
Who Knows Where The Spirit Will Lead Us



November
2005

John 3:8 says that ... *the wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.*

This passage came to mind recently when I was quite unexpectedly driven in another direction for the subject of our preaching. As you know well we have been working in the area of evangelism and outreach and sharing the gospel through our stories. The sermons have been given with idea of encouraging us to be open, ready and available to share the love of Christ we have through our stories, through our lives and ultimately through the sharing of the gospel.

Well as I said, the passage in John came to mind when I was moved from continuing our outreach sermon series to a more doctrinal, theological teaching centered on the gospel itself. This process of realization began on Sunday afternoon, October 9th when I felt really unsatisfied and disappointed with the sermon given that day. If you remember it was entitled 'The Open Door' and it was an encouragement to step through those open doors when given the opportunity to share the gospel. I have listened to the sermon again and it was a pretty good sermon but something about it and the series just made me feel uneasy.

The next morning in my class at Erskine I was reading portions of the 30 sermons given by Jonathon Edwards in the 1700s concerning 'The Redemptive History.' In that collection he gave 6 sermons that were heavily application oriented and as I perceive his writings he was not comfortable with the 6 because they were more people centered and not necessarily Christ centered (my words not his). He quickly returned to a more Christ centered message.

As I read and thought about that I remembered my discomfort from the day before and it dawned on me that that idea was exactly what I was feeling. The 6 sermons given to outreach over the last two months were very 'us' oriented and only indirectly Christ oriented. And the light came on – I was being convicted by the Holy Spirit to go back, like Edwards, to a more Christ centered sermon series rather than a people oriented series. Now please don't misunderstand – I believe with all my heart that the 6 sermons given on outreach were necessary, but the time for that series has come to an end.

But I must tell you there is another reason for the movement as well. In 'The Open Door' sermon of October 9th and then again on Sun-

day night of that same day I asked this question – 'if needed could you present the gospel of Jesus Christ, not your story but the gospel, to someone you were talking with?' I know this is not a very sophisticated way to determine our preparedness and I do believe that there are those who can do this quite well but I must be honest. When I asked that question on Sunday morning and then again on Sunday night I was not encouraged by the non-verbal expressions given back to me. It was more of the deer-in-the-headlight look that was communicated. And perhaps this is telling me that maybe we can't comfortably or knowledgeably discuss the gospel when the need arises. And this gave me great discomfort! How can we go out and share something that we may not understand fully ourselves.

Now, I am fully aware of the timidity and our shyness in some matters but we cannot and we must not ever let that be a barrier to sharing life and eternity's most important message. And for some I believe it does and it has become an excuse and not just a personality trait.

Please forgive me if I speak to harshly or too boldly concerning this but I must go with what my heart tells me and in the direction the Holy Spirit leads me. You personally are the final judge as to whether this assessment is true for you. But for me I have to follow what my heart is bound to and that is preparing the people of New Sterling for the challenges that face us. And in this particular case it is my call to prepare the people to know in their hearts the beauty of the gospel and prayerfully hope that that in turn will allow us – no, cause us – to share from our hearts what I hope is our greatest love – Jesus Christ!

So with all of that, I began a study of Romans 8 on October 23 and over the next several months, God willing, I will present this amazing material to you. Some have called Romans 8 the greatest chapter in all of Holy Scripture. Well as soon as you say that then someone else will come along, provide another basis and argue that another chapter is the greatest. I am not concerned with whether it is the greatest or not but it does present the work of Christ and the Holy Spirit in a total and most comprehensive way. The chapter starts out proclaiming that there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus and it ends with that fact that there is no separation for those of us who have been shown the love of God through the redeeming grace of the work of Christ Jesus. And that sounds pretty awesome to me!

There are other passages in the Bible that present the gospel in a much more concise and easier way but I was lead particularly to Romans 8 and I believe it was because of its comprehensive nature. It leads us through living a life in the Spirit that is ours because of Christ, it

then moves through a description of the future glory that is ours because of Christ and then it concludes by speaking of the security that we have because of Christ and all this must impact our lives today. We are guaranteed the assurance of the completed work of Christ through the deposit of the Holy Spirit within us and that cannot be taken from us. When this kind of message sinks in and becomes embodied, it is revolutionary and life changing and it is something you will want to share.

