

MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Crisis Control donation item of the month: Laundry Detergent & Dish Washing Liquid				1 7:00 Lenten Study	2 Elder/Deacon Workshop at Christmount	3
4 Christmount Elder/Deacon Workshop ends	5 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Handbells	6	7 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 Lenten Study 7:00 NIN	9	10 10:00 Garden Planning Meeting
11 Daylight Savings Time begins 3:00 Central District Spring Assembly (High Point)	12 11:30 Goodtimers 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Handbells	13 7:00 Elders	14 4:30 Childrens' Handbell Choir 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15 7:00 Lenten Study	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 6:00 Blue & Gold Banquet (Scouts)
18 3rd Sunday Fellowship	19 Newsletter deadline 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Handbells	20 Spring Begins	21 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	22 7:00 Lenten Study	23	24
25	26 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Handbells	27 7:00 Board	28 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29 10:30 Newsletter Crew 7:00 Lenten Study	30 CWF Chicken Pie Workshop	31 CWF Chicken Pie Workshop 10:00 Cemetery Clean-Up

BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Dinah Myers
- 02 Gettys Pratt
- 03 Tom Ingram
- 05 Pete Cost
- 06 Jacob Ibrahim
- 06 Mary Timmons
- 07 Jo Stanley
- 07 Frank Range
- 08 Mindy Mock
- 14 Garland Terry
- 15 Beth Scharf
- 17 Ellen Denton
- 18 Andrew Edwards
- 18 Jason Cost
- 19 Sue Flynt
- 19 Susan Showers
- 22 Oscar Emmery
- 22 Jordan Wood
- 23 Erin McAllister
- 23 Erika McAllister
- 26 Montana Dawson
- 26 Bob Parvin
- 30 Dawn Cline
- 31 Tom Norris

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 The Kigers



M·A·R·C·H VISITOR 2012

THE LENTEN SEASON & HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES:

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent began on February 22 with a worship service in the sanctuary.

LENTEN STUDY of the Dead Sea Scrolls (with Bible study) began on Thursday, Feb. 23 and will continue each Thursday evening at 7:00 through March

PALM SUNDAY is Sunday, April 1st.

MAUNDY THURSDAY service on April 5th at 7:30 centers on the experience of the Last Supper

GOOD FRIDAY is April 6. At 7:30 p.m. we will experience the poignant traditional service of Tenebrae

SILENT SATURDAY is April 7. It is the time when nothing appears to be happening but the victory of evil. Spend personal meditation time in the reality that appearances deceive and that God is at work even when everything appears lost.

EASTER SUNDAY is April 8th. We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord through our:

SUNRISE SERVICE (6:45 a.m.)

EASTER BREAKFAST(9:30 a.m.)

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT (10:00 a.m.)

WORSHIP SERVICE (11:00 a.m.)

Easter Lilies



If you would like to place an Easter Lily in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a family member or friend please call the church office no later than Tuesday, April 3. Lilies are \$11.50 each. Checks may be made payable to *Pfafftown Christian Church* and marked "Lilies."



LOOKING BEYOND EASTER...

<i>March 2-3</i>	<i>Workshop for Elders & Deacons at Christmount</i>
<i>March 11</i>	<i>Central District Spring Assembly (High Point)</i>
<i>March 14</i>	<i>Children's Handbell Choir</i>
<i>March 30 & 31</i>	<i>CWF Chicken Pie Workshop</i>
<i>May 27-June 1</i>	<i>Week of Wonder Adult Work Camp at Christmount</i>
<i>June 1-3</i>	<i>Discovery Weekend Women's Retreat (Christmount)</i>

Notes From Tim

As we begin the Lenten Season and we recall the sacrifice that Christ made for our sins, and the sins of the world through his death on the cross, we know without a doubt, that if we believe in Him and His glorious resurrection that we have the promise of salvation and will live with Him forever--eternally! That is His promise to us!

One of my favorite Lenten hymns is "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross." The Choir will be singing this as an anthem one Sunday during the season of Lent. Hymns of our faith relay a *sermon* and story within them:

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my **soul**, my **life**, my **all**!*

What a Sermon relayed here! This classic hymn of Isaac Watts has often been called the greatest hymn ever written. Another contemporary of Isaac Watts once said of this hymn, "There may be a few others equally as great, but there is none greater." All one needs to do to realize the truth of this statement is to sing this majestic hymn. Isaac Watts based this hymn on the Scripture reference of Galatians 6:14. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Christ's love, so amazing, so divine; demands my soul, my life, my ALL! The majestic phrases of this deeply solemn hymn are as moving today as when Watts penned them in 1707.

