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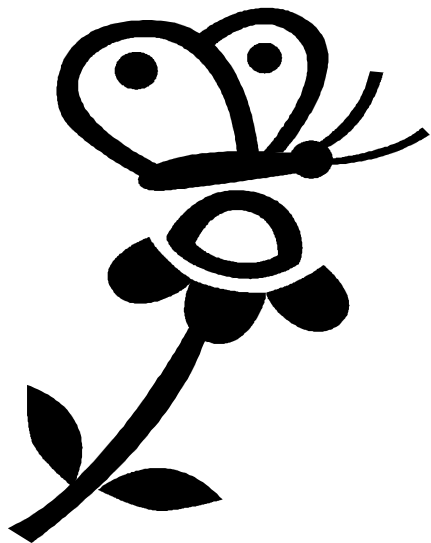


Are You Masquerading?

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:13 ESV

Warren W. Wiersbe writes, “these false teachers adopted the disguise of true apostles of Christ, but in reality, they were ministers of Satan. Their outward change was a masquerade not a real inward transformation. Their outward image did not agree with their inward nature. They were only pretending.” (Real Worship, Baker Books)



As children, many experienced the transformation of the tadpole into the frog and the caterpillar into the beautiful butterfly. Technically this process is called a metamorphosis – a change from one form to another. The maturation of frogs and butterflies depends significantly on the process of metamorphosis.

The critical aspect of this wonderful process is that it occurs from within. What we see on the outside – the frog that leaps from place to place and the butterflies that perch quietly on the flowers in Marli’s garden – could not occur unless first there was a change from the inside. What is seen on the outside depends on what has occurred first on the inside.

Another type of change is the modification that occurs on the outside and on the outside alone. Things changed on the outside are ‘fashioned’ or ‘conformed.’ Each morning we change into the clothes we are going to wear for the day. We are ‘fashioned’ for the day’s activities by wearing our jeans and boots for the farm, our jackets and dress slacks for the office or our most comfortable outfits so we can chase after the grandkids when they visit. The demands of the day influence the fashion of our clothes.

In the passage from 2 Corinthians the teachers ‘fashioned’ themselves as workers of Christ. They disguised themselves to be something that they were not. Their desire was to be accepted as true worshippers, true prophets of Christ, rather than the deceivers they actually were. They were masquerading to be something they were not. They were ‘fashioned’ on the outside.

Opposite this is the passage in Matthew 17:2, which tells of the transformation of our Lord Jesus. *He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun and His clothes became as white as the light.* What did the disciples see? Were the angels shining bright lights on him that made him ‘appear’ to be bright as the sun? No. Did he simply put on different outer garments? No. He was changed from within. His appearance was not a masquerade – it was an appearance that radiated from within. In a moment in time our Lord Jesus was transformed from his human form into the heavenly being he would assume after his resurrection. He was transformed on the outside by revealing the glory that dwelled inside.

Once again from Weirsbe – “this story of Jesus’ transformation is the kind of experience to which you and I are called by God. He wants to transform us. Either every Christian is a conformer, one who is fashioned to fit the demands of the day or they are one who is transformed from what is being done inside by the renewing work of the Holy Spirit. Our lives are being changed either by pressure from the outside (conforming) or by the power of God from within (transforming). The difference is worship.”

What do you worship? Are you conforming or are you being transformed. That which you worship will affect you as a person. If your desire is to follow the world – worship the world, bow to pressures of the world – then you will ‘fashion’ yourself to meet the demands of the world. You will be a conformist. If you worship God, in the name of the Lord Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit then you will be transformed and grow into the mature Christian which God desires for you.

You are all butterflies waiting to be exposed. The question is are you trying to pin wings on a cat-

erpillar in order to conform without any hope of becoming a real butterfly or are you in submission to the power of God in worship and awaiting the metamorphosis from within?

What do you worship? The answer to this question will lead you to the answer of the previous.

