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"I am with you declares the Lord, and the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel... and they came and worked on the house of the Lord Hosts their God."

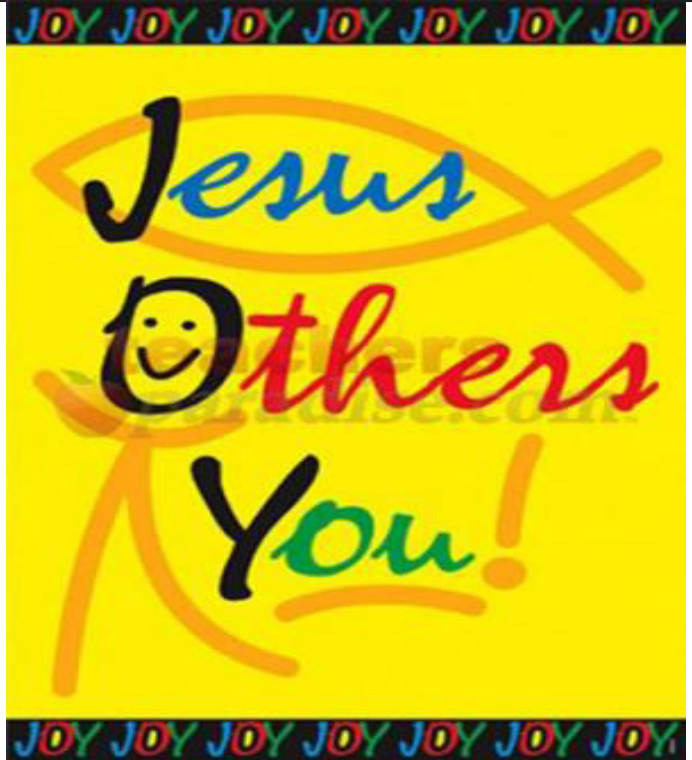
Robert Schuller asked this question to his audience, "What would you attempt to do if you knew

you could not fail." As I thought about this question, my mind began to look toward the New Year that is approaching. God was beginning to do a new thing in stirring up the heart of Zerubbabel to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. He was able to recruit others to assist him in the process.

Their goal was to work on the house of the Lord that had been destroyed. These scriptures are a great inspiration to us who are called by God through His Son Jesus Christ to be at work for the Kingdom of God in the coming year. God's house on Roanoke Island has not been destroyed, but God's people in many ways live in desparate times. God calls us as the church to make sure we are living lives of compassion and generosity for the body of Christ to continue to minister in this community.

As the New Year begins let us seek to be stirred up in such a way that in our Lord's kingdom we as the body of Christ may attempt mighty things in the days ahead, knowing that with God all things are possible. What is God calling you to do for His House?

*Grace & peace
Jerry*



JOY STORE

PRAISE THE LORD for all of the donations of time, money and prayers for the JOY Store this year! We focused primarily on victims of Hurricane Irene and are very pleased to report that we have almost half of the 98 families served from Hatteras Island. We did serve fewer families this year than in years past but we feel very strongly that we served just those that God sent our way! All of our customers were so appreciative and many paid "a little extra" for their gifts out of gratitude.

We served 98 families/476 individuals.

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN for your being a congregation that steps up...meets needs and does it so enthusiastically and humbly. We tend to look at ourselves and think all churches operate like Mount Olivet probably but they do not! We are an extremely generous and compassionate church...and to rhyme in time...this is simply our story for HIS GLORY!

Missions Committee

History Committee

125th Anniversary Celebration Ideas

Thanks to those that attended our Celebration Ideas Meeting. We are considering several events throughout the year with an already scheduled Homecoming worship service on May 6, 2012 as the main celebration. The Bishop and the District Superintendent are invited. Other invited guests will include Mount Olivet members who have chosen church vocations, our former pastors and their spouses will also be invited, as well as former members and staff.

Suggestions (It's not too late to add more)

- Include in the monthly newsletter a "Did you know...?" article in order to share our history with the readers.
- Have an outdoor picnic - pig-picking (or other main courses) after the May 6 service.
- Have a Camp Tent Revival with Gospel singing the evening of May 6
- Have an ice cream social in July.
- Hold a special event to be held once a month throughout 2012.
- Perhaps the Lost Colony choir could sing at one of our summer services.
- An offering may be taken up at the May 6 service which would be designated for a special purpose.
- Include activities for the children and youth to participate in the celebration, as well as possibly incorporating the Boy Scout troop in the plans.
- The History Committee plans to put together a DVD of the history of the church to be shown on May 6.
- Include information about the various Bible studies through the years, prayer groups and the special programs such as the Birthday Party for Jesus, the Living Last Supper, Living Nativity, Bazaar, Joy Store, mission trips, and the youth breakfasts.
- As of now, there is not a Anniversary Committee with a chairman and a budget – please speak up soon if you would like to be included-

call 473-6321
Toni & Larry Franklin



It's A Birthday Party



For

Sarah E. Bayes

January 15th 2012

2:00PM

At Colony Ridge Health Center

430 Health Center Drive

Nags Head, NC 27959

Aunt Sally was born on January 15th 1912,

you do the math?

