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SEPTEMBER WORSHIP INFORMATION

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

Jeremiah 18:1-11

“In the Potter’s Hands”

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

1 Timothy 1:12-17

“In Spite Of...”

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

1 Timothy 2:1-7

“Appointed to Serve”

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

1 Timothy 6:6-19

“True Riches”

CD’s of the worship service are available on the table outside the office, or by contacting the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

HOMECOMING & REVIVAL: Homecoming is Sunday, September 18. Homecomings are an interesting day in the life of a church because it is a day to try and focus our attention in three different directions. First, we look in our past. This year we will celebrate 130 years of ministry in the Eastwood community and beyond. But beyond looking to our past, we look to our future...trusting that no matter how great our past has been our best days lie ahead! In addition to looking both backwards and forwards, Homecoming is a time to look at our present and celebrate what God is doing; to celebrate how God is nurturing us; to celebrate how God is working through us to accomplish His will.

I hope you will plan to join us for this year's Homecoming...and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors!

REVIVAL: I am excited to share with you that Dr. Rev. Tee Gatewood will be our Revival preacher this year. Tee and I served together a number of years in the Banner Elk community. Tee Gatewood is the pastor of Arbor Dale Presbyterian Church on Hickory Nut Gap Road in Banner Elk, NC. Before moving to the mountains to be a pastor, he studied at Regent College in Vancouver BC and at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. While in Vancouver he met his wife Kathryn. They have two children who were both born in Scotland. Tee is an avid cyclist, a big eater and a reader.

YOUTUBE: If you go to my YouTube channel you will find several video offerings to help you in your walk of faith and in staying connected to Culdee Presbyterian Church. On Mondays (typically) I post a video of the sermon from Sunday. On Tuesdays I post the latest installment of the iMPACTS video teaching series...rather short videos to offer you help and tips in your faith journey. And on Fridays I post the newest Culdee Video Update which shares with you the latest news about what is going on in worship as well as upcoming events in the life of the church.

You can find my YouTube channel by going to YouTube (www.youtube.com) and doing a search for Rev. Joseph Washburn. And there you go...the videos should be there before you in three different playlists. Have fun!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Are you currently attending a Sunday School class? If so, I want to encourage you to invite someone to join you on Sunday mornings...seek to make it a habit each week to invite a friend. If not, let me take this opportunity to encourage you to come give it a try. We currently have a variety of options available to you so one of our classes should meet your needs. Make a commitment to attend for at least 2 weeks in a row and see what you think. We look forward to seeing you there!

Pastor Joe





RALLY DAY!

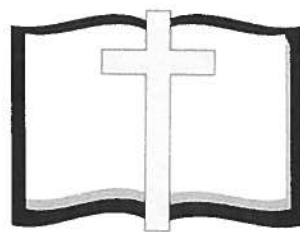
Where – Fellowship Hall

When - Sept. 11th, 9:30 – 10:45

Breakfast will be served.

Please join us as we kick off our new Sunday school year at Culdee!!! This year we will again offer classes and curriculum for everyone! Please consider making a commitment to adding Sunday school to your weekly schedule. Hope to see all of Culdee there as we begin an exciting new year!

Invite a friend to join us!



Youth — activities)

Mark and Michelle Seawell have led Culdee's youth program for several years. They have decided to take a break. Mark and Michelle have dedicated many hours and weekends to lead our youth program. They have planned Bible studies, devotions, trips, snacks, meals, lock-ins, fundraisers, outings, and more. Their influence on the Culdee kids and their friends will have a lasting impact for these young people. The dedication and leadership they have given to our youth during this time is greatly appreciated!! **Mark and Michelle**, thanks for the many hours, hard work, and relationships you have built with our youth!!

Thank you for a job well done!

We welcome our new youth leaders, Bruce and Meg Hamilton. They will be filling this important position in September. Please continue to support the youth program and our new leaders and remember this special group in your prayers. You will be hearing more about the youth next month.

Congregational Care Ministry

With school beginning, activities at church really begin to build, too. I know all of us are looking forward to Sunday School Rally Day; Homecoming and Revival. Soon after, it will be time for our OCTOBER 15 HARVEST FESTIVAL.....Country Store.....Youth Hot Dog Lunch.....Auction.....Connie and Connie's Bargains.....Chicken Stew Supper.....PM and PW Raffles.....All these activities need volunteers! We are so thankful for all who have already said yes, and we look forward to the many more who will be there to make the day successful!! Pray about the area(s) you would like to volunteer in.

