

Crowders Creek ARP Church



Rev. Ben Wingard

At the Congregational Meeting on June 15th, Rev. Ben Wingard was unanimously voted to be called as our Pastor. The Pulpit Nominating Committee presented him as a godly man of excellent character, who is well grounded in the Reformed faith and committed to the love and service of his savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. They sense him to be an excellent fit for our congregation.

Ben Wingard has a BA in Business Administration from the University of SC, graduated from Reformed Theological Seminary in Charlotte, NC in May of 2000 with a Master of Divinity degree, and was ordained in June of 2000. Since that time he has been pastor at the New Amity and Stony Point churches in Statesville. He is married to the former Jennifer Cook of Statesville, NC and has three children: sons Austin - 6, Parker - 5, and daughter McKenna - 3. Jennifer is a homemaker and part-time secretary at New Amity ARP.

Ben believes that the mission of the church is not only to reach out to the lost and make converts (he is a certified pastor and trainer in Evangelism Explosion) and to disciple those new believers, but to equip the leadership to continually disciple and train every member of the congregation to become committed, competent, and creative Christians who will likewise discover and use their gifts in service to Christ.



Annual Summer Cookout



This year's Annual Summer Cookout will once again be held at the McLurkin's home in Sharon and is sponsored by the HARPS and Men's Fellowship. Everyone is invited—it's a family affair!!

Date: Wednesday, July 9th

Time: 6:00 p.m.

A sign-up list for attendees, as well as for bringing food items, is in the vestibule. The HARPS and Men's Fellowship will provide the hot dogs and hamburgers, but be sure to check the list on the vestibule to see what items you can contribute. We need to have an accurate "attendee" list by Sunday, July 6th so the meat can be purchased. Directions to the McLurkin's home in Sharon will be available in the vestibule 2 weeks prior. You may also contact the church office for directions.



This will be my final newsletter as your Church Secretary. I will work very limited hours in July until a new secretary is secured, or until July 25th, but will not be able to publish an August newsletter. You, my "second church family", have been such a blessing and joy to work with. Thank you so much for your genuine concern for me and my family throughout these 1/2 years. I wish you all the best in the years to come.

Cyndi Braswell

JULY Lectionary Texts

7/6—**8th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Gen. 24:34-67; Psalm 45:10-17
 Romans 7:15-25
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

7/13—**9th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Gen. 25:19-34; Ps. 119:105-112
 Romans 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-23

7/20—**10th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Genesis 28:10-19
 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

7/27—**11th Sunday after Pentecost**
 Gen. 29:15-28; Ps. 105:1-11, 45
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Additional Ministers this Month...

Date	Children's Church	Nursery
7/6	Tammy Peterson	Michelle Alpizer & Ava Mauney
7/13	Michelle & Felix Alpizer	Nancy & Sam Roach
7/20	David & Ginny Styers	Peggy, Bob, & Josh Grigg
7/27	Christy Rhyne	Shirley & Don Edwards



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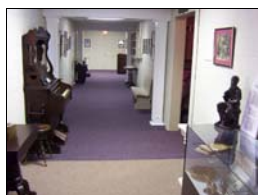
Crisis Assistance Ministries

Crowders Creek currently has two ladies who are volunteers with CAM—Ethel Mauney and Mae Ferguson. Volunteers take leaves at times for vacation, staying home with children during summer months, taking time off for surgery, etc. Ethel began volunteering several years ago after retirement. Mae began years ago when she and Awilda Stowe were our first volunteers. Margaret Falls, Mary Jackson, and Mary Lousie Griffin were also volunteers in the past years. Did we miss anyone?

At the annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Bradley Memorial Methodist Church, Mae was honored for 20 years of service. She was given a beautiful paperweight and CAM shirt.

Crowders Creek was one of the first CAM churches involved in their work. They started out in rented facilities—one on W. Main St. and another on E. 3rd Ave. Several years ago they received a building on W. Airline Ave. through a donation by a local businessman and his family. We thank you for continuing to support this worthwhile agency with your gifts of money and food during the year. Volunteers are needed. Susan Jenkins is the volunteer coordinator for CAM. She would be happy to have you call or stop by to talk with her and see the CAM operation.

Museum Tour is a GO!!



The church van will be leaving at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, to visit the **Museum of Western York County**. Participants will enjoy the museum from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and then head over to the McLurkin home for the Church Family Picnic. If you are interested in riding the van (and have not already signed up) please contact Mae Ferguson or Cathy Best.

