Along the Causeway.............

Dear Friends in Christ,

God’s Providence is amazing.

One example of this Good News that I have observed over the past 9 years is the faithfulness of God’s servant Joyce Winkler.

Joyce was serving as a Director of Christian Education for a Presbyterian Church in Dunn, NC when I was called to serve as your Pastor. Since Joyce was visiting Brunswick County every few weeks to check on her parents, Jim & Eva Baham, she had been invited to be a consultant for our Christian Education Committee here at Shallotte Presbyterian.

Joyce was helping our DCE Search Committee when Beth Martin was hired. By the time Beth had helped introduce the LOGOS Children’s Program to our community, Joyce and her husband Patrick had moved in with her parents to provide around the clock care.

Joyce moved her membership to Shallotte Presbyterian and she has served a term as an ordained elder on our Session. Both of Joyce’s parents have been enrolled in the Church Triumphant and we are blessed that Joyce and Patrick have chosen to remain in the Baham’s home at Sunset Beach.

When Pastor Pat Fletcher had to apply for disability, Joyce was willing and able to do the last three “Times with Children” at this summer’s Beach Worship Service. And Joyce has been accepted in to our Presbytery’s Certified Ruling Elder Program. Ask her what that means.

God’s Providence is amazing.

Please find the report of this year’s Nominating Committee in this newsletter. Plan to attend the Congregational Meeting after the 11:00 worship Service on Sunday, September 14 and help elect new Deacons and Elders.

Coming up early in October are the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday 10/05 and the following Tuesday 10/07 will be our New Member Pig-Pickin’ - go ahead and mark your October calendars!

By the way, what Sunday School class are you attending?

In God’s Grace,

John
Worship Associates

8:30 Elders
September 7
Betsy Braddock Palmer

September 14
Marvin Stackhouse

September 21
Marvin Stackhouse

September 28
Don Kauffman

Elder of the Month
Marvin Stackhouse

Usher of the Month
Caroll Raedels

Greeters
September 7
Joyce Richards & Marie Harrison

September 14
Jim & Sarah Braddock

September 21
Fran Allen & Carol Kauffman

September 28
Jimmy & Kimmie Durham

Lectionary Scriptures

Sunday, September 7
13th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 12: 1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

Sunday, September 14
14th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 14: 19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14: 1-12
Matthew 18: 21-35

Sunday, September 21
15th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 16: 2-15
Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

Sunday, September 28
16th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 17: 1-7
Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32
**A Note from the Stewardship/Finance Committee**

The following is a brief summary of our giving and related expenditures of the Operating Fund for the 7 months ended July 31, 2014 with comparative amounts for 2013 and 2012.

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**During the coming months please remember to keep your commitment to your church current so we can meet our financial obligations.**

A thought to consider….

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”  Corinthians 9:6-7
Food Pantry Sunday is September 14th

Please bring non-perishable food items to the church between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 12:30p.m. or on Sunday mornings.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may mail it to the church office, or place it in the offering plate.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, please contact Bill Johnston at 579-0193.

Brunswick County Health Services is offering 3 types of flu vaccine:

- High dose flu which is for individuals 65 years old and up
- Regular seasonal flu shot
- Seasonal flu mist

The nasal mist is for ages 2-49 that have no underlying medical conditions. The regular seasonal flu shot and seasonal flu mist will contain 4 strains of flu.

As with any vaccine, we recommend that if you have any questions or concerns; call your medical provider or Brunswick County Health Services at 910-253-2250.

Charlie & Barbara Newkirk
c/o Michele Predmore
62 Mountain Ave.
Middletown, NY 10240

Carolyn Jenkins
Reflections at Carolina Forest
219 Middleburg Drive
Myrtle Beach, SC 29579

Pete & Judy Durham
63 Country Club Drive
Shallotte, NC 28470
A Note of Thanks from the Kauffmans

We would like to express our gratitude for all the calls, cards, and prayers for me during my illness and Don’s hip replacement surgery.

