

But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. —Matthew: 6:33

People of Wittenberg:

Like some of you, I tend to be a worrier. Given all the cares and concerns of the day, I occasionally find myself stifled by the “What if” game. What if I don’t finish the project on time? What if I have car trouble again? What if I miss an important meeting or school event? What if? What if? What if?

The disciples, like us, carried the weight of worries. Often they were concerned about the homes, families and vocations they left behind in Galilee. As Jesus’ ministry moved steadily toward the cross, the disciples’ anxiety grew. What if he is no longer with us? What if they target us next?

Jesus did not attempt to sugarcoat the walk of discipleship by offering “pie-in-the-sky” promises of good health, affluence and victory over adversaries. Jesus did, however, assure the people that God was attentive and compassionate, well aware of the unique struggles confronting each child in creation. *Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*

TRUST
in the
LORD

In your prayer life with the Almighty, pray for the gift of trust. If God is for us who can be against us?

Peace be with you.
Michael

SERVING THIS MONTH

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7/3- Carolyn Price & Eva Watson
7/10- Beth, Charlie & Todd Long
7/17- Sophie & Ella Grace Dickey
7/24- Tom & Debbie Sawyer
7/31- Mr. & Mrs. Wyman Banks and
Mr. & Mrs. Brady Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Tom Sawyer

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 7/3- John Oxner
7/10- Kayce Shealy
7/17- Linda Almgren
7/24- Rebecca Reed
7/31- Michael Reed

2-3 YR. OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 7/3- Scarlett Summers, Crissie Kirby
7/10- Crissie Kirby, Scarlett Summers
7/17- Chrissy McNabb, Susan Shealy
7/24- Catherine Oxner, Myra Cantrell
7/31- Myra Cantrell, Catherine Oxner

GREETERS

Narthex:

Linda Almgren, Kaye Wiley
Commons Area:
Jerry & Tissy Price

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Debbie Sawyer

LAY READER

Dawn Bedenbaugh

ALTAR GUILD

Wendy Epting, Dorothy Mullins,
Debbie Sawyer, Myra Cantrell,
Beth Long

USHERS

Bill Caughman, Dwight Price,
Pete Osment, Courtney McInnis

NURSERY

Chrissy McNabb, Chair

- 7/3- Jennifer & Mike Patrick
7/10- Catherine & John Oxner
7/17- Barbie & Dean Rodgers
7/24- Rebecca & Michael Reed
7/31- Betsy Shealy, Kayce Shealy

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 7/3- Brandee & Jeff Quarles,
Debbie Sawyer
7/10- Dawn Bedenbaugh,
Rhonda & Tracy Bedenbaugh
7/17- Rebecca & Michael Reed
7/24- Doris Antley, Kayce Shealy,
Joan Caughman
7/31- Jennifer McInnis,
Chip & Jennifer Spradley

TELLERS

- 7/3- Erin Thomas, Bob Wiley
7/10- Marti Burns, Bill Caughman
7/17- Ervin Caughman, Cher Davis
7/24- Torry Dickey, Robert Epting
7/31- Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed

LET US PRAY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS:

MEMBERS:

Mike Almgren, Marti Burns, Joan Caughman, Carl Cook, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Evetta George, Eleanor and Jane Hare, Ed & Leila Hoover, Bucky Johnson, The Family of W.L. Jones, Dannie Kaiser, The Kirby Family, Ramona Langford, Jeff Long, Suzanne Mann, Brady & Sue Nichols, Debbie Reynolds, The Family of Ralph Riley, 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

God 
Answers
Prayers

WITTENBERG FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday!

- 2- Will Caughman,
Eva Watson,
Grae McDonald
- 3- Summer Burns,
Bobby Price
- 4 - Elijah Sherman
- 7- Doug Crolley
- 8- Jeffrey Long, Jr.
- 11- Doris Antley,
Tracy Bedenbaugh,
Kim Feaster,
Shawn L. Belcher Jr.
- 14- Cricket Leaphart,
Jada Rogers, River Rauton
- 15- Carl Cook
- 16- Jennifer Spradley
- 17- Will Cary
- 18- Harlee Miller,
Mavis Price, Von Bickley
- 20- Brett Spradley
- 21- Jason Feaster,
Gerald Long Sr.
- 24- Sonya Cary, Otho Shealy
- 26- Cambey Reep
- 27- Eric Dickey,
Michael Reed,
Brett Spradley,
Robbin Swygert,
Parker McInnis
- 28- Cher Davis
- 29- Debbie Price
- 30- Billy Shealy



