

# SignPosts

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## From The Pastor's Study

**Christians believe that God is working and moving in the world because of God's love for the world. Disciples of Jesus do not take Jesus into new places because we believe that God's love for the world is the reason that Jesus came to the world. Our job as Christians is to help others recognize the presence of God and respond to God's offer of salvation and grace. I was reminded of this doctrine this week when I was reading the book, "Daily Feast." Gary V. Simpson writes:**

**"The goodness of God is in every place before we ever arrive at any particular place. The good things that happen to us along life's journey do not happen because we have arrived. God's goodness has already been where we are planning to go. The goodness of God is so present that every direction that we turn to look, wherever we are, we bump into goodness again."**

**Bumping into goodness. I like that. As you journey through this world in the month of May, may you bump into all kinds of God goodness. And may your journey be full of grace.**

**On the journey together,**

**Greg**



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## Did You Know?

- **That the ARISE band led worship at the Concord Baptist Association Spring Meeting?**
- **That the children and youth of CBC led us in two powerful worship services?**
- **That we had 313 people in attendance on Easter Sunday?**
- **That the CBC RoadRunners are a new ministry for senior adults?**
- **That Pastor Greg will receive his Doctor of Ministry degree on May 26<sup>th</sup>?**
- **That a 3 on 3 basketball tournament is coming to CBC?**
- **That the youth are having a plant sale to raise money for camp on May 12?**
- **That the local production of "Fiddler On The Roof" featured five people from CBC?**
- **That our Wednesday night Bible Study is called, "Eating And Drinking Our Way Into The Kingdom?"**
- **That we really, really, really hope the elevator will be fixed for good this time?**
- **That the most important thing happening at CBC is that God is doing amazing things (we figured you knew that, but it is good to be reminded).**

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## Ministry & Mission

### Journey Through the Gospels

The four Gospels are the foundational documents of our faith. During 2012 we are reading through the Gospels together and during the month of May we will be reading Mark 1 – 8. Take a few minutes and read with us, and join us at 7:00 p.m. on May 24 for our group discussion.

### Ordinations!

CBC has voted to ordain Tim Mull to the Gospel Ministry and Tim's ordination service will be May 20<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Come out and support Tim as we celebrate God's call on this life!

Also on that same day, we will have an Ordination Council for Kristen Tucker earlier that afternoon. All who are ordained are welcome to come and talk with Kristen and participate in her council.

### Summer Wednesday Night Study

There are no dinners on Wednesday nights during the summer, but we will have an adult Bible Study. This summer, we will be studying the book "Soul Feast" by Marjorie J. Thompson. This book explores the blessings we receive by incorporating spiritual practices into our lives and how we can develop a daily rule that can guide our practices. You

do not have to purchase the book to participate in the study, but if you would like to read along, you can purchase the book from Amazon.com or order it from your favorite bookstore. It is also available for download to your reading device. Come and join us this summer for a great discussion that will enrich your spiritual life.

### I've Always Wanted to Hear a Sermon About.....

During July and August, you get to pick the sermon topics We did this a few years ago and it was a great experience. What topic would you like to hear addressed in a sermon? What Bible verse or story do you want to hear more about? Is there a doctrine that has always been difficult to understand or troubled you? Send Greg an email or write it down on the forms we will have in worship starting in May, and listen for your topic in July and August. And yes, you can send in more than one!



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## Newsworthy

### Durham Bulls Baseball Game: May 18

Join us in Durham for a great night of baseball and fun! Tickets are only \$9.00 each and can be reserved with any member of the children's committee. See you there!

### Last Two Picture Days: May 7 and 8

If you have not signed up for your directory picture, please go to our website or call the church office to reserve your spot. We want to have everyone in the new directory, so reserve your time today!

### Mark Your Calendar!

- ❖ May 3: Ministry Coordinating Council
- ❖ May 6: Brotherhood Breakfast
- ❖ May 7: Deacon's Meeting
- ❖ May 13: Mother's Day
- ❖ May 23: Last Wednesday night supper until September
- ❖ May 24: Journey through the Gospels discussion
- ❖ May 28: Office closed

### Pastor Appreciation Poem

Author: Judy Crowe  
Unanimously submitted

Have you ever walked in our Pastor's shoes,  
And gone where his feet have trod?  
Have you ever thought of what he means to us,  
And on your knees, given thanks to God?  
  
