

sound. It is also true that there are others who sort of dangle, gather dust, support cobwebs, squeak and groan. The most fantastic, almost magical thing about the underside of the church is the ability of the things to be transformed. Anyone, by God's grace, can become a strong supporter of the church. Dangling, cobweb supporting, squeakers can be transformed into solid bearers of the church. Transformation happens! Did you know that down in that old basement, earlier this year, holes were cut, new concrete footings were poured and steel was installed to support a new choir room? Transformation can happen with us to. Every one of us can be transformed to be a strong supporter of the church? --I hope that was not a *m o a n* that I heard, because the church needs your bold new commitment to mission and ministry. I will be happy to help you to apply your strength to the underside of the church.

I love you,

Dennis

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View from the Underside

Mostly, we look at things from the front side, but it seems that the underside is most revealing. I first made that discovery when I played in the creek that I had to cross on my way to and from elementary school. Some days I ran over the bridge, but on other days I clambered down the well-worn path to the water's edge and walked on the sand and rocks till I found my favorite place under the bridge. It was a cool place to throw rocks and float sticks. It was also a place to hide from Gary and Charlie, bullies who sometimes chased us younger guys. But the most amazing thing was to be under the bridge when cars and trucks rumbled over it. The crashing and squeaking was startling, but somehow very intriguing, and I could not help but look up to watch the supports sag under the weight of traffic. Later, I began to explore the underside of our house. After crawling under the yucky spider webs, I studied the supports that lay beneath the floors and walls. It was so cool to hear my family walking around up there.

I was a teenager before I found how to get under my church. One of the things I discovered was the big coal fired furnace, which seemed to hold the fires of hell. When the steam pipes began to clang, I was certain that my life was over. The Mount Carmel church basement is also quite intriguing. Did you know that in the basement under the office area there is a concrete floor, but under the former nursery area and the sanctuary the floor is red clay. A deep hole was dug many years ago so a sump pump could be pump the rain water away from the sanctuary. You might be surprised at the maze of pipes and wires, some hang securely and others droop precariously. The most important things on the underside are the supports that hold up the walls, the well-worn floors, and the people who walk and run on them.

We look at the church most often from the front, or better still, we see the church in the faces of the people, but seldom do we see the underside where the supports for the church do their work. For me, the underside of the church, is not as much about the timbers, concrete and steel, as it is the people. No, we do not keep any backsliders in the basement. But there not in the basement, but on the spiritual underside, I see some people who are strong and bear a lot of weight without a

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YOUTH

Mount Carmel Baptist Church

Weekly Activities for YOUth at MCBC (Grades 6th-12th)

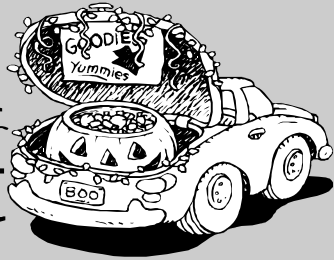
Sunday Activities

Sunday School 10:00am
Worship 11:00am
Youth 5:15pm - 6:15pm

Wednesday Activities

Family Night Supper 6:00pm
Youth Assisting with Children 6:45pm

Trunk or Treat



Oct 31, 2010—5:00pm—8:00pm

**Inflatable Games, Hotdogs,
Costumes, and more!**



Evening Activities Resume September 12th

5:00pm Children's Choir
5:45pm Mission Kids
6:30pm Kick Off Party!
**(Bring you favorite
appetizer to share!)**

Family Movie Night **6:30pm Friday September 24th**

Now Showing
Swiss Family Robinson



HOMECOMING is scheduled for October 10th. Judge Willis Whichard will deliver the morning sermon. We look forward to sharing a covered dish dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

- Sep 01 Report on Kentucky, 6:45pm
- Sep 05 Deacon Nominees Presented, 11:00am
- Sep 06 Labor Day Church Office Closed
- Sep 08 Amanda Hughes—Sacred Art, 6:45pm
- Sep 08 Choir Rehearsal Resumes, 7:30pm
- Sep 09 Light of Carolina Christian Writers, 7:30pm
- Sep 10 Choir Retreat, 7:00pm
- Sep 11 Choir Retreat, 9:00am
- Sep 12 Deacon Election, 11:00am
- Sep 12 Children's Committee Meeting, 12:30pm
- Sep 12 Youth Committee Meeting, 3:00pm
- Sep 12 Fall Activities Resume
- Sep 12 Morgan Handbell Choir Resumes, 4:45pm
- Sep 13 Morning Missions Circle, 10:30am
- Sep 13 Dartball with St. Paul, FH, 6:30pm
- Sep 13 Nancy Williams Hundley Circle, 7:30pm
- Sep 14 XYZ
- Sep 14 Church Council, 7:00pm
- Sep 16 Deacon Meeting, 7:30pm
- Sep 18 Yard Sale, 8:00am—1:00pm
- Sep 20 Dartball
- Sep 22 Church Conference, 6:45pm
- Sep 25 M&M Day, 8:00am
- Sep 27 Dartball
- Sep 29 Amanda Hughes, Sacred Art, 6:45pm

