

Bethabara Bells

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A Time of Need

Betsy Johnson



As many of the women know, we were unable to fill the Fellowship Chair position and it remains unoccupied. Connie Sapp and I have tried to fill in for much of the responsibilities. However, as many of our members continue to become shut-ins, or recuperating from a hospital visit, I wish to ask each of you to give consideration to providing meals to our members who are in need of one. This can be done by preparing one or purchasing one (from K&W for example). Please give consideration to assisting in serving our fellow members. Just take a look at our weekly bulletin listing prayer concerns and you will see many opportunities for service.

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP CONCERT SERIES



Mark your calendars and join us for our First Sunday Fellowship Picnic and a MINI-CONCERT.

Be a part of the fellowship, good food and great Christian programming: 5:30 pm on the first Sunday of each month.

September 4th

Sam Gray and Family

(During the warmer months, we will meet in the picnic shelter, weather permitting.)



NEWSLETTER NOTES

Richard W. Starbuck

A note from one church: "A large water bill was received by the church due to a water leak in the ladies restroom." Any trustee will tell you it is always good stewardship when you see something that need fixing to tell someone about it. A note from another church: Last one out "make sure all doors are closed and secured." And, we might add, the lights are out.

Just as summer gets into full swing, one of **Bethabara's** air conditioners gives out after 15 years of faithful service. Contributions will be gladly accepted for the \$2,000 un-budgeted replacement to bring cool comfort back to the children's departments.

Christ the King is forming a small study group with an emphasis on local missions. The aim is to commit to a service in the Durham community such as a Bible club in a school, or a housing community, or other ministry.

Hallelujah! A solution for the old **Union Cross** parsonage, which absolutely nobody wanted, not even the state Department of Transportation: Let the fire department burn it. That brilliant idea reduces the removal costs by \$1,000, gives firefighters a training opportunity, and makes a knotty problem go up in smoke.

A group of **Olivet** couples began a Progressive Bible Study on January 5, 1983, with Gen. 1:1. With different members leading the study and discussion on alternate Thursdays, the group finally concluded with Rev. 22:21 last June 16. What next? The group is open to suggestions, like maybe let's do it again.

Among all the Vacation Bible School activities in the various churches this summer, special note can be made of **Cordero de Dios**, which had 50 children attending each day. This is indeed a wonderful sowing of the Word of God.

Raleigh has learned something as restoration proceeds on its organ. Much of the work consists of removing mold and mildew and re-leathering the bellows. To forestall return of the mold a new blower system is being installed that will have conditioned air. Gone will be the days when hot, humid summer air and cold, damp winter air wreaked havoc on the organ.

Meanwhile, **Messiah** has reached its goal of \$8,600 so that restoration can be done this summer on its 35-year-old organ.

NEWSLETTER NOTES

Continued

Fulp will have its asphalt parking lots patched and sealed to the tune of \$5,500. "Over and above" offerings for this un-budgeted expense will be greatly appreciated. That's the "material affairs" report. In "spiritual affairs," August concludes "FPI," or Fulp Prayer Initiative. For four months the congregation has had concerted prayer for individual and corporate cleansing and growth. FPI doesn't end there. On September 18 there will be reports on how God has moved in the lives of individuals and the congregation. And we expect more to come.



When we get tangled up in our problems, be still.
God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.

NEW "DISCIPLESHIP" STUDY BEGINS

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7 AT 2PM

The Mind of Christ

You will want to be a part of this

13 WEEK DISCIPLESHIP STUDY

(taught by the pastor.)

Call the office today to sign up.

