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Monthly Newsletter for
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Sterling Park Baptist Church

Sunday Services:
8:45am, 11:00am & 6:00pm

Sunday School: 9:45am

Wednesday Bible Study:
6:30pm

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SPBC Distributed Hundreds of Bibles at Sterling Fest

By Mark Thomas

Sterling Park Baptist Church participated in *Sterling Fest* for the twelfth year in a row on Saturday, October 9th. The festival was an all-day event attended by thousands of residents from Sterling and the surrounding areas. We gave away several hundred *New Testament Bibles* (both English and Spanish versions), over 100 church mugs, Bible markers (including ones made by hand by Jerilyn Schoggen that were very popular), newsletters, Bible comic books and candy. Volunteers

included: Carsie Bozeman, Don Manthey, Lytle and Suzanne Buckingham, Joyce Smith, James Manthey, Whitney Browning, Mark Thomas, Ray and Sarah Minks, Kylie Manthey, and Katie Minks. I want to thank everyone for volunteering their time and energy. Although Don Fannon was out of town and unable to attend, he coordinated all of the activities. A great time was had by all while helping spread the Good News of our LORD and SAVIOR.

Youth Retreat Featured Innovative Bible Workshop

By Peter Hopkins – Youth Minister

Our youth had a fun-filled and Spirit-filled retreat at Teenquest Ranch in Somerset, PA on October 1-2. Fourteen of us went (including Don Manthey and Amy Meyer as chaperones). We had a blast playing paintball (especially Mr. Manthey), horseback riding, archery, off-road go-carts, MT board, rock climbing, etc. We also had three delicious full-course, home-cooked meals! All of this and still not to the best part of the retreat! The best part of the trip, in my opinion, was our Bible study. We were challenged to see

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Don Manthey is center of attention at the Youth Retreat at Teenquest Ranch in Somerset, PA.

News for the Pews

By Rev. J. Lytle Buckingham, Sr. –
Senior Pastor



Northstar Annual Meeting

The Northstar Church Network, An Association of Baptist Congregations (in Northern Virginia) held its second annual meeting on Saturday, October 16, at Lake Ridge Baptist Church in Woodbridge. Sarah Minks (Board of Directors), Carsie Bozeman (Chair, Nominating Committee) and I attended. Messengers passed three motions; the first was the 2004-2005 budget of \$141,700, the second was a group of policies concerning the operation of the network's vehicles, and the third was the election of 2005 officers and committee members (Carsie was elected to serve on the "Church Health Group" and I was elected to serve on the "Church Multiplication Group"). A survey was taken about the future location and number of network offices. My thanks go to Carsie and Sarah for representing Sterling Park Baptist Church in associational work during the past year.

We welcome church news articles (both recaps and upcoming activities), news-related photographs, original columns and features (please no reprints, author unknown, or submitted by), and calendar items. All submissions must be on disk or via email to Rebecca Thomas (office@sterlingparkbaptist.org).
Deadline for December Newsletter is November 22nd.

Christmas Meditation Book

I want to print a *Christmas Meditation Book* this Advent season. Along with Advent meditations this booklet will include prose and poetry written by our members. Especially meaningful will be memories of past Christmas celebrations. In a similar book printed at my previous church, a senior adult shared the story of how, as a young soldier, he was shipwrecked in the Mediterranean Sea just before the Christmas of 1943, a woman shared the story of how her family provided Christmas gifts for a needy family and another woman shared the importance of Christmas music at her country church during the Great Depression. What are your Christmas memories? Write them down and put them in my box in the church office or email me by Sunday, Nov. 21. Our Advent booklet will be ready for your family meditations by December 1.

Senior Adult Thanksgiving Worship Service and Lunch

The NorthStar Church Network will host a *Senior Adult Thanksgiving Worship Service and Lunch* on Friday, November 19, at Columbia Baptist Church. Reservations and your six dollar payment should be made in our church office by Sunday, November 14.

