



In the Loop



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Pastor's Ed-itorial

*For all the Saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia.*

On Sunday, November 6, we will celebrate "All Saints' Sunday." One of the lesser known days of the Christian year and often overshadowed by its sibling, *Halloween*, All Saints' Sunday is the day we recognize all those Christians, both living and dead, who have been a witness for Christ. We recognize those people to whom we owe our faith. If it were not for their witness, their love, their faith, there would not be a Glencoe church, or any church, for that matter.

In the few short months I have been your pastor, I have heard great stories about the saints of Glencoe Church. Just the mention of names such as T.G. Williams, Click & Betty Norman, Dorothy Witty, Tom Witty, Anna Lou Preston, and Lauren Elizabeth Cole bring memories of love, faithfulness, and determination. Most of us have stories that make us cry with joy or sorrow, and sometimes both at the same time. It is these stories that fuel our faith, our memory, our desire to press on in life. As the hymn writer, William How, explains:

*O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

All Saints' Sunday is not only about remembering the saints who have died, but also it is a celebration of today's saints who are living, breathing, and being the church today. Many churches will look towards the past as the "good ol' days." I do not discount the faithfulness of the saints. I believe they lived the gospel faithfully, but I do not believe that the best days of Glencoe are behind us.

While leading the Israelites through the wilderness, Moses heard from the "Back to Egypt" committee when times got tough. They would say, "Moses has led us here to die. Although we were enslaved, at least we had food to eat. Let's go back to Egypt." (See Numbers 14) Times are tough in our community with unemployment, flat salaries, and skyrocketing expenses. It's tempting to think that the previous generation somehow had it better and easier. However, they had their own struggles: tobacco farming, sharing a pastor, and paying off a mortgage. Now, we have a diverse economy, a full-time pastor, and are debt free! The future is bright. The best is yet to come.

Witness the great worship services we have had so far, the new music we have shared, the new Sunday
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School classes, and the new members that will be joining. We are building a legacy. Future saints will look back on us and say, "Those were the good ol' days!" And we will say, "No, the best is yet to come."

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
though gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
and singing to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

See you Sunday!

Notes from the Choir Loft



Along with music for Sundays, the choir has been rehearsing this

year's Christmas Cantata, We'll be ready to share it at Wellspring retirement community (Greensboro) on Dec. 11 and also at our church on **SATURDAY, DEC. 17 at 7:00pm "The Gift Goes On"**.



We hope to see you there! Choir practice is Wednesday nights, 6:30 to 7:15 - regular practice for Sunday Worship and 7:15 to 8:00 - Christmas Cantata practice.

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

- 12 – Linda Norman
- 14 – Kevin Perri
- 20 – Shanna Locklear
- 22 – Zeb Murray
- 24 – Lisa Wiggs
- 27 – Erica Locklear, Trey Simpson
- 28 – Ken Walker
- 30 – Bob Van Auken



Happy Anniversary to:

- 2 – Sarah & Dennis Brame
- 7 – Lori & Tom Perri
- 6 – Chrystal & Mark Groce
- 22 – Sherrill & Phillip Hilton
- 26 – Faye & Ferry Joyce

You are the Best, Awesome, Fantastic, and all the other adjectives describing something great. This is reference to our annual golf tournament. **Thanks to all of you, we made \$4150.00.** Every cent will go back into the church because everything needed for the tournament was DONATED – all the food, drinks, snacks and door prizes. You gave your time to collect door prizes from local merchants, restaurants, and golf courses, put out and take in sponsor signs, register players, handle all the door prizes, get drinks to the course and iced, brought food, cooked food, served food, and made desserts. You brought teams to play. You also gave your time for planning and executing the plans. You sponsored a golf hole and brought in sponsors. This golf tournament was truly a church effort. I would love to name each individual, but the newsletter has limited space. You know who you are and GOD knows who you are. A simple thank you just doesn't seem enough, but that's all I have. So...THANK YOU GLENCOE UMC.

From Judy Rice





United Methodist Women

Next meeting: Monday, November 14 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. All women are invited! Other notes:

* We will peel potatoes on the Friday night before the stew at 6:00. Bring your knives and gather round!

* ALL women of the church are asked to donate desserts and drinks for the stew on Saturday.

Anyone that can help should be there by 10:00 or call Latina Dixon with a time they are willing to help. UMW don't forget what you signed up for—if you weren't there, make sure you find out if we signed you up for something ☺

* Watch for upcoming news on the UMW's fundraiser!! Start your Christmas shopping early—get that list prepared. You are going to love it!

