

August Birthdays are:

Miranda Britt	2
Liz Cranor	3
Maria Cherry	17
Noah Cherry	18
Dan Cranor	27
Eloise Jones	29
Mary Ingram	30
Jack Daniel	31

August Anniversaries are:

Mickey and Kathy Stewart	4
Bobby and Donna Largent	17
Bill and Sheila Dannenmaier	17

July 3	25	\$642.00
July 10	38	\$1071.00
July 17	28	\$730.00
July 24	35	\$877.00
July 31	31	\$1185.00
VBS		\$82.82

From the Editor (Again!)

I am again apologizing for getting August out late and skipping July. I have made several changes to the church web site particularly the first page. If you have bookmarked the newsletter page, I recommend going to <http://www.charlottecpcchurch.org/index.html> to see what I am talking about.

Also, I had to erase our previous guestbook and message board because we got spammed in a nasty and ugly way. I have put in a new guestbook that I hope will allow me to filter out that stuff before it gets posted. I have also put in a new message forum (Bravenet icon at bottom of page.) Let me know how it works for you. I was really hoping we could use the message forum to communicate with Sean but it has been down this summer due to the spamming issue. I have also put in a new visitor counter on the index (home) page. Let me know if a link or something does not work for you.

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Session Notes

July 10

Closing prayer from Worship Service served as devotion.
Approved purchasing liability insurance on the Cook property. Then tabled that action until additional information could be obtained.
Approved \$50 payment to Electric Department from the Help Budget to help Tommy Baggett get electrical service connected.
Closing prayer by Mark Stokes.

July 17

Closing prayer from Worship Service served as devotion.
Approved purchasing liability insurance on the Cook property.
Clerk reported that payment for Tommy Baggett would be made to the Electric Department when she was able to get the balance needed to connect electricity.
Closing prayer by Jerry Ingram.

July 24

Dr. Roddy declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.
Devotion by Jerry Ingram.
Elders present: Jerry Ingram, Steve Jones, Emily McCollum, Mark Stokes, and the clerk.
Susan Webster was absent.
Approved minutes of the previous meetings.
Approved June treasurer's report.
Approved \$50 payment from the Help Budget to Robert Hill for food.
Made arrangements to change bulb in light fixture in the sanctuary later in August.
Approved proposed slate of teachers and officers for the new Christian Education year.
Approved moving extra chairs in the fellowship hall to a storage area.
Dr. Roddy encouraged everyone to support Vacation Bible School on July 25, 26, and 27.
Dr. Roddy encouraged elders to make an effort to make the Shepherd plan more effective.
Approved changing donations to the Food Pantry from monthly to quarterly with the next donation time in October.
Set the next meeting for August 21, 2005, at 4:00 P.M. with devotion by Emily McCollum.
Closing prayer by Steve Jones.



Food Pantry Sunday has been changed to once a quarter. The next collection date will be October 2. There will be reminders in the church bulletin the Sunday before the collection.



The teacher called Experience

The knowledge we gain from the teacher called Experience is hard to forget and the most valuable kind of learning. The trouble is that the teacher called Experience gives us the test first and the lesson we needed to learn after the test.

THINGS TO PONDER:

The problem is not that we have emotions. The challenge is to let the Spirit of God sanctify us in the realm of our emotions so they can be expressed in godly ways.

-Nancy DeMoss, *Lies Women*

People see God every day; they just don't recognize him.

-Pearl Bailey

God is at home; it's we who have gone out for a walk.

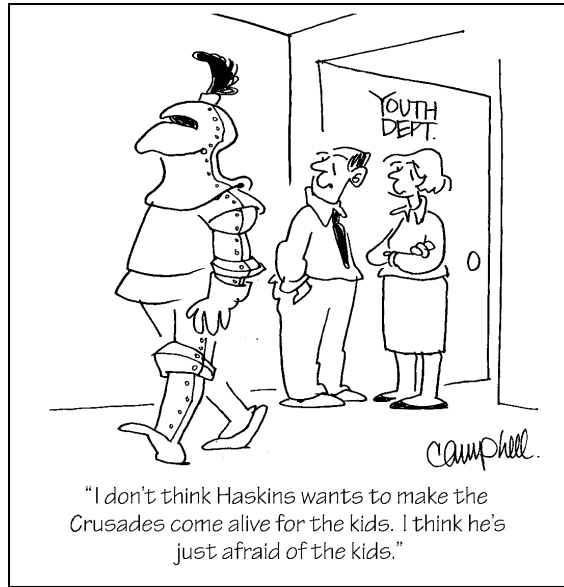
-Meister Eckhart

I have come to believe that you do not live in your house because you like the shutters. . . . Think kingdom for a moment. Think circle of influence. What does God desire to do through the flow of His love in your life--to meet needs in your neighborhood or office that would have the possibility of drawing someone to himself?

