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JULY WORSHIP INFORMATION

JULY 5, 2015

Scripture Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:31
Romans 11:36

Sermon: "The Five Solas: Soli Deo Gloria"

JULY 19, 2015

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32

Sermon: "The Prodigal Son & the
Extravagant Father" (pt. 2)

JULY 12, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon: "The Prodigal Son & the
Extravagant Father" (pt. 1)

JULY 26, 2015

Guest Preacher

CD's of the worship service are available on the table outside the office
or by calling/e-mailing the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

- There is much in this world that causes me to grieve. Some of these things we will all agree on...like mass shootings and violence...and other things we will hold differing opinions...like our denominations decision to redefine marriage and the recent Supreme Court ruling on the same subject. My grief though is not necessarily tied to any one specific issue...but to the division and pain it causes with the world and within the family of God. I invite you...encourage you...to join me in prayer. Pray that we will experience healing; pray that we can capture a clear vision of what it means to be the people of God; pray that we as Culdee Church, can focus our energy on sharing God's word within our community and throughout the world. Pray that we remember...that God is with us everywhere we go!
- On June 11, we hosted the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina for their spring meeting. The attendance count for the meeting was just over 300 people. By all accounts, from official correspondence from Presbytery staff to comments from people attending the meeting we did a great job...THANK YOU! This was one of those events in the life of the church that was only possible with all of us pitching in and doing our share. Below are two letters that we have received following the meeting...

- From Bill Reinhold, Stated Clerk and General Presbyter:
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have just read over the evaluations from the presbytery meeting that you hosted yesterday and am pleased to report that there was a universal appreciation for the wonderful way that Culdee hosted the meeting. From the moment people drove up to the church and were assisted with parking to the brave folks who endured the sun to register folks to the endless supply of refreshments and the warm welcome from so many people on the meeting space and for the great sound system, those who attended were thankful to each and everyone who joined together to make this meeting a grand success.

I would like to add my own appreciation to theirs. You have set the bar very high indeed for those who will host in future.

- We also received the following letter from Dr. Jay Coker of 1st Presbyterian Church. (Note that Dr. Coker will be our revival preacher this September.)
Dear Joey (Don't worry...I will get him for that greeting!!)

Please share my deepest appreciation to the Session and members of the Culdee Church for hosting presbytery on June 11, 2015. The only thing that could top the beautiful weather was the gracious hospitality of the folks at Culdee. Every provision was made for the meeting. We were made to feel at "home!"

God bless you all, and thank you for your partnership. Pray for us as we do for you.

- Thank you to everyone who is a part of the Culdee family! Your willingness to share of your time and energy for various programs, activities, and meetings is what make it possible to be a presence for Christ in our community and through out the world.

- Pastor Joe



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OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWS

As I sat down to write this article, I fully intended for its purpose to be informational. With my intended outline on my desk to guide me, I found my thoughts turning more to us, the church family. What are we doing? What do we want to do? How can we do more? All of which are very good questions. But, one thought soon consumed my mind and became so loud that it became my only thought....."It is all about GOD".

After accepting this new revelation and discarding my outline that was serving as my rock, I turned to my new rock, GOD. New questions filled my mind. What does God's Word require us to do? What can we do to glorify GOD? These questions caused me to reflect inwardly as I tried to answer them. Turning to the internet, I found various sources that provided very enlightening answers. However, these answers did not sit well with me. These answers were not us, Culdee. The question now is, "How can Culdee's Outreach Ministry glorify GOD?" This question can only be answered by the congregation of Culdee.

We want to hear from you. What is in your hearts, mind, and soul? Check out our current local and extended missions at the following links and email us at CuldeeMissions@embarqmail.com.

www.culdeechurch.net/outreach_extended_missions
www.culdeechurch.net/outreach_local_missions

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. " (Galatians 6: 9-10)

- Bruce Sandness



Vacation Bible School was a great success! Many thanks to all the folks who helped in pulling this together this year! The circles provided suppers each night, and the week ended with our men's hotdog supper. Thanks to all for a great week! Many hands make the work light!!!!

Hannah Washburn is with us this summer completing an internship. She taught our adult VBS class and will be teaching Wednesday night Bible study.

Please include Sunday worship, Sunday school, and Wednesday nights in your weekly activities this summer! Hope to see you all!

Please include Sunday school as one of your weekly family activities. Hope to see you there!

CULDEE FINANCE MINISTRY NEWS

I often think of our Christian walk in three separate parts. This is a simplistic approach to a complex part of our lives, but easier concepts work well for me. The first, and most important part, is Worship. This is how we feed our souls on a daily basis. It can be broken up in many parts such as attending one of our Sunday services, attending Sunday School or Bible Study. It can also be singing in the choir, reading your Bible, or praying. I am sure everyone has their own personal way to worship, but the most fulfilling way is to attend and participate with your fellow Christians.

