

Shepherd's Journal

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PASTOR'S NOTES

“Everybody talks about the weather/economy/state of the world, but nobody does anything about it.”

There is a great deal of talk about our county's low graduation rate and high number of absences. Do you want to do something about it? Dan Mankins is coordinating a mentoring program that will enable you to make the difference in a student's life.

One child, headed toward dropping out and possibly prison, could find the encouragement and help needed to stay in school and become a productive citizen - if one person chooses to provide that help.

Jesus said “Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these, my brothers, you have done it unto me.”

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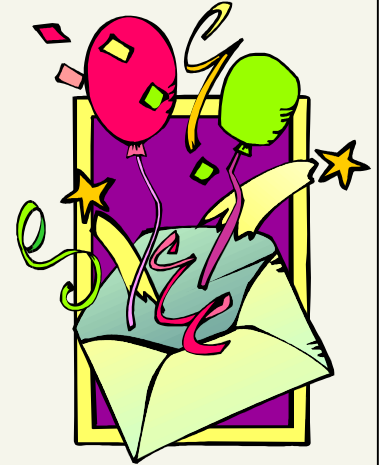


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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

<u>October 01</u> Rich Poling	<u>October 15</u> Chris Kines	<u>October 26</u> Chloe McKinney
<u>October 02</u> Gary Sinsel	<u>October 18</u> Janie Skinner	Dave Patterson
Ryley Bolyard	Brittany Coughlin	<u>October 27</u> Laurie Smith
<u>October 03</u> Jason Robinson	<u>October 19</u> Robert McCartney	<u>October 28</u> Jerry Sturm
<u>October 04</u> Zachary Swiger	Don Harman	<u>October 29</u> Kirsten Brown
<u>October 05</u> Rob Mayle	<u>October 22</u> Troy Bolyard	Shelby Bolyard
Josh Coffman	Cody Rucker	<u>October 30</u> June Upton
<u>October 07</u> Tom Mason	<u>October 23</u> Claiborne Kunce	Steve Kines
<u>October 10</u> Sebie Jenkins	<u>October 24</u> Cody Drainer	Crystal Finch Bays
Denver Chambers	<u>October 25</u> Drake Toothman	<u>October 31</u> Ronald McBee
<u>October 11</u> Lance Marshall	Gary Foster	Kaelyn Drainer
	Lorretta Corrothers	



Heifer Project - Reminder - As you celebrate your birthday, think of those that are less fortunate by placing 1 penny for each year of your age in the Birthday Church. The wooded church is located in the Narthex of our church. Happy Birthday, Nurture Committee

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<u>October 1st</u> Lisa and Paul Faulkner	<u>October 10th</u> Cheryl and Joedy Lambert	<u>October 19th</u> Rebecca and Reuben Gillispie
<u>October 6th</u> Peter Brown and Monica Wolfe	<u>October 14th</u> Frank and Jean Faulkner	<u>October 23rd</u> Linda and Ronald McBee
<u>October 8th</u> John and Shirley Shay Michelle and John Moon III	<u>October 15th</u> Mary Beth and Mike Drainer	<u>October 24th</u> Andy and Debbie Grinnan



OCTOBER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 3 - World Communion Sunday 7:00 - Pie Social	October 19 - 5:00 Nurture Committee 6:30 Finance Committee 7:30 Administrative Council
October 4 - 6:30 Little Shepherds Board 7:30 Trustees Committee Meeting	October 26 - Taylor County Parish @ St. John's UMC
October 5 - 6:30 Worship Committee	October 31 - 10:45 All Saints' Day Remembrance Service

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FLOCK - CONVERSATIONS WITH CARLA

Over the Labor Day weekend our church lost a member of The Greatest Generation. Spencer Howard fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. (2nd Timothy 4:7). Spencer became one of my friends after I talked to him about his life for this column. He was a gentleman and enjoyed talking to anyone. Spencer loved his family and missed his wife, the love of his life, after she died. He moved to Grafton to live in his daughter Maggie's home. He loved the potato soup and corn bread at the dinners at church. Spencer had health problems in his later years but still enjoyed working in his garden. He remained busy all of his life. I will miss my friend.

Here is an expanded version of Spencer's previously published article:

Spencer Howard was born and raised on a farm in Mecklenberg, North Carolina and went to school in Cornelious. The farm was twenty miles north of Charlotte, which was the county seat. He lived on the farm until he was twenty-one. Spencer had a couple of job offers before this but his father needed him to help work the farm. He had five brothers and two sisters.

Spencer was drafted into the Army and was to report on September 21, 1943. The first part of September he went to the recruiting office to see if he could volunteer to go to the Air Force instead. After taking some tests, he went to the Air Force the day after his birthday on September

18.