In His Service,
Pastor Tim

New Natural Church Development Survey Planned



The Session, upon recommendation from the Health Implementation Team, has decided to ask thirty church members to participate in a new Natural Church Development Survey scheduled for Saturday morning, November 18, 2006. The participants in this survey will be different than the members that participated in our earlier NCD Survey. The Session is currently putting together the list of people that will be asked to participate. Please be in prayer for those that will be asked. If you are one that is asked to participate, we trust that you will be willing to be a part of this very important process in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



The Women of the Church dedicated the 2006-2007 yearbook to Marilyn Teague.





October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Marriage Retreat

November 10-11, 2006 in
Banner Elk



The Goal of Marriage

A Bible Study by Dan B. Allender &
Tremper Longman III
Will be facilitated by
Pastor Tim



MEN'S MISSION TRIP

If you are interested in going to Biluxi,
Mississippi on the mission trip, please
contact David Brady at 704-872-5370
or David Sides at 704-585-2503.

The dates are October 29-November 4.



WORLD Communion Sunday

October 1, 2006



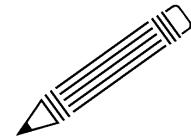
Sunday Night Meal Schedule

October 1	kitchen committee
October 8	Knit Witts
October 15	Deacons
October 22	Christian Education committee
November 5	Young Adults
November 12	Elders

If your group would like to help with a meal on one of the open dates, please contact Andy Gray at 704-873-1908

Address for Bobby Buchanan:

Robert Lewis Buchanan
PO Box 310
Polkton, NC 28135



Reformation Sunday
October 29



8 Ways to Encourage Your Pastor

Simple acts that feed a shepherd.
by Victor Parachin

Sometimes pastors are the loneliest people in the church. Often their hours are long, the pay minimal, the criticism considerable and constant. Feelings of disappointment, discouragement, and defeat may begin to plague the best of them.

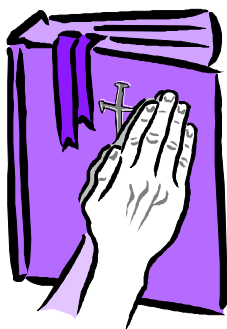
Paul's admonition to "serve one another in love" (Gal. 5:13) should encourage us to remember our shepherds. Here are eight ways to make their lives better.

1. Cut the criticism

Unlike most workers who are evaluated once or twice a year, clergy are often critiqued weekly after each worship service. It's not unusual to hear people say "the music was poor," "the hymn selection was awful," or "the sermon was boring." We would do well to remember that most spiritual leaders work hard to make worship a unique celebration each week.

2. Pray regularly

Ask God to shower your pastor with an abundance of love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, and courage. Pray for your spiritual leader's maturity and growth in the faith. As you pray keep in mind this wisdom from German writer Johann Wolfgang von Goethe: "If you treat a person as he is, he will stay as he is; but if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be, he will become what he ought to be and could be."



3. Express appreciation in writing

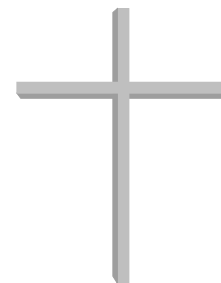
A spoken compliment is always welcome, but a written one can be read over and over again for years. So, when you hear or see something you like from your minister, write an appreciative note.

4. Use your skills to bless

Are you proficient with computers? Help your pastor master the church's new computer. Are you a mechanic? Offer to service the car free of charge or at a reduced fee.

5. Squelch gossip

If you hear a negative comment, respond with a positive one. If misinformation is being spread, correct it with the accurate information. Or, if people are gossiping, just walk away. Remember the Bible soundly condemns gossip and careless speech. James 1:26 says, "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." And Psalm 34:13 reads, "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies."



6. Offer to meet a need

Some people make their spiritual leaders defensive and angry by saying, "You need to ... " That approach is seldom welcome and almost always counterproductive. If you see a need, approach your spiritual leader by saying, "I'd like to help by ... " If you see an area that can be improved, take responsibility for working on it.

Be an active participant in your church. Get involved by teaching a class, leading a workshop, singing in the choir, feeding the hungry. Ask your spiritual leader where and how you can employ your gifts.

7. Be openly responsive

Nothing so animates and excites a spiritual leader as seeing people respond to the preaching and teaching. Imagine the surprise and delight of a pastor when greeting a visitor to his church, found they came because of the kindness of a church member who was her neighbor.

