.

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### FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK 'R TREAT

Come celebrate fall with us at our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, starting at 5 PM. There will be fun activities for all ages including hayrides, chili cook off, face painting, pumpkin painting, and lots of food and fellowship. This is open to the community, so please invite your friends and neighbors.

**When:** Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Beginning at 5 PM

**Where:** Boyce Farms  
2813 Mount Vernon Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27613



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### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

**Date:** Thursday, October 22  
**Time:** 11:30 AM  
**Place:** Fellowship Hall  
**Speaker:** Dr. Richard Adelman  
**Topic:** Wisdom for Healthily Lives

Lunch will be served. No need to bring anything for the meal but a good appetite. Invite a friend to come with you. Contact: Becky Shue 847-9817.

### Anniversaries:

Doug & 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
Randall Tidwell	Oct. 11
Brooke Tidwell	Oct. 13
Cameron Kidd	Oct. 16
Diane Wallace	Oct. 17
Audrey Woolard	Oct. 17
Sandra Schmitt	Oct. 18
Bobby Moore	Oct. 20
Elizabeth Singleton	Oct. 21
Logan Gray	Oct. 23
Leanne Keith	Oct. 27
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
Terri Austin	Nov. 21
Louise Goldston	Nov. 22
Jerry Grainger	Nov. 24
Jalenn Layton	Nov. 24
Cody Kelley	Nov. 25
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

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### MUSIC NOTES

*"When the completion of the time came, God sent His Son." Galatians 4:4*

"Child in the Manger" was originally a Gaelic poem written by Mary Macdougall Macdonald. Macdonald was born in 1789, the sister and daughter of Baptist ministers, on the Isle of Mull (one of the Inner Hebrides islands). Although she had no formal English education, she was very knowledgeable of Scripture. She was known to sing while working at her spinning wheel according to her neighbors. Although she wrote other Gaelic poems, this particular poem was found by Lachlan Macbean, who was the editor of *The Fifeshire Advertiser* in Scotland. Macbean, an authority on Gaelic language and literature, translated Macdonald's poem, "Child in the Manger" from its original Gaelic into English. The poem was set to a Gaelic tune originally and published in 1888 in Edinburgh.

*Child in the manger,  
Infant of Mary;  
Outcast and stranger,  
Lord of all;  
Child who inherits  
All our transgressions,  
All our demerits  
On him fall.*

Reynolds, William J. *Songs of Glory: Stories of 300 Great Hymns and Gospel Songs*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Publishing Group, 1990.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

*"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*

End of Year 2008/2009 Treasury Report (All information as of 08/31/09):

### YTD Summary

The status on the three significant issues of deficit affecting Wakeminster financially are:

- \$3,286.92 shortfall of undesignated offering receipts (was \$3,398.37 from two months ago).
- \$10,078.24 shortfall of building fund offering receipts (was \$10,947.70 from two months ago). All mortgage payments paid from the Building Fund. YTD we have received \$29,189.00 in Building Fund offerings and paid \$39,267.24 in mortgage payments.
- \$3,138.05 shortfall of directed offering receipts for parsonage repairs (was \$3,938.05 from two months ago). We have received \$18,540.00 in offerings, paid \$21,678.05 towards repairs.

**Total of 3 deficits = \$16,503.21** (was \$18,284.12 from two months ago)

### Bank Account Balances

Building Loan: \$303,858.00

Building Fund: \$ 19,357.92

General Fund \$ 10,825.43 - \$6,164.15 (for various amounts "in escrow") = \$4,661.28 (real balance)

### 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)*

### CROP WALK

Thank you to those who walked and sponsored walkers in the Youngsville CROP Walk this year! We raised over \$800 to help those in need – 25% of the money raised will go to Safe Space in Louisburg. The walkers were: Dale Austin, Hannah Austin, Hope Austin, Terri Austin, Wanda Mitchell, Hunter Ray, Susan Ray, and Beth Schmitt. Congratulations to Beth Schmitt for raising the most money!

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will be collecting shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child through November 15<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in filling a shoe box, please go to [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org) for a step-by-step guide to packing your box. Flyers will also be available at church as the collection date draws nearer. One nice option that is now available is the EZ Give Donation, which allows you to donate the \$7 shipping fee per box on-line rather than including it in your box.



