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REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
AWANA 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Supper 6:00 - 6:40 p.m.
Mission Friends 7:00 p.m.
R.A. and G.A. 7:00 p.m.
Youth 7:00 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Dave Atwater, Pastor
Jessica Burton, Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS OF OPERATION
MONDAY – FRIDAY, 8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.

Business Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2011

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 18 members were present. Byron Tripp led in prayer. The October business meeting minutes were read for information.

Treasurer's Report: Hilda Durham – The September Treasurer's report was voted on and approved as presented. The October Treasurer's report was voted on and approved as presented. Hilda asked that if there are any questions to please see her directly.

Deacon's Report: Several ministry teams have been re-established with leaders in place. The Bereavement/Benevolence Team will be led by Larry Colie; Widow Team will be led by Jim Rives; Funeral Assistant Team will be led by Greg Williams; and the In-Reach/New Member Team will be led by Tim Upchurch. The Crescent Green visit is planned for December 11th and Byron welcomed members to participate by giving items for the gift bags, or by attending the visit. The Deacon's Christmas Banquet is planned for December 19th, hosted by the Relay for Life Team. Proceeds from the Banquet will benefit Relay for Life.

Sunday School Report: Byron Tripp – Byron recognized Virginia Ferguson for the great job she has done launching the "Twenty and Something" group. Virginia has identified 60 prospects for this group. Sunday school attendance has been averaging in the seventies, which is favorable.

Missions Report: Robin Farrell – Judy Wiles presented on Robin's behalf. We hope to have the Angel Tree up next Sunday (waiting on names). The Family Day at Orange/Alamance Prison is scheduled for Sunday, December 18th from 2-4pm. We will need cakes or finger foods as well as 4 people to help serve. A sign-up sheet will be sent to Sunday school classes. After Thanksgiving we will deliver toys to the prison from the Christmas in July collection. Robin has asked if we wish to continue providing meals for the Ronald McDonald House. They are making the calendar for next year and they always ask. Judy Wiles stated that the teams wish to continue providing this service. Motion was made to continue cooking for the Ronald McDonald House, seconded, voted on and passed. The January Mission Project will be to provide a meal for the Baptist Campus Ministry on Thursday, January 5th 2012.

Standing Committee Reports:

AWANA: Pat Cecil – AWANA is still going strong. We had a great Fun Day in October. November 27th, 2011 will be the last day this year, and will restart January 8, 2012.

Benevolence: Larry Colie – Pastor Atwater presented on Larry's behalf. There have been no requests this month. Next week we will meet with the Budget and Finance Committee to decide how to divide funds.

Budget and Finance: Robbie Smith – Pat Cecil presented on Robbie's behalf. The committee has recommended selling the Church Van. Concerns for safety were discussed as well as the mechanical condition of the van. Additionally, the van is not used very often. A motion was made to announce recommendation in the newsletter and to table further discussion for this meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

Building and Grounds: Gordon Neville – Frankie Dixon and Company has completed the painting of the outside of the wooden area around the twelve stained glass windows of the sanctuary. We added two extra boards that were peeling badly around the old and new Education Buildings at a total cost of \$950. Joel Lloyd of Carolina Septic Services checked our tanks and reported that we are in good operational shape. Kitchin Durham and Gordon Neville completed planting 12 white azaleas behind the Education Building at a total cost of \$177, which included two drip hoses. Kitchin Durham has purchased and installed 27 batteries for the fire escapes and smoke alarms at a cost of \$241.63.

Discretionary Missions: Pastor Atwater – There have been no requests this month. Next week we will meet with the Budget and Finance Committee to decide how to divide funds.

December 2011

Missions:
Ronald McDonald House

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	Fellowship 3 Hall Reservation 5:00-9:00 p.m.
4 A.C.T.S. Fellowship Hall Reservation 1:00-5:00p.m.	5	6	7 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	8	9	10 Birthday Party for Jesus 3:00-5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall
11 11:00 a.m. Christmas Cantata 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	12 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting	13	14 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	15	16	17 Live Nativity 6:00-9:00 p.m.
18 Family Day at Alamance/ Orange Prison 2:00-4:00p.m. Rain date for Live Nativity	19 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Christmas Banquet Newsletter submissions due in the	20	21 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. GA, Mission Friends, Youth, Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	22 Ronald McDonald House	23 Office Closed Fellowship Hall Reservation 3:00-9:00 p.m.	24 Christmas Eve Communion Service 7:00-8:00 p.m.
25 6:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	26 Office Closed Fellowship Hall Reservation 4:00-9:00 p.m.	27	28 No Wednesday Evening Activities	29	30	31

A Message From The Pastor: “Gifts That Really Matter”

The season for gift-giving will soon be upon us. Already, shopping malls are playing holiday (Christmas) songs, and we are being urged (albeit subtly) to *buy, buy, buy!* Of course we've always been told that “it's really the thought that counts” and “It's more blessed to give than to receive.” ... And, no matter what we receive, most of us will hopefully smile and thank the giver because we know the hassle of holiday shopping, and the frustration of trying to find just the right gift. In any case, here's an old column by the late Erma Bombeck to help put all those “things” in perspective:

“Everything is in readiness. The tree is trimmed. The cards taped to the door frame. The boxes stacked in glittering disarray under the tree. Why don't I hear chimes?”