Rondoll & Violet Watson
7/3/1966–45 years

John & Dorothy Mullins
7/5/1980–31 years

Von & Lu Bickley
7/10/1971–40 years

Rachel & Jim* Young
7/15/1978–33 years

Ross & Sonya Cary
7/16/1977–34 years

F.H. III & Susie Hendrix
7/19/1969–42 years

Brent & Julia Shealy
7/23/1978–33 years

Ed & Leila Hoover
7/24/1953–58 years

Wyman & Freida Banks
7/29/1961–50 years

John & Toshia Banks
7/31/1998–13 years

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Jennifer Spradley, Advisor

7/3- Acolyte: Emily Davis
Alms Bearer: Taylor Davis
Crucifer: Brandt Shealy

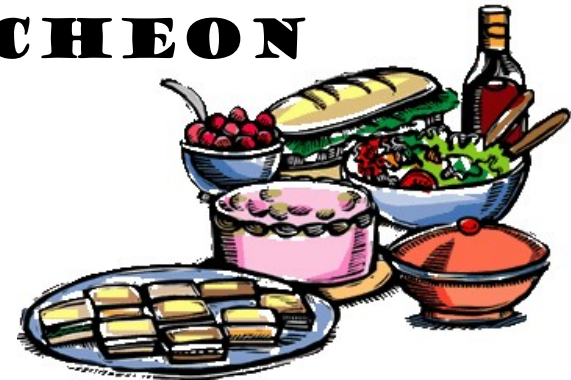
7/10- Acolyte: Brayden Patrick
Alms Bearer: Sydnee Patrick
Crucifer: Cambey Reep

7/17- Acolyte: Ellee Quarles
Alms Bearer: Payton Quarles
Crucifer: Aubrey Rodgers

7/24- Acolyte: Mason McInnis
Alms Bearer: Parker McInnis
Crucifer: Avery Finger

7/31- Acolyte: Eli Sherman
Alms Bearer: River Rauton
Crucifer: Jesse Rauton

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON



First Sunday Lunch
July 3 at Noon

Bring your favorite dish to share!

Donations go to the Building Fund

Rejoice with Our Young People



June 12 was an important day at Wittenberg: we celebrated the First Communion of **Mason McInnis** and the Confirmation of **River Rauton, Rachel Creech** and **Parker McInnis**. Congratulations, all!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

The following recently joined the Wittenberg family. Please add their contact information to your church directory.

Lynnette & Doug Crolley
205 N. Peachtree St., Batesburg, SC 29006; 803-233-7667

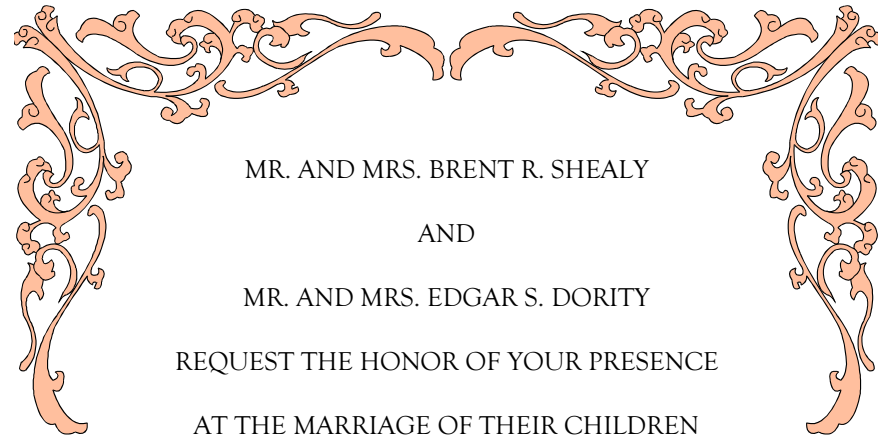
Randy Fellers
237 Hall St., Batesburg, SC 29006-1409; 532-2324

Chancie Frick
1510 Perry Taylor Rd., Leesville, SC 29070; 803-351-0347

Renee Lovett (*Christian, Cameron*)
205 N. Peachtree St., Batesburg, SC 29006; 803-233-7667

Jim & Mary Ann Shealy
2346 Shull's Fork Rd., Gilbert, SC 29054; 803-892-8783

Theo & Elizabeth Walker (*Heather, Bryan, Tyler, Theo II*)
740 South Lee St., Batesburg; 532-1103



MR. AND MRS. BRENT R. SHEALY

AND

MR. AND MRS. EDGAR S. DORITY

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE

AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN

Elizabeth Eileen

and

Gregory Spencer

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH OF AUGUST

TWO THOUSAND AND ELEVEN

AT SIX THIRTY IN THE EVENING

WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

233 NORTH LEE STREET

LEESVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING AT T&S FARM



Wittenberg Lutheran Church Council Minutes

May 15, 2011

Members Present: Bob Wiley (Pres.), Robert Epting, Rebecca Reed, Betsy Shealy, Billy Rauton, Ervin Caughman, Dean Rogers, Torry Dickey, Cher Davis, Marti Burns, Erin Thomas, Pastor Sherman, Furman Cantrell (Sec.), Brent Shealy (Tres.), Connie Kramer (Fin. Sec.),

Members Absent: Bill Caughman

The meeting was **called to order** by President Bob Wiley at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Sherman gave a brief devotion.

