



We hope everyone is having a great new year! I hope this finds everyone fully recuperated from a wonderful holiday season.

The month of February brings us to over half of our school year. Four more months and school will be over for this school year. We continue to be blessed this school year and are excited that during the month of February we will open registration for next fall. If you are interested in enrolling your child in our preschool program or would like additional information, please contact us by phone (704) 454-7041 or stop by the Weekday Preschool Office between the hours of 9a.m. - 1 p.m. We will be happy to answer any questions you might have. Registration will open on February 16th and we expect spots to fill quickly.

This month we will be studying dental health and healthy bodies and celebrating the 100th day of school. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day.

Your prayers for the Preschool are always appreciated and we thank you for them. Have a wonderful and blessed February.

Ms. Marty, Director

REUNIONES en ESPAÑOL

Lo invitamos a participar de **Estudios Biblicos en Español**, cantos y compañerismo.

DOMINGOS 9:00 HS

(actividades para niños durante esta hora)

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Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will ... pour out so much blessing ... Mal 3:10 (NIV)

Greetings Church Family,

Let me start by saying what an honor it is to be your pastor. It seems like I'm always either writing that or saying it. But, it truly is an honor. Thank you for allowing me that honor.

Each week it seems our church family continues to grow and grow. I'm amazed about the growth in every area of ministry, but I'll have to admit that the growth in our preschool and children's areas is astounding. It seems every time we make an adjustment to provide more space or teachers for these areas, that God gifts us with more preschoolers and children. I'm thankful that as I stand before parents and share with them about our preschool and children's ministries that I can tell them with joy what outstanding care their child will receive.

We're getting ready to make an adjustment in these areas that will help us better care for these little ones. On Sunday, February 5th, we'll employ the KidCheck secure check-in system. Initially, setting up children in this system will take a little time. This computerized system will allow us to keep better track of parent and child information, thus, helping us better care for the preschoolers and children of our church. Like any "system change," there is an adjustment period. Please be understanding as we work do our best in working through this system.

While I'm writing about children, let me share with you something very exciting. On November 10th of this year, we are hosting a conference for parents called, *Everyday Parents Can Raise Extraordinary Kids*, through the National Center for Biblical Parenting. The authors of the conference, Dr. Scott Turanski and Joanne Miller, will be with us to lead the conference.

Parents, I hope you'll mark your calendar and plan to attend this event. I also hope you'll bring your friends who are parents. Grandparents, that might be a great day for you to volunteer to keep the grandkids. What a wonderful opportunity to invest in the families of our church family and the families of our community!

Lastly, I want to share with you two sermon series I'm starting. One series I've titled, "A Savior and His Men," will be on Wednesday evenings. We'll get to know the disciples of Jesus a little better and see what we can learn from them about following Jesus.

The other series will begin the first Sunday of February. I've titled it, "That's My Church." In that series we'll look at what it means to be the church in our world. I hope you'll plan to attend both series.

Blessings,
Pastor John



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We want to make everyone aware of the plans that are in place in the event inclement weather causes us to cancel services. Pastor John, after consulting with other leadership, will make the decision to cancel services by 7:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. There will be a message placed on the church's phone line after 7:30 a.m. so that you can call in to see if Grow Groups or worship service is cancelled. A message will be posted on News Channel 36, on WSOC-TV (Channel 9), and TV64, and on their websites (www.wcnc.com and www.WSOCTV.com). The decision to cancel all services would be based upon the weather forecast for the entire morning, and the message will be specific as to what is being cancelled. As always, the safety of everyone is paramount.

**HURRICANE IRENE
DISASTER RECOVERY
MISSION TRIP
February 10th & 11th
Bayboro, NC**

Plans are to leave on Thursday evening in order to get an early start on Friday morning. See Gary Story or Buddy Brooks for more information.



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Hello folks!

What an enjoyable time we had at our Senior Adult Breakfast in January. Thank you to the Men's Ministry for preparing the food and to our SAMs Committee who served. Also, thanks to Jennifer Rhyne for blessing us with her music.

February is our SAM Mission Month. On February 9th at 10 a.m. we will meet in the FLC and put together the personal hygiene packs for the men and women at the homeless shelter of the Salvation Army in Concord. We will also make packs up for the CVAN shelter in Concord and for the mother and children shelter in Concord. We will go out for lunch afterwards.

