

Crowders Creek ARP Church



Kirkin' O' the Tartan

Kirk is a Scottish word for Church and a Tartan is the traditional dress of the Scots consisting of a pattern of stripes crossing at right angles woven into a woolen fabric that distinguishes the various Scottish Clans. Thus, the Kirkin' o' the Tartans is the traditional blessing of the tartans by the Clergy.

Following the failure of the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745 led by Bonnie Prince Charles when the English defeated the Jacobites at the battle of Culloden, the Disarming Act of 1746 was imposed by England that forbade the Scots from wearing or even possessing their tartans, punishable by death. The Scottish Clan System, with its representative tartans, was declared forbidden as troops loyal to the Duke of Cumberland and the House of Hanover ravaged the Scottish Highlands, searching out Jacobite supporters. It was during this time that the English declared the Bagpipe to be a weapon of war.

The legend goes the Highlanders hid small pieces of their tartan among their clothing when they went to church, and at a predetermined time, they secretly touched their tartan material as the preacher would say a blessing during the worship service.

With the coming of the 18th Century, many of these Scots faced the Highland Clearances. Thousands of Highland tenant farmers were forced into becoming pioneers in the New World as their former aristocratic lords drove them off their land, so that they could conduct the much more profitable business of raising sheep.

The Kirkin' o' Tartans, or blessing of the tartan, was revived in 1943 by Reverend Peter Marshall, then the Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and Pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. It was his desire to instill pride among Scottish Americans in their Scottish ancestral homeland.

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans ceremony became popular in Presbyterian churches across the USA. Today, the Kirkin' o' the Tartan is not limited to Presbyterian Churches, but can be observed in other Protestant and Roman Catholic services where the ceremony is a great social occasion for people of Scottish origin to congregate and worship God. (Source: <http://www.clansofscotland.org>)

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTANS/REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 30, 2011

Please note that our annual **Kirkin' o' the Tartans** celebration is scheduled to be held Sunday, October 30th! We shall again have a covered dish meal as part of the celebration. **Mr. Dave McKenzie** will also be with us to provide bagpipe music, as well as reading scripture in Scottish and Gaelic. We trust that everyone who has a family tartan will join us and present it during the opening procession. If you have other Scottish dress regalia, please feel free to wear such on that morning.

Details:

⇒ Those who will be presenting their tartans are asked to please gather on the front porch at **10:40 a.m.** in order that we can get your name and the clan you are representing.

- ⇒ Everyone who is willing is asked to please bring a **covered dish (meat, vegetable, salad, dessert, etc.)** Tea, coffee, and **lemonade will be provided.**
- ⇒ Deacons will have the tables in place for the meal. We also, however, **need volunteers to break down the tables and put them back into the closet, sweep the floors, wash utensils, etc. after the meal.** This task will be much easier and more fun if we can all chip in a bit.





OCTOBER

- 10/04 Kirk Carter
- 10/04 Al Roof
- 10/05 Anne Roach
- 10/08 Barbara Moses
- 10/09 Jim Cauble
- 10/09 Robert Love
- 10/09 Bethany Roach Frazier
- 10/09 Austin Wingard
- 10/10 Mildred Oates
- 10/13 Shannon Clarke
- 10/13 Edith Petty
- 10/21 Jacob Russ
- 10/22 Mike Mauney
- 10/24 Larry Wheeler
- 10/26 Steve Ferguson
- 10/26 Jamie Murphy
- 10/28 Karen Knight
- 10/30 David Jackson
- 10/31 Elinor Hardy
- 10/31 Ethel Mauney

Additional Ministers this Month...		
Date	Children's Church	Nursery
10/2	Carla Clarke & Ava Mauney	Charlie & Christy Rhyne
10/9	Martin & Allison Moses	Felix & Michelle Alpizar, & Ava Mauney
10/16	Rick & Chris Oates	Carolyn Champion, Heather Owenby, & Marilyn Brooks
10/23	NONE	Mona & Tommy Davidson
10/30	Charlie & Christy Rhyne	Rick & Chris Oates

**Soldiers On Active Duty
Meredith Millar**

October Lectionary Texts

- October 2nd—16th Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46
- October 9th—17th Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23;
Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14
- October 16th—18th Sunday After Pentecost**
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22; Luke 16:19-31
- October 23rd—19th Sunday After Pentecost**
Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46
- October 30th—20th Sunday After Pentecost**
Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37;
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12



**Women's General Meeting
Sunday, October 9th
3:00 p.m.**

Leadership Meetings

- October 12—Deacon's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- October 16—Christian Education Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- October 19—Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**1st Presbytery Meeting
Crowders Creek ARP Church
October 11, 2011**

Brownies Needed: If you are able to make a pan of plain brownies with no icing for the Presbytery Meeting please sign up in the vestibule. Please bring these to the fellowship hall on Sunday or Monday. Anyone who is willing to help that day please contact the church office, Mike Ferguson, or Rob Elliotte.




