

lifegroups

TWO LOCATIONS TO CHOOSE FROM ON THURSDAYS

April 19th at 6:30 pm

Joe & Corinne Yelton's, 42 Morgan Branch Estates

April 26 at 6:30 pm

Joe & Sandra Johnson's, 145 Dogwood Road, Candler



CONGRATULATIONS to the following who were selected to the Hominy Baptist Church Board of Deacons for a 2 year term. Polly Bryson, Ron Honeycutt, Jennifer Reed, Bobby Robinson, Earl Shelton, Gail Wright, and Dennis Yandle.



SPRING BAZAAR MAY 5TH

Vendor spots are still available. Cost per space is \$25 without a table, \$30 w/table. All proceeds support the Youth Ministry.

For more information contact Phil Hall at 667-4541 x228 or philhall.hb@gmail.com.

Room In The Inn, May 20—27th

WE NEED OVERNIGHT HOSTS, DRIVERS, MEALS, AND ENTERTAINMENT.

The sign-up poster will be available after worship on Sundays or call the church office to sign up.

Room in the Inn partners with local faith communities to provide shelter for up to 12 homeless women. Each week, a different congregation opens its facilities to welcome the women as guests, offering a warm safe place for them as they work hard to move forward to permanent housing.



SUNNYSIDER'S EVENTS

Tuesday, May 15: Luncheon in the Ministries Center with "One Voice"

Friday, June 1:

Trip to Farmers Daughter and Jonesboro, make reservations.

Tuesday, July 17:

Grandparent/Grandchild Picnic, At Sycamore Flats, make reservations.

For reservations call Sandra Johnson at 667-4082.

VIRGINIA CREEPER BIKE TRAIL RIDE



Those interested in participating in the Virginia Creeper Bike Trail ride the last Saturday of this month (the 29th), should inform the church office right away. We will need at least 15 participating to comprise a group (think group rate).

We are grateful to Charles and Pat Kirby for helping facilitate this experience. Beyond the cost of transportation to and from Damascus Virginia, it would be wise to plan approximately \$15 if you are using your own bike, and \$30 if you rent a bike on site. Additionally, you'll want to plan on having a prepared lunch packed to enjoy once you arrive, and enough money to pay for your dinner on the way home. It will be a great day but plan on a saddlesore or two from the trek. If there is a greater than 50% rain prediction for the Damascus area on Saturday, the 29th, we will need to postpone the trip to another time. That decision will be made on Friday, the 28th.

PLEASE LET US HEAR FROM YOU NO LATER THAN THIS COMING MONDAY, APRIL 23. WE DO NEED 15 TO COMPRISE THIS TRIP."

theologian Brian McLaren said at a recent meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, “Well-meaning, sincere people who are deeply committed to the term ‘Baptist’ are often at the forefront of being careless about the environment...often at the forefront of being hateful toward Muslims... often at the forefront of unconsciously promoting white supremacy and the continuing harm being done to racial minorities. We don’t even need to mention LGBTQ persons.”

Sadly, I concur with much of what Dr. McLaren is saying. I’m very comfortable with the privilege awarded to me because I was born white, male, southern and middle class. I earned none of that privilege. (Please, already some of you have tuned out these paragraphs because they don’t fit or....they fit too comfortably. Please, stay with me here).

I’m not to be hated just because I’m the benefactor of those awards. It is not my fault that I’ve received such privileges, any more than it is the fault of a black child that such things were not afforded him/her. However, a great ability exists for me....a person who some will take more seriously simply because I am white, male, middle-class and a southern American. I have the ability to speak up for those who are not taken so seriously. To fail this is to fail the Gospel. I enjoy my privilege. I am also to use my privilege to help others, particularly those who struggle.

Gandhi is a permanently fixed character in human history. Very few literate world-wide citizens would be unfamiliar with him. He changed the world with his brilliance of understanding the human condition. Inside India where British rule demeaned and exploited the native population, Gandhi taught a better way....a way of standing non-violently against oppressors. As a young man, Gandhi studied much about the Christian faith. He came to the decision that Jesus offered humanity....all of humanity the most complete experience of faith in God. He maintained that belief until he, several years later, moved into the home of a Christian family living in New Delhi. In that home he found people who claimed to be Christian, but nothing in their lives resonated with the Gospels. They were self-serving, self-protecting, and Gandhi soon had enough. He returned to his Hindu roots.

