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From The Pastor's Study

I believe our best days as a congregation are ahead of us. While we have seen God do many great things over the past six years, I believe God's dream for our future together is greater than we can imagine.

I believe that the Gospel changes the lives of believers and unbelievers. When unbelievers encounter those who have been transformed by the love of God, their unbelief can be turned to belief. And when believers experience the power of God, their souls are refreshed and their vision for the Kingdom is renewed.

I believe that the way churches impact the world has changed from "come and see" to "go and do." Churches that are making an impact on the world are going into their communities and serving others in the name of Christ. When a community is touched by the love of God, the world is changed.

On September 16th, you will have the opportunity to find out about the missions and ministries of CBC and sign up for a place to serve others. You can help a child with reading, care for the grieving, commit to prayer, reach out to the poor, and a whole host of other opportunities. I encourage you to come to worship at 11 am that day and ask God to direct you to the place where you can make a difference.

I believe that amazing things are about to happen and that together we can see the Kingdom come.

On the journey together,

Greg

Did You Know?

- **That our PASSPORT Team led both worship services on August 26?**
- **The Children's Center at CBC continues to grow and has over 20 children in the pre-school and a dozen or so students in the after school program?**
- **Our average worship attendance this summer was the highest it has been in over six years?**
- **We continue to make a difference by reaching out to Clarksville Elementary School?**
- **That the nine local churches that formed Backpack Buddies have enough support to sponsor 85 children?**



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Ministry & Mission

- That CBC is sponsoring 22 of the 85 children?

- Our children had a great time at Camp Concord on August 17?



- That prayer for others combined with service to others will transform your soul?

Being Baptist: Traditions and Doctrines of The Baptist Faith

The altar call is usually at the end of a worship service and is an invitation for worshippers to come to the front of the sanctuary to speak with the preacher about a spiritual decision. The altar call became a part of Baptist worship in the middle of the 19th century when Baptists began to expand into the American west. Evangelists would hold services (usually outside) and after preaching would invite those who wanted to accept Christ to come forward. This practice of inviting people forward at the end of an evangelistic service slowly became a part of most Baptist church services throughout America

Thinking Theology: What Those Words Mean

- **Repentance:** Repentance involves an honest assessment of our faults and a desire to be transformed.

- **Advent:** The season of the Church year that begins four Sundays before Christmas. It is a time for preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Got a term you hear in church but wonder what it really means? Send Pastor Greg a note and he will feature it in an upcoming Thinking Theology.



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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 September we will be reading Luke 17-24. Take a few minutes and read with us, and join us at 7:00 pm on September 27th for our group discussion.

Called Business Meeting On September 5th

A called business meeting will be held on September 5th to vote on the following: Motion: That CBC accepts an intern from Duke Divinity School for the 2012-13 school year. The church recognizes that the cost of the intern has been paid and there will be no monetary cost to the church.

Ministry Fair September 16th

Come and learn about how you can serve others! We will not have our ARISE service on the 16th so our ministries can set up in the Fellowship Hall that morning. Following an abbreviated 11 am service, we will all go to the Fellowship Hall to learn about some of the ministries here at CBC. You can talk with folks who are leading the ministries, take home information and sign up to participate. Make sure you mark your calendar and join us!

Concord Association Revival at CBC, September 14-16

The annual Concord Association Revival will be held at CBC this year. Each night will feature a musical group and a short message from one of our local pastors. Each service begins at 7:30 pm, so invite a friend and join us.

Newsworthy

Mark Your Calendar!

- September 2: Brotherhood Breakfast
- September 3: Labor Day, Office Closed
- September 5: Called Business Meeting
- September 6: MCC Meeting
- September 9: Pre-school children will sing at 11 am service
- September 14-16: CBA Revival at CBC
- September 16: Ministry Fair
- September 27: Gospel Study Luke 17-24
- October 1: Deacon's Meeting
- October 4: MCC Meeting
- October 7: Brotherhood Breakfast, The Ordinance of The Lord's Supper in Worship
- October 21: Quarterly Business Meeting
- October 25: Gospel Study
- October 30: Concord Baptist Association Fall Meeting



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Laughter is Good for the Soul

Submitted by Betty Rodenhizer

“A little guy was attending his first wedding. After the service, he was asked how many women can a man marry? Without hesitation, he said, 16...four better, four worse, four richer and four poorer!!!”

Conversations With My Father

Submitted by Cindy Meyer

Caught in a web not of its own making, it struggled for life. Its beautiful wings of yellow quivered helplessly and the silken threads of the web pulled and knotted at each move. Now robbed of its innocence, evil made its ugly acquaintance. Consumed with fear, the butterfly's movements became frenzied but its struggles were to no avail. Evil had hold of its wings and death became a truth flooding its senses. Moments earlier Your colorful creation fluttered gracefully from flower to flower sampling the nectar of each bloom as it sought just one more bloom brighter than the last. Its wings were a rhapsody of joyous music until evil sought to destroy it. And, then, as only You could ordain, I spied the battle from my window. I rushed outside hopeful to spare the butterfly's life. I came close and it fluttered ever so violently, afraid of my nearness. Yet, I insisted and tenderly broke each strand of web holding it captive. Finally, with one thread left, the butterfly rested on my finger and with one parting look I released the butterfly from its bondage. It flew

Heavenward without hesitation. I smiled as I thought of my simple act of love setting the butterfly free. But the moment was not about the butterfly, Father, nor was it about my act of love. The wings of the butterfly carried your whispered message “I have engraved you on the palms of My hands...”



