



# Memorial's Memos

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## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Deacon Chairperson,  
Tom McClay

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## *Dinner and a Movie*

Senior Adults (ages 55 and up) are invited to a covered dish dinner and a movie in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, January 29 at 6 pm. For more information, contact Harriet Whiteman at 893-9638.

## WEDNESDAYS AT MEMORIAL

### JANUARY

- **Seasons of Marriage:** January 13th and 20th, 6:30 pm. led by Dr. Ron Wach, Director of Harnett Family Life Center
- **January Bible Study:** January 13th and 20th, 6:30 pm. The Book of Proverbs led by Dr. David Whiteman, Pastor
- **Business Session:** January 27, 6:30 pm

### FEBRUARY

- **Screwtape Letters** - February 3 at 6:30 pm led by E. Bert Wallace, CU Associate Professor of Theatre Arts.
- **A Love Feast:** February 10, 6:30 PM  
Dinner and fun celebration with fondue desserts
- **Ash Wednesday Worship:** February 17, 6:30 PM
- **Christ and Culture:** February 24 led by Dr. Cameron Jorgenson, CU Assistant Professor of Christian Theology and Ethics

### LENTEN PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL SERIES

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**Plus KIDZ Bible (Audio) for kids, Old and New Testament stories with 82 songs.**

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*(Series made available by CBF)*

## Ten Memorial Memories of 2009

- 1) **Pastor's Sabbatical-** The gifts, abilities, and open hearts of our church members rose to the occasion when Dr. Whiteman took his sabbatical last summer. Gifted preachers from our church filled the pulpit, deacons visited the sick and hurting, and countless people saw to the day-to-day needs that arose in Dr. Whiteman's absence. We planned the season of sabbatical for our pastor to grow and be renewed and found ourselves growing and celebrating church along with him!
- 2) **Vacation Bible School in Rome-** Last summer's VBS was one of the most exciting weeks our church has seen. Record numbers of children and volunteers donned their Roman costumes and went on a journey together! We worshipped, learned about the early church, and enjoyed our church that was transformed to look like Rome. VBS was a uniquely special experience for everyone involved.
- 3) **Giving during Recession-** The news in 2009 told us that the recession grew worse. Many people in our congregation lost jobs and we all lived on more conservative budgets. Despite such hard economical times, our congregation still gave faithfully to the church. We did not cut back on ministry and even invested in new ministries in 2009. Individuals and families chose to give in love when society told us to save in fear. What a testimony!
- 4) **The Memorial House-** In two leaps of faith, our church bought property on TT Lanier Street and then designated a house to be used for college ministry. 2009 ended with the exciting fruit of our faith! The Memorial House opened on Tuesday and Thursday nights for Campbell students to use for studying or meeting. By the end of the semester, every room of the house filled with students studying for final exams. We've heard gratitude and excitement about the house from dozens of students and faculty. What a wonderful new ministry for us to take into 2010!
- 5) **Loss-** While this was a year of growth and celebration, 2009 also brought death and loss to our church family. We said goodbye to many important people in our congregation and still feel the void left by them. This year was especially painful in the number of deeply involved people who died. We celebrated many lives and thanked God for their profound impact on our church.
- 6) **Worship-** 2009 was an exciting year for both worship services at Memorial. The early service continued to grow in numbers and in a sense of identity. In the late service, the choir grew to the point of over-filling the loft - we even had to buy more choir robes! The ever-developing ministry of worship through music raised to new levels on Sunday mornings, creating many memorable moments for our church family.
- 7) **Open Water Fellowship-** In 2009, Memorial became a supportive church for Open Water Fellowship, a new church plant in the Swansboro area of North Carolina. This exciting new ministry is led by Rev. Jim Tillman, who is a regular guest at Memorial and is related to our church through his family. Our church committed to supporting this new ministry through prayer, help as needs arise, and willingness to offer missions and other support in the future.
- 8) **Ministry teams/clean up day-** The people of Memorial continued to take ownership of their church by offering help in practical ways. Our gift-based ministry teams allow people to serve according to their gifts and we certainly served! People cooked, fixed things, cleaned, wrote letters, and dozens showed up for our church-wide clean-up day. We go into 2010 with a church full of gifted and willing ministers!
- 9) **Easter-** The Lenten Season and celebration of Easter was, as always, a truly significant time in our church year. We began with an Ash Wednesday service, spent time in private meditation with Stations of the Cross, shared in communion, and watched the sunrise in our joint Easter service with FBC Buies Creek. The significant times of worship, reflection, and fellowship made this powerful season truly an important part of the year.
- 10) **Advent-** We finished 2009 with our season of Advent, ending with Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth! Kyle Matthews presented our Christmas concert, joined by our chancel choir and children's choir. Our Advent Dinners reflected the generosity of our church, with a record number of homes opened to guests. When we add in the children's musical, Lessons in Carols, Fireside, multiple mission projects, Family Fun, and the Christmas Eve service, it was a busy season that drew our church together in reflection and worship.

