

Members of Wittenberg:

A congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the purchase of a 14-passenger bus for use by the various ministries of the congregation.

At its August meeting, Congregation Council recommended the purchase of a 14-passenger bus as it does not require drivers to hold a commercial driver's license (CDL). Council also recommended that the congregation incur no debt in the purchase of a bus. A donor has pledged approximately \$31,000 toward the purchase of the bus.

Please join us on Sept. 11 for this important meeting.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob'.

Bob Wiley,
President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Sherman'.

Michael Sherman,
Pastor

SERVING THIS MONTH

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 9/4- Jerry & Tissy Price
9/11- Nevin & Aubrey Rodgers
9/18- Landis & Sheryl Price
9/25- Jason & Kim Feaster

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Robert Epting

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9/4- Linda Almgren
9/11- Rebecca Reed
9/18- Michael Reed
9/25- Chrissy McNabb

2-3 YR. OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 9/4- Catherine Oxner, Myra Cantrell
9/11- Susan Shealy, Chrissy McNabb
9/18- Scarlett Summers,
Debra McDonald
9/25- Catherine Oxner, Myra Cantrell

GREETERS

Narthex:

Tom & Debbie Sawyer

Commons Area:

Scott & Erin Thomas

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Kayce Shealy

LAY READER

Scott Thomas

ALTAR GUILD

Connie Kramer, Erin Thomas,
Joann Wells, Sonya Cary,
Lynne Rauton

USHERS

Larry Lorick, Robert Epting,
Dean Rodgers, Rondoll Watson

NURSERY

Dawn Bedenbaugh, Chair

- 9/4- Linda Almgren, Paula Miller
9/11- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh
9/18- Jennifer & Mike Patrick
9/25- Chrissy & Scott McNabb

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 9/4- Rebecca & Michael Reed
9/11- Doris Antley, Kayce Shealy,
Joan Caughman
9/18- Jennifer McInnis, Chip &
Jennifer Spradley
9/25- Barbie & Dean Rodgers,
Freida Banks

TELLERS

- 9/4- Torry Dickey, Robert Epting
9/11- Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed
9/18- Dean Rodgers, Betsy Dority
9/25- Erin Thomas, Bob Wiley

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Dawn Bedenbaugh, Advisor

9/4- Acolyte: Brayden Patrick
Alms Bearer: Sydnee Patrick
Crucifer: Cambey Reep

9/11- Acolyte: Emily Davis
Alms Bearer: Taylor Davis
Crucifer: Brandt Shealy

9/18- Acolyte: Ellee Quarles
Alms Bearer: Payton Quarles
Crucifer: Aubrey Rodgers

9/25- Acolyte: James Banks
Alms Bearer: Emma Bellflower
Crucifer: Avery Finger



We celebrated the baptism of
Tyler Conrad Wing,
Theo Everett Walker II,
and **Bryan Warren Walker,**
sons of Theo & Liz Walker,
and welcomed them
to the family of God on August 7.

We rejoice with this family
and give thanks and praise to God!

RALLY DAY 2011

We kicked off a new Sunday school year on August 21 and now look forward to another fruitful year of Christian education at Wittenberg . If you would like some help finding a Sunday school class that is right for you, please contact Joan Caughman, Torry Dickey or Pastor Sherman.



Pastor Sherman leads the children in asking God's special blessing upon their backpacks and upon all those involved in education during this new school year.



Members of the Senior Class look over mementos of past years at Wittenberg Sunday school.



Congratulations to Elizabeth Eileen (Betsy) Shealy and Gregory Spencer Dority on their August 6 marriage. May God grant them a long and fruitful life together.

Dear friends at Wittenberg Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for hosting Operation Reach Out on July 18. The meal was wonderful.

We truly appreciate all you do for us. You are so special.

We pray that God will bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

Love-in-Christ,
Operation Reach Out



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lynn Buzhardt and family in the death of his wife, Peggy Cockrell Buzhardt, on July 27.

Please remember this family in your prayers during this difficult time.

AUGUST STATISTICS

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP
8/7	74.....	179
8/14.....	91.....	154
8/21	106.....	165
8/28.....	87	173
YTD Regular Offering		\$149,220.62
Needed		188,549.72
Difference		(39,329.10)
YTD B.F. Offering		50,918.00

KICS VISITS THE LEESVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sept. 18 – Noon-2 p.m.

We will have lunch then enjoy a fun trip to the Leesville Fire Department.

Please remember to bring these items:

Ham Sandwiches – Matthew, Sara & Suzie Reed

PB&J Sandwiches – Ella Grace Dickey

Four bags chips – Emily Davis

Cookies – James Banks & Cayce McNabb

20 juice boxes/drinks – Brayden Patrick

20 juice boxes/drinks – Emma Osment

Paper plates/Napkins – Brett & Marissa Spradley

KICS (Kids in Christ our Savior) is for all kids from four years through fifth grade. Please **always** RSVP so we can be prepared. Also, if you will not be at a meeting, and you are down to bring something, please let us know in advance, so we can have the item covered. **Thanks for your help!**

KICS leaders are: Cher Davis (892-6965), Paula Miller (532-5014), Marti Burns (604-8608) & Pastor Sherman.