It all makes me wonder, how different would that part of the world be today if Gandhi had instead moved into the home of people like many of you....people who are kind, forgiving, and socially involved. It causes me to take pause of how India and the surrounding areas of that part of the world might today more meaningfully reflect Christian faith, if that one family had taken the words and directions of Jesus more seriously.

This forces me to ask myself, “how would the Candler community be more engaged with God if I more meaningfully lived my faith?” Jesus set into motion a plan for each of us to become “world-changers,”people who follow Jesus more than we follow our surroundings, our privilege, our ease.

I think Dr. McLaren was right. In our nation, too many Baptist people specifically and Christians in general are far more interested in maintaining what we have than in risking for a world to be more like Jesus. I think Gandhi was right, that the Christian faith is the best faith in all of humanity, or should be, when it comes to knowing God and loving one another.

Protecting what we have will win no one. Sacrificially living so that the voiceless find their voices, so that the fearful find courage and the forgotten find a friend is a Jesus thing, and it’ll change the world.....the whole world.

Joe



Yesterday a prospective member asked “what did I find most interesting about Hominy?” I think that’s a first, but a good question to ask.

Perhaps because we had just finished talking about Hominy’s history, I replied that because Hominy is over 200 years old, and has survived at least two devastating fires, there is an absence of both panic and possessiveness.

Some churches live in a perpetual state of panic, the worst case scenario is always getting ready to unfold and the end is always near. I think because this church has survived several worst case scenarios, we have inherited the attitude that “we’ll get through this” because God always provides what we need.

Which leads to the lack of possessiveness. Some churches are so concerned about what might happen to “our building” that it seldom gets used. At Hominy we see our resources as gifts from God meant to be shared. We have had ministry groups weep tears of relief when we say “yes we can do that” because every other church they asked refused to even consider sharing facilities. One of our core values is **Generosity**: *All that we have comes from God. We respond to needs by freely sharing from our finances, time and energy in response to God’s generosity with us.*

I truly believe that God continues to bless us with what we need as long as we live by that value and avoid the traps of panic and possessiveness.

Take Care
Paul



Worship Volunteers

<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Sound & Multimedia</u>
Alyssa Berger	Gene Willard
<u>Deacon Worship Leader</u>	<u>Nursery Worker</u>
Jim Causby	Debra Uyeoka
<u>Deacon Greeter</u>	<u>Children's Worship</u>
<i>Upper Family Life Center:</i>	Katy Pless, Mandy Durham
Jim Causby	<u>Security/Parking Greeter</u>
<i>Sanctuary Ramp:</i>	Greg Hughes
Tim Honeycutt	<u>Blood Pressure</u>
<u>Ushers</u>	Donna McCulloch
Joey Reed	<u>Intermediate Breakfast</u>
Richard White	Melissa Hughes
David Truesdale	<u>Youth Breakfast</u>
Jim Causby	Michele Robinson

Attendance & Budget

Sunday School Adult Study	85
Worship Service.....	132
Budget Giving..... 4/15	\$ 3,708.00
Budget Receipts Year to Date	\$ 278,749.91
Designated DayStay	\$ 85.00
Designated Church	\$ 8,970.47
Designated Total.....	\$ 9,055.47
Budget Weekly Need	\$ 6,961.54
Budget Need Year To Date	\$ 292,384.68
Budget deficit/surplus	\$ -13,634.77

Please be aware that this is not the official financial report of the church. These are our best estimates at the time of printing.

Current Prayer Requests

HOSPITAL:

James Hall, Mission Hospital (Alvin Hall's brother)
 Pearl Hall, Haywood Regional (friend of Shirley Bateman)

SURGERY:

May 1: Mary Hudgins, shoulder surgery (Penny Benson's mother)
 June 4: Carolyn Ferguson, knee replacement

RECOVERING:

Anne Raybon Gary Warren Jan Alexander Carolyn Ivey
 Steve Ferguson Reva Ferguson John Huffstetler

MEMBERS :

Larry Trimnal Martha Wolfe Barbara Hall
 Danny Biddix Diana Johnson Iva Lee Elingburg

FAMILY & FRIENDS :

Highland Simmons (Joyce Simmons' granddaughter)
 Jody Brotherton (Sheila Morris' best friend)
 Ruthie Morrow (Daily Bread participant)

