

January 2009

Crowders Creek ARP Church



Pastor's Page

Don't you want to begin 2009 with Wisdom? Don't you want to begin the New Year with the knowledge and skills necessary for everyday life? In the beginning of the Proverbs God reminds us that the "fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom." Of course this means that all wisdom flows from a right and growing relationship with the true God through Jesus Christ. While our relationship with God is our most important relationship, to live successfully Christians also have to know how to live with other people wisely. This is why we are beginning the New Year at Crowder's Creek Church with a focus on the wisdom, principles, and skills necessary to build strong relationships at home, church, and work.

Our new sermon series is called "*Skills Wise Relationships*" because we need Biblical skills from God's Wisdom to develop better relationships. First of all, this series will deal with the Specific Skills needed for solid relationships. It will teach the skills needed to deal with anger and conflict, to communicate better, the importance of speaking honestly, and how we handle our money. Then we will look at some of the specific relationships in which those skills need to be applied: in our marriages, with our children, with close friends, and with our neighbors. In order to learn more about relationships you can join the New Sunday School class taught by Elder Jessie Peterson. Beginning this January he will teach a Young Adults Sunday School Class on *Biblical Principles for Better Relationships*. This practical class is for singles and those with and without children. It will deal with the truths, principles, and skills necessary to have stronger relationships at work, at home, in your marriage, with your children, and with other Christians.

We also need to be rooted in God's Grace in Christ to grow and have a successful year. This is what will be focusing on in the Wednesday night Adult Bible Study in January and in the Women's Bible study. The Wednesday Bible study will focus on "Knowing who you are in Christ this New Year and "Experiencing God's Presence/Power this New Year" The Women's Thursday night group will study "*What's So Amazing about Grace?*" by Philip Yancey. Won't you join in worship, fellowship, and Bible study with other Christians and start this New Year with both "feet" firmly planted in God's Truth?

Pastor Ben

Additional Ministers this Month

Birthdays of the Month

JANUARY

- 01/01 Ann Ferguson
- 01/03 Julie Millar
- 01/06 Steve Lail
- 01/08 Scott Champion
- 01/09 Mandy Deal
- 01/10 Cavan Hoose
- 01/10 Jarred Peterson
- 01/12 Kenneth Oates
- 01/12 Ashley Stowe
- 01/19 Heather Key
- 01/19 Rebekah Rhyne
- 01/21 Jimmy Cox
- 01/22 Mary Jackson
- 01/25 Emma Jo Sciba
- 01/26 Jett Norris
- 01/26 David Reid Styers
- 01/27 Jim Cox
- 01/28 Eddie Petty
- 01/29 Betty Cribb
- 01/30 Jason Hoose

Date	Children's Church	Nursery
1/4	Christy Rhyne	Laurie & Jamie Murphy, Kristy Hundley
1/11	Martin & Allison Moses	Mona & Tommy Davidson
1/18	Chris & Hannah Oates	Michelle Alpizar & Ava Mauney
1/25	Rhett & Carla Clarke	Nancy & Sam Roach

JANUARY Lectionary Texts

1/4—*Second Sunday After Christmas*
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20;
Ephesians 1:1-14; John 1: (1-9) 10-18.

1/11—*Epiphany Sunday*
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians. 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.

1/18—*Second Sunday After Epiphany*
1 Sam. 3:1-10 (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51.

1/25—*Third Sunday After Epiphany*
Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Ps 62:5-12;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.

Soldiers On Active Duty

Amanda Brown, who is Shirley Brown's granddaughter, has returned from Iraq. **Welcome home Amanda!!!**

Jessie Peterson, has returned home from Afghanistan.

Meredith Millar, serving in the Army Reserves.

Thank You!

I would to thank Crowders Creek for all of the cards, calls, visits, and prayers offered on my behalf following the loss of my daughter Sandra Benge. You have truly been a blessing to me at this very sad time.


Gladys Parlier

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED!!!


The Nursery Committee is preparing the Nursery schedule for 2009! If you have served this year, please let Laurie Murphy or Mona Davidson if you are **not** available next year. A wonderful challenge we have this year is more babies and toddlers than 2 people can easily manage. We will be increasing to 3 nursery workers. If you can help on Sunday mornings, please let us know.

