



# The Courier

*A Message from our Pastor...*

September 2011

## GOOD SILENCE

### Points of Interest

- Youth News
- Senior Events
- Sunday Night Ministries Kick-off

Sow for yourselves  
righteousness,  
reap the fruit  
of unflinching  
love ...  
Hosea 10:12, NIV



I have nothing to say. It is my first day back from a very relaxing vacation in a beautiful part of our country and I have nothing to say. I put off writing my newsletter article until I returned home because I thought the break might produce some profound insight or inspirational moment to share. Instead, I am sitting here looking at a blank screen and a blinking cursor demanding I type something. I just don't feel I have anything to offer.

You know what? I am OK with that. There are several incidents in Scripture where God reveals that there are times when fewer words are better. "Be quick to listen and slow to speak." "Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No,' 'No'." "When you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans who think they will be heard because of their many words." "Be still and know that I am God." The point seems to be that the moments of silence in our life are the moments when we are best able to hear and understand God's presence and work in our lives, the moments when we are truly able to hear the voice of Christ and our fellow man. Interesting that in a day and age when we have so much technology designed to keep us in constant contact with others that silence is still what we need sometimes in order to hear.

So my article this month is white page. It is not an offering of laziness but an offering of silence. Take the time you would spend reading the rest of this page and give it to silence. Perhaps this is time when you will be able to hear the voice you truly need to hear.

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## Ministry Team News

### Children's Team

We are excited to have Kristi Rehrauer and Sally Farnham join the Children's Ministry Team. Welcome, Kristi and Sally!

The nursery rotation still needs 4 volunteers to keep our youngest church members. Please contact the church office or Amy Harrison to answer this call.



If you are interested in volunteering for the annual Trunk or Treat, please see a member of the team.

Our children's church team will have Children's Church on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. This ministry is open to our school age children.

### Family Team

### Book Discussion Group

"When Religion Becomes Lethal" by Charles Kimball  
Thursday, September 22 – 7 PM Barnes & Noble Café



### Formations Team



### Prime Time:

Time Management from a Spiritual Perspective

An 8 Week Sunday School Great Light Seminar Presented by Deb Spivey

We will look at the life of Jesus and how He mastered time. We will learn from His example, look at our Christian commitment to "seek first the kingdom of God", evaluate our personal use of time, and plan ways we can be good stewards of the time God has given us.

Beginning Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:45 in the Old Kitchen across from the bathrooms near the children's wing.

Sign Up in the Vestibule!

New Sunday School Year Begins Sunday, September 11! This Will Be Move Up Day For Children!

### Missions Team

Homeless Shelter – Responsible for the meal for the Homeless Shelter for Wednesday, Sept. 7: Stacia Durham, Alec & Sandy French, Mike & Susan Harrington, Dale & Paula Harrison, Susie Lowder.

### Brunswick Stew—Friday, October 14



The food from Communion Sunday was given to Loaves & Fishes.

Your donation to Loaves & Fishes has brought many blessings upon our ministry and the people that come to us for assistance. We just thank you with all our hearts for your support during these really hard times. You do bring sunshine to our day. Brenda

### Resource Team



It's back to school time! Please remember that you can come by the library and check out various children and chapter books that they can read towards their "Battle of the books" requirement at school. We have books for the beginner reader up through teenage chapter books. Remember to return books so others may read them too! Happy Reading!!!

## Stewardship Team

We would like to thank you for continuing to give towards our "Debt Free in 2013" building campaign. We are currently at 74% of reaching our 2011 goal of \$70,000. If we average \$3,600/month for the rest of the year of additional pledges towards this campaign, we will meet our 2011 commitment. Contributions to our regular funds are running behind expenses this summer so we continue to ask for your monetary support and for the teams to closely monitor expenses. The Stewardship members appreciate all of your support and continued prayers as we continue to work through some of these financial challenges. In the near future, you will be hearing more about fund-raising activities for our "Debt Free in 2013" campaign. If you have any ideas, please send these to any members of the team: Cathy Johnson, Kathy Hines, Bobby Roach, Bill Mann, NR Franks, or Eules Wyrick.

## Worship Team

Simeon's Promise  
And  
Mr. Earl Brewer  
In concert

Sunday August 28 at 6:00 PM

Love Offering taken and  
refreshments afterward.  
Please help by inviting family,  
friends and neighbors.

### Sept. 11 Remembrance Day

We will have a time of remembrance during the worship service and have invited members of local fire and police departments to be a part of this service that we may show our appreciation for their service to our community.



Looking ahead...

Homecoming  
Sunday, Oct. 9

The service will begin at  
10:30 AM.

