

Happy Thanksgiving



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 Permit #4
 Salemburg, NC
 28385**

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for our Hanging of the Greens program on December 4, please fill out the form below and please place in box in the vestibule at church or mail your check made payable to: Union Grove Baptist Church, Attn: Pam Hedgepeth, 395 Vander Rd., Salemburg, NC 28385.

Poinsettias will be \$10.00 each **DEADLINE IS: Wednesday, November 27, 2011**
 You may list as many people in memory of or in honor of with the purchase of 1 poinsettia. Please do not feel that you have to purchase more than 1 for more than one person.

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

By: _____ Your Phone # _____

Amount of Check \$ _____

Would you like to have your poinsettia donated to a shut in? Yes _____ (Please check, if yes)



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Dear Church Family,
 One day last week, Amy left for work only to come right back to the house. After pulling out she realized she had a flat tire. So I gave her my car and I did my morning running around in the truck. I got my air tank and filled up the tire enough to get it to the shop to get it plugged. I had some reading to do anyway, so I figured I could get the tire fixed and do my reading. Outside the store is a bench and there was an older fellow (89 years old) who told me to sit down with him. I did and we began talking. Come to find out he knew my people and we were even related through some branches of our family tree. We talked about people we knew and he told me some about his life. As I often try to do I tried to get the conversation over to the Lord. I am thankful that I did.

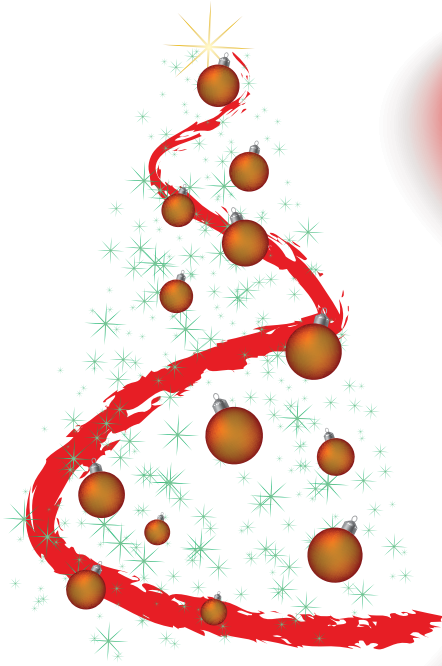
I asked him where he went to church and he told me that he went to a church (whom I will not name here) over near Piney Green. In fact he was five years old when they built that church there and he has been going to that church ever since. Without me even asking he began telling me all how his church use to be. He said the roof was made of wood shingles, and on a clear night you could see the moon through the cracks, but he said strangely enough it never leaked. On cold days the preacher would pause in his sermon just long enough to throw another log into the wood stove. The floors were sawdust and the pews were 2"x6's laid upon cinder blocks. They hung four gas lanterns up for lights. He said that when they had revivals "you could not fit one more head in the church." He said they would open the windows so people outside could hear the preacher. And he said that when the preacher preached, that place almost "rocked." When it got dry on the fields they would meet up at the church just to have prayer sessions for rain. And he said, when they did, it would rain! With some other things he shared you could tell this man loved Jesus.

One thing he said that really got me. As his lower chin was quivering he told me the Spirit does not move in his church like it used to. He said "you don't see the Spirit in the church today, and even when you do, the people don't believe it." It is important to note most of this he shared with me before I told him I was a pastor. You could tell it was sincere and that he loved the church he had been at for over 80 years. This sweet man probably did not realize it, but he was a huge blessing to this young pastor. I pray and beg the Lord to move in my life and in my church's life. Oh, how I would love to see revivals where the church was full, where they altar's were wet with repentant and joyful tears. Sometimes when I get discouraged the Lord reminds me that the same Spirit that filled the church's then, is still alive and well and as powerful today as it was back then. He has not moved away from us, if anything we have moved away from Him. I paid for my tire, thanked this fine gentlemen profusely for his words and as I sat here back at the church, I thanked God my wife had a flat tire He is still alive and able!