B	2	Jake Blackburn Ashley Maciag Tamara Abrams	
	3	Jamie Douglas	
	4	Sheila Roop	
	5	Joel Lineback	
	h	11	Carol Grant
		13	Susannah Burton
	d	14	Anna LaVenture
		21	Allyson Gupton
	a	23	Pat Mobley & Katie Boyles
		27	Moir Hunter
y	28	Barbara Key & Libby Lee	
	30	Frances Greiner	

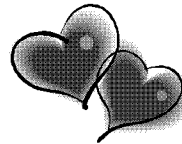


Sam Gray & Family
Sept. 4
In Concert

8 Ernest/Sarah Holland

17 Alan/Dawn Burton

25 Phillip/Connie Sapp



Happy Anniversary

HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER AT BETHABARA

Every Tuesday

7 PM—College Age Fellowship

(meet at the Master's Loft)

Every Wednesday

2PM—Pastor's Class

5:45 PM—Wednesday Night Dinner

6:15 PM—Devotions

6:30 PM—ESL

Spanish Class

Children's Choir practice

7:05 PM—Youth Activities

7:15PM—Adult Choir

Every Sunday *(unless otherwise noted)*

9:45 AM—Sunday School

11 AM—Worship Service

4PM—Harmony Ringers

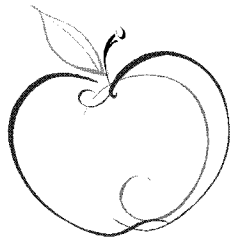
5PM—Bethabara Ringers

5 PM—God's Gang

September 2005

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

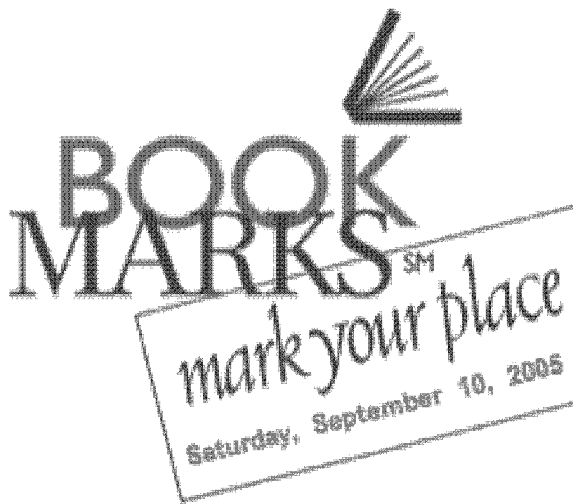
REMINDER— New office hours for Administrative Assistant: Tuesday—Friday 9am-3pm					1	2	3
4 5:30pm Concert/ Picnic	5 Office Closed <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7 Fall ESL resumes	8 <i>Provincial dinner @ Advent</i>	9 Youth Retreat 9th-11th	10 Bookmark Festival <i>Park</i>	
11 7pm Board <i>Spiritual</i> Fellowship Breakfast	12 7pm Board <i>Financial</i>	13	14	15	16 Board Retreat <i>Salemtowne</i>	17 Board Retreat <i>Salemtowne</i> Apple Festival <i>Park</i>	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Men's Breakfast	
Moravian Minister's Association @ Laurel Ridge							
25	26	27	28	29	30		



Apple Festival



Our choir will sing (Singstude) in the Bethabara Park Gemein Haus during the Apple Festival on September 17th, come celebrate apples, cider, pies, and more food again this year with main stage American Heritage musicians, vendors, the traditional "band wagon" parade, the Apple Garden, down-home entertainment, local orchards selling new and heirloom apples, 25¢ wagon rides, children's games and colonial re-enactors demonstrating old-time apple cooking and crafts. Museum Shop open. Charge for food; event free of charge!! 10:30 AM-4:30 PM



Our folks will participate in the BOOKMARK FESTIVAL at Bethabara Park on September 10th by selling BBQ. *Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!* If you can help, please contact PHILLIP SAPP. The Bookmark Festival is a fun-filled, one-day outdoor tented book festival with national, regional and local authors representing a variety of topics and genres. Events will range from readings by authors to panel discussions to book

signings, to chef demonstrations, to hands-on workshops and much, much more. Special children's and teen areas will offer age-appropriate activities. A Music Stage and food vendors also. Free admission. www.bookmarksbookfestival.org 336-722-9681. 9:30-5:00 p.m.; music until 8:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT STUFF: BETHABARA NEWS

✝ Ushers for the month of SEPTEMBER: Jimmie Ring, Bobby Kyle, Dick Morgan

✝ Nursery Volunteers for the month of SEPTEMBER: 4) Elva Lara, 11) Terry Orrell, 18) Teresa Reynolds, 25) Fern Hunter

✝ YOUTH RETREAT—September 9-11 at Laurel Ridge

✝ CHILDREN'S RALLY—September 11 3pm-6pm at Laurel Ridge



BUDGET TIME!