## Music Notes



Your Sunday night children's leaders are getting ready for another great year of Music and Missions starting Sept. 11. This year's music theme is *The Big Picture-using all of the arts to praise God*. During the year we will learn how God wants us each to use all our talents and gifts to worship Him, serve our church family, and share Jesus with others. Then, we will all start to find our place in God's big picture.

...Happy Hearts will resume rehearsals on Sept 6 and Sept. 27 at 10:00 AM. Our ministry is to Retirement Homes and Nursing facilities. Anyone is welcome to join this music group and share a ray of sunshine with our older folks in the community. The only requirement is that you enjoy singing!

...Please consider being a part of the Worship Choir this year. Any amount of time you can give will be appreciated and your voice or instrument will be an added blessing to our worship times. Rehearsal is Wed. nights at 7:30 PM.

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Senior Adult Team Meeting - Friday, September 2 10:30 am

Senior Adult Breakfast at Ramada - Tuesday, September 6 8:30 am

"Circle of Friends" - Wednesday, September 7 9:30 am

Prayer and Praise - Wednesday, September 7 - At Hispanic Mission Church at FBC Graham 6:45 - 8:30 pm

Sunday Night Ministries Kick-off! - September 11

Senior Adult Luncheon - Tuesday, September 20 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Entertainer - Puppeteer Reu Christensen

Menu - Chicken Pie, Green Beans, Potatoes, Salad, Dessert

September Birthday Luncheon at Ramada - Wednesday, September 21 12:30 pm

Senior Adult Sunday! - Sunday, September 25



# Youth News

## Just a thought...

Well I am the last one to turn my newsletter article in for this month. Janice is patiently waiting for me to finalize my details, and then the newsletter is off to the presses! However, I am glad I am the last one because I can talk about something that I just experienced for the first time - and something that may have been a first too! EARTHQUAKE! That's right, the church and the ground in which it is planted on just shook. Facebook is lighting up like a firefly with messages from people shaking from Georgia all the way north to Canada. Can it really be an earthquake? The news is saying a 5.8 on the Richter scale, centered somewhere in Virginia.

Not something I was expecting today and the more I think about it, kind of scary and uneasy feeling. We are in Elon, not in California or Colorado. Earthquakes don't happen here. I wasn't ready for it and I don't know what to do when one comes. I guess I will dive into the books and online to understand proper "earthquake protocol"! From a spiritual perspective, when was the last time that you had a faith "earthquake". I mean something shook your faith foundation and it made you feel uneasy or unsure about what just happened? Whether it be something good - an experience with God - or something not so good - a health scare or even a faith question - I think the more faith earthquakes the better! We need our faith to be shaken, because this makes us realize that we are not in control, that God is. We need to ask questions because this allows our faith to grow and stretch, and not stay stagnant! Faith earthquakes can be life changing - when was the last one you had? I hope very recently.

Now back to those "earthquake protocol" details...

David


## Upcoming Youth Ministries...

**YOUTH FALL RETREATS!**  
  
MIDDLE SCHOOL -  
October 21 - 23  
Camp Chestnut Ridge  
Efland, NC  
(Back up date - October 28 - 30)  
  
HIGH SCHOOL -  
November 11 - 13  
The Old Greer House  
Banner Elk, NC  
(Back up date - November 18 - 20)  
  
Sign Ups Begin in September!

**September Youth Ministries**  
  
Louisville Mission Trip Team Report  
Sunday, September 4  
9:00 am - Practice  
10:55 am - Worship Service  
  
Emerge!  
Sunday, September 11, 18, 25  
9:45 am  
  
Consuming Fire!  
Sunday, September 11, 18, 25  
5:30 pm  
  
YOZONE Fund-raiser for FBC Elon Youth  
Tuesday, September 13  
ALL DAY! - 10% goes to the youth  
  
Task Force: Salvation Army + Zack's  
Lunch Saturday, September 17  
9:30 am - 1:30 pm  
  
Administration Team Meeting  
Sunday, September 18  
9:00 am  
  
Youth Parents "THINK TANK"  
Saturday, September 24  
6:00 - 8:00 pm  
@ The Durham's House

**YOUTH WEEK 2011**  
  
October 2 - 8  
  
Get ready to invite your friends and sign up in the youth room!  
  
Yozone, ZBowl, Laser X, Scavenger Hunt, Dinner Out, and Western vs Williams FB Game!  
  
Don't forget the "frozen t-shirts"!