-Esther Burroughs, *Splash the Living Water*

All want to be learned, but no one is willing to pay the price.

-Juvenal, *Greek philosopher*



First Class Mail

The Communicator

August 8, 2005

Dear Friends,

It is a great privilege for me to serve with you in God's vineyard. Over the past several weeks, I have been pondering how we can be more effective in our collective ministry, recognizing that all God's children have a ministry to perform. Allow me to share some of my thoughts.

Scripture says we are a family of believers and seekers, adopted as joint heirs with Christ. In our human families, we learn how to care for each other, and I think it is appropriate for us to care for each other in the congregation. This care involves visiting those who can't come to worship, encouraging those who are facing hard times, contacting those who are absent from worship to let them know they were missed, and planning special time for deepening relationships.

We are also called to be stewards of God's gifts. This involves not only giving an offering to the work of the church, but also helping with the needs of the community. We will have a special collection of nonperishable items for the food pantry on the first Sunday of every quarter. We will also periodically ask for donations of products or money for Care Net and other community service projects. You might even want to invite some church folks to join you in helping an elderly person with light maintenance.

Worship is an area of ministry in which we can all participate. I will ask a different person to read scripture each week. I know we have many talented people. Anyone who is willing may sing or play a solo for God's glory or present the children's moment.

I welcome your input as we jointly work to glorify God. Our congregation has a rich history spanning 200 years. I have no doubt that working together we will build upon our legacy of faith and service.

God's peace and blessings be with you.

Your pastor and friend,
Lowell

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Worship Service

9:30 AM

Sunday School

10:30 AM

Wednesday

7:00 PM

Women's Ministry

1st Saturday

10:00 PM



Everyone did a great job at Vacation Bible School! This VBS involved a new teaching concept for our church. We learned a great deal, both the children and the adults! Maria did a great job with the music. I believe the **ABC, BRAVE** song was the most popular. Many thanks to Kylea and Chris for getting the craft materials together before they left for vacation. Teresa, Eloise, Robert, Mark, Sondra and Dr. Roddy all helped serve the refreshments. Helpers Donna, Jerry and Steve were quick on the spot. Teachers Trevenia, Kathey, and Emily improvised when things did not turn out as planned with a lesson. And most of all, thank you to Mary Ingram for all the ideas, work and love that went into this VBS!



The nature of the Church

A study of the Church in the New Testament reveals that the Church is:

- o A worshiping fellowship (Acts 2:46-47)
- o A studying fellowship (Acts 2:42)
- o A witnessing fellowship (Acts 2:44-47; 3:9)
- o A serving fellowship (Acts 6:1-6; 20:35)
- o A loving fellowship (Hebrews 10:32-34)
- o A praying fellowship (Acts 1:14; 12:12)
- o A cooperating fellowship (Acts 1:11-14; 2:1; 4:23)
- o A joyful fellowship (Acts 2:46; 5:40-41; 13:50-52; 16:25)
- o A suffering fellowship (Hebrews 10:32-34; Philippians 1:29)
- o A courageous fellowship (Acts 4:13; 4:29; 15:26)
- o A powerful fellowship (1 Corinthians 4:20)
- o An enthusiastic fellowship (Acts 2:43-47)
- o A generous fellowship (Acts 2:46; 2 Corinthians 9:10-12)

And as the popular song *We are the Body* sung by Todd Agnew says, each person is part of the body and the church and the Church cannot function without all pieces present and working.

As Cumberland Presbyterians we believe that each individual member of the local congregation ministers to the others. The church government is designed so that the pastor is not a dictator, tempted with power and solely responsible for the management and ministry of the church. The pastor is human and can only be in one place at one time. The rest of the congregation has a responsibility to be the eyes, ears, hands, feet, and mouth of the church not to mention the heart.

When one of us hurts, we all hurt. When one wanders away, we grieve. When a member rejoices and celebrates, we rejoice and celebrate along side all the other members.

Postcards from Paul

The Apostle Paul went on many journeys. He wrote many letters to his friends and to churches he had visited.

▶▶▶▶ Unscramble the letters to find some of the places Paul visited.

WORD BANK				
ANTIOCH	CYPRUS	TARSUS	PERGA	CORINTH
ATHENS	EPHESUS	ROME	PHILIPPI	ICONIUM

GREAPH I PLIPPI CHANTIO

RIOTCHN SESHUEP YUSCPR

MONICU RUS SAT

T H E N A S M E O R

What did Paul do on his journeys?