He reported to Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was then sent to Fort Jackson in Columbia to get shots and take exams. From there he was sent to Bainsbridge, Georgia to take basic training.

Next Spencer was off to Goldsboro, North Carolina, to Aircraft Mechanics School. He was then sent to Fort Myers, Florida to Air Gunnery School, and met a man named Carl from outside of Charlotte while in this school and they became life-long friends. When he finished the gunnery school he automatically became a sergeant.

He was told that he had to complete a year of college before he could continue his classes. He rode a train to Bluefield, West Virginia. A bus met them and took them to Concord College. The last month that they were there, on Saturdays, he flew Piper Cubs for an hour in Princeton. After they were finishing flying at about 3:00 they were free until 6:00 on Sunday. At this time there was a trolley between Princeton and Bluefield.

During this time he also found out that he was subject to motion sickness. The instructor on the first and second flight did tail spins. After the third flight he went to the flight surgeon who released him. We were winning the war at that time so they

didn't need as many pilots. They made him a librarian. He went to Buloski, Mississippi for reassignment. At this time his father called him to come home because his mother was dying. After he returned he went to Chuneti Field in Illinois for schooling as an Air Plane Electrical Specialist. When Spencer arrived for the training they assigned him to be the instructor instead.

This was how Spencer came to meet the love of his life. His wife's name was Mary Rebecca but her mother's best friend renamed her Mary Jane and that is what she went by. He said the Good Lord delivered her to him. She was from War, West Virginia. They met sometime in April and were married the next year on February 10. When they were getting ready to get married, he went to get a haircut and when he returned to base one of the other men said that the commanding officer was looking for him. The officer told him that he would be shipped out on February 13. Spencer called Mary Jane's house to tell her that he couldn't leave the base. She was at the beauty shop but at that time there were party lines so the operator rang

"She wrote to him every single day that he was gone."

SPOTLIGHT ON THE FLOCK - CONTINUED CONVERSATIONS WITH CARLA

the beauty shop for him. She came to the base with two friends so that they could get married. They had a wonderful life for fifty-six years.

On February 13 he went to Salt Lake City to get shipped out. Mary Jane went back home. She wrote to him every single day that he was gone. She was a wonderful wife and mother. She earned a master's degree from Marshall and taught for forty years at Big Creek High School. They have two children Randy Clark Howard, and Margaret Lemasters. When Margaret moved to Grafton she became known as Maggie.

When Spencer shipped out on February 13 he traveled in a convoy of ships to the Philippines to Leyte Island, to be reassigned as an airplane electrician. Spencer was then on to Manila. They stayed in bunks in tents. He said it was so hot that you couldn't stand it. Spencer started working on electric generators at this time.

Spencer then moved to Okinawa, Japan. The first atom bomb was dropped while they were on the ship. They thought that Japan would surrender and the war would be over. They were there about a month when the second bomb was dropped. Japan surrendered at this time and MacArthur went in and Spencer's group followed him in. The team reported to a new barracks that was being built. The sergeant put him in charge of finishing the wiring. Spencer then returned to San Francisco Bay in 1945. The water was so rough they had to stay on

the ship until after Christmas. He rode a train to Fort Bragg and met his wife in Winston Salem.

At this time they returned to War, West Virginia, where Spencer worked for a power company that was owned by West Virginia Engineering.

In 1975, they retired and moved to Fernandina, Florida. They lived near his brother-in-law and sister-in-law's house. He was able to fish a lot when they lived there, catching sea trout and flounder. Spencer showed me a picture of a large sea trout that he had caught.

They attended a Baptist church while they lived in War since Jane's family was Baptist. When they moved to Florida, Jane said they should go to a Methodist church since Spencer went to a Methodist church when he was growing up. They started attending Memorial United Methodist Church in the middle of town. Spencer was very active in this church. He served on the Administrative Council, Pastor Parish Relations committee, and he also helped with communion. The first female minister in the church was hired during the time that he was on the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

In 1990, Spencer and his wife traveled to Scotland and England for about three weeks. While they were there

they visited the Howard Castle. There are still Howards living in the castle. Jane's sister and her husband traveled with them on this trip and they visited a lot of old castles while they were there.

Their son, Randy, has three children and Margaret has two children. Spencer has one great granddaughter and one great grandson. His great grandchildren live in Israel. Randy lives in Richmond, Virginia.

Spencer's hobby was gardening, but he said that it was hard to get up off the ground. He built something with PVC pipe to go around the garden that he thought would help him get up and down. He also went to the fitness center to exercise. He built a room onto his daughter's house when he moved to Grafton.