Love you guys,
 Pastor Allen

NOVEMBER 2011

- 2 **Business Mtg**
- 3 **Brotherhood Mtg**
- 4-6 **Family Retreat**
- 4 **Secret Church**
- 6-18 **Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets**
- 7 **Women's World**
- Day of Prayer**
- Circle of Hope 7pm**
- 9 **WMU Pancake Dinner**
- Shoebox Packing Party 7pm**
- 12 **Brotherhood Dinner**
- 13 **Shoebox Dedication**
- Deacons' Mtg 2pm**
- 14 **Covenant Word 1pm**
- 16 **Youth @ Food Bank**
- RA/GA @ Food Bank**
- 20 **Lottie Moon kick-off**
- "Christmas Cards" kick-off**
- 24 **THANKSGIVING**
- 25 **Scrapbooking 7pm**
- 27 **Jr Choir Sing**
- LORD'S SUPPER**
- 30 **RA/GA Visitation**



Coming in DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4
Hanging of the Greens 6pm

Saturday, December 10
Homeless Outreach 7am - 12pm
We will begin collecting clothing Sunday, November 13 in the Youth Room. The clothing drive and gospel outreach will be at the Long Leaf Lawn and Garden Center in downtown Fayetteville. See Jackie Farmer or Lyle Danks for more information.

Sunday, December 18
Christmas Program 6pm

RA/GA News

A Family Retreat Weekend
B November 4 - 6 at Camp Rockfish
H November 16 the R.A.'s and G.A.'s will be volunteering at the Food Bank in Salemburg, all members please meet at church at 6:45 pm!
O November 30 the R.A.'s and G.A.'s will be visiting the nursing home! All members please be at the church at 6:30 to leave!
M Starting November 20 you can drop off your Christmas Cards in the buckets in the Vestibule of Church. Each year the R.A.'s and G.A.'s distribute Christmas Cards to our Church members and shut-in's. Instead of you paying postage to mail, you donate that money to the Children's group, and all of it will go toward our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!



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How to get involved:

- ▲ Complete your cards. Please print full names on the envelopes (no need for address) and we will deliver to church members and shut in's.
- ▲ Complete your donation and place it in an envelope.
- ▲ Rubber band your cards and donation together
- ▲ Place in buckets in the vestibule of church.
- ▲ We must have cards no later than December 14.
- ▲ Card delivery will be Sunday, December 18 and 25. Cards will be in your Sunday School Class or on the front bench of Sanctuary for pick up.
- ▲ Shut In Cards will be delivered on Wednesday, December 21.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the PACK THE CLOSET event! We were able to provide Clement Elementary School with 34 coats! Thanks again for your support!

Support two ministries and enjoy a good meal at the same time! Join our church family on Wednesday, November 16th from 5:00 - 6:45 pm in the New Fellowship Hall for Dinner. It will be eat in or take out. Menu is not set, watch your bulletin for information regarding the items to be served! Plates will be \$6.00 a plate OR \$5.00 per plate plus 4 can good items. Money will support our Relay for Life Team and the can goods will support the Salemburg Food Bank!

If you would like to support the Salemburg Food Bank more than the four cans you may leave your cans under the table in the Vestibule or on the stage of the New Fellowship Hall. The R.A.'s and G.A.'s will be volunteering at the food bank on Wednesday, November 16th and will be glad to deliver them for you!

Want to receive a newsletter to your email? Send your email address to: afarmer.bbc@gmail.com.

Also, please email me if you have an announcement you need to place in the newsletter no later than November 23 for next month.

Operation Christmas Child

This is when our church works together to pack "shoe boxes" for children around the world. Each child receives a shoebox with personal hygiene items, toys, games, and the gospel in their own language. This is a great opportunity for everyone to participate in international missions! **We will be doing this different this year so please read the following for more information!**

1. There will be a Christmas Tree in the Vestibule with Christmas Ornaments listing items needed for shoe boxes: examples would be 10 toothbrushes or 10 bars of soap. There will also be Ornaments that list an amount of money. If you would like to sponsor one/several boxes by paying the \$7.00 shipping charge you may pick on of these Ornaments. There will be different denominations listed on the ornaments, so make sure you pick the amount that is right for you. To participate choose the ornaments/items you would like to be responsible for and sign our tracking sheet located near the tree.

2. Once you have your items, you may return them along with your ornaments to church and place them by the tree no later than October 30. Please give money to Jenny Daniels or Jennifer Matthews by October 30!

3. **On November 9 @ 7pm we will have a church wide packing party!** Everyone will participate in packing our boxes during our regular Wednesday night meeting time; Adults, Youth and Children!

4. Shoebox Dedication on November 13 (ALL BOXES DUE TODAY).

Our goal is **100 boxes** packed! Please be in prayer for this event! Families can pack their own boxes if they feel lead. This would give you the opportunity to include notes and photos to the children, making it more personal!!



BROTHERHOOD Men & Boy's DINNER

November 12
4pm-8pm ~ Fellowship Center

Door Prizes will be awarded.
See Lyle Danks or Jackie Farmer to sign up or email Jackie at jfarmer.ugbc@gmail.com for more information.

