

May 2011

Crowders Creek ARP Church



Ephesians 4:11-16 is one of my favorite passages of Scripture because it so vividly depicts the purpose of the Church of Jesus Christ and each Christians role in that purpose:

¹¹“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹²to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Now obviously the purpose of the Church of Jesus Christ is that individuals grow in Christ-like maturity and that those individuals grow together in Christ-like maturity. In our sermon series from 1 John we've seen that love for God and for each other as Christians is at the heart of our maturity as Christians. In Ephesians 4 Paul tells us that each part must be connected to Jesus Christ and doing it's part in love so that the body of Jesus Christ will grow in maturity. But notice this: This individual and corporate growth in love and Christ-like maturity involves everyone and especially those whom God has given to His Church to teach God's Gospel in God's Word! God gave some to be “apostles, some prophets, some evangelists and some to be pastors and teachers to PREPARE God's people for works of service SO THAT the body of Christ may be built up until we ALL reach unity in the faith in the knowledge of The of Son of God and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” This means that while pastors and teachers are essential to this maturity taking place each person in the body of Christ should be deeply concerned about spiritual growth. That's why I hope you'll join us for our Spiritual Life Emphasis Sunday on May 15th. We must always be focused on the importance of spiritual growth, individually and corporately and how we all play a role in God's eternal purpose, but on this particular Sunday we will seek to do so in a special way. Join us as a team from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Christian Education Ministry presents programs during the Sunday School hour, Worship hour, and at 1:00 p.m. following a covered dish luncheon. The aim of this day is to encourage every Christian in their walk with Christ and spiritual growth helping everyone to understand their place in The Body of Christ. Carole Ellis, a resource specialist with our denomination will speak on “It takes The Church to raise a child” during Sunday School. Brent Turner, Director the our Christian Education Ministries, will speak on “The Importance of Christian Education”. Judy Hodges, training specialist with C.E. Ministries will speak on “Intergenerational Ministry”. Please join us for a special day of encouragement and refreshment at Crowder's Creek A.R.P. Church.

Pastor Ben



MAY

- 05/04 Helen Barker
- 05/06 Parker Wingard
- 05/09 Jenni DeJacimo
- 05/09 Margie Wheeler
- 05/10 Chris Champion
- 05/10 Ben Smith
- 05/15 Michelle Alpizar
- 05/15 Rick Oates
- 05/16 Kristy Edwards
- 05/19 Will Ferguson
- 05/20 Carla Clarke
- 05/21 Hannah Oates
- 05/22 Michael Moses
- 05/23 Amy Stowe
- 05/24 Jonathan Alpizar
- 05/24 Mae Ferguson
- 05/24 Nancy Riley
- 05/26 Shirley Edwards
- 05/28 George Stowe
- 05/29 Helen White
- 05/30 Fali Mistry

Additional Ministers this Month...

Date	Children's Church	Nursery
5/1	Carla Clarke & Ava Mauney	Charlie & Christy Rhyne
5/8	Martin & Allison Moses	Carolyn Champion, Heather Owenby, Marilyn Brooks
5/15	David & Ginny Styers	Felix & Michelle Alpizar, Ava Mauney
5/22	NONE	Mona & Tommy Davidson
5/29	Charlie & Christy Rhyne	Rick & Chris Oates

May Visitor Sheets:

Soldiers On Active Duty
Meredith Millar



Congratulations to Amy and Chris Caldwell on the birth of their son Aiden, born Tuesday, April 19th. Aiden weighed 6lbs. 3oz. and is 18 1/2 inches long. Aiden is the grandson of Alfred Stowe.



The Sanctuary Care Committee would like to thank those who participated in the special remembrances that we have continued over the years. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a special occasion please check the calendar in the vestibule. If you have questions please see Cathy Best.

May Lectionary Texts

- May 1—2nd Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.
- May 8—3rd Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35.
- May 15—4th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.
- May 22—5th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.
- May 29—6th Sunday of Easter**
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

Leadership Meetings

- May 11—Deacon's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**
- May 18—Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**



Circles

- May 2—Ruth Grier Circle at 7:00 p.m.**
- May 3—Minnie Alexander Circle at 2:00 p.m. will meet at Bess Burghen's home**
- Mollie Falls Circle at 7:00 p.m.**



"Seeking God together as
God's people:
In God's Word – In Worship"
New Adult Series "Ten
Commandments".

Dinner 5:45 p.m.

*Bible Study and Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.
\$ 2 per person or \$ 5 per family*



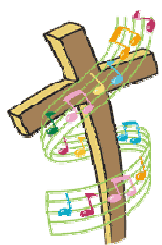
Middle School Girls—Join us each Wednesday Night from 6:30-7:15 studying "Priceless" Discovering true love, beauty, and confidence in Christ. Bring a friend! We will meet in the room above the church office.

High School Students—studying Wide Angle by Chuck Colson. Colson and Warren tackle some of the key issues of our day: truth vs. relativism, creationism vs. Darwinism, tolerance, terrorism, and so much more. You will learn about competing worldviews, the biblical basis for a Christian worldview, and its application to every facet of life.



