

SignPosts

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From The Pastor's Study

Welcome to the first issue of SignPosts! I'm thrilled that we have this new ministry started, and I appreciate all the input and help we've received. A big thank you to Beth Nutter, Cindy Meyer, and Irene Michelitsch for help with editing and layout.

In this space I'll talk about issues of faith and practice, living in the world as believers, and issues that confront us as a congregation. It will be a more extended format than Wednesday Words and will give me the opportunity to discuss topics in a more in-depth way.

For this issue, I'll keep it short and thank you again for the privilege of being your pastor. We have a wonderful congregation and there are many exciting things ahead of us. As we continue to grow in our love of God and others and as we seek the Kingdom of God, we will experience the power and love of the Holy Spirit in new ways. May God continue to bless you and keep you, and I am deeply thankful that we are...

On the journey together,

Greg

Worship and Teaching

The Rev. Joshua Hearne will be preaching in both worship services on February 19. Josh has started two new ministries in Danville, and he will be sharing what God is doing and how you can be involved. You will be encouraged and challenged by this worship service.

The first Sunday of Lent is February 26. The season of Lent is a time to examine our lives and seek God's help to be transformed into more committed followers of Christ. This Lenten season we will add some new elements into worship in both services to make the season more meaningful. We will also have a special time of spiritual renewal the week before Easter. Come and join us for a season of transformation and renewal.

God desires for our marriages to be life giving and fulfilling. Whether you have been married for six months or sixty years, our Marriage Retreat will strengthen and bless your relationship. We will be at the beautiful Crossroads Retreat Center in the mountains of Virginia May 18-20. We'll share in worship, learn about relationships, enjoy some great food, and have fun together. See Greg or Evelyn Allen to get more details



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Journey Through The Gospels is off to a great start. In January we read Matthew 1-7 and had a great discussion on January 26th. Our reading for February is Matthew 8-14 and we'll have our discussion on February 23rd. Join us as we read through the Gospels in 2012 and learn more about the life of our Savior.

Deacon Ministry

CBC's Deacon Ministry is focused in five areas. One of these five focus areas is providing comfort and assistance to our church families during times of emotional stress due to the loss of a loved one, long term or critical illness and uncertain family situations.

This effort is directed by our Grief/Comfort Ministry Team with deacon leadership from Mona Moody and Larry Lenhart. Also, there are nine additional church members divided into three sub-teams as part of this team.

The team stays in close contact with Pastor Greg and will assist as necessary to provide care to our church families during times of crisis.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, contact the church office or Grief/Comfort Team leadership.

Ministry & Mission

Souper Lunch on February 5th: Come and enjoy a great meal and help combat hunger in Mecklenburg County. The meal begins after the 11 am service (food makes the pastor preach shorter sermons) and all money raised above the cost of the meal will be used to help alleviate hunger in our area. Come and join us!

Clarksville Elementary School: We are still looking for folks who will be lunch buddies at CES. If you are willing to have lunch at the school one day every other week, contact Greg Randall or Joey Tucker. We'll get you connected to the school and they will work with your schedule. This is a great way to bless a child who needs a trusted adult to be their friend.

Did You Know?

- **That Wednesday night programs for youth and children are growing?**
- **That on the first Friday of the month, we have over 20 youth coming for ministry and fellowship?**
- **That our children and youth volunteers average more than 30 hours a week in ministry?**
- **That our Wednesday night cooking teams spend hours each week making a wonderful meal?**
- **That our choir is a great place to find friends, fellowship and fun?**
- **That on the first Sunday of each month our breakfast team makes the best breakfast in town?**



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- That on the first Sunday of each month our breakfast team makes the best breakfast in town?
- That worship attendance has grown over the past five years from an average of 120 to an average last year of over 200?
- **God is doing great things here at CBC! Come and join us!**

From the Last Business Meeting

The congregation approved a motion from the youth committee to hire a Wednesday night Bible study teacher.

Reports were shared, and the minutes and reports will be available from the church office soon.