Watts' lifetime ambition was to be a servant of Christ, a servant to churches, and a helper of Christians. He won and held the hearts of a large share of the English speaking people over a long period of years. For the last thirty years of his life, he became an invalid, but devoted himself in comfortable and happy surroundings to the writing of many of the beautiful hymns we still sing in worship today. Some of them include: *Come, Ye That Love the Lord; Joy to the World; Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed?* and many others. Watts was a contemporary of many other hymn writers including Charles Wesley and John Newton (who composed "Amazing Grace)."

As we sing the great hymns of the church during this Lenten season, think about the text and the message relayed in each hymn as we recount the last days and weeks of Christ life, his sufferings and crucifixion, along with the glorious news of His resurrection, and how, through our music and the wonderful hymns, we affirm our faith in the living Christ!

Grace and peace to you,
TIM



APPRECIATION TO CMF

A note of thanks to our Christian Men's Fellowship for the wonderful Valentine Banquet and Bingo evening on Saturday evening, February 11th. It was very well attended and the steaks and chicken were grilled to perfection! Bingo was especially exciting and entertaining as we were overwhelmed with prizes to be won by the players! Thanks to our men for cooking and hosting this annual event. If you missed it-- you really missed some great food, fun, and fellowship! You'll have to join us next year!

Church Library News

Featured Book for March: Handbook to Happiness
by Dr. Charles R. Solomon

SYNOPSIS: This is a Biblical Guide to Victorious Living. The answer, according to Dr. Solomon, is the Cross of Christ. He says we need to learn how to die to self and find life in Christ by appropriating his work on the cross, as taught in Galatians 2:20. For those dealing with emotional struggles you can be helped by returning to the cross of Christ, the crucifixion, and be raised to new life in His resurrection. This is a book of hope and encouragement and very meaningful during this season of *Lent*.

(Thanks to Pat Boulware for donating this book to our Church Library)



THANKS RECEIVED...

Dear Friends & Church members,

Fred and I want to thank each of you for all the prayers, cares, food, support, and visits during the illness of Mark and in his passing.

We love you and please continue to pray for us.

Love in Christ,

Dot & Fred

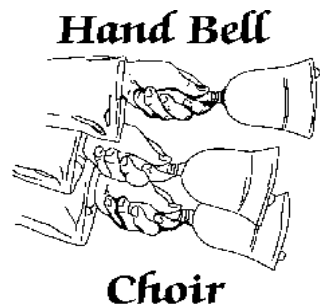
Many thanks to you for following Meghan's progress during her recent illness. She is getting back to a normal schedule and feeling so much better. We appreciate this church family for your concern and prayers. —Tony, Anne, Jack & Lynda Bryant

USING OUR WEBSITE

www.pfaftownchristian.org

Did you know that you need to be checking the site regularly? Here's why:

1. The calendar in the newsletter is up-to-date when printed, but we have calendar changes almost daily. These changes are entered on the website calendar, so it is always as current and complete as we can make it.
2. Special information and notices will be included at the very top of the calendar, so if we have a snow closing (looks unlikely right now, but it could happen!), it will be at the top of the calendar.



Hand Bell

Choir

New Children's Handbell Choir

How exciting would it be to learn how to play handchimes and handbells?

You will get your chance by meeting at the church for our first rehearsal on Wednesday afternoon, March 14, at 4:30 p.m. This new choir is open to all children. We will learn how to read music and the proper techniques used in ringing the bells. Parents, registration forms will be available in the Narthex.

I am really excited about this new musical opportunity for the children of our church. If you have any questions, call me at 336-692-5214.

—Tim

GOODTIMERS TO MEET



The March meeting of the Goodtimers will be on Monday, March 12, at 11:30 a.m. at the Southern Family Restaurant. The program will be a celebration with a St. Patrick's Day theme! Come out and enjoy the fun and fellowship! Invite a friend to join you!



SHE'S MOVED!!!

Irene Hussey
Forest Heights Senior Living
2500 Polo Ridge Ct; Suite 330
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
Phone: 728-7460

Please make changes in your directory!

LENTEN STUDY UNDERWAY

Our Lenten Study this year will focus on the Dead Sea Scrolls. We are viewing beautiful videos from the Ancient Civilizations series, telling the fascinating story of the scrolls' discovery, contents, & significance, as well as insight into the culture that shaped them. We are also taking an in-depth look at some of the scriptures contained in the scrolls. Join us each Thursday evening at seven o'clock for this adventure. Our study will conclude on the last Thursday in March.

ACOLYTES A PART OF WORSHIP SERVICE

The Worship Committee is encouraging children who are in first grade through fifth grade to become acolytes. Through the acolyte program, children become participants in the service so that they might experience being the real part of the church that they are. If you are a parent or grandparent of children within this age range, see Frankie Denton or Jo Stanley to get your child/grandchild involved.

