

September, 2011

Crowders Creek ARP Church



Have you ever wondered how you or one of your family members fits into God's plan? Have you ever wondered how you or one of your family members fit into God's Church: the local Church, but also the Universal and Eternal Church that God is building? Have you ever wondered what role the Church – God's family – plays in your spiritual maturity and your families' maturity? Do you know what real spiritual growth is all about? Have you ever wondered what role you're to play in helping other individuals and families come into Christ's Church for the purpose of real maturity and growth?

Well, the Book of Ephesians answers all these questions and more! Ephesians is God's blueprint for His Church family revealing God's purposes for His eternal family throughout all the ages. Through Ephesians, God reveals the purposes of His Church family and how we each fit into His Church and contribute to it's spiritual growth and impact. In Ephesians, God reveals the Mission of His Son, Jesus Christ, in redeeming God's family fully from sin in order to bring us God's heavenly blessings by grace through faith. Ephesians pictures and describes beautifully where the power to change and progressively become God's eternal family comes from. The fact is God sent Jesus Christ to live perfectly and redeem us through His Cross and Resurrection for this very purpose. This is why Paul spends the first three chapters of Ephesians describing in great detail the glorious plan of God the Father. This is why Paul opens the letter with great praise towards God for what He has done in Christ to create His eternal family (chapter 1). This is why Paul continues in Chapter 1 with a prayer for the maturity of each of the individuals of God's family to really understand all that God has given us in Christ! This is why Paul spends time talking about where the power to change by grace for each member of God's family is found (chapter 2). This is why Paul spends time talking about how Christ's work breaks down the walls that divide us and how God unites us for the purpose of unity and maturity in Christ.(chapters 2-3). This is why we will spend a number of months studying God's perfect plan for His eternal family – what's "behind" the scenes – before we look at how this unity and maturity both individually and corporately plays out in everyday life (chapters 4-6).

Through Ephesians, God teaches us the purpose of His Church (who we are, what we're to do, and how each fit into His Church). In Ephesians, God shows us how the love of Christ living in and through each of us matures each of us in Christ-likeness, helps to mature others around us in Christ-likeness, and how we grow together in Christ-likeness as His eternal Church family. This understanding is essential for individual men and women to grow, for individual families to grow, and for the local Church to grow. Why? Because for each individual Christian and each Christian family to grow in Jesus Christ they need to each be connected and each be contributing to the Body of Jesus Christ! In this series we will look at many components of the growth of God's family in God's Eternal plan: the purpose, praises, prayers, peace, passion, patterns, power, protection, and particulars of God's family just to name a few. Each of these components is essential to your maturity, your spouse's maturity, your children's maturity and the maturity of other Christians in God's family! Each of these components is essential to the corporate maturity of God's Church as well! "We are God's Family" and we are meant to grow together in Christ-likeness as God impacts the world through His plan and through us! Join us for "We are family" and "The Miracle of Life Change – a deeper look at Ephesians 4" and other classes on Wednesday nights (see inside newsletter – "Walk through the Bible", etc.)

Pastor Ben



SEPTEMBER

- 09/02 Ron Millar
- 09/03 Nancy Ferguson
- 09/03 Hannah Rhyne
- 09/04 Richard Anderson
- 09/05 Cheryl Sweeten
- 09/07 Kelly Brooks
- 09/07 Steven Roach
- 09/11 Becky Nelson
- 09/11 Susannah Roach
- 09/13 Lauren Elliotte
- 09/14 Laura Jones
- 09/15 Marilyn Cauble
- 09/15 Jimmy Carter
- 09/19 Anita Cox
- 09/21 Jordan Clarke
- 09/21 Diane Roof
- 09/22 Caleb Arrant
- 09/27 Zach Ferguson
- 09/27 Amanda Roach
- 09/28 John Oates

Additional Ministers this Month...		
	Children's Church	Nursery Schedule
9/4	Felix & Michelle Alpizar	Carolyn Champion, Heather Owenby, & Marilyn Brooks
9/11	David & Ginny Styers	Rick & Chris Oates
9/18	Laurie Murphy & Shirley Edwards	Peggy, Bob, & Josh Grigg
9/25	NONE	Allison & Martin Moses
September Visitor Sheets:		

**Soldiers On Active Duty
Meredith Millar**

September Lectionary Texts

September 4—12th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20.

September 11—13th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

September 18—14th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

September 25—15th Sunday After Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 ;
Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32.

Leadership Meetings

- September 14—Deacon's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- September 18—Christian Education Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
- September 21—Session Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**Men's Fellowship
Wednesday, September 7th
6:30 p.m.**

HANDBELLS

The handbell choir is looking for a couple more ringers. If you are interested please contact Mona Davidson.
Handbells will resume Sunday, September 25th at 5:00 p.m.



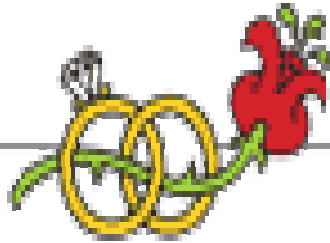
Circles
Sept. 6—Minnie Alexander Circle at 2:00 p.m. at Bess Burghen's
Mollie Falls Circle at 7:00 p.m.

HARPS

Eleven people met at Jackson's Cafeteria on Wednesday, August 17th for a delicious meal and fellowship with HARPS.