A special "thanks" to my Wittenberg Family for the prayers, food, cards, phone calls, and other expression of love and concern during my shut-in time and since. It is good to be back with you!

Joan Caughman

Alzheimer's Support

Meredith Scott (of BeWell, The Heritage at Lowman) will meet with the Alzheimer's Support Group Sept. 7 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided

BLESS Singles Ministry

Single adults are invited to attend a Bonfire/Hot Dog and Marshmallow Roast on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m., at Brodie Pond.

JOY Luncheon

The Joy Luncheon is Sept. 28 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Sherman will share information concerning the Lutheran Church in Japan. Lunch will be provided.

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To: Wittenberg Lutheran Church

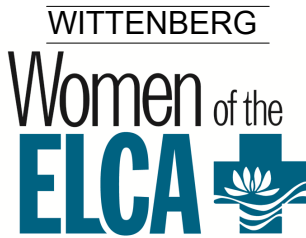
August 9, 2011

Dear Friends,

Moving vans are starting to appear on campus, summer Greek students are getting close to the final lap of their summer labors, and new people are appearing on the Southern Seminary campus. It is the annual ritual as we begin a new academic year.

Those new students are eager to learn, to be formed for ministry, and to serve Christ and his body, the Church. Your recent generous gift of \$1,000 to the New Life Fund helps make their preparation and the ministry of this Seminary possible. On behalf of these students, the Seminary Faculty and Board, I sincerely thank you for the kindness.

In Christ,
Marcus Miller, President



The annual WELCA meeting will be held in the fellowship hall Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.

Our very own member, Catherine Oxner, will be our speaker. She will discuss with us the benefits of buying fresh, locally grown produce. We will also be making and sampling fresh pesto! Please mark your calendars and join us for this informative and yummy evening.



The Middle Adult SCS Class
hosts the
First Sunday Lunch
on Sept. 4

Proceeds from the meal
will go toward the building fund

COME TO HOLY GROUNDS

Holy Grounds Coffee House opens on Friday, Sept. 16, following the Panther football game. Teens – join us after every home game for coffee, food, fun and fellowship. Holy Grounds closes at midnight.

If you would like to serve as a chaperone for Holy Grounds Coffee House or provide baked goods/snacks for one of the gatherings, please contact Pastor Sherman.

Holy Grounds schedule:

Sept. 16—Band with First Baptist of Batesburg

Sept. 30—Survivor Games

Oct. 14—Laser Tag

Oct. 25—Lock-In

Choir practice resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

We invite you to join us as we prepare for this season. Reading music is NOT necessary; the only requirement is a love of singing.

If you don't feel that you have the time to make the commitment for the entire year, consider sharing your talent for part of that time (maybe September-December or January-April).

We would love to have you. Come join us and give us a try!



Wittenberg Lutheran Church Council Minutes

July 10, 2011

Present: Bob W., Robert E., Bill C., Erin T., Torry D., Marty B., Cher D., Betsy S., Rebecca R., Ervin C., Dean R., Brent S. (Treas.), Eric D. (guest), Furman C. (Sec.), Connie K., (Fin. Sec.), Pastor Sherman

Absent: Billy R.

The meeting was called to order by Bob Wiley, President, at 7 p.m.

Pastor Sherman offered a devotional period.

The June Minutes were approved as written. M: Robert E.; 2: Dean R.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Sherman reported the following: 1. Initiation of a program, BLESS, (Batesburg-Leesville Evangelical Singles Society). Details contributed by Tracy Creech. This was approved. M: Marty; 2: Erin T. 2. Pastor recognized Erin who described a planned event called, "Motors, Music and Ministry" to possibly be held in October at WLC. More info will be provided. Ervin asked about numbers attending, parking, etc.

President's Report: Bob did not give a report.

Treasurer's Report: Brent commented on several items in the June Financial Report: the checking acct. balance is appr. \$33,000.00; the Food Pantry has \$901.00 on hand; The FP has taken in \$48,763.87 through 6/30/11; the average offering per Sunday for FP is \$375.00.; the Loan balance is \$405,000.00 compared to \$491,000.00 at this time last year.; Offerings this year are \$110,000 compared to \$107,000.00 last year at this point.; the Pre-school received a payment of \$1,451.05 from offerings. The report was approved. M: Bill C.; 2: Robert E.

Financial Secretary Report: Connie did not report. M: Rebecca R.; 2: Robert E.

Committee Reports:

Parish Life: Dean R. reported that seven families (32 people) camped at Camp Kinard the weekend of the service at Kinard. Fifty-six attended the 11 a.m. service there.

