

THE WITTENBERG



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You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. John 15:16-17

People of Wittenberg:

Somewhere along the way IT happens, although the IT moment is hard to pinpoint. Perhaps IT's the evening we learn that the team, confronting the ebb and flow of wins and losses, is more than a disconnected smattering of talented individuals, but rather a community with a shared purpose. Maybe we run into IT as we contend with Ezekiel's valley of dry bones, only to discover for ourselves that we do not have to face challenging seasons and bad land alone. Some blessed souls have never known a day without IT.

So here IT is! The Good News ...

God created us and chose us to live our lives on the Vine. Our faith family is a tad larger than the collection of faces we encounter at breakfast time every morning. As shoots of the Vine, we tap into a source of strength and nourishment that is ever-present and we share our fruit with others embodying the Great Commandment to love. IT encourages us while also nudging us ahead to encourage.

Come and celebrate IT on October 23 as we gather for Wittenberg Homecoming 2011. Share memories, worship with loved ones, feast on homemade food, listen to the good fruit of music and give thanks for your connection to the Vine we call the Church of Christ.

Peace be with you.

Michael

SERVING THIS MONTH

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 10/2- John & Wilson Oxner
10/9- Scott & Erin Thomas
10/16- Bobbie & Ray Smith
10/23- Robert, Wendy & Emily Epting
10/30- F.H. & Susie Hendrix

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Jerry Price

NURSERY—

SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 10/2- Paula Miller, Katie Black
10/9- John Oxner, Wendy Epting
10/16- Kayce Shealy, Lynne Rauton
10/23- Linda Almgren, Jennifer Patrick
10/30- Rebecca Reed, Connie Kramer

2-3 YR. OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 10/2- Susan Shealy, Chrissy McNabb
10/9- Scarlett Summers,
Debra McDonald
10/16- Catherine Oxner, Myra Cantrell
10/23- Susan Shealy, Chrissy McNabb
10/30- Scarlett Summers,
Debra McDonald

GREETERS

Narthex:

Mary Shealy, Barbara Nivens

Commons Area:

Ross & Sonya Cary

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Robert Epting

LAY READER

Charlie Long

ALTAR GUILD

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

USHERS

Bob Wiley, Dwight Price,
Carl Cook, John Leaphart

NURSERY

Jennifer Patrick, Chair

- 10/2- Catherine & John Oxner
10/9- Barbie & Dean Rodgers
10/16- Betsy Dority, Kayce Shealy
10/23- Erin & Scott Thomas
10/30- Rebecca & Michael Reed

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 10/2- Toshia Banks, Eric Dickey
10/9- Brandee & Jeff Quarles,
Debbie Sawyer
10/16- Dawn Bedenbaugh, Rhonda &
Tracy Bedenbaugh
10/23- Rebecca & Michael Reed
10/30- Doris Antley, Kayce Shealy,
Joan Caughman

TELLERS

- 10/2- Marti Burns, Bill Caughman
10/9- Ervin Caughman, Cher Davis
10/16- Torry Dickey, Robert Epting
10/23- Billy Rauton, Rebecca Reed
10/30- Dean Rodgers, Betsy Dority

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Cher Davis, Advisor

10/2-Acolyte: Mason McInnis
Alms Bearer: Parker McInnis
Crucifer: Ross Shealy

10/9- Acolyte: Marissa Spradley
Alms Bearer: Brett Spradley
Crucifer: Nevin Rodgers

10/16-Acolyte: Emma Osment
Alms Bearer: Adam Almgren
Crucifer: Rachel Creech

10/23- Acolyte: Eli Sherman
Alms Bearer: Lane Bedenbaugh
Crucifer: Zane Bedenbaugh

10/30- Acolyte: Brayden Patrick
Alms Bearer: Sydnee Patrick
Crucifer: Jesse Rauton

HOMEcoming 2011

Sunday, October 23

Join us and bring a friend!

The Rev. Mel Amundson,
Assistant to the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod,
will bring the homecoming message.

Following the service we will enjoy
a covered dish lunch in the fellowship hall,
then, at 1:30 p.m., a music program in the sanctuary.

Share in the celebration
and fellowship with friends and families.

GUTEN TAG!



The Parish Life Committee celebrates Oktoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 23, at the

home of Billy and Lynne Rauton. Please join us at 6 p.m. for a delicious German meal. Sign up sheets are in the gathering areas. Please sign up by Oct. 16 so we can get a head count and dishes can be arranged. Hope to see you there! Bis bald!

KICS Hayride/Pumpkin Patch at Camp Kinard

Oct. 16 - Noon-2:30 p.m.

