



THE
GREENWOOD DISTRICT



Tranquil Tidings

"HE WOKE UP AND REBUKED THE WIND, AND SAID TO THE SEA,
'PEACE! BE STILL!' THEN THE WIND CEASED
AND THERE WAS A DEAD CALM." MARK 4:39

OUR CHURCH FINANCES

(Fourth in a series on our church budget and Finances)

REALIZING TRANQUIL'S POTENTIAL

The Long Range Planning Committee of Tranquil worked hard on their assignment of defining the needs of our church. With your prayerful input you returned surveys and the results were tallied and reviewed. Our Long Range Planning Committee and the Administrative Board identified the following needs: a new parsonage, a youth minister, additional paved parking, enhancements to our recreation program, children's playground equipment, and an outdoor multipurpose pavilion.

The new parsonage has been completed and occupied. Although it does come with a mortgage your faithful contributions to the building fund has allowed us to fulfill this monthly obligation. Funds were raised for the playground and equipment has been ordered and the installation process has begun. The salary for a part-time youth minister was included in the 2011 budget and Tranquil has been searching for a candidate. Many other suggestions on the survey were addressed without any financial impact or through our regular budget process.

In 2010, the Administrative Board authorized a Stewardship Survey to determine if needed program enhancements and capital improvements to our church campus could be undertaken. If we are able to increase our church giving, the Administrative Board will assign priorities for addressing the other church program and capital proposals.

Just imaging what we could do to Reach Tranquil's Potential if:

5 families increased their giving by \$200/mo	\$12,000/yr
15 families increased their giving by \$100/mo	18,000/yr
20 families increase their giving by \$50/mo	12,000/yr
20 families increased their giving by \$25/mo	6,000/yr
40 families increase their giving by \$10/mo	4,800/yr
This would be a total increase of	\$52,800/yr

Letters and survey cards have been addressed to each church family. Any envelopes not picked up will be mailed so that everyone will receive a survey. This survey is anonymous and is not considered a pledge. Every family is encouraged to return their survey card as soon as possible. It may be placed in one of the survey boxes located in the Narthex and the hallway of the Sunday School Building. If this is not convenient it may be dropped in the mail.

The results will enable Tranquil's administrative board to plan for our church's future. Every family is encouraged to return these as soon as possible.

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for our support. You are welcome to contact any member of the committee with your questions or comments.

***Sam Cannon, Jean Corley, Kevin Fallaw, Joe Langley, Leslie McKaba, Lee Murph, Jane Price,
Michael Royal, Leslie Stevenson, Roger Stevenson, Janice Sumner, Deanna Willis***

THOSE WHO SERVE

Jesus Christ
Officer In Charge

Mary Virginia Taylor
Resident Bishop

Mary Teasley
District Superintendent

Louis (Luke) Mims, Jr.
Pastor

Entire Congregation
Ministers

Anji Pinson
Church Secretary

Jack Cauley
Choir Director/Pianist

Judy Cannon
Organist/Accompanist

Ruth Warner
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Betsy Royal
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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Patsy Anderson
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Bill Hulsey
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Dot Poore
Vera Reynolds

Irene Bolton
Dick Creswell*
Rock Davis
Bill Duvall
Jackie Hall
Jackie McDaniel
Jodi Oliver
Earle Purkerson
Hazel Simmons
Linda Young

Ruth Clark*
Harriet Creswell
Grace Dickert
Genevieve Edwards
Betty Hauptfear
Garrison Murph
June Owens
Joe Reynolds
Stephanie Williams



Pray for our Deployed
Military Families!

Ryan Caulder
Spenser Edwards



*Assisted Living or Nursing Home

Memorials & Honorariums

Edna Murph

by Jean Corley by Bill & Elaine Turner
by Jane Price by Clyde & Leslie McKaba
by Claire Smith by Jo & Derrell Bartley
by Bonnie McCombs by Patsy Anderson
by Stillwell Class by Jerrel & Linda Goldman
by Sadie & Lawrence Darragh by Ronnie & Beth Oliver
by Claudette McKinney by Joe & Vera Reynolds
by Carolyn Ferry by JoAnn & Earle Purkerson
by Eugene & Jackie Hall by Helen Watson

Jack Cauley

by Jean Strickland by Jane Price

Patsy Anderson

by Carolyn Ferry

Luke & Kathy Mims

by Claudette McKinney

Judy Cannon

by Jane Price

Anne & Blair Willingham

by Jo Marie Ethridge by Jacqueline Menaker

Rut & Norma Hammond

by anonymous



THE TRANQUILITES will meet on Tuesday, September 13 at 12:00 noon. We invite all regulars and newcomers to join us for this special time of fellowship, fun and food.

