

The Anchor

For the month of August 2011



Dates to Remember:

- August 13, Community Visitation for Awana
- August 15, Lincoln Charter School Starts
- August 18, Senior Adult Trip to Flat Rock Playhouse
- August 20, Community Visitation for Awana
- August 24, Back To School Bash
- August 25, Lincoln County Schools Start



- August 31, Awana Begins Again
- Sept. 11, Special 911 Service
- October 18, Senior Adult Trip to Mt. Airy
- October 31, HALLELUJAH PARTY

Sunday morning July 17th 2011 will always be a memory in my mind I will never forget. It was the Sunday morning our church surprised me with a celebration of my 10th anniversary as the Senior Pastor of our church. When I walked into the sanctuary that Sunday morning I did not know anything special was planned, I had not even given it a thought. Those that know me know I do not like surprises, however the surprise I received that day was the greatest surprise I have ever had and I thank everyone who had a part in making this day so special.

Looking back over the last 10 years it seems like a very fast 10 years. Someone asked me what is the best thing that has happened while I have been here? Without a shadow of doubt the best thing that happened is when someone received Christ as Savior, was baptized and joined our church. There have been many good things happen here these past 10 years, but this is the best.

Once again we have printed on our front page a letter from one of our families who have joined our church. As you know we have been asking for our people to write and let us know what brought them to our church and why did they make the decision to join here? This month you will read a letter we received from Pat Casey. Pat, Tommy and Olivia Casey joined our church along with Tommy's mother Edith on August 11th, 2002. I had the joy of baptizing Olivia when she was 12 years old. Now she has graduated from college and will be getting married soon. We're grateful the Casey family is a part of our church family.



**Tommy and Pat Casey
Edith Casey (Far left)
Olivia Casey (Back)**

A Ministry Making a Difference

In May 2002, our Casey family relocated to NC. This was a change filled with challenges. Tommy would be leaving the town he was born and raised in, while facing the challenge of closing a La-Z-Boy plant in Florence, SC and taking over as Plant Manager in Lincolnton. Mom Casey, a recent widow, faced leaving her home place, many friends and a lifetime of experiences as well as her church where she was a charter member. Olivia found herself facing changes...giving up the security and comfort she had been so familiar with. Tommy and I (Pat) were caught up in the overwhelming challenges of selling both our and Mom's houses while building a new house in NC that would feel home to all.

There were many difficult times during that transition and we learned more than ever to trust in the Lord to give us the strength to face all the challenges before us.

Finding a Church home was one of our priorities. We visited a particular church for several weeks. Each time we entered, we were greeted by friendly faces and most of the people spoke with Tommy and me. Mom Casey would stand by and was always pleasant and positive. Olivia was not introduced to any of the youth but enjoyed the service with us. The worship service was great but somehow something didn't feel just right. We talked about visiting another church. Mom Casey said, "It doesn't matter to me, I can worship the Lord anywhere."

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One Sunday we decided to visit Westport. When we walked through the door, we were greeted by many people. I heard someone say to Mom Casey, "Oh you've got to meet..." and before we realized, she was whisked away by the hand and I watched as she took Mom all around the sanctuary and kept introducing her to many people. When she brought her back, she continued with enthusiasm to tell her of the Seniors' Sunday School class and the active Seniors ministry. She invited her to the weekly luncheons and even offered to come pick her up. Seeing the look on Mom Casey's face, I knew this was the church for our family.

Westport has a wonderful Youth Ministry and a Sunday School class for all ages. What made the difference was the Seniors' Ministry. What an important ministry! For our family, Mom Casey gave up the most when we moved. True to her character, she never complained and was always her cheerful self, willing to accommodate to the challenges and changes. Westport Baptist Church not only offered us a great place of worship where the Word was preached, but it offered friendship and the church family we were looking for. It met the needs of each of our family members. It gave Mom Casey the realization of how important she is, not only to our family but to her new Church family. They helped to make a difficult transition much easier as several of the seniors have reached out to her and befriended her. They have come to take her to participate in some of the activities when Tommy & I have been at work. Mom Casey has felt the love of Christ through many of her new friends and which made it easier to call Denver, NC "home". Our family is so grateful for Westport Baptist Church and, in particular, for the unique ministry to the seniors.