Bring \$5.00 each

We will eat lunch at the church.
The hayride begins at 1:30 p.m.

Pizza -

KICS will provide

Four bags chips -

Emily Miller

Cookies -

Wyatt Summers

20 juice boxes/pouches -

Emily Davis

20 juice boxes/pouches -

Parker Black

Wittenberg Lutheran Church
honors all our qualified members at the annual

70+ BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

immediately following the 11 o'clock service
Oct. 16 in the fellowship hall

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Directory Updates

Please update your church directory with the following changes:

Marti Burns
803-960-8594

Sally Long-Belcher
4408 Bear Ridge Ct.
Greensboro, SC 27406-8067

Jeff & Brandee Quarles
633 Elk Rd.
Batesburg, SC 29006-9807

Julie & Jada Rogers
429 Caughman St.
Leesville, SC 29070

Michael N. & Betsy Shealy
7977 Two Notch Rd.
Batesburg, SC 29006

Sue Speaks Ruff
sspeaks08@gmail.com

A PIECE 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 few of the folding seats for your home, please contact the church office or Ervin Caughman.

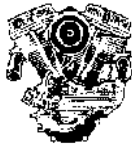
STEWARDSHIP REPORTS NOW DUE

Third Quarter Stewardship Reports are now due from all groups within the church. Please drop completed forms into Brian's box in the church office.

SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP
9/4	70.....	143
9/11	91.....	151
9/18.....	93.....	125
9/25.....	67.....	136
YTD Regular Offering		\$164,621.87
Needed		210,732.04
Difference		(46,110.17)
YTD B.F. Offering		57,451.00

MOTORS, MUSIC, & MINISTRY



CAR, TRUCK, & MOTORCYCLE SHOW NOVEMBER 5, 2011 11 AM-2 PM

**Wittenberg Lutheran Church
233 North Lee St.
Batesburg-Leesville SC 29070**

**Early Registration: \$20
On-Site Registration: \$25**

Prizes In All Three Categories

Music Performed By: Steele Justice Band

Food, Drink, And Baked Goods Available

For More Information: Call 803-532-4636 Or Visit www.wittenberg leesville.org

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Name _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____
Vehicle Year: _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____

**Make Checks Payable to Wittenberg Lutheran Church
Mail to: Wittenberg Lutheran Church; 233 North Lee St; Batesburg-Leesville, SC 29070
Pre-Registration must be received by Nov 2, 2011.
No Refunds Rain or Shine - No Alcohol**

We celebrated the ordination of
Ricky Leaphart
September 15 at Wittenberg.
We ask God's continued blessings
upon the Rev. Ricky, his family,
and their new ministry in Burnet, Texas.

OCTOBER WITTENBERG YOUTH SCHEDULE

Oct. 1, 3-9 p.m.: Citizens w/the Saints Concert at St. Stephens, Lexington
Oct. 2, 6 p.m.: Game Night
Oct. 9, 2:30-5 p.m.: Western Conference Fall Gathering (see below)
Oct. 14, 9 p.m.: Holy Grounds, Laser Tag
Oct. 16, TBA: Corn Maize
Oct. 23, 6 p.m.: Service Project
Oct. 25, 9 p.m.: Holy Grounds Lock-In
Oct. 30, noon: Harvest Festival
Check with Brian or Kayce Shealy, Betsy Dority, Tracy or Dawn Bedenbaugh if you have questions.



SC LCY Western Conference Fall Gathering presents:

“Demolition Derby”

When: Sunday, October 9, 2011
Where: Wittenberg Lutheran Church
Time: 2:30 – 5:00 p.m.

We are collecting the following items to donate on behalf of the SCLCY Western Conference to different organizations:

Plastic shopping bags
Canned Goods

Also to share with the group one 2 liter and snack

RSVP PLEASE
Email: heather.story@yahoo.com
Call or text: 706-877-3634

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Women's Sunday

Women's Sunday is Oct. 9. Catherine Oxner will be the homilist, and Debbie Sawyer will have the children's sermon. We invite all women to participate in the choir that Sunday. On Sunday, Oct. 9, we meet in the choir room at 10:30 a.m. to practice before the service. Please make every effort to be at this practice as soon as you can. We look forward to leading this service for our congregation.

Domestic Disaster Response Donation

At the annual meeting of the Women of the ELCA at Wittenberg, it was decided to make a donation to the ELCA Domestic Disaster Response. This money will go to help victims of floods, tornadoes and hurricanes here in the United States. If you as an individual or any group in the church would like to contribute, please give your cash or check (made out to Wittenberg

WELCA) to Joann Wells by Oct. 7. We will make the donation on Women's Sunday, Oct. 9.