Pre-School: The PS Committee is interviewing for assistant positions. They are completing procedures, etc. to distribute to parents. Eight have enrolled, and two are possible.

Property: Ervin C. reported that the elevator was inspected, but will require a private inspection in the future.

Other Business: Bob W. stated that there are no further objections to the plan for the fence at PS playground, even though he had concerns that it did not include the side with the hedge.

Bob stated that there is a need to “clean-up “ the camellias around the PS playground fence. The Property committee will address this.

Bob reported the request for use of Fellowship Hall by Brent Shealy for Rehearsal dinner on 8/5. This was approved. M: Ervin C.; 2: Cher D. Bob also reported that Cricket Leaphart requested use of Fellowship Hall for 7/16. This was approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Rebecca R.

Pastor Sherman reported that Homecoming will be in October and Mel Amundsen will preach. He also reported that the Western Conference Reformation Worship will be held at WLC on Oct. 30, with a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Dr. Crumley will preach. The report was approved. M: Pastor; 2: Bill C.

Rebecca Reed reported on sponsors for 1st Sunday Lunches, as follows: Aug: covered dish; Sept: Robert E. SS Class; Oct: Brent S. class.

Bob W. lead a discussion regarding the purchase of a bus for WLC. Several aspects of the purchase were discussed and straw votes were taken. After some discussion, it was agreed that the votes would not continue because more information was needed to make good decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

ADDENDUM to Minutes:

An issue arose in early August regarding use of the intended space in the “old” part of WLC. Bob W. attempted to schedule a called meeting of Council to discuss the matter. He was not able to get enough members to attend to have a quorum, and used an e-mail vote on the question of allowing the Pre-School to move into the “new” building on a temporary basis until issues could be resolved regarding the problems of operating the PS in the original, intended space. Enough e-mail votes were cast in favor of the use of the “new” building space for approval. The matter is subject to continued discussions.

Respectfully submitted,
Furman Cantrell, Secretary

WITTENBERG FAMILY CELEBRATIONS



Happy Anniversary!

Scott & Erin Thomas
9/2/2007—4 years

Jerry & Betty Price
9/3/1965—46 years

W.C. & Paula Miller
9/7/1989—22 years

John & Merlyn Watkins
9/25/1949—62 years!

Billy & Lynne Rauton
9/26/1987—24 years

Tracy & Dawn Bedenbaugh
9/29/1995—16 years

Dwayne & Katie Black
9/29/2001—10 years

Happy Birthday!

- 2- Jay Hendrix
- 3- Ginger Caughman
- 4- Dwight Price,
Benjie Rikard,
James Mann
- 5- Rondoll Watson
- 6- William P. Black
- 8- Betsy McEwen,
Beth Long
- 11- Jerry R. Shealy (N. Lee St.)
- 12- Samantha Leaphart
- 13- Torry Dickey
- 14- Susie Hendrix,
Emily Sherman,
Jan Long
- 17- Mary Alice Hylar,
Gregg Long
- 19- Ricky Leaphart,
Morgan Summers
- 21- Margaret Ann McDonald
- 22- Courtney Mason McInnis,
Boddie Rinehart
- 23- Annette Crumley,
Russell Rinehart,
Jim Shealy,
Mary Rae Oxner
- 24- Thomas Sawyer
- 27- Catherine Oxner
- 28- Debbie Reynolds
- 29- Nelle Rinehart
- 30- Tate Feaster

LET US PRAY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MEMBERS:

Mike Almgren, Marti Burns, Joan Caughman, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Evetta George, Eleanor and Jane Hare, Ed & Leila Hoover, Bucky Johnson, The Family of W.L. Jones, The Kirby Family, Ramona Langford, Jeff Long, Suzanne Mann, Brady & Sue Nichols, Clyde Oswald, Carolyn Price, Debbie Reynolds, The Family of Dot Ruff, Sue Ruff, Anne Shealy, Walter Shealy, William K. Shealy, Bobbie Smith, Jennifer Spradley, Wills Swygert, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

John Bedenbaugh (father of Tracy Bedenbaugh), Judy and Doug Benton, The Family of Laura Black, The Mother of Debbie Black, Wyatt Boatwright (Lexington 1 student), Patrick Burns (nephew of Marti Burns), Peggy Buzhardt, Ruby Caughman, The Family of Jane Speaks Cochet, The Family of Taylor Cox, Mike Gunter, Audie Jennings (brother-in-law of Wyman & Freida Banks), David Kneece (cousin of Wyman Banks), Ann Lewis, Thelma Lorick (mother of Larry Lorick), Eileen & Jimmy Mitchell, Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), The Mother of Landis Price, Tobie & Chester Plunkett (in-laws of Debbie Reynolds), Mildred Shealy (mother of Michael Shealy), Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), The Family of Elsie Speaks, Diane Spradley, Aaron Stewart, Duane Swygert (nephew of Melvin Swygert), Susan Turner (sister of Mike Almgren), The Family of L.G. Whitman, and members of our Armed Forces