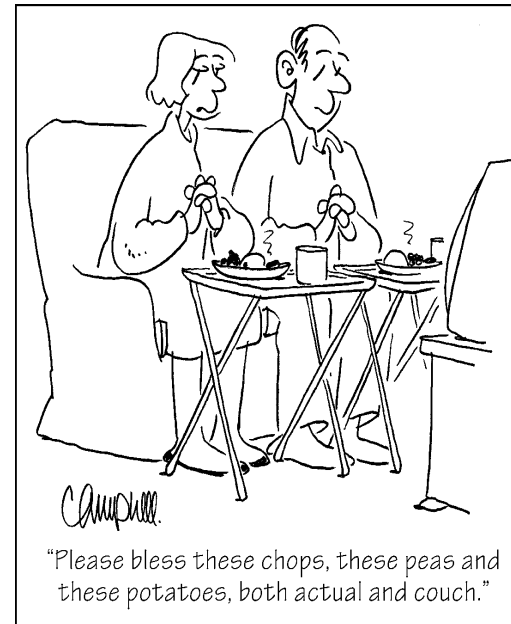
Vote on November 2

Voting is a GOD-given freedom and responsibility. Vote for the candidates that reflect your Christian values.

Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting

Suzanne and I will attend the 2004 Baptist General Association of Virginia Annual Meeting at the Roanoke Civic Center, Roanoke, Virginia, November 9-10, 2004. The theme is "Empowered: Imagine What GOD Can Do!" The annual meeting reminds us how Virginal Baptists ministered during the past year and inspires us to greater service during the coming year. If you would like to be a messenger from our church, please contact me for information.

May GOD bless you,
Pastor Lytle



The Ten Commandments and the Supreme Court

Opinion by Keri Schoggen



By now most of us have heard that the Supreme Court has agreed to make a decision about the *Ten Commandments* on Government Property and Buildings. According to CBS, this has nothing to do with the ruling in Alabama, but more to do with the fact that there are so many different rulings in the lower courts. It is my opinion and that of others around me, that this decision will determine where our country goes in the following years. I believe that it is our duty as Christians to pray for our justices and that the LORD'S will is done. It is not our place to decide what the outcome will be, because whatever the decision is, yes or no, the LORD will work in it, it is our job to pray that "the LORD'S will is done" and that He gives the justices the strength they need to make this tough decision. I would encourage each of you to set aside a few minutes each day to pray for this issue and for our justices, and to pass on this "challenge" to others you know. Even get a group of your friends together once a week or every two weeks (since it will most likely be a few months until the decision is officially made) to pray for our country and those within her borders.

May He bless this great nation of ours and those that reside here. "I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." – *Jeremiah 29:11*

Be a Good Samaritan and Help Samaritan's Purse

Operation Christmas Child ships carefully packaged Christmas gifts throughout the world to needy children. It is coordinated by the Samaritan's Purse, which is overseen by Franklin Graham, son of Billy Graham. If you would like to participate, boxes will be available at the church to fill with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items, or other things such as sunglasses, flashlights with extra batteries, caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair clips, watches, or small picture books. Boxes should not include war-related toys, perishable food items, liquids, medicines or vitamins, breakable items, or used items. Each box should contain items for only a boy or a girl in these age categories: 2-4 years old, 5-9 years old, or 10-14 years old. A five dollar check for shipping needs to be made out to Samaritan's Purse (write a note on the memo line for Operation Christmas Child) and placed in an envelope on top of your gift items inside your box. A form listing the age and sex of the child should be filled out and taped on the top of your box. Finally, place a rubber band around your box and lid. Boxes are due to the church office no later than Sunday, November 14.

If you have further questions, please see Twila Meyer or Connie Gunther.

Memory Verse Contest Winner

The Living Stones class would like to congratulate Jerilyn Schoggen on winning the memory verse contest. It looks like the class will spend an afternoon raking leaves at the Schoggen house.

ESL Class

English-As-A-Second-Language (ESL) classes begin November 22. The classes are free and meet on Monday (6pm-7:30pm) and Saturday (9am-10:30am). November 20 is the registration deadline.