Upcoming Special Events September 2010
Regular Events are Not Listed

Quilt Drawing

The Quilt Ministry has made a beautiful quilt that is on display in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds go to the Building Fund. You do not have to be present to win. Contact Kathern Locklear, Jean Miller, Peggy Yates or Jan Russell for tickets. Tickets are \$1 or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be December 12.





August Nursery

- 01 Karen & Cameron Russell
Lindsay Barton
- 08 Tommie Blackwood &
Jennifer Klingel
- 15 Wendy Greene & Pattie Eberhard
- 22 Karen & Cameron Russell
Lindsay Barton
- 29 Sunnee Hallman & Jennifer Rigsbee

August Sunday School Host

- 01 James & Doris Jennings
- 08 Bob & Jean Atwater
- 15 Bob & Deb Greene
- 22 Bob & Kathryn Royster
- 29 Charlotte Kilpatrick & Judy Foster

August Ushers

- 01 Bob & Kathryn Royster,
Steven Royster & Anita Vaughn
- 08 Ann & Dan Cowen,
Bill Whichard & Sarah Henderson
- 15 Richard Lawrence, John Russell,
Deb & Bob Greene
- 22 Brandon O'Daniel, Geary
Blackwood, Jim & Judi Bowen

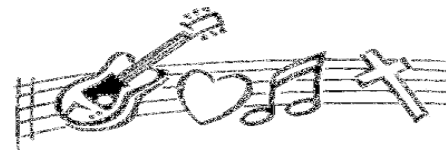
DEACONS

Ron Craig, 929-3695, Will Diggs, 933-2940; Deb Greene, 942-0779; Brandon O'Daniel, 806-8102; *Valerie Potter, 969-7030; *Dick Richardson, 932-5660; Beth Spaugh, 933-8781; *Bill Whichard, 918-7713; Eddie Williams, 933-7806 (* on call this month).



Dartball Schedule

Sep 13	Home	St. Paul
Sep 20	Away	Braggtown
Sep 27	Home	Durham Memorial
Oct 04	Away	Hillsong
Oct 11	Home	Fletcher's Chapel
Oct 18	Away	Bethany
Oct 25	Away	Calvary
Nov 01	Home	Mt. Bethel
Nov 08	Away	Lawrence Rd.
Nov 15	Home	Rose of Sharon II
Nov 22	Away	Ebenezer
Nov 29	Home	Northern Free Will
Dec 06	Away	Rose of Sharon I
Dec 07	Away	League Meeting Hope Creek
Dec 13	Home	Temple
Jan 03	Away	Edgewood
Jan 10	Away	St. Paul
Jan 17	Home	Braggtown
Jan 24	Away	Durham Memorial
Jan 31	Home	Hillsong
Feb 07	Away	Fletcher's Chapel
Feb 14	Home	Bethany
Feb 21	Home	Calvary
Feb 28		Makeup Night
Mar 01		Division Qtr Finals
Mar 14		Division Semi Finals
Mar 21		Division Finals
Mar 28		Tournament Champs
Apr 04		Banquet



Important Dates for the Choir

Homecoming	October 10
Hanging of the Greens	November 28
Christmas Cantata	December 5
Children's Musical	December 12

Sanctuary Choir

The Sanctuary Choir (college-age and above) resumes regular rehearsals on Wednesday, September 8, 7:30-9:00PM. The choir's annual retreat to begin preparing Christmas music is scheduled for Friday, September 10, 7:00-9:00PM, and Saturday, September 11, 9:00AM-1:00PM.

There are openings for singers in all sections of the choir—soprano, alto, tenor and bass. Requirements are a love for music, the ability to match tones and willingness to attend rehearsals regularly. Interested persons are encouraged to speak with the director of music.

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir (K-5) resumes regular rehearsals on Sunday, September 12, 5:00-6:00PM. Led by Mary Elizabeth Hanchey, these children learn basic biblical truths through the music they sing, as well as music fundamentals and proper singing techniques.



The featured request for the IFC Food Pantry for the month of September is canned beans, such as pinto beans, baked beans, and pork-and-beans. Empty egg cartons and paper grocery bags are also needed. Our collection basket is in the hall near the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Leona Whichard
MCBC/IFC Liaison

All Saints Day

All Saints Day will be observed on Sunday, November 7. It is a time when we recognize those who have died in our church family since November 1, 2009.



