

THE WITTENBERG



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People of Wittenberg:

God's blessings as you enjoy the cool and color of Fall.

Michael Watson collapsed at the end of his 1991 World Championship super-middleweight fight with Chris Eubank. Michael was in a coma for 40 days as doctors assessed the extent of his brain damage and worked to promote healing. The boxer awoke to a paralyzed left leg, slurred speech and memory loss. As you can imagine, Watson found himself embittered by this new reality. However, he refused to blame the other boxer, Chris Eubank, for injuries incurred in the ring. "I knew he was suffering too," Watson later remarked, "So I prayed for Chris daily." In 2003 a rejuvenated Michael Watson completed the London Marathon, six days after he set out. On the final leg he was accompanied by Chris Eubank.

At the center of our Reformation identity is the promise that forgiveness is a free gift from God. We fall short of God's ideal for us, yet God continues to reach down to us and lift us up from mud. What are we to do in response to God's lavish love for us? Forgive and walk forward with our fellow sinner/saints.

Peace be with you,
Michael

SERVING THIS MONTH

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 11/6- Ernestine Sharpe
11/13- Charles & Ann Nichols
11/20- Wilson & Mary Rae Oxner
11/27- Michael & Rebecca Reed

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Robert Epting

NURSERY-

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 11/6- Michael Reed, Erin Thomas
11/13- Rhonda Bedenbaugh
11/20- Paula Miller, Michael Reed
11/27- John Oxner, Rebecca Reed

2-3 YR. OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 11/6- Catherine Oxner,
Myra Cantrell
11/13- Susan Shealy,
Chrissy McNabb
11/20- Scarlett Summer,
Debra McDonald
11/27- Catherine Oxner,
Myra Cantrell

GREETERS

Narthex:

Wyman & Freida Banks

Commons Area:

Ann Nichols, Marti Burns

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Connie Kramer

LAY READER

Kayce Shealy

ALTAR GUILD

- Freida Banks, Wyman Banks,
Hazel Cooper, Debbie Reynolds,
Torry Dickey, Ann Nichols,
Debbie Sawyer

USHERS

Ervin Caughman, Bill Caughman,
Todd Davis, Eric Dickey

NURSERY

Betsy Dority, Chair

- 11/6- Freida Banks,
Rhonda Bedenbaugh
11/13- Chrissy & Scott McNabb
11/20- Scarlett & Matthew Summers
11/27- Jennifer & Chip Spradley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 11/6- Jennifer McInnis,
Chip & Jennifer Spradley
11/13- Barbie & Dean Rodgers,
Freida Banks
11/20- Toshia Banks, Eric Dickey
11/27- Brandee & Jeff Quarles,
Debbie Sawyer

TELLERS

- 11/6- Erin Thomas, Bob Wiley
11/13- Marti Burns, Bill Caughman
11/20- Ervin Caughman, Cher Davis
11/27- Torry Dickey, Robert Epting

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Jennifer Spradley, Advisor

11/6- Acolyte: Matthew Reed
Alms Bearer: Tate Feaster
Crucifer: Cambey Reep

11/13- Acolyte: Ellee Quarles
Alms Bearer: Payton Quarles
Crucifer: Brandt Shealy

11/20- Acolyte: Emily Davis
Alms Bearer: Taylor Davis
Crucifer: Avery Finger

11/27- Acolyte: James Banks
Alms Bearer: Wills Swygert
Crucifer: Aubrey Rodgers

Motors, Music & Ministry

CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE SHOW



November 5, 2011 † 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Wittenberg Lutheran Church

Early Registration (by November 2): \$20
On-Site Registration: \$25

Prizes In All Three Categories

Music Performed by

Steele Justice Band

NO REFUNDS — RAIN OR SHINE — NO ALCOHOL



Our thoughts and prayers are with Larry Lorick and family in the death of Larry's mother, Thelma Lorick, on October 5.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Please make the following changes to your church directory:

Eleanor and Jane Hare

Saluda Nursing Center
P.O. Box 398
Saluda, SC 29138

Ricky & Cricket Leaphart

Rebecca
P.O. Box 1478
Burnet, TX 78611
Ricky: 803-351-2118
Cricket: 803-351-2125

To our Wittenberg Family:

Thank you so much for the many acts of kindness shown to us as we grieved the loss of our mother and grandmother. Your thoughts, prayers, and remembrances gave us the support we needed. We are so fortunate to be a part of such a caring church family.