Please pray along with me that the Holy Spirit will in fact complete what he has started in us and that we will always be obedient to the movement of the Holy Spirit wherever he may lead.

Always in His service,

Pastor Tim

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send you this letter to tell you how much I love and care about you. I saw you yesterday as you were walking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would talk to me also. As evening drew near, I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you and I waited. You never came. Oh yes, it did hurt me but I still love you because I am your best friend.

I saw you fall asleep last night and I longed to touch your brow. So I spilled moonlight on your pillow and face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you.

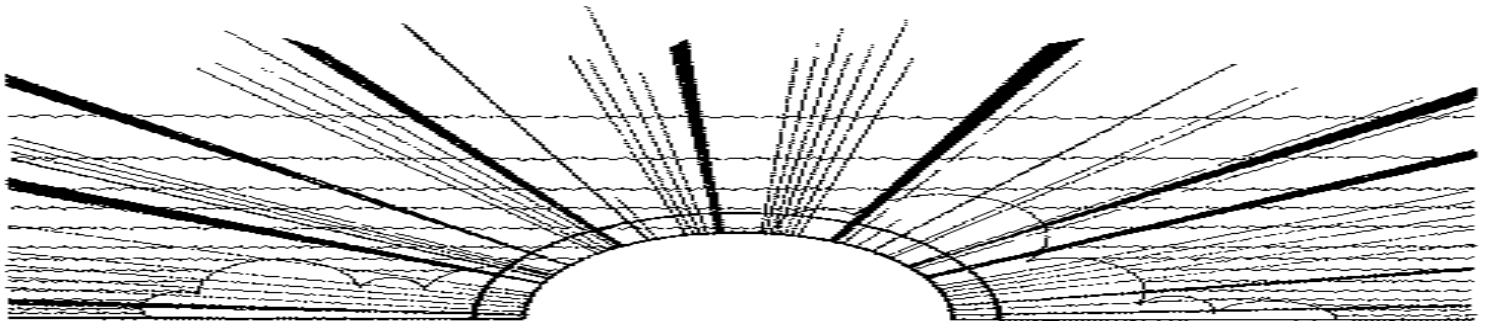
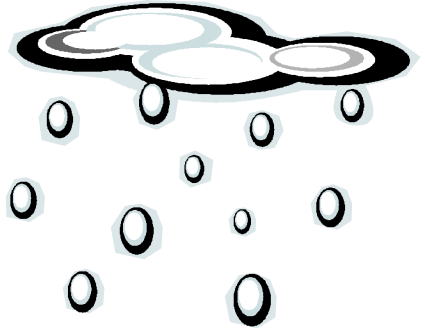


You awakened late and rushed off for the day...My tears were the rain. Today you looked so sad, so alone. It makes my heart ache because I understand. My friends let me down and hurt me many times too, but I love you. I try to tell you in the quiet green grass. I whisper it in the leaves and trees, breathe it in the colors of the flowers. I shout it in the mountain streams and I give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air. My love for you is deeper than oceans and bigger than the biggest want or need you have.

We will spend eternity together in heaven. I know how hard it is on this earth. I really know (because I was there), and want to help you. My father wants to help you too. He's that way you know. Just call me, ask me, talk to me. It's your decision, I have chosen you, and because of this I will wait.....because I love you.

Love,

Jesus



Florence Wike Brookshire

I was born and reared in Iredell County. My parents were Ralph and Irene Wike. I have one brother, Floyd Wike.

I graduated from Sharon School when it included both elementary and high school grades. Then I went to the Pan American Business School in Richmond, VA and took a business course.

So many of my high school class mates were working in Washington, DC, I also went there to explore the possibilities. I filed applications with the FBI and Southern Railway. While waiting to hear from them, I decided to apply with Woodward & Lothrop Department Store. They told me to come in to work the next day. I worked there in the business office six weeks before I heard from the other two companies. I chose Southern Railway.