Handbells Resumes

Sunday, September 12, 4:45pm
Contact Catherine Diggs, 933-2940,
if you would like to join the
Morgan Handbell Choir.

Bodie James Wilson

Congratulations to Matt and Tori Wilson on the birth of their son, Bodie James Wilson born, August 20, 2010, weighing 5lbs, 14oz.





Concerns: Debby Berry's sister, Ruby; Lee Cheney; Dan & Ann Cowen's daughter, Dana Johnston; Catherine Diggs' mother; Jim & Norma Diggs' niece and sister; Roy Fargerber's son-in-law, Kim Anderson; Lou Gresham's nephew. Eugene Blackwell; Shannon Hall's father; Stan Hamilton's aunt; Wilma Hardee; Sarah Henderson's mother, Glynn Knight; Kevin Klingel's parents, Jennifer Klingel's mother; Norma McKay's sister, Annette Womble; Ruby Merritt; Hilda Moffitt; Taffy Moore; Barbara Paren's father; Valerie Potter; Sylvia Riley; Karen Russell's mother, Winifred Thrailkill, Phillip Sparrow's stepdaughter & wife, Janice; Virginia Taylor; Leonard Tilley.

Care Facilities: Bob Beckley (Carolina Meadows); Dot Fields (Alta Walk Apt 6130, 5705 Fayetteville Rd, Durham, NC 27713); Willard Harris's wife, Olema (The Cedars); Elaine Jeffcoat's step-mother (South Carolina); Helen Oakley (Rose Manor).

Hospital: UNC: Ralph Smialowicz.
Canton, OH Hospital, Lou Gresham's nephew, Ed Tilley.
Hospice of Hamlet, Norma McKay's aunt, Francis Hardister.

Bereavement: Family of Edna Shytle.
Family of Mary Jo Tilley in the death of her mother, Lorena Ellis Ramsey.

Upcoming Wednesday Programs

- September 1,** Our youth share their summer mission trip experience,
September 8, Amanda Hughes, Director of External Affairs, Ackland Museum of Art, has taught us about the sacred art in the Christian tradition, and will now lead us in appreciating the sacred art from other religious traditions.
September 15, Esther Lederman, Polish Holocaust survivor will share from her experience. Following last month's showing of the movie, "Paper Clips" many folks asked for some follow up discussion of this horror. The movie depicted a Tennessee middle school's discovery of the meaning of the Holocaust.
September 22, Church Conference.
September 29, Amanda Hughes continues teaching us about sacred art.

A Small Group for Sunday Evening

Brett Gaines will be leading a small group that is focused on meeting the needs of young and middle adults. Brett has had a lot of experience in leading small groups centered around issues of faith. This group will meet during the Sunday Evening Children's activities for the convenience of parents. A wonderful book (\$10) has been selected for the group to follow. Brett has been traveling with his work, but can be reached at 919-272-5490 (cell).

Building for a Third Century of Ministry - Phase II

In July 2010, the Deacons of Mount Carmel asked me to move forward with a new phase of the capital campaign for the fellowship hall. The purpose of the campaign is to reduce the debt, which currently stands at about \$1,000,000. The current interest on the loan with BB&T is about \$175 daily. I asked Dick Richardson to join me as co-chairman of a steering committee to help develop and conduct the campaign. The committee is meeting and analyzing the feasibility of a 5-year campaign that would generate up to \$1,000,000 (\$200,000 per year). Other members of the steering committee include: Jim Bowen, Joy Craig, John Eberhard, Grace Harris, Richard Lawrence, Ken Samuelson and Eddie Williams. I encourage you to give the important work of this committee your prayerful support and to share any thoughts or ideas about the campaign with any committee member.

Bob Royster, Campaign Co-Chair

August Church Conference

The conference approved a motion from the Deacons that all fund raising projects must be approved by the Deacons. The intent is to coordinate events, and to avoid an excessive number of events.

Yard Sale

The church yard sale is on September 18. These proceeds will be applied to the Building Fund. Help is needed in several places:

1. Wednesday, Sept 15, following our evening program, please help set up the Fellowship Hall and transport things from the church basement to the Fellowship Hall.
2. Volunteers are needed to assist with set-up of Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Please let Jan Russell know the times you are willing and able to assist.
3. Boxes and bags are needed.
4. Clean-up and rearranging the Fellowship Hall from noon till 1:00 on Saturday.

Jan Russell 942-7420



Tuesday, September 14
Contact Norma Diggs for details.

Keep in Touch with Email

Send email to cpotter@med.unc.edu if you want to be added to one of the email list serves. There are separate Listserv for the whole church, the youth, and the children.