



### Hey Youth!

We have the Crisis Control Food Drive this month! It is March 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**Fundraiser Concert:** Join us Sunday night, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for an evening of music presented by our very own gifted singers, Cassidy Casas, Denny Hester, and Tracy Ward. The concert will be an opportunity for all of us to give to our Children's Fund to help with camp costs. There will be a time of fellowship and refreshments following the concert. Mark your calendar and invite your family and friends!

**Children & Parents!** The children are going to Camp Mundo Vista on June 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. It's a Mother and Daughter and/or Grandmother and Granddaughter camp. We will need to pre-register before April 1<sup>st</sup>. See Jean Foster or Krisi Kern for details and to let us know if you are interested.



Remember: Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>!



### March Birthdays

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|------|--------------------------------|
| 3/2  | Jason Horton                   |
| 3/6  | Julie Striplin, Sierra Hurley  |
| 3/12 | Ron Mills                      |
| 3/13 | Ruth Hedgecock, Joan Honeycutt |
| 3/19 | Mattie McCann                  |
| 3/22 | Tony Phillips                  |
| 3/24 | Emma Lawrence                  |

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Mrs. Angie Weavil	Organist
Mrs. Becky Longworth	Pianist
Mrs. Teresa Tucker	Secretary

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## Food Drive

March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

## Backpack Fundraiser @ Bojangles'

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm-8:00pm

## Endowment Luncheon

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm

## Church Conference

March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm

## Maundy Thursday Service

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

## Spring, A Time For (Spiritual) Growth

I'll let you in on a secret, I'm not a farmer. I love to eat veggies I'm just not any good at growing them. But spring and gardening season are upon us so I want to share with you something interesting I read about growing asparagus and a spiritual lesson for us.



The farmer begins in the early spring with his prepared soil and plants his asparagus seeds. Once the asparagus starts growing, it grows fast. Some claim the growth can be seven or more inches in a day, others have said, leave for a weeklong trip, and upon your return you may find the tender spears have shot up to over three feet tall! Now stay with me, where there was nothing but good soil, growth can burst up in a short time and at an amazing speed. Our spiritual growth should be like the asparagus! Compare the opposite to the slow growth of the White Cedar of Canada, which I read that after 155 years, one grew to a height of 4 inches (not very impressive).

It's springtime, it's time to grow. We are told to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18). To grow spiritually, the soil of our heart must be "good", where there is faith in Christ, the soil is good (Matt. 13:1-23). We have to make sure there are no "roots of bitterness" and "unforgiveness." The bible says those bitter roots cause trouble and defile us (Heb. 12:15). Then we are to take up company with God's people, delight in the Bible, meditate on it each day, and we will be like a tree planted by a river of water that always is green and growing, and our leaves never wither (Ps. 1:1-3). We will grow spiritually and shoot up spiritually strong and healthy.

Hey, it's springtime, time to grow! Not just flowers and veggies but grow spiritually. So let's read our Bible, let it find a place in the soil of our heart, and spend time with God's people in God's House and we will grow. It's Spring, a great season to grow.

Peace,  
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## Nursery Schedule

March 4, (Sun)	Marianne & CC Casas AM
March 7, (Wed)	Julie Striplin PM
March 11, (Sun)	Kathy Idol & Ann Canada AM
March 14, (Wed)	Alice Striplin PM
March 18, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
March 21, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
March 25, (Sun)	Tammie & Katie Weavil AM
March 28, (Wed)	Julie Striplin PM

## Children's Church & Wee Church Schedule

March 4, (Children's)	Carole Blakley & Megan Coleman
March 4, (Wee)	Jane & Jill Sutphin
March 11, (Children's)	Jennifer Brantley & Beverly Yokeley
March 11, (Wee)	Julie Striplin
March 18, (Children's)	Becky Lauten & Melissa Little
March 18, (Wee)	Kathy & Lauren Horton
March 25, (Children's)	Randy & Cathy Honeycutt
March 25, (Wee)	Robin French



Even with a lot of illnesses and low church attendance on some Sundays, we were able to deliver cookies and snacks to both Hospice locations.

A few of us continued to bake desserts for H.O.P.E. (Help Our People Eat) organization of WS, but during March we hope to schedule a special baking day at the church to make several batches of the specialized dessert recipes.

To date, a concrete time has not been established for our delivery of a home cooked meal to the Ronald McDonald House residents, but we anticipate having that date very soon at which time we will be delivering a "poor man's" meal (or cooking it in their kitchen).

Also, in March we will be preparing bag lunches for the family members staying at RMH.

Nancy Clodfelter has continued to sew bereavement gowns for the Newborns in Need organization.

During the last week of February, we made another "thinking of you" delivery to Brenner PICU as a continuation of our partnership with that hospital unit. Home baked cake, chocolate candy, and fruit were delivered to the staff.

Our next meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup>, and all ladies are invited to attend. A quote that was read during the Baptist Women's Day service was "You have two hands. One to help yourself and the second to help others." Such an appropriate assessment as **"UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE."**

**Senior Moments Highlights:** On Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> we will be going to Hamrick's for a fun day of shopping. We will leave the church by 9:00 am. For our monthly luncheon will be going to C&H Cafeteria in Kernersville on Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving the church at 10:45 am. If you are going on the **Ft. Caswell** trip in May, please pay your balance by April 1<sup>st</sup>.