*Jenny Folmar*  
Minister to Youth and College



*Thanks to all who played a part in helping us worship through music during the seasons of Advent and Christmas. The worship events were meaningful and inspiring, while the fellowship activities contributed significantly to our sense of family ...the family of God.*

*The Children's Choir, the Chancel Choir, David Tillman, Willow Drive, Anne McClain, Kyle Matthews, Jonathan McClain, Thomas Lopez, Sean McClain, Will Roberts, Gail Cogdill, Sarah Roberson, Earl Savage, and many others worked and participated with the goal of leading us to experience more meaningfully the celebration of God's coming to be "one of us." You blessed us. Thank you!*

*HANDBELLS: Bell ringers wanted! We would like to revive our handbell ministry, and we'd like to do so by assembling an adult ensemble to rehearse and participate regularly in worship. Do you have interest in participating? Have you any bell choir experience (not at all necessary)? Want to learn a new skill and be part of a team to enhance our worship through instrumental music? Join us! Simply speak to Phil or Susan Morrow about your interest.*

**Phil and Susan Morrow**  
Directors of Music



# Children's Ministry

BAPTIST HOSPITAL  
**CARENET**  
COUNSELING CENTERS

*"Baby, It's Cold Outside" ...*  
(and inside). We heard the song often last month, and now January has come with a vengeful blast of "Arctic Air" and we are shivering

Can you believe it is already 2010! With such busy times, we all need to take a minute and just breathe! Go ahead...I'll wait! Don't you feel better already? I know that sometimes just taking a minute to feel my lungs fill up with air reminds me that the God who created me wants me to take a moment and appreciate this day...this moment! Since every moment is a gift, we need to live it with a heart of gratitude to the one who provides us with countless opportunities to share His love. Our children's programs are back up and running and we are having a blast working with this exciting part of our church!

In an effort to promote intergenerational connections and for some of our newer families to get to know some of our older members, we are kicking off a program that we feel will benefit us all! Our kids and their families will be committing to adopting a grandparent, or a set of grandparents, for the larger part of this year! If you feel you would like to be adopted and could commit to corresponding, interacting and getting to know a young person and their family, we want to have you on our list! There is no age limit - anyone can sign up to be adopted or to help our young people care for our adoptees! We will be having events throughout the year to promote these budding relationships and times for both parties to share wisdom and experiences!

Don't miss out on making 2010 a year that will be extra special! Our church is such a fabulous congregation with much to share and we hope this will allow us some extra time to do just that! Call the church office to sign up to be adopted or to adopt a grandparent! The church bulletin will also have more information, so keep watching! Here's wishing that 2010 is a year that your relationship with God and with others is renewed with the love and light of Christ!

*Robin Hardison*  
Minister to Children

## ***Help Needed!***

- **Kid's Time Team members!** (1st-4th grade) Make a difference in a child's life and volunteer your time and love for children. See Robin for more information.
- **Nursery workers needed:** Our church is growing and more babies are being born - praise the Lord! Nursery workers are needed during the 11 o'clock worship hour on Sunday mornings. See Robin to volunteer.

