

April 2011

Crowders Creek ARP Church



The Month of April is an exciting time in the life of the Church. Spring has begun and we look forward to the celebration of Easter and Christ's Resurrection. We have some fun activities planned for the children like the Easter Egg hunt that I hope you'll get involved in. I also pray that this will be a time when you will reflect on Christ's journey to The Cross and what motivated this terrible journey for us. I pray that this will be a time when we measure how "wide, high, long, deep is the love of Christ Jesus." His love is one that we can never get our arms around and yet as we aim to "measure" His love and experience His love it will impact our lives in an amazing way. We have some wonderful opportunities this season of Lent:

1) Join us as we continue our series from 1 John: "The heart of the matter – God's love in Jesus Christ" 2) Join us for two special Communion services: April 10th – on Sunday morning and April 21st – as Crowder's Creek A.R.P. hosts the community Maundy Thursday Service. Any time we celebrate The Lord's Supper it is a wonderful time to look back to what Christ went through on The Cross – to look within with the confession of our current sins – to around at those God is calling us to express His love to (inside and outside of the Church family) – to look ahead to Christ's return and most of all to look up in dependence on The Holy Spirit who is at work within the hearts of all true believers drawing us to Himself with His amazing grace. This is what happens in the heart of any true believer in Christ any time we celebrate The Lord's Supper, but I believe there is something special about partaking of the bread and the juice during the season of Lent. As we come together as a Church family on April 10th and as a Church community on April 21st God will be at work as we remember the days of Jesus Christ's journey to the Cross for us. May we remember the steps He took in love to secure our salvation. May we remember the last Passover and first Lord's Supper He celebrated in the upper room with his first disciples. My prayer is that this season of Lent will be most of all a time drawing closer to the love of God through Jesus Christ. But we must remember that this drawing closer to God only comes through our continual dependence on The Holy Spirit who lives within us. May our times at The Lord's Table be times for drawing upon God's love and grace in Jesus Christ. May this season of Lent also be a time to look around for the opportunities to express God's love in Christ. God's love can be expressed to our spouses, children, parents, other Christians needing encouragement or material help, and can by God's grace even extend around the world to the workers and victims of the tragedy in Japan. May we join together for both Easter services looking to The One who in His great love came, lived perfectly in love and obedience, died in love and sacrifice, and rose in perfect love forever giving eternal life and love to all who turn to Him. May we turn to Him this Easter experiencing an eternal love that has given us a living hope.

Pastor Ben

New Members at Crowders Creek

Please join the Crowders Creek Session in welcoming our newest members Bud and Bess Burghen, and Gavin and Ashley Bell. God has blessed our church with these new families, take the opportunity to say a word of welcome to them.

Additional Ministers this Month...

APRIL

- 04/03 Steve Crawford
- 04/07 Matthew Grigg
- 04/09 Melody Mauney
- 04/11 Nathan Davidson
- 04/13 Phyllis Carter
- 04/13 Nelson Ferguson
- 04/15 Barry Best
- 04/16 Andy Cauble
- 04/19 Jennifer Meadows
- 04/20 Bob Grigg
- 04/20 Terry Norris
- 04/20 Katie Prince
- 04/20 Richard Rutherford
- 04/21 Kathy Cox
- 04/21 Jim Moses
- 04/22 Al Cox
- 04/22 Tommy Davidson
- 04/24 Montana Sciba
- 04/25 Judy Ferguson
- 04/26 Shirley Brown
- 04/26 Catherine Whitesides
- 04/28 Karen Elliotte
- 04/30 Seth Arrant

	Children's Church	Nursery Schedule
4/3	Laurie Murphy & Shirley Edwards	Carolyn Champion, Heather Owenby, & Marilyn Brooks
4/10	Charlie & Christy Rhyne	Rick & Chris Oates
4/17	Easter Cantata (NONE)	Peggy, Bob, & Josh Grigg
4/24	NONE	Allison & Martin Moses
April Visitor Sheets:		

Soldiers On Active Duty
Meredith Millar

Missionary
Kelly Brooks



We want to thank Crowders Creek ARP for the wonderful kindness they showed to the Lynn/Goodwin family in the loss of our loved one, Nancy Goodwin Lynn. We loved her so much, but were prepared to release her into the Lord's loving care.

Special thanks to Mrs. Katherine Best and her husband, Bill for their time and help. Also, thanks to the Oates family and Rob Elliotte.

*Sincerely,
Tom and Cookie Lynn*

April Lectionary Texts

April 3rd—4th Sunday in Lent
1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.

April 10th—5th Sunday in Lent
Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

April 17th—Palm/Passion Sunday
Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29. Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;

April 24th—Easter Day
Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

Leadership Meetings
April 13th—Deacon's Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
April 20th—Session Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Appalachia Mission Trip Meeting Sunday, April 10th at 4:00 p.m. All those attending the Mission Trip please be present.

Circles

April 4—Ruth Grier Circle at 7:00 p.m.