This Week At Hominy

SUNDAY, April 22

10:00 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Worship Service
 1:45 pm Sunnysiders Trip to ACT
 2:00 pm Grief Support Group

MONDAY, April 23

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
 6:00 pm Community Meal at Montmorenci
 7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

TUESDAY, April 24

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
 10:30 am Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 25

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
 11:00 am Joe's Bible Study
 6:00 pm Children, Intermediate, and Youth studies
 6:15 pm Adult Studies
 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, April 26

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
 11:00 am DayStay worship
 11:15 am Sunnysiders—WNC Older Adult Conference
 6:30 pm LifeGroup at the Johnson's
 6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts

FRIDAY, April 27

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery
Youth YWAM weekend begins.

SATURDAY, April 28

Virginia Creeper Bike Trail Ride

SUNDAY, April 29

10:00 am Bible Study
 11:00 am Worship Service
 2:00 -4:00 pm Open Gym
 2:00 pm Grief Support Group

Taylor Morrow (Niece of Ruthie Morrow, Daily Bread recipient)
 Noah McFall (9 yr. old boy at Montmorenci w/Cystic Fibrosis, in need of a liver and lung transplant, at UNC Chapel Hill)

Mary & George Hardin (parents of Sheila Gee)
 Gerald & Barbara Kirby (parents of Charles Kirby)
 Jennifer Owenby (partner of Terri Meadows)
 Vicky Moore (daughter of Laura Debord)
 Mary Stewart in Franklin (Sister of Polly Bryson)

ADULT CARE FACILITIES:

Heather Glen: Judy Taylor Tellico Village: Kitty Swayngim
Pisgah Manor: Jean Penland, Louise Gosnell, Betty Lewis,
 Bob Morris, Sr. Oaks/Sweeten Creek: Clara West #307

MILITARY FAMILY:

US Air Force: Colby Alexander US Marine Corps: Levi Vess
National Guard: Seth Aaron Wright, Karina Padilla, CJ Pryce,
 Chris Rice, Coast Guard: Marc Todd Hargrave Academy:
 Jackson Stewart



Hominy Baptist Church

*Loving God, Loving Others, Loving You
with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!*

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DayStay's 6th Annual Bluegrass & BBQ Saturday, May 19 · 3:00-7:00 p.m.

Tickets and sponsorships on sale now at Day-Stay or online at www.daystayasheville.com

*\$10.00/adult ticket for single plate (pork BBQ, slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, drink, and dessert). *\$5.00/child ticket for single plate (pork BBQ sandwich, slaw OR baked beans, hush puppies, drink, dessert).

MUSIC LINE-UP:

3:00 The Doghouse Band, 4:00 To Be Announced,
5:00 Sons of Ralph, 6:00 Middle Cross

POUND CAKES NEEDED:

*Please let Rachel know if you can donate
a non-iced pound cake.*

A VERY SPECIAL THANKS!

The Women's Banquet was a huge success and the Crawford/Miller Group is very grateful to everyone who worked so hard to make it happen. To everyone who decorated a table, brought a dessert, purchased a raffle ticket, bid on a silent auction item, or helped in any way possible, you are WHY we raised approximately \$ 2,200 after expenses.

A special thanks also goes to the men who served and cleaned up afterwards. We will use the proceeds to send our annual donation to the Room in the Inn ministry and to support the two weeks that we host this year! THANK YOU!!!



Baby Shower for Phil & Mallory Hall

Sunday , May 6th at 12:30pm after worship.
They are expecting a baby boy !! They are registered at Amazon and Target.

Let's Talk!

Sharing faith with our neighbors, without losing either one!
Wednesdays at 6:00 pm starting April 25.

JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

Children and Intermediates (2 years old through sixth grade) are welcome to join us for Vacation Bible School this summer!



On Sunday morning, July 8, VBS will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast will be served on Sunday morning beginning at 9:30 am. On Monday through Thursday, **July 9-12**, a light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. and VBS will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Ministries Center.

We still need volunteers and helpers! Please consider serving this year at VBS!! Please sign up online or on the poster at the front of the Sanctuary. You can also email Katie Kestner at katie.kestner@gmail.com or Jennalee Sexton at jsexton27@gmail.com. You may also call Melissa Hughes at 667-4541, x225.