

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to the following couples on their anniversaries:

June 1st – Pete & Inis Kendall
June 7th – Ollie & Wendy Atkins
June 8th – James & Dot Brown
June 9th – Carroll & Barbara Bird
June 18th – Sam & Christine Wood
June 24th – Jim & Joan Foster
June 25th – Steve & Pam Spearing
June 26th – Henry & Eva Shingleton
July 4th – James & Julie Brown
July 5th – Joe & Alice Atkins
July 7th – Dale & Patty Carter
July 15th – Tom & Shannon Sessions
July 19th – Jason & Monica Sprouse
July 20th – Ennett & Sonya Carter
July 21st – Robbie & Sonya Swinson
July 26th – Bob & Debbie Croom
July 29th – James & Denise Queen
July 30th – Randy & Cindy McKinley
July 31st – Bob & Pat Coleman

PENNY CRUSADE



Sunday, May 30th, we concluded another successful Penny Crusade campaign. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Leah Dowd, for being the fearless Ring Leader of our Gospel Circus! Another big thank you goes to you, the church body, for your support of missions. As of May 30th, we have raised \$35,000! Some more donations are still coming in and we thank God for those. We are blessed to be part of something much bigger that brings more and more people to God every day.

JUNIOR CHURCH - JUNE

For the month of June the Children's Church will be discussing different ways we can grow in Christ.

- ☼ Week 1-The Parable of the Sower
- ☼ Week 2-Growing in Christ Through Reading God's Word
- ☼ Week 3- Growing in Christ Through Prayer
- ☼ Week 4 – Growing in Christ by Going to Church

COOKBOOK

Calling all cooks – we need your recipes! Blake's Chapel will be publishing a new cookbook this year. The deadline for turning in recipes is July 31st. Our goal is to have the cookbooks available to purchase near the end of the year, just in time for Christmas gifts! We would like to have everyone participate - men, women and children. We also would like to include recipes from loved ones that are no longer with us. Please place recipes in the yellow box in the fellowship hall. Another box will be placed in the vestibule in the near future.



The next WH&FM Yard Sale/Bake Sale/Breakfast is scheduled for Nov. 6th!

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ECHOES FROM BLAKE'S CHAPEL JUNE/JULY 2010

“Then The End Will Come”

Twice in the New Testament you will read the phrase – “Then the end will come.” The first time it is said by Jesus: **Matthew 24:14 (NIV)** And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. Jesus made this statement in the midst of His discourse after being asked by His disciples, “...what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”

The second time the phrase, “Then the end will come,” is made by the Apostle Paul: **1 Corinthians 15:24 (NIV)** ²⁴Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.

Yes, there is coming a day that life as we know it will come to an end. It will come to an end in one of two ways. Either we will die or the second coming of Christ will happen and the resurrection will take place. What thoughts or feelings does that conjure up inside of you? Fear? Anxiety? Dread? Uncertainty? Excitement? Relief? Joyful anticipation?

For me, I run the whole gamut of emotions. For when the end of this age happens, it brings the dawn of a whole new era - The ushering in of the Kingdom of God that will last forever and ever and ever. The journey is sometimes frightful and other times filled with great joy, but, when we reach the final destination, our Lord will be there to welcome us home.

His Grace Is Amazing,

Pastor Steve

CHURCH HAPPENINGS



June 6th – Floating Baby Shower for Melody Hudson (2:30-5:00 p.m.)



June 6th – Topsail High School Baccalaureate @ the school (6:00 p.m.)



June 13th - Vacation Bible School Kick-Off (4:00-6:00 p.m.)



June 14th – June 17th – Vacation Bible School (6:15-8:00 p.m.)



June 16th – Lunch for Hospice



June 17th – Vacation Bible School's Closing Program (7:00 p.m.)



June 19th – Children's Outing to Monkey Joe's (9:10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)



June 27th – Worship Service at Woodbury (4:00 p.m.)



July 6th – Men's Fellowship



July 18th – Worship Service at Woodbury (4:00 p.m.)



July 21st – Lunch for Hospice

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



KIDS – JOIN FORCES WITH GOD!

Come to Hero Headquarters and we'll help you discover that God can use you in big and in small ways to make a difference. With God's power at work, you can be a hero right where you are!

June 13th – 17th

WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

May 15th – 17th, our Youth Fellowship made a trip to Washington, D.C. This was a trip of many “firsts” – first train ride, first time to Washington, first subway ride and for some; it seemed, the first time to walk a lot!

Though they were in D.C. for a short period of time, they were able to take in many of the sights:



Washington Monument



The White House



The Lincoln Memorial



World War II Memorial



Korean War Memorial



Vietnam War Memorial



Smithsonian's Natural History Museum



Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum



Arlington National Cemetery, including the Changing of the Guard Ceremony



GETTING TO KNOW....



Ronda & Gerry Walker

Ronda and Geardean (Gerry) Walker were both born and raised in Lenoir, North Carolina, which is found between Hickory and Boone. Ronda has one sister. Gerry has one sister and 3 brothers (only one brother is still living).

Ronda was best friend to Robin Laws, Gerry's older brother. Gerry did not like Ronda very much at first, but that changed! They married young, Ronda was 19 and Gerry was 16. Today, they have been married 47-1/2 years and have two sons and one daughter. They also have 7 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, with a 3rd great-grandchild on the way.

For fun, Ronda loves to do woodwork and Gerry loves to read and work in the yard.

Gerry drove a school bus for 8 years, becoming “mom” to many children in Caldwell County. Ronda's father owned a grocery store (W&W Supermarket) and he worked with him there until he became owner. In 1984 the store had to close due to competition from a chain grocery store.

Gerry was raised Baptist, but attended and became a member of Tabernacle Advent Christian, where Ronda was also a member.

The couple remained in Lenoir until 1986 when the decision was made to move to Topsail Island, a place they had loved for many years. This is also when they found Blake's Chapel and made it their church home.

If you have ideas, suggestions or articles for the next newsletter, please give them to Shannon Sessions.

The next newsletter will be available August 8, 2010