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I was a senior in high school in 1984. You might remember an uptick in sales for Orwell's book that year. It was definitely a big deal, and only partly because of the themes of the book. If it had been titled 1993, we'd have been reading it then. But there were two other years that caught my attention back then: 2000 and 2020.

The turn from 1900s to 2000s was going to be a big deal. But 2020, with its connection to 20/20 vision seemed very far away to an 18 year old. I would be OLD by then (and some days, I'm not sure I was wrong). Having grown up watching moon shots give way to space shuttles while watching Star Wars and Star Trek, I figured we'd be exploring planets in person. Closer to home, I tried to imagine what our homes and schools and cars might be like.

But you know what I never imagined changing, at least not back then? Church. I suspect I am not alone in this.

Worship and fellowship hours. Sunday school. Youth group. Mission trips. The hymns with an organ (maybe a piano). A choir. Communion on the table and offering plates carefully passed person to person. It never crossed my mind that any of what I had grown up knowing as church would change.

And for a long time, it didn't. Or at least not nearly as much as the world outside the church did, including the way the people outside the church live.

Now, all of a sudden, the church (AKA you and I) has no choice but to stop and take a good look at the patterns we're accustomed to. We need to ask all the questions - what, who, when, and where? We'll need to think critically about how. This is true of worship, fellowship, christian education, mission.... Every aspect of our lives together as a congregation.

But here's the thing. None of that thinking and planning matters if our WHY is out of alignment with God's reason for bringing us together. I hope you'll join me and others in the coming weeks as we explore these questions in worship, small groups and Sunday school.



Much love and many blessings,

Pastor Laura

Looking Ahead for Worship

Sunday, July 5

The church is to be a community of witness

Matthew 5:13-16

2 Corinthians 4:1-7

Sunday, July 19

2nd Great End of the Church

The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God

Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, July 12

1st Great End of the Church

The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind;

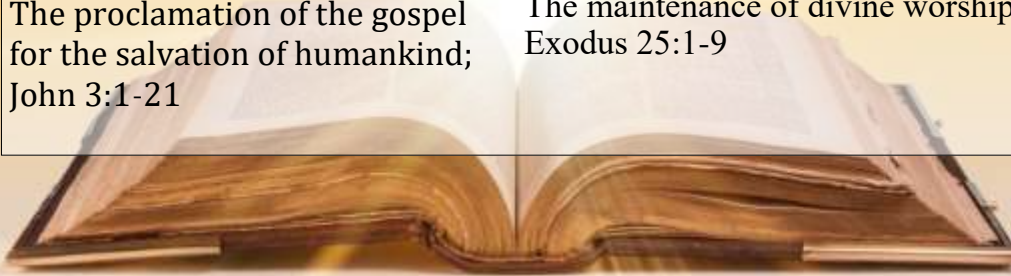
John 3:1-21

Sunday, July 26

3rd Great End of the Church

The maintenance of divine worship

Exodus 25:1-9



Food Pantry Sunday is July 12

If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may mail it to the church office.



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

Tim Bartlett, John Buechner, Kat Cheves, Betty Church, Bill Coggins, Larry Cook, Pat Dobbins, Marie Harrison, Christian Huffman, Bill Kelly, Lesa Kolcun, Michael Kolcun, Lantz Lackey, Peggy Lackey, Bert Lampert, Ann Long, Martha Miller, Catherine Norman, Lucie Oakley, Wayne Smith, Seamus Smithwick, Steve Spoon, Carole Stephenson and Bob Williams.

Extended Church Family

Justin Boyd, Marlena Braddock, J.C. Brooks, Sue Coats, Corey Copeland, David Davidson, Tyler Davies, Calvin Flanagan, Bart Furlow, Lynn Gause, Daniel House, Kenny Keisler, Louise Kerns, Caleb Leimoni, Nancy Luger, Robert Olzak, Al Parker, Harry Ritchie, Judy Santora, Ken Schroder, Ann Smith, Eddie Stephens, Nancy Suared, Eddie Swan, Phyllis Thomas, Brian Willis, and Gary Wright.