The classes are for Thai and Laotian speakers that are 18 years old (or have a chaperone). Pete Hopkins, a Certified ESL Instructor, will conduct the classes using the Bible as an ESL book and focusing on relationship evangelism.

Saturday Night Live

The Youth Group's Saturday Night Live begins November 6 (7pm) at the Patton's house. This is time of games, snacks, fun, and brief investigation of how GOD can help with youth issues. Bring your friends.

Chili Cook-off

Thanks to all of you that made the Chili cook-off a success! We raised over \$200 for our Disciple Now this February!

WMU

WMU invites any woman to join our meetings the third Thursday evening at 7:30pm or the second Monday 10am. We have lots of ongoing mission projects and always have a good time of fellowship.

Missionary Update

By Vera and Richard Miller

How can we thank you enough for all the wonderful items you have sent us. We were running low on summer blankets, coloring books and crayons. Thanks to all involved, and we just wanted to let you know how very much the children and mothers of South Africa thank you. We just wish you could be in the hospital with us as we hand out the blankets and teddy bears to the mothers and children. The mothers usually cry as they are not used to being given anything.

We are both very well and just love being in His service here in South Africa. We have really grown to love the country and the people. The crime here is just terrible and can be very frightening at times, but the LORD continues to watch over and protect us as only He can. We are delighted to tell you that we received our letter of approval this week from the Mission Board in Richmond, Va., and we will be serving here for another three years.

We love you and ask the LORD to bless you in a very special way.

Party Rescheduled

The Youth Christmas Party has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 11 from 5pm-9pm.

Oops!

In the October issue on page iv, Dan Fannon was incorrectly credited as the Chairman of the Deacons. Don Manthey is the current Chairman of the Deacons.

What's Up with the Youth Group

By Peter Hopkins - Youth Minister

The Youth Group has a much younger look to it since this past July at *Centrifuge Camp*. Most of the youth are in junior high or early high school. It seems as though there has been a restructuring, or a fresh start with the youth group with this younger crowd and their new friends now attending. Challenges the youth group face are to keep a high-level of commitment to the youth group (not the last of the long list of priorities), and to grow in the LORD without anymore added bells and whistles. Some goals that we are working on are doing ministry with other Baptist youth groups in various outreach ministries and activities, magnifying CHRIST in our hearts and minds when we meet on Wednesday nights, encouraging and mentoring from the Christian parents of the youth and from each other through the upcoming *Saturday Night Live* where we have mutual accountability and investigate biblical counseling principles, and looking selflessly to spread CHRIST to our international community who have yet to hear the Gospel (i.e. people groups located outside of America, because only those international people-groups have yet to ever hear the Gospel and have the least opportunities for a chance to hear the Gospel). To learn more specifics or give insights, please check out our youth bulletin board, or come to our Youth Groups Council sessions - the next one is Wednesday, November 17 at 7:45 PM.

Youth Fund Raising for Christmas

Get all your Christmas Shopping done this year by our youth group! The youth are working in cooperation with the Women's Missionary Union to bring you the best gifts possible! What makes these gifts so great? These gifts are made by new believers who have turned from sinful lifestyles and jobs and now make these crafts to support themselves and their families. I saw many example of this when I was in Thailand. There were several ladies who had been prostitutes, but now as believers in CHRIST, they knew that they had to leave behind their sinful occupation. Yet they still needed to find work! Instead

of Southern Baptist missionaries giving them handouts for food and necessities, they earned their living from hand-made crafts. The youth will be selling these crafts by order forms and magazines for you all to see which gifts you like the best, and adding a two dollar "youth group tax" per item to help finance an outreach/mission event for next summer (still in the planning phase). You can't go wrong! Buy a beautiful, exotic yet practical, handmade craft and help new Christian brother and sisters overseas, and help the youth fund, and help those the youth will be helping next summer at their outreach/mission event!

Care Packages for our Military and College Students Away from our Church

The youth have sent two care packages to the newest graduates of the youth group, Keri Schoggen and Meagan Shepherd. Our other Young Adults Away from our Church have been adopted by our Sunday School classes-see your Sunday School teacher to find out who you have adopted or contact Pete or our new Sunday School superintendents Ray and Sarah Minks if you want to give items but do not attend Sunday School.