Tommy, Pat and Edith Casey

It's Time to Care

I want to congratulate Pastor Jerry's Adult 6 class for caring enough to visit. Jerry and Gayle have been visiting but Denise Taylor and Ana Jones joined in the past two weeks. It paid off because their attendance jumped from 12 to 20! Thank you for caring! Caring also led to 3 new members in Pastor Don's senior class. They welcomed Betty Jean Staton, Bridget Justen and Freida Bartlett as new members because some people expressed friendship and concern to them. Mike Watts and I visited a home and showed compassion for a man in failing health. The family plans to attend. Isn't it time for every class and every person to be caring about others?

GO and Make Disciples

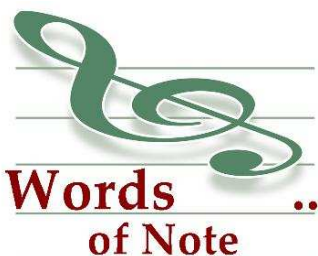


The Great Commission emphasizes making disciples as we go. How do we disciple? We spend time with people listening to them, loving them and sharing what the Word of God says. How did Jesus reach Zacchaeus? He went to his house showing acceptance and compassion to one despised by most of the people. How did Jesus reach many besides his teaching? He met them in the marketplaces and healed all that had faith. In the parable of the good Samaritan Jesus asked who acted like a neighbor to the beaten, wounded man. Then Jesus challenged the scribe to go show mercy to others. If Christians would start showing God's mercy and love to people around them there would be a great harvest of souls saved! The Lord says to us as well as that scribe, "Go and do thou likewise!" Stop sitting on your blessed assurance and go love others to Jesus!

Teachers, each Sunday, start asking who will be the outreach team for the coming week. Give them a prospect or inactive member to visit. Print up some invitations to your class, take some Sunday school quarterlies and visit in your member's neighborhoods. Pray for the Lord's compassion and His eyes for opportunities! When Jesus saw the crowds of people "he was moved with compassion" because they were weak, lost and dying. Then He commanded His disciples "PRAY ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 19:38). The time is way over due for Christians to care, and to really care, we must Pray for compassion to be witnesses and workers of healing.

Teachers, do your best to go with us Saturday, Aug.6 to Salem Baptist for a great time of motivation and training. We will leave the church 8:30a.m.

Let's reveal our Lord's love, Pastor David Walker



Thanks for stopping a few moments and reading my "thoughts". You know, most folk think all I do is sit around and think of music; well that is partially right, but most of the time, I'm thinking and praying for our church folk. Our choir singers, orchestra players, special music singers and players, our accompanists, our church membership and wonder, "what are their needs today?"

Words of Note

Music has a universal way of reaching where nothing else goes. Let me give you an example: You ever notice how the rays of sunshine can penetrate when nothing can go there? Everywhere it touches, it's soothing and comforting, especially during the cold months of winter. (Remember that particular phrase as you read.)

I came across a hymn that I think you'll enjoy knowing about. "I Must Tell Jesus." Remember that song? Let me tell you about it: Was written by Elisha A. Hoffman, born in Orwigsburg, Pa in 1893. Like his father, became a preacher of the Gospel and also a writer. On many occasions during his visitation you could find him ministering to the folk having a difficult time, physically as well as spiritually.

While visiting a member one day, a home where much sorrow and affliction seemed to stay constantly, he ministered to the lady and she needed consoling. Well, he quoted Bible verses, prayed and did everything he knew to do. Nothing helped at that moment. He just said, "Well, why don't you just tell Jesus all about it?" She said, "Yes! I Must Tell Jesus."

Mr. Hoffman immediately left with those words ringing in his ears and heart. Went directly home and sat down writing the words to: "I Must Tell Jesus." He also wrote the familiar hymns "Down At The Cross" and "Are You Washed In The Blood?" By the way; the words to "I Must Tell Jesus," are: "I must tell Jesus all of my trials; I cannot bear these burdens alone; In my distress He kindly will help me; He ever loves and cares for His own" the chorus sings, " I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, I cannot bear my burdens alone; I must tell Jesus, I must tell Jesus, Jesus can help me, Jesus alone." Maybe you need that song today. Who knows? Tell Him all about it. Nothing is too big for Him.