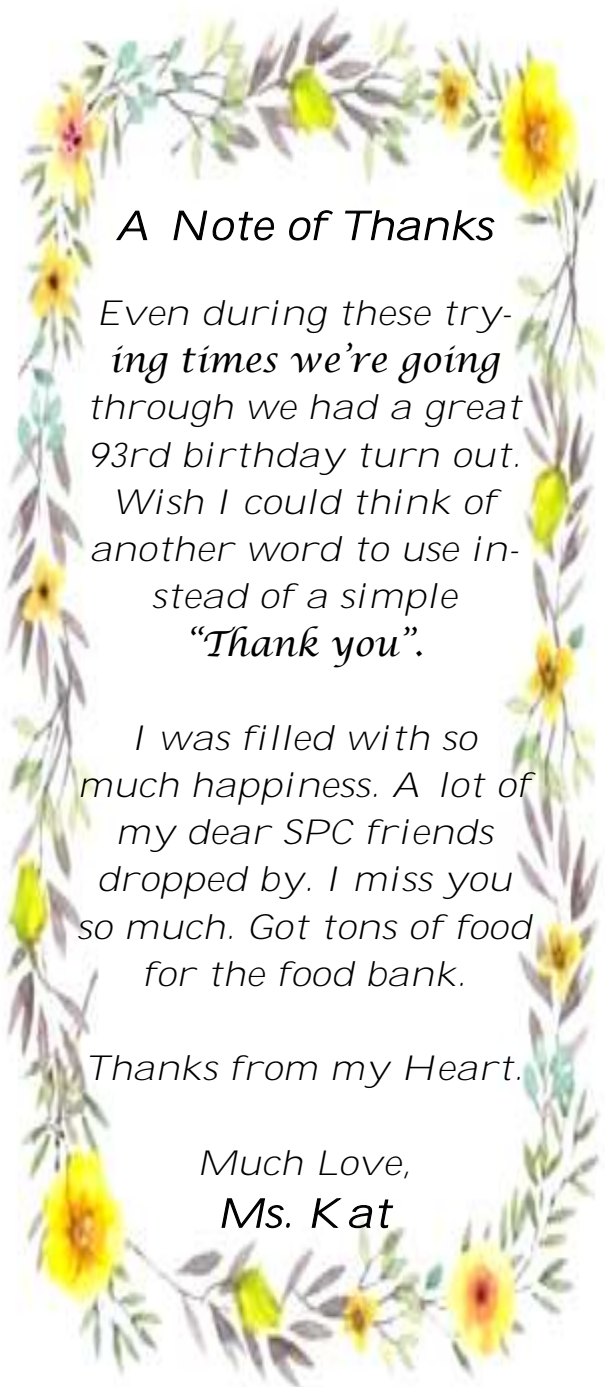
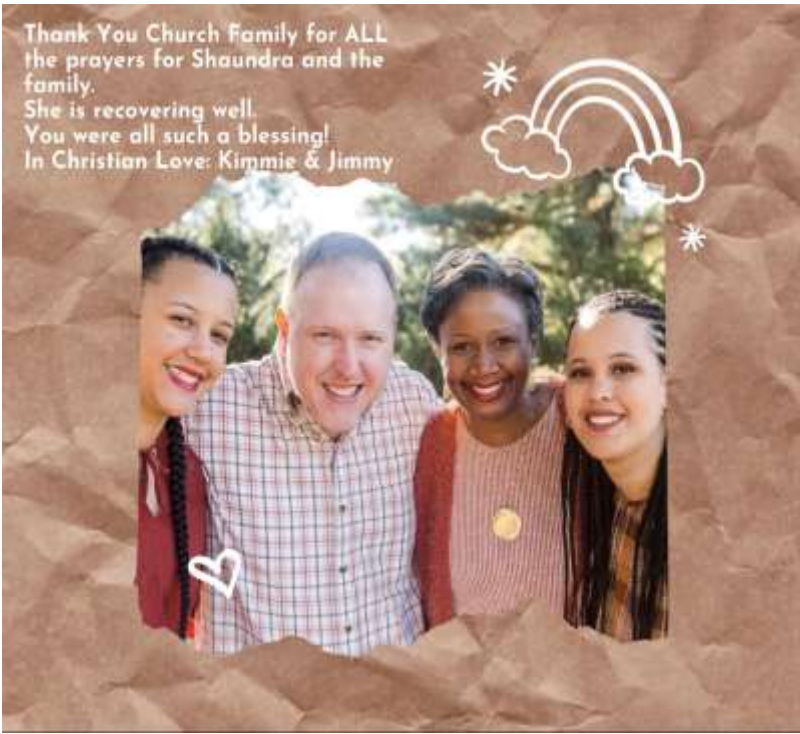
In the Military



Gabriel Garratt, Brian Soles, and Clay Thompson.



When we begin to gather at church again, our church is **seeking a Nursery worker** for Sunday mornings 8am-12 noon. Wages paid hourly. Please contact: Stephanie at church@atmc.net or call 910-754-6929. Must have First-Aid and CPR certification.



A Note of Thanks

Even during these trying times we're going through we had a great 93rd birthday turn out. Wish I could think of another word to use instead of a simple "Thank you".

I was filled with so much happiness. A lot of my dear SPC friends dropped by. I miss you so much. Got tons of food for the food bank.

Thanks from my Heart.