“Remember the small boy who made the chimes ring in a fictional story years ago? As the legend went, the chimes would not ring unless a gift of love was placed on the altar.

“Kings and men of great wealth placed untold jewels on the altar, but year after year the church remained silent.

“Then one Christmas eve, a small child in a tattered coat made his way down the aisle. Without anyone noticing, he took off his coat and placed it on the altar. The chimes rang out joyously throughout the land to mark the unselfish giving of a small boy.

“I used to hear the chimes. I heard them the year one of my sons gave me a tattered piece of construction paper on which he had crayoned two hands folded in prayer and a moving message, 'OH COME HOLY SPIT!' I heard them the year I got a shoebox that contained two baseball cards and the gum was still with them. I heard them the Christmas they all got together and cleaned the garage.

“They really are gone, aren't they? The years of lace doilies fashioned into snowflakes... the hands traced in plaster of Paris... the Christmas trees of pipe cleaners... the thread spools that held small candles. They are gone.

“The chubby hands that clumsily used up \$2 worth of wrapping paper to wrap a cork coaster are now sophisticated enough to take a number and have the gift wrapped professionally. The childish decision of when to break the ceramic piggy bank with a hammer to spring the 59 cents is now resolved by a credit card. The muted thump of pajama-covered feet padding down the stairs to tuck her homemade crumb scrapers beneath the tree has given way to panty hose and fashion boots to the knee.

“It'll be a good Christmas.... But Lord... what I would give to bend low to receive a gift of toothpicks and library paste and hear the chimes just one more time.”

This year take some time to enjoy the relationships, and the “chimes” that define who we are far more than jobs and titles do. If the chimes are gone, then be thankful for the memory. As someone once said, ‘*God gives us memories so we will have roses in December.*’ Time moves on. Who knows? Some day we may look back and be surprised to discover that *these* were “the good old days” after all. Make the most of them... and give thanks for gifts of love, ...gifts that really matter.

Blessings, – Pastor Dave

Business Meeting Minutes

Kitchen: Hilda Durham – Kitchen clean-up day is Friday, November 18th from 9am until completed. Hilda requested that perishable items not be left in the refrigerator.

Outreach: Byron Trip – The Birthday Party for Baby Jesus will be Saturday, December 10th from 3-5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Fun is for the whole family and adults are encouraged to attend with kids. Special Guests include the Riverside Puppet Ministry and Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Byron inquired about funds for the cake, music and gift bags. Hilda Durham stated there is money in the budget to cover these expenses.

Personnel Advisory: Pat Neville – Pastor Atwater presented on behalf of Pat. Approximately 50% of the Personnel manual has been approved for 2010. The committee met twice last month trying to finish it up and are hoping to have it ready in a few months. They are looking at adding mandatory reporting of abuse to the manual.

Youth: Cindy Lloyd – Ruth Williams presented on Cindy's behalf. Six youth and three chaperones attended Camp Caswell and had a great time. Cindy is working on having the youth share their experiences. The regular youth meeting will be returning to Wednesday nights. Since moving to Sunday nights there has been a decline in participation, and the youth also prefer meeting on Wednesday evenings.

No reports: Church Council's Report, Historian's Report, Men's Club, Bylaws, Cemetery, Flower, Library, Music, Nominating, Nursery, Technology, Tape Ministry, Usher, and Van.

Old Business: Pastor Atwater brought up that we've talked about moving the Business Meetings to every other month, and now the Bylaws are written so we can do this. Byron Tripp made the motion to have meetings only on even numbered months. After much discussion, the motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

Pastor Atwater made the motion to authorize the Budget and Finance committee to act on behalf of the church to spend money to make repairs on an emergency basis. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

Byron Tripp made a motion to direct the Bylaws committee to develop wording to place in the Policies and Procedures manual authorizing the committee to act on behalf of the church in emergency situations. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

The Search Committee for the Youth Pastor is down to two finalists.

There will be a Christmas Eve Communion Service from 7-8pm.

New Business: There was a discussion regarding how cool the church was this past Sunday. There will be someone checking the thermostat on a regular basis.

Motion was made to cancel Wednesday services during the week between Christmas and New Year's. Services fall on December, 28, 2011. Motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

As a result of changes in laws, we will have to replace every crib in the nursery. The Nursery committee is working on this.