Robin and I want to invite everyone interested to come to the CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY MEETING at 4:00 p.m. on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. We will be fine tuning plans for the festival, and we need your thoughts and ideas!! If you have any suggestions you want to share before then, please call Robin or I. There is still room in the trailer for more gently used stuff!!! Give the office, Robin or I a call to borrow the key. If you need something picked up, call one of us to make arrangements.

The Congregational Care Visitation Committee got under way with a meeting on August 23. The goal was to match up willing volunteers with folks (sick or injured, shut-in, nursing or assisted living centers, hospital, etc.) in the church who could use a visit or call. The committee is looking for more volunteers!!!! Call Connie Marion or Mary Ruth Whitaker for additional information.

Blessings,

Robin and June

OUT REACH NEWS

This summer Emily Marion went on a mission trip, so I asked her to share some of her experiences...

Recently, I have had the awesome privilege of going on a mission trip. Several weeks ago, I was on my way to Bear Branch, Kentucky with New Covenant fellowship and embarked on an unforgettable experience. On this trip, I became a volunteer at Big Creek Missions and had the amazing opportunity of working in the children's' ministry. Working in this environment was not easy by any means, however was incredibly eye-opening, children living in the surrounding counties of Bear Branch are not as fortunate as most of those living here. Most of these families live on dirt roads with sometimes nothing but sheets to cover windows, jobs are very limited, therefore the residents residing there resort to any kind of work they can find to make a living. The kids that I was able to spend time with that week may not have come from the easiest backgrounds but had the biggest hearts I have ever seen and I could not be more thankful I was able to be a part of their lives even for just a short amount of time. This experience has not only exposed me to things that were different or challenging, but it has helped me grow in my walk with Christ, it has helped me to realize my purpose and gain an understanding of how important sharing God's love is. To anyone who has never taken a mission trip, I highly recommend going on one, not only does it change your view of worldly things, it makes you realize how blessed you are to be one of God's children, doing what you are called to do.

- Emily Marion

Dear brothers and sisters,

On my behalf, the staff of the Mission Eglise Lahai-Roi d'Haiti greets you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

With the grace of God, we are all doing fine and the ministry is going well. Most importantly, we wanted to thank you for the money for the school electricity solar system. It is really a blessing to our school and meant a lot to us; and the whole staff wanted you to know that they are so grateful. Once again, thank you very much.

My wife and I will be coming to the States in November and will surely make plan to come and see our brothers and sisters at Culdee Presbyterian church.

Tomorrow morning around 110 church members will be leaving to go many miles away to the south part of Haiti for a four days mission trip and evangelism. Please keep us in prayer.

May the Great Lord and Provider keep pouring His blessings upon you and all the members of the church.

Sincerely,

**Brother Sidor
July 26, 2016**

Pennies, Nickels, Dimes to Us.... Breakfast to the School Children in Haiti!

235 students K-5 and 20 teachers and staff
255 breakfasts needed each day to feed the school
15 cents provides one breakfast
\$38.25 provides 255 breakfasts for one day
\$191.25 provides 1,275 meals per week
\$765 provides 5, 100 meals per month

This school receives no help from the government. The two meals they receive at school are the only food the majority of the children have to eat each day. A church in Georgia provides the funds each month to help feed the school lunch but no one has taken on the expense of breakfast.

The only way the children and staff of Lahai-Roi School in Haiti will have breakfast each morning is if groups, churches, or individuals support them. Pastor Sidor shares that breakfast each day consist of a roll, peanut butter, and water. If you would like to help it is easy. First, keep them lifted in prayer. Next, we are collecting change to help fund the breakfast meal. Please bring your extra change and place in the cylinder on Sundays or anytime you are at the church. (Thank you Ricky Matthews for building and donating the cylinder!) We are praying that together as a church family we can reach the goal of filling up this cylinder by Christmas. You can find the cylinder in our fellowship hall or in the narthex. What a blessing it would be to help feed these children breakfast during the school year.

**Pennies, Nickels, Dimes to Us.
Breakfast to the Children in Haiti!**

Culdee Finance Ministry News

Hello September!

Isaiah 51:11 "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance

The Finance Ministry met Sunday August 14, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship hall.

The July expense report revealed Culdee is in a good financial position to date, as we have taken in more monthly income than projected; kept our financial expenditures under budget; and have a year to date increase well over budget (largely due to a member's \$10,000 tithe). In addition, Culdee currently has 6 months operating revenue in reserve, to address unforeseen circumstances where we are called to weather a storm.

In Culdee investment news, \$20,000 from the Cemetery Fund, and \$10,000 from the Flower Garden Fund, was redirected for investment through the Endowment Fund Committee, into Culdee Vanguard Accounts. The Cemetery and Flower Garden funds have their own separate Vanguard account, and may be accessed at any time. Vanguard's total Year-to-Date gain is \$7,669.47.

