

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, October 4

- 7:45AM Staff Meeting
- 8:45AM Youth Handbells
- 9:30AM World Communion Service/Courthouse Sq
- 9:30AM Children's Choir
- 9:45AM Sunday School
- 11:00AM Worship
- 12:00PM Youth Choir
- 5:00PM Youth

MONDAY, October 5

- 6:15 PM WMU Group 2 – Taylor House

TUESDAY, October 6

- 12:00PM JOY Lunch (Potato Soup, Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tossed Salad, Dessert)
- 6:00PM Finance Committee Meeting

WEDNESDAY, October 7

- 5:15PM Family Night Meal (Pasta w/Marinara Sauce & Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert)
- 6:00PM *The Good and Beautiful Life Study*
- 6:00PM Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
- 6:15PM Cathedral Bells
- 7:15PM Sanctuary Choir

Sunday School Attendance 09/27	137
Worship Attendance 09/27	168
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$10,472.48
Budget Receipts 09/06	\$16,770.00
YTD Budget Receipts 08/31	\$352,467.03
YTD Expenses thru 08/31	\$338,979.34

RED BOX MINISTRY

The Red Box Ministry for the women's prison in Raleigh will be collecting bar soap, 4 to 5 ounce size, and NO liquids. A basket will be at the WMU bulletin board. Donations are due back to FBC by November 1.

PRC WALK FOR LIFE

Pregnancy Resource Center is sponsoring its annual Walk For Life event on Saturday, October 24. PRC ministers to both men and women who are facing a crisis pregnancy through education, mentorship and emotional support. If you are interested in participating in this event, please contact Betty Mauldin or Liz Peele.

SCCM need for October is canned fruit.

UPCOMING TRIPS & YOU ARE INVITED!

***Thursday, Oct 8th the church bus will be leaving at 9:00 for an apple trip to North Wilkesboro. We will have lunch at the Smokehouse Restaurant, then on to Perry Lowe's Apple House. After that we will go to Shiloh General Store in Amish Country for ice cream. The cost for this trip will be \$5.00. You may sign up for this trip in the church office. All are welcome.

***Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Nov 3rd when we will go to Bear Creek to the fruitcake factory. The bus will leave right after the JOY luncheon and the cost will be \$2.00. If you've never been, you really should go. It will get you in the mood to eat some fruitcake and decorate for Christmas. Please sign up at the church office.

***December 7, 8, 9: Two nights at the Springmaid Resort in Myrtle Beach. Two shows: Alabama Theater Christmas Show and Palace Theater Christmas Wonderland Show. Two buffet breakfasts, one buffet dinner at Benjamin's Seafood, one sit-down dinner at the Gulf Stream Restaurant...all for \$174.00 per person. Please pay when you sign up. Deadline is October 30. For more information, contact Lina Chandler at 704-982-8877 or 704-796-8589.

Candy For Fall Festival

Please begin donating bags of individually wrapped candies for the Fall Festival which will be held on Oct. 29. Orange crates will be in set up for your donations of candy. Keep in mind, last year we had about 700 children, and we expect more this year.

SCCM CARING & SHARING

This Sunday, September 27, the GA's will had out the yellow caring & sharing cups for SCCM. Please return your filled cups by October 25.

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Deadline for submissions is Tuesday noon.

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As you know, my ministry background has been in youth ministry for 21 years. My focus and study for my doctorate was in the realm of adolescent faith development. I really believed that I was going to be a "lifer" in youth ministry until God began changing my heart and showing me a different path to my calling.

As a youth minister, I witnessed the problem in students' faith development first hand. I saw a large percentage of my students graduate from high school (and from my Student Ministry) and go off to college only to place God and their faith on a shelf in their dorm room. Many who were leaders in the youth group did not continue to grow in his or her faith. Their faith was real and vibrant during their high school years but yet; many pursued other things as college students. I knew something had to change in the way we helped our students to grow in their faith in order to change the outcome.

The work of Fuller Youth Institute and the Sticky Faith movement made a tremendous impact on how I structured my ministry. Some of you have read Michael's writings over the last two months in his column describing the thrust of Sticky Faith. It is a theological, sociological and foundational structure for not only how we do children and youth ministries but it is also a framework for how we live together as a community of faith.

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In our Parent/Child Dedication, our church makes a commitment to the parents and to the child that we will do all that we can to provide an environment where they can encounter God and where they will find love and support. These are not just words to say one another. These are words we need to take seriously. The Sticky Faith framework will help us live up to the covenant we enter into with one another. Over the next several weeks, you will begin to hear more about the direction we will be heading as a church. With Michael and his ministry team's leadership, we will journey together in learning how to be a body of Christ that is committed to providing every possible resource for our young to develop a strong and lasting faith in our Lord.

