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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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OCTOBER

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

LOVE GOD. EXALT CHRIST. SEEK HIS WILL. SERVE HIS PURPOSE.

Message From The Pastor:

“Playing God”

Anyone ever accuse you of “playing God”? If so, it probably wasn't a compliment, was it? Usually, that label is used to refer to someone is standing in judgment over another person in a way that only God should. Rarely do any of us use that term in a positive way. Pastor Alan Smith, however, relates a story by a woman named Mee Spousler that sheds a whole new light on the description.

Mee, it seems, was trying to put her three-year-old son down for a nap. But — as some of you moms will understand all too well — nothing worked. In desperation, she finally put him in *her* bed and lay down with him in hopes that — once he got still and quiet — he would fall asleep. Well, he didn't. But *she* did. And when she awoke, he was sitting in a chair at the end of the bed, just watching her. “*Luke,*” she asked, “*what are you doing?*”

“*I'm playing God,*” he replied.

“*Playing God?*” she asked, somewhat surprised at his answer.

“*Yes,*” he said. “*I'm watching over you while you sleep.*”

What a beautiful thought. And, you know, that's just what the Bible tells us that God does. David wrote: “*I cried to the Lord with my voice, and He heard me from His holy hill. I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustained me.*” (Psalm 3:4-5)

Wouldn't it be great if we could all, like that 3-year-old boy, learn to “*play God*” in ways that would impact this world for good? We could begin to “*play God*” by looking at the hearts of people rather than the clothes they are wearing. By forgiving those who have offended us. Or by refusing to allow superficial differences like race, language or culture to create barriers.

We could follow-up that good start by being patient, kind, and loving to the people we deal with throughout the day. By looking out for the interests of others. By showing compassion to those who are suffering or in need. And by keeping our promises, living lives of honesty and integrity.

And through it all, we could “*play God*” by living in such a way that we reflect the nature of our Heavenly Father. Just think how different our world would be if every Christian spent his or her life “*playing God.*”

I think that's the point Jesus was making when he said, “*Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven*” (Mt. 5:16). And what Paul was driving at when we wrote the quarrelsome Corinthians, “*Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God*” (1 Cor. 10:31). .

Acts 4:31 tells us that, when the authorities observed Peter and John, “*they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus.*” As people watch us today to see what difference faith makes in our lives, may they be able to accuse us of “*playing God*” ...for all the *right* reasons.

Blessings. — Pastor Dave

Business Meeting Minutes

Continued...

AWANA - Pat Cecil - There will be a meeting for the leaders this Thursday night. There will be a workshop on Sept 24th and AWANA starts back on Oct 2.

Budget and Finance - Robbie Smith – He referred to the Changes in Financial Position Report and noted concern regarding the balance.

Building and Grounds - Gordon Neville - They are still watering the trees. They inventoried the azaleas and we need to replace 25 white azaleas. Recommendation made to buy 25 white azaleas at cost of \$300-\$325 and put in a soak hose or drip irrigation in the azalea bed. Recommendation of purchasing white azaleas voted on and approved. There is a water pressure issue and Gordon will check this out.

By Laws - Pastor Atwater - Recommendations for By Law changes have gone out and will be brought to next month's business meeting. Any questions can be presented to the By Laws Committee members and Charlene Williams is the chair.

Discretionary Missions - Pastor Atwater - They answered one response for a request for assistance with funeral expenses for a family member.

Youth - Cindy Lloyd - They had eleven kids this morning which was a blessing. They are planning a trip to Fort Caswell in October.

No reports – Historian, Men's Club, Benevolence, Cemetery, Flower, Kitchen, Library, Music, Outreach, Nominating, Nursery, Personnel Advisory, Technology, Tape Ministry, Usher, Van

Old Business - none

New Business - none

Motion made seconded, voted on and passed to approve the minutes as presented. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Dave Atwater- Pastor

Tommy Cecil- Moderator

Kim Dunn- Clerk

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Business Meeting Minutes

September 2011

August 28, 2011

A special called business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil for the purpose of Deacon elections. 72 members were present. Byron Tripp led in prayer.

Ballots were distributed, collected and counted.

Deacon Nominees were:

Mark Phillippe
Pam Durham
John Cecil

Motion made minutes be approved as presented, seconded voted on and approved.

All nominees were affirmed.

Business Meeting September 11, 2011

Church business meeting was called to order by Moderator Tommy Cecil. 21 members were present. Tommy Cecil led in prayer. The August 21, 2011 business meeting minutes and the August 28, 2011 special called business meeting minutes were read for information. Reports were given and are attached (if hard copy available).

Treasurer - Hilda Durham - Treasurer's report was voted on and approved.

Deacons - Byron Tripp - Three Deacons were elected and affirmed. Another nominee will be brought to the church after meeting and discussing with the Deacons. The quarterly communion service will be Oct 2nd.

Church Council - Byron Tripp - CPR class 9/17 from 8-12. Children's ministry workshop is Oct 1st 9- 11:30 – preregistration is needed. The Highway Patrol will be using the fellowship hall for an upcoming meeting. The play practice for Sander's Family play is Oct 5th at 7:00. The Mt. Zion Associational meeting will be Oct 24th at Riverside.

Sunday School - Byron Tripp - He asked everyone to continue to pray for our Sunday School program. We still need workers for the Babies class. We will be starting a new class for ages 18 -30.

Missions - Robin Farrell - She thanked everyone for the baby layettes. She delivered 20 gift bags to Alamance Regional Medical Center. We still need RA leaders. Mission projects for Oct – Christmas shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse and the due date is Nov 13th. The Angel Tree will be up on Nov 1st.

