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# THE GOOD NEWS LETTER

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## Upcoming Events:

Sept. 11—Rally Day

Sept. 17—Growing Together Workshop

Sept. 24—Presbyterian Women District Meeting  
Roxboro Presbyterian Church

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## *Practice What You Preach*

One night on the news, there were twin brothers 8 or 9 years old. Please forgive me if I don't have all the facts right but maybe you saw this too and will be able to follow this story that really happened. The story begins at an ice rink where these 2 brothers were competing for a charity of their choice. One of the twins' name had been given to the announcer to call to try his luck at this game. When the announcer called his name, the correct son happened not to be in the right place. Their dad got excited and sent his other twin son out. The competition involved using a hockey stick from the center of the ice rink and sliding the small disk through a small square just a little larger than the disk. The disk had to slide through the small opening. Yeah, his son made the disk go through! Their charity won \$50,000.00. Well the boys knew what had happened. Their dad took them home all excited about winning the money.

I imagine Dad had a sleepless night so the next day he called the competition people and told them what he had done. The son's name that he had called to come forth to participate was his other twin son. Dad and the boys learned a very valuable \$50,000.00 lesson.

This was a very valuable lesson for all! I bet those boys will remember this about their father for the rest of their lives.

Submitted by Jane Snipes

## *RPC WOMEN ! WELCOME TO THE FALL GATHERING SEPTEMBER 24!*

*Every woman in our church family is invited to the Fall Gathering of Presbyterian Women (PW), which RPC will host on Saturday, September 24, 10am-noon, for New Hope Presbytery Areas 1, 2, and 3 -- bringing women from Wake, Granville, Person, Orange, Durham, and Vance Counties to Roxboro. Keynote speaker is the inspirational Rev. Graham McChesney, followed by workshops for PW officers and " Together in Service" for everyone. To register, contact Jane Snipes (snipesjane@yahoo.com) or 330-0626 late registration will begin at 9:15 in the Fellowship Hall on the morning of the Gathering. Friendship Circle is deep into preparations; and Delories Sherman, incoming moderator of RPC's PW, hopes every woman in our RPC community will come for heartfelt fellowship, education, inspiration -- and lunch!*

### *PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PURPOSE:*

*Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves*

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study
- to support the mission of the church worldwide
- to work for justice and peace
- and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presby-

# Glerk's Corner

What a hot summer and my! How fast it has flown. School is back in session for some and will be for all very soon. Back on schedules! While our attendance for Sunday worship has been good for the summer, it's now time to definitely make Sunday School and worship service a part of "getting back in the routine". Dr. Efird will be in the pulpit most Sunday's with the exception of Sundays with prior commitments.

The Session is continuing to work hard to carry on the work of the church while we are without a pastor. We are so fortunate to have Rev. Mary Banner as our moderator and were delighted to have her perform Sunday duties in Dr. Efird's absence. The standing session committees are actively working. The Interim Search Committee made up of Leigh Woodall, Henry Newell, Kay Lowrance, and Nancy Dallas have almost completed our CIF form for the Committee on Ministry. Rev. Banner made a request on our behalf to that committee that we be given the "go ahead" to appoint a Pastor Search Committee to begin that process. We have just been informed that a person from our session has to meet with the committee in Raleigh in mid-Sept. to further discuss our intentions. They will look more favorably on our request if we will complete or have in process a "mission study". Sometimes this study can take 6 months to a year, according to them. More on this will become available after our Sept. session meeting. I am open to any suggestions, comments, ideas that any of you have concerning our moving along with this process. The session would like to do so as soon as possible, but we have to co-ordinate the procedures with Presbytery requirements.

The elder on call for September is Nancy Dallas. Thanks to all who have worked so diligently to keep our church going!

Something to think about...Do you know why a car's windshield is so large and the rear view mirror is so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, with God's help we look ahead and move on!  
Peace and Blessings, *Nancy Dallas*, Clerk

## Congregational Care and Fellowship Committee Report

- As Roxboro Presbyterian's Outstanding Older Adult, C.W. Boyette was honored at the 83rd stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Hope on July 19, 2011 at Triangle Presbyterian Church in Durham. Several of our members were on hand to join in this celebration. Congratulations, C.W.!
- On August 7, 2011 Rev. Mary Banner led our congregation in worship. Rev. Banner serves as moderator for our Session and in that capacity led the Congregational Meeting following Worship to hear Gay Foster-Wright, Gene Gideon, Diana Jeffries and David Turner's names placed in nomination for the 2012 class of Session. The Officer Nominating Committee consists of Ted Hale, Anne Powley, Lynn MacFadyen, Polly Wallace, Angie Wilson and Riley Oakley.
- After worship on August 14, 2011, Kim K. Rand and her daughters hosted a sub and ice cream lunch in the fellowship hall for RPC's congregation. This was in conjunction with Bible School the previous day. The children entertained the congregation following the lunch.  
Submitted by Riley Oakley