Thank you for being such a loving and caring church family.

~Carol & Don Kauffman

Sisters Of Strength Group will resume in September, and continue through May, on the 4th Friday of each month. Lunch location will be published in the church bulletin prior to event. Hope to see you gals there!!

The Missions and Benevolences Committee is searching for volunteers (2 people each day, 2-3 times a year) to assist with the “Canteen/Refreshments” portion of the Blood Drives that SPC will be hosting throughout the upcoming year.

We Need Volunteers for help with our SPC Blood Drives!

If you would like to help out with this worthy cause, you may contact:
Molly Frederick at 754-9192 or Anita Payne at 755-6104.
**DIABETES SUPPORT!!**

The **Diabetes Awareness and Peer Support Group** sponsored by JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) and the Lion’s Club will meet September 4, 2014 at Camp United Methodist Church.

4048 Main Street, Shallotte at 7 P.M.

All interested people are invited to attend.

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**The loss of a child…**

The **Angels of Love Peer Support Group** for bereaved parents is scheduled for September 2, 2014 at Camp United Methodist Church, 4048 Main Street, Shallotte at 7PM.

Siblings 18 years old and older, grandparents and other adult family members are welcomed to attend.

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**Stickers for Sale**

**Only $5 each!**

Grab one for your car today!

Available at the Church Office

Proceeds to benefit SPC Youth & Young Adult Programs

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**Join the E-Mail Prayer Chain!!**

shallottpresbyterian@gmail.com

Receive prayer request and updates instantly by signing up for the E-Mail Prayer Chain.

If you are not already on the list, please Call the office (754-6929) or send a request to the address above.

*Regular daily correspondence should still be sent to church@atmc.net.*
The Christian Education committee on further reflection has decided on a change in the Kick Off Sunday events. (September 7)

We want all students to go directly to their classes. Each teacher will have some refreshments in their class. (Coffee, juice, donuts)

It will be a good opportunity to have teachers and fellow classmates get to know each other.

Please read the individual class descriptions to see where you might plug in. We really want and need you in Sunday School.

See you there!

Mayberry Class News

We are considering a class name change. We are open to ideas. We select a book, read and discuss and solve the world's problems. (LOL)

We are currently reading "Approaching God" by Steve Brown (professor of practical theology at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando, FL.) Charles Colson says about this book, "Steve Brown writes the way he talks: engaging, witty, down-to-earth, and rich in wisdom. It's vintage Steve Brown."

I have listened to Steve on the radio for some time now and enjoy his sense of humor. I usually understand more about my faith after hearing or reading his messages.

We will be reviewing chapters 1-3, during our first weeks back together, and then move into chapter 4. We have extra books.

We encourage our group to be intergenerational. We want you there. We certainly won't get all the worlds problems solved if you aren't there to help. Try us, we are an organic, non-fattening, farm raised, low calorie, no fructose added kind of class.

See me if you have any questions!!

Marvin Stackhouse
mwstackh@atmc.net
Mrs. Sarah Cook will be teaching the older youth (7th through 12th grades) with “Reel to Real” material.

We will watch movies and then relate them to real situations in life and Christian values.

Open to anyone that would like to come!!!
Over the past few weeks... the Adult Sunday School Class has been studying the Life and Ministry of the Messiah. The narrator is Rev. Ray Vander Laan, an ordained minister who holds the Chair of Biblical Cultural Studies as a religious instructor at Holland Christian Schools in Holland, Michigan. These studies show the cultural background of Herod and his reign during the time of Jesus’ birth, and with another Herod during his adult ministry. This series will continue through September 21st. Each lesson stands alone, so please come to class any time since there is very little “catch-up” time. This includes many Bible references with time for discussion.

The next study will be John Calvin - His Life and Legacy. This series looks at Calvin’s thought and work through interviews with well-known Calvin scholars and pastors. Scriptures and time for discussion is also included in the study.