After working there six months, there was a vacancy in the Superintendent's office of the Iredell County School and Supt. T. Ward Guy contacted my parents to know if I would be interested in the job. Of course they were excited to know the job was available. I came back to Statesville to the Iredell County School's Office and worked there as Finance Officer until I retired 43.5 years later.

In the meantime I met Earl Brookshire and we were married. We built our house in West Iredell County on Cotton Gin Road approximately .3 miles from my home place.

Earl worked for Barger Mill Works until his open heart surgery. Then he gave up public work and started farming, raising beef cattle until his death. When I retired I enjoyed helping him on the farm making hay for the cows. When he became unable to tend to the cows, we sold them and rented the farm.

At an early age, I joined New Sterling ARP Church. I taught the Juniors Sunday School Class for a number of years; was appointed to the Building Committee and served as secretary; was a member of the choir; also, I am a member of the Women of the Church, the Sterling Silvers having served as secretary and treasurer of both groups.



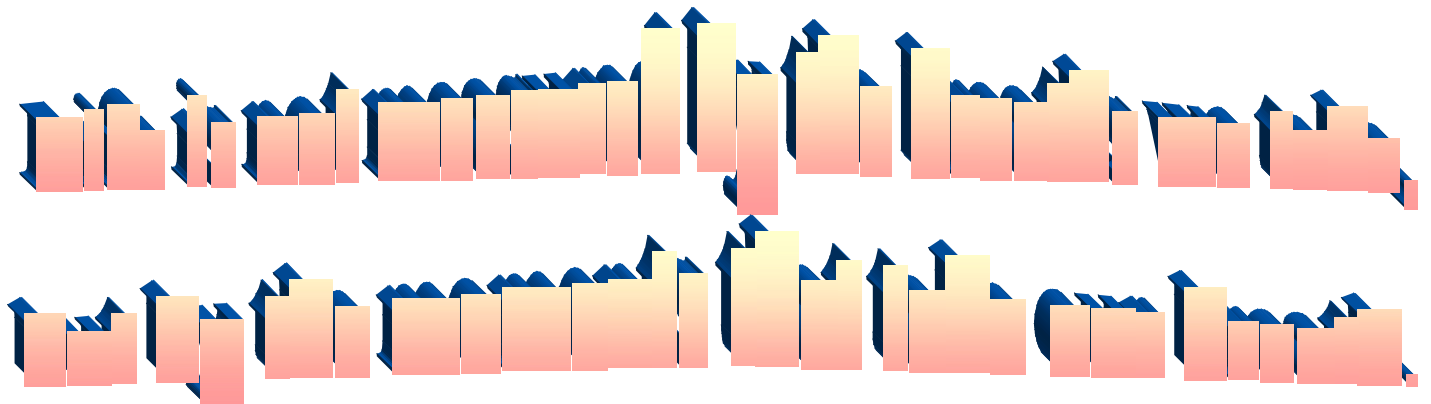
I am a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the Altrusa Club, the Widowed Person's Organization and have volunteered several hours a month for Smart Start Program.

The Love Gift in love and appreciation for service to Christ's Church was presented to me in 1970 and 2000.

The Altrusa Yearbook was dedicated to me in 1974.

An award was received for the Iredell County E.O.P of the year for two different years. The Iredell County Board of Education declared June 30, 1987 as Florence Wike Brookshire Day for long and exemplary service to students, teachers and citizens of the Iredell County Schools as Finance Officer.

I am now retired and enjoying my FREEDOM.



The Brady Bunch

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David and Kim Brady were married on September 30, 1989 at New Sterling Church. They met at Georgia-Pacific Fiberboard Plant in Harleyville, SC. That was Kim's place of employment. The silos there caught on fire and David was called in to repair them. They both knew without a doubt that God had brought them together. All of the circumstances leading to their meeting were very unusual.

David grew up at New Sterling Church. He attended church there with his parents, Frank and Virginia, brother-Don and sister-Diann. Kim joined New Sterling shortly after they were married

David is employed at Pneu-Mech Systems in Statesville. Kim is a bookkeeper and works from her home.