Communion  
September 4  
October 2—Worldwide Communion



## Schedules and Milestones

### Ushers/Greeters

September 4— Traudl & Charles Ernst  
 September 11—Polly Wallace and Bill Dallas  
 September 18—Nate & Julie Fisher  
 September 25—Ules Bridgeman & Riley Oakley

October 2— Millie Rieb & Beth Townsend  
 October 9— Angie Wilson & Mabel Cleveland  
 October 16—Carolyn Rattican & Marilyn Chester  
 October 23—Ray Ferguson & Bonnie King  
 October 30—Eunice & JD Dickerson

November 6—Sharon & Gene Gideon  
 November 13—Carolyn & Leigh Woodall  
 November 20—Ann & Justin Bettendorf  
 November 27—Delores & Richard Sherman

### Nursery Schedule:

September 4 – Sharon Gideon  
 September 11 – Jodi DeVellier  
 September 18 – Laura Dallas  
 September 25 - Jane Forton

October 2 – Angie Wilson  
 October 9 - Kim Rand  
 October 16 – Jodi DeVillier  
 October 23 – Sharon Gideon  
 October 30 - Beth Townsend

### Acolytes:

September  
 4— Communion  
 11—Cole Dallas  
 18—John Montague  
 25—Olivia Townsend

October  
 2— Communion  
 9— Cole Dallas  
 16—John Montague  
 23—Olivia Townsend

### Lay Readers:

September 4—Eugene Leciejewski  
 September 11—Kay Lowrance  
 September 18—Bonnie Montague  
 September 25—Anne Powley

October 2— Mary King  
 October 9— TBA  
 October 16—Delores Sherman  
 October 23—Richard Sherman  
 October 30—Betty Hale

November 6—Beth Townsend  
 November 13—David Turner  
 November 20—Paul Williams  
 November 27—Carolyn Woodall



## BIRTHDAYS

### September

1 Jean Newell  
 Justin Bettendorf  
 2 Gene Gideon  
 Ules Bridgeman  
 18 Eunice Dickerson  
 Jimmy Dallas  
 19 Sam Wilson  
 22 Walter Cates  
 23 Debbie Watson  
 Jean Braswell  
 28 Judy Newell  
 29 Anne Powley  
 30 Alice Boyette

### October

2 Sheila Williams  
 6 William Bullock  
 7 Wilma Bridgeman  
 9 Alex Burnette  
 15 Ashlan Wilson  
 16 Heyward Collins  
 19 Zalene Burnette  
 21 Nate Fisher  
 27 Leigh Woodall  
 Margaret Hughes  
 31 Delories Sherman

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE & COMMITTEE UPDATES

## CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER

The First Friday of every month, Roxboro Presbyterian provides lunch at the Roxboro Christian Help Center. Thanks to those of you who continue to give of your time, money, cooking skills, etc month after month with the mission outreach. If you have never served, please consider it because it is a very fulfilling experience.

Our upcoming Friday commitments are September 2 and October 7. We will need people to serve for this month as well as folks to provide the meat. Please let me know if you are able to help.

Thanks! Pat Cobb

(Duties: Bring a meat, a starch, a vegetable, bread and dessert enough to feed 25-30 people. At least 3 volunteers to serve. Be at Christian Help Center by 11:00am)

## MISSION REPORT

More than 800 million people in the world go hungry. In the United States, 12 million children live in households where people have to skip meals or eat less to make ends meet. In Person County, many residents need assistance in fighting hunger daily. Members of Roxboro Presbyterian have an opportunity through monetary contributions and donations of food items to help address some of the needs in Person County. Thus far, two deliveries of food items have been taken to the Christian Help Center. We had one Sunday in July and another in August designated as "Empty your Pockets" days. Church members have received the Pennies for Hunger "banks"--a few with names in them remain in the room off the Narthex.

September Activities:

Continue to place coins or bills in your "banks" at mealtime each day. Bring your filled "banks" to church on Sunday morning, September 25. Members who would like credit for their contributions should write the amount they are contributing on the paper inside the banks. We would gladly accept checks or cash donations if you prefer either of these methods of giving.

Fill a grocery bag with any kind of canned goods or other staples. Bring these on any Sunday during September.