He enjoyed eating at Burger King. It was a nice place for him to eat lunch since it was only half a mile from his house.

His favorite Bible verse was John 3:16. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.' This was his favorite verse, because that is the whole story.

NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Nursery workers need to arrive at 10:30 to receive children. Guidelines are posted in the narthex and outside the nursery door. Weeks can be traded with other volunteers if a conflict arises.

- October 3 - Bill & Cheryl Whitescarver
- October 10 - Angie Hanshaw & Judy Landers
- October 17 - Rick Hanshaw & Tiffany Carbaugh
- October 24 - Linda McBee & Stella Hawk
- October 31 - Karen Horner

SOLIDER CARE PACKAGES

We are currently in need of new addresses for our service men and women. If you have an addresses please call Leah Powell at 304-265-0572 or the church office at 304-265-1705.

FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 24th we'll have our Annual Fall Festival. We will begin @ 4:00 p.m. with food, games and crafts and end with a hayride. All children are invited to attend: Good Shepherd kids, VBS kids, community kids, friends and family! Come enjoy a fun Fall afternoon!

BOYS SCOUTS' OX ROAST

It is time for the Fall Ox Roast. On Sunday, October 17th from noon to 6:00 p.m.; the Mountaineer Area Council will host the Fall Ox Roast. Advance tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids under 12. There will also be a drawing for two Centennial Golden Boy Rifles and a Centennial Lithograph. Please call Arnold Kuhl for tickets at 304-265-3972.



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff & Bil Keane



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FINANCIAL FACTS

During the past year, the church has received \$50,000 from the Helen Blackburn estate, to be invested, with the interest to be used for property expenses. We also received more than \$26,000 from the estate of Grace Marie Williams, not to be invested but used as needed for property expenses. In addition, the parking lot across the road from the church was sold for \$15,000.

The Board of Trustees and Administrative Council are currently working on several long-postponed maintenance items at both the church and the parsonage.

Another project, funded by previous contributions to a capital fund campaign, is the modification of the chancel area of the sanctuary. At present, the choir chairs are precariously situated. Plans are to install a level hardwood floor and use casters to make the altar, lectern and pulpit moveable. The risers we already have would provide a secure seating area for the choir. Specifics of the project, along with a cost estimate, will be available soon. With funds already donated, an additional matching donation of \$1,000 has been promised to the church. This will allow the membership to participate in the renovation.

As for the budget, contributions for the first nine months of the year are down about \$11,000 compared to last year, (when we paid salaries, utilities and expenses, and Conference Fair Share at 100%.) We are looking for ways to cut budgeted expenses in every area, and historically, the final three months of the year bring increased contributions. But, ultimately, our trust is in God.

If we are faithful to do the Lord's work, God will move people to be generous. Please pray for our church - that our decisions be faithful to God's plan, that our hearts and doors be open to all God's people, and that our joy in the Lord be complete.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

1. The Trustees and Administrative Council have approved the repair of both the back and front porches of the parsonage along with all exterior painting that is required to complete all the outside work on the parsonage. The contract for this project is \$10,200. The contractor should start work by the end of October. However we are anticipating painting the inside after all the outside work is completed. The inside paint has been donated and we have \$487 towards paying the painter.
2. The Trustees and Administrative Council have approved the purchase and installation of new front doors for the church. They have been ordered at a cost of approximately \$4000. They will be installed when they arrive.
3. We are presently obtaining bids to replace four of the six doors on the lower level along with painting the other two doors.
4. The Trustees and Administrative Council approved the purchase and installation of lighted exit signs and security lights to meet the state fire code. This project cost the \$5,020. Installation to begin the middle of October.
5. The sale of the property across the street has been finalized and that money was used to pay for the parsonage repairs and lighting.
6. There are other items that need attention such as sealing the parking lot, which we are presently getting bids to submit to the Administrative Council.

If you as members notice any item(s) that is in need of attention please free to inform on of the Trustees.

Trustees— Wesley Wolfe - Chair, Mabel Lee Thompson, Ann Woodyard, Shakey Paugh
Arnold Kuhl, Bob Leonard, Chad Proudfoot, Mark Kunce, Michelle Moon

Parsonage Committee— Chris Bowman - Chair, John Moon, Joedy Lambert, Alan Smith, Wesley Wolfe,
Monica Wolfe, Rob Mayle, Elena Hawranick, Angela Hanshaw

Please put a check mark by all areas in which you are willing to serve. You may also add names of other people you recommend for service.

I will serve wherever I am needed. Count on me!

My special ministry is _____

Name _____

Phone _____

WITNESS TEAM

This team works to provide vital worship and ways to share faith.