Have you ever told him thank you,  
For being there, when times are tough,  
For comforting words and fervent prayers  
When trials come and the storms of life are rough?

He answers our calls in the middle of the night  
And tells us not to worry, for he will be there.  
He gives up his comfort of quiet rest  
And comes with prayers of comfort to share.

Have you ever thought to say thank you Pastor,  
For preaching God's word to help us understand,  
For all the times he has asked for things  
That will lend us a helping hand?

When you pray, put him at the top of the list  
And ask the Lord to surround him with loving care,  
To give him strength and walk with him,  
To help him with the burdens that he must bear.

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## Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

The Sunday School Teacher was telling the Bible story of Priscilla and Aquilla to her 4 year old class. Everybody listened carefully and then the teacher asked if anyone remembered the names of the people in the story. Four year old Scott raised his hand and happily said..." yes, Vanilla and Manilla".

## Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

It is spring time, Father. It is a time of rebirth and renewal. Winter's musty smell of decay has been replaced by the fresh scent of life. Colors dulled by the winter's gray sky are now bright and vibrant against the blue sky. It is a time to rejoice, a time to praise your glory, a time to stand in awe of your creation. The seasons of my life pass and some day Father, I too will be reborn. I stand in the midst of your spring time glory and I wonder of that rebirth. I don't doubt its wonder and majesty. I don't fear its coming. A moment ago I drew a deep breath and closed my eyes. My senses were filled with smells and sounds and I thought to myself that it cannot get any better than this. Oh, but it does, Abba. I know it does. And there it was. The question. MY question. A question I knew would go unanswered for now. Will I miss any of this? Will I miss the sights and sounds and smells and breathtaking beauty? Will I miss my loves, my friends? Will I miss any of this, Father? It is, after all, all I know. It is all I understand. When I am reborn and kneeling at your throne, will you smile and ask "do you miss it now?"

## Recipe Box

### CRANBERRY SALAD

1 can whole cranberry sauce  
1 small can crushed pineapple undrained  
1 cup chopped nuts  
1 package (3 oz) black cherry jello  
1 cup boiling water

Dissolve jello in 1 cup boiling water. Cool slightly. Mix in other ingredients. Pour into container and cool.

### PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE

1 large can pineapple tidbits (drained, reserve juice)  
3 tablespoons flour  
3 tablespoons reserved juice  
½ cup or 1/3 cup sugar (1/2 cup if pineapple is unsweetened)  
1 cup grated sharp cheddar cheese  
1 cup crushed Ritz crackers  
melted butter to moisten crackers

Combine flour, juice, sugar, and pineapple; mix well then add cheese. Spread in a 9 X 13 dish and sprinkle buttered crackers on top. Bake at 350F until slightly brown.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Note* Every Sunday</i>            9:00 <b>ARISE</b>            9:45 Sunday School            11:00 Worship</p>		<p>1            6:30 Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>2  <i>Note* Every Wed</i>            6:30 Mission Sparks            6:30 Mission Friends            6:30 Adult Bible Study</p>	<p>3            7:00 MCC Meeting</p>	4	5
<p>6            8:00 Brotherhood Breakfast</p>	<p>7            5:45 Children's Committee Meeting             7:00 Deacon's Meeting            ←Pictorial Directory Sessions→</p>	<p>8            7:00 WHM Meeting</p>	9	<p>10            11:30 CBC Road Runners Luncheon</p>	11	12
<p>13 Mother's Day              Pre-School Children Sing</p>	<p>14            7:00 Rosa Liipfert Circle Meeting</p>	<p>15            12PM Prime Time Luncheon</p>	16	17	<p>18            7:00 Family Day with the Durham Bulls</p>	<p>19 Armed Forces Day  </p>
20	21	22	<p>23  <b>LAST MISSION SPARKS/FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP MEAL</b></p>	24	25	26
27	<p>28 Memorial Day  </p>	29	30	31		



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