



The Courier

A Message from our Pastor...

March 2011

Points of Interest

- Lenten & Easter Schedule
- Senior Events
- Youth News
- Klesis Groups



Sunday, March 13

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REJOICE ALWAYS

Some of you may have figured out over the years that one of my favorite passages of Scripture is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." As I was thinking about those words this morning, I realized how many times in my own life and how many times in the life of the church we tend to focus more on the last 2 instructions than on the very first. God wants us to celebrate, wants us to have joy. There are difficult times that we face, to be sure. Still, when I reflect on my own life, I see that God has always found ways to bring joy, even in the midst of my darkest days. Sometimes it might be just a moment, here and gone before I know it. Still, it was a gift nonetheless that reminds me that God was still working in my life.

It is just as important as individuals and as a church to take time to rejoice along with taking time to pray and give thanks. So I thought this month I would pass on a couple of things that we as a congregation have the opportunity to rejoice about.

New friends. Reggie & Patsy Vick joined our church fellowship a couple of weeks ago.

They are a great couple who have already become such a blessing to our congregation. If you haven't had a chance to meet them yet, I hope you will take the time soon. Several other individuals and families have joined our church or become active participants in our worship, fellowship, and service in recent months. What a great blessing to be able to form new bonds of Christian brotherhood and sisterhood!

Watching seeds sprout. The first time we met Carson Foushee, he was a freshman at Elon University who was looking for a church to worship at while he was at college. Over his four years, Carson became not only a worship attender but a singer in our choir and leader in our youth ministry. This past Sunday night, in our Elon Roundtable session, the church voted to form an ordination committee to meet with Carson and bring a recommendation before the church regarding ordaining him into Christian ministry. What an amazing opportunity!

Moving towards the Promised Land. Also at our Roundtable meeting, the Stewardship Committee reported that we were getting off to a good start with our "Debt Free in '13" campaign. A little more than a month into the campaign, we have raised over \$32,000 that has been or will be applied directly to the principal of the loan. There are signs all over the church tracing our progress in putting aside this burden. What a great start!

Feeding the hungry. During their "Souper Bowl" emphasis, the RA's collected over 200 items that were donated to a local food pantry. Part of our basic service in the name of Christ is to feed the hungry, and what a great opportunity to do so. Thanks to our RA's for their hard work!

Spreading the Word of God. Many of you participated in the "You've Got the Time" initiative last year, when we dedicated 40 days to listening to the New Testament. As part of that effort, we took up a collection to support the recording the New Testament in the heart language of unreached people groups. I got a letter today saying that 482 churches, including ours, have participated in the initiative so far, donating over \$220,000 to provide recordings for millions of people all over the world to hear the gospel in their own language.

God is doing good things, and He is inviting us to be a part of what He is accomplishing. That is something that we can and should rejoice over!

Mark

Ministry Team News

Children's Team



VBS is June 19-23.
Scenery Workshops are 9 am-12 pm on March 19, April 9 & 30.
Anyone interested in helping paint & build scenery contact Paula Harrison or Margaret.

Do you have pandas, bamboo, or other Asian themed items that we could use for VBS? Talk to a Children's Ministry Team member!

Family Team

Book Discussion Group - Thursday, March 17th at 7 pm
Barnes and Noble Café "Choosing To See" by Mary Beth Chapman



The Family Ministry Team is looking for three to four individuals who are willing to serve on a new College Ministry Team which will start in the Fall of 2011. If you feel you are being lead and would like to be involved and work with college age students, plus looking for a challenge, please consider serving on this team. If you are interested, please contact Linda Barefoot.

Formations Team



Re-Union
A Sunday School Experience
March 6 9:45 Fellowship Hall
All adult Sunday school classes will meet in the fellowship hall for refreshments, devotion, and fellowship.
This Re-Union experience is being led by the New Beginnings Sunday school class

Klesis
Small groups will begin meeting this month!
Be sure to sign up. Don't be left out!

