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"To know Christ and make Him known."

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From the Pastor



**Seaboard Festival
Hamlet, N.C.**

**October 29, 2011
7:00 am—5:00 pm**



**Trunk
OR
Treat**

**October 30, 2011
5:00—7:00 pm**

**First Methodist Church
Rockingham, N.C.**

During the past several decades, we Americans have become aware of the term "burnout." Job burnout occurs when people get to the point of just putting in their time, getting by and going through the motions. Psychologist Herbert Freudenberger says, "Burnout is a depletion of energy and a feeling of being overwhelmed by problems." While there can be burnout in the world of business, there can also be burnout in the church. In our fast-paced church life with so many activities and programs, it's easy for active Christian volunteers to feel depleted of energy and even discouraged because of what they perceive as a lack of growth or development. In other words, it's not hard for involved Christians to experience burnout, and when burnout occurs there is a loss of joy, enthusiasm, and effectiveness. So, the question is - how can burnout be overcome? Here are a few suggestions:

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**Deacon and
Family Group Ministry**

Training

Dr. Nelson will lead a **Deacon/Family Group Ministry Training Session on Sunday, October 30, 2011, from 4:00-5:30 pm, in the conference room.** This will be the second session of a two-part series. The training will deal with ministering to the church and sharing Christ. All Deacons and Family Group Ministers are asked to attend.

Resource Recording Team, Monday, October 31, 2011: Gene Barnes, Judy McEntire; **Attendance Report, October 23, 2011:** Sunday School—98; Worship Service—148; Youth Worship (10/19/11)—26.

Serving on Sunday, October 30, 2011: **Ushers**—Charlie Auman, Gene Coen, J.C. Lamm, Chris McDuffie; **Greeters**—Irene Aiken, Jane Pittman, Charles and Mary Joyner, Hazel Todd, A.C. and Frances Godwin; **2&3s**—Judy Harrelson; **Children's Church**—Mary Joyner; **Nursery**—Jill Emerson; **Sound**—TBA; **Security**—Steve Morris; **Deacons of the Week**—Richard Martin, Norvin Forester; **Wednesday Family Night 11/2/11**— Fried chicken, two vegetables, drink, and dessert: \$5.00 plate, \$12.00 for a family of three or more.



OCC COLLECTION WEEK
NOVEMBER 14-19, 2011



- Mrs. Flora Gibson**
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spencer
- Mr. Jake Killian**
 Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill
 Mrs. Jeannette Melvin & Family
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith
 Miss Anne Tyson
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams
 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates
- Mr. Harold Matthews**
 Anonymous
 Mr. and Mrs. Gene Coen
 Ms. Jean Cain
 Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Godwin
 Dr. and Mrs. Moosa Hajisheikh
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrelson
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrill
 Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Holloway
 Mr. and Mrs. G.R. Kindley
 Mrs. Jeannette Melvin & Family
 New Covenant
 Sunday School Class
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Spencer
 Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Taylor
 Miss Anne Tyson
 Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams
 Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Yates
 Mr. and Mrs. Philip L. Young
- Rev. Nash Odom**
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith
- Mr. Buddy York**
 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Harrelson
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith

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1. Focus on Christ. Look to Him. Spend time with Him in study and prayer. Allow Him to refresh you. Run on His power, not on your own.
2. Set correct priorities and boundaries. "Seek ye first the kingdom...and all these other things will be added to you." Don't try to do everything for everybody. Do what you are called and gifted to do. "Busyness" is not always better. Neither does it suggest greater spirituality. The church in Sardis was busy with outward activities and appeared to be spiritually alive, but Jesus said they were dead (Rev. 3:1).
3. Ask for help! You are not alone. There are other spiritually gifted and talented brothers and sisters who might be available to help you carry the load.
4. Stop worrying and trust God. He is in control regardless of how we feel. So, if your teapot is empty, if your battery is drained, if your circuit is overloaded, claim the promise of God—"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

See you on Sunday! Jim Nelson

Choir Notes



November 6 will be a special Sunday service because we will be taking a few minutes to honor those who are serving our nation, and ones who have served. We could not be free to worship if it were not for these people, risking their own lives.