Conference Meeting

The Western Conference Fall Meeting of Women of the ELCA is Sunday, Oct. 16, 3 p.m., at Cedar Grove Lutheran Church. Mark your calendar, and plan to attend.

Circle Meetings:

- ◆ **The Morning Circle** meets Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. Dannie Kaiser is leader.
- ◆ **Circle V** meets Oct. 4 at 1 p.m. Nelle Rinehart is leader.
- ◆ **Circle IV** meets Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Ann Nichols is leader, and Mary Cook is hostess.
- ◆ **Circle L** meets Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. Leader and hostess is Robbin Swygert.
- ◆ **Hannah Circle** meets Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. Scarlett Summers is leader and hostess.

*We mourn
with you*



Our deepest sympathy is extended to Julia Shealy and family in the death of her mother, Eileen Mitchell, on September 9.

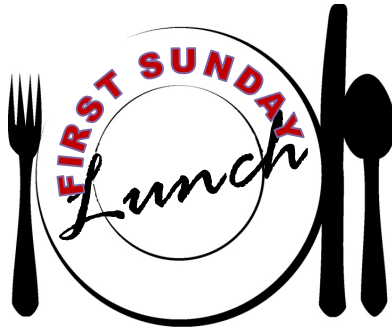
Please remember this family in your prayers during their time of mourning.

Support Your Preschool

Donations of the following non-perishable items will be gratefully received by the Wittenberg Preschool. A drop-off box is near the main entrance in the commons area.

Snacks: animal crackers, Goldfish, applesauce, raisins, Teddy Grahams, pudding, apple juice, pretzels, fruit snacks, Cheerios, Froot Loops, Jell-O, cups, bowls, napkins

Cleaning: Clorox/Lysol wipes, Lysol spray, Clorox toilet bowl cleaner, large trash bags, small trash bags, hand soap refill bottles, paper towels, Kleenex tissues, toilet paper



The Lectionary Class hosts the First Sunday Lunch on Oct. 2

Menu: Beef Stew over Rice, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Tea

& Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundaes.

Proceeds from the meal will go toward the building fund

Wittenberg Lutheran Church Council Minutes

August 14, 2011 – Approval Pending

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

Absent: Betsy D.

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

Pastor Sherman offered a devotional period.

The July Minutes were approved, as written. M: Robert E.; 2: Bill C.

Pastor's Report: The following items were reported: 1. The masterworks Series will resume Tuesday at 7 p.m. 2. KICS is underway for the year. 3. Thanks to Torry, Rally Day will be next Sunday. 4. The ELCA church-wide assembly will be held in Orlando the coming week. There will be live video streaming as well as web updates during the assembly. There are several issues of interest on the agenda, including the human sexuality issue.

President's Report: Bob reported on several items, as follows: 1. A letter was received asking the congregation to host a speaker from the synod to discuss a fund-raising effort called, "Growing in God's Mission." This will take place in October at WLC and was approved. M; Robert E.; 2: Rebecca R. 2. The church elevator must be inspected annually and will be done by a private inspector. 3. The WELCA convention was held in Charleston in June. Connie did not attend and there was no further report. 4. The Retreat Center will hold a golf tourney at the Ponderosa on Oct. 6 with an entry fee of \$65.00.

Treasurer's Report: Brent reported the following 1. The general financial picture for WLC is very good. 2. The Checking Acct. balance is \$38,485.08 and the Loan balance is \$400,000.00. 3. The Food Pantry has a surplus of \$2,250.90. 4. The Pre-School offering was \$110.00 last Sunday. The general offerings YTD are \$209,000.00 vs \$217,000.00 last year at the same time. The report was approved. M: Bill C.; 2: Ervin C.

Financial Secretary's Report: Connie asked Brent about an offering amount of \$220.49 and was told it was a reimbursement from the Youth group for the beach trip. The report was approved. M: Robert E.; 2: Bill C.

Committee Reports:

Social Ministry: Robert E. reported that: 1. "Operation Reach-out Meal" was held in July; 2. A 70's birthday party is planned for Sept. 11.

Christian Ed: Torry reported that: 1. Rally day will be Aug. 21, starting at 9:30 a.m. and breakfast will be served. 2. VBS is tentatively set for 6/10/12. 3. A Christmas program is set for 12/2/11. 4. The SS Superintendent's office will be cleaned and become a shared space for Larry and Julie (PS). 5. The committee discussed using the Cokesbury materials for 2 yr - 5th grade.