Missions Team

Homeless Shelter – Responsible for the meal for the Homeless Shelter for Wednesday, March 2: ADK Sorority
A big thanks to everyone that gave food to our "Souper Bowl" Canned Food Drive. We collected 204 items for Allied Churches Soup Kitchen. Thank you for supporting our mission projects.
RA's

Resource Team



Stop by the library and celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading his books. Read about the silly characters that come to life in Seussville.
If you would like to make a monetary donation to the church library, you may do so in someone's honor or memory. If you have any older children's books you would like to donate, please drop them by the library at any time. Thank you for all donations. It is greatly appreciated.

Worship Team



Ash Wednesday Service at Elon Community Church - March 9 at 7 PM

The Worship Team is trying to determine the best ways to serve our church family. We would like your input on how you would like the announcements to be made during worship. A brief survey will be included in the bulletin on Sunday, March 13th. Please take the time to fill it out and place it in the offering plate.

MUSIC NOTES

...Thank you church family and friends for your prayers and concern for me last week. I am feeling much better.

...Musical rehearsals have begun for the Easter musical drama "Because He Lives" to be presented on Sunday evening April 17 at 6:00 PM. If you would like to sing with the choir or would be available to help in the drama (non-speaking roles) please let me, Cathy Johnson or Linda Morris know ASAP.

...Looking ahead - The Children's End of Year Program will be Sunday morning May 22. The theme is "Saddle Ridge Ranch."

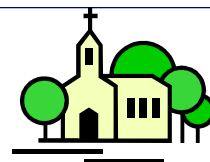
Concert of interest- The NC Baptist Singers will be in concert at Friendly Avenue Baptist Church, Greensboro on March 21 at 6:45 p.m. Anyone interested in attending please see me.

..."He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.
Zephaniah 3:17
Blessings, Margaret



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

Senior Adult Breakfast - Tuesday, March 1 8:30 am Ramada Inn
"Circle of Friends" - Wednesday, March 2 9:30 am (Lunch at Ramada afterwards)
Community Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday, March 9 7:00 pm
Elon Community Church - Mark Preaching
Senior Adult Team - Friday, March 11 10:30 am
Bingo Ministry at Blakey Hall - Saturday, March 26 2:00 pm (Faith SS Class - Helpers)
FBC Elon Youth Day at Cici's Pizza - Sunday, March 27 ALL DAY - 20% to Youth - Bring Promo in!
Looking Ahead...
Fun and Fellowship Trip - Abingdon, VA - Barter Theater
Tuesday, April 12 6:00 am - 7:00 pm Cost - \$10/person + Food Expenses



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our New Members!!

Reggie & Patsy Vick
800 Croftwood Dr.
Gibsonville, NC 27249

449-9379

Joined February 6, 2011

**2011 Louisville Experience
"Change the World" Collection
February 27 - March 27**

Pick up your coin banks in the church foyer!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Chick-fil-a, Ice Cream, and Karaoke Night at FBC Elon!

Saturday, April 30

5:00 - 7:30 pm!

(This is a fund-raiser for the 2011 Youth Mission Trip to Louisville!)

Just a Thought...

Over the past few weeks, Luke has become obsessed with the Bible. Every night before bed time, he gets to choose which two or three stories he wants to read. Number 1 on his list is his children's Bible. Of course, he has his favorite stories - the darkness at Creation, God making Adam and Eve, the story of Noah, the story of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus, and now even John the Baptist. It seems like he can never get enough.

This obsession of Luke's has caused me to take a step back and look at my own life. If I had a free five or ten minutes to read anything, what would I choose? The newspaper? The updates on Facebook? The latest fiction novel? Or like Luke, would I choose the Bible? I can honestly say that most of the time the Bible is on the bottom of the list - one that I never get around to.

The things that we can learn from a two year old. So I ask the question to you: what is your choice in reading?

David

Upcoming Youth Ministries...



YOUTH Easter

Lock-In

March 25-26

\$10/person

Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt, Midnight Bowling and Games at Z-Bowl, Movies, Games, and More!

Sign up in the Youth Room - Bring a couple friends!



Welcome Spring!