It's preparation time for the 2006 Church Budget.

We are asking that committee chairs submit budget needs for their committees to JIM KUZMANOVICH. Members of the congregation may also submit their

budget suggestions to Jim . Please submit these request by September 9th.

Please give prayerful consideration not only to brick and mortar items but to the funding levels of existing and new areas of ministry as well.

Bill Rosenbaum

Women's Fellowship News

☞ The Women's Fellowship is happy to announce that TERRY ORRELL has agreed to become the OUTREACH FLOWER CHAIRWOMAN for the FELLOWSHIP. Terry will assume the duties previously filled by Betsy Johnson. If flowers from the Fellowship need to be sent, please contact Terry at her home. Terry's home telephone number is: 945-3007. We are so appreciative of those of you that are willing to assist in the ministry of our church.

☞ As many of you are aware we are coming up on a busy season for our church. CHERYL EVERHART and BETSY JOHNSON have agreed to co-chair the Fall Festival or as known in the past, the Fall Bazaar. It will be held on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12. Several have already agreed to assist in this church effort: COUNTRY STORE: Joel, Joey, Pasty and Shannon Lineback, SILENT AUCTION: Beth Whitehouse. If you are willing to assist in any way, please contact Cheryl or Betsy. We are looking for new ideas, new items and new sections for a successful festival/bazaar. Some areas in need of chairpersons are: BAKE GOODS, CRAFTS, ADVERTISING, SIGN MAKING, FOOD PREPARATION, CARE, SETUP, CLEANUP, COLLECTION, AND ACCOUTING. Please be aware that all the profits from the festival go toward our funding our Provincial Pledge for 2005. Therefore, this should be a full church participation, whether you volunteer to assist in setup, crafts, collection of money, hosting, or praying for a successful festival. Give prayerful consideration to helping in the church wide effort.

Betsy Johnson & Cheryl Everhart



Xander Zane Reynolds

August 7, 2005

Mom—TERESA REYNOLDS, Brother & Sister—Carlos & Creszona

HAPPENING AROUND THE PROVINCE

✚ **OPEN HOUSE**—At the Mission Residence, 433 S. Main St. on September 11 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to see the remodeling of the 1st Floor done by many volunteers over the past few months. Refreshments will be provided.

✚ **PROVINCIAL CHILDREN'S RALLY**—Join us Sunday September 11 3pm-6pm at Laurel Ridge for an afternoon of fun, games, food, music and crafts from around the world for all elementary age children. We will share the gifts and joys of the body of Christ from different cultures. More information?

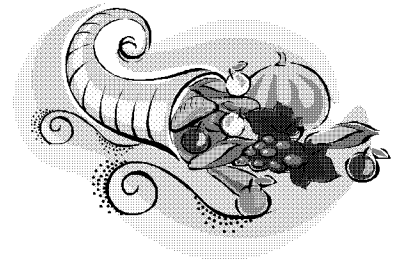


Contact Rev. Lisa Mullen, Board of Christian Education (722-8126)

✚ **DID SOMEONE SAY PIE?**—The ladies of Providence Moravian Women's Fellowship will have a Chicken Pie Supper on September 24 from 5pm-8pm. Adults \$8, children age 10 and younger \$5. There will be pies for sale. Need more info? Call Mildred Cline (767-8427) or Rosemary Stewart (775-0308)

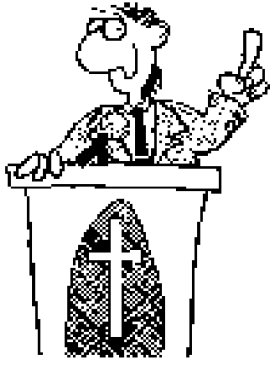
✚ **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**—Salem Congregation is participating contact Mark Ebert 631-9050 ext. 1204