David and Kim enjoy spending time with their family, riding motorcycles, playing cards, working in their yard, reading and learning, playing with their many pets, exercising and going on mission trips and working with the youth.

David currently serves as an Elder at New Sterling. He is also a youth leader, substitute Sunday School teacher, serves on the Youth Council and Properties and Kim is a youth leader, Committee and is WOC Judy Watson.

They have been son-28, Jeremy-24, and

Jason graduated School. On October 5, row. They now reside in draftsman and is em- in Wilmington. Ali

Jeremy lives in from West Iredell High Community College part Pneu-Mech Systems as a drawing, golfing, going with the youth, watching playing with his puppy Sunday School teacher, Youth Shepherd member, serves on the Youth Council Committee and Mission Committee and helps with Children's Church.

Anthony lives at home with David and Kim. He graduated from West Iredell High School and attended Mitchell Community College part time. He is employed by Pneu-Mech Systems where he makes material lists for shop fabricated items and programs the plasma to cut metal for fabrication. Anthony enjoys hunting, fishing, his job, going on mission trips and anything associated with kids. He is member of the Youth Shepherds and helps with Children's Church.

As we started writing our life on paper and reflecting back—to see where we started and to see where our God has brought us today is very overwhelming. The love of family, church family and friends is one of God's greatest ways to show His love and care to His people. As we listed family members, we just wanted to continue adding names because God has given us a great big family — New Sterling. Thank you for all the love, encouragement, TEACHING, nurturing and guidance that you have given our family. And for the daily prayers and support. To know that others are praying for our children as well as us is a gift that cannot be expressed in words. God says to remember and tell what He has done! And as we look back and see the magnitude of the works He has done in our lives—we want you to know that you have been a vessel God used. Thank you for sharing Jesus with our family!! Our heart truly overflows with gratitude and thankfulness. Our lives have surely been impacted and changed.



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from West Iredell High 2002, Jason married Ali Mor-Wilmington, NC. He is a ployed by an engineering firm works in real estate.

Statesville. He graduated School and attended Mitchell time. He is employed at draftsman. Jeremy enjoys on mission trips, working movies, driving his Tahoe Sparky. He is a Senior High



Frank and Virginia Brady

Frank and Virginia Brady were married on May 23, 1947. They met in Brunswick, Georgia in 1946. They worked in the same office but for different companies. After World War II temporary housing that was built for shipyard workers was taken down and shipped to colleges to house the military returning home and entering college. Virginia worked at that time for a construction company and Frank worked for a trucking company.

After they were married they moved to North Carolina and Frank started his business—Brady Floor Service which he owned and operated for 37 years. He retired in 1990. Virginia was his secretary/bookkeeper.

They have 3 children: David, who is married to Kim and lives in Statesville; Diann, who is married to Mike and lives in Mooresville; and Jennifer, who is married to Don and lives in Roanoke, Virginia.

They have 7 grandchildren: Jason & Ali, who live in Roanoke, Virginia; Jer-Brian, Will, and George, who live in Roanoke, Virginia; and Walker, who lives in Roanoke, Virginia.

Frank has served 12 years as a deacon and 12 years as an elder at New Sterling Church in Christian Education. Virginia has served 13 years as a teacher in the youth department and has been active in the Women of the Church mainly as president or treasurer. Frank is a member of the Men's Bible Class and Virginia is a member of the Chapel Bible Class. Virginia was also a choir member for 10 years.

Virginia is a charter member of Statesville Women's Bowling Association, serving as secretary the first year. She also helped with the Junior Bowling Association for a number of years as secretary. She was involved with bowling for 30 years. Frank is a member of the Marine Corps League of Iredell County. He served in the Marine Corps 4 1/2 years during World War II as an airplane mechanic in the Asian Pacific Theater.

Virginia likes to collect Beanie Babies and coins. She enjoys family histories and crossword puzzles. Frank enjoys going to yard sales and auctions.

Their travel usually includes going to the Myrtle Beach area in June and September with the family. They usually attend family reunions in Georgia and Florida in April and May.



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Here and There...

