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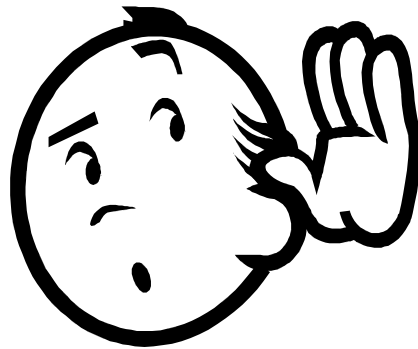
Hearing the Preached Word

Liturgy – a church word not very well know by all. It simply means ‘order’ or in the case of a church worship time it means to ‘have an order of worship service.’ Every church worship service has an order; even those who do not print a bulletin weekly and may profess they do not have a liturgy. They do in fact have an order of service. Each week everyone who attends a worship service has an expectation of a certain order of things – things may vary from week to week but there remains an order.

Within a liturgy are combinations of parts or elements of a service – the individual things performed in a given order. Parts such as prayer, singing, the reading of scripture and preaching are some of the more familiar elements of a worship service. We in the church are not free to incorporate any part we might feel is appropriate. Scripture tells us what we should include as elements within a service. The most concise identification of elements is found in Acts 2:42-47, but there are other passages which provide guidance as well.

One element that I have often overlooked and you may have as well is the hearing of the preached Word. You the listener, the one who hears the preached Word is vital to any worship service. In the Reformed Church we hold that a service is not a worship service unless there is the preached Word. Well, if there is not a hearer of the preached Word what good is it for me to preach? There must be preaching but there must also be those who hear.

Three years ago, our denomination began a review of our guidelines for public worship with the intent of revising the document where needed. Our own David Sides is a member of that committee. Recently, each church was given a draft of the document for review and comment and while reading my copy the idea of the hearing of the preached Word caught my attention. In this draft version there is as much written instruction for you the hearer as there is for me the preacher. For me this was eye-opening.



I would like to provide for you from the Directory of Public Worship (draft) the entire sub-section regarding the hearing of the preached Word so that you, like me, might gain a greater appreciation for your role in the order of public worship.

The Directory of Public Worship Section 4 subpart c states:

Great care and diligence toward hearing the Word of God must also be given by the people.

It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they...

(1) *attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer;*

Regular and faithful attendance for hearing the Word of God preached is required of all. We are to encourage one another in it, and are not to forsake our assembling together. Prayerful preparation should mark our approach to the preaching of the Word, for only as the Lord opens our hearts and minds are we enabled to understand clearly and receive by faith the truth of God’s Word.

(2) *examine what they hear by the scriptures;*

All who hear the Word of God preached should examine what they hear by comparing it with Scripture. One’s own conscience cannot be yielded to another person, and simply to receive the word of any person as the Word of God is to commit idolatry. Great care should be taken to understand what has been preached and to know that it is indeed what God’s Word teaches.

(3) *receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the word of God;*

When the Word has been faithfully preached, it should be received in faith, love and meekness. We should bow before its authority as coming from God Himself, and we should obey Him promptly and sincerely.

(4) *meditate, and confer of it;*

One should carefully meditate on the preached Word, that it might be better understood and applied. Discussing the Word with others, especially with those more mature in the faith, can be of great help to us in coming to a clear understanding of the Word.

(5) hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.

The Word which has been preached should not be forgotten, but hidden in the heart. It is the Word implanted which is able to save our souls. All care should be taken that the Word which has been heard will prove to be fruitful to the honor and glory of God.

Chuck Swindoll, one of the more wonderful preachers of our day, has said that he believes he is where he is today because as a child he sat under the preached Word regularly. As a child he may have been coloring the bulletin but subconsciously through the work of the Holy Spirit he was affected by the preached Word.

I pray that as you enter the next time of public worship you have a greater respect for your importance in the order of the public worship service. I pray that you, the hearer of the preached Word, will understand that God is speaking to you through those preached Words.

In His service,
Pastor Tim



If the church wants a better pastor, it only needs to pray for one it has.



Congratulations Graduates



Katy Blevins is a graduate of West Iredell High school. She is a member of the National Technical Honors Society and was accepted as a member during a ceremony on Tuesday, May 9 held at the Statesville Civic Center. The Mission of the NTHS is to honor student achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence and enhance career opportunities for the NTHS membership. Katy's future plans are to attend Mitcehl Community College Nursing Program.



.....keep sound wisdom and discretion; let them not escape from your sight, and they will be life for your soul.....