April 5—Minnie Alexander Circle at 2:00 p.m. will meet at Shirley Brown's

Mollie Falls Circle at 7:00 p.m.



"Seeking God together as God's people: In God's Word – In Worship"

Come recharge your spiritual batteries and let God renew you through His Word, through worship and prayer, and through fellowship with His people. **New Adult Series "Ten Commandments"**.

Dinner 5:45 p.m.

Children's Choir 6:10-6:30 p.m.

Bible Study and Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

**Suggested donation: \$ 2 per person or \$ 5 per family...*

Children's Choir will meet each Wednesday night from 6:10-6:30 p.m. in the K-2nd Grade Sunday School room. Ages 4-5th grades are invited to come and join the Choir!!!



Middle School Girls—Join us each Wednesday Night from 6:30-7:15 studying "Priceless" Discovering true love, beauty, and confidence in Christ. Bring a friend! We will meet in the room above the church office.

High School Students—studying Wide Angle by Chuck Colson. Colson and Warren tackle some of the key issues of our day: truth vs. relativism, creationism vs. Darwinism, tolerance, terrorism, and so much more. You will learn about competing worldviews, the biblical basis for a Christian worldview, and its application to every facet of life.

***No Wednesday night programs on April 20th or 27th due to Easter holidays. Programs will resume on May 4th.**



Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 22, 2011

5:00-6:30 p.m.

Egg Hunt, Games, and Hotdogs!

***Please bring a basket for the Egg Hunt**

Contact Allison Moses with any questions (803-222-5233).



**ARP Easter Offering will be collected
on Sunday, April 10th and 17th**



**Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, April 24th
6:30 a.m.**

**Come and join us for
this special celebration.
We will meet on the
front porch of the sanctuary.
Breakfast will follow the service in the
Fellowship Hall.**



**Maundy Thursday
Service
April 21, 2011
Crowders Creek ARP
Church
7:00 p.m.**

Crowders Creek will be hosting the Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Please join together with other local ARP Churches to remember the night before Jesus' arrest and death—the last Passover and the first Lord's Supper...

Easter Remembrances

On Easter Sunday we will again have an opportunity to honor or remember friends and loved ones. These will be listed in the Easter bulletin, April 24th.

*Alleluia!
He is alive!*

You may use the envelopes in the pews on which you indicate where you wish your contribution to be used. Make checks payable to Crowders Creek Church.

Please fill in the information below and **place this in the wooden box in the vestibule by April 17th.** (If there are questions please see Mae or Cathy).

Easter Lily Orders

On Easter Sunday we will have the "Easter Lily Cross" at the front of the sanctuary. Each lily will be \$5.50 each. Please turn in orders by April 8th. Order forms are available in the weekly bulletin. A list will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



HARPS
Tuesday, April 19, 2011
11:30 a.m.

Rev. James Louchridge, Pastor of 2nd Baptist church in Kings Mountain will be speaking and will be presenting different musical instruments. Join us for this time of fellowship. Note Date Change for April only.

Spiritual Life Emphasis Day May 15, 2011

A team from the ARP Christian Education Ministry in Greenville, SC will present programs during the Sunday School hour, Worship hour (sermon), and at 1:00 p.m. following a covered dish luncheon. All church members should plan to attend this day of spiritual refreshment and encouragement.



The Compassion; The Children; The Commitment; The Commission;



**“The heart of the Christian Life—
God’s Love in Jesus Christ”**

A sermon series based on I John beginning in March



BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser Friday, April 15th 11 am to 7 pm

The Women’s Ministry is sponsoring a BBQ & Bake Sale Fundraiser on Friday, April 15th. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule to place your order or orders. The cost will be \$6.00 for each order (will include Kyle Fletcher’s barbecue, chips, cole slaw, and dessert). The proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards replacing the floor covering in the fellowship hall. **ALL ORDERS TAKEN FOR DELIVERY SHOULD BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH.**

Horizon Jr. High Conference

June 13-18, 2011

Registration deadline is May 8th and includes free T-shirt. Student cost is \$112.00 (late registrants will pay \$137.00 plus cost of T-shirt). Josh Bales, professional recording artist and worship leader will provide music. Speaker is Britton Woods, USC Campus Ministry Director.

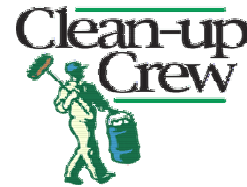
Quest Jr. High Conference

June 20-25, 2011

Registration deadline is May 8th and includes free T-shirt. Student cost is \$112.00 (late registrants will pay \$137.00 plus cost of T-shirt). Josh Bales, professional recording artist and worship leader will provide music. Speaker is Andy Lewis, National Youth Workers director.

Recreation for both camps include zip line, climbing tower, swimming, caving, paintball, crafts, and more.

**Contact Doug Roach or Jennifer Wingard for more information.*



**Bonclarken
Cottage
Clean Up
Day
April 30th
7:00 a.m.**

Bonclarken Cottage Clean Up Day has been scheduled for Saturday, April 30th. We will leave the church at 7:00 a.m. that morning. There is plenty of inside and outside work to be done to prepare for the 2011 events. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping out this year with this endeavor. The more people we have helping, the more we can accomplish and the less time it will take. If you are willing to participate, please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule. We would appreciate your assistance.