Beginning the first of November the class will begin studying Paul’s letter to the Philippians. The Bible leaders of the Adult Class try to address the main theme of the lesson before the choir members need to leave.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the fellowship of learning more about the Scriptures and ourselves.

~ Alice Hedrick
Presbytery of Coastal Carolina’s

Faith in the Inventive Age
Church, Preaching, Community, Evangelism

Saturday, September 20, 2014
8:30am—2:00pm
Keynote, Workshops, Bookstore, Displays
Program begins at 9:00 AM

KEYNOTER: Rev. Doug Pagitt—founding pastor of Solomon’s Porch, speaker, consultant, author and radio show host

Location—Sampson Middle School, 1201 W. Elizabeth St., Clinton, NC 28328
The flyer/registration form will be posted online at www.presbycc.org.
Online registration begins June 23. $25 per person (includes lunch).
After Sept. 15—$30
There is no DAY CAMP or childcare being offered this year.

E3: Educate, Equip, Empower—Schedule
8:30 A.M.—Registration, Refreshments & Displays
9:00 A.M.—Plenary (keynote & awards)
10:15 A.M.—Session#1 Workshops
11:40 A.M.—Lunch, Bookstore, Resource Center, Displays
12:45 P.M.—Session #2 Workshops
2:00pm—Evaluation—drop forms in evaluation boxes

Don’t Miss...
PCUSA Congregational Ministries Bookstore,
Presbytery’s Resource Center,
and Presbytery Committee & organization displays.
Visit these during your lunch hour.

THE OFFERING taken following the plenary will go to Sampson County Schools BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM.

To prepare for Doug Pagitt’s keynote & workshop, join in Presbytery’s

“READ TO LEAD”
(All Presbytery Read)
CHURCH IN THE INVENTIVE AGE,
by Doug Pagitt

In this book, Pagitt explores today’s churches need to decide how they want to fit into the Inventive Age & develop the components needed to live well.

Learn about the cultural components along with the language & categories to move into the future with a clear sense of who we are and where we are going.

A link to the free pdf version of the book can be found at Presbytery’s web site—www.presbycc.org.

The book can be purchased on Amazon.com or from Alban Institute. Price is $17.00.
If you have placed a name on the list below and it needs to be removed, please call the Church Office, 754-6929.

Church Family
Gary Alley, Louise Ashe, Kathy Bartlett, Marian Downer, Charles Greene, Christian Huffman, Morris Jordan, Lesa Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Jerry McCann, Lucie Oakley, Pat Patterson, Jerry Small, Seamus Smithwick, and Bill Stephenson

Extended Church Family

In the Military

Thank YOU
To all my friends at Shallotte Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for all the loving cards and prayers after the death of my mother.

It was deeply appreciated!

Love, Nancy Elwell

Wednesday
Oct. 29th
6:00pm

Annual Presbyterian Counseling Center Fundraiser Dinner
at Shallotte Presbyterian Church

Prepared meal with take-out available
$10 for adults and
$5 for children

More information to follow!!
Centerpoint

Have you wondered how counseling is helpful?

We are all familiar with phrases such as “live each day to the fullest”, “recognize the blessings in life”, “just be happy”, or “think happy thoughts and you will be happy”. These are just a few examples of statements that are intended to be supportive and encouraging.

For the person struggling with depression this is an impossible way to think. There is no joy in life, happiness cannot be experienced, blessings are difficult to recognize. Saying those encouraging words to someone who is depressed can make them feel even worse.

People who are depressed often feel like it’s their fault. They may feel they just aren’t trying hard enough, have a negative attitude or should just make up their mind to be happy. Some often wonder if their faith is not deep or strong enough or if their prayers are inadequate. Many even wonder if perhaps God is punishing them.

To truly help someone suffering from depression, help them understand depression is not their fault and sheer will will not make it go away. Depression is a common illness that is quite treatable. Encourage them with helpful words by urging them to seek treatment.

Call 452-7370, and visit the Center:
www.presbyteriancounselingcenter.org and www.smhealing.org