* Mark your calendars now for the annual Christmas dinner. All are invited on Monday, December 12th at 6:30. Watch for location and details! A sign-up sheet will be coming soon in the church narthex. A great time of fellowship and fun!

United Methodist Men

We will need everyone to help with the stew on Friday night, Nov. 4. Plans are to start cooking the meat around

4:30pm and be ready to add the potatoes and onions as soon as they are ready. We will be doing the boston butts again this year for Christmas. The price will still be \$25 each with sauce. Hopefully everyone will consider ordering one or more (they freeze good). To place your order see or call Bob Ballew (349-9991).



CONNECTIONAL NEWS

UPDATE on Annual Conference District Reorganization

A draft map has been proposed by the Lines and Names Committee of the Transition Team as they process moving from 15 to 8 districts. It is posted on the WNCC website: www.wnccumc.org Other committee work is



on structure and design, property & legal matters and the superintendent and other personnel roles. Check out the news and send your feedback to the email contacts requested.

TOP TEN Global UMC “Most Popular” Headlines

For more visit

www.umns.umc.org

* United Methodist shares

Nobel Peace Prize

* US Labor Secretary praises job ministry

* Malaria advocates ask Congress to save lives

* Korean National Plan exceeds its goals

* Church follow Jesus, ‘feeds the 5,000’

* ‘Distinguished Evangelist’ award given (Rev. Ed Robb grew a church from 30 members to 8,400 members)

* ‘Extreme Makeover’ helped UM Brian Keefer

* Happy 90th to Rev. Joseph Lowery (civil rights activist)

* UMCOR gives \$1 million for Alabama tornado relief

* In church, as in school, seniors rule



Madison UM Church: Meals of Hope

Beginning Thurs. Jan. 5 5:30-7:30 p.m., the first Thursday of each month, Madison UM Church will **serve a hot meal to any and all folks in need within Rockingham County**. They have contacted county agencies that agree there is a huge need for this in our area. Persons served will include mentally challenged, physically handicapped, abused, homeless, unemployed and many others. We will also provide monthly toiletry kits and clothes biannually.

You Can Help By...

1. Making a **monetary donation** (simply write “Meals of Hope” on your check).

2. Donating items for the **toiletry** kits (deodorant, soap, shampoo, hairbrush/comb, toothbrush, toothpaste).

3. Donating **clean clothing** to offices of Fuzzy’s Bar-B-Que 111 W. Murphy St. Madison.

4. **Volunteer** to cook, serve, pick up clients, and visit with the clients at a meal.

For more info, contact Jennifer Joyce at 336 337 8605 with questions. Thank you for your help!

Christian Education News

November Children's Church Volunteers

6— Erica Locklear & Taylor L?
13 —Jade Murphy
20—Diane & David Knight
27 – Kathy Werz



Nursery – VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED TO ROTATE on a
weekly basis during Sunday
School. Please contact Kathy Werz if you are
interested.

6—Faye Joyce
13 –Kathy Werz
20 –Otelia Glossen
27--? (please volunteer!)



A Challenge from Barbara Walker's Sunday School Class

This is the month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. But, as Christians we should be celebrating every day. There are few of us who have ever really gone hungry, without proper clothing, been really cold for an extended time or without shelter. Then there are those blessings that we all take for granted that are too numerous to count. Other than thanking God what do we do to let others know how thankful we are? Our class has decided that we want to challenge every member of our church to make a concentrated effort to end hunger in our community. *We will bring a can of food every Sunday to church and we challenge everyone to do the same.* As you come out the door to leave for church just pick a can off your pantry shelf and bring it with you. Or buy one extra can at the grocery and leave it in the car until Sunday. What a difference Glencoe can make!

We are excited! (If you feel led to bring more than one can we will gladly accept it.)

Fall Food Drive

We are in the midst of our Fall Food Drive. We

encourage everyone to bring canned foods or non-perishable food staples at any



opportunity paying particular attention to expiration dates. The food items will be collected **until Nov. 13** in Barbara Walker's classroom and will be delivered to the Outreach Center prior to Thanksgiving.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Families with children have received a questionnaire in the mail. Information gathered from their answers will help us better prepare for a ministry that fits our church and community. Please send your responses by Nov. 15 to Pastor Ed.