Proverbs3:21-22



Brent Mauney is a graduate of West Iredell High School. His hobbies are going to the beach, playing golf and tennis and hanging out with his posse'. Brent's future plans are to attend Mitchell Community College.



Amanda Peralta is a graduate of West Iredell High School. Amanda plans to attend Blufield Christian College in Virginia. She plans to major in journalism.



2006 College Graduates



Nolan Winters is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College with a BA in Computer-Aided Graphic Design. He graduated with the following honors: Magna Cum Laude, Honors Academy and Departmental Honors. His achievements are President's List, Dean's List, Academic All-American, South Atlantic Conference Male Cross Country Student Athlete of the Year, Lenoir-Rhyne Scholar Athlete of the Year, All-Conference and All Region. His hobbies are running, art, bowling, racquetball and snowboarding. Nolan's future plans are to work as a Graphic Designer or Graphic Artist. Also in a few years he plans to attend graduate school.



Congratulations Graduates



Amanda Moose is a graduate of Statesville High School. She plans to attend Mitchell College in the fall.



Knit Wits



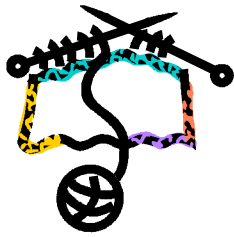
The Elders have made it official! New Sterling now recognizes the Knit Wits. We have been meeting regularly and just crocheting and knitting away.

We meet twice a month—the 1st Saturday at 9:00 am and the 3rd Thursday at 7:00. Meeting places vary because members have graciously offered their homes as places to congregate.



We have approximately 20 members now and would like to encourage anyone else who may be interested to please come to one of the meetings and check us out. This group has “seasoned” stitchers, some not so seasoned and beginners. There are always those there who can teach.

We need folks to make cards, wrap the shawls, help pray for those who are stitching and those who will be receiving, those who would like to make donations of money to buy supplies or Walmart gift cards for supplies, and those just to come and fellowship with the rest of the group.



We have several shawls which are completed as well as a lap blanket which will be delivered very soon. We will be happy to show you our finished products at any time. You just need to ask anyone who looks like a “knit wit”. (ha).

Seriously, come, knit, fellowship, pray, donate or just come see what we are doing.



We are dedicated and proud to be part of the New Sterling Women’s Ministry—The New Sterling Knit Wits.

Michelle Hairyes



Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

23 Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd

That's Relationship!

I shall not want

That's Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures

That's Rest!

He leadeth me beside the still waters

That's Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul

That's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness

That's Guidance!

For His name sake

That's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death

That's Testing!

I will fear no evil

That's Protection!

For Thou art with me

That's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me

That's Discipline!

Thou preparast a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

That's Hope!

Thou annointest my head with oil

That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over

That's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life

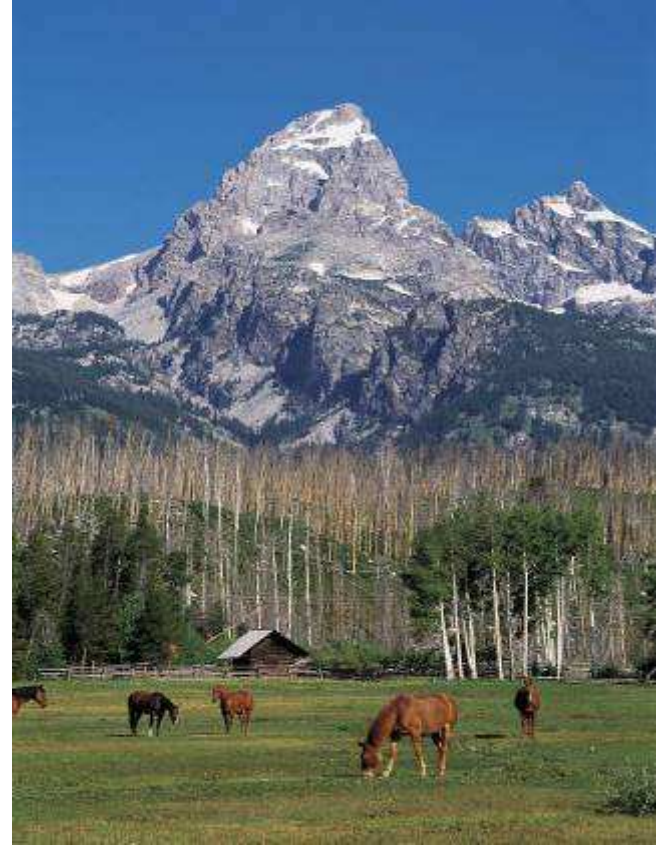
That's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord

That's Security!