Preston Tolbert is playing Rugby for Western Carolina...During the Rehearsal Dinner for **Brian** and **Taryn Setzer**, which was a Luau, a question presented itself during the festivities...How many grass skirts does it take to fit **Pastor Tim**? Well, since **Tony Harper** asked the question, **Pastor Tim** showed quite proudly, that it only takes two!... The senior class at West Iredell High School voted **Brent Mauney** as having BEST CAR for senior superlatives...**Clifton Mauney** is playing fall baseball for Wilkes Community College...After a beautiful wedding ceremony and reception, **Brian** and **Taryn Setzer** flew to Rivera Maya, Mexico to spend their honeymoon...**Wayne Waugh** attended a wedding recently and after driving home, found a long, 10 ft trail of toilet paper attached to his car. He hurried to get it off before the neighbors started asking questions...During the leadership conference at Bonclarken recently, **Arene Reese**, **Judy Watson** and **Cindy McNeely** were called down for talking too loudly after the lights out curfew!...Ask **Kim Brady** how she is managing with her patient Harley who broke his toe and has been in a cast for several weeks. It seems he has strategically learned how to scoop up her other two babies in his "lampshade headgear" and gives them a fit.

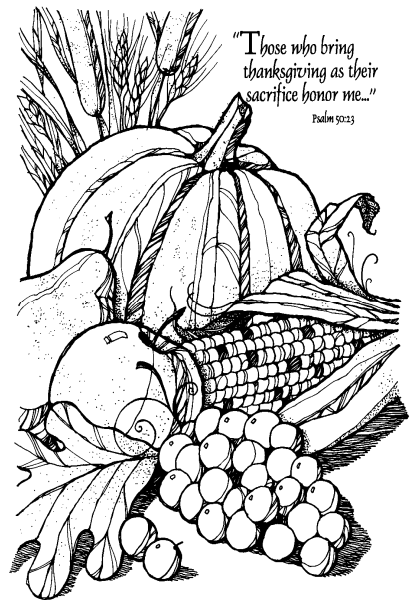
Please remember to give me information on any of your special events. Remember, we are a family, and we enjoy sharing each other's smiles, laughs, fun and accomplishments!

Pass me those notes on Sunday or call! Scotti



- 1 Matthew 20-21
- 2 Luke 18:15-19:48
- 3 Mark 11: John 12
- 4 Matthew 22; Mark 12
- 5 Matthew 23; Luke 20-21
- 6 Mark 13
- 7 Matthew 24
- 8 Matthew 25
- 9 Matthew 26; Mark 14
- 10 Luke 22; John 13
- 11 John 14-17
- 12 Matthew 27; Mark 15
- 13 Luke 23; John 18-19
- 14 Matthew 28; Mark 16
- 15 Luke 24; John 20-21
- 16 Acts 1-3
- 17 Acts 4-6
- 18 Acts 7-8
- 19 Acts 9-10
- 20 Acts 11-12
- 21 Acts 13-14
- 22 James
- 23 Acts 15-16
- 24 Galatians 1-3
- 25 Galatians 4-6
- 26 Acts 17—18:18
- 27 1 Thessalonians; 2 Thessalonians
- 28 Acts 18:19-19:41
- 29 1 Corinthians 1-4
- 30 1 Corinthians 5-8