I DON'T BELONG IN THE CHOIR

Submitted by Evelyn Allen

I love music – all kinds of music. I love orchestras, single instruments such as trumpet, harp, organ, and violin. I love grand sweeping and swelling compositions. I love vocals such as opera, some country, pop, and choirs. I especially like hymns. I am amazed at how I remember the words and tunes to so many old-time hymns. Many times music is so beautiful it moves me to tears. But...although I truly love and enjoy music, I cannot sing! I just don't have the voice to



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sing. What I hear in my head is certainly not what comes out of my mouth. When I tell people I can't sing, they always tell me I could if I tried or that I was just shy. They tell me to make a "joyful noise". (If I did, no one else would be joyful!) When people are singing, I feel the music deeply. In my heart and mind I sing right along. I sometimes lip-sync songs I especially love. I wish with all my heart that I could sing the way I feel. For a long time I have thought it would be wonderful to go to a mountain top and sing "How Great Thou Art".

I have known since elementary school that I couldn't sing. Once the music teacher asked me to sing a few lines. I couldn't refuse my teacher so I tried. She never asked me again. Lesson learned: don't sing in school.

Some years later at church, I sat behind my sister who was very musically talented. She didn't know I was there. As the congregation sang one of my favorite hymns, I decided that I would try to sing with them. After I sang few words, with a horrified look on her face my sister turned her head to see who was making that awful noise! Lesson learned: don't sing in church.

When my granddaughter was a few months old, I was rocking her and tried to sing a kiddy song to her. I tried and she started giggling. Every time I tried to sing, she giggled. Lesson learned: don't sing to babies if you don't want them to laugh at you.

When my granddaughter was several years old, we were playing and I sang a child's song. She put her fingers in her ears and said, "Hush, Mimi, it hurts my ears". Lesson learned: don't sing to children, they'll be honest.

So I gave up singing around people – now I don't even sing Happy Birthday (I lip-sync). One day I was working in my garden and my dog was with me. It was a beautiful day and I felt really good. I thought that no one was with me so it didn't matter how I sounded. I started to sing and my dog started to bark at me. She barked until I stopped singing. Lesson learned: don't upset animals – they might bite you.

Although I'm not talented musically, I am what other musicians want. I am a very appreciative audience. I really enjoy their efforts. I don't know if they make a mistake. It doesn't matter to me. I just enjoy their performances with all my heart and soul. I can imagine the scenario when I get to heaven. I can imagine what will happen when God is passing out assignments. I imagine God saying to me, "You can't play the trumpet or harp and you definitely don't belong in the choir. I think you should bake angel food cakes. Oh, and Mimi, don't sing while you bake. Don't even hum."

Recipe Box

CORN AND CHICKEN CHOWDER

3 cups corn - fresh (6 medium ears) or frozen
3/4 cup chopped onion
1/3 cup chopped green and/or red pepper
1 tablespoon cooking oil
1 (14 1/2 oz.) can chicken broth
1 cup cubed, peeled potato
1 cup light cream or milk
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons snipped fresh thyme or (1/4 teaspoon dry, crushed)
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
2 cups chopped cooked chicken
2 slices bacon, cooked crisp, drained, and crumbled



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In a large saucepan cook onion and sweet pepper in hot oil until onion is tender but not brown. Stir in chicken broth, potato, and corn. Bring to boiling; reduce. Simmer, covered, for 20 minutes or until potato is tender, stirring occasionally.

In a small bowl combine milk, flour, the thyme, salt and black pepper; stir into corn mixture. Cook and stir until mixture is thickened and bubbly; cook and stir 1 minute more. Add chicken and bacon; cook and stir until heated.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Note* Every Sunday</u> 9:00 ARISE 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>			<p><u>Note* Every Wed</u> 6:30 Mission Sparks 6:30 Mission Friends 6:30 Adult Bible Study</p>			1
<p>2 8:00 Brotherhood Breakfast Ann Collius Birthday</p>	<p>3 Labor Day  Office Closed</p>	<p>4 6:30 Youth Committee Meeting</p>	<p>5 Wednesday Night Dinner Returns </p>	<p>6 7:00 MCC Meeting</p>	7	8
<p>9 Grandparents Day  11:00 Children Sing</p>	<p>10 7:00 Rosa Liipfert Circle Meeting</p>	<p>11 Patriot's Day  7:00 WHM Meeting</p>	12	13	14 ← Concord Baptist Association	15
<p>16 Fall Revival → Ministry Fair</p>	17	<p>18 12PM Prime Time Luncheon</p>	19	20	21	<p>22 Autumn Begins </p>
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