The Brent Shealy Family



LUNCH and LEARN

At a recent Congregational Council meeting, a council member floated the idea of having a “Lunch and Learn” ministry at Wittenberg. Used prominently in the medical field, “Lunch and Learns” bring folks together for a meal, a topical presentation and conversation. During the month of November, Wittenberg will give the “Lunch and Learn” concept a spin. Join us at noon on Friday, Nov. 4, at Mi Rancho. Our first presentation is entitled *Food and Faith*.

MASTERWORKS STUDY

The Masterworks Study meets Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the parsonage study. We are reading *Open Secrets* by Richard Lischer.

KICS

An outing in November may be scheduled: watch your bulletins for an announcement. For more information, please contact Cher Davis (892-6965), Paula Miller (532-5014), Marti Burns (604-8608) or Pastor Sherman.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 4, immediately before and after the 11 a.m. worship service. At this meeting, we elect Congregational Council members and take action on the 2012 Wittenberg Budget.

2012 YEARBOOK

It's time to start compiling those year-end committee reports, schedules, directory changes, etc., for the new yearbook. Please submit all information to the church office by Dec. 1.

BABIES, BABIES, BABIES!



We are delighted to welcome three precious babies to the world and to the Wittenberg family:

Haleigh Nevaeh Brown was born to Megan Rish and Desmond Brown on Sept. 9. She weighed 5 lb. 2 oz. and was 19" long.

Jonathan Nathaniel (Nate) Rogers was born to Julie & Jon Rogers on Oct. 10. He arrived at 8 lb. 1 oz and was 20 ½" long.

Elijah (Eli) Walker Britt was born to Callie Jane & Walker Britt on Oct. 18. This he-man weighed 9 lb. 4 oz. and was 22" long.

Congratulations, new parents! May God richly bless your growing families.

Share Your Crèche



Interested in sharing your Nativity Scene with the Wittenberg family? We will display crèches in the sanctuary during the Sundays of Advent and Christmas. Contact the office if you would like to display your crèche.

HELP NEEDED!

Time Invested: 1 to 1.5 hrs. for Adopt-a-Highway
When: Saturday, Nov. 5. Meet at Church at 9 a.m.
Fresh air and exercise: No charge.
Finders Keepers.
Bring gloves and comfortable shoes.

2012 ALTAR FLOWERS

The Flower Calendar for 2012 is in the narthex. The format is a little different this year; Sunday dates for 2012 are on the tablet paper in columns. Please write in the space provided on the Sunday you wish to furnish flowers for the church. A calendar sheet is provided for your review if needed. Flowers are \$45.00 and furnished by Worthy's Florist. If you have any questions please contact Kim Feaster.



STATISTICS AS OF OCTOBER 23

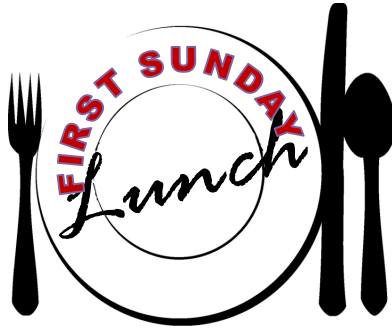
| DATE | SCS | WORSHIP |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------|
| 10/2..... | 79 | 148 |
| 10/9..... | 66 | 134 |
| 10/16..... | 62 | 133 |
| 10/23..... | 63 | 147 |
| YTD Regular Offering..... | | \$178,592.37 |
| Needed | | 232,914.36 |
| Difference | | (54,321.99) |
| YTD B.F. Offering | | 61,735.00 |

PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTES AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Preschool Program would like to thank everyone who has made a donation to support the Program. We are off to a successful start and have 11 students enrolled (currently we have availability for a few more). The Program is also seeking support from qualified Substitutes and Volunteers. Candidates must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma/GED, and be willing to complete a FBI background check. Please contact Julie Hyman or Eric Dickey if you have any questions or know someone who would like to help.