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be here this year and we are looking forward to having a big choir. The choir will sing, "It is Good," an anthem proclaiming the goodness of giving thanks to the Lord for who He is and for what He has done. Marjorie

Children and Youth



As I read the following devotion several days ago, I was thankful that God does wait for those who are still lost. Think of your friends, loved ones, neighbors, and the children and youth of our church who are still lost. We have a great mission field right here in our community and even within the walls of this church. Let's take this devotion to heart and work to make sure "no one misses the grace of God" (Heb. 12:15).

The Reason for Time, "He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (2 Peter 3:9) *In Word: We spend our lives looking forward to the great promise: the re-gensis, when all things are made new and the groaning of creation becomes a joyful shout. Jesus started that new creation on Resurrection Day, and we've been tasting it ever since. One day, these foretastes of glory will be fully and finally satisfied at a festive banquet table, and Jesus Himself will show us our seat. And the party will never end.*

Sounds wonderful, doesn't it? It sounds so wonderful, in fact, that we don't understand why God doesn't just go ahead and accomplish it. If that's the ultimate goal and history is hurtling toward that final day, it seems reasonable to expect Him to anticipate it as highly as we do. We know we would not be able to resist the urge to go ahead and usher in the Kingdom. How can God resist? Why would He delay bringing about something so incredibly good?

So it can be incredibly better. In the Kingdom of God, the more the merrier. God did not send Jesus into the world to die a criminal's death just to close the gates later on those who might benefit from the sacrifice. There is a fullness to be achieved before God is ready to restore this world. The Redeemer isn't done with His redeeming.

In Deed: *That's why the Day of the Lord hasn't come yet. It isn't that God is slow in keeping His promises; He is patient because many for whom Jesus died haven't repented yet. To end history prematurely would, in effect, squander some of the fruit of Jesus' sacrifice. God would never do such a thing. His amazing love translates into amazing patience.*

Many believers today pray for the urgent return of Jesus. That isn't wrong; Revelation ends with such a prayer. But imagine that sort of prayer being answered the day before you accepted Christ. Such a thought should compel us to pray desperately for the lost. God waits



Veterans Service
November 6, 2011
11:00 am

Please contact Richard Martin or Harvey Auman with your service information.

MEMORIAL

The Church Council will meet with the FBC staff on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 10:30 am, in the conference room.



- 10/30 Liz Conklin
- 10/31 Larry Harrelson
- 11/01 Jennifer Byrd
- 11/01 Michael Sessions
- 11/04 Gene Coen

Have You

Turned In Your
Estimate of Giving Card?



	Week of	Oct
	Oct 23	MTD
Giving Summary		
Gen. Oper. Fund	4,596	29,189
Chall. to Maint.	400	1,200
Memorials & Hon.	575	1,105
Radio Ministry		800
Van Fund	—	20
Fellowship Fund		500
Christmas		
Mission Offering	30	30
Total Gifts	5,601	32,844

General Fund Yr-to-Date Summary:

Budget req. to date 2011	371,418
Actual gifts to date	304,853
YTD req. under actual gifts	(66,565)
% giving to req.	82%

for them for a reason. (“Repentance is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.” -John Milton)

Our church mission statement is—TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN. Let’s make it come to life! Debbie Holloway

Feed the Families



We have the opportunity to help feed families and senior adults who would otherwise not enjoy a hot home-cooked meal on Thanksgiving. On Thursday, November 24, our church will be hosting a traditional Thanksgiving meal for between 75-100 people. The staff and Missions Committee are coordinating this service opportunity for people of our church. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this project, **please contact the church office (895-4016)**. Opportunities to help include: decorating \$150, providing desserts, heating food, serving food, and clean-up. Some of these opportunities can be done beforehand and some are needed on Thanksgiving Day. Please pray over this opportunity, check your calendars, and join us if so led.