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Comedy Corner

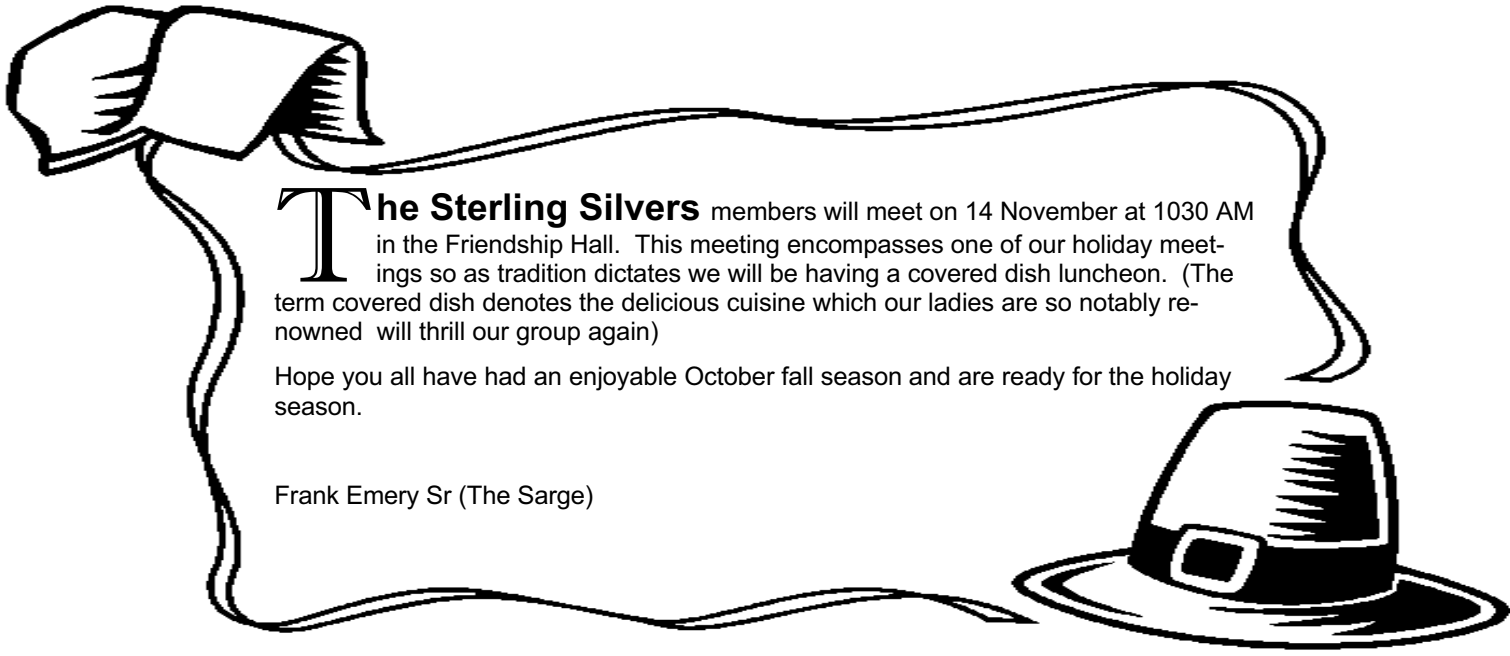


The husband and wife go to a counselor after 15 years of marriage. The counselor asks them what the problem is and the wife goes into a triad listing every problem they have ever had in 15 years they've been married. She goes on and on.

Finally the counselor gets up, goes around the desk, embraces the woman and kisses her passionately. The woman shuts up and sits quietly in a daze.

The counselor turns to the husband and says "that is what your wife needs at least three times a week. Can you do that?"

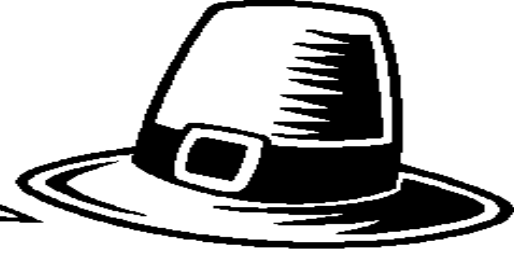
The husband thinks for a moment and replies, "Well, I can get her here Monday and Wednesday but Friday I play golf."



The Sterling Silvers members will meet on 14 November at 1030 AM in the Friendship Hall. This meeting encompasses one of our holiday meetings so as tradition dictates we will be having a covered dish luncheon. (The term covered dish denotes the delicious cuisine which our ladies are so notably renowned will thrill our group again)

Hope you all have had an enjoyable October fall season and are ready for the holiday season.

Frank Emery Sr (The Sarge)



Our Two New Sterling Girls!