8. Throw away the measuring stick

Don't expect that your present spiritual leaders will do things the same way their predecessors did. Lay aside personal agendas and preferences. Instead, focus on how your leader is being used by God to do effective ministry now. By serving your shepherds, you will ensure that they will not only be encouraged but will feel appreciated and continue to minister with enthusiasm and energy.

A friend is someone who stays with you in the bad weather of life, guards you when you are off your guard, restrains your impetuosity, delights in your wholeness, forgives your failures, does not forsake you when others let you down.

The friendship of Jesus enables us to see others as he saw the apostles: flawed by good children of the Father.

—Brennan Manning

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Birchie Little Pope

Birchie Little Pope met Edwin Pope when she was 14 years old. They were married when she was 16, he was 20. They were married for almost 72 years, November 14, 1931- September 5, 2003. They have three children, two girls and one boy. All live in NC except for one who lives in SC. All belong to New Sterling. They have seven grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.



Birchie has been a member of New Sterling for 73 years. She was involved in YPCU and WOC, serving as vice-president and president two different times for WOC. She helped organize the Golden Christian Circle for the older ladies in the day time that could not get out at night. She stayed in the Nursery during Sunday School for 10-12 years. Birchie received the Love gift from the WOC in 1990 and the Life Membership in 1995. She has been Circle chairman and a part of several different committees. Birchie has traveled to Bonclarken many times. She has seen 10 pastors in the past 75 years at New Sterling and has liked them all. "I have been from YPCU to Senior Citizen, from running and playing to walking with a cane! HA!"

Birchie is retired. She was a former member of ABWA and a volunteer at Iredell Memorial Hospital. When she was 13 years old she worked during the summer folding and boxing sweaters (she was too young to sew) at Brenton Textiles. Then at 14 she went from that to sewing and making samples, moving up to supervision for the better part of 50 years. She retired when she was 64 years old. When she was 72 she worked at Wal-Mart for 11 years.



She has one pet, a cat. Birchie loves to travel. She has had many great opportunities, traveling to France, Bahamas, Hawaii three times, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Porto Rica and Canada. "In other words from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to Mexico and places in between. I have had a wonderful life. The Lord has been good to me and my family"

The Hendersons

Ed and Melissa Henderson were married on June 8, 1991. They met through Melissa's best friend from college and her boyfriend that Ed worked with in Forsyth.



Ed has been a police officer for 15 years for the city of Statesville and Forsyth county. Ed served four years in Marine corp. He was stationed in San Antonio, TX, then Camp Lejune, Jacksonville, NC. Melissa has been an office manager for Tire Centers, LLC for 10 years. They enjoy reading, camping and spending time with their family. Ed also likes wood working and kayaking.

Ed and Melissa with their two daughters Christina Lauren age 13 and Brianna Nicole age 7, joined New Sterling in 1998. Melissa is a K-1 Sunday School teacher. She is also involved with Women's Bible Study, Youth Shepherds and Christian Education. Ed is apart of the Friendship Sunday School Class.

Christina attends West Iredell Middle School. She is in the 8th grade. She is a part of the Youth Shepherds, has taken dance for 10 years, and is a part of the middle school band. Brianna attends Sharon Elementary. She is in the 2nd grade. Brianna is also apart of the Youth Shepherds and plays softball for Sharon. Both girls enjoy camping, playing games, and reading.

The Henderson's have several special pets. Two cats Cookie and Cup Cake, and a dog named Snowball. They enjoy traveling, especially going to the Bahamas on a cruise. They also have been to Okracoke, NC; Missouri to visit Ed's Family and to the beach.

Jim and Swanie Snyder

Jim and Swanie Snyder met through a dear friend who was an Amway Associate to both of them. She and her husband brought Jim to Swanie's house and they went out to supper at Lionburgers. They were married on June 11, 1994.

Jim has three sons, two live in NC and one lives in Michigan; seven grandchildren, two step grand children and one great grandchild. Swanie has one daughter and four grandchildren, all live in NC.