Forever

That's Eternity!



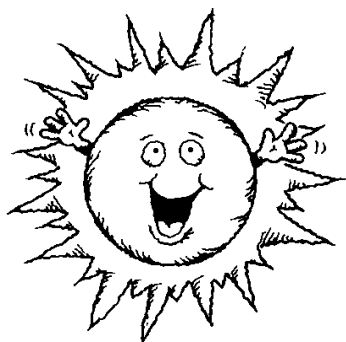
Here and There!!



Rachel Gray, Mara Hairyes and **Dylan Pope** had a graduation ceremony on Friday, June 2, 2006. They graduated from Salem-Sloan to start kindergarten at Sharon School this fall.....**Natalie Sherrill** recently returned from a trip to Paris, France where she visited the Louvre, the Cathedral of Notre Dame, the Place of Versailles, and the Eiffel Tower. She also visited Madrid and Toledo, Spain, where she saw the Toledo Cathedral.....**Rachel** and **Laurel Gray** entertained 300+ people on a recent trip to the Dixie Stampede in Pigeon Forge with Grandma and Grandpa Pope and Mom.....5 year old **Rachel Gray** is mastering her bike without training wheels with the help of dad—**Andy**.....**Michael, Linda** and **Dylan Pope** went to Tweetsie Railroad to spend the day with “Thomas the Train”. They all had a great time....**Brent Mauney** spent a week at Myrtle Beach with his posse’ during Senior Week.....**Bill Mauney** testing to see if a Mercury Mountaineer can take a 90 degree turn at 65 MPH on 2 wheels.....Warning!! Warning!! **Kurtis Hauck** has gotten his drivers license. Use extreme caution when on the road, give him extra space and report any speeding or bad vehicular conduct to this parents.....**Clifton Mauney** hit a 3 run homer for the Statesville Owls.....**Brian** and **Taryn Setzer** went away for the weekend to the Dukes Fest in Nashville, TN with Brian’s family. There they seen a demolition derby, stunt show, a parade of 100 General Lee’s and the old cast of the show.....**Robert Fulbright** stating that he planted peas on Thursday and they had already broken ground and were up on Sunday.....**Davis Emery** received the AG Math and Language Arts awards at West Middle School.....The **Winters Clan** stayed at various houses at Cherry Grove Beach during their recent vacation.....Also, just how many **Winters** can you get on a golf cart????? **Todd, Scotti, Dylan** and **Garrett** flew to Orlando, FL, and spent the week visiting the four Disney theme parks. One day was spent at Cocoa Beach and it happened to be the day that a space satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral...**Madelyn McNeely** danced at Uni-

versal studios with her dance troupe.....**Elijah Winters** had his 4th birthday at Cherry Grove Beach. He got to spend it with his family, the **Gray’s** and the **Emery’s** including **Pop-Pop (Sarge)**. Next time you see **Sarge** ask him what was in his camera that he was so proud of.....**Michelle Hairyes** was injured while attacking a dog...The **Hairyes Family** camped and went canoeing with friends the next morning...**Pastor Tim** and **Judy** spent time recently in New York. **Pastor Tim** conducted a wedding for a friend formerly from their Huntersville church while they were there...**Pauline Charles** went to Minnesota for her grandson’s graduation...Ask **Steve Stewart** about what he will do for his grandchild! At 57 years old, he was teaching his 7 yr old granddaughter how to stand on her head!... About 2 weeks ago, **Edith Reese**, who now lives in Georgia, fell and broke her arm. She is at home and doing well.....**Davey Winters** received the Language Arts Award and Honor Roll with A Team all four nine weeks at the end of year awards ceremony.....

School is out for the summer and I am sure that all of the kids and teens are anxiously awaiting for it to restart. Until then, there will be lots of fun, laughs, traveling and exciting things going on. To all the young folks and the young at heart, please remember to keep your church family updated on your summer activities!!



Stirling Silvers

Upon arrival of the new bus we will go on a maiden voyage somewhere, someplace, tour, joyride or ride around the parking lot. Date to be announced.

The Sarge





Floyd Wike was born and raised in Iredell County. His parents were the late Ralph and Irene Wike. He has one sister Florence Wike Brookshire.