March Youth Ministries

Task Force: Bag Lunches at Allied Churches
Saturday, March 5
10:00 am - 12:45 pm

Emerge!
Sundays @ 9:45 am
March 6 - Going to Biscuitville!
March 13, 20, 27 - Youth Room

Consuming Fire!
Sundays @ 5:30 pm
March 6, 13, 27

Administration Team Meeting
Sunday, March 13
9:00 am

"The Breakfast Club"
Wednesday, March 16
6:45 am at B-ville on Huffman Mill Rd.

Youth Family Trip: Harlem Globetrotters
Sunday, March 20
3:00 pm
(No SN Youth activities this night!)

Youth Easter Lock In!
Friday, March 25 - Saturday, March 26
7:00 pm - 8:00 am
Cost - \$10/person
(Youth can bring up to two friends!)

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FBC Elon Youth Day at Cici's Pizza
Sunday, March 27
ALL DAY 20% - just bring in the promo flier!

Mission Trip Team Meeting
Sunday, March 27
7:00 pm

2011 LOUISVILLE EXPERIENCE

"Change the World" Collection



February 27 - March 27

Pick up your coin banks in the church foyer!

Wishing You a
Happy Birthday!



Zeke Ferguson March 14
Ethan Reinheimer March 20
Katherine Hill March 23



Ushers/Greeters: Michael Allison, Ed Dupree, Dave Harris, John Hines, Jeff Prichard, Bobby Roach, John Russell, Judy Tickle

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<p>27 Youth Day at Cici's Pizza 7 PM Youth Mission Trip Mtg.</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM Rookie Ringers 7 PM Elon Bronze Fellowship Hall reserved 6pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 8:30-10 AM Career Net 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Reh</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Sunday Worship Opportunities: 9:30 AM Deacons' Prayer 9:45 AM Sunday school 10:55 AM Morning Worship 4:00 PM SHINE! 5:00 PM Fellowship Meal 5:30 PM Consuming Fire (Youth) Children's Music 5:45 PM Adults 6:15 PM RA's, GA's, Mission Friends</p>																																											

1 st Brittany Stowe	14 th Zeke Ferguson	21 st Angie Dameron
4 th Michael Spivey	16 th Tim Dameron	23 rd Amy Nix
5 th Kim Hensley	17 th Ed Dupree	23 rd Larry Durham
6 th David Durham	17 th Deb Spivey	23 rd Kaley McCloskey
6 th Morgan McBane	17 th Jennifer Durham	23 rd Katherine Hill
8 th Kay McCloskey	17 th Patsy Vick	25 th Liz Hill
8 th Lindsay Watkins	20 th Joseph Reinheimer	25 th Reggie Vick
10 th Bobby Roach	20 th Ethan Reinheimer	26 th Walt Lehman
12 th Tom Kerr	21 st David Hall	31 st Gary Miller



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Gifts & Memorials

The church appreciates the following gifts...

Building Fund:

Anne Uzzell In honor of our Church Families, March Birthdays & Anniversaries. In memory of Janice Somers' cousin, Tommy Hill's aunt & Eb Hill.

M/M W.H. Bryant In memory of Eb Hill.
M/M Hosea Wyrick In memory of Eb Hill.

CBF Missions Fund:

Anne Uzzell In honor of David & Shirley Hall.

Regular Fund:

Betsy Wall In memory of William Troxler.
Anne Maynard In memory of Eb Hill.
Patricia Howerton In memory of Eb Hill.
M/M Tim Joyce In memory of Eb Hill.
Nancy Sain In memory of Eb Hill.
Lucille Calligan In memory of Eb Hill.
M/M Sam Finley In memory of Eb Hill.
Ellen Tickle In memory of Eb Hill.



LENT and EASTER SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 9
Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM
Elon Community Church

Sunday, April 17
Palm Sunday
Easter Musical Drama "Because He Lives"
6 PM

Wednesday, April 20
The Lenten Prayer Service 6:45 PM

Friday, April 22
Church Wide Movie - *The Passion of the Christ* 6-8 PM

Sunday, April 24
Easter Sunday