



GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2010

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

*"Will you not revive us again,
so that your people may rejoice in you?" Psalm 85:6*

As summer comes to an end, once again many of us are experiencing transitions. Some are back from vacation, gearing up for work, school, fall sports and more. As your calendars begin to fill up I want to make sure that you have the following highlighted:

- **RALLY DAY**, Sunday September 12. Come at 9:00 AM and enjoy a light breakfast in the lower vestry. Children who sign up for Sunday school (and those who have already filled out a registration) will get a special prize. Worship service return to 10:15AM.
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** begin on September 19 at 9:00 AM.
- **BAPTISMS and BABY DEDICATION** on September 19. Three of our youth – Katie Bates, Anna Gates, and Andrew Guilmain, have made the commitment to follow Christ and will be publicly professing their faith with the ordinance of baptism. Also, Sue and Adam Labonte will be presenting their baby, Benjamin Labonte, to be dedicated to the Lord. The service will certainly be joyous and uplifting!

In Honor of our 190 years of ministry, we will dedicate a weekend of events.

- **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 at 7:00 PM** will be a service with various choirs and testimonies of the Faith.
- **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25** will be an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship from 2:00 – 5:00 PM.
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**, our worship service will be led by Pastor Donna Colletti Lowre with a dramatic presentation of the Gospel.

During a Brainstorming Session with the Deacons in June, there was discussion about when there might be opportunities for **Christian Education for adults**. For parents with children and other adults it might work well to have a 9:15 – 10:00 AM class. However, those who are teaching our children and those in choir cannot participate. Therefore, it was suggested having an adult class **AFTER** worship, perhaps 11:45 AM – 12:30 PM. If either time for an adult class would be of interest, or if you would make a commitment to another time for a study, please let me know. Of course we will resume our Wednesday Bible Study at 1:00 PM.

Greenville Baptist Church came into being because of a Revival of the Christian faith in 1820. As our many ministries continue and new ministries arise, we pray God will revive the faith of each and every one of us as we grow spiritually and reach out to others, sharing the Good News of Jesus.

Peace,
Pastor Wendy

“A living is what you get. A life is what you give.”

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

The Trustees are investigating the idea of offering our members and friends an additional method of giving to our church through EFT.

More information will be available by the end of September.

REMINDER: SUMMER WORSHIP ends on Labor Day Sunday, September 5th (last service at 9:30 am)
– on September 12 worship returns to 10:15 am.

Lift Committee - The Lift Committee that was formed at the Annual Meeting in May 2010 has conducted a number of meetings. The overall plan, following approval by the membership, is to select the company that would supply the hardware (the lift), select an architect, and select a general contractor for the installation. To date the committee has met with and received a proposal from the company that would supply the hardware and from an architect who will prepare the construction plans. The information obtained during these meetings will be presented to the Board of Trustees prior to discussion at a special church meeting. The question of whether or not to proceed with any phase of this project will be made by the church membership.

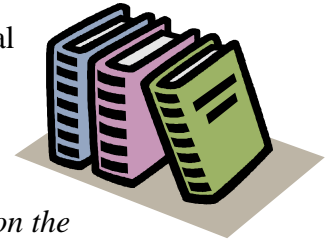
– Don Brush, Chair

Harvest Breakfast Cancelled - The Wednesday Men’s Prayer Breakfast group is sorry to report that it will not be hosting a Harvest Breakfast this year.

LIBRARY CORNER – “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another...”
- Romans 14:19, 21

BIBLE DATA: The longest book in the Bible is Psalms with a total of 150 chapters and 2,461 verses.

- Complete Book of Bible Lists, Joel Meredith



If you have a little reader at home, we have a book titled “*On the Banks of Plum Creek*” written by Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the “*Little House on the Prairie*” series. It’s not only entertaining, but has been described as a first-hand picture of American pioneer life...

We have a fascinating daily devotional which covers ancient Rome to the present day. “It shows how God does extraordinary things through ordinary people every day.” For example, on April 15, 1912, when John Harper shared the Gospel message with Titanic passengers, and November 10, 1483, when Martin Luther was born. Each story appears on the day and month that it happened. It’s a superbly documented book titled “*The One Year Book of Christian History*” done by Michael and Sharon Rusten. It’s an interesting approach.

“*Chicken Soup for the Golden Soul*” is a book of stories for sixty year olds and over. It is a delightful book to read, full of timely wisdom contributed by a variety of authors. It will lift your spirits and affect your point of view.

There is something for everyone, DVD’s, books, videos, poetry, music, prayers, Bible study and reference material. Come visit us, we’re open for browsing!

THANK YOU – Dear Greenville Baptist Church & Greg Rubano, Thank you so much for funding me so that I could attend Project Respect. I have learned so much at the RICJ program. It was definitely one of the greatest experiences of my life. I have made some new friends, actually I made a lot of friends and with them I became a much better person. So with great appreciation I would like to say thank you for all your help.

Sincerely, Derek Lanni

P.S. I would like to give special thanks to Mr. Greg Rubano for introducing me into this program. I'll admit at first I didn't want to go, but it turns out this was one of the best decisions of my life. Thanks.