*Much Love,
Ms. Kat*



How do I make a reservation or an inquiry about the Columbarium and Memorial Garden?

Arrangements for inurnment or memorialization can be made through the SPC office at any time. When possible, arrangements for the reservation of niches should be made well in advance of need in order that decisions can be rational without a sense of urgency. You may also see Betsy Braddock or any member of the Columbarium and Memorial Garden Committee.

Niches are available for one or two sets of cremated remains.
Memorial Wall plaques can be reserved in honor of or in memory of someone.

**For the specific details on eligibility, see a committee member.*

Questions? Call Betsy! 910-754-9635



Focus on Mission

CROP Walk Goes Virtual

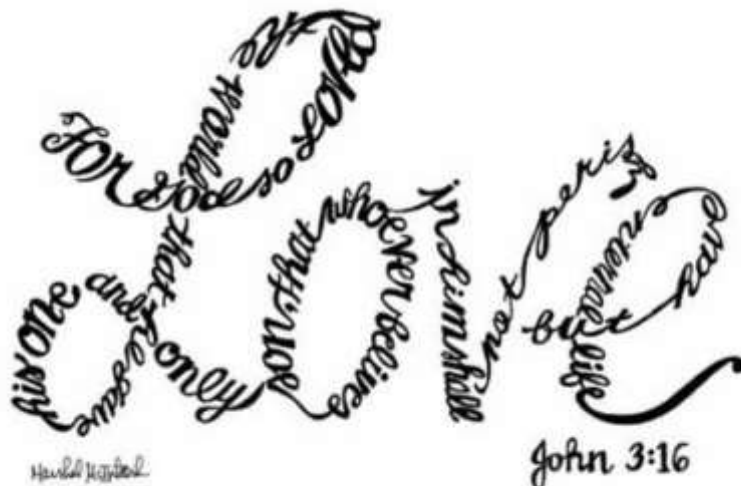
The South Brunswick Interchurch Council (SBIC) 2020 CROP Walk will be done virtually on November 1, 2020. This will allow participants to get out and walk to raise funds to fight hunger while avoiding some of the safety issues related to the Covid-19 virus.

What is a virtual walk? This means that SPC will choose its own route(s) while still keeping in the spirit of the CROP Walk. Hopefully, this will allow participants who might be wary of walking in large crowds to be able to participate and remain away from large numbers of people and issues brought with regard to the Covid-19 virus.

SPC has always made a strong showing at the SBIC CROP Walk and has won the Crop Walk Honors Trophy for participation and money raised several years, including the 2018 CROP Walk (the walk was not held in 2019).

Our goal for SPC this year is 75% church-wide participation. That means we are looking for 75% of the congregation to walk and/or donate to this worthwhile cause to stem world hunger. Larry Cook is our church's CROP Walk Recruiter and Mike Claxton is the SBIC CROP Walk Coordinator.

Please consider raising money to fight world hunger by walking in this event or at the very least, pledging money through those who will be walking. More information will be available in the newsletter and church bulletins in August.



Christmas in July *Helping all children have the tools they need to better their education*



Please call to set up an appointment or for more information:
 Shallotte 910-754-4766
 Leland 910-408-1700

This program is offered to families on a pre-qualifying application process for families living at or below 130% of the poverty level. All applicants must provide income and expense information for everyone that resides in their household along with Medicaid cards and/ or birth certificates. Once qualified, they must provide the name of the school the children will be attending in the coming school year, what grade level and school uniform information (if applicable). The application process will run 12 weeks starting May 4th. Please call our main office in Shallotte for appointments in these areas (910-754-4766). Leland (910-408-1700)

Adopting a Child – Donor Information

Thank You for your past and continued support of BFA's Christmas in July Program. It's that time again. As always BFA is looking forward to working with you to achieve a successful Back to School Program.

School supply lists are usually released to the public the first week of August. However; we have lists from last year and they do not usually change from year to year. They can also be found on the school's web page.

What are we asking of you? As usual without the support of donors like you this program and many like it would go unfulfilled. BFA is once again asking for you to adopt a child/ children for Christmas in July (Back to School) Program providing a book bag, all required school supplies for the year, and one complete appropriate outfit of clothes and shoes for the child to return to school.

We ask that all items be received at BFA's Shallotte office by August 3, 2020, so that we can process and supplement as needed. This will ensure that we have all book bags ready for distribution the week of August 18th.

Ensuring that these children have adequate school supplies is imperative to ensuring a successful school year. By providing a brand new outfit of clothing and pair of shoes we are helping children feel confident on their first day of school, thus setting the tone for a great school year!

If you need any further information regarding this or any of the other programs BFA offers, please contact Charles Jackson, Director of Outreach/Operations (910)754-4766 or Charlesg.bfa@yahoo.com

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 5 months ended May 31, 2020 with comparative amounts for 2019 and 2018.