Please contact our office if you see a name that we need to add or any mistakes from the following list of Young Adults Away from our Church: Christina Martinez-Arroyo, Brian Gunther, Chris Lose, Helen Daniels, Susan Daniels, Daniel Martin, Chris Pruden, Estelle Bozeman, Anne Roth, and Kym Patton.

Starbucks

Be thinking of someone you can bring with you to Starbucks when Pete calls you on the telephone and tells you that you've won two free coffees for you and a friend. Usually, we do this during a weeknight and time of your choosing. Any questions, ask Chelsea or Matt who've already won!



Oct 31st – Nov 6th

31 Sunday

Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “Respect Your Parents”
Deuteronomy 5:16
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 Evening Service
 ❖ Children’s Choir
 Spirit Special 6:00pm

1 Monday
 - All Saint’s Day -
 (Benjamin Baker)
 (Brian Gunther)
 (Rick Miller)
 (Fran Scofield)
 (Carsie & Ella Bozeman)

2 Tuesday
 - Election Day -
 (Norman & Judy Huffman)

3 Wednesday
 Family Dinner 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
 Mission Friends 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
 Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm

4 Thursday
 Planning Team 7:00pm
 Church Council 7:15pm

5 Friday
 - World Community Day -
 (Jillian Donahue)
 (Shirley Edwards)

6 Saturday
 Youth’s Saturday Night Live -
 Patton’s House 7:00pm
 Women’s Retreat

Nov 7th – 13th

7 Sunday

Deacon Benevolence
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “Warning: Anger Kills”
Deuteronomy 5:17
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 Evening Service 6:00pm
Women’s Retreat

8 Monday
 (Ella Marie Bozeman)
 (Catherine Cramer)
 (David Kerns)
 WMU 10:00am

9 Tuesday
 (James Manthey)
 (Woodrow Williams, Sr.)
BGA of Va Meeting – Roanoke

10 Wednesday
 (Wally Parsell)
 Family Dinner 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
 Mission Friends 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
 Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm
BGA of Va Meeting – Roanoke

11 Thursday
 - Veteran’s Day -
 (Sharon Mock)
Church Office Closed

12 Friday
 (Dorothy Passawe)

13 Saturday
 (Debra Allen)
 (Wilfred Passawe)
 (Jerilyn Schoggen)

Nov 14th – 20th

14 Sunday

(Tim Martin)
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “Keep Pure”
Deuteronomy 5:18
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 Evening Service 6:00pm
 Business Meeting 6:45pm

15 Monday
16 Tuesday

17 Wednesday
 (Roy Fredrikson)
 Family Dinner 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
 Mission Friends 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
 Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm
 Youth Group Council . . . 7:45pm

18 Thursday
 (Meagan Shepherd)
 WMU 7:30pm

19 Friday
**Senior Thanksgiving Worship
 & Lunch – Columbia Baptist**

20 Saturday
 (Karen Lose)
 Deacon’s Meeting 8:30am
Fall Ball 6:00pm

Nov 21st – 27th

21 Sunday

- National Bible Sunday -
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “Speak No Evil”
Deuteronomy 5:20
 Worship Service 8:45am
 ❖ The Harvesters Quartet
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 ❖ The Harvesters Quartet
 Evening Service 6:00pm
 Youth ACTS 6:45pm
Advent Booklet Deadline

22 Monday
 (Mark Scofield)
 ESL Class 6:00pm
December Newsletter Deadline

25 Tuesday
 (Janet Willet)

24 Wednesday
 (Madison Middleton)
 (Kyle Siecker)
 Family Dinner 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
 Mission Friends 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
 Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm

25 Thursday
 - Thanksgiving -
Church Office Closed

26 Friday
 (Don Fannon)
 (Martin Boyd)

27 Saturday
 ESL Class 9:00pm

Nov 28th – Dec 3rd

28 Sunday

- First Sunday of Advent -
 (Ed Guy)
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham
 “Wanting Too Much”
Deuteronomy 5:19,21
 Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 Music Committee . . . 12:00noon
 Evening Service 6:00pm
December Newsletter Available