He attended Sharon School until it burned down and then was transferred to Scotts School. In the 10th grade, he quit and joined the Merchant marines. Serving only a short time, He was given an honorable discharge after contracting scarlet fever and spinal meningitis.



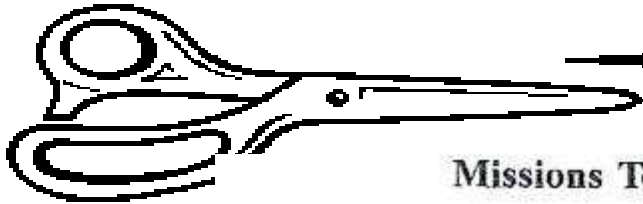
Mr. Wike then went to work for Superior Dairy in Statesville; beginning with filling milk bottles and then moving up to milk route. He worked until 1949. From there he went to work with Duke Power Company. One Sunday morning Pastor W.F. Mitchell, who was serving as Chaplain of National Guards, told him that his name was on the first list on the list to be called to duty in the Korean War. He immediately contacted the Navy, joined and served four years. After boot camp training, he was sent to Charleston, SC and assigned to the Destroyer Mine Sweeper USS Gherardi. His position was in the after-engine room. Some of their trips included the islands in the Caribbean Sea, Africa, Mediterranean Sea, and North Atlantic Ocean and as far as the 40 miles above the Arctic Circle during the winter months.

When his term ended with the Navy, he went to work for the Iredell County School in the Transportation Department. Beginning as a mechanic and ended his career as Transportation Director. He retired after completing approximately 35 years.

In 1968 Floyd Wike married Denell Bost Middlesworth. Her first husband was killed in the Korean War. He has two step-daughters, six step-granddaughters and fifteen step-great grand children.

Mr. Wike has been a lifelong member of New Sterling Church. He is co-teacher of the Men's Bible Class, member of the Property Maintenance Committee, Cemetery Committee and former Deacon.

After retirement Mr. Wike enjoys keeping up his yard.



Missions Team Needs For COAP

The Missions Team is once again at work preparing for the trip to Harlan, Kentucky. We are asking for your help Harlan is a very poor county. We are planning to take new and good used toys and clothing, to be distributed by the COAP organization. Also COAP has sent us a needs list. (If you would like to donate any of these items they would be tax deductible so keep your receipts.)

*Ladders - extension or step / fiberglass or aluminum
Dewalt 12 in Compound Miter Saw, 10 in. Table Saw, Cordless Drills,
Dewalt or Milwaukee Skill Saws Saw Horse,
Saw Blades (Skill or Reciprocating), Screwdriver Sets
Shingle Removing Shovels, Contractor Garbage Bags, Canvas Tool
Belts, Tape Measure, Squares, Levels, Carpenter Pencils Extension Cords*

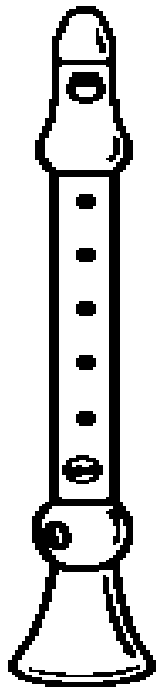
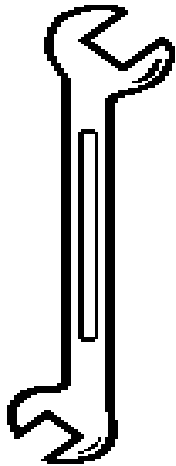
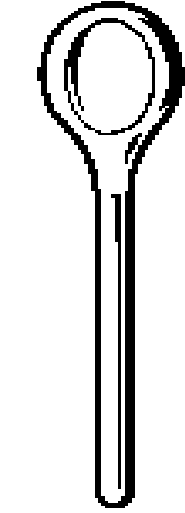
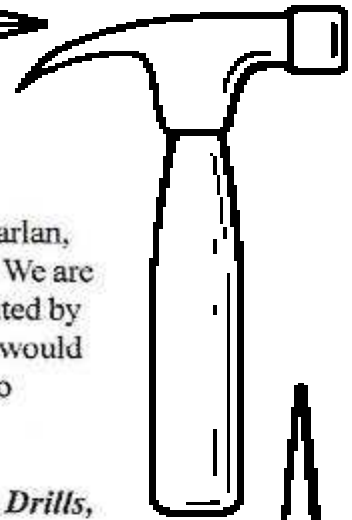
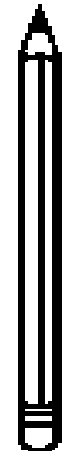
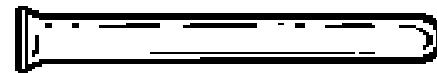
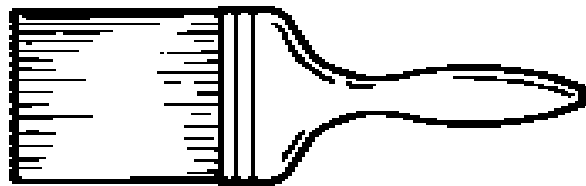
If you or anyone you know would like to donate one or more of these items we (and COAP) would greatly appreciate. We will need them placed on the stage in the fellowship hall the week of July 1st. We plan to get them ready to load on Saturday, July 8th. As always we thank you for your support.

