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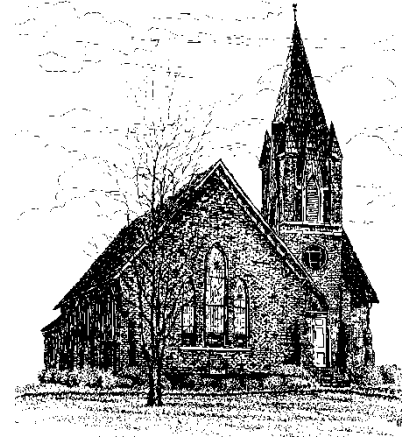
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Church School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm (Closed Fridays)



September 6, 2011

From the Pastor

Sometimes it seems like people never learn. One day last week I read a funny/sad article in the Spartanburg Herald about a lady who was approached by two gentlemen at a fast food restaurant and offered a bargain on an Apple iPad. They told her that they had bought in bulk and had a number to sell and would give her a real bargain. When she told them that she only had \$180 with her they said that this would be the perfect price! They gave her a FedEx box from the trunk of the car and drove off. When she opened the box, you guessed it, she found a piece of wood painted black with an Apple logo on it! She called the sheriff's department and they investigated. The story made the papers--I saw it in the Spartanburg paper, the Herald in Rock Hill and in the Hendersonville paper. People should have had fair warning.

But then, a few days later I read that two ladies on the other side of Spartanburg were approached by two men and offered a bargain price on a laptop. These ladies even went to their nearest ATM to get cash for their purchase. When they gave their \$250 to the men, they were given FedEx boxes. By the time they got them open the two men had driven off and the ladies were stuck with two stacks of computer paper wrapped in duct tape. You would think that people would pay attention and learn from the mistakes of others, wouldn't you? It's easy for us to read or hear these stories and think that we would never be tempted to fall for something as obvious as this! We especially wouldn't be the second person to fall for it! Of course I think many of us would say that we wouldn't trust someone who was selling things in parking lots--especially if one of the salespersons was described as having a gold tooth!

Yet, we fall for things like this more often than we would like to admit. We fall for the idea that if everybody is doing something it has to be the right thing to do, even when we know that it is not! We fall for the idea that what we do doesn't make much difference and we don't have to point our children and neighbors to the places where they can see the highest standards at work. We fall for the idea that it's OK to be Christian as long as we don't let it make us "different" from anybody else. The world and the devil can sell us a "bill of goods" very easily if we aren't cautious.

Compare this approach--the cheap and easy way--with Jesus' words. "If you would follow me you must pick up your cross and follow," he says. He talks about going to Jerusalem where he will be rejected and put to death and raised from the dead. He talks about forgiving seventy times seven times. When we get caught up in looking for the quick and easy way, we are very prone to fall for something less than the grace and love of God. It is so easy to become so convinced that we've managed to do things the easiest way and then discover that all we've got is a black piece of wood or a bunch of computer paper and black duct tape!

Jesus says that he has come to bring us life, abundant life. We know that as we put forth the effort to follow him, we discover what real life is. May God help us to keep from settling for fakes or cheap imitations when we are being offered the grace and love that come from real life.

God bless each one. Gene Feagin, Pastor

SUNDAY, September 11, 2011
SCRIPTURES: Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35
SERMON: "Using What We've Been Given"

SUNDAY, September 11

UMMen 8:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 4yr-5th Grade/Bible Fair @ 1st UMC Clover3-5:00 p.m.
 Administrative Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
 Flower Ministry: Bible Study Class
 Lay Reader: Phyllis Barrett
 Nursery Infants: David & Alicia Breakfield
 Children's Church: Chip & Staci Rampey
 Toddler Church: Brad & Stacy Hanna
 Acolyte: Briana Pursley

MONDAY 12

Morning Circle 10:00 a.m.
 Circle #2..... 7:15 p.m.

TUESDAY 13

Beginner Dulcimer Class..... 6:00 p.m.
 Continuing Dulcimer Class 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Basketball..... 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 14

Trinity Travelers..... 12:00 p.m.
 KFC 2:45 p.m.
 Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
 Adult Choir..... 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 15

Women's Craft Group 9:30 a.m.
 Men's Craft Group 10:00 a.m.
 Cadet Troop..... 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, September 18

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.
 Fellowship Time..... 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
 Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
 Families/Lazy 5 Meet at the church 1:00 p.m.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER: *Sam Childers, Johnny Wine, Eddie Jones, Lee Youngblood, Jim Burch

TRUSTEES/SEPTEMBER: Chip Alexander & John Bailey

ALTAR GUILD/SEPTEMBER: Barb Coady & Anna Feagin

WELCOME VISITORS/SEPTEMBER: Jack Benfield Class

VISITOR CARDS/SEPTEMBER: Susan Jones

Sunday School Attendance September 4: 100
 Worship Attendance September 4 (9:00 am): 53
 Worship Attendance September 4 11:00 am): 111
 Operating Fund received September 4 \$5,444.00
 Operating Fund received up to September 4 \$214,228.18
 Budget goal up to September 4 (\$6,732.00 x 36)..... \$242,352.00