**Men's Fellowship
Wed., October 19
6:30 p.m.
Mollie Falls Circle
serving meal.**




Shoebboxes for **Operation Christmas Child** will be collected in November. You may pick up a box from the vestibule by the middle of October and prepare it as indicated on the brochures in your bulletin. If you would prefer to have boxes packed for you, just bring items to the box in the vestibule and Crowders Creek will prepare them. You may also want to give a donation to help with shipping...it costs \$7 per box to ship. Make donation out to Samaritan's Purse and drop in box in vestibule and note Operation Christmas Child.




HARPS Fall Trip **Wednesday, October 19th**
 The HARPS will be traveling to Crossnore, NC to tour the grounds of Crossnore School. Dr. Mary Sloop had a love for the mountain people and wanted to help them. She and her husband live there and started the school for the children and helped with their medical and spiritual needs. Please let Cathy Best know if you are interested in going. They will leave at 8:00 a.m. and return late that afternoon. It is about a 2 1/2 hour trip.



World Communion
Sunday, October 2, 2011



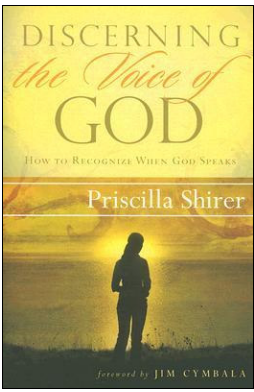


Social Concerns Offering
October 2, 2011

The quarterly offering for our **Social Concerns Ministry** will be received **this Sunday**. This ministry affords our assisting individuals in the community who experience temporary financial needs. If you will not be able to attend, you may also contribute by using a special offering envelope provided in each pew, notating "Social Concerns."

Women's Bible Study

Begins Monday, October 17th
 6:45-8:15 p.m.
 Ladies Bible Study Room



"Discerning the voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer provides a personal study experience plus viewer guides for the group video sessions of this women's Bible study. Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers.

Contact Marilyn Brooks if you are interested and need a book.

AN APPEAL TO VETERANS

We would like to recognize our veterans during the worship service on **November 6th**.

There will be a list in the vestibule to make sure your name or the name of a family member is correct. If there is a name we need to add please contact the church office by October 30th.



Disciple Makers Equipping Conference
 October 14-15th, 2011
 First ARP Church, Gastonia, North Carolina
 Cost: \$50

As part of our on-going commitment to providing excellent Christian Education resources and training we invite you to join us for a weekend of fellowship and training.

**Please contact Doug Roach if you are interested in attending either of these conferences.*





"We Are Family"

Fall Sermon Series in Ephesians

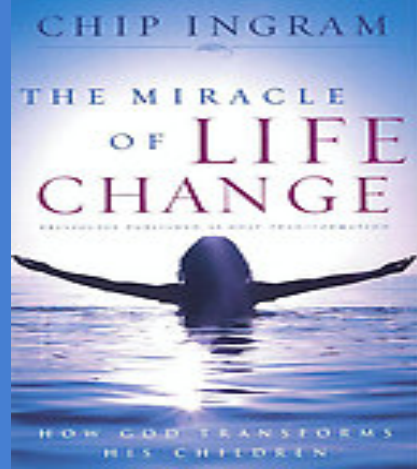
- *the Praise of God's Family
 - *the Protection of God's Family
 - *the Productivity of God's Family
 - *the Peace of God's Family
 - *the Purposes of God's Family
 - *the Passion of God's Family
 - *the Presence of God's Family
 - *the Power of God's Family
 - *the Pattern of God's Family
 - *the Particulars of God's Family
 - *the Prayers of God's Family
- *Join us on Sunday mornings for a new fall sermon series!**



Dear Women of the Church and church family,

We wanted to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything you have done for us. Thank you for the wonderful bridal shower, it was beautiful and we really appreciate everyone that helped put it together and those that came. We also wanted to say thank all of you who came to the wedding and supported us on our special day. It really meant so much to have you there. Thank you all for everything, we love you!

*Love,
Kelly and Ricky Hogue*



Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Bible Study for all ages

Adult Bible Study
The Miracle of Life Change
by Chip Ingram

High School Students
So What?

Middle School Students
Walk through the Bible

Older Children
Route 66

Younger Children
Kids Quest

Meals:
Cost: \$2.00 per person \$5 family
(suggested donation)

Oct. 5th
Chicken Pot
Pie
Salad
Dessert

Oct. 12th
Enchiladas
Chips
Toppings

Oct. 26th
Baked Spaghetti
Salad
Dessert

*If your child would like a "kid's meal" we will have chicken nuggets or peanut butter sandwich and chips available each night.

Middle/High School Parents

The Christian Education committee would like to invite all Middle/High School Parents on Sunday, October 16th at 5:00 p.m. for a brief meeting. Hope to see you there.

C.E. meeting will be Sunday, October 16th at 5:00 p.m. as well.