### OTHER PROJECTS

The Short-term Missions Committee has several items planned for this quarter. We understand that the economy may not allow everyone to participate in missions projects as they normally would; therefore, we are offering a variety of projects. If you cannot

### Bible Trivia:

With the Christmas season just around the corner; our Bible Trivia is about Christmas facts.

1. Which group arrived first to visit the newly born Messiah? (Wise men, shepherds or little drummer boy)
2. Where was the Messiah born? (Bethlehem, Jerusalem or Tel Aviv)
3. Who tried to have the baby Jesus killed? (Pilate, High Priest Caiaphas or King Herod the Great)
4. What gifts were given to the Messiah by the visiting wise men? (gift certificates, kingly crown or Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh)
5. What does the name Jesus mean?

### Answers:

1. Shepherds were the first to visit Jesus – the newly born Messiah. It would be about two more years before the Wise Men arrived. There is no little drummer boy mentioned in scripture.
2. Bethlehem was the city of David and was the birth place for Jesus.
3. King Herod the Great tried to have the child Jesus killed by commanding that all boys aged two and under in the Bethlehem area be killed.
4. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh were given to Jesus by the wise men as an act of worship and also as recognition that Jesus was a king. We don't know exactly how many wise men did visit Jesus – we only know that they presented three (3) gifts.
5. The name of Jesus is actually Yeshua in Hebrew. This name means "salvation".

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.

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participate in one project, perhaps you can participate in another. We will be collecting shoe boxes for **Operation Christmas Child** as well as food items for a homeless shelter in November. In December, we are planning to have an angel tree where you can choose an item to donate. As always, if anyone has a particular project he or she would like for us to review, please give the information to Kathy Pollard.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY

*"...a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh."*  
Genesis 2:24 HCSB

### WEEKEND TO REMEMBER MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember® marriage conference is a chance to get away from the distractions of daily life. Cell phones are shut off. To-do lists are temporarily forgotten. It's a time to slow down and reconnect.

Their hotel-based conference is a warm, engaging gathering that's all about making progress, not placing blame. The time-tested content is presented in a mixture of lecture and individual project sessions. Speakers will show you exactly how to pursue a marriage that really works through stories of their own breakthroughs and blunders.

Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center  
4700 Emperor Blvd  
Durham, NC 27703-8424

Event Dates: 10/16/2009 - 10/18/2009

Registration: \$129.00/ per person

To Register On-Line: [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

#### OCTOBER:

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> [11 AM]  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> [6:30 PM]  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> [9 AM]  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> [5 PM]

- Church Cleanup Day (Everyone is invited to help.)
- Homecoming with lunch following the morning service
- Fellowship Supper
- Sunday School Breakfast & High Attendance Day
- Fall Festival & Trunk 'R Treat at Boyce Farms

#### NOVEMBER:

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> [6:30 PM]  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> [3:30 PM]

- Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting
- Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes
- Meet at the NC Fairgrounds Horse Complex for Shrine Circus

#### DECEMBER

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> [6:00 PM]  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> [6:00 PM]

- Adult Christmas Drama
- Fellowship Supper & Children's Christmas Drama

#### Weekly Services:

##### Sunday:

9:45 AM Morning Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
4:00 PM Youth Fellowship  
4:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal  
5:00 PM Chimes Choir Rehearsal

##### Wednesday:

6:00-6:30 PM Snack Supper\*  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study  
6:30 – 7:15 PM TeamKID for Children  
6:30 – 7:15 PM Adult Prayer & Worship  
7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

\* Monthly Wednesday Family Fellowship Meals/Business Conferences will begin at 6:30. Please see Sandra Schmitt if you are interested in providing one of the snack suppers on Wednesday nights.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU** - The Wakeminster Children would like to thank Jeff, Mary, Mary Candace and Ashleigh Grainger for hosting the Backyard Bible Clubs this year. Thank you also to the chaperones who helped keep all of the kids safe in the pool: Lauren Gray, Logan Gray, Megan Kelley, Ashleigh Grainger, and Beth Schmitt.

**SYMPATHY** - We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Sandra, Beth, and Steven Schmitt as they continue to cope with their loss.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – Is there a neighbor you have been wanting to invite to church, but you weren't sure how to approach the subject? High Attendance Sunday is a perfect way to invite someone to church. High Attendance Sunday and Sunday School Breakfast will be on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Breakfast will begin at 9 AM. Volunteers are needed to clean up the kitchen following the breakfast so that the Sunday School teachers can get to their classes on time.