Items Needed for the Team

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| Prayer | Bug Spray |
| Soft Drinks | Cleaning Supplies |
| Bottled Water | Paper Towels |
| Gatorade | Toilet Paper |
| Gatorade Drink Mix | Gloves |
| Instant Grits Packs | Chips |
| Jelly or Jam | Cookies |
| Cereal | Candy |
| Baked Finger Foods | |

Anyone wanting to donate money or Gift Cards (Wal Mart) for food, supplies or gas may contact Lori Compton, Ken Hauck or Pastor Tim.

If anyone has borrowed the 5 gal. water cooler with the cup dispenser (and still has it) please return it for the trip.





Vacation Bible School

July 31 through August 4th

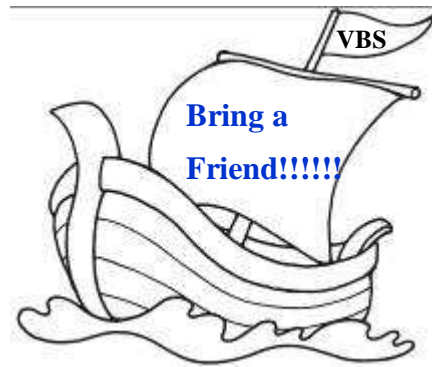
Ages Nursery 0-2 through 5th and 6th Grade

6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars

If you have any empty small glass baby food jars, start saving them. They will be needed for crafts. You may give them to me on Sundays or leave them in the Young Adult class room. Your help is greatly appreciated.

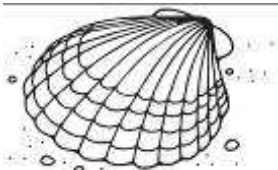
Thank You,
Taryn Setzer



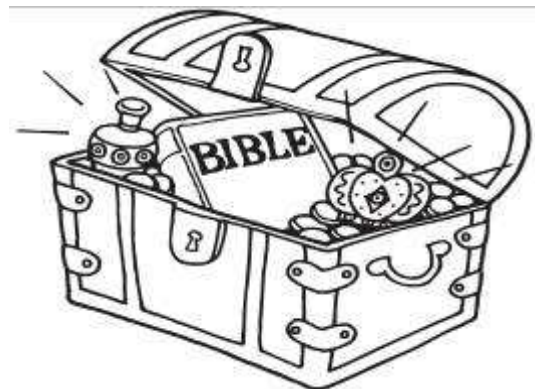
We are in need of decorations!!!! If you have any items that would correlate with our theme "Son Treasure Island" please place them on the stage in the fellowship hall with your name on them. We want to make sure that you get your items back. Some items of consideration are fishnets, seashells, tiki torches, palm trees, beach umbrellas, pictures of your family at the beach, treasure chest, etc.....Anything and everything would be greatly appreciated.

We value your support, prayers, dedication and encouragement with VBS. Remember to invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, grocery store workers and your mailman. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite people to our church and welcome them with open arms. Put this date on your calendar—July 31st through August 4th 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there! You too can discover the treasure of God's Love!!!!!!!!!!!!



Blessings in Christ,
Scott & Jessica Graham



Stephanie Watts is working on her Girl Scout
Gold Award

YMCA Nursery Makeover

The Nursery project will continue until July 14. If you would like to donate to this project, gift cards to Walmart or Target are needed.

Also a rocker/glider and a pack-n-play is needed.

See Stephanie Watts for details. Thank you for all of your support.



The Women of the Church

Have flavoring for sale.

\$2.25 per bottle

All flavors

Buy some now for all of your upcoming baking needs

A colorful illustration of a woman in historical attire, including a red vest, a white shirt, and a black hat. She is playing a large drum with yellow drumsticks. The illustration is set against a background of red and white vertical stripes, with a blue border featuring yellow stars at the top and bottom.