WOULD YOU LIKE A BIT OF WITTENBERG HISTORY FOR YOUR HOME?

Pews have replaced the folding seats that were located at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like a couple of the folding seats for your home, please contact the church office or Ervin Caughman.



The Hannah Circle hosts the First Sunday Lunch on Nov. 6

Menu includes chili, cornbread, desserts and drinks.
Proceeds from the meal will go toward the church bus project.

Please join us!



Thank You!

Thank you to all the women who participated in Women's Sunday on Oct. 9. We especially want to thank Debbie Sawyer for the Children's Sermon, Catherine Oxner for the Homily and the choir for the lovely anthem. It was a wonderful service.

Bryan Center Clothing Drive

We are once again collecting men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, etc. that are wearable for the Bryan Center. Please put your donations in a box or bag labeled "Bryan Center" either in the room off the narthex or in the Ladies Lounge in the Educational Building. Please have your donations to the church by Dec. 4. If you have any questions contact Connie Kramer at 532-5558.

Attention All Circles

It's time to do the Women's Handbook for 2012. Please turn in the following: dates, leaders and locations for your meetings, changes in officers, members or phone numbers, and a list of all the activities for your circle for 2011.

Circle Meetings:

- ◆ **The Morning Circle** meets Nov. 1 at 10 a.m. Carolyn Price is leader.
- ◆ **Circle V** meets Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. Earlene Swygert is leader.
- ◆ **Circle IV** meets Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Connie Kramer is leader. Ernestine Sharpe & Leila Hoover are hostesses.
- ◆ **Circle L** meets Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. Leader and hostess is Doris Antley.
- ◆ **Hannah Circle** meets Nov. 12 at 10 a.m. Jennifer Spradley is leader and hostess.

Wittenberg Lutheran Church Council Minutes

September 11, 2011

Present: Bob W., Robert E., Bill C., Erin T., Torry D., Marty B., Cher D., Billy R., Rebecca R., Ervin C., Furman C. (Sec.), Connie K. (Fin. Sec.), Pastor Sherman

Absent: Betsy D., Bill C., Dean, Brent S. (Treas.)

The meeting was called to order by Bob Wiley, President, at 7:03 p.m.

Bob W. offered a devotional period.

The August Minutes were not approved, since they were misplaced in the church office. They will be sent to council members later and approved at Oct. meeting.

Pastor's Report: The following items were reported: 1. A young adult retreat will be held Oct. 14-16. 2. Reformation Sunday will be October 30. 3. Pastor Sherman requested a vacation for first Sunday in October. 4. Boddie Rhinehart has requested that he become an inactive member, effective the first Sunday in October. 5. The SC delegates voted 8 to 4 to hold the current organization in the ELCA. It would cost \$6-700,000.00 to undo the ELCA. The ELCA has made drastic cuts in the Chicago office. The church wide Council will have more power and the Bishop less power. 6. October 9 is Women's Sunday. Catherine Oxner will present the message. The report was approved. M: Ervin C.; 2: Billy R.

President's Report: Bob W. reported on several items: 1. The vote at the morning service regarding purchase of the bus was 80=yes and 20=no. Bob asked Cher and Todd D., Dean R., Ervin C., Eric D. and Pastor to serve as a committee to locate and purchase a bus with a price within the sum that has been donated and raised. Robert E. stated that Tony Metz had offered to assist through connections he has in Augusta. This was taken as information. Motion to purchase the bus was approved. M: Bob W; 2: Cher D. 2. Bob announced that the S&F Committee has been working on a plan to establish an Endowment Fund for WLC. Additional information will be presented at upcoming Council meetings. 3. Bob announced an Executive Committee meeting to consider nominees for Council for the coming year.

Treasurer's Report: In Brent's absence, Bob commented briefly on the financial status of WLC, including the fact that the Building fund checking balance is \$12,361.00. The next payment will be paid out of the general fund in order to maintain a checking balance for BF of approx. \$15,000.00. This report was approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Rebecca R.

Financial Secretary Report: Connie stated that the Pre-School will pay their “portion” of the church utilities bill (\$481.88). The report was approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Marti B.