Christian Care: Marti reported that a meal was taken to the Mullinses. 25 cards were sent to seniors.

Pre-School: Erin reported that the checking balance is \$7076.29 and there are 10 paid students. DHEC was at PS on Monday and DHEC on Tuesday. The town zoning committee will visit 8/22, and the fire inspector will also visit.

Bob W. moderated a discussion involving relocation of SS classes, Nursery and location for PS. After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the following room assignments will occur:

1. The Nursery will move to the “old” Nursery room, 2. Cher’s class will move to “Godly Play” room upstairs, 3. The 2-3 yr old SS class will meet where it has been meeting (which will be used by PS during the week), 4. The current Nursery will be used by PS (in addition to the 2-3 yr old SS class room.
2. Cher stated that although PS is a good idea, programs at WLC should come first and PS should have to make some concessions.
3. The flower arrangements (which have been removed from the gathering space) will be explored and a way to return them at least for Sundays will be sought.

Evangelism: Erin reported that the Motors, Music and Ministry event will be held at WLC on Nov. 5, '11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. This was approved. M; Erin T.; 2: Bill C.

Property: Billy R. stated that the cemetery looks good now.

Other Business: Bob W. started a discussion regarding the **proposed bus**. A survey of proposed “needs” for the bus was taken recently. The survey suggested that a small bus (12-14 passenger) would be adequate. Additional discussion followed. Bob W. presented a written motion, “Move that Wittenberg purchase a small bus (15 passenger and under) at a price no greater than the donation we will receive toward its cost. The bus will require no special driver’s license and will require no additional debt for Wittenberg. Maintenance costs are estimated to be approximately \$2,000.00 per year (funded from Wittenberg budget) with users of the bus expected to provide the necessary gasoline. This motion stipulates a “carport” to be purchased and installed at a place to be chosen by the Property Committee and approved by Council—cost estimated to be approximately \$825.00 also funded from Wittenberg budget”. The motion was approved. M: Bob W.; 2: Rebecca R.

Cher asked if money from other “events” could be added to the bus fund. After some discussion, Robert E. made a motion that the motion presented by Bob W. be amended by adding an “s” to donation to make it read donations. This was approved. M: Erin T.; 2: Cher D.

Pastor Sherman reminded Council that the bus motion must go before the congregation for final approval. A 2-week notice is required.

Other Business: Robert E. asked about shortening 1-2 pews at the front of the sanctuary to accommodate wheel chairs. No action taken. Robert also stated that the exterior of the parsonage needs to be cleaned due to some mildew. The Property Committee will address this.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Furman Cantrell, Secretary

WITTENBERG FAMILY CELEBRATIONS



Happy Anniversary!

Dennis & Rhonda Bedenbaugh
10/10/1997–14 years

James Ray & Bobbie Smith
10/1/1959–52 years

Scott & Christa McNabb
10/19/2002–9 years

“Faith, like light,
should always be
simple and unbend-
ing; while love, like
warmth, should
beam forth on every
side and bend to
every necessity of
our brethren.”

—Martin Luther

Happy Birthday!

- 1- Todd Frick
- 2- Billy Watson,
Scott McNabb
- 3- Mary Cook
- 8- Loder Mull
- 9- Michael Shealy
(7977 Two Notch Rd.),
Author Morales
- 11- Furman Cantrell
- 12- John Watkins
- 13- Allen Rish,
Brandt Shealy
- 14- Lisa Watson
- 15- Lane Bedenbaugh,
Garth Kemerling,
Shane Mull
- 19- Patrick Swygert
- 20- Jennifer Patrick,
Mary Shealy
- 22- Suzanne Mann,
Charlie Long
- 23- Stacey Osment
- 24- Ella Grace Dickey
- 26- Lynn Buzhardt
- 29- Julie Sawyer
- 30- Barbara Long,
Tyler Wing

LET US PRAY

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

MEMBERS:

Marti Burns, Joan Caughman, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Jackie Frick, Evetta George, Eleanor and Jane Hare, Ed & Leila Hoover, Mary Alice Hylar, Bucky Johnson, The Family of W.L. Jones, The Kirby Family, Ramona Langford, Brady & Sue Nichols, Clyde Oswald, Carolyn Price, Debbie Reynolds, 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), Audie Jennings (brother-in-law of Wyman & Freida Banks), David Kneece (cousin of Wyman Banks), The Family of Ann Lewis, Thelma Lorick (mother of Larry Lorick), The Family of Eileen Mitchell, 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