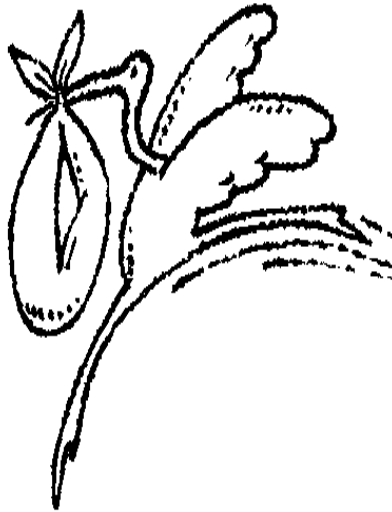
**Alexandria Grace
Buchanan**

Born Friday, October 14, 2005

7 lbs and 11 oz

19" long

**Parents:
Jennifer and Bobby Buchanan**



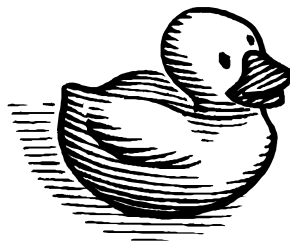
Paisley Jordan Graham

Born Friday, October 14, 2005

7 lbs and 9 oz

19.5" long

**Parents:
Jessica and Scott Graham**





"... and the two shall become one ..."
Matthew 19:5

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Taryn Mauney and Brian Setzer who were married at
New Sterling on Saturday, October 8, 2005.

Their new address is: 5031 Gateway Drive, Claremont, NC
28610

I would like to say thank you to everyone who was involved in Taryn and Brian's wedding. There were so many who helped decorate, helped with the rehearsal dinner, helped before, during and after the wedding and reception and just did special things for us. You all know who you are and please know that I love and appreciate you all so very much.

The wedding was beautiful and perfect. It still tugs at my heart that Taryn is no longer in my house and she has a new "best friend" but on October 8, God worked so hard to give us such a beautiful day after a week of much needed rain and such a perfect ceremony, I think he would have been disappointed in me if I had been sad. So I am not. I celebrate their marriage and know that God helped chose the right person for Taryn. Who could ask for more?

Thanks to everyone again.

Delinda Mauney

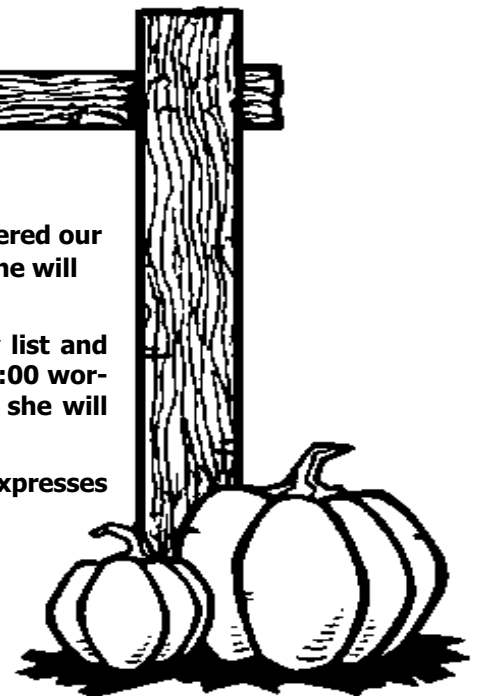
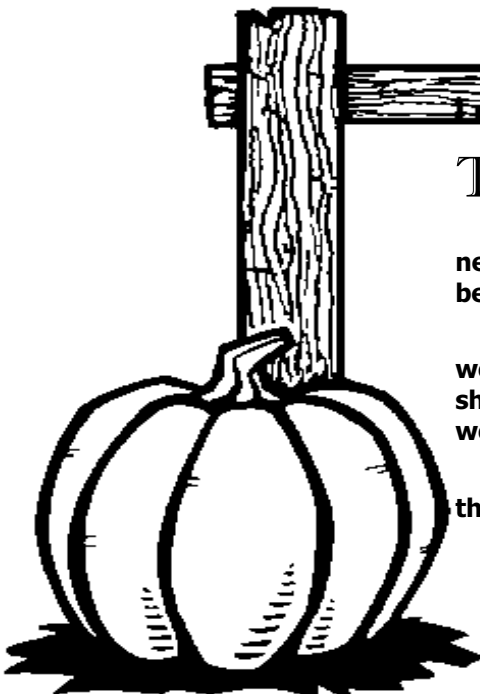


Thank you

Pat Price has answered our need for a Worship Hour Nursery Leader. She will begin her new duties in December.