Wednesday, May 18th will be the final Wednesday night program until the fall.

Men's Fellowship
Wednesday, May 25, 2011
6:30 p.m.
Mollie Falls Circle Serving



Bonclarken Music Conference
The Music Conference is scheduled for July 10-15. Anyone interested in attending can contact Mike Ferguson, Chairman of the Worship Committee. A \$25 deposit is due by May 22nd. Please turn deposit in the special offering envelope and label "Music Conference".



Thank you to all who participated in the beautiful Palm Sunday Choir production. It helped prepare our hearts for the Easter season. We appreciate all the hard work that went into this presentation.

BONCLARKEN WEEKEND

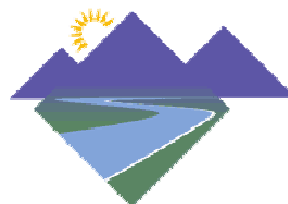


The annual Bonclarken Weekend is scheduled for August 12-14. The results will be posted on Sunday, May 8. After that date, you will receive an envelope for your first night deposit.

Bonclarken Gift Shop

Now is the time of year that you are asked to donate items to the Bonclarken Gift Shop. As you know the Gift Shop began a number of years ago as a service to those who visit Bonclarken. It is a great place to visit, see, and purchase gifts items as well as children's toy, books, etc. Those who are willing are asked to donate hand-made craft items, home-made jelly, jam, pickles, candy, cookies etc. Since children love being able to shop, items from the Dollar Store are very popular.

Please bring your donated items by June 5th and place them in the designated container in the vestibule.



HARPS SPRING TRIP **(Happy ARP's)**

On Wednesday, May 18, the senior citizens ministry and friends will take a mountain trip. We will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. The first stop will be in Hickory for a "snack and bathroom break" (McDonald's). Then it's on to Shatley Springs for lunch. After lunch we will visit two churches that are open for viewing beautiful Fresco's—one in Beaver Creek and the other in Glendale Springs.

Ben Long, who is a native of Statesville, NC, studied fresco art with Petro Annigoni in Italy. He checked out a number of churches seeking places for approval to do a fresco in the United States. He was preparing to return to his work in Europe when he met Mr. Hodge at a party in Blowing Rock at the home of the artist, Mr. Philip Moose. When Mr. Moose introduced artist and priest Mr. Long mentioned that he would like to do a fresco at St. Mary's Church. The offer was accepted and then Mr. Hodge asked, "What is a fresco?"

After viewing the Frescos we will stop at the Cheese Factory in West Jefferson before heading home.

Join us for this exciting trip.



HARPS
Wednesday, May 18, 2011
11:30 a.m.

27 people enjoyed the covered-dish meal for the HARPS meeting at Crowders Creek ARP on April 19th. Most were able to stay for the entertaining program afterward, presented by Rev. James Lochridge from 2nd Baptist Church in Kings Mountain. Rev. Lochridge sang and played gospel music on a variety of musical instruments, including a digital horn and a melotica. His wife Belinda joined him on some of the songs. He even included some magic tricks to share the gospel message, much to the delight of the smallest of the gathering, Mike and Mae's young grandson.

Horizon Sr. High Conference June 13-18, 2011

Registration deadline is May 8th and includes free T-shirt. Student cost is \$112.00 (late registrants will pay \$137.00 plus cost of T-shirt). Josh Bales, professional recording artist and worship leader will provide music. Speaker is Britton Woods, USC Campus Ministry Director.

Quest Jr. High Conference June 20-25, 2011

Registration deadline is May 8th and includes free T-shirt. Student cost is \$112.00 (late registrants will pay \$137.00 plus cost of T-shirt). Josh Bales, professional recording artist and worship leader will provide music. Speaker is Andy Lewis, National Youth Workers director.

Recreation for both camps include zip line, climbing tower, swimming, caving, paintball, crafts, and more.

*Contact Doug Roach or Jennifer Wingard for more information.

National Day of Prayer in United States

Thursday, May 5, 2011



ATTENTION UPCOMING GRADUATES



If you are an upcoming graduate, please let our secretary know. Please submit any accomplishments so we may honor you during worship. Please give this information to the church office by **Sunday, May 8th**. Recognition of Graduates will be **Sunday, June 5th**. A covered dish will follow the morning service for the graduates and their families.

The Compassion; The Children; The Commitment; The Commission;



Spiritual Life Emphasis Day
May 15, 2011

A team from the ARP Christian Education Ministry in Greenville, SC will present programs during the Sunday School hour, Worship hour (sermon), and at 1:00 p.m. following a covered dish luncheon. All church members should plan to attend this day of spiritual refreshment and encouragement.



**"The heart of the Christian Life—
God's Love in Jesus Christ"**
A sermon series based on I John

The church; The Completeness; The Confidence;

The Commands; The Character; of God's Love