Birthdays of the Month



07/02 Dot Faris
 07/03 Pat Simmons
 07/04 Christy Meadows
 07/07 Joshua Arrant
 07/10 Matthew Peterson
 07/11 Jean Love
 07/13 David Deal
 07/13 Jimmy Mauney
 07/15 Pat Carter
 07/17 Nancy Jones
 07/17 Laura Mauney
 07/21 Gabrielle Carter
 07/24 Grier Clarke
 07/25 Alfred Stowe
 07/26 Allison Stowe
 07/28 David Styers
 07/29 Jacqueline Jenkins
 07/29 Amy Mistry
 07/29 Jamie Sciba
 07/29 Rebecca Sweeten
 07/30 Kristy Best
 07/30 Sonny Norris
 07/31 Kim Ferguson

**Way to go,
Lauren!** 

Bonclarken Weekend Details 8/8-8/10

Donations for Food (Reminder)

Thank you for the donations made to help with our food needs for the weekend. If you have not made a donation and would like to, please use the specially marked envelopes in the vestibule or use an envelope in the pew. Please be sure to mark it "Bonclarken Food". Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Food Preparation and Cleanup

We would like to have at least one adult from each family help with one meal during the weekend. Dividing the work between the whole group allows everyone time to enjoy the weekend. There will be a sign-up poster on the porch.

Food Items to Donate

There will also be a sign-up sheet for you to indicate your willingness to bring items to help with the meal on Sunday. We also need desserts for the Sunday lunch and for the other meals during the weekend. **Please bring your food items to the Convocation Hall before lunch on Saturday or let us know that you will be bringing it later. We need to have an accurate count of what is available so we will not go out and purchase anything unnecessarily.**

Sunday Van Ride

The church van will leave the church at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning and will leave Bonclarken at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet that will be either on the porch or bulletin board if you would like to ride on the van. Directions to Bonclarken are available if you need them.

Room Accommodations

Please see Peggy Grigg if you did not sign up for a reservation on the grounds earlier. There is still space available.

Lauren Elliotte just recently returned from a trip to Matagalpa, Nicaragua where she spent a week working on the Vida Joven (Young Life) Farm / Youth Camp. The efforts of Lauren and her companions were to help the Nicaraguan branch of Young Life. Young Life is a Christian non-denominational, incarnational, ministry based in Colorado Springs, but more commonly the name refers to the outreach arm of the organization directed towards high school students.

Earlier this spring Lauren graduated from The Citadel in Charleston, SC with a Masters Degree in Clinical Counseling. She is currently working with the SC Medical University Hospital in the psychiatry unit.

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Bonclarken Weekend - August 8-10, 2008

Schedule of Events

The schedule of events for the weekend is listed along with the times each activity will take place, the fee (if there is one), and any other important information that is needed (such as adult supervision, age limits, etc.). Please review this list. We will have a sign up sheet on the front porch beginning July 6. Since some activities take place at the same time (climbing wall and ropes), please place a #1 beside the activity you wish to do first. If there is time when you finish this activity, you may be able to do the second. This will help us to get an accurate count. An activity may not be offered if there is not enough interest. If the activity requires a consent form (*CF*), please fill this out, have a parent sign it, and leave them on the table before you leave. NOTE: Adult volunteers are needed at the Climbing Wall and Ropes Course. If your child is participating in either of these activities, we would appreciate your willingness to assist as needed. See Marilyn Brooks for details.

Saturday Morning

- 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, biscuits, etc.)
- 8:45 a.m. **Brief Devotional Time** (Rev. Ben Wingard)
- 9:00 a.m. **Carl Sandburg House, Petting Farm, and Glassy Mountain.** Mike Ferguson will lead this group. You can do part or all of this outing.
- 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. **Fishing Tournament.** Bob, Josh, & Matt Grigg will be in charge of this event with a trophy going to the person who catches the biggest fish.
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Climbing Wall.** Please be there at your scheduled time. The Bonclarken Staff will not begin until all participants are there for a brief training. Having to wait will hold up everyone and take away from your time on the wall. (*CF*)
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Ropes Course.** Must be 12 years old (*CF*)
- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Golf.** Approx. \$21.00 (9 holes)

Saturday Afternoon

- 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch** (Pizza, salad, and dessert)
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Pamper Pole** (*CF*)
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. **Paintball** (\$17.75 per person with Bonclarken equipment; \$12.25 per person with own equipment). Required: Gun / Face Mask / CO2 Cartridge. Paintballs are extra charge for everyone. Time: 1-3 hours. Bonclarken has 10 guns. Must be 8 years old (*CF*)
- 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. **Frisbee Golf** (\$10 per person; refundable if Frisbee is returned) or you can bring your own or purchase one in the Gift Shop.
- 6:00 p.m. **Supper** (Barbeque, Baked Beans, Dessert)

Saturday Evening

- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Grass Fire** (local musical group)
- 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. **Devotions** (Rev. Ben Wingard)
- 8:30 p.m. **Make your own Sundaes**
- 9:00 p.m. **Movie**

Sunday Morning

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. **Breakfast** (cereal, toast & jelly, muffins, coffee, juice, milk)
- 11:00 a.m. **Morning Worship Service** in Chapel

Sunday Lunch

- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch.** Everyone is invited to Convocation Hall.

Other Activities

Swimming, Pedal Boats, Kayaking, Aqua Bikes are available anytime Lifeguards are on duty. Age Requirements (without parent): Kayaking -12, Aqua Bikes -10)