Jim joined New Sterling in 1986 and Swanie started attending in 1994 and joined in November 1997. Jim has been a Deacon and was an Elder for six years. Swanie has helped Louanne Watts teach pre-school age Sunday School since 1997. Both have served as president of the Sterling Silvers for two years. Now they are the "entertainment getters".

Swanie is also involved with Happy Seniors, playing Canasta at the Senior Center, and was Vice President of the Golden Age Club.

Jim served in the Army of the United States and Air Force. He retired from Kewaunee Scientific Corp. after 33 years there. Swanie worked for Bernhardt Furniture Co. until it closed in 1993.

In their free time Jim enjoys building model air planes from start to finish, not kits. Swanie enjoys caring and doing things for others. Both love card games, their neighbor's pets and traveling. They traveled to Hawaii in 1994, Alaska in 1999, San Francisco, Las Vegas, Niagara Falls, Branson, MO; Florida, Georgia, and many other places.



Andrea Clarke



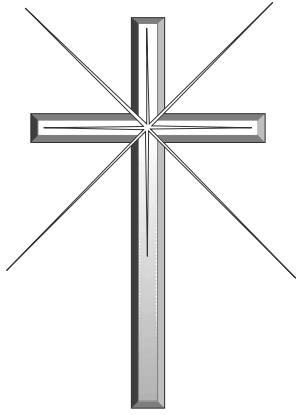
Andrea N. Clarke is 21 years old. She is the daughter of Kent and Sherry Clarke. She is a life member of New Sterling and officially joined after completing Communicates Class.

Andrea is apart of the Knit-Witts and plans to continue while at Erskine. During high school she was a part of the Youth Shepherds and was involved with the Appalachia Mission and Harlem mission trips. She was also part of the pulpit committee. "You're welcome Pastor Tim!" Harvey Reese and Kitzi Emery were her pretend parents.

Andrea currently attends Erskine College, wanting to pursue an area in the medical field. She works in the college's doctors office and tutors at night. Andrea is involved with the Beta Beta Beta (biology club), Athenian Literary Society, Student Fellowship at the Barn and Project Smile. She also teaches Christ-centered yoga and plays intramural football and softball while at school.

Some of Andrea's hobbies include: scrap booking, crochet, exercising, yoga, waterskiing, volleyball, and traveling. Traveling is Andrea's passion. She has been to Cancun, Mexico; Wales; London; Niagara Falls, Canada; Heresy, PA; Costa Rica; and she plans to be in NYC for New Years.

Andrea and her family have several special pets. Squirt, a red eared slider turtle, Levi a black lab/ collie mix which she brought him for a Mothers Day present, Lee Lou and Aly both dachshunds, and Hudini her brother's hamster.



Pastor Appreciation

Marks of a Successful Pastor

“but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the Gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.”

“You are witnesses and so is God, of how holy, righteous, and blameless we were among you who believed. For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.”

1 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Keep an Eye on Troublemakers

“I urge you, brothers, to watch for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teachings you have learned.”

Romans 16:17

Pastoral Function

“Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you. Hold them in highest regard in love because of their work.”

1 Thessalonians 5:12

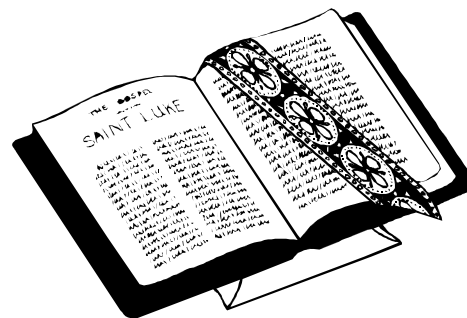
“entrust to reliable men who will be qualified to teach others.”

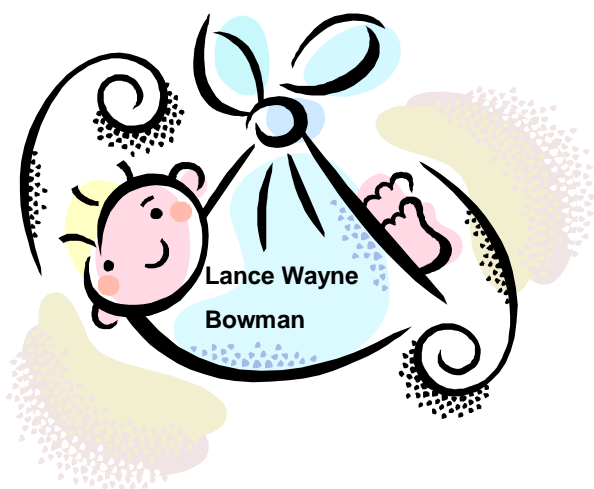
2 Timothy 2:2-6

“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead to sort their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.”