Belk Charity Day

Have you purchased your Belk “Charity Day” card? They are only \$5.00 each and the money goes towards mission projects. Please see Anne in the office or any of the Women on Mission to get your card today. Donations are also welcome. Thanks so much!

From the Pee Dee Baptist Association...



Dear Women of God, **On November 7, 2011, at 7:00 pm**, we have the privilege and the honor to come together and pray for women around the world. I do hope you will accept this honor and join us at **Faith Baptist Church, 276 Hatcher Rd., Rockingham (582-9940), for the World Day of Prayer**. We will have music, fun, prayer, and fellowship.

The theme is “In Step With The Spirit (Kindness).” Our emphasis is on the Caribbean, so it would be great if you dressed in costumes of the Caribbean. Pick one to three items from the following list of foods and make your favorite recipes to share with everyone: avocado, banana, breadfruit, cashews, callaloo, cassava, cocoa, coconut palm, custard or sugar apple, dasheen, ginger, grapefruit, guava, mango, nutmeg, okra, papaya/pawpaw, pigeon peas, pineapple, plantain, yams.

An offering will be taken up to help Haiti Earthquake Relief and the training of agricultural skills for the women.

Bring at least one item to show, that represents Kindness. Invite all the women from your church and invite a friend. Give God an act of Kindness and come be a part of something special. Sincerely, Rose Bullard

Mission Committee Update

There will be a lot of things happening within the church in the next few months, as the holidays arrive. The time is now to prepare our minds and hearts for this time of year. While some find the holidays very enjoyable, others see them very differently. Let us all thank God for what he has given us, whether it be large or small, and think of others at this time of year.

Let me remind everyone that items need to be gathered for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Individual boxes may also be packed and delivered to the church. Money needs to be donated for shipping of the shoeboxes, and individuals are needed to make a pot of soup on November 13, when there will be a small lunch and packing party. Please let Beth Ray know if you can make a pot of soup for that day. Beth will also need help during the central collection week for the shoeboxes (November 14-19). Please call her to set up a date/time you would like to work.

The Angel Tree will be put up in November (please thank Marlyn for this) and there will be over 30 student names on it. Please contact Bess Shuler if you have any questions regarding this ministry.

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Shh!

Surprise Birthday Party!!!

The FBC family and friends are invited to a surprise birthday party for **Shirley Mills on Sunday, November 6, 2011, from 2:00-4:00pm, in E100.** The party will be hosted by Gray Mills and Hayley Putnum. Plan now to attend but remember...shhhhhhhh!

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The bags for White Christmas will also be made available in late November. I have asked the Richmond County Council on Aging for 40-50 names. Please contact anyone on the Missions Committee if you have any questions. And remember...don't forget about your Christmas Missions Offerings.

I love you all. Please pray for me and Barbara as we travel for the next several weeks. Harry Coble, Missions Committee Chair

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 30

Prayer Time	9:00 am
Praise Singing in E-100	9:30 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Radio Broadcast on G-104 FM	10:45 am
Morning Worship	11:00 am
Morrison Worship Service	3:00 pm
Signing Team	3:15 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	4:00 pm
Deacon/Family Group Ministry Training	4:00-5:30 pm
Children/Youth Activities/Bible Study	4:30 pm
Trunk or Treat/FUMC	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, October 31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Tuesday, November 1

TT Workers Planning Meeting/E100	2:00 pm
Terrific Tuesday	3:15-5:15 pm
Morrison Ministry (Yokefellow)	7:00 pm
WOM Group #3/Women of the Bible	7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 2

Staff/Church Council Meeting	10:30 am
<i>The Way of Forgiveness Study</i>	5:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday Family Night	5:45 pm

Friday and Saturday, November 4-5

Ridgecrest Missions Day/Asheville

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