If you cannot come please send a card, no gifts



Happy Birthday

Aunt Sally!

Please send a card

to celebrate 100 years!



Have an email address?

Help us SAVE \$\$\$\$\$!!

Please help us save money by offering your email address to the church office and requesting the newsletter be emailed to you, instead of paper-copies being mailed to you each month. Please call the church office at 252-473-2089 or email your request to bstraw01@embarqmail.com.

This is a part of being a good steward. Please call or email today! Thanks!

In life, only but two constants remain. The first is Almighty God; the second-change.

So, in this Christmas Season, as the twilight of the year fades to darkness, and as the novel birth of what is to come prepares herself to take center stage, let us all take contemplative pause to consider the changes in the days gone by. For those days to come, we must hold fast to the most supreme constant, the One who will allow our hearts to remain steadfast upon the tempest sea.

And for our Youth Ministry, our status is: very good. We have strived to cultivate the atmosphere of Christian family. We have succeeded, and even so, we will strive to become something even greater...

Renovations and improvements will continue for the Fish House. For now, the house has been painted and cleaned. What is to come is the new construction for our media center, the completion of the Jr. and Sr. High lounges, and the creation of the new gaming room. Yes, what amenities these shall be! But, may we never forget that these remain only but mere tools to draw students into our environment that we might give them Christ.

And I look forward to what is to come. I now have committed myself to a "helpmate," one whom you so graciously welcomed into our family. I am excited to see what Lara Alyce Smith will contribute to our ministry.

Surely, the presence of the Lord is in the place of this church, this community, this family. He is with us- Emmanuel, God with us.

Vernon Gilbert Snyder IV M.Div "Bert"



Join Us for WORSHIP

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD

Toni Franklin, Chair: Reha Otte, Louise Gray,
Donna Tillett, Edna Black

*Chairs: Maxine Thomasson 473-2234
Margaret Daniels 473-3534*

JANUARY GREETER Edna Black

*Chair: Lynda Midgett
473-7023*

JANUARY USHERS

8:30 A.M.	11 A.M.
Jim and Linda Boyd	Marguerite & Staton Martin

*Chair: Lynda Midgett
473-7023*

JANUARY COMMUNION STEWARDS

8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.
Jean & Reuben Payne Sharon & John Collins	Janice and Tom O'Neal

*Chair: Edna Black
473-5348*

Thank you volunteers for all you do to serve HIM

*Worship Chair: Edna Black
473-5348*

Music Ministry

Happy New Year! This is an exciting time of year for me. It is at this time when I stop to reflect on the previous year, look at what God taught me, then pray for guidance on what and how to change. For the first part, God led the music ministry and me through wonderful times. The children's music and worship ministry were able to share the gospel through two musicals and were also involved with the first Worship Arts Camp. The youth have become an integral and refreshing part of the 8:30 service each month in leading worship through song. The adult music ministry had opportunities to not only lead our congregation in worship, but also lead other congregations and share the gospel with people in the community. What are some things God has taught me this year in regards to worshipping Him? First, it does not matter what age you are, God desires to hear you praise His name. Second, as demonstrated through the worship signing choir, God is not concerned with how good you sound in singing, He listens to your heart. A beautiful, professional, soloist may sound ugly to God, when someone who is only signing may have the most beautiful and lyrical sound to God. I was reminded of the power of music to reach the lost, encourage the broken hearted, and to edify fellow believers. What needs to change? That I can not answer yet. I am praying and seeking God. Just remember, God has saved us, loved us, taught us, and carried us through out the ages. He will not leave us lost now. I have faith God will open the correct path for the music and worship ministries to go on.

Thank you to ALL the adults, youth, and children who helped to make the Advent and Christmas seasons a wonderful time. The music and worship experiences you created were beautiful, and God used you to minister to many people. May you be blessed just as you have been a blessing to others.