“They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, to the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.”

2 Timothy 4:1-5





Lance Wayne Bowman
Born Thursday
September 21, 2006
To Cindi and Chuck
Bowman
8 lbs 10.5 oz.
20" long

Missions at Home

“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to me.” These haunting words of our Master recorded in Matthew 25:40 remind us of our responsibility to the poor in our midst.



With these words heavy on our heart, the Missions Committee has agreed to undertake building a Habitat for Humanity house. The Session voted to establish a Habitat for Humanity Fund. When voluntary contributions reach \$40,000, we will begin construction of a house in the Statesville area (exact site to be determined) to enable a family who has never experienced the joy of owning a home to become a proud homeowner.

We invite everyone to share in the joy and excitement of this bold step. If you desire additional information, please contact David Sides or any member of the Missions Committee.

New Sterling ARP Women's Ministries

Our first meeting was on September 11th, 2006. Dr. Peggy Gray opened with prayer and welcomed us to our first meeting as the New Sterling ARP Women's Ministries. Sheila Snyder had the devotional and Louanne Watts started us on our way to studying the book of Luke. Peggy Gray and Kitzi Emery were our hostesses. Thank You both for the delicious cake and drinks. Delinda Mauney has information about shirts for the women's ministries. If you are interested in these shirts, please see Delinda for styles, colors, sizes and costs.

Our next meeting will be a joint meeting of the Golden Christian and Dorothy Dagenhart Circles on October 9th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. I would also like to encourage new members as well as present members to attend this meeting. Michelle Hairyes will have our devotional and Judy Watson will have a presentation about Woman to Woman Mentoring. I would like to encourage each of you to read our devotional book 'From the ground up' and pray for our women's ministries daily. Pray that each of us as women in our church will find our place to serve.



ARP Women's Ministries

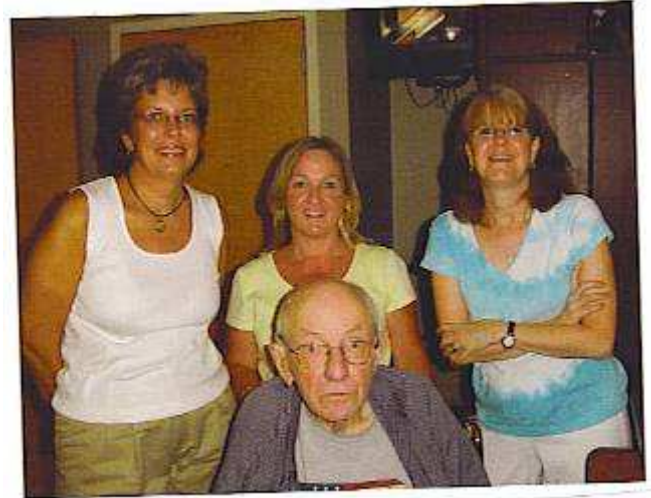
President

Sheila J. Snyder

The Knit Witts Deliver Prayer Shawls and Afghans



Norma Jenkins is presented a shawl from Muriel Jenkins, Delinda Mauney, Betty Godfrey, Pat Price, Judy Watson and Taryn Mauney



Michelle Hairyes, Sherry Clarke, Aarene Reese and Andrea Clarke presented a lap afghan to Leroy Johnson at Autumn Care



Pauline Pope was also presented a shawl from Sherry Clarke, Michelle Hairyes, Andrea Clarke and Aarene Reese

Theme Scripture

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

2 Corinthians 1: 3-4



Dot Dagenhart told tales of Pakistan before Betty, Pat, Taryn, Judy, Muriel and Delinda presented her with her prayer shawl



Mary Lippard actually received the very first Prayer Shawl before the Knit Witts were official. Pictured here are Sherry, Aarene, Michelle and Andrea



Mary Deal has a fun time with Aarene, Andrea and Sherry while Michelle takes pictures

“Hey! Did you hear about those people at New Sterling?”