 **Heart 2 Heart Ministry**  
2011 - 2012  
Sign Up  
the entire month of  
September!

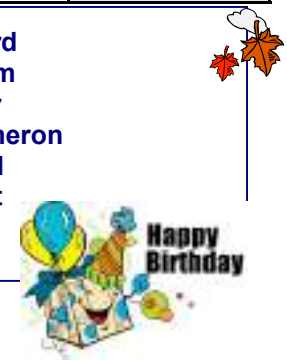
  
  
Sophia Allred September 6  
David Farnham September 22

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Worship Opportunities:            9:30 AM Deacons' Prayer            9:45 AM Sunday School            10:55 AM Morning Worship            5:00 PM Fellowship Supper            5:30 PM Consuming Fire! (Youth)            5:30 PM Children's Music &amp; Missions            5:45 PM Adult Study            6:15 PM RA's, GA's</p>				1	2 10:30 AM Senior Adult Team Mtg.	3
4 10:55 AM-12:15 PM Louisville Mission Trip Team Report	5 <i>Labor Day</i> Church office Closed	6 8:30 AM Senior Adult Breakfast at Ramada Inn 10 AM "Happy Hearts" Rehearsal	7 8:30-10 AM Career Net 9:30 AM "Circle of Friends" 6:45-8:30 PM Prayer & Praise to Hispanic Church FBC Graham NO Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 <i>Patriot Day</i> Children's Church Remembrance Day Service - AM Sunday Night Ministries Kick-off begins	12	13 YOZONE Youth Fundraiser	14 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh.	15 12 PM Angel Food Order Deadline	16	17 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30AM-1:30PM Task Force: Salvation Army & Zack's
18 <i>Newsletter Due</i> 9 AM Youth Adm. Team Mtg. 4 PM Church Council Mtg.	19 Fellowship Hall reserved 5-8pm	20 11:30 AM Senior Adult Luncheon	21 8:30-10 AM Career Net 12:30 PM Sr. Adult Birthday Lunch Ramada Inn 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh.	22 7 PM Book Discussion Group at Barnes & Noble Café	23 <i>Autumn begins</i>	24 8:30-9 AM Angel Food Pickup 4-8 PM Fellowship Hall reserved 6-8 PM Youth Parents @ the Durham's Home
25 Senior Adult Sunday! - AM Children's Church	26 Fellowship Hall reserved 6pm	27 10 AM "Happy Hearts" Rehearsal	28 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh.	29	30 Sanctuary Reserved	

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jason Miller
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Peggy Truitt
- 4<sup>th</sup> Kimberly Jenkins
- 4<sup>th</sup> Melissa Jenkins
- 5<sup>th</sup> Colleen Russell
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sophia Allred
- 8<sup>th</sup> Kathy Hines

- 8<sup>th</sup> Jonathan Moody
- 8<sup>th</sup> Donald Henry
- 8<sup>th</sup> Susan Reagan
- 9<sup>th</sup> David Brenner
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ida Mae Sawyer
- 13<sup>th</sup> Willard Barnette
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nina Harrison

- 16<sup>th</sup> Garrett Howard
- 22<sup>nd</sup> David Farnham
- 24<sup>th</sup> Brady Lowder
- 27<sup>th</sup> Crawford Dameron
- 28<sup>th</sup> Travis Russell
- 30<sup>th</sup> Helen Bennett



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### *Gifts & Memorials...*

*The church appreciates the following gifts.*

#### **Building Fund:**

Anne Uzzell      In honor of our Church Families, September Birthdays & Anniversaries.

#### **Music Fund:**

M/M John Dawson In memory of Mildred Cole.

#### **State Missions:**

Anne Uzzell      In honor of Ida Mae Sawyer & Barbara Dawson.

#### **Regular Fund:**

Janie Brown      In memory of Jo Gattis' daughter.  
Doris Kelly      In memory of Jo Gattis' daughter.

#### Card of Thanks



Dear Church Family,

Ronnie and I thank all of you for the prayers that have gone up for us. The cards that come almost everyday shows me that I am not forgotten. It does get lonely at times.

"Fear not I am your God" is with me all the time."  
Things are moving in the right direction and it is in God's hands.

In Christ,  
Ronnie & Diana Ledbetter

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

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Fellowship Supper - 5 PM  
Cost: \$3/adult & \$2/children

Youth "Consuming Fire!"  
Middle School - "Gettin' Tough"  
High School - "Roaring Lambs"  
5:30 - 7:30 PM

Children Music & Missions - 5:30 PM

Preschool Music & Mission Friends  
5:30-6:30 PM

Adults "A Study of Prayer"- 5:45 PM

RA's, GA's - 6:15 PM