Committee Reports:

Property: Ervin C. reported that: 1. A tree was cut and removed from the parking lot at a cost of \$550.00. 2. Some pews were changed to provide space for wheelchairs. These chairs are for sale to anyone interested. This was approved. M: Ervin C.; 2: Cher D. 3. Corder Pest control sprayed for insects. This costs \$130.00/quarter. This was approved. M:Ervin C.; 2:Rebecca R. 4. There is a weak spot in the floor at the back stairway. Ervin will have the termite contractor check this.

Social Ministry: Robert E. reported: 1. Highway pick-up will be next Saturday and volunteers are needed. 2. The Food Pantry needs assistance Saturday. 3. The 70+ Birthday party will be held Oct 9.

Pre-School: Erin T. reported that Barbie has completed paperwork for the Visa card for use by PS . There will be 2 names for the card: Julie and Barbie. This was approved. M: Billy R.; 2: Rebecca R. She also reported that the PS has only 10 kids and they need 12 for a break-even budget. The PS is not able to meet the budget with only 10 paying kids and needs snacks donated. Rebecca stated that Julie needs to prepare a list of items that could be donated. Bob W. stated that the Council needs monthly financial reports from the PS. He also wants a financial report from PS at end of Dec. to evaluate the status of PS.

Cher asked about the status of the “old building” in order to house the PS in the initially intended space. Pastor stated that the architect is reviewing the plans and other items needed to permit the PS to re-locate in the initial space.

Other Business: Cher stated that the MSG will prepare the pre-game meal for the BLHS football team next Friday.

Ervin C. asked why PS materials are stored in the room where Council meets, and stated that this was not part of the initial plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Furman Cantrell, Secretary

WITTENBERG FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Anniversary!

Gerald Jr. & Barbara Long
Nov. 1, 1968 – 43 years

Grant & Debra McDonald
Nov. 2, 2001 – 10 years

Charlie & Beth Long
Nov. 7, 1965 – 46 years

Charles & Ann Nichols
Nov. 14, 1954 – 57 years

Mark Lyvers & Henrietta Gill
Nov. 22, 1980 – 31 years



PARISH LIFE OUTING

We will have an outing for dinner and seeing the lights at Saluda Shoals some time in December. A date has not been set yet, so watch your bulletins for an announcement.

Happy Birthday!

- 1- Lynette Crolley
- 2- Dean Egle,
Eleanor Hare,
Emily Ann Miller
- 5- Terri Rish
- 11- Bill Caughman,
Dannie Kaiser,
W. C. Miller
- 14- Brenda Howard
- 15- Matthew Reed
- 18- Marti Burns
- 19- Alexander Gill Lyvers,
Randy Fellers
- 20- Nathan Shealy
- 22- Sammy Barnes,
Brandee Quarles
- 23- Abby McDonald
- 24- Walter S. Meetze, Jr.,
Emma Osment,
Clyde Oswald
- 26- Mason McInnis
- 27- Toshia Banks
- 29- Susanna Reed

LET US PRAY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MEMBERS:

Marti Burns, Joan Caughman, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Sybil Ergle, Jackie Frick, Evetta George, Eleanor and Jane Hare, Ed & Leila Hoover, Mary Alice Hylar, Bucky Johnson, The Kirby Family, Ramona Langford, Beth Long, Brady & Sue Nichols, Clyde Oswald, Carolyn Price, Debbie Reynolds, Benjie Rikard, The Family of Dot Ruff, Sue Ruff, Anne Shealy, Robin Shealy, Walter Shealy, William K. Shealy, Jennifer Spradley, Wills Swygert, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Von Auerhamer, 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), The Family of Peggy Buzhardt, Ruby Caughman, Jimmy Clark (brother-in-law of Nancy Woodell), Mike Gunter, Audie Jennings (brother-in-law of Wyman & Freida Banks), David Kneece (cousin of Wyman Banks), The Family of Ann Lewis, The Family of Thelma Lorick, The Family of Eileen Mitchell, Jimmy Mitchell, Donnie & Lynn Moak (friends of Debbie Reynolds), 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