Thanks for all the great news! Keep it coming! Remember school is starting soon, vacations, sports, outings, or any other “info” you would like to share please feel free. You may give your here and there to Scotti McCulloch.

Dale and Juanita Massey seen coming out of the church supply closet - in the dark!!.....**Lucille Billings** turned 101 on September 4. Happy Birthday!!.....**Taryn Mauney** getting overly excited during a Rook game.....**Sherry Clarke** recently had gallbladder surgery.....The Women of the Church dedicated the 2006-2007 year-book to **Marilyn Teague**.....**Roy Poovey** had foot surgery.....Did we hear that **Katy Blevins** is planning a wedding soon?.....**Anthony Brady** had shoulder surgery on September 20....

Brian and Taryn celebrated their first anniversary with a trip to Lake Lure and also have a new addition to their family, a puppy named Cooper..... Ask **Brian** how he feels about nose bleeds.....**Katy Blevins’** fiancé’ **Josh Campbell** is in the Navy and will be stationed in Norfolk, VA on the USS Bataan... **Katy** is currently attending-Mitchell Community College to become a registered nurse. **Katy** will

Stay here until she finishes this semester of school. Then if **Josh** is not deported at that time and they can work things out, she will probably go up to Virginia.

“NO! What did they do?”

Here and There!!!!



It's a Boy!

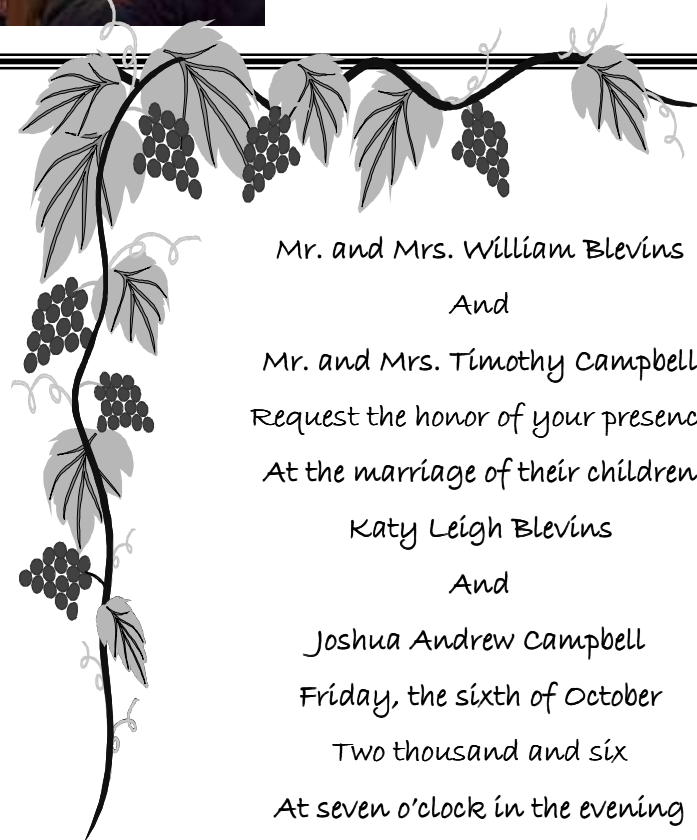
**You are invited to a
Baby shower for
Julie Alghrary
Sunday, October 8
From 2:00-4:00 pm
In the Friendship Sunday
School Class room**



**Tyler Andrew
Pope was baptized
on September 10**



*For as many of you
as were baptized into Christ
have put on Christ.
Galatians 3:27*



Mr. and Mrs. William Blevins
And
Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Campbell
Request the honor of your presence
At the marriage of their children
Katy Leigh Blevins
And
Joshua Andrew Campbell
Friday, the sixth of October
Two thousand and six
At seven o'clock in the evening
New Amity ARP Church
Scotts, North Carolina



Please plan to join us for a reception in the church Fellowship hall

Sarah Watts
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**Remember our College
Students with a note or a
card.**



CHURCH PHONE

A man in Topeka, Kansas, decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there. Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and making notes.

