



September VISITOR

2012



FALL

Operation Overboard VBS – A Great Adventure!



Operation Overboard challenged us to *Dive Deep with God* as we examined our faith. Our special evening themes were designed to help us learn to *Depend on God*, to *Dare to Care* for others, and to *Choose to Follow* Jesus. On our last night, we shared our learnings with parents and enjoyed an evening of outdoor water fun! Almost thirty children participated in the ocean adventure.



Please give your own thanks to our wonderful leaders and volunteers for their many hours of work and their smile-filled sharing with the children.

- Frankie Denton was our director (and chief creator of fish & jellyfish!). Of course, Tim Shoaf was in his usual great form as the creator of magical and delightful decorations that filled the halls and formed our *UNDERWATER PASSAGE*, leading participants to our adventures.
- Susie Lanier and her kitchen crew created wonderful *SEA-FOODS* for our meals, which included such delights as hotdog-octopi, Rice Krispy-sushi, cookie-oysters and other fanciful feasts.
- Nancey Cost was our Dive Chief, guiding us into our studies each evening with Ocho the octopus. Nancey also taught great crafts sessions.
- Mary Groff led our pre-school teaching team, delighting the little ones with learning experiences.
- Kitty Hunt and her assistants provided excellent recreation for all of the children.
- Debbie and Erika Fletcher amazed the children with the wonders of the Science Discovery Center.
- Ralph Botte and Ruby Scharf were our photographers/videographers, providing a grand record of the fun and learning.
- Story time, introduced great Biblical characters who shared their stories with the children: Pat Millsaps was Mrs. Noah; Rita Moore was Naaman's servant; and Matt Scharf was Peter.
- In addition to these folks, there were helpers and assistants everywhere you looked! Thanks to each and every person who helped make this a memorable Vacation Bible School!

—Bob

RECONCILIATION OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED

Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born out of the civil unrest that ensued following the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968. His murder brought to fore in the life of our church the dis-ease of our living in two separate societies – one which benefits one group of people and one which systemically marginalizes the poor and powerless. Beginning with Resolution 29 of the International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in 1968, our Church has persistently pursued ways to address the sin of racism through resolutions and direct action in our congregations, Regions, General Ministries and Recognized Ministry partnerships.

The 2012 Reconciliation Offering will be received on **September 30th and October 7th**. We continue with the theme from last year, "Seeds of Hope" acknowledging the power of God in us for strengthening the ministry of Reconciliation and our witness on Christ's behalf. The Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission priority to become an pro-reconciling/ anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across racial/ethnic difference. Funds from this offering are providing for leadership development in our camps, our communities and our Disciples of Christ congregations as well as providing resources to promote small group study and community-action. Your giving is changing lives and building hope for realm of God for our children and for Christ's Church!

New Address for Rita Moore:

4947 Townsend Glen Circle, Apt. 101
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
Phone is: 336-416-7617



Thank you all so much for your prayers and cards for Garland's recovery. We appreciated all more than you know.

—Garland & Sue

CROP Walk

We will be participating in the CROP Walk Oct. 21. Rita Moore and Lorrie Bennett are our recruiters, so you'll be hearing from them as we get closer. In the meantime, I thought you might have a few questions.

What is it? Walkers get people to sponsor them as they walk to raise money to fight hunger.

Why CROP? It began in 1946 when farmers came together to share their crops with people in Europe who were suffering the devastation from World War II.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO? 75% goes to Church World Service, one of the most effective and efficient international service agencies in the world, and 25% goes to Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry to support their hunger ministries in Forsyth County. Since 1979, over \$250,000 has stayed in our community to help our neighbors in need.

—Bob

Community Garden Report



This was a difficult season for our community garden, as periods of too much rain alternated with periods that were hot and dry. Even so, our gardeners persisted, and their efforts paid off. We have delivered almost 800 pounds of potatoes, 125 pounds of corn, and 43 pounds of pears (thanks to Dick Flynt's tree!) to the Food Bank. This produce was a welcome addition to Food Bank stores, as the shelves were almost empty. We extend hearty thanks to everyone who helped in our garden ministry.



—Bob

GOODTIMERS TO MEET



The September meeting of the Goodtimers will be on Monday, September 10, at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Fellowship Hall. We will have delicious deli sandwiches, salad and fruit for lunch. Tim Shoaf will present a musical program "A Stroll Down Memory Lane" -- which will include selections from Broadway, Folk, Celtic, and Popular; along with a little game of "name that tune!" Please make plans to join us and invite a friend!

CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS



With September being the beginning of a new year of Christian Education in our church, we are featuring two books given to the Church Library for your reading.