## **Wednesday Night Menu**

- Jan. 20 Marinated chicken breast, baked potato, green beans
- Jan. 27 BBQ pork, potato salad, slaw, hushpuppies
- Feb. 3 BBQ chicken, boiled potatoes, slaw, hushpuppies
- Feb. 10 Marinated chicken breast, baked potato, green beans
- Feb. 17 BBQ pork, potato salad, slaw, hushpuppies
- Feb. 24 BBQ chicken, boiled potatoes, slaw, hushpuppies

*Please call the church office by noon on Tuesdays to make or cancel Wednesday night dinner reservations.*

That temperature was at 15 degrees as I drove to the office on Monday. January with its long, cold, dark nights is the coldest month of the year in the Western Hemisphere. The Cold is a greater threat to survival than is the Dark. And, that is not just in the 'world out there'.

Just as there is a set time called, "Winter" on the calendar, there is also a 'Winter of the Soul' and that is not governed entirely by the calendar. 'Cold' on the Inside takes many forms and can have many causes: failure, betrayal, depression, death, job loss, fears and anxieties, losses of all sorts, and on the list can go. It can make for a kind of 'frostbite of the spirit'.

Just as we seek warmth and relief away from the cold 'out there', we also need warmth 'in here'. Perhaps it is the search for 'answers', or listening ear, relief from fears, lightening of life's load, matters of faith or ... The list goes on. Our human needs can be many.

The staff at CareNet of Harnett invite you to come in out of the cold and find warmth for your soul. Our professional counseling services are confidential. Located at 400 Denim Drive in Erwin, we are part of North Carolina Baptist Hospital's Care Net Counseling Network. Our telephone number is 910-897-8930.

*Dr. Ron Wach*  
Director of Harnett Family Life Center

## **Gift-Centered Ministry Luncheon and Team Meeting**

Date: Sunday, January 31, 12:00 noon  
 Menu: Stone Soup  
 Place: Fellowship Hall

All persons who are currently on a gift-centered ministry team and all persons wishing to know more about gift-centered ministry are invited! Everyone is invited to bring a can of vegetables to add to the soup!

**CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY**  
DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS  
PRESENTS A PLAY BASED ON  
THE CHRISTIAN LITERARY CLASSIC:

**"SCREWTAPE LETTERS"**  
BY C.S. LEWIS

**AT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19-20  
THURSDAY - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25-27  
8:00 P.M.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .

... Beth Jones who was elected as Chair of the Baptist Retirement Homes for 2010.

... Harnett Central High School Football team for an outstanding season (15-1). They are the Greater Neuse River Conference Champions; Eastern Division Champions; and State 4A Runner-Up. Zach Avrette played on the offensive line of the team.

### THE LORD ADDED TO THE CHURCH:

**Welcome** to our newest members:

Matthew Collins made his profession of faith December 20, 2009.

Tom and Lisa Spainhour, along with their sons, Zach and Nate, by transfer of church letter from Centreville Baptist Church, Centreville, VA.

Dwayne and Carolyn Greene and their daughters, Patricia and Meredith, by transfer of church letter from Buies Creek First Baptist Church.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### January

- 20 N&N - Seasons of Marriage  
Bible Study: Book of Proverbs
- 24 Youth meet in the Family Center:  
MS: 5:30 HS: 6:30
- 27 N&N: Business Session
- 29 Movie and Dinner (covered dish)  
Fellowship Hall-6:00 p.m. (55 and up)
- 31 Gift-Centered Ministry Luncheon - 12N  
Youth meet in the Family Center  
MS: 5:30 HS: 6:30

#### February

- 1 Open Deacons Meeting - 7 pm
- 10 N&N: "Celebration of Love"
- 17 Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30 pm
- 19, 20 "Screwtape Letters," a drama
- 21 New Consecration Leadership Dinner  
(deacons, committee chairs, staff)
- 25-27 "Screwtape Letters," a drama
- 28 New Consecration Sunday (no early service). Catered Luncheon

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#### SERVICES:

SUNDAY: *Worship Services* 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
*Sunday School* 10:00 a.m.  
WEDNESDAY: 6:00 p.m.