If you have signed up to go on our Nashville trip, payments start in March. If you have not signed up and would like to go, please see Ann Shirley or me. The dates for the trip are September 10-13, 2012.

Also, just a "heads up" – on March 22nd at 9:30 a.m. we will have a movie day and lunch in the FLC. You will hear more details about the movie in the future.

In closing, for our widows and widowers, we will have our annual lunch just for you on Tuesday, February 14th at 12:00 noon in the FLC. If you are a widow or widower, please call the church office or let me know if you plan to attend. I always look forward to that day with you.

Blessings,
Rody

Senior Adult Ministry & Prime Timers 2012 Upcoming Events

- February 14 ~ Widow/Widowers Luncheon
- March 22 ~ Movie & Lunch
- April 19 ~ Trip to Riverbank Zoo
- May 15-18 ~ Trip to Charleston & Savannah
- June 25-28 ~ Senior Adult VBS
- July 14 ~ Picnic in the Gym
- September 10-13 ~ Trip to Nashville
- October 18 ~ Trip to the Biltmore
- December 13 ~ Breakfast & Christmas Caroling



BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
of North Carolina

Baptist Children's Homes Sunday February 12th

Again this year, the residents of the Stegall Home will be with us in worship on Sunday morning, February 12th, as we celebrate Baptist Children's Homes Sunday. Each year on Baptist Children's Homes Sunday, we receive a special love offering that helps support the homes. Please give generously, over and above your tithe, to this very worthwhile ministry.

SAMARITAN'S FEET SHOE DRIVE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND



SAMARITAN'S FEET

PROVIDENCE'S GOAL: 500 PAIRS

Nearly 1,000,000 die each year as a result of foot-borne illnesses that may be preventable by simple protection – shoes. Samaritan's Feet is a mission organization whose goal is to provide shoes in impoverished countries around the world. From February 22nd through Easter Sunday, April 8th, Providence is partnering with Calvary Church of Charlotte to provide 500 pairs of athletic shoes for children in Kenya. We are also being asked to collect \$10 with each shoe donation to cover the cost of transporting the shoes to Kenya. Shoes can be left on the church altar throughout Lent. Money for delivery should be clearly designated as such and dropped in the offering plate during the service.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH – 5:30PM



Join us for a Play Group event in the FLC on Super Bowl Sunday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. and lasting until halftime. It will be a fun evening of good fellowship, watching the Super Bowl and eating!! You are asked to bring a comfortable chair and a dessert to share. The Hostess Committee will provide chili, meatballs, wings, chips, veggies, dip, drinks, etc. YUM!!

Also, we'll be collecting food for the local food pantry: soups, canned goods, crackers, peanut butter, small bags of flour or sugar, macaroni, spaghetti, etc. Even if you cannot come for the game that evening, you can still be a part of our "Souper Bowl of Caring" by bringing non-perishable food items that morning. We'll add them to what's collected that evening and get them to the food pantry.

And, feel free to wear your favorite team's jersey to worship that morning – even if they're not in the Super Bowl!!



POINTS

Fast Food Binge
Saturday, February 18 – 6PM

Invite your friends to join you as we progressively eat at some of Harrisburg's finest dining locations. See any youth leader for more information.



Sunday Morning Grow Groups
9AM

Wednesday Night Youth Worship
6:30PM

Invite your friends to join you and other youth in exploring God's Word and finding relevance in it for today's issues.



Don't forget to register for Kid Check, our new child security system, at go.kidcheck.com. For more information, visit www.kidcheck.com.

Children in Action Weekend February 18-19

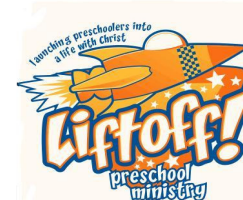


Saturday, February 18th - CiA Ministry Day

Each February, thousands of children across North America participate in ministry projects on the same day: Children's Ministry Day. From feeding hungry people to visiting shut-ins, girls and boys follow God's command to "put your love into action" (1 John 3:18). Be a part of this event as we make laundry goody bags and deliver them to student athletes at UNCC.

Sunday, February 19th - CiA Sunday

During the worship hour, we'll sing and recognize those children who have memorized their CiA verses. Come show the children your love and support.



Valentine's Party at Carillon Saturday, February 11th ~ 10 AM



The preschoolers will meet at Carillon to sing for the residents and to pass out cookies and cards for Valentines Day.