This Sunday, we will consider what Jesus meant when he said that we have already committed adultery when we look at someone lustfully. Also, don't forget that this Sunday is World Communion Sunday and the downtown churches will hold a short ecumenical communion service at Courthouse Square at 9:30am. Everyone will have time to get back to church in time for Sunday School and worship. Hope you will participate in this special service.

See you on Sunday! Andy

Deacon of the Week

Ric Cain

October 4–October 10

Our Church Family

Continual Care: Mildred & Kenneth Archer, Mildred Cooper, Hazel Townsend, Joan English, Mary Furr, Ann Gaskin, Leroy & Frances Newton, Nancy Jo Harwood, Helen Mauldin, Jack Bane, Max Clayton, Hilda Woodruff, Aileen Taylor, Christine Snuggs, Ramelle & Herman Faulkner, Helen Lockamy, Dennie Carpenter, Louise Poplin, Gene Moose, Barbara Hicks, Mary Sullivan, Betty Hartley, Don & Carol Brummitt

PRAYER LIST

Dr. Bill Hatley, David Sanges, Lu Phelps, Tracy Lee, Brendan Hearne, Lucy Johnson, Diane Powell, Clement Hahn, Steve Sasser, Sandy & David Young, J. D. Ingram, Roger Thomas, Linda Hilton, Geraldine Causby, Sue Hunsucker, Fran Andrew, Martha Lowder

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday School class for young adults in their 20's and early 30's (married or single) will begin on Sunday, October 18. If you are interested in being part of this new class, please contact Andy.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday. We will observe this special day by participating in an ecumenical communion service at 9:30am at the Courthouse Square. Let's join Christians in our community and around the world in remembering the sacrifice of Jesus.

JOY LUNCH PROGRAM

The program for the Joy Luncheon on Oct 5th at noon will be given by our own church member, Kellie Tucker. Did you know that Kellie, for many years, has led a program called Christian Women's Job Corp? She teaches women how to find a job, write a resume, make a good impression on a job interview, and she helps them through struggles they might have. We should help support her work with these women. Come to the Joy Luncheon and learn more.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Are you interested in Cub Scouts? On Monday, October 5 at 6:30 PM, boys in 1st-5th grades (and parents) are invited to attend the meeting of Cub Scout Pack 191 chartered by the Men's group of Central United Methodist Church. Each Scout will learn the importance of living by the Scout Oath (including duty to God and country) and Law while having fun with their friends. For more information, you can contact Bob Remsburg of Boy Scouts of America at [704-982-0141](tel:704-982-0141).

FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

In today's technological world where everything happens so fast our lives are often chaotic and random; seemingly just flowing from one task to the next. As these random segments of time fill our days, we have little time to strengthen our relationships with God. This week our students discussed the concept of "Noticing God". Taking time during the day or even at the end of the day to reflect on ways God was present in the day. In this week's article, I am going to give some suggestions to help families have conversations around noticing God. These suggestions come from our sticky faith curriculum. It is extremely important that we all take part in this continuous process of faith development.

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As I've already said we are looking to notice God in our daily lives. So how does this work? Fuller Youth Institute puts it this way. "Noticing might mean you have to stop, listen, change up your steps a bit. It might mean trying some new things as a family. One way to think of these practices is that they are ways we learn to pay attention to and notice God and God's work in and around us."

Here are some suggestions:

• *Read Psalm 103: 6-14 together. Wonder together what it means that the writer uses such big language for God's love and for how dramatically God removes our sin. You might also ask: What does it mean that God is "slow to anger"? Do you think that describes our family, and why/why not? How do we need God to work in our family to make us all more like God in this area?*

• *Acknowledge that certain sacrifices will likely mean something different to your kids than to you. For example, given the pervasive role digital technology plays in the lives of adolescents today (it's truly all they have ever known), living without the internet or their cell phone is comparable to an adult imagining life without electricity. So rather than fighting with your teenager over instituting a blanket "No media on Sundays" rule, invite them to work together with you toward something that's manageable as a practice everyone is willing to try together. In the end they might long for more time apart from their digital connectivity, but that desire will have to come from them, not you, in order to really be effective.*

• *Find a local or global outreach opportunity or cause to support as a family. If you're giving up something together that involves time and/or money, also decide together what you'll do with that time and/or money. Maybe you can channel money to help build a well in another community, or maybe you can visit pediatric cancer patients in your city at the local children's hospital. Do some research, incorporating your kids' web savvy, and try something new together.*

These are just three suggestions that you might consider. You also may come up with some of your own as a family. The point is that you are taking time to explore your faith together as a family. Good luck as we begin this journey together! Michael