29 Monday
 (Adam Patterson)

30 Tuesday
 ESL Class 6:00pm

1 Wednesday
 (David Barker)
 Family Dinner 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
 Mission Friends 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
 Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm
Advent Booklet Available

2 Thursday
 Planning Team 7:00pm
 Church Council 7:15pm

3 Friday
 (Chris Pruden)
 (James E. Roach)

4 Saturday
 ESL Class 9:00pm

Dec 4th – 10th

5 Sunday

- Second Sunday of Advent -
Deacon Benevolence
 Rev. Lytle Buckingham

Worship Service 8:45am
 Sunday School 9:45am
 Worship Service 11:00am
 Evening Service 6:00pm

6 Monday
 (Tami Michelle James)
 ESL Class 6:00pm
7 Tuesday

8 Wednesday
 Family Dinner 5:45pm
 Children’s Choir 6:15pm
 Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm
 Mission Friends 6:30pm
 Adult Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Bible Study 6:45pm
 Youth Group Meeting . . 6:45pm
 Kids for CHRIST (KFC) . . 7:00pm
 Adult Choir 7:45pm

9 Thursday
10 Friday

11 Saturday
 (Megan Pruden)
 ESL Class 9:00pm
Youth Christmas Party. 5:00pm

Calendar subject to change
 without notice
 ❖ Special Music
 (Birthdays and Anniversaries
 are listed in Parentheses)

Business Meeting 9/12/04

Ray Minks opened the meeting with prayer. There were 42 people present.

Reports

Sunday School reported 108 average attendance in August. There were nine visitors. The director said the teachers are responsible for following up on visitor to their classes.

Treasurers Report was handed out.

Questions- Many budgets are over? Stewardship would appreciate committees checking if they are over budget.

Deacon account is over for now due to credit card statements. The statements will be reviewed and broken down by the office manager.

The treasurer has heard from the accountant and not many changes need to be made to the books of the church.

Old Business

Social Chairperson reporting on the donut issue. She feels that the donut situation should stay the same. There are enough adults in the kitchen to police the problem.

Nancy Twitchel reporting on the Korean Church Sign. At council meeting the attending members saw a copy of the sign to go below our sign on the boulevard and on Church Rd. Our lawn sign will be washed and painted by the Korean Church members (offered in love by their pastor).

Carsie Bozeman followed up from last business meeting about committee members being church members. There is no general wording that requires committee members to be church members.

Nominating Committee called for the vote on the two issues

brought up at the last meeting and tabled for 30 days.

Audio Committee - Unanimous Constitution and By-laws Committee - Passed with one no vote recorded

Amendment - One chairperson and at least four church members Amendment passed with one no vote recorded

Clerk Business

Leo and Sandra Long seeking membership following baptism.

Betty Studebaker seeking membership by transfer of letter from Leesburg Baptist.

Passed unanimously

New Business

Personnel Committee presents Suzanne Buckingham as the church music director.

A discussion took place. A secret ballot vote was taken. Suzanne Buckingham is the new church music director. She will begin on October 1, 2004

SterlingFest is October 9. The committee needs approval to spend \$1200 for bookmarks and Bibles. They need approval because it is more than one-quarter of their budget.

Unanimous

Nominating Committee passed out a list of Sunday School teachers and committee members to be voted in. The committee needs a contact person for two adult classes.

Vote-top of the sheet (SS teachers) unanimous

Vote-bottom of the sheet (Committee members) unanimous

The anniversary committee will be planning the church's 40th anniversary that will occur on September 18, 2005.

Move to adjourn. Seconded.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Vest - Church Clerk

Business Meeting 10/10/04

Meeting opened in prayer by Bill Schoggen with 33 present.

Reports

Sunday School reported 104 average attendance in September with six visitors. Sunday School is taking the lead in a new outreach ministry. Information meeting set for Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7pm. All Sunday School teachers were given an announcement for their classes today.