Bring your favorite dish filled with great food.

AUGUST STEWARDSHIP

	8:45	ATTENDANCE	
		SS	11:00
July 24	35	84	94
July 31	no service	70	95
August 7	no service	79	98
August 14	30	77	100
August 21	36	67	98
August 28	47	77	104



Total CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.....378

2011 BUDGET

Weekly Need to meet budget requirements: 4,073.73



Receipts for July 24	2,299.00
Receipts for July 31	3,565.00
Receipts for August 7	5,492.00
Receipts for August 14	3,176.00
Receipts for August 21	2,272.25
Receipts for August 28	3,289.00

Year-to-Date Need (through 8/28/11) 142,580.55
Year-to-Date Receipts (through 8/28/11) 135,021.70
(excludes special giving and designated gifts)
Difference: -7,558.85

BUILDING FUND 2011



Receipts for July 24	190.00
Receipts for July 31	480.00
Receipts for August 7	975.00
Receipts for August 14	495.00
Receipts for August 21	310.00
Receipts for August 28	710.00

Year-to-Date Receipts (through 8/28/11) 21,037.00

Chancel Flower Chart

September 4: Claudette McKinney
September 11: Richard & Ann Coker
September 18: Thompson Family
September 25: UMW



United Methodist Women News



The Unique Monday Workers Circle will meet on Monday, September 19 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

The Pauline Botts Circle will meet on Monday, September 19 at 12:00 noon at the home of Linda Phillips. Call Jean Corley if you plan to attend.

The Tranquility Circle will have their meeting on Monday, September 19 at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Tranquil.

UMW HONORARIUMS

In Honor of:	Given by:
Patsy Anderson	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Derrell Bartley	Jo Bartley
Irene Bolton	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Jackie Hall	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Michaela Weeks	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Caroline Donnan	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Carol Langley	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Bill Turner	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Monteze Weeks	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Eugene & Jackie Hall	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Dave & Sue Goist	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Bill & Elaine Turner	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Harold & Chris Moffitt	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Blair & Anne Willingham	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Joe & Carolyn Ferry	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Rut & Norma Hammond	Jo & Derrel Bartley
John & Irene Bolton	Jo & Derrel Bartley
Luke & Kathy Mims	Jo & Derrel Bartley

"Let Peace Begin With Me"



Greenwood District United Methodist Women

Annual Meeting

September 24, 2011

Tranquil United Methodist Church

Greenwood, SC

Registration begins at 9:15

Service begins at 10:00 AM

Guest Speaker:

Corina Esaw

Executive Director, Wallace Family Life Center

The UMW will be continuing Food For Thought again this year. This mission project provides food items on Friday to 5 families at Springfield Elementary School. These families (usually 2-4 members) have been identified by the school's case managers as families in financial need but not severe enough, or for long enough, to receive government aid. The child or children in these families are frequently very hungry on Monday morning. It is difficult to concentrate in school or maybe even be interested enough to go to church when you are that hungry. We provide food for breakfast for two mornings, items for two good meals and some snack items.

Items needed include pudding cups, fruit cups, snack crackers, fruit or cereal bars, grits, oatmeal, large cans of soup, crackers, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, noodles, large boxes of Mac and Cheese, canned vegetables, large boxes or bags of cereal, large cans of beef stew, and ravioli. there will be a box outside office or items can be left on shelves in room beside fellowship hall. A more detailed menu will be posted soon. A start date will also be provided as soon as the school has been able to identify the families will be assisting. Thanks for everyone's support.

2011 Fall Bible Studies

CRAZY LOVE, Overwhelmed By a Relentless God. By Francis Chan

This study is a challenging contemporary book of God's word today. "Crazy Love" is the perfect title for this book. When Jesus was asked, "What is the greatest commandment?" he responded with "Love." "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." That is the first and greatest commandment. And second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:32-40).

Francis Chan challenges us to look at the craziness in the world. It's fine and even politically correct to believe in God, but to really love Him is a whole different story. The God of the universe loves us with a radical, unconditional, self-sacrificing love. And what is our response? We go to church, sing songs, and try not to misbehave.

When we are crazy in love with God—nothing is ever the same.

This will be a 10 week study of falling in love with God. We will meet Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 pm. Our first class meeting will be Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 pm. Leader: Pastor Luke Mims

THE JOURNEY, Walking the Road to Bethlehem. By Adam Hamilton.