HARPS will meet again on Wednesday, September 21st in the fellowship hall at 11:30 a.m.

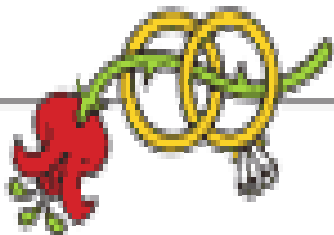
Pastor Ben Wingard's email is down temporarily. Please use the church email secretary@crowderscreekarp.com for any correspondence you may have until further notice.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kelly and Ricky Hogue and Lauren and David Beech on their recent weddings. Kelly and Ricky will be residing in Cookeville, TN and serving at Cookeville Free Will Church. Lauren and David will be residing in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina and serving at East Cooper Baptist Church. Lauren is working at the Medical University of SC.

Just a note to say how happy we are for you. Wishing you a lifetime of the greatest joy, love, and happiness. Congratulations to these wonderful couples!



Senior Adult Spring Fling Pinecrest ARP Church September 22, 2011

Cost: \$7.00 (includes lunch)

Ms. Linda Williams will be the Crafts expert along with Mr. Anthony Navarro (Elder at the Huntersville Church) who will teach a class on "Computer Literacy for Seniors". Dr. Barry Eller will be teaching a class on Inreach/Outreach using the theme for 2012—THE FREE OFFER OF THE GOSPEL.

*The schedule for this years Spring Fling will begin an hour later than usual to accommodate those who have to travel longer distances.



For many years our church has had the month of September to support Crisis Assistance ministry with donations of food. Several years ago we began using the "church banks" to place in our homes. We suggest that you use these to place money in as you remind yourself and your family members of those around us who do not always have food to eat. If you choose to just make a donation we ask that you do so by September 4th. If you do this by check just make it out to Crowders Creek Church and place in the offering plate. Then one check will be written to CAM.

When we make the donation of money for the purchase of food CAM food volunteers are able to go to a "Food Bank" in Charlotte and purchase food.

Thank you for sharing what God has given you with others.

CAPSTONE COLLEGE CONFERENCE

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2011

Bonclarken Conference Center

Cost: \$99

Guest Speaker: Garison Taylor

Worship will be led by The Weller Band, a musical group based out of Asheville, NC.

Bring a heart ready to serve and worship God—be ready to celebrate the first time ever Capstone Retreat for college-aged students. It's going to be loads of fun!

Disciple Makers Equipping Conference

October 14-15th, 2011

First ARP Church, Gastonia, North Carolina

Cost: \$50

As part of our on-going commitment to providing excellent Christian Education resources and training we invite you to join us for a weekend of fellowship and training.

**Please contact Doug Roach if you are interested in attending either of these conferences.*

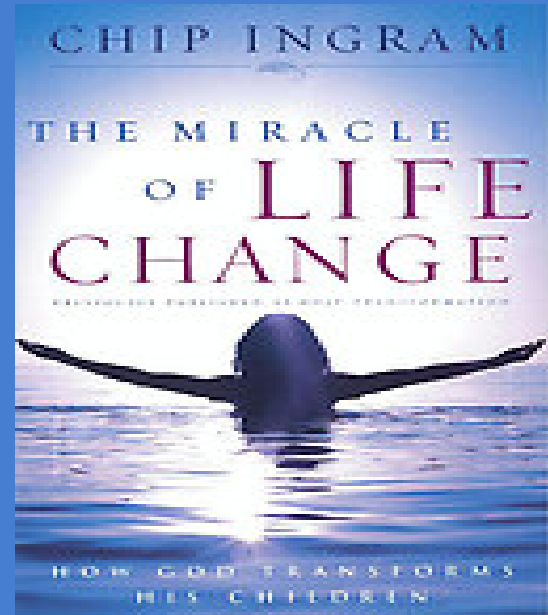


"We Are Family"

Fall Sermon Series in Ephesians

- *the Praise of God's Family
- *the Protection of God's Family
- *the Productivity of God's Family
- *the Peace of God's Family
- *the Purposes of God's Family
- *the Passion of God's Family
- *the Presence of God's Family
- *the Power of God's Family
- *the Pattern of God's Family
- *the Particulars of God's Family
- *the Prayers of God's Family

***Join us on Sunday mornings for a new fall sermon series beginning in September!**



*Wednesday Night Bible Study
Beginning September 14th
6:30 p.m.*

Bible Study for all ages provided

Adult Bible Study

The Miracle of Life Change by Chip Ingram

High School Students

*Middle School Students
Walk through the Bible*

*Older Children
Route 66*

*Younger Children
Kids Quest*

Reformation Sunday/Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday, October 30th



Worshippers gathered over 65 years ago on Sunday evening, April 27, 1941 at a service designed to raise funds to aid Scottish churches during the early days of World War II. The word for 'church' in Scotland is 'kirk.' The worship service known as 'Kirkin' o' the Tartans' means the "bringing to church the tartan (each clan's 'plaid' is actually called 'tartan')". In early history, clans were simply a gathering of peoples for their protection and for economic, political, and social support. They were not necessarily related by blood. Each clan was represented by a "tartan" or a woven cloth designed using local dyes.

Crowders Creek ARP Church has been holding Kirkin' o' the Tartan for the past 10 years. Come and join us Sunday, October 30th as this recognition of brotherhood is observed.