FEATURED BOOK FOR CHILDREN: *The Children's Bible*

Edited by: Fiona Tulloch

This special collection of Bible stories features beautiful color illustrations and can be enjoyed by children of all ages. Including maps of Bible lands, a glossary of terms, people and places in the Bible, and over 160 well-loved stories from the Old and New Testaments such as: The Creation, The Feeding of the Five Thousand, The Good Samaritan, The Conversion of Saul, etc. This is a great book for families to use for devotional time together. (Arcturus Publishing, 2010)

FEATURED BOOK FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS: *Six Ways to Study the Bible*

by Trent Butler

So many Bible readers say they want more depth and meaning in their personal Bible study but don't know how to get it. This small volume lays out six ways the Bible reader can ask the right questions to get the right answers to understand scripture. This is a great resource for spiritual growth and enrichment! (Chalice Press)

Let's make inspirational reading and the study of God's Word a priority for this new church year!

—The Library Committee

Children's Corner

Bible Quiz: Answer the following questions by reading the scripture references below:

After God created the heavens and the earth, what was the next thing God created?

_____ (Read Genesis 1:1-3)

What are we told to do in the "Fifth" Commandment?

_____. (Read Exodus 20:1-17)

What was the name of Moses' brother?

_____ (Read Exodus 6:20)

What is the symbol of God's promise to Noah after the flood?

_____ (Read Genesis 9:12-16)

What did Jesus feed the 5,000 people?

_____ (Read Matthew 14:13-21)

How many disciples did Jesus have? _____ (Read Mark 3:13-19)

What did Jesus do during the storm on the Sea of Galilee? _____ (Read Mark 4:35-40)

See you in Sunday School this Sunday!

NAME THAT SEASON!

Something's changing. Something's new.
It's dark before the day is through.
The cat's not shedding anymore,
and Dad's unhinged the old screen door.
I wonder why.

I run outside and don't get sweaty.
The trees all laugh and throw confetti
leaves that pile in drifts like lumps
to make the perfect place for jumps.
I like that.

The watermelon days are done,
but now orange pumpkins have begun
to swell in fields. And very soon
we'll have a full round pumpkin moon.
That's awesome.

I feel a kick within the air
and there are hayrides, quiltings, fairs,
and school has started—homework, too.
The Methodists are selling stew.
Brunswick stew, my favorite.

My friends and I wear warmer clothes
but just outside, our big oak throws
her clothes off—drops them everywhere
until she stands completely bare.
Just figure that.

Mom cans peas and carrots, beans
and other veggies. Halloween's
in all the stores—I think that's great.
I've drawn a ring around the date,
October 31.

Something's changing. Something's new.
The reds and yellows give a clue,
so does the chill, the harvest—all
are signs we see when it is _____.
You've got it!

—debbie w parvin

CWF NEWS

PLEASE NOTE that the date of the September chicken pie workshop has been changed to Friday and Saturday, **September 21st and 22nd**. The chicken pies made at this workshop will be for sale to our church family and friends. The price for a large (9") chicken pie is \$12 and a box of two small (5") chicken pies is also \$12. An order form and volunteer sign-up sheet are located in the Narthex. Please mark your calendars and make plans to volunteer at this workshop. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

As most of you know, Betty Kiger will again be hosting the **Edible Evening for Meals-on-Wheels**. The date will be Tuesday, September 18th and will be at Betty's office on Reynolda Road. Invitations will be handed out or mailed in the next couple of weeks with more information on the event. Please be sure to let Betty know if you will be able to attend this event. It is a wonderful way to raise funds for a very good cause and we hope that you will be able to join us. If you would like to attend but are unable to drive, please contact the church office and we will have someone pick you up and get you home.

Ladies, please remember to purchase material and get it to Evelyn Nifong so that she may make an apron, table runner or placemats to be sold at the Bazaar in November. If you need specifics on how much material you need to purchase for a certain item, please contact Evelyn and she will be happy to let you know.

—Lorrie Bennett

Notes From Tim

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come....
Hymn composed by Isaac Watts (1719)

This text is one of my most favorite texts in all of hymnody. Our hope for the future is related to the help that we have found in the past. If we have forgotten that help, the future may look hopeless. We must not forget all God has done for us.

I remember when I was very young in Sunday School reading and listening to stories about the Israelites --- they had their ways of addressing their problem of forgetfulness: Israelite parents told their children stories of how God set His people free from Pharaoh's hand, how He led them across the Red Sea, drowning the pursuing armies behind them. They talked about how God fed and watered them in the wilderness and led them into the Promised Land. Some of those stories were made into songs to make them easier to remember such as---When Israel Was In Egypt's Land, Let My People Go; The Ten Commandments, Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho, Jonah and the Big, Big,Whale, Daniel and the Lion's Den, David and the Great Goliath, etc.