"Every day is a gift - that's why we call it the present".

Homebound and Assisted Living

Norma and Johnsie Jenkins
1753 Midway Road
Stony Point, NC 28678
704-585-6960

Leroy Johnson
Autum Care
2001 Van Haven Drive
Statesville, NC 28625
704-878-2321

Mary Lippard
Autumn Care
2001 Van Haven Drive
Statesville, NC 28625
704-873-7386

Pauline Pope
Autumn Care
2001 Vanhaven Drive
Statesville, NC 28625

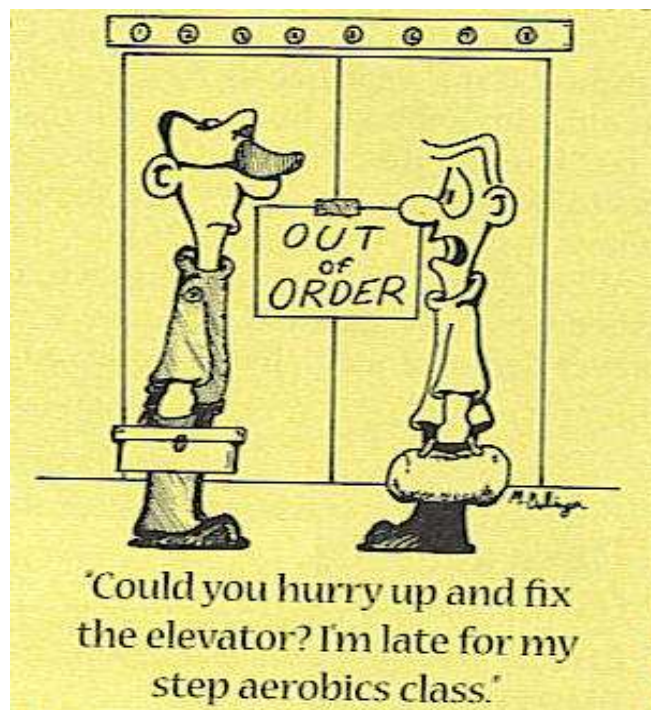
Mary Deal
Autum Care
2001 Van Haven Drive
Statesville, NC 28625

Edith Reese
PO Box 346
Buford, GA 30515



If we have missed anyone or you would like to have your name listed here, please contact
Delinda Mauney at 704-880-0527 or Taryn Setzer at 459-2637

Comedy Corner



One of your newsletter editors had a slip of the finger last month and the July birthdays were listed as June Birthdays. I apologize for the mistake but am listing both June and July birthdays this month. Delinda, Editor in charge of slip ups

1 Sarah Brady
 2 Lindsey Gray
 2 Todd McCulloch
 5 Holly Hardin
 5 Bill Mauney
 6 Erica Burruel
 7 Betty Godfrey
 9 Homer Dishman
 11 Jeannette Hauck
 11 John Henry Pope
 11 Matthew Shoemaker
 11 Misty Williams
 15 Rick Cashion
 16 Brandon Sutton
 18 Kory Massey
 19 Dale Massey
 19 Scott Snyder

July



21 Bob Hardin
 21 Terri Jenkins
 21 Charles McClure
 22 Terra Melton
 22 Arthur Waugh
 24 Jacob McNeely
 25 Lauren Bailey
 25 Sally Lewis
 25 David Sides
 28 Brian Setzer
 29 Kim Brady
 29 Cindi Bowman
 30 Terry Hoke
 31 Crystal Coffey
 31 David Jenkins

1 Ronnie Stewart
 2 Sue VanZandt
 4 Kent Clarke
 4 Jeff McNeely
 7 Jeremy Brady
 11 Emory Watts
 12 Sherry Clarke
 12 Nancy McNeely
 13 Troy Brady
 13 Elijah Winters
 14 Jonathan Hartness
 16 Judy Cashion
 16 Kathy Pendergrass
 16 Joshua Waugh
 17 Davis Emery

June

19 Pat Caskaddon
 19 Chad Harding
 19 Christina Henderson
 20 Wesley Fulbright
 21 Edith Reese
 21 Charlotte West
 22 Alan Flowers
 24 Eleanor Dagenhart
 24 Dillard Walker
 25 Jo Ann Hartness
 27 Pam Garrison
 27 Minnie Pope
 30 Virginia Brady
 30 Jimmy Gray