- Provide flowers (approx. cost \$30.00) for worship
- Work with Altar Guild (prepare Sanctuary for worship)
- Sing in Choir/Praise Team
- Serve as Greeter
- Serve as Usher
- Play Piano/Organ for worship
- Preach when Pastor is away
- Help in Nursery during worship
- Work with computers, video equipment and website.
- Join hospitality team to welcome our guests and follow up.
- Attend class on faith sharing

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

This team develops the resources and environment for church ministry.

- Administrative Council Chair
- Lay Leader (provide inspiration & leadership to congregation)
- Delegate to Annual Conference (June, 2011) (attend Annual Conference)
- Delegate to District Conference (May, 2011) (attend District Conference)
- Sunday School Superintendent (coordinates Christian Education & literature)
- Parish Representative (attend monthly meeting of T.C. Cooperative Parish)
- Financial Secretary (records contributions and provides reports)
- Membership Secretary (records baptisms, membership and deaths)
- Stewardship Committee (plans Annual Financial Campaign)
- Nurture Committee (chair - guides Nurture Ministry)
- Worship Committee (chair - oversees worship planning)
- Nominating Committee (recommends persons to service positions)
- Pastor Parish Staff Committee (hires & evaluates staff)
- Church Trustees (oversees church property)
- Parsonage Trustees (oversees parsonage property)
- Finance Committee (counts offering, develops budget)
- Permanent Fund Committee (monitors investment funds)
- Little Shepherds Pre-School Board (oversees Preschool Program)

NURTURE TEAM

This team provides education and care for the congregation.

- _____ Teach Sunday School Class
- _____ Be Substitute Teacher
- _____ Help with Vacation Bible School
- _____ Participate in Small Group
- _____ Be counselor for Middle School Youth
- _____ Be counselor for Senior High Youth
- _____ Help with Junior Youth
- _____ Help with Little Lambs
- _____ Help with Hallelujahs Dance Team
- _____ Help Crisis Committee prepare dinners
- _____ Take Communion to Homebound
- _____ Help with Grief Ministry
- _____ Volunteer with Little Shepherds Pre-School
- _____ Help with College Ministry
- _____ Help with Church Dinners

OUTREACH TEAM

This team works to alleviate suffering in the world.

- _____ Help Family Ministry with monthly distribution
- _____ Work at Nu-2-U (Mon., Wed. or Fri. 9am -Noon)
- _____ Work at Bread of Life Mission (Sun. Lunch or Wed. Supper)
- _____ Help with Bible Study at Pruntytown Correctional Center
- _____ Go on Work Team wherever needed.
- _____ Go to Russia on Mission Team
- _____ Make gifts for Russian Orphans
- _____ Help with Teen Mothers of Preschoolers

LESBIAN-GAY-BISEXUAL-TRANSGENDER

Churches and denominations are struggling to find truth and love in the midst of controversy. Many people have questions and many have opinions. On November 9th at 7:00 p.m., we will have a time for listening and praying to find a path of faithfulness. We won't vote on anything and I hope we won't argue. But we can share our hearts, our hopes and fears, our prayers.

LAST CHANCE

You can still go to the Holy Lands in January with Pastor Bert and Bishop Lyght, but you need to hurry. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Contact Pastor Bert for details.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Bread of Life Mission has served meals and provided clothing for many years. They are now working to provide shelter for homeless persons and families through the re-furbishing of the building they purchased next to the mission. Our church will be assisting by providing work teams to clean, paint and renovate the interior. Let Pastor Bert know if you can help and we will schedule work days.

TEEN MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Meetings have begun - 2 Friday evenings each month. If you can help with child care or mentoring these young mothers, call Duretha at 304-265-3910.

ANNUAL BREAD & SOUP SALE

The Annual Bread & Soup Sale will be held on October 31st following worship service. Please come and share your favorite and buy someone's specialty. All proceeds to benefit Fair Share.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It is that special time of year once again and we are gearing up to make it special. This year the wonderful sales clerks at Peebles Department store are saving empty shoe boxes for us to use for Operation Christmas Child. There is also a display set up in the narthex that has a suggestion list of items and the tags needed for each box. Please help us make this a great year. Gift boxes due on October 31st.

God's kids say the funniest things

A clergywoman and mother shared this story at a district United Methodist meeting in New Jersey.

The clergywoman was quickly vacuuming the living room floor of her home where her three-year-old child was playing. In a hurry, the mother approached the child, then said, "Lift up your feet!"

The child responded, "We lift them up to the Lord."

—via Rev. Donald DeGroat
Midvale United Methodist Church
Wanaque, NJ

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