The church; The Completeness; The Confidence;

The Commands; The Character; of God's Love



BONCLARKEN WEEKEND

The annual Bonclarken Weekend is scheduled for August 12-14. Room reservations will begin on Sunday, April 10. The floor plans of the various rooms/apartments/camp sites will be displayed for your review. The Crowders Creek Cottage is available first to the Bonclarken Committee; the Minister; the organist; and new members. For those who desire a specific room or campsite, you have the next three weeks until Sunday, May 1, to return your room reservation form with your first and second choices marked. If you are camping, we need to know your choice as soon as possible. The unreserved sites need to be released by the first of June. After the three weeks deadline, if multiple requests have been made for the same apartment, room or campsite, it will be necessary to have a drawing to see who gets the first choice. The results will be posted on Sunday, May 8. After that date, you will receive an envelope for your first night deposit. **Please make your checks out to BONCLARKEN (not Crowders Creek)** and then return it to Peggy Grigg. Bonclarken will then send you a statement with what you have paid and your remaining balance.

Faith Apartments: \$92.00 per night

The Lodge: \$60.00 (1 adult) per night
\$75.00 (2 adults) per night

Campground: \$17.25 per night (Sites 16, 17 w/o sewer)
\$22.50 per night (Sites 2, 3, 24 25, 26 – with sewer)
\$10.25 per night (Tent sites)

NOTE: There will be a \$7.25 per person per day charge for each additional person above the capacity noted. Children 18 years and under are free with parents in same room.



ATTENTION UPCOMING GRADUATES

If you are an upcoming graduate, please let our secretary know. Please submit any accomplishments so we may honor you during worship.

Please give this information to the church office by **Sunday, May 8th.**



Salvation Army Breakfast—April 4, 2011.

To donate for the food make a check payable to the church and designate for Salvation Army Breakfast.



Pastor Ben will out of the office Sunday, April 3rd. Mackay Smith will speaking in worship that morning. In case of an emergency, please contact the office during normal office hours, Wednesday-Thursday 9:00-1:30. After office hours please contact Cathy/Bill Best, or your shepherd leader. They can reach Pastor Ben on his cell.

Jodie Naylor, Office Secretary will be out of the office Monday-Thursday, April 25th-28th for Easter holidays. All newsletter information for May is due by April 18th.



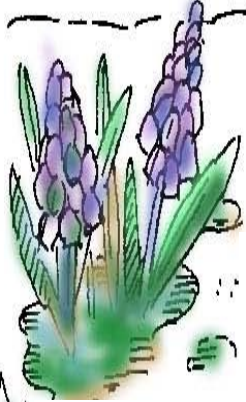
The Spring Middle School Retreat was held at Bonclarken March 18-20th. The speaker encouraged our youth to look behind the curtain of our faith. Highlights included worship, playing volleyball, and going to downtown Hendersonville for a trip to the bakery and Hot Dog World! A wonderful time was had by all who attended!

Mother's Day Carnations

May 8th - *Mother's Day*—We will begin taking orders for Mother's Day carnations April 17th. It is necessary to get your order in no later than May 1st. The order forms will be in the bulletin soon...look for these.



My Revival



*As I sat at my kitchen table watching the children play
My mind began to wander back to yesterday
To the days when I was just a child sitting at Mama's kitchen
Listening to her loving voice reading Bible stories to me*

*There was Noah, Moses, and David, Jonah, Joseph, and Paul
But the stories about our Savior was the favorite of them all
When she read of how on Christmas Day the Lord Jesus was born
Then how He hung on the rugged cross and rose on Easter morn*

*I wondered how they could be so cruel to do our Lord that way
Then realized, as I grew older I was crucifying Him in every way*


*Then at Church it was Revival time how happy I was to go
We had no money for dates and cars and trips to the picture show
So going to Church was so much fun we could hardly wait for Sunday to go*

*But I loved to go to Church at night and worship and sing
By old lamp light that year the Revival was sent for me
Just let me tell you and you will see*

The preacher talked about Heaven and Hell and all the stories I knew so well

*But on this night it was so clear I was the one God held so near.
He wanted me to be His own one of His children around the throne.*

*With sure straight steps with never a falter
I went to the front and knelt at that altar*



*And prayed the only prayer I could
Dear Lord forgive and I knew He would
I arose from my knees and heard the
shouts of my own dear Mother and Father
and friends all about
Praising the Lord for saving my soul
Cleansing my heart and making me whole*

*I'll never forget that wonderful day and
the prayers of my parents who led me
the way.*

Written by: Wilma Fowler 1965
(Mae Ferguson's aunt who passed away last month)



SPECIAL OFFERING



A special offering will be taken on April 3rd to help the victims of the tragedy in Japan. Be in prayer about how God would have you help at this time.