Pastor Hamilton is the senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas, one of the fastest growing, highly visible churches in the country.

This book and video study will take us on travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem with a unique new look at the birth of Jesus Christ.

Hamilton shares in this study some of his video travels of the Holy Land and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment of history, along the same roads leading to Jesus' birth.

This class will meet Tuesday mornings in the Brockwell/Clark classroom beginning at 10:00 am. First class meeting will be Tuesday, September 20. Leader: Pastor Luke Mims

LISTENING FOR THE VOICE OF GOD. By Margaret Flenberg.

"Blessed is the one who listen to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. (Proverbs 8:34 ESV) "How can we hear God's voice? We know that God should be the first one we turn to when we face challenges and important decisions, but who hasn't struggled to discern God's voice just when we need it most?" This study teaches us to slow down, wait on God and hear His voice through the clutter in life.

Study begins at 8:00 am each Monday in the Fellowship Hall as part of the Bobbie Wiley Class. Anyone can join in this class by coming on Monday mornings. Leader: Anne Willingham

WILD AT HEART. By John Eldredge.

"Deep in a man's heart are some fundamental questions that simply cannot be answered at the kitchen table. Who am I? What am I made of? What am I destined for? The wilderness trail of Christ was at its core, a test of his identity" As men we must understand our calling and it begins with understanding what is in the heart.

Date and time to be announced. This study is being led by Michael Royal. Please contact Michael with questions or interest in attending this study.



Happy Birthday To...



September 2	Michelle Bolton	September 17	Susan Davenport
September 3	Langley Minton	September 18	Ericka Stevenson Adams Dianne Collins
September 5	Linda Goldman Caroline Wiley	September 19	Jamie Purvis Bill Turner
September 6	Dan Gibson Butch Rickenbaker L.C. Smith	September 20	Loraine Kauffman Nora McKinney Evan Mikeal
September 7	Wayne Garrett Clarence Giles Sheila Eakin Gilmer Evelyn Harling Hal Simpson Jimmy Simpson Will Simpson	September 21	Brooke Alexandra Bolton Monteze Weeks
September 8	Fischer Witt	September 22	Rita Dickert Katherine Norman
September 9	Jamie Neel	September 23	Stephanie Alverson Caroline Grace Monroe
September 11	Joe Langley	September 24	Mary N. Long
September 12	Suzanne Moore	September 27	Martha Miner
September 13	Michael Buist Justin Coker Ariel Mathis	September 28	Chip Leopard Joe Scott
September 14	Leslie Stevenson	September 29	Meagan Fallaw Darren Ferry Amanda June Owens
September 15	Twiler Beverly Mike Byrd, Sr.	September 30	Lauren Culbertson Sandy Shaffer Janice Sumner
September 16	Carol Langley Whit Langley Tim McKinney		

Happy Anniversary

September 5	Rut & Norma Hammond
September 9	John & Irene Bolton
September 14	Richard & Ann Coker
September 16	James & Jeanne Purvis
September 18	Luke & Kathy Mims
September 19	Jim & Marilyn Baker
September 21	Bill & Elaine Duvall John & Willene Elingburg Jeff & Mary Ann Sasser
September 23	David & Michelle Bolton
September 25	Ron & Jill Minton
September 27	Dan & Gail Gibson Craig & Cherie Troublefield
September 30	Michael & Betsy Royal

THANK YOU It is with humility and my deepest gratitude that I thank everyone for your expressions of care and concern during my absence and surgery. Your calls, cards, visits, food and most of all your prayers have sustained me and all have contributed to my healing process. God has truly blessed me with His healing hands. I still have a way to go but we will continue to move on as we prepare for our return from vacations and summer activities. Thank you one and all! Grace and Peace. Hope to see you in church. *Luke*

Thank You Dear Church Family, I would like to thank you for the beautiful Bible that you gave me for graduation. You all have been such great role models for me in my life and on my Christian journey. I will take what I have learned from all of your guidance for the rest of my life. Love, *Lauren Culbertson*

SEPTEMBER SERVANTS

GREETERS

September 4:	Ariel Mathis, Allison Allen
September 11:	Jean Corley, Claire Smith
September 18:	Bonnie McCombs, Jeanne Rush
September 25:	Helen Watson, Page Minter

USHERS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Ronnie Beverly, Jerrel Goldman
Eugene Hall, Lee Murph

ALTAR GUILD FOR THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

Harriet Creswell

TRUSTEE TO OPEN AND CLOSE FOR SEPTEMBER

Chad Bundrick

Many of you may remember **Rev. Keith Rowbottom**, exchange pastor from Wells UMC in Wells, England, who served Tranquil during the summer of 1993. Keith will turn 60 on September 28. His wife, Christine (Chris), is putting together a memory book for him and has asked for contributions for any of you who would care to participate. This is a surprise for Keith. You can email your memories to Chris or write and send them to her. Alternatively, you can give them to **Sandy Shaffer** by September 28 and she will get them to Chris.