	<u>2020</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Actual</u>
Pledges & Other Offerings received	<u>\$177,506.31</u>	<u>\$186,363.72</u>	<u>\$ 189,225.03</u>
Expenditures:			
Staff Ministry	62,963.82	90,062.27	83,302.68
Local Program Ministry	6,977.05	6,140.04	4,367.21
Property and Grounds	49,678.95	48,957.55	46,683.67
Administration	9,754.56	9,568.50	8,324.83
General / Sessional	0.00	0.00	0.00
Missions and Benevolences	<u>22,101.00</u>	<u>22,817.70</u>	<u>21,865.70</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>151,475.38</u>	<u>177,564.06</u>	<u>164,544.09</u>
Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>\$ 26,030.93</u>	<u>\$ 8,817.66</u>	<u>\$ 24,680.94</u>

A thought to consider....

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

Anne Frank, Jewish diarist during Nazi occupation

The Finance Committee thanks you for keeping your pledges up to date as we navigate through this pandemic.

On behalf of SBIC, Thank you.

Now... onward for ALS!



June's efforts to raise funds for The Lord's Food Pantry was a huge success.

Several folks matched my \$125 challenge, and others have made donations during the month that will help feed families in need right here in Brunswick County. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

As of June 24, I've logged **141** of the 125 miles of Stage #1. The newsletter deadline is early, but I'm definitely on track to complete by June 30.

Checks for June's efforts can be made out to the church (just put SBIC/Laura) in the memo. Or, if you prefer to track donations separately, you can write it to SBIC. Do mail checks with your regular contribution to the church's PO Box so we can tally them up and share a grand total with the congregation.

But wait, there's more!

For stage 2 (the month of July), I will be aiming for another 125 miles in honor of our own Steve Spoon by raising money for ALS. This stage starts (virtually) in Clermont, FL and wanders over to the St. Petersburg finish line.

To give to the ALS Association -

- Email me and I can send you a link to give electronically.
- Write your check to the ALS Association and mail it to my attention at the church. I will send them at the end of July.
- Or let me know how much you are sending and mail it directly to

The ALS Association North Carolina Chapter
Leah Strom Attn: Walk to Defeat ALS
4 N Blount St.
Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27601



- Be sure to include a note that you are supporting me for the WILMINGTON WALK.

Participant Name: Laura Viau

Participant ID: 5188033



SHALLOTTE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COMMUNITY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT RESCHEDULED TO AUGUST 29, 2020

Our annual SPC fundraising golf tournament is now going to be on Saturday August 29th at Crow Creek Golf Club in Calabash. The golf committee is excited to be able to offer this premium golf course as our venue again for this year's tournament. The format is Captain's Choice (Scramble – Best Ball).

For those of you who had a great time last year you can expect to have an even better time this year. Make sure you tell all your golfing friends also and we're sure they'll appreciate playing in this fun event. Again, this year, we will have a NEW CAR to give away for a Hole-In-One, plus other major giveaways on the other Par 3 holes. Play is limited to the first 120 golfers who submit their entry form and fee. Even though the tournament is not until August 29th we expect to receive more than 120 requests to play so you must submit your entry form and fee early to ensure you can play. You don't want to miss out. Entry forms are in the Narthex and can also be obtained from Wayne Tillman at hwaynet01@gmail.com. The easiest way is to register at the new web site www.ShallottePresGolf.org.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE COMMITTEE

We lost some key active members on our committee, so please consider joining us. You don't have to know how to play golf, but we need assistance in many areas.

DONATIONS

If anyone wants to make a donation towards the Silent or Chinese Auctions you can bring them to the church secretary during normal business hours. Call the church before coming over.

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Tillman at (732) 306-0426

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Satellite Office: Shallotte Presbyterian Church

CENTERPOINT

Be A Good Listener!

What do you do when a friend or family member comes to you and shares the painful details of a current conflict he or she is experiencing with someone? Maybe that person is having a struggle with the spouse, another family member, or perhaps a mutual friend.

It's important for you in seeking to be a good listener to remind yourself that regardless of how well you may know both parties you're probably not fully aware of all the circumstances in question. You may also not be fully aware of the complex range of emotions and deeper history involved in their relationship.

Remember that being supportive doesn't mean taking sides. Limiting your role to one of support will likely prevent any lingering misunderstandings among extended family or between mutual friends.

Be careful about giving any direct advice. It will probably be more helpful to ask questions and help your friend take a longer look at the situation. Having an understanding of an objective listener like you will make it even more likely that your friend will come to some helpful resolutions.

Call the Center at 910-452-7370. Visit us at www.wantcounseling.com "Like" the Community Counseling Center on Facebook.