

Crowders Creek ARP Church



Pastor's Page

Just want to remind you about some of the important upcoming events in May in our church family:

1. Honoring God through prayer—May 7th

May 7th is the **National Day of Prayer**. We are going to have a commitment to pray on that day by building a different kind of powerful prayer chain. This chain contains prayer requests from the congregation. On May 3rd, as you leave the worship service you will be invited to take a part of the chain home with you to pray about the requests on that section of the chain, especially on May 7, the National Day of Prayer. We will see the power of prayer displayed.

"For my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah 56:8

2. Honoring Mother's/Grandmother's in worship—May 10th

Mother's Day began in ancient Greece, where the people paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods, each spring. A little later in history it is noted that England paid homage to mothers on "Mothering Sunday," the fourth Sunday of Lent. In 1872, Julia Ward Howe (who wrote the words to the Battle hymn of the Republic) suggested the idea of Mother's Day, but it was **Miss Anna M. Jarvis** (1864-1948), of Philadelphia, who began a letter-writing campaign to a variety of influential people that made Mother's Day a national holiday. Miss Jarvis was very close to her mother Mrs. Anna Reese Jarvis. Anna's mother died in May of 1905, when Anna was 41 years of age. Anna was not married and from the time of her mother's death cared for her blind sister, Ellsinore. Anna missed her mother very much and felt that children should appreciate their mother more while they're still alive. Anna hoped Mother's Day would increase respect and love and strengthen family bonds.

Miss Anna Jarvis's mother's favorite flower was the white carnation. This flower was chosen to represent the sweetness, purity and endurance of mother love. However, the red carnation has since become the symbol of a living mother while white signifies that one's mother has died.

3. Honoring our graduates in worship—????????????????????

If you are a graduating senior (high school or college) and a member of Crowders Creek ARP Church please let our secretary know along with your accomplishments and future plans, so we may honor you during our Graduation Recognition service on May 31st. Please let the church office know by May 10th. Everyone is invited to join the graduates at a covered dish luncheon in their honor immediately following the worship service.

Pastor Ben

Birthdays of the Month

THIS MONTH

MAY

05/04 Helen Barker
 05/06 Parker Wingard
 05/09 Jenni DeJacimo
 05/09 Margie Wheeler
 05/10 Chris Champion
 05/10 Ben Smith
 05/15 Michelle Alpizar
 05/15 Vickie Lail
 05/15 Rick Oates
 05/16 Kristy Hundley
 05/19 Will Ferguson
 05/20 Carla Clarke
 05/21 Hannah Oates
 05/22 Michael Moses
 05/23 Amy Stowe
 05/24 Jonathan Alpizar
 05/24 Mae Ferguson
 05/24 Nancy Riley
 05/26 Shirley Edwards
 05/27 Monica Lail
 05/28 George Stowe
 05/29 Helen White
 05/30 Fali Mistry

Soldiers On Active Duty

Amanda Brown, Shirley Brown's granddaughter.

Jessie Peterson, Air Force National Guard, Charlotte, NC.

Meredith Millar, is at officer training with the National Guard at Ft. Benning, GA.

HARP'S & MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

- HARPS will have their regularly scheduled lunch on May 20th at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
- Men's Fellowship meets May 19th at 6:30 p.m. Minnie Alexander Circle is serving the meal. Rhett Clarke is in charge of the program. Also, Salvation Army Breakfast is scheduled for May 30th.

Additional Ministers this Month...

Date	Children's Church	Nursery
5/3	Rick & Chris Oates	Charlie & Christy Rhyne
5/10	Martin & Allison Moses	Mona & Tommy Davidson, Mae Ferguson
5/17	Carla Clarke & Tammy Peterson	Felix & Michelle Alpizar, Ava Mauney
5/24	None	Chris & Elizabeth Mills, Kimberly Stowe
5/31	Charlie & Christy Rhyne	Carolyn Champion, Heather Key, Marilyn Brooks

Kirkin' O The Tartans

Our annual Kirkin' O The Tartans service has been moved to October 25, 2009 (Reformation Sunday). Contact church office for more information.

May Lectionary Texts

- 5/3—4th Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 4:5-12; Ps 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.
- 5/10—5th Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.
- 5/17—6th Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.
- 5/24—Ascension Sunday**
 Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:15-17,21-26; Ps 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19.
- 5/31—Pentecost**
 Acts 2:1-21 Ps. 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27, 6:4b-15.