Tranquil, your faith, prayer, and contributions are abundant and gratefully acknowledged.

Please join us **Sunday, September 4th** immediately after the 11:00 am Service for a Blessing of the ground and future site of the playground.

Drum Roll please! On **Sunday, September 25** wear your play clothes to church and join us after the 11:00 am service as we joyfully dedicate the equipment. We will have a pot luck lunch (meat and tea will be provided). Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert and we will celebrate our new playground blessing!



(In case of rain, the dedication will be moved to October 2nd)

We are getting together a Fall trip to the mountains to get some APPLES and enjoy the scenery and fellowship with each other to the Hendersonville, NC area. We would like very much for you to come along and enjoy the fellowship and mountains with us. A motor coach has been booked and the trip will only cost what you eat and what fruit, etc you purchase. The trip is being sponsored by the Brockwell/Clark SS Class and the Brothers in Christ men's group. However, you do not need to be a member of either group to join us. The trip is scheduled for Friday, September 16. We plan to leave at 8:30 am and return sometime later in the afternoon. Please let Rut or Norma Hammond, or Ernie Richey know if you would like to go on this trip. I know we will have a good time.

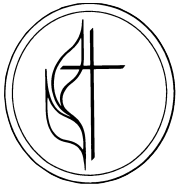


“A LITTLE DEVOTIONAL HUMOR”

An optimist and a pessimist were walking along together one day. The optimist exclaimed, with a lilt in his voice, “This is simply the best of all possible worlds!” The pessimist sighed gloomily, “Yeah, you’re probably right.”

Scripture: Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (1 Peter 3:15 NIV)

Sendoff: To share your hope is to lift life to a higher plane. Find a way to share your deepest hope with someone today.



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS We need people to sign up to fix a meal on Wednesday nights for our Youth and MYF. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm each week. If you are interested in helping, please contact Sherry Bayne (920-8718) to sign up or to get more information.

Helpers for August and September

August 31	Monteze Weeks
September 7	Ann Coker
September 14	Ann Allen
September 21	Dot Poore
September 28	Mimi Taylor
October 5	Anne Willingham
October 12	Leslie McKaba
October 19	Linda Goldman
October 26	Kathy & Luke Mims

MYF will begin meeting on September 7th. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm and Devotion is from 6:30 until 7:30 pm. All youth and their friends are invited to join us.



2011 ADOPT A HIGHWAY TRASH PICK UP DATES

September 18

Searchers SS Class

December 10

Volunteers are Needed

These dates are adjustable but pick-up is necessary to keep our church records straight.

If you have any questions, please contact Dave Goist.

TRANQUIL UMC

September, 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 8:45 Master's Blend 11:00 Traditional	5 Labor Day-Office Closed 8 am Bobbie Wiley Study Group 9:45:am Prayer Con- nection	6	7 JAM 6pm MYF 6pm Choir Practice 7:pm	8	9	10
11 8:45 Master's Blend 11:00 Traditional After Service— Playground Consecra- tion	12 8 am Bobbie Wiley Study Group 9:45:am Prayer Con- nection 6:30 BIC	13 12pm Tranquilities	14 JAM 6pm MYF 6pm Choir Practice 7:pm SPRC 6pm	15	16 Fall Apple Trip to Hendersonville 8:30 am departure See Rut Hammond	17
18 8:45 Master's Blend 11:00 Traditional	19 8 am Bobbie Wiley Study Group 9:45:am Prayer Con- nection UMW Meetings	20 10 am The Journey Bible Study 6:30 pm Crazy Love Bible Study	21 JAM 6pm MYF 6pm Choir Practice 7:pm	22	23	24 Greenwood District UMW Annual Meeting Fellowship Hall Registration 9:15 am Program 10:00 am
25 8:45 Master's Blend 11:00 Traditional After Service— Playground Dedication and Pot Luck Lunch	26 8 am Bobbie Wiley Study Group 9:45:am Prayer Con- nection	27 10:00 am The Journey Bible Study 6:30 pm Crazy Love Bible Study	28 JAM 6pm MYF 6pm Choir Practice 7:pm	29	30	