#### STAFF

Pastor: Dr. David Whiteman  
Administrative Assistant: Donna Denning  
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Minister of Children: Rev. Robin Hardison  
Ministers of Music: Dr. Phillip Morrow  
Susan Morrow  
Anne McClain  
Patty Jung  
Organist: Anne McClain  
Minister of Music Emerita: Patty Jung

## BIRTHDAYS

### January

- 1 Ellie Rich
- 2 Mac Byrd
- 3 Todd Taylor  
Teresa Roberts  
Madison Pentony  
Kay Hedgpeth
- 4 Ashley Bradshaw
- 5 Sarah Royal
- 7 Allen Lopez
- 8 Jared Matthews  
Hayden Mellott  
'Zelle Phillips
- 10 Alice Marshbanks
- 13 Wanda Hardison  
Aaron Garris  
Heather Jones
- 15 Derek Hogan  
Ofelia Hoyle
- 16 Michael Snyder, Jr.  
Derek Savage
- 18 Allison Wakefield  
Jo Gilliland  
Jeremy Milton
- 19 Sarah H. Kotzian  
Garrett Burson  
Sarah Bowman  
Bob Womble
- 22 Delores Poe
- 23 Seth Avrette
- 24 Jay Brown  
Sandra McQuade
- 25 Angelica Hardison  
Jean Powers
- 27 Tony Saenz  
Thomas Lopez
- 28 Amie T. Bloom
- 29 Dennis Jones  
Autumn Hardison  
Isabella Saenz
- 30 Anne Moore
- 31 Tommy Stewart  
Ben Thomas  
Lori Eason  
Johnnie Jackson

### February

- 3 Rue Stewart  
Turner West  
Claire Jones  
Tanner Moore
- 4 Harriet Whiteman
- 6 Patty Jung  
Louise Taylor  
Oliver Thomas
- 7 Kathy King  
Sabra Nelson
- 8 Amy Henson
- 10 Kheresa Harmon
- 11 Roxann Granger  
Julie Byrd
- 13 Will Thomas
- 14 Shelby Rosser  
Mark Eason
- 15 Mary Haven Tillman  
Peter Pentony
- 16 Waymon Byrd
- 17 Ty Johnson  
Ron McLamb  
Gracie Jonas
- 18 Tammy Scarborough  
Betty Funderburk  
William Barbour  
Erik Webster
- 19 Michael Smith
- 21 Tandra Burson
- 22 Al Hardison
- 23 Matthew Campbell
- 24 Caroline Barbour  
Ellen S. McClay
- 26 Dustin Osborne  
Brooke L. Speer  
Linda J. Joyner
- 28 Ellie Betts  
Angie Savidge  
Tandra Burson

### March

- 1 Catherine Bloodwell  
Jody Ellis  
Eslie Phillips
- 2 Joyce Pulliam
- 3 Ben Nakuku  
Diane Jones  
Robbie Lang  
Zack Avrette  
Isaac Das  
Mason Blinson
- 7 Nancy Brady
- 8 Shana Stewart
- 9 Katelyn Joyner  
Tom McClay  
Greg Joyner  
Carolyn Mastich  
Christian Laing  
Mildred Walker
- 14 Sarah Steegar  
Stan Cole  
Stephen Holland  
Melissa Stancil  
Jeanie Kornegay  
Sarah Varghese  
Heather Clark
- 20 Jeff Brown
- 23 Charles Lewis  
Kenneth Barbour, III  
Amber Essary
- 24 Shannon S. Ryals
- 25 Christie L. Foster  
Rachael Steegar  
Patty Currin
- 26 Mike Cogdill
- 27 Jonathan McClain
- 29 Virginia Chriscoe  
Fred Robinson  
Michelle Phelps  
Taylor Smith  
Chadisey Hardison  
Lib Byrd

*Check us out on the web!*

<http://www.memorialbaptistchurch.net/>

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**MUSIC:** Under the "Worship" tab, listen to audio recordings of the MBC Chancel Choir, as well as David Tillman and Willow Drive.

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