That is an excellent segue for the second part...fellowship. In the secular world that we live, it is so easy to be drawn away from the principles of Christianity. That is why it is so important to fellowship with others in the church. To be around others that believe in the same values as you is very uplifting and the support you receive from those relationships help keep you focused on the correct path.

The last part of our Christian walk is tithing. This is what we give to the church as directed in the Bible. I think many people only think of money when it come tithes. However, I was raised to believe that it also included the talents and time a person dedicates to the church. Tithing is an important part of our faith, however you choose to do it.

The Finance Ministry would like to thank Jim Dalton and Stewart Fields for the tremendous amount of work they put into analyzing and negotiating the insurance for our church. This was a daunting task that occurred over a couple of years. Our church has been well served by their efforts. We would also like to thank Mark Seawell and Dwight Parsons for their work on the church railings. The end result is a fantastic paint job that should last for many years. Your talents and efforts are greatly appreciated.

For our 2015 budget year, we are considerably short on income. We have been able to offset that shortage with some onetime savings on the expense side of the budget. We have also noticed an increase in giving to the many designated funds set up for the church. We do not wish to discourage giving to any of these funds because they are a great way to support things in the church that you care deeply about. However, please be aware that there is a daily cost of operating our church, which includes utilities, salaries, supplies, etc. These expenses can only be paid from out of operating budget. In addition to these expenses, we also fund many of the church's mission and benevolence programs. Thank you for your generous support of our church.

In Christ,

Mark Thompson

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Doug Sullivan	01
Benjamin Whitesell	02
Rhonda Ritter	03
Cooper Cox	03
Karen McKenzie	04
Anna Rae Kemp	04
Elise Palmerton	05
Sharon Moon	08
Larry Black	08
Melissa E. Flynn	09
Brittany Lea	11
Mitch Cox	11
Kent Black	11
Tim Adams	12
LeAnne Waschsen	13
Jewell Vest	14
Anne Ferguson	14
Rhonda Whitesell	18
Owen Whitesell	22
Tom Gribben	22
Tucker Parsons	23
Blair Moricle	24
Wesley Cole	24
Stuart Fields	24
Mandy Dennis	26
Judy McKenzie	27
Pauline Ballard	27
Bill Bailey	30
Connie Marion	31
Dannie Jackson	31



CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ! Congregational Care Ministry held a meeting on June 28th to discuss this year's Harvest Festival, which will be Saturday, October 17. We invited everyone interested to attend, particularly those interested in being a "go to" person. We worked on the layout of the tables and how to arrange all of the areas to best utilize space and movement. If you were not able to come to this meeting don't worry...we still have room and will be needing everyone's help!

Here are the people that will head up some of the tables and other areas as of today.

Live Auction:..... Mrs Janie Taylor
Silent Auction:..... Mrs. Robbin McKenzie
Baked Goods:..... Mrs. Mary Ruth Whitaker
Connie's Corner:..... Mrs Connie Marion
Mrs. Connie Barber
Dessert Cutting:..... Mrs. Darlene Valitutto
Kitchen:..... Mrs. Donna Parson
Advertisement:Mrs. Eileen Spatz

The tables need someone to head up are crafts, dinner ticket tables, tickets for quilt and men clubs.

We need help with the dinning room, take out plates and help with the outside grills while dinner is being served. then some. So as you can see we need lots of help but most of all we have all your prayers. So if you can come out and help us lay out a plan for the Harvest Festival.

Your Sister in Christ,

Karen F. McKenzie, Chair

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Remember...if you have items you would like to submit for the Newsletter you may drop items off in the office or e-mail it to Culdee@embarqmail.com. The deadline is **JULY 22!**

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

Please note that on Thursday, July 23 at 7:00 pm, the men will meet for their monthly meal and fellowship. **All** men are invited to attend!

Wade Garner, President

July 2015

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Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2015

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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jun 28	29	30	Jul 1 10:00am Day Circle 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir Practice	2 9:00am Quilting	3	4
5 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Finance Ministry	6	7	8 6:00pm Bible Study	9 9:00am Quilting	10	11
12 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Session Meeting	13	14	15 6:00pm Bible Study	16 9:00am Quilting	17	18
19 Family Promise 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	20 FAMILY PROMISE	21 FAMILY PROMISE	22 FAMILY PROMISE 6:00pm Bible Study	23 FAMILY PROMISE 9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Presbyterian Men	24 FAMILY PROMISE	25 FAMILY PROMISE
26 Barnabas Collection 8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Ministries Meet	27	28	29 6:00pm Bible Study	30 9:00am Quilting	31	Aug 1