VISITORS ON SUNDAY, September 4

Everett & Virginia Harless, 1775 Branch Road, York.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our prayers are with Lois Smith, John Smith, Geneva Warren, Helen Brindle, Margie Castillo, Ernie Ulbricht, Isem Pennington, and with Julian Dickerson in rehab in Greenville following knee surgery. **Also, we remember** Barbara Thrift and Randel Blue, friends of Ernie Wright; Lee Good brother-in-law of Susan Jones; Jim King, nephew of Jo Hammond; Lee Hardin, friend of Darlene Dunlap; Lynn Mills & Ben Slaughter, friends of Evelyn Johnsey; Robert Goolsby, nephew of Evelyn Johnsey, Buddy Mitchell, father of Linda Goss.

PEANUT BUTTER ALERT: as of Friday, September 2, PATH had no meat and badly needs protein sources. Thank you! The PATH Team.

The PATH Team wishes to say "thank you" for supporting the PATH projects over the summer. You provided many children with no-cook snacks. You furnished 65 hygiene kits for 5th and 6th graders. You donated 35 book bags and lots of school supplies (thank you, UMM and Jack Benfield class). We appreciate your support and dedication in helping the people in our community.
Olivia and Bill Huffstetler, Susan Jones, Melinda McKeown, Mary Jane Shuler, Rev. Gene Feagin

The UMMen will have their regular monthly "Breakfast & Business Meeting" next Sunday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m.

The BOARD OF TRUSTEES will meet on Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30PM.

The Children's Classes are raising money to buy tools and seeds for the gardens of the ELI girls in the Sudan. This will give them food to eat and to sell. For each \$5.00 raised the children will "plant" a vegetable in the garden in the hall. If you wish to donate, please give your donation to one of the children. Thank you.

Join us Sept 17 for the "Be the One Run" in Charlotte. This 1 mile and 5K run/walk is to raise money and awareness for the National Bone Marrow Registry. We are walking in memory of Breana Versen Turner. Please join team breanaROCKS and wear your breanaROCKS T-shirt. If you still need one they are available. We will be meeting at the church at 6:15am so if you are planning to meet us or would like to ride the bus let Staci Rampey (803-412-1194), Terri Versen (803-367-1602) or Jill know. Registration is available online at www.betheonerun.org and costs \$30/person. Registration the day of the race is an option and will cost \$35. Children are welcome and in addition to the 1 mile run there will be a tot trot. We want to see a sea of pink and gray on race day so come on out and support breanaROCKS!

Our college students are now up for "adoption". The list is in the hall. Please consider adopting a student for this college year. Individuals, families, and groups are all invited to be a sponsor. After you have made your choice, information will be given to you about your student's favorite snacks, restaurants, etc. Thank you so much for participating in this very meaningful ministry of Trinity. If you have any questions, you can contact Linda Goss at 684-1312.

The Trinity Crafters will have a **"Mini Bazaar" on November 19th** to benefit girls' education in Southern Sudan. The crafters have been working hard this year and have some neat items to sell. If a Trinity class or mission group would like to have a table, you are invited to participate. Items should be hand made or homemade (jelly, pies, etc) with profits going for your special mission. Tables are open for Trinity groups only. See Bud or Suzanne Jones by the first Sunday in October if you are interested.

ALICE'S CORNER

This Sunday afternoon, September 11, 2011 the York/Clover Cluster will sponsor a "Bible Fair" for children ages 4yr-5th grade. This is a fun, interactive afternoon where children see and hear familiar and maybe new Bible stories and events. They come alive in different ways. The event is free. Alice will take our church bus for all who sign up. Let's have a big crowd from Trinity go! The event is from 3 to 5 pm at the 1st United Methodist Church in Clover. Meet at TUMC at 2:15 pm. We will return about 5:30 pm.

Our family trip to Lazy 5 Ranch will be Sunday, September 18. Meet at the church at 1:00 pm. We will take the bus and carpool. Cost is \$7.50 per person for everyone 1yr and older. You must pay in advance and Alice needs your commitment. Bring a snack, your camera and something to drink. This is always a great wagon trip, wonderful animals and loads of fellowship.

The York School District #1 is offering to senior citizens (60yr old) a pass for free admission to school events such as regular athletic games, plays and concerts. Those who qualify may have their VIP courtesy pass made from 9-11 or 1-3 on Wednesdays. The picture ID pass will be made at the Education Service Center, 16 Spruce Street. To make an appointment, or for more information, call 684-1905 or ask Alice. This picture ID is good for life.

1st Trinity Travelers Meeting – September 14 at 12:00 noon.

1st KFC – send in your permission forms – September 14.

Senior Citizens Dinner at Mt. Vernon UMC - September 24, 4:00 pm.

COLLEGE STUDENT'S ADDRESS FOR 2011/12

Name

Address:

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Telephone #:.....

E-mail address:.....

College Attending:

Projected graduation date:.....

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS, whether you have a new address or are at the same one as last semester, please complete and return to the church office as soon as possible so that you can receive your church newsletter.