Wednesday Night Dinners reported they served 167 meals at four dinners. That is an average of 42 meals at each dinner. They received \$498.00. They spent \$569.30 for food and supplies. Expenses were a little more than usual because of re-starting the program after summer break and the type of meals served. Ending balance is \$522.86.

Nominating Committee announced two contacts for two adult Sunday School classes that had no teacher/contact person last business meeting. The contact person for the couples class is Rod Gunther, the contact person for the Mixed-3 class is Harvey Lawson.

Property Committee announced the cost for utilities, custodian/lawn care and maintenance for the month of September. Utilities were \$1,727.93, custodian/lawn care was \$2,621.08 and maintenance was \$4,015.80. Property Chair Dave Patton pointed out that there are several major repairs coming up soon such as roofing of the old building.

Treasurer handed out his report. The format and look of the report is different because it is directly from Quickbooks. The CPA was in the office this week helping fine tune Quickbooks

Questions

(Q) On the Balance Sheet is it necessary to list all assets fixed and other wise, i.e.; land and building?

(A) The CPA would not do an incomplete income statement so a listing of the assets was necessary. In the April business meeting it was brought forward that an income statement was to be part of the treasurer's report. (Moderator's note: congregation voted during the April meeting to include an income statement in monthly Treasurer's report which by standard practice would include an asset and liability statement.)

The missions funds accounts are still not reconciled but Owen is working on it. The amount on the Income Statement for BB&T credit cards needs to be itemized. Every month when the statement comes in it is up to the card holder to detail the expenses and that takes time.

(Q) Is the business with the CPA going well?

(A) The CPA has completed his work. The church approved \$1,000. and the CPA agreed with that amount. He is still available for questions.

Old Business

None

Clerk Business

None

New Business

Jerilyn Schoggen reported that 17 women are going on the Women's Retreat at Eagle Eyre on November 6-7.

Church Council reported that they went through the list of suggestions that were expressed during the evening service on October 3, 2004, to expand and improve our church and its mission. Four of the suggestions were taken up for action now.

The other suggestions are being discussed with appropriate com-

mittee chairpersons for possible action now or in the near future.

1. Sunday School is taking the lead in reviving the visitation program.

2. Music director and Pastor have scheduled December 26 as a joint worship service combining the 8:45am and 11am services. This joint service is being planned to include a lot of singing and fellowship to reacquaint the two groups

3. Suzanne Buckingham has offered to take the lead in having a children's sermon in the early service. For now it will be only a sermon and the children will not be leaving worship for extended care.

4. The office manager, Rebecca Thomas, is working on a new church phone list and will include street and email addresses.

Nancy Twitchell has offered to give flu shots to the seniors of the church. The church council voted to add a medical rider to the insurance policy which will cost \$100 per year. Nancy will announce a date and time to administer the shots and establish a cost per person.

Nominating Committee brought forward nominations for the upcoming year. Substitute teachers: Mark and Rebecca Thomas (Children); Linda Williams (Kindergarten); Suzanne Buckingham (Youth); Preschool Director: Pat Heflin. All names passed unanimously.

Pastor Buckingham brought up several upcoming events.

-Northstar Associational Meeting - October 16

-SPBC Chili Cook-off - October 17, following the 11am service

-Spirit Special - October 31, following the evening service

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Debra Vest, Church Clerk

November Schedule

Deacon in Service

Oct 31Mark Thomas

Nov 7Andy Hite

14Jeff Trautner

21John Allen

28Carsie Bozeman

Dec 5Jeff Trautner

Children's Sermon

Oct 31Debra Vest

Nov 7Mary Webb

14Pat Hall

21Connie Gunther

28Ella Bozeman

Dec 5Rev. Buckingham

Tellers

Oct 31Vicki Johnson

.Linda Armstrong

Nov 7Mark Ousley

.Sandy Summers

14Jill Zinnert

.Louise Larson

21 . . .Charlotte Collinsworth

.Joyce Smith

28John Shepherd

.Gary Lose

Dec 5Mark Ousley

.Sandy Summers

Children's Church (1st-2nd)