This spring the children's choir and drama will be presenting "Jonah's Druthers: A Whale of A Tale from the Good Book" on Sunday, April 29th. The speaking roles will rehearse on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:30 pm and the music will be rehearsed on Sundays 5:00 – 6:00 pm. There will be an open audition for the speaking roles on Tuesday, January 17th, 4:00 – 5:30 pm. For more information please ask Traci Nissley 473-2089 ext 24 or tnissley@embarqmail.com.

The adult worship arts ministry will be joining with the community choir to present the Easter musical, "Oh What a Savior". We will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, January 18th, 8:00 – 8:30pm. Anyone interested in singing is welcome to join us. This is going to be a memorable and exciting opportunity to share God's message as we unite with fellow Christians in the community.

*In His Service,
Traci Nissley*



Nursery Volunteers:

8:30	Sunday School	11:00
Jan 1 Brianna Payne 473-2290	Liz Brown	Valerie Wheeler 473-5595
Jan 8 Denise Trevino 305-8210	Bonnie Strawser 423-0815	Pam Harrison 473-1414
Jan 15 Ann Payne 473-2290	Doris Weatherly 473-5067	Kathy Seawell 473-2056
Jan 22 Wendie Paramore 216-6626	Millicent Duprey 473-6079	Wynne Hopkins 475-1006
Jan 29 Becky Austin 473-5694	Lisa Fry 475-1717	Christine Walker 473-4788

Please remember if you have a schedule conflict to make arrangements to switch with someone/ find a substitute.

Erica Burkhart 252-423-0989

MISSIONS

As our year draws to a close we are a grateful committee to have been the conduit for your gifts to be used in Missions locally, nationally and internationally! You have been an awesome church and we are blessed to have been able to give in the name of Jesus to further the gospel. We have partnered with missionaries, with groups and individuals who are doing extraordinary things for Christ.

As we begin a new year, and you are still praying about your giving of your tithes and gifts...we hope you will find some money in your "gifts budget" to pledge to Missions. It is a gift that keeps on giving no matter how large or small and you can believe that God will honor your gifts.

Missions Committee

Children's Ministry

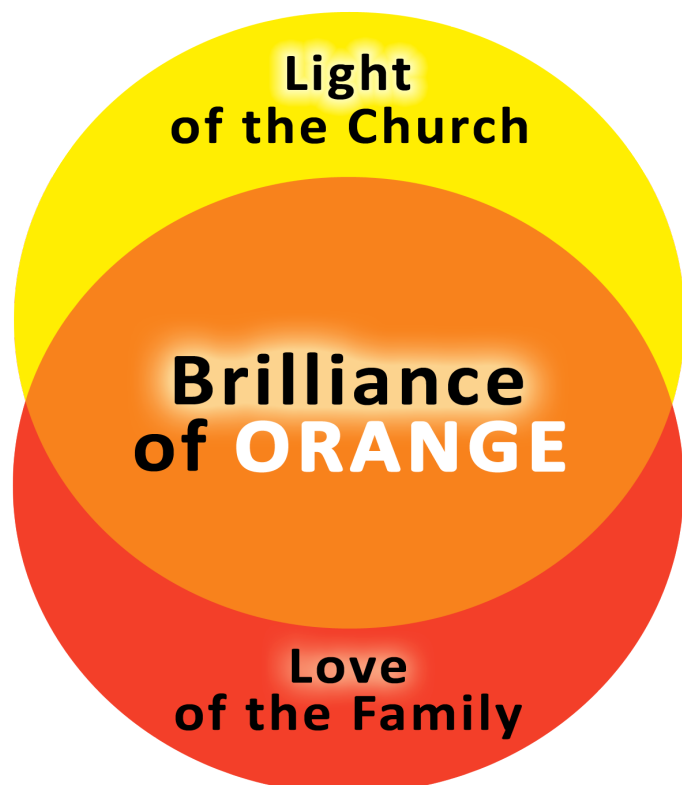
Luke 2:52 (NIV)

52 And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Parents, from the time your children are born until they graduate high school, there are 940 weeks. So, there are 940 Sundays to teach them how much Jesus loves them, but it is actually even shorter than that. Statistics show that by fifth grade most children have made the decision if they believe in God or not and who they will depend on for direction in their lives. Fifth grade. Every hour teaching children about their Savior and the importance of the Scriptures is vital. A majority of children spent 8 to 10 hours outside the home receiving non-Christian instruction from others.