YOUTH GROUP

Students in 7th-12th grades are invited to gather for dinner and fun on Sundays, November 6 & 13 from 5:00-6:30pm. (We won't meet Nov. 20 because of the community Thanksgiving service and Nov. 27 because of the holiday)

Operation Christmas Child: Bring to Worship on November 13

For information about what you can and cannot put in the boxes see the brochures in the narthex or visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ



Small Group Study Starting:

Christmas Is Not Your Birthday by

Mike Slaughter Begins November 8th

Join us Tuesdays for 1 hour, 10am or 7pm, from Nov. 8 thru Dec. 13. Cost \$8 per book.

Christmas has been hijacked and exploited. We have professed allegiance to Jesus but celebrate his birth with a frenzy of materialism.

Christmas is not your birthday – it's Jesus' birthday! This study will help us reclaim the broader missional meaning of Jesus' birth and experience a Christmas season with more peace and joy than any toy or gadget than give.



The adventurers to the Kersey Valley Maize Maze:

Front Row (L to R): Coy, Madison, Brigid, Isaac, Jessica, Jordan, Olivia

Back Row: Karlee, Callie, Kacy, Trey, Shanna, Taylor, Erica

Adult Chaperones (sorry not enough room for us in picture): Diane & Branden, Jade, Ed & Sarah, Keith, Rena & Ken

**An Evening of Laughter, Hope & Healing...
in support of Kathy Simpson & her family**

When: Saturday, November 05, 2011

Where: The Comedy Zone of Charlotte

Located in the NC Music Factory

900 Seaboard St., Ste. 83

Time: 3:00—7:00

Cost: \$35 per person

Appetizers, cash bar, silent auction, and raffles.

And of course, a great comedy show!

Tickets can be purchased online at

www.cltcomedyzone.com or contact

Bonnie Rice at 704.280.9703.

Come out for a night of laughter, food, and fun for a great cause! You may also send donations directly to the fund. Checks should be made payable to: (Tax id 35-2412577)

The Kathy Simpson Breast Cancer Fund

9018-G Otter Creek Dr. Charlotte, NC 28277

Kathy's family has also put together a New Orleans vacation raffle to be drawn on Nov. 5 (though you need not be present). It includes:

- Round-trip airfare for two
- Two-night stay for two, Embassy Suites New Orleans (excludes citywide special events such as Mardi Gras)
- \$50 Napoleon House Restaurant gift certificate
- \$50 gift certificate to Mr. B's Bistro
- \$130 towards any of 7 tours, Tours by Isabelle
- Two admissions to National WWII Museum
- Haunted History walking tour for two
- Two admissions to The Audubon Zoo
- Cajun Encounters Swamp Tour for two

If you feel lucky, purchase tickets (1=\$20; 3=\$50) from Sherry Enciso at 281-531-9079 or sgenciso@comcast.net.



Glencoe United Methodist Church

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9am & 11am Worship 10am Sunday School		1	2 6:30pm Choir 7:15pm Cantata Practice	3	4 Brunswick Stew Preparations	5 Brunswick Stew Sale
6 All Saints Day	7	8	9 6:30pm Choir 7:15pm Cantata Practice	10	11	12
13 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox & Fall Food Drive Blessing 12:15pm Administrative Council	14 6:30pm UMW	15	16 6:30pm Choir 7:15pm Cantata Practice	17	18 10am-Noon Reidsville Soup Kitchen	19
20 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Bethany UMC	21	22	23 6:30pm Choir 7:15pm Cantata Practice	24 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING!!	25	26
27 Hanging of the Greens	28	29	30 6:30pm Choir 7:15pm Cantata Practice			Remember Sat., Dec. 10 at 9:00am Breakfast with Santa!



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Thanks

Keith Perri!!!

CHECK OUT THE NEW
 WEBSITE at
www.glencoeumc.org
 & visit us on Facebook
 "Glencoe UMC"

It's Brunswick Stew Season!
Saturday, Nov. 5th at 10:00am

Yum! Advance orders will be \$5 a quart. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can call Bob Ballew at 349-9991. Hot dog lunches will also be served.



Sunday, November 20 – Thanksgiving Service with Bethany UMC

Saturday, December 10—9:00am Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 17 – 7:00pm Choir Christmas Cantata (Dec. 11 at Wellspring Retirement Center)

SOUP KITCHEN

Our opportunity to serve at the Reidsville Soup Kitchen is on **Friday, November 18 from 10am—Noon**. Contact Laurie Edeen if you can help.