Give thanks for your many blessings and pray for those who are hungry, homeless, and live in challenging situations every day. Let us all work together to do our part in addressing hunger needs in Person County and around the world.  
Carolyn Woodall

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Henry Newell, chair

Total Income (thru the end of July):	\$72,010
Total Expenses:	\$54,522
Difference:	\$17,489

### Special Offerings:

- **Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering—\$442.**
  - **Japanese Disaster Relief Fund—\$200.**
  - **Crop Walk for Hunger—\$250 from Mission Funds, \$280 from Congregation, totaling \$530.**
- Habitat for Humanity—\$2,000 from General Memorial Funds**

The Finance Committee is very grateful for the generous Offerings the congregation continues to give to support our church! The numbers above are a bit deceiving though. Our Offerings are actually running about \$2,500 below budget. We are in a unique position because our expenses have been well below-budget given that we have not been paying pastor salary or benefits since the end of March. But we want to make sure we are prepared once we do have a new full-time pastor.

Offerings will be extremely important as we continue through this year, because we can no longer rely on rental income. As you know, Summit Engineering has moved. We are actively searching for new tenants for both rental spaces in the old manse, but have not secured them yet. Until we do, our monthly income will be reduced by an additional \$1,100. So as we all wrap up our summer activities, and return to our more routine schedules, the Finance Committee asks that you continue to remember our church in your prayers and in your giving.  
Jodi DeVillier

### THANK YOU NOTE:

Dear Church Family,

*Thank you for everything you did for me for my graduation—The Bible, the service at the lake with the nice comments from Betty and Beth, and the Linda Leigh Slaughter Scholarship. I appreciate all of it very much.*

Chris Forton

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

Well, it's been several months now that we've been without a full time pastor but have you noticed Roxboro Presbyterian Church is still right there on the corner of Oak and Lamar Streets and its members are still the faithful souls they always have been? We have not missed a beat on having a good sermon every Sunday, communion service, a bulletin and insert, ushers and greeters, acolytes and lay readers in place, a melodious choir that equals any around and a time with the children that makes **you** want to go to the front and be 3 years old again. It's all compliments of your Worship Committee consisting of Libby Burke, Laura Dallas, Barbara Gentry, Jane Forton, Bonnie Montague, Carolyn Woodall and a few extra recruits like our faithful Betty Hale who now wears the crown as "queen of bulletin preparation."

Dr. Efird will continue to supply for us until such time a pastor is selected. From time to time, he will not be able to be with us due to prior, long-standing commitments. Reverend Tom Loftis will lead us in worship on September 11 and 25 and December 4.

On behalf of the Worship Committee, let us know if you have suggestions for making improvements to our service and any of the other activities that come under our domain.

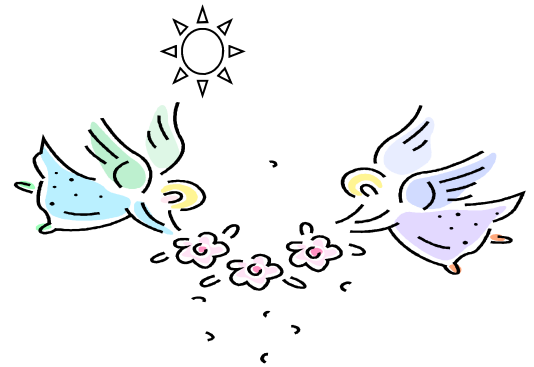
Kay Lowrance



### IN SYMPATHY

Roxboro Presbyterian Church extends its heart-felt sympathy to the family and friends of Beverly Meloy Cavalier who died on August 2, 2011. Beverly was a loyal choir member for over 30 years. Her beautiful soprano voice was heard during many special events as soloist and in small group singing.

*Blessed are those who mourn for they will be comforted, Matthew 5:4*



### HOUSEKEEPING

#### REMINDER

The Session would like to remind everyone to make sure all lights are turned off and all doors locked when leaving the building.

#### LOST and FOUND:

Found items—please clip to the bulletin board outside the sanctuary, or if the item is too large, put it in the workroom with a note.

Lost items—please put a note on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary describing the item

## MEDITATION MOMENTS

When angels sense you need them, and angels always do,  
They come, unseen, from everywhere to help and comfort you.  
They hover close beside you till all your cares are gone —  
Then fly away to other hearts so you can carry on.  
But one, at least, stays with you as your constant friend and guide,  
For guardian angels never leave.....  
They're always at your side.      Author unknown.





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## *Christian Education Report*

Vacation Bible School was Saturday, August 13, 2011, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The theme was PandaMania, Where God is Wild About You!

Twelve children and 2 teens had a great time learning about God by watching a movie, playing games, singing songs and making arts and crafts.

I would like to thank all the volunteers: Laura Dallas, who taught music, Pat Cobb and Beth Townsend

who led the games, Jane Forton and Ann Bettendorf who taught arts and crafts. Thank you to Ashlan Wilson and Stevie Boyette for being the teen leaders of each group. Also, thank you to the volunteers who prepared lunch: Comer Barrett for making tea, Sam Wilson, Sr. and Mat Wrenn for cooking lunch. We had a wonderful lunch of hotdogs, macaroni and cheese, tater crowns and fruit skewers. Angie Wilson, Chair Christian Education