You are invited
to a
BABY SHOWER
for
Amy Mistry



Saturday, May 9, 2009
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Crowders Creek Church
Fellowship Hall

Given by Michelle Alpizar, Christie
Mistry and Hope Mauney

Registered at Target + Babies R' Us
It's a Boy!!!

Bonclarcken Gift Shop

Now is the time of year that you are asked to donate items to the Gift Shop. As you know the Gift Shop began a number of years ago as a service to those who visit Bonclarcken. People are asked to donate hand-made craft items, home-made jelly, jam, pickles, candy, cookies etc. Since children love being able to shop, items from the Dollar Store are very popular.

Please bring your donated items by the end of May and place them in a container in the room to your right as you enter the sanctuary. You may wish to put a suggested price on the items you make.

Spring Women's Bible Study

6:45-8:30 (Time Change)

"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed—A Study of David"

A six-week study of David from the Deeper Still event featuring: Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore and Kay Arthur. The study is a video and discussion of the previous weeks homework.

No Bible Study **May 7th**. Final spring study will be **May 21st**.

Christianity 101

Pastor Ben is teaching a class during Sunday School May 10th, in the pastor's office, on the basics of Christianity, and what church membership is all about. This is geared towards visitors who are interested in joining Crowders Creek. It will cover the essential truths of Christianity: What we believe and why? What is our mission and how do we accomplish it? Who are you in Christ and what are you called to be and do in His Church. New members will be presented on

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:45 p.m. Dinner

6:30 p.m. Bible Study for all Ages

Dinner: Donation \$2.00 per person or
\$5.00 per family

Managing Our Finances God's Way

In this seven-week, Adult Bible study you will learn truths about biblical financial management.

Lesson topics include:

- Dedicate It All to God
- Plan Your Spending
- Giving as an Act of Worship
- Saving and Investing
- God's Solution to Debt
- Enjoy What God Has Given You

The final Bible study for the spring will be May 20th. There will be a Year End Party on May 27th...details to follow.

Leadership Meetings

- **Deacon's Meeting—May 13th at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Session Meeting—May 27th at 7:30 p.m.**



MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION ORDERS



May 3rd is the final day to place orders for Mother's Day carnations. The price for each carnation will be \$1.50. Fill out the order form located in the bulletin and drop in the box in the vestibule.

FATHER'S DAY CARNATION ORDERS

You may also purchase a carnation in honor/memory of a special man in your life on May 17, 24, June 7, or 14. The cost is \$1.50 per carnation. Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st.

Make checks payable: Crowders Creek A.R.P. Church.



Appalachia Mission Trip
Meeting— May 3rd, 6:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall. This is
for all participants attending
the Mission Trip.

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School Join us for Crocodile Dock

“Where Fearless Kids Shine God’s Light”



July 26th: Registration and Ice Cream Social
July 27th-31st: VBS—5:45-8:00 p.m.

Classes for Preschool—5th Grade
Visit the Crocodile Display for Registration Forms
and more information!

Volunteers are needed to help in all areas.
If you would like to help, our first VBS meeting
will be held in the Fellowship Hall on May 17th,
at 6:00 p.m.

**Next
Month**



New Members will be presented in worship on June 7th.

General Synod Meeting at Bonclarken will be held June 9-11.

Horizon Sr. High Youth Conference— June 15-20th. Please let Jennifer Wingard know by **May 3rd** if you are planning to attend.

Father's Day is June 21st.

Quest Jr. High Conference— June 22-26th. Please let Tammy Peterson know by **May 3rd** if you are planning to attend.

Summer Sermon Series Survey

Pastor Ben will begin a new Sermon Series this summer in the Book of Psalms. If you would like to submit your favorite Psalm, Pastor Ben will possibly incorporate this into his series. You may submit by email secretary@crowderscreekarp.org or calling the church office.



**Calling all Girls
ages 9-12!**



**You are invited to
Growing Girls in Christ!
July 20-24th, time to be announced**

“You’re Designed to Shine”

Join us for a fun filled week of devotions, crafts, and fellowship as you learn how unique and special God has made you! See the display in the Fellowship Hall or the Vestibule for more information.