The Minutes of the April 2011 Council meeting were approved.

M: Ervin C.; 2: Robert E.

Pastor Sherman gave his monthly **Pastor's Report:**

1. The Congregation will meet at Camp Kinard on June 26 for the 11 a.m. service. There will be a 9:30 a.m. service at WLC, but no SS. This was approved. M: Dean R.; 2: Robert E.

2. The Synod Assembly will be held in Greenville. Bob W. and Pastor will attend. Sarah Creech is planning to attend as an "under 30" delegate. This was approved. M; Ervin C.; 2: Cher D.

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

Treasurer's Report: Brent stated that the financial picture for WLC is favorable. There is money in the checking acct. for the storage building behind the Fellowship Hall, as well as some funds for the Food Pantry.

Brent also reported that the church is paying approx. \$7,200.00 per month on the loan. The loan balance is \$415,000.00 compared to last year at this time of \$502,000.00.

The report was approved. M; Robert E. ; 2: Cher D.

Financial Secretary Report: Connie did not give a verbal report, but stated that Bank of America is charging \$1.40 for cash deposits.

Committee Reports:

Social Ministry: Robert E. reported that the Operation Reach Out meal was served last Monday. He also reported that the Food Pantry has new

policies and procedures in place now, and the number of visitors has decreased.

Parish Life: Dean R. reported that 21 people attended the ice cream social at the Oxners' and that there will be a camping event at Camp Kinard the weekend of June 24-26.

Youth: Pastor Sherman reported that 17 youth have signed up for the national youth conference in New Orleans in July.

Property: Ervin C. reported that the storage building outside the Fellowship Hall has been completed except for installing the door.

Torry D. stated that the VBS will begin June 12 and suggested that Council meet at 5 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. This was approved. M; Torry D.; 2: Rebecca R.

Pre-School: Erin T. reported that 1 person has signed-up for PS and paid the fees.

Other Business:

Pastor Sherman gave a brief update on the bus project: Faith LC has a 25-26 passenger bus that could be rented on occasion. There was not much progress from the meeting with LMC. There was more discussion about the size of the bus needed for WLC.

Robert E. asked about the policy for Facility Usage. Bob W. stated that if a group uses any church-owned items from the kitchen, the group must pay a fee for this. Ervin C. stated that we should charge \$50.00 for church members and \$75.00 for non-church members. It was also discussed and agreed that anyone wanting to borrow tables and chairs must clear this with the Property Committee. It was later agreed that the approval could come from Pastor Sherman.

Ervin C. stated that the pew removed from the Sanctuary is being worked on.

Betsy S. stated that the Youth want to do a car wash to raise funds for the national youth gathering and for constructing a volleyball court. This was approved. M: Betsy S.; 2: Cher D.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Furman Cantrell, secretary



Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Gene Ralph Riley** in his death June 6.

We also mourn with the family of **W.L. "Scrub" Jones** in his passing on June 18.

Please keep these families in your prayers during their time of mourning.

JUNE STATISTICS

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP
6/5	76.....	172
6/12	75.....	194
6/19	77.....	153
6/26	N/A.....	N/A
YTD Regular Offering		109,981.72
Needed		138,639.50
Difference		(28,657.78)
YTD B.F. Offering		37,598.00



WITTENBERG YOUTH SCHEDULE

July 3

No Meeting, Independence Day Weekend

July 10–6 to 7:30 p.m.

Devotion

July 17–6 to 7:30 p.m.

Service Project

July 24–6 to 7:30 p.m.

Game Night

July 31–5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Brodie Mill Pond Outing

**** STAY TUNED FOR NEWS OF A POTENTIAL SERVANT TRIP****



Masterworks Study

Our Masterworks Study resumes on Tuesday, August 16, at 7 p.m. We will read "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," available in the office after July 15.

VBS 2011 WRAP-UP

WOW! There was some serious PandaMania at Wittenberg the week of June 12-17. Pandas, lanterns, bamboo and kids were everywhere! More than 50 children gathered at Wittenberg to play games, listen to Bible stories, make crafts and sing new songs. The Youth Group completed service projects during the week, and Pastor Sherman led the adult class. Many nonperishable food items were donated, and \$204 was raised for our food pantry.

Thanks to all of the participants and volunteers for making this year's VBS such a success. We hope to see all of you again next year!

Torry and Dawn