2005 Harvest at Bethabara



This fall I invite us all at Bethabara to focus on a time of ingathering and harvest. At the church this week, we were reminded of the bounty of God's harvest when several hundred pounds of sweet potatoes appeared on our door step. They were a gift of love from the members of our Moravian Latino community to Bethabara Church. It is my hope that we all at Bethabara can appreciate the bounty of the "harvest" God has placed before us. As we travel from our homes to our church we see the mission fields "white unto harvest." Let this fall's "harvest" be a bumper crop for the Lord

Your Pastor



From the Pastor...

One of the joys in coming to Bethabara Moravian Church has been the opportunity to have a pastoral assistant, Chuck Harmon, working on staff.

Chuck, as a layman, who works a full-time “secular” job, has responded to God’s call to prepare for the ordained ministry. Before my arrival at Bethabara, the church had already underscored this call by placing him on the church staff in the non-paid position of Pastoral Assistant. Further, on the first meeting I attended with the board, they encouraged me to invite him to join the Church Board on the nights we had our “spiritual meetings.”

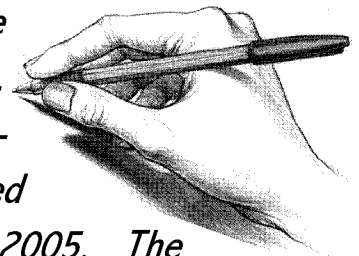
Chuck has been one of the persons whose extra energies has gotten our Wednesday night program off to such a great start this spring. He has also been a regular leader with our Sunday evening “God’s gang” youth fellowship program.

This spring the Church Board encouraged Chuck to take the time to continue his formal theological education. In the companion article by Bill Rosenbaum you can see that Chuck is enrolled at Vintage Bible Class. He has already completed two courses and received an “A” in each one. And he is currently a student during this summer term.

As a part of Chuck’s “preparation for ministry” Chuck is being provided an opportunity to deliver a sermon before our congregation. It will be on Sunday, Sept. 4. I will be present and will be evaluating his presentation. In addition, I encourage any of our members, who have suggestions or comments, to share them with me. This will help me to be of the most help to Chuck as we meet in a follow-up evaluation of the sermon.

I really appreciate the chance to be a part of molding and training persons called into the ministry at Bethabara Moravian Church.

The Board of World Mission is sponsoring a Mission Story Contest for mission experiences in 2005. Stories can vary from one-half page to three pages and will be posted on the Board of World Mission website, www.moravianmission.org. Please advise the Board of World Mission, 500 S. Church St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101 of your favorite story. The staff will consider your responses when awarding the \$300.00 to the author of the selected mission story. The deadline for submission will be December 1, 2005. The decision for the most outstanding story will be announced the first week of January, 2006.





Back to School

Bill Rosenbaum

On Thursday August 18, 2005 I attended one of Chuck's classes on *The Pauline Epistles* at Vintage Bible College.

The first thing I learned was that the building was filled with people that loved the Lord and were furthering their education as a way to enhance their service to Him. There was a joy and happiness that filled the building.

I felt welcomed to the college and was provided with a notebook containing the outline for the course, so I would not feel left out during class. Wow! That notebook was around 2" thick and the outline was *very* detailed.

The class was made up of about 20 students with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Several of the students were full time workers and were giving up their lunch hour to attend the class.

The instructor was Dr. Curtis E. Wood, the President of the college. The class moved fast and covered a lot of information. You better be paying attention, because there was so much to learn.

The real work takes place outside of class, because there is so much reading and studying required. From what I saw, it would take a tremendous amount of praying, studying, reading, and thinking to earn an "A" in the class.

I'm very proud of Chuck for getting all A's in his courses, but I'm prouder of his willingness to do what's necessary to improve himself for the work the Lord has called him to do.

Vintage Bible College is very serious about educating people for ministry and seems to be providing an excellent Bible based education to the students.

"God grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, and the wisdom to know it's me."



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"...I make mention of you always in my prayers."

- Romans 1:9

September