God also had the Israelites erect memorial stones in places where He had met them in power and performed great miracles. The stones were put in place as reminders to them and to future generations of what God had done in the past. Those memorials gave them hope in their future.

Like the Israelites of old, we as present-day believers also need to erect reminders of God's goodness and power. Photographs, letters, journals, recordings, DVD recordings and family stories can all act as valuable reminders for you today. Tuck away some reminders for yourself of what God is doing for you now and put them in a place where you might stumble across them in the future.

I never know what's going to fall out of one of my books that I haven't opened in a while. Just the other day I came across a note that someone had sent me years ago that I really treasure now. Maybe I'll come across a memorial stone or a song. Or perhaps I'll find a picture of a God-given moment or of some friends who were there at an important time in my life!

You never know how much you need such a reminder of God's goodness and faithfulness. You never know, that is, until you find it.

Grace and peace to you.

Tim

REMEMBERING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have some very special young people in our church who have just recently begun their 2012-13 college year. As a church family we want to hold them in our prayers asking God's blessings to be with them throughout this year as they pursue their various avenues of learning.

Please remember to pray daily for them and send them a note or card when you can. It is always nice to receive "something special" from their church family back home. The Membership Committee will be sending them a copy of "The Secret Place" devotional guide and the monthly church newsletter in addition to a few other things from time to time.

Please let them know just how much their church family loves and supports them. You will find their addresses listed in the new 2012-2013 Church Yearbook.

-Tim

SPECIAL PEOPLE MAKE SPECIAL SCHOOLS

To the folks at Pfafftown Christian:

Many thanks for your recent donation of school supplies (pencils, paper, notebooks, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc.).

Yesterday, my first day on the job in this position, I received a call from a woman who will have three grandchildren attending Old Town this fall. Her financial resources are modest and she was concerned that she would not be able to provide their necessary supplies. I am assembling "school kits" for the three of them from your donated supplies and will pass them along to them at our upcoming Open House.

Thank you for your generosity--and for making my new job a little easier! --Jan Doub Morgan

Home School/Parent Involvement Coordinator
Old Town Global Academy

PLANNING AHEAD...

AN APPALACHIAN ADVENT (December 4-7)

Come to Christmount for a special Advent experience. We'll worship together, sightsee, shop, relax, share fellowship, and experience an approach to the Advent/Christmas story that is creative, informative, amusing and inspiring.

Rev. Linda Whitmire will be our worship leader. Jim Shores and Carol Anderson-Shores will entertain and inspire us with their Rediscovering Christmas program on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Visit their website: www.actsofrenewal.com

Join us for a great time at Christmount in December! See the brochures in the Narthex for more information and for registration blanks.

Christian Education and Enrichment Sunday September 9th

Through Christian education we invite people of all ages to be transformed as they are inspired and challenged to:

- Know and experience God through God's Son Jesus Christ.
- Claim and live God's promises, and
- Grow and serve as Christian disciples.

Christian education enriches us to be witnesses of the light of Christ, His ministry, and in the sharing of His message of love and faithfulness! That light shines brightest when we study the Word, understand the Word, apply the Word, and demonstrate the Word in our lives.

On Sunday, September 9, we will celebrate the beginning of a new year of Christian Education as we meet for Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. followed by a special Worship Service at 11:00 at which time we will recognize our teachers and children. Music and liturgy during the service will reflect our emphasis on Christian education and formation. (Materials will be available in the Narthex to help guide you [and your family] in your own daily spiritual study and devotional time; and remember the Church Library is always a good resource for books, Bible commentaries, and other materials to assist you as well).

A Salad and Baked Potato lunch in the Upper Fellowship Hall will follow the worship service. Lunch will be provided by the Christian Education and Fellowship Committees.

Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us for this special day in the life of our church.

Frankie Denton, Christian Ed. Chair
Tim Shoaf, Director of Programs



MUSIC NOTES



The Chancel Choir has resumed their regular rehearsal schedule on Wednesday evenings at 7:15. Beginning on September 12, we will begin to rehearse music for the Annual Christmas Cantata which will be presented on Sunday evening, December 16.

The Adult Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals on Monday evening, September 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be the beginning of the 11th year (formed in 2001) for our handbell choir. We are excited to have Tony Bryant and Rita Moore as new handbell choir members joining our ranks this season! We will plan to play in the worship service in late September!

The Children's Handbell Choir has resumed rehearsals after taking a short summer break. This choir was organized last March and has already played for us at several worship services. We have several new children joining this great group of kids this season. Rehearsals are each Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All other children interested in joining us are welcomed!

The Children's and Youth Musical--"Down by the Creekbank" will be presented by the children and youth of our church in late October in the Upper Fellowship Hall. We had our first rehearsal on August 29, and if any child would like to join us in this delightful and inspirational musical/play please let me know -- we have space for everyone and would love for you to join us! A regular rehearsal schedule with dates/times, etc. will be distributed at our next rehearsal on Wednesday, September 5.

