

September 12, 2018

From the pastors' Heart & Soul

COMING UP

September 12

Wednesday Night Dinner
and Programs
5:30p Dinner
6:00-7:30p Children's Music and
Creative Bible Exploration
6:30-7:30p Adult and Youth Program
7:30p Adult Choir

September 14

Fun Food Friday
Cherub's Café, Belmont

September 16

Children's Food Event 5:00-6:30p
Community Garden and Kitchen

September 20

Very Special People (VSP)
Noon
Program—Allyson Neeriemer

Friends at Home

Ann Norton
7803 Teakwood Road
Indian Trail, NC 28079
704-882-0829

In the Hospital

Scott Bengel
CMC Rehab—Pineville

As Pastor and as Parent, our family can speak to the importance of our Child Development Center. They helped us raise our boys! Many of their teachers are still teaching even after all these years. That says everything in an industry with very high turnover. We are grateful to Heather Gaskins, our CDC Director for her enthusiasm, her dedication, and her commitment to the teachers, the staff, the children, and the families that make up our Child Development Center.

The CDC continues to be a vital ministry of our church. Over 100 children keep our campus alive and well and very active each and every day from 7:00a until 6:00p. Whether it's on the playground, in the classroom, in the gym, or attending chapel, you can hear our children squealing with delight and laughing with wonder as they are cared for in a loving and safe environment. Below is a report from Heather about some of the things going on in the Children's Building of our campus.

Amy

From Heather:

The CDC (Child Development Center) has a few updates to share for September: We currently have an enrollment of 138 students (ages 3 months-11 years old). Our current waiting list consists of over 200 families. Yes, we are popular on this side of town! Thanks to our wonderful parents we don't spend any money on marketing. They do it all for us!



Our NCPK program restarted this month and follows the CMS calendar. We are proud to house this program. It is English Language Learners (ELL) and/or families who are economically challenged. Its focus is to help prepare children for kindergarten.

We currently have 27 CDC staff members whom we adore! Twelve of our teachers have degrees in Early Childhood Education. Also we have two teachers enrolled in college courses this semester.

Our Room Parent Committee resumes this month. Each of our classrooms has a parent who provides updates, supports teacher appreciation ideas, recognizes teacher birthdays, and plans school events. We meet monthly.

The PRBCDC Committee meets this month on Sunday, September 16 at noon. Lunch will be provided for committee members.

COUPLES RETREAT

Inviting all Couples

FOUR FOUNDATIONS OF A LASTING RELATIONSHIP

October 12 -14
Lutheridge Conference Center
Arden, NC (Near Asheville)
\$280 / Couple for 2 Nights & 3 Meals
First Session 8pm Friday Night

Deadline to sign up—September 20

Well Wishes for Allie Blum

Some of the Young Adult group said their goodbyes to Allie as she heads to Scotland for the year to pursue a MSc in Interpreting at Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh. Her new address is Allie Blum, B1, Nido Haymarket, 5 West Park Place, Edinburgh, EH11 2EE



Park Road Phone Directories are READY!

Pick up your copy of the new directory with all of our members and regular visitors to get the most up-to-date contact information for all of the folks involved in the life and ministry and mission of our church. Copies are available on Sundays and Wednesdays or stop by the church office to get one.

Down The Homestretch

As we head into the final quarter of 2018, the news is pretty typical -- it's been a good year, but we're a little behind! We are underspent in our budget and slightly behind in our giving. Please take this chance to catch up in your generosity to your church. Thank you for being found faithful.

Called Church Conference, Oct 21

Please look for a letter this week from our Building Committee detailing the recommendations that we move forward with the renovation of our sanctuary and a capital campaign to complete that project and to meet several other pressing needs on our campus. Come prepared to ask any questions and to vote on these recommendations. The sanctuary project is slated to begin in January.



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Help Wanted!

Periodically we will use this graphic to remind you of some places you could serve in your community of faith. Most of the work of PRBC is done through volunteer Action Teams - self-chosen, self-determined. Here are a couple places we could use your help. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving.



Legacy Team - This team works to strengthen our church by promoting legacy gifts (estate planning) and by celebrating the church's rich history of theological progressivism. Our annual "Legacy Week" is upcoming, and we could use a few new voices and bright ideas.

Library Team - We have a wonderful lending library in the foyer of the Community Center, and we could use a few hands just to keep things organized.

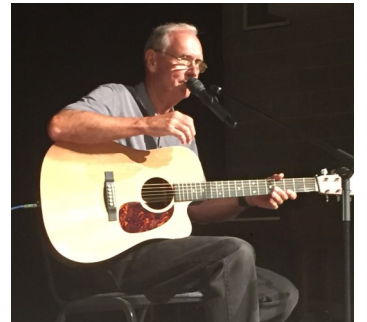
Monthly Missions Offerings

On Sunday mornings, Park Road accepts donations for a variety of mission organizations and causes. Thanks to your generosity, these monthly mission offerings help to provide much needed financial support and resources. So far this year, we have given to the following causes:
January – Refugee Support Services \$1,041
February – Queen's Guatemala Trip \$1,284
March – Baptist World Alliance, Bridges of Hope \$668
April – Charlotte Family Housing \$781
May – BPFNA, Bautistas por la Paz \$1079
June – Baptist News Global \$916
July - Rebound \$1,144
August - PRBC Teachers in CMS \$1,541

Our mission offering for September will go to the CROP Walk to help alleviate hunger in Charlotte and beyond. This year's walk, on Saturday, October 13, will mark the fortieth anniversary of the CROP Walk. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised in Charlotte will support these local agencies: Loaves and Fishes, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Crisis Assistance Ministry. Park Road's contribution to CROP has increased every year for the past three years, with last year's contribution at \$1578.08. Thank you for so generously supporting our monthly Sunday morning mission offerings!

Wednesday Nights Off to a GREAT Start

Music ushered us in as we resumed our Wednesday night dinner and activities last week. Steve Simpson, singer/songwriter, didn't just entertain us, but he made us think with the lyrics of his songs. The remaining September Wednesday nights look like this: September 12 – Jessica Saxe, Physicians for Single Payer HealthCare;



September 19 – Intergenerational Game Night;
September 26 – Susan Harden from UNCC: A Discussion of Public Education, especially looking at CMS teacher pay.

Our children learned from Matthew's Gospel to try not to worry—that if God takes care of the beautiful flowers then how much more will God take care of us? So we painted flower pots and planted flowers to give away to people that needed some beauty and cheer in their lives.

Plus the Adult Choir began rehearsing their music for Advent!



Genesis Sunday Morning Connection Group

Genesis Class is made up of folks from mid-20's to late-40's, although we love outliers in either direction! Right now we just started a book study on Brene Brown's *Braving the Wilderness*, and after that plan to work through Rachel Held Evans's book *Inspired*. Reading the book is not necessary, just come ready to fellowship and discuss!