So happy to give you some good news about the choir: Good to have Chuck Hazzard back. After his working overseas he's come back and singing with the choir. We also are very happy to have Roby Lutz with us. We have been praying for some men and God is doing just that. Men, if you're reading this, you're certainly welcomed to just come one time to practice and see how it is. You'll enjoy it. So good to have Darlene Blevins back with us. Maybe you used to sing with us and for who knows what reason not anymore, COME BACK!! We miss you.

The Lord has been good to us and we want to give Him all the glory. Maybe next month I'll tell you a little about our Sunday School class. We are excited about it. The "Torchbearers." The Lord has allowed me to teach a class and I love it. Until next month, though, have a great week and remember, God loves you.

Lord bless you, Pastor Jerry Mattheiss

Seeking the Lost Luke 19:10 ***"For the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."***

Zacchaeus was a short man and he wanted to see Jesus as Jesus passed through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem. The stature of Zacchaeus made it impossible for him to see Jesus - the man he had heard so much about. Jesus had the reputation of giving life to the dead, curing diseases, and healing the cripple - Zacchaeus had a desire to see this man called Jesus Christ. Unable to see Jesus because of the crowd and his short stature, he climbed a sycamore tree to get the height needed to see over the crowd surrounding Jesus.



Zacchaeus put forth the effort to satisfy his desire. The efforts by Zacchaeus to see Jesus might be the very thing you need to do. Maybe you need to climb over obstacles that hinder you from letting Jesus meet your daily needs. Is your life empty with no purpose? Try Jesus - because he came to find you and meet your thirsty needs.



After Jesus rose from the dead, he had supper with the disciples by inviting them to ***"come and dine"*** (John 21:8). This is his invitation to us today.

Opportunities Include

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Prayer at the Altar
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Morning Worship
4:30 PM Adult Choir Practice
5:00 PM Student Ministry Training
5:30 PM Orchestra Practice
6:00 PM Evening Worship

MONDAY

7:00 PM Visitation

TUESDAY

10:00 AM Ladies Prayer Time

WEDNESDAY

6:30 PM Children's Summer Program
6:45 PM Impact Student Ministry
7:00 PM Adult Worship Service

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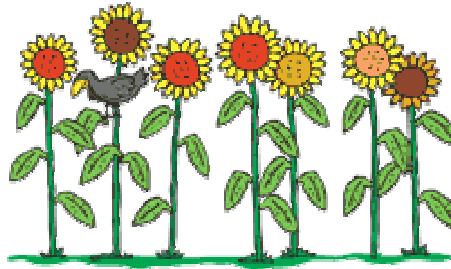
August Birthdays

8/03	B.T. Taylor	8/20	Paul Blythe
8/04	Lori Blythe	8/20	Vance Mauney
8/05	Michael Germano	8/21	Rona Wilkinson
8/05	Christopher Stancil	8/22	Kathy Baker
8/05	Colby Taylor	8/22	Gary Hunsucker
8/07	Wayne Jordan	8/22	Betty Vido
8/08	Emily Bosley	8/23	Shirley Greene
8/08	Jason Owen	8/23	Carla Waldron
8/09	Mike Young, Jr.	8/23	Tom Weston
8/11	Derek McCloughan	8/24	Hunter Gabriel
8/13	Erin Hudgins	8/25	Michael Carpenter
8/14	Don Pienkowski	8/25	Killy Griffin
8/15	Robert Brotherton	8/26	Steven Fesperman
8/15	Rex Mason	8/28	Gladys Riggs
8/16	Ryan Blythe	8/29	Audrey Bass
8/18	Cameron Jordan	8/30	Mason Clark
8/19	Ayla Stevenson	8/31	Bobbie Ridenhour



August Anniversaries

8/01/87	Vance and Sarah Mauney
8/07/99	Tommy and Stephanie Helms
8/07/99	Anthony and Angie Hutto
8/08/09	Bobby and Kimberly Chandler
8/16/03	Jason and Alicia Hudgins
8/18/51	Myers and Janice Godfrey
8/18/56	George and Marian Pickett
8/22/69	Darrell and Susan Ellis
8/26/96	John and Brandi Bryan
8/28/60	Gary and Carolyn Hunsucker
8/30/57	Pastor Jerry and Gayle Mattheiss



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