Newsworthy

The Up and Over Sunday School Class has just finished studying a book entitled *Facing Life's Ups and Downs: The Struggle to be Whole* by William Powell Tuck. Rev. Tuck, a pastor, has taught at several colleges including Baptist Theological Seminary in Richmond. This is a text based on Biblical truths about how our faith can help us face some of life's biggest challenges. It explores depression and many things that make our lives difficult. We have really enjoyed reading and studying this book and its insights into how God and his teachings can help us survive. We believe that others in the Church

would enjoy reading this little book and our class would be happy to share our copies with them. We would also recommend it for study to any class that is interested.

Hill Sales, Jr., Memorial Library

The Hill Sales, Jr., memorial Library was established 52 years ago as the result of a tragedy. In August 1952, five year old Hill Sales, Jr., died in a tragic truck accident. As his mother struggled to cope with her loss, Rev. Paul Blevins, her pastor, suggested that she start a church library. Since that time, the library has been one of CBC's greatest mission activities.

Today, the library is housed on the basement level of the Church beside the children's Sunday School rooms and has 7,044 books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and other resources. Whether you are looking for a book to read yourself, a book for your child to read, a movie or DVD, Christian reference material, and anything else you might find in a library, you can find it there. And gentlemen, the resources here are not all here for the ladies.

But first, you need to find the library. The library is open before and after Sunday school and Church. The volunteers will be happy to see you and glad to help you. Come on Down.

The Hill Sales, Jr., Memorial Library needs YOU to be a reader.



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Conversations With My Father

I walked with you today, Father. If not for only a short while, I knew you were with me. I saw your beauty in the bright colors of the falling leaves. I saw your order as they gathered at the foot of the trees making yellow, orange, and red pools. I heard your grace in the sounds of the birds finding food and shelter from the rain. And though the skies were gray, your light yet shined and guided me on my walk. The woods were alive with your glory, Father, and your power over creation soothing. The leaves scattered and whispered as I walked and there were times my footsteps made no sound. I knew not whether the leaves silenced my steps or if it were you, Abba, who carried my troubled soul. Try as I might to focus my thoughts on your wonder, my weakness brought my thoughts to selfish considerations of the day ahead and issues that weighed on my heart. Was it you Father, that carried me through those thoughts? And at the forest's edge, where the water meets the trees, I cast my eyes out upon the lake. Shadowed with gray clouds filled with promise of rain, I did not see despair or darkness. I saw your light, your renewal of life and your promise of heaven. Once again, Lord, I thought of home. Your home where you have prepared a room for me. I will follow when you beckon me and, perhaps someday, whether near or far, I will stand next to you and watch as others make that journey through the woods.

Recipe Box

Coca-Cola Pound Cake

1 box yellow cake mix	4 eggs
3/4 c. vegetable oil	2 tsp. vanilla
1 c. milk	1 box chocolate instant pudding

Mix all ingredients well and pour into greased and floured tube pan. Bake 45 minutes at 350 until done. Allow to cool and ice with Coca-cola icing.

Icing:





6 Tbs. Coca-cola	1 box 10X sugar
2 Tbs. cocoa	1 tsp. vanilla
1 stick butter/marg.	

Mix cola, cocoa, and butter or margarine in a sauce pan, bring to a boil. Immediately remove from stove and add 10X sugar and beat with mixer, adding vanilla. Put on cake while icing is still warm, it will harden as it cools.



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			<p>1 <u>Note* Every Wed</u> 6:30 Mission Sparks 6:30 Mission Friends 6:30 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>2 7:00 MCC Meeting</p>	3	4
<p><u>Note* Every Sunday</u> 9:00 ARISE 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>						
<p>5 8:00 Brotherhood Breakfast 12:15 'Souper' Lunch</p>	<p>6 7:00 Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>7 5:45 Children's Committee Meeting 6:30 Youth Committee Meeting</p>	8	9	10	11
<p>12 Lincoln's Birthday </p>	<p>13 7:00 Rosa Liipfert Circle Meeting</p>	<p>14 Valentine's Day  7:00 WHM Meeting</p>	15	16 Jennie Elliott Birthday	17	18
<p>19 <i>Lincoln</i></p>	<p>20 Presidents' Day </p>	<p>21 12PM Prime Time Luncheon</p>	<p>22 Washington's Birthday  Betty Garrett Birthday</p>	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			