Motion made seconded, voted on and passed to approve the minutes as corrected.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dave Atwater- Pastor

Tommy Cecil- Moderator

Lyn Lloyd- Clerk

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News & Opportunities

Parsonage Mowing and Trash Pick-Up Schedule Building and Grounds 2012

	Trash Pick-Up	Parsonage Mowing
January	Brack Bowden	_____
February	Terry Ward	_____
March	Don Atwater	_____
April	Larry Elkins	Brack & Mike Bowden
May	Miles & Brenda Temple	Strowd Lloyd
June	Henry Morris	Earl Brewer
July	Joel Lloyd	Mark Lloyd
August	Al Durham	Todd Lloyd
September	Warren Atwater	Steve Hatley
October	Duncan MacCalman	Robert Cecil
November	Kitchin Durham	Chris Miller
December	Carl Lloyd	_____

Note: Larry Elkins will continue to mow the south church corner lot.

If you are unable to perform these duties, due to vacation or sickness, please call the back-up: Gordon Neville at 932-6993. Thank you for being will to serve!

Christmas Cantata

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend morning worship on **Sunday, December 11th** as the Antioch Choir presents, "Majesty of Heaven". A beautiful retelling of the wonderful events surrounding that first Christmas featuring moving songs and new arrangements of Christmas favorites. Come and worship Jesus, the Christ, the Prince of Peace, the Newborn King...the **MAJESTY OF HEAVEN**.

Live Nativity

Few things seem to have touched our community more than the live nativity performed here at Antioch over the last few years during the Christmas season. If you would like to be part of proclaiming Jesus' birth in a particularly memorable way – whether in a support role (signs, traffic, parking attendants, etc.) helping with the sets, being townspeople, providing one (or more) of the animals, handing out hot chocolate and cookies to our visitors, or assisting with clean-up – there's a place here for you! This year's date is **Saturday, December 17th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.** (Rain date is December 18th). Please call or email Virginia Ferguson if you can help - 919-618-6430 or virginiaferguson@att.net.

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OUR MISSION PROJECTS THIS MONTH:

If you would be willing to assist, please see Robin Farrell or call the church office at (919)929-2230.

Family Day at Alamance/Orange Prison

Sunday, December 18th 2:00-4:00 p.m.

We are in need of cakes or finger foods and volunteers to serve. Please sign up on the sheet that will be passed around during Sunday School.

Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, December 22nd

Community Health Screening

Christ United Methodist Church, Chapel Hill on Thursday, December 8th. See the bulletin board for more information.

Proposal to Sell Church Van

At the November Business Meeting, the Budget and Finance Committee made the recommendation that the Church sell the church's van. The motion was tabled until December to allow time for additional input from the church. The proposal is sell the van and not replace it. When we have need of a van in the future, one would be rented. Because of the age of the van and the cost of needed repairs, it is felt that it is not cost effective to continue to keep and maintain the van. Based upon usage, it is not practical to purchase a replacement. If you have questions or concerns, please attend the December Business Meeting that is scheduled for **Sunday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m.**

December 2011 Nursery Schedule

Sun. 4th: Becky and Taylor Stone, Rosie Matsko, Charlene and Greg Williams

Wed. 7th: Pat Neville

Sun. 11th: Allyson Cecil, Nicole Casper, Carolyn Lacock

No Children's Church

Wed. 14th: Kay Hammond

Sun. 18th: Debbie Mabe, Carolyn Rigsbee, Glenda Floyd, Angie Dameron, Shannon Baker

Wed. 21st: Pat Tayloe

Sun. 25th: Sherry and Arielle Webster, Becky Smith, Lucy Upchurch, Geoffrey Atwater

Wed. 28th: Ruth Williams

Caroling with the Deacons

Join the Deacons in caroling and fellowship with the residents at Crescent Green Assisted Living Community in Carrboro, on **Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m.** Also, your donation of carious puzzle books, pens, combs, socks, tissue, hard candy, snacks, etc. are certainly welcomed in preparing approximately 100 gift bags. Collection boxes for these donated items will be in the hall area outside the church parlor.

Deacons' Christmas Banquet

Monday, December 19th 7:00 p.m.

The banquet will be hosted by Relay for Life and all proceeds will go to this cause.

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Christmas Eve Communion Service

Saturday, December 24th 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Please make plans to attend. We would love for you and your family to join us for this special service.

The Church office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

AWANA

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Did You Know?

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Lost and Found Items

We have several items in lost and found. If you have lost a Bible, gloves, or jewelry, please contact Jessica in the church office: jessica@abccommunity.com or 929-2230.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the very generous donation towards funeral services for our loved one. We are proud Phyllis's brother, Marlon and family belongs and supports such a wonderful church and serves God as he does. My family and I are truly grateful for the blessing sent our way from the congregation. Many thanks!

Sincerely,
Phyllis C. Robertson's Family:
Ray Robertson (husband),
April Goodman (daughter)
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