



### *From the Pastor:*

Dear Saints,

A member of our congregation was telling me about a pastor in her life from a time past who used to say something along the lines of, "Unless providentially hindered, you should be in church." Our Presbytery has the same rule for ministers and elders regarding our attendance at our stated meetings.

The writer of Hebrews says to the church, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

These are great pieces of counsel! Let me encourage you to center your week around the life of the church. As the elders call us together, let us come to encourage one another, hear from the Lord and get our tanks filled with grace that we may live life well during the week. And repeat same process until Jesus returns!

A pastor often feels like a parent and I feel like a happy father when I see Sunday School well-attended, folks greeting one another in the sanctuary, saints of God participating in worship, a filled fellowship hall of Sunday evening service participants and mid-week events with excellent participation. It is also a blessing to see new people stepping into various roles in the life of the church.

On Sunday night during our service we heard from God's Word regarding the way God calls sinners to himself. He does so through people hearing the Gospel read, spoken and preached. (Romans 10:17) One practical thing we must do in

order to reach out to friends, family and neighbors is to bring folks to church. Let me encourage you to bring someone to worship. They will have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Sometimes less-imposing events in the life of the church are a good way to introduce someone to the body of believers. A weekday Bible study, a Young at Heart event or a Women's Tea is a great, low-key opportunity for people to be exposed to church. Let me encourage you to bring someone with you to any of our church events, especially to worship and preaching.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming Mission & Outreach Cookout. It will be from 4-8 PM on Saturday, October 3. You may bring as many folks along with you as you like!

Our church is well served by many men and women who faithfully use their God-given talents for the good of the body. When one serves, it often comes at a cost of time, energy and other resources. Sometimes we have to say "no" to good things...and it hurts!

Our beloved brother Macon Baird has served several terms as a Deacon and is now nearly one year into another term. He has found himself in a position of needing to say "no" to some good things in his life, one of those being his service as a Deacon. Please offer your thanks to Macon for his service and encourage him in his various labors as God calls him to be a man, husband, father and employee.

Lord willing, see you on Sunday,

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#### MISSIONS AND OUTREACH COOKOUT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 3 from 4-8 PM and join us for good food and fellowship. We are planning to have a food collection for the Foodbank. Please bring one or more nonperishable food items. Those coming who desire could bring chips or dessert. We will provide meat, buns, and condiments, fixings. Men interested in helping with grilling or providing a grill please speak to Stephen or Macon.



# PIEDMONT RESCUE MISSION

**“OFFERING A HAND UP, NOT A  
HAND OUT”  
1982-2015**

## GREATER VISION BANQUET

The Piedmont Rescue Mission's **Greater Vision Banquet 2015** will be October 15, 2015, 6PM at the National Agents Alliance Building, 1214 Turrentine St., Burlington, NC. The meal is catered by Golden Corral. Please join us for an evening of fellowship as we learn about this vital ministry in our community. Please see the flyer on the bulletin boards. The Keynote Speaker is Robert Amaya, *Co-Star* in the movie *Courageous*, "Jaiver Martinez." There is no cost for your meal. However, this is the main fundraiser for the rescue mission, so a generous donation is appreciated. Please let Glenn or Margaret Owens.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### BIRTHDAYS

Kelli Ensley	10/2
Becky Sneed	10/7
Margaret Mann	10/8
Macon Baird	10/11
Ed Limon	10/11
John Harris	10/13
Anne Garner	10/14

Len Sneed	10/17
Jay Snow	10/19
Tammy Cobb	10/20
Matt Causey	10/22
Jay Christopher	10/24
Chuck Renegar	10/25

### ANNIVERSARIES

Macon and Katherine Baird (19)	10/12
Mark and Donna Vestal (21)	10/22
Mark and Amy Sanderson (30)	10/26



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT FIRST ARP

### September

22 Young at Heart Luncheon - 11:45 AM  
23 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM

### October

3 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon  
3 Missions & Outreach Cookout - 4 - 8 PM  
4 The Lord's Supper  
7 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM  
8 Stated Session Meeting - 7 PM  
13 First Presbytery at Christ Church Denver, NC  
10 AM  
13 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM  
16-18 Womens' Ministry ARP Fall Retreat at  
Bonclarken  
18 Homecoming and 50th Anniversary  
Meal following Worship.  
21 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM  
22 Called Session Meeting - 7 PM  
27 Young at Heart Luncheon - 11:45 AM  
28 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM

### November

1 The Lord's Supper  
4 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM  
7 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon  
10 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM  
11 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM  
15 Annual Congregational Meeting  
18 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM  
29 Hymn Sing and Social - 6 PM

### December

1 Young at Heart Christmas Luncheon - 11:45 AM  
2 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM  
4 Christmas Lessons & Carols with reception to  
follow - 7 PM  
5 First Saturday Workday - 9 AM - Noon  
6 The Lord's Supper  
8 WM Book Study - *Extravagant Grace* - 7:00 PM  
9 WM Bible Study - Joshua - 11:15 AM - Luncheon  
20 Christmas Caroling after Evening Service  
24 Christmas Eve Service - 5 PM (tentative time)

### Nursery:

Sept 27: Jessica Richardson / Macon Baird  
Oct 4:

### Counter:

Sept 27: Doug Glass  
Oct 4: Jay Snow

### Deacon Duty:

Sept 27: Stephen Robinson  
Oct 4: Doug Glass

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