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry General Meeting,
January 11, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



“If you want to know how amazing grace really is, take a good look at the broken world it heals. In this ten-session small group DVD curriculum, award winning author Philip Yancey takes you and your study group for interactive, gut-level encounters with radical, life-changing grace. Includes interviews with Tony Campolo, Patricia Raybon, Ann Spangler, Debbie Morris, Lewis Smedes, and Mel White.”

All ladies are invited to join us for this 10 week study on Thursday evenings at 6:45-8:00 p.m. beginning January 8th in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact Marilyn Brooks if you are interested.

PRAYER EMPHASIS PROGRAM

All ladies are encouraged to attend the annual observation of **Prayer Emphasis** at Pisgah ARP on Sunday, January 21 at 3:00 p. m. The ladies from Pisgah and Crowders Creek have for many years joined together in January for a special program on prayer. It is a wonderful time to join with our neighbor

Congratulations Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected 2009 Crowders Creek ARP Officers.

Ordained January 4th:

Jessie Peterson—Elder
Josh Grigg—Deacon

Re-Installed January 11th:

David Brooks—Elder
Mike Ferguson—Elder
Bryan Clarke—Deacon
Bob Grigg—Deacon
Karen Elliotte—Deacon
Julie Millar—Deacon
Mike Mauney—Deacon

Membership, Service and Leadership Opportunities:

*If you want to *find out more about this Church*: would like to take a new member's class; have your child take a communicant's class; get involved in the Men's or Women's Ministries please contact the Church office.

*If you would like to *serve on a committee in 2009*: Worship; Christian Education; Missions; Social Concerns; or Bonclarken please call the Church office and we will get you in touch with the appropriate chair person.

*If you would like to *serve in a particular ministry* as a: Youth/children's worker; teacher; greeter; office volunteer; children's church worker; or nursery worker please contact the Church office and we will get you in touch with the appropriate person.

*If you would like to *learn more about your spiritual gifts/abilities* and where you should serve in Christ's Church please contact the office for information on upcoming classes and teaching.

*If you would like to *learn more about being an elder or deacon* please contact the office for more information on the upcoming Officer training seminar at 1st Gastonia A.R.P. Church on January 31st.

New Life in the New Year—Wednesday Bible Study

Don't you want to get the New Year started off on the right foot? One of the best ways to do that is to have God's Word in your life. Join us each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. as we learn about the New Life and Power available through Jesus Christ for this New Year. Wednesday Nights will include an Adult Bible study taught by Pastor Ben Wingard and a variety of classes for youth, children, and nursery age children. The first meeting will be January 14th. There will be more details given in the near future. Call the Church office for more information.



Adult Bible Study
Destined for Discipleship



"Knowing WHO you are in Christ this New Year	January 14th
"Knowing WHO you are in Christ this New Year pt 2"	January 21st
"Experiencing God's Presence/Power this New Year"	January 28th

New Year's Sermon Series
Based on the book of Proverbs

Skills for Wise Relationships.....

January 4th

"Dealing with Conflict part 1"

January 11th

"Dealing with Conflict part 2"

January 18th

"Using Effective Communication part 1

January 25th

"Using Effective Communication part 2

New Young Adult Sunday School
Class

Beginning this January Elder Jessie Peterson will be teaching a Young Adults Sunday School Class on Biblical Principles for Better Relationships. This practical class will deal with the truths, principles, and skills necessary to have stronger relationships at work, home, in your marriage, with your children, and with other Christians. Please sign-up in the vestibule if you are interested. This class begins January 4th in the Men's Fellowship class.

SPECIAL OFFERING!

The quarterly offering for our **Social Concerns Ministry** will be received January 4th. This ministry affords our assisting individuals in the community who experience temporary financial needs. If you would like to contribute, please use a special offering envelope provided in each pew, notating "Social Concerns."



Men's Fellowship and Salvation Army
Breakfast

Be watching the January bulletins for details on these upcoming events.

HARPS

HARPS will be meeting Wednesday, January 21st at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.