Oct 31Theresa Parsell

Nov 7Rosanne Coleman

14Linda Armstrong

21Pete Hopkins

28Mary Shepherd

Dec 5Theresa Parsell

Children's Church (3rd-5th)

Oct 31Mary Webb

Nov 7Jennifer Baker

14Pete Hopkins

21Norah Hopkins

28Pete Hopkins

Dec 5Mary Webb

Sunday Evening Nursery

Oct 31Pete Hopkins

Nov 7Sarah Minks

14Sandra Clark

21Nancy Twitchel

28Jerilyn Schoggen

Dec 5Sarah Minks

Wednesday Night Dinner

If you would like to attend the dinner from 5:45pm-6:45pm, you may either sign up on the posted sheet on the bulletin board in the center hallway or call the church office at 703-430-2527 before 10 am on Monday. Please be sure to sign up or call if you plan on attending so that we can be sure enough food is available for all.

Cost:

- Adult (13 & up)\$4.00
 - Child (3-12)\$3.00
 - Child (under 3).....Free
- (Meals include menu items below plus dessert and drinks.)*
- Hot Dog Meal\$2.00
 - Extra Hot Dog\$1.00
- (Hot Dog Meals include chips, dessert and drinks.)*

Nov 7

Turkey, stuffing, gravy, green beans, rolls

Nov 14

Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, garlic bread

Nov 21

Chicken with cream potatoes, corn, rolls

Nov 28

*Hot dogs w/trimmings \$2
(Each family brings a pie)*

Youth Retreat

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if we truly knew God personally; in His personal attributes that He has disclosed for us in Scripture. We were forced to see if our conception of God matched who He really is. I shared the communicable or moral attributes of God (the ones He also commands us to strive for) and compared them to a tree. As I described God, the youth interactively created the tree analogy. Two people were the two taproots of the tree: holiness and love. The branches coming from the holiness taproot were: purity, truth, righteous/just, wrath. The branches coming from the love taproot were: goodness, grace, mercy, hesed (a Hebrew word that can't be fully described in this brief article). Each youth participated to form 'the tree of God's moral attributes' so our perception of God could be true. With a correct perception of CREATOR GOD and an understanding of theology proper, we found a better perception of us, as His creation as well as His commanded and modeled pattern for our daily lives. What a blast!

MAKE A TABLE LANTERN

Make this candleholder to decorate your family's

Thanksgiving dinner table.

What you need:


- Tiny leaves
- Glue
- Small glass jar with a wide mouth (salsa jars work great)
- Colored tissue paper (use fall colors if you can)
- Paintbrush
- Small votive candle

How to make it:

1. Collect tiny autumn leaves.
2. Glue the leaves to the outside of the jar.
3. Tear tissue paper into small pieces.
4. Use the paintbrush to cover the outside of the jar (including the leaves) with glue. Work on small parts of the jar at a time.
5. Lightly press the tissue paper pieces onto the glue until the entire outside of the jar is covered.
6. When the jar is completely dry, place the candle inside.
7. Ask an adult to light the candle during Thanksgiving dinner.



Answer Key and More Kids Stuff are available at SterlingParkBaptist.org



King David's Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a special time to thank God for all He has given us.

Use the code to fill in the missing words from a portion of King David's prayer from 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV).

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| CODE 1 = everlasting | 6 = honor | 11 = ruler |
| 2 = exalted | 7 = kingdom | 12 = thanks |
| 3 = glorious | 8 = LORD | 13 = things |
| 4 = God | 9 = O | 14 = wealth |
| 5 = head | 10 = praise | 15 = you |

“ _____ be to _____, _____, ...
 (10) (15) (9) (8)

from _____ to _____ ...
 (1) (1)

Yours, _____, is the _____;
 (9) (8) (7)

_____ are _____ as _____ over all.
 (15) (2) (5)

_____ and _____ come from _____;
 (14) (6) (15)

_____ are the _____ of all _____.
 (15) (11) (13)

Now, our _____, we give _____,
 (4) (15) (12)

and _____ your _____ name.”
 (10) (3)