October 2011

Missions:
Ronald McDonald House and Shoeboxes
for Samaritan's Purse due Nov. 13th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Associational Children's Ministry Conference
2 Lord's Supper A.C.T.S. 4:00-6:00p.m. AWANA	3	4 Red Cross Blood Drive 2:30-7:00p.m.	5 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Youth, and Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	6	7	8 "Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming" 8:00 p.m.
9 4:00-6:00p.m. AWANA 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting	10 6:30 p.m. Men's Club Meeting	11	12 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Youth, and Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	13	14	15
16 4:00-6:00p.m. AWANA	17 7:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	18 Newsletter submissions due in the office	19 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Youth, and Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	20	21	22
23 4:00-6:00p.m. AWANA 6:30 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting	24 Mt. Zion Association Annual Meeting at Riverside Baptist 7p.m.	25	26 6:00 p.m. Supper 6:30 p.m. Children's Choir 7:00 p.m. RA,GA, Mission Friends, Youth, and Adult Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Choir	27 Ronald McDonald House	28	29
30 4:00-6:00p.m. AWANA	31					

News & Opportunities

Fall Festival

Orange Chapel United Methodist Church
Saturday, October 1st 6:30 - 10:00 a.m.
Country Breakfast, Bake Sale, Yard Sale, and
Homemade Ice Cream

Homecoming Speaker Nominations

It's time once again to begin planning for next year's homecoming service. Our By-laws require that all nominations for a speaker must be in writing, and must be received by the deacons **no later than October 1st**. If you have a suggestion, please submit it to one of our deacons as soon as possible.

Children's Ministry

The Mt. Zion Baptist Association is sponsoring a Children's Ministry Conference on the morning of **Saturday, October 1st** from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Alamance Room, Ramada Conference Center in Burlington (just off I-40/85 at exit 143). It will be led by Janice Haywood, a recognized expert in preschool and children's ministry. There is no charge, but you are asked to register to help ensure adequate materials and snacks. See the pastor or call the church office to sign up.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 4th 2:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Please contact the church at 929-2230 to make your appointment.

Men's Club

will meet Monday, October 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Young at Heart

October 11th at 11:30 in the fellowship hall.

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.

Ronald McDonald House

Thursday, September 22nd

Antioch will be preparing the evening meal for the residents of the House. This meal provides a little touch of home cooking with lots of TLC for parents and children during their stay.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Due Date: November 13th

Items needed for shoeboxes: school supplies toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, bath cloths, underwear, socks, small toys and stuffed animals.

We will take the boxes to Boone in December. However if you can not join us for the trip, we still need your help in sorting/packing the boxes! Please meet at the church on Tuesday, November 8th (TBA) to help! Please see Robin Farrell or Sandy Jefferson if you have any questions.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be up by November 1st.

THANK YOU

I recently read, "A friend is God's way of showing us we don't have to walk alone". Thank you for all of your expressions of sympathy in the loss of my mother.

~Lynn Strickland

**Next newsletter submission is
October 18th.**

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AWANA Needs YOU!

Our AWANA program here at Antioch will begin its forth year in October. This growing program reaches beyond our congregation to minister to children throughout the community (and beyond) – not to lure them away from their own churches, but to “partner” with those churches in teaching Biblical truth and building strong faith. As the program continues to grow, however, we need workers who share our vision, and are willing to invest themselves in this ministry.

That includes not only teachers and assistants, but also volunteers who (1) listen to the children say their memory verses and then “sign off” the work in their workbooks, (2) serve as “storytellers” for a given Sunday (for all age groups), or (3) simply help with recreation or refreshments. If you are a parent, we especially invite you to get involved. Once you understand the program, you will be better equipped to reinforce the lessons at home. If you can't help every Sunday, you can choose specific dates and sign up on a calendar in the church office.

So, if you would like to help the children of our community have faith, come join us. For more information, or to register, please contact Pat Cecil (our AWANA Commander) either by email [ceciljp@aol.com] or by phone at 919-929-4872, or call Jessica at the church office. We hope to hear from you soon.

One last note. We will also be sponsoring a “family fun day” on October 30th. We hope to see you there!

October 2011 Nursery Schedule

Sun 2nd: Sherry & Arielle Webster,
Becky Smith, Lyn & Mark Lloyd
Wed 5th: Ruth Williams
Sun 9th: Becky & Taylor Stone, Lucy
Upchurch, Charlene &
Greg Williams
Wed 12th: Pat Neville
Sun 16th: Allyson Cecil, Nicole Casper,
Carolyn Lacock, Kim Dunn,
Karen Whitfield
Wed 19th: Kay Hammond
Sun 23rd: Carolyn Rigsbee, Debbie Mabe,
Dawn Ward, Shannon Baker,
Rosie Matsko
Wed 26th: Pat Tayloe
Sun 30th: Sherry & Arielle Webster,
Becky Smith, Lyn & Mark Lloyd
Wed Nov 2nd: Ruth Williams

Community Health Screening

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

Country Breakfast and Craft Sale

Saturday, November 12th

This year, our semi-annual Country Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 12th. In addition to the breakfast, which is always much anticipated and highly acclaimed, we also plan to have a bake sale and craft show. You'll be hearing more about this in coming weeks, but now's the time to start planning your participation. Remember, all our proceeds go to support missions, both here and around the world.

News & Opportunities

Annual Associational Meeting

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Furniture Donations needed for Youth Room

Our Youth Room is in need of gently used couches, love seats, bean bag chairs, etc. If you have furniture you would like to donate OR cost effective resources you would like to suggest that we look into, we would love to hear from you!!

Please contact the church office (Jessica@abccommunity.com, or 929-2230) if you have donations or questions.

Christmas Cantata

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