Looking forward to a great season of music!

-Tim



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BACK TO CHURCH!**

Rev Bob Parvin,
Pastor

Rev Tim Shoaf,
Minister of Music & Director of Programs

Ralph Botte
Ministry Intern

Debbie W Parvin,
Secretary

**PCC YARD SALE: Oct. 19 & 20
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



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Church Family

The family of Polly Simmons, Garland Terry, Doris Spaugh, Jake & Evelyn Nifong, Ludie Blakley, George & Ruth Myers, Kay Range (at the death of her uncle), Phil Denton and family (at the death of Phil's mother and nephew)

Others

Jamie Spiller (Debbie Fletcher's sister), Lee Crabill (Frankie Denton's brother), Billy Burnes (Vallie Cline's nephew), Mark Depew (brain cancer; friend of Kent Doub), Dwayne Sloan & family (friend of Alan & Debbie Fletcher), Raye Feltner-Kapornya (Disciple minister), Wade Tuttle, Cassie Mackie (Mary Timmon's sister), Jane Browder (friend of Jack & Lynda Bryant), Carolyn Bennett, Bill Showers (brother of Dan), Iris Westmoreland (sister of Vallie Cline), Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's aunt), Jonathan Schaffer, Joy Beck (Jo Stanley's mother), Mary Ellen Cutter (Art Boulware's sister), Sandra (friend of Frankie Denton), missionaries Zoltan & Barbara Szucs in Hungary

SERVERS for SEPTEMBER

ELDERS: Pat Boulware, Susie Lanier

DEACONS: Don Robertson, Chip Lanier
Gerald Fletcher, Ann Fletcher

COMMUNION: Gene Trippe, Susan Smith

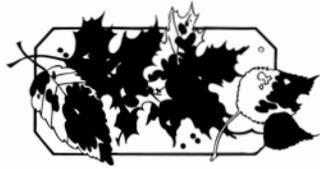
OPENING/CLOSING: Jack Bryant

NURSERY

- 02 Beth Faircloth
- 09 Jo Stanley
- 16 Ruth Saalweachter
- 23 Kitty Hunt
- 30 Jackie Romanello

Loved Ones in the Military

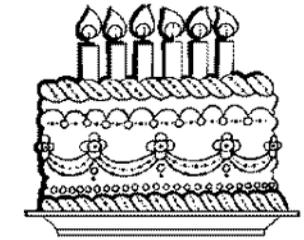
- PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA
- Sgt. Edmund E. Davis/Alaska
- 1LT Hope Tucci/Texas
- Samantha Goliat/High Point, NC
- Pvt. Victor Sechrist/Alaska
- 1LT John G. Van Hoy, IV/Afghanistan



September 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>ANNIVERSARIES:</u> the Staples (2nd); the Showers (3rd); the Boulwares (5th); the Alan Fletchers (8th); the Saalweachters (10th); the Masons (14th); the Joel Faircloths (28th)						1
2	3 Labor Day (Office Closed) 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts	4	5 4:30 Children's Handbells 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir	6 7:00 NIN	7	8
9 Christian Education Sunday	10 11:30 Goodtimers 7:00 Handbells	11 7:00 Elders	12 4:30 Children's Handbells 7:00 Choir	13	14	15
16 3rd Sunday Fellowship	17 Newsletter deadline 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Handbells	18 CWF Edible Evening	19 4:30 Children's Handbells 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir	20	21 CWF Chicken Pie Workshop	22 Fall begins
23	24 7:00 Handbells	25 7:00 Board	26 4:30 Children's Handbells 7:00 Choir	27 10:30 Newsletter Crew	28	29 Millsaps Reunion
30 Reconciliation Offering Received	Donation Item for this Month: Canned Beef Stew					



BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Lorrie Bennett
- 02 Frankie Denton
- 03 Gene Saalweachter
- 03 Jeanette Shropshire
- 04 Betty Harrell
- 06 Leigh Bell
- 06 Vallie Cline
- 08 Lavante Fulton
- 10 Olivia DePriest
- 11 Craig Bracken
- 11 Julia Faircloth
- 13 Jackie Romanello
- 16 Hope Tucci
- 16 Betty Simpson
- 17 Kathy Tilley
- 20 Julie Davis
- 20 Debbie Parvin
- 21 Robert Flynt
- 23 Campbell McInnis
- 24 Skip Stanley
- 24 Chris Dezern
- 25 Luke McAllister
- 26 Dennis Dawson
- 26 Elaine Bracken
- 28 Gene Trippe
- 30 Austin Pfaff
- 30 Caroline Smitherman