He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall, and was intrigued with a sign that read, "\$10,000 per minute."

Seeking out the pastor, he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that the golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven, and if he pays the price, he can talk directly to God.

The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way.

As he continued to visit churches in Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver, Chicago, Milwaukee, and around the United States, he found more such phones, with the same sign, and the same explanation from each pastor.

Comedy Corner

Finally, the man arrived in the lovely state of Alabama.

Upon entering a church, behold: he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time the sign read: "Calls: 25 cents"!

Fascinated, the man asked to speak with the pastor. "Pastor, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found this golden telephone, and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven, and that I could use it to talk to God..

But in 20 other churches, the cost was \$10,000 per minute. Your sign says 25 cents per call. Why is that?

The pastor, smiling benignly, replied:

"Son, you're in the South now, and it's a local call."



Homebound and Assisted Living

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Stony Point, NC 28678
704-585-6960

Pauline Pope
Autumn Care
2001 Vanhaven Drive
Statesville, NC 28625

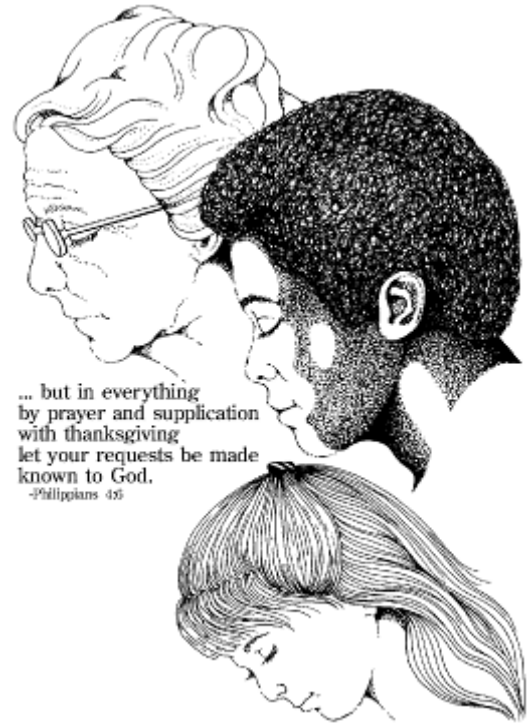
Leroy Johnson
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Mary Deal
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Statesville, NC 28625

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

Edith Reese
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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



The Knit Witts hard at work at one of their regular monthly meetings.



October Birthdays

1 Lonnie Elliott
 1 Kenneth Gray
 3 Elizabeth Moose
 3 Richard Williams
 4 Dean Melton
 5 Sylvia Denman
 6 Bryan Pope
 7 Lynne Benfield
 7 Michael Pope
 8 Melissa Kuelbs
 8 Bill Linderman
 8 Chris Pope
 8 Judy Pope
 8 Brice Reese
 9 Andy Gray
 9 Kathy Pope
 9 Davey Winters
 10 Linda Pope

11 Harvey Reese, Jr
 11 Amber Snyder
 12 Michael Campbell
 13 Maggie Emery
 13 Lillian Jenkins
 13 Lynne Pope
 13 Pauline Pope
 13 Judy Watson
 13 Jennifer Waugh



14 Jason Brady
 14 Connell Gray
 14 Lisa Hartness
 16 Sherry Boggs
 16 Gray Emery
 17 Avis Pope
 18 Roger Stewart
 19 Maude McNeely
 21 Bob Shoemaker
 23 Earl Linderman
 23 Sheila Warren
 23 Tra Watson
 25 Mandy Patterson
 25 Ruth Talbert
 26 Mark Deal
 26 Jared Hauck
 28 Delinda Mauney
 29 Dorothy Dancy

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

******In recognition of Pastor Appreciation month and every day of the year, we as a congregation need to be in constant prayer for Pastor Tim and Judy. We are very lucky to have them with us. Thank you both for all you do!**

A note from the Newsletter Editors