“ the kingdom of God, and
 those things which concern the
 Lord Jesus Christ”

— Acts 28:31, *KJV*

ANSWERS: PERGA, PHILIPPI, ANTIOCH, CORINTH, EPHESUS, CYPRUS, ICONIUM, TARSUS, ATHENS, ROME, ROME, PREACHING, TEACHING

Make a Postcard Puzzle

What adventures did you have this summer? Share your travels with your friends and family.

Here's what you need:

- A postcard or picture from your summer adventures
- pencil or pen
- scissors
- envelope
- pieces of paper

Here's how to make it:

1. Cut your postcard or picture into 8 or 10 pieces of different shapes.
2. On a piece of paper, write a note telling about your trip or draw a picture of your favorite part of your summer.
3. Put the puzzle pieces and the note into an envelope.
4. Mail or give the envelope to a friend or family member. If you need to mail it, make sure you have the right address and the correct postage stamp. (A grownup can help.)

On saying the wrong thing

A young pastor got through his first funeral fairly well. That is, until the daughter thanked him after the graveside benediction. The pastor smiled and without thinking said what he usually told Sunday worshipers leaving church, "Thank you for coming."

The daughter got a strange look on her face and walked away. He was embarrassed by his lack of sensitivity.

We mean well when we offer comfort, but sometimes we say the wrong thing. Below are common offerings of comfort and how the bereaved person might respond.

"God wanted this to happen for a reason." The bereaved person may think, "So what's the reason, and why did it happen to my beloved?"

"God needed him (or her) more than you do." The bereaved might ask, "How do you know that? I need him, too!"

"It is all a part of God's plan." The bereaved might counter "Well, it's not a part of my plan."


"We all die sometime. It was just her time." Incensed, the mourner may say, "But she was only three (or 13 or 33 or 55). What was God's hurry?"

The best approach is to talk less. Offer a warm, meaningful handshake or a loving embrace. Sympathetic eyes, a sorrowful face, a gentle squeeze of an arm and the assurance of your prayer are often all that are needed. Food or flowers taken to the home say more than a thousand words.

Afterwards, remember that you've gone back to life as usual, but they haven't. Check up on your friend later on. Don't expect them to call you - call them first. Your voice will most likely be a welcome sound.



Back to School



Jesus Traveled to Many Places

Jesus traveled to many regions, cities, towns and villages to preach the Good News. In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of some of those places. Can you find all the names on the list?

BETHANY	EPHRAIM	→ ↓ ↑ ↘
BETHLEHEM	GALILEE	
BETHSAIDA	JERICHO	
CAESAREA PHILIPPI	JERUSALEM	NAZARETH
CANA	JORDAN RIVER	PEREA
CAPERNAUM	JUDEA	SAMARIA
DECAPOLIS	MAGDALA	SIDON
EGYPT	MOUNT OF OLIVES	TYRE
		WILDERNESS

B	M	L	E	T	C	U	S	G	O	T	O	B	T	H	E	
E	J	O	R	D	A	N	R	I	V	E	R	E	M	N	S	
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H	D	L	R	N	A	Z	A	R	E	T	H	H	G	A	E	
S	E	G	E	I	T	S	S	S	G	Y	O	L	D	I	N	
A	A	C	J	A	C	O	N	I	Y	R	P	E	A	R	R	
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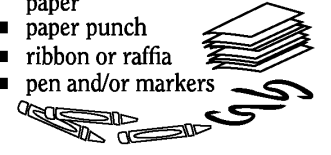
MAKE A "SUMMER ADVENTURE" JOURNAL

If you take a vacation trip this summer, make a book to record all the places you visit or the places you'd like to visit someday.



Here's what you need:

- 5-10 sheets of white paper
- 1 sheet of heavy construction paper
- paper punch
- ribbon or raffia
- pen and/or markers



Here's how to make your journal:

1. Fold the construction paper in half. This will be the cover.
2. Stack the white paper, fold it in half and place it inside the cover. Trim the edges if they stick out.
3. Use the paper punch to punch 2 or 3 holes through all the paper (including the cover) near the folded edge. (You may be able to punch only a few sheets of paper at a time. In that case, use a pen to mark where the holes should be, so they will all line up.)
4. Pull the ribbon or raffia through the holes to hold the pages together, and then tie a bow.
5. Decorate the cover.
6. Fill in the pages with notes, pictures and memories about your trip.