In addition, the Endowment Fund investments continue to grow at a steady rate. Currently, 93.70% of investments remain in U.S. Treasuries. The Finance Ministry agreed that while no one can predict significant changes in the financial market, the U.S. Treasuries are a secure investment, and staying the course by keeping these monies where they currently are invested, is best practice at this time.

New policy and procedures for continuing the safe handling of Culdee tithes and offerings, are in the beginning stages of being developed by the Finance Ministry, and upon a completed draft, will be presented to the Session for review and approval.

Finally, our exciting Culdee Stained Glass Window update: The Season has arrived! Our beautiful stained glass windows are on their way to receiving a new protective shield that will provide the opportunity for the windows to last another 50-60 years, without having to re-lead each window (currently costing a minimum of \$5,000 per window). A protective shield provided proactively now, will cost \$2,000 a window. Fifty to 60 years of protected windows, allows us all to rest comfortably, knowing the next generation, and even the next after that, will be able to enjoy the peace the church windows have offered so many of us.

Anyone with a calling to participate in the Stained Glass Window project, please contact a Finance Ministry Member. We know with His grace, we will be provided the means to complete the project. We are still in the beginning phases. Several families with family members name plaques under a window, have sponsored their "family window"; others have designated funds to the project. The Finance Ministry remains humbled and grateful, and truly appreciates all donations that have been designated for the window project thus far.

Finance Ministry members are as follows: Tim Lea, Chairman, Danny Aldridge, Vice Chair, Jene Bowen, Lionel Bryson, Jim Dalton, Cate Short Frederick, Art McKenzie, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart, Mark Thompson and Pastor Joe Washburn.

The next Finance Ministry meeting will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Enjoy the change of seasons my friends and family—we are indeed, richly blessed!

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Cate Short Frederick

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ian McRae	01
Ethan Pate	02
Gavin Sims	02
Patti Burke	03
Crystal Carrico	05
Joshua Carrico	07
Wally Burke	07
Floyd Black	08
Pearl Frye	09
Laine Lea	10
Hannah Whitesell	10
Angelia Washburn	11
Macey Craven	12
Bruce Hamilton	13
Lauren Palmerton	14
Eli Carrico	14
Maria Clouse	14
Melanie Thompson	14
Emily Marion	15
Elaina Aponte	15
Haven Stone McRae	16
Lauren Tierney	19
Kara Jordan	20
Lonnie McKenzie	20
Lauren Bobo	23
Ashley McKenzie	23
Mark Seawell	25
Jimmy Lea	26
Lindsey Williamson	26
Helen Wright	27
Becky Bowen	28
Larry Furr	28
Robin McKenzie	28
Camden Vest	28
Sarah Cole	29
Louise Cox	29
Teresa Cole	30
Cheryl Smith	30

CULDEE QUILTERS!

QUILT RAFFLE TIME! On August 7th we presented this beautiful blue and white king size quilt to the church. We need everybody's help to sell tickets. They are in the church office or ask one of the quilters to help you. Also there are fliers with a picture of the quilt with the tickets if you can use them. The cost of a book is \$10 for 10 tickets. We are asking that each family...please...help us sell tickets. We need your help!

The Culdee Quilters

Ann Savage, Connie Marion, Joan Altman, Joan Garner, Judy McKenzie, Lib Burgess, Sharon Moon

PRESBYTERIAN MEN

The men will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 22, at 7:00 pm. All men and young men are encouraged to attend for a time of business, food, and fellowship.

The men have their Harvest Festival Raffle Tickets . You have three chances to win a, (\$300, \$100, \$50 prepaid visa card), Tickets are \$1.00 each. Please see Wade or you can pick up tickets in the church office.

Wade Garner, PM President

HELP US COLLECT CEREAL BOXES!

The Apparent Project is a Christian based nonprofit dedicated to helping Haitian parents rise out of extreme poverty in order to help their children. By providing these parents with skills they are able to obtain a better life for themselves and their children.

With the empty cereal boxes we collect and send, they are able to craft beautiful jewelry. This jewelry is sold in their shop in Haiti and through jewelry fundraising parties. All monies raised are given back.

We have placed a container in the sunroom for your cereal boxes. Please help us help them by filling it up!

As a footnote, Sylvia Pusser and I have ordered a box of jewelry and a box of handmade tin ornaments. We hope to receive these in early October. We look forward to showing you what beautiful crafts they can make with these boxes! Thank you for your support, Nancy Howle .

September 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1 9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God	2	3
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