Central District Spring Assembly

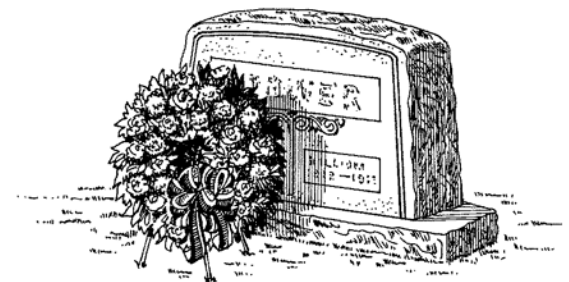
Sunday, March 11, 2012

Body of Christ Christian Church

425 Nathan Hunt Dr. High Point, NC 27161

Registration 2:30-3:00 p.m.

Cost: \$2 Registration + \$8 meal cost



ATTENTION: Cemetery Clean-Up!

Please come out on Saturday morning, March 31, at 10:00 a.m. to help your fellow church members beautify our church cemetery as we prepare for the Easter Season! Many of the saints of our church are buried there, and we can show respect to them by keeping our cemetery a beautiful place of remembrance in celebration of their eternal lives.

Please mark your calendars and plan to come help.



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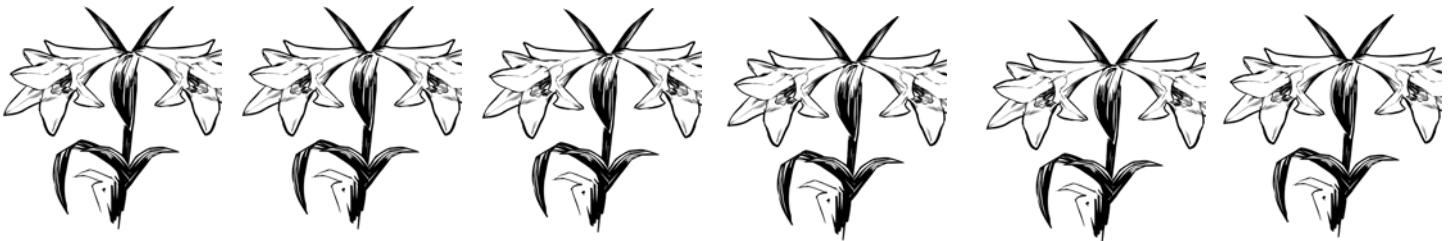
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**LENTEN DISCIPLINE
INCREASES
EASTER JOY**

Rev Bob Parvin,
Pastor


Rev Tim Shoaf,
Minister of Music & Director of Programs

Debbie W Parvin,
Secretary



HAVE YOU POSTED YOUR LENTEN "ACTS OF KINDNESS" ON THE BOARD IN THE HALLWAY?

Remember that the **CWF Chicken Pie Workshop** is Friday and Saturday, March 30 & 31. They need volunteers for both days (please sign-up on the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet in the Narthex). Also...remember to order your chicken pies (there's also a sign-up sheet for that in the Narthex).

 **Daylight Savings** Spring forward on
March 11



**HOLD IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

Church Family

Doris Spaugh, Craig Bracken, George & Ruth Myers,
Mary Helen Boone, Irene Hussey (as she adjusts to her
new home)

Others

Elijah Choplin (son of oboist Melody Choplin); Wade Tuttle,
John Faircloth, Mary Timmon's sister, Jane Browder (friend
of Jack & Lynda Bryant), Carolyn Bennett, Bob & Carol
Morris, Bill Showers (brother of Dan), Carol Wood (friend of
Wayne & Debra Smitherman), Iris Westmoreland (sister of
Vallie Cline), Jeanette Shelor (Garland Terry's mother), Bob
Hurst (Kay Range's uncle), Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's
aunt), Kelly Allen (Jackie Romanello's sister-in-law),
Jonathan Schaffer, Joy Beck (Jo Stanley's mother), Mary
Ellen Cutter (Art Boulware's sister), Sandra (friend of
Frankie Denton), Drew Morgan

Loved Ones in the Military

PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA
Sgt. Edmund E. Davis/Alaska
1LT Hope Tucci/Iraq
Samantha Goliat/High Point, NC
Pvt. Victor Sechrist/Afghanistan
2LT John G. Van Hoy, IV/Afghanistan

Servers For March

- ELDERS:** Dinah Myers, Lynda Bryant
- DEACONS:** Phil Denton, Debra Smitherman
Jordan Myers, Nancey Cost
- COMMUNION:** Rita Moore, Lorrie Bennett,
Donna Emmery
- OPENING & CLOSING:** Ray Boore