If you have not been on the nursery list and would like to keep the nursery during the 11:00 worship hour, please get in touch with Pat and she will work you into the schedule.

The Christian Education Committee expresses their thanks for Pat taking on this new task.





Happy Fall

News from the Deacons

The Deacons met on October 2nd and on October 9th. The following things were discussed:

Repairs were made on the back porch light of sanctuary and the speaker in the vestibule.

A solution to the roof leak problem in Linderman Hall is being determined.

Two capital projects were approved by the Deacons. They include flooring in the choir area and repairs to the manse.

The 2006 budget was approved and presented to the Session.

Do any of our Sterling Silvers have needs?

If you need firewood or help winterizing, the Deacons are willing to help. The wood is available and we will provide labor, tools, and supplies as needed. Just let us know your needs so we can schedule woodcutting and other activities before it gets too cold.



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(Kirk is in Karma, Iraq which is 8 miles north of Fallujah)

Kirk is Jim and Eleanor Dagenhart's grandson. His father is Steve Dagenhart.

GSGT. David Leonard USMC

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David is Art and Dixie Waugh's son-in-law.

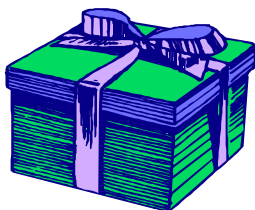


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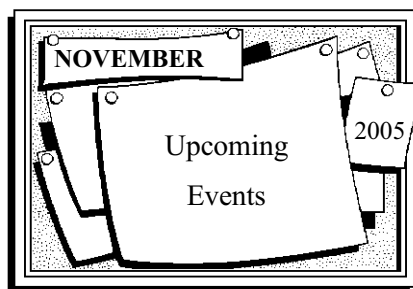
November

- 1 Mary Lippard
- 2 Angela Campbell
- 3 Joseph Hartness
- 3 Carl Teague
- 4 Casey Clarke
- 5 Muriel Jenkins
- 6 Eddie Compton
- 6 Linda Waugh
- 7 Sheila Snyder
- 8 John Roby Gray
- 9 Adeleigh Graham
- 9 Bill Morrison
- 10 Roger Pope
- 10 Jim Thompson
- 11 Caleb Watson
- 11 Jonah Watson
- 13 Derek Winters
- 14 Holly Walls

- 14 Brian Pope
- 15 Kent E. Brady
- 16 Alexandra Gray
- 17 Ashley Clark
- 17 Sandra Moose
- 19 Vivian Gray
- 19 Taylor Pope
- 20 Jessica Lambert
- 20 Dean Thorne
- 21 Amanda Gray
- 21 Shannon Hansley
- 23 Carol Bennett
- 23 Julie Winters
- 24 Amy Lerch
- 24 Tracy Jenkins
- 25 Frank Emery, III
- 25 Amanda Moose
- 29 Keegan Bustle



- November 2 6:30 Youth Shepherds
7:30 Adult Choir
- November 6 9:15 Praise and Worship
6:00 Family Night
7:30 Deacons Meet
- November 7 9:30 Golden Christian Circle
5:00 WOC Board Meeting
- November 9 6:30 Youth Shepherds
7:30 Adult Choir
- November 13 9:15 Praise and Worship
6:00 Family Night
- November 14 Sterling Silvers Thanksgiving Dinner
7:00 Dorothy Dagenhart Circle



- November 16 6:30 Youth Shepherds
7:30 Adult Choir
- November 20 9:15 Praise and Worship
6:00 Congregational Dinner
Newsletter Items Due
- November 23 Community Thanksgiving
- November 24 THANKSGIVING DAY
- November 26 Hanging of the Greens
- November 27 9:15 Praise and Worship
Operation Christmas Child
Boxes Due