This is not just children's ministry, this is a family ministry. Parents, I want to work alongside you. I want to help strengthen the spiritual development of your child, but I also want to be able to be there for you and your spiritual growth or any direction needed in family worship. How many more weeks do you have to think about it? We need to work as a team. On the church bulletin board, there is a sign-up sheet that is asking families what they need from this ministry. If you need a Bible study to plug into, let me know. If you want training in family worship or how to be a spiritual leader in both your family and in your church, let me know. I am here with the rest of the ministry team to equip you to be the spiritual leaders in your family.

In the month of January, we will be using the beginning of the service to explain more of the mission statement of our children and family ministry. We are going Orange. What is Orange? Just wait and see!!!



Children's Church is offered during the 8:30 am and the 11:00 am services. It is held in the upstairs Sunday School rooms. There are two classes: "Lil' K": preschool – K5 and "KIDMO": First – Fifth grade.

S.U.R.G.E. (3rd-5th grade ministry)- Meets every Sunday from 6pm-7 pm. SURGE is a ministry open to 3rd,4th, and 5th graders. This month will begin the New Year on the solid foundation of God's Word and discuss mission projects.

IWANNA FAITH –Starts back January 11th!!! Wednesdays 2:45- 4:30 pm (when school is in session). Feel the impact in the home as children learn what Faith is and how it is important in their relationship with God. Kids in kindergarten- 5th grade will learn the importance of discipleship and the life of Jesus Christ!

HIS TROOP –Starts January 10th and runs on Tuesdays 4:00 pm -5:30 pm. This is a drama development class that is offered to 2nd-5th graders.

Auditions for the spring play will be January 17th from 4:00 pm-5:30 pm and is open to ALL 2nd-5th graders. Please note children will not be required to be there the whole time, they can leave after their audition. Readings will be provided. Character bios will be introduced in the January 10th HIS TROOP meeting.

*Jan Culpepper,
Director of Children & Family Ministry
473-2089 ext.29*



Nannie Midgett Circle

Nannie Midgett Circle meets January 16 with Jean Basnight at 7:30 pm. We welcome visitors and new members.

Peggy Snead



THANK YOU'S

“Kind deeds are like little prayers.”

Dear United Methodist Men,

May God Bless you all. Thank you for the gift card.

Love, Dale



- 2 Saddler Smith
- 3 C.K. Evans, Adam Fauth,
- 4 Robbie Campbell, Alyse Stewart
- 5 Bill Pitts
- 6 Gordon Blanchard, Hannah Joy DeHart,
- 7 Mallory Hopkins
- 8 Pearce Gregory, Holt Rose, Rita Shearin
- 9 Genesis Rain Gregory
- 10 Susan Fearing, Cynthia Mills
- 11 Lea Taylor Bonner, Kathy Davis, George Schleizer, Keri Simmons
- 12 Katie Brill, Squirrley Green, Trent York
- 13 Bryan Erpelding
- 14 Chris Adams, Karen King
- 15 Sally Bayes, Priscilla Fauth, Breanna Lane Shon Ballance Lee, Benson Levi Nissley
- 16 Erica Burkhart, Elizabeth DeHart, Mark Vrablic
- 17 Dawn Buckalew, Roy Gray, Pam Stemmerich
- 18 Paul Creef
- 19 Orrin Beasley, Margaret Jean Daniels, Jenna Gwaltney, Pat Lester, Ryder Tedrick
- 20 Sandy T. Moore, Rebekah Paramore, Janet Zottoli
- 21 Richard Murphy
- 22 Melinda Long, Holly Stemmerich
- 23 Anna Leigh Basnight, Savannah Brill, Renee Glover, Ralph Orr, Zachary Reed
- 24 Rufus Hopkins
- 25 Carol Adams, Chandler Fearing, Nikki Seward
- 26 Dailey Midgett
- 27 Wesley Carmichael, Jamie Wescott
- 28 Blake Dowdy, Carol Setzer, Myra Speake, Gloria Spence
- 29 Darlene Craddock, Paula Mayfield
- 30 Mark Gamiel
- 31 Mack Hopkins, Roxie Pritchard, Ashley White

- 1 Bill & Martha Pitts - 40 yrs.
- 6 Ben & Elizabeth Gallop - 11 yrs.
- 7 John & Melva Garrison - 44 yrs.
- 11 Solomon & Cynthia Mills - 10 yrs.
- 12 Frank & Becky Adams - 44 yrs.
- 15 Mickey & Chris Daniels - 1 yr.
- 15 Carl & Beckie Boles - 43 yrs.
- 17 Daryl & Tracy Watts - 25 yrs.
- 26 Neil & Amanda Songer - 10 yrs.



In 2012, let's really strive to
be more like Jesus....
EVERYDAY!!