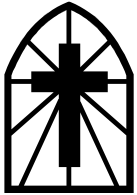
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Roger Guilmain
 3rd Alexandra Edwards
 6th Robert Theberge
 6th Rebecca D'Orsi
 10th Matt Wood
 12th Jean Hoffman
 17th Jonathan DiLuglio
 18th Wendy Kiefer-O'Brien



22nd Stephen Morrow
 13rd Joann Brown
 25th Ann Gardner
 26th Dot Hyde
 27th Ruth DeLage
 28th Jane Vale
 29th Gracie O'Brien

If we missed your birthday, please call the church office at 401-949-1134



SYMPATHY - Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Charlie Menge and family on the death of his wife Ruth "Dusty" on July 12th.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Lucien Joly on the death of his mother Hannah on July 11th. The funeral was on Thursday, July 15th.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the Leach family on the deaths of Bud and Rita, on Tuesday, July 6. The funeral for both was on Saturday, July 10.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Don Brush and family on the death of his aunt, Helen Brush.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to the Phelan family on the death of Robert Phelan, Sr. on Monday, August 16th. The funeral was August 20th.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Ginger O'Shan and family on the death of her mother, Virginia Robinson, on August 19th.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Cindy Tetrault and family on the death of her uncle, Russell Thayer, on Sunday, August 22nd.

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Frank Dolyak (Paula D), Jeff Michard (Karen H), Gloria Olivier (Sue C), Matthew DiLuglio, Tina Ledbetter Lussier (Peggy M), Marin Neumann (Agla G), Linda and John Graham, Inga Burns (Elaine P), Shirley Eagleson, Daryl Crossman (Elaine C), Dunbar Hough (Lois P), Bill Buckley (Carl B), Barry Brightman (Jeanie B),



*"I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me,
 I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36*





MUSIC NOTES

September 5th we say goodbye to our organist and choir director Vonnie Dutton. She served faithfully for 10 years and now will assume responsibility for both services at her home church, North Situate Baptist Church. We pray God's blessing upon her and give thanks for her ministry with us.

Greenville Baptist Church is now actively searching for an organist and choir director. Short term we are looking for an interim as we seek the right match for a long term music director that will work well in our worship services. Candidates will fill out an application, interview with the music committee, and be offered a chance to lead a worship service for feedback from the Music Committee and from the congregation. Please keep the Music Committee in prayer as they seek the right minister of music for our church.



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401-949-1134 Rev. Wendy Kiefer-O'Brien, Pastor

190TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 24, 25, 26, 2010

JOIN US FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP FOOD
AND WORSHIP

- Friday, September 24th 7:00 p.m.
A Celebration of Choirs
From Various Churches
- Saturday, September 25th 2 – 5 p.m.
A Family Fun event
With Music, Games, Face Painting,
Community Awareness
Presentation by Dr. J. Stanley Lemons,
(Professor emeritus of History of RI College)
Plenty of Free Food and so much More!
- Sunday, September 26th 10:15 a.m.
With Guest Worship Leader
Pastor Donna Colletti Lowre
(Minister, Actress, Singer, Liturgical Dancer)

This Service will be a culmination of our Celebration with Great Joy and
Affirmation of our

Ministry in the Smithfield Area and beyond

Make Sure to Invite Friend, Relatives, Classmates, Neighbors and Everyone else!



Come to Rally Day!

September 12th at 9 am

All children who register for Sunday School will get a prize!

There will be a continental breakfast and activities for the children.

Also register for BYF at this time with Jane Waterman.

Our first meeting will be September 12th in the Church House at 6-8 p.m.

The Pastoral Relations Committee is a standing committee that meets with the pastor periodically. The committee serves in two primary ways: as an advisory group to the pastor, bringing any concerns of the congregation to the pastor; and as an advocacy and support group for the pastor's leadership in the congregation.

Members of this committee are:

Ray Barrie, Chair

Ruth Lemieux

Priscilla Holt

Joan Mowry

Ruth DeLage

Steve Phillips

AMERICAN BAPTISM WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (TRUE BLUE CIRCLE) - All women in the church are invited to join us for a Continental Breakfast on Saturday, September 11th from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the church house. This is the start of our new year so come and help plan our upcoming events. Please note this is a Saturday morning and we hope this makes it more convenient for all.



Dear Members/Friends of GBC,

Earthquakes and God's people.

How the scriptures connect these two!

- An earthquake shook a mountaintop. And through a still, small voice, God spoke to Elijah, sending him to do God's work and speak God's word. (*1 Kings 19:11-16*)

- An earthquake shook Jesus' tomb. And through an angel, God spoke to the women, sending them to tell the amazing news that Jesus is alive. (*Matthew 28:2-7*)

- Earthquakes will shake the earth in diverse places. And through words to the apostles, Jesus has spoken to us, sending us to tell and demonstrate the good news of God's kingdom in the whole world, to all nations. (*Matthew 24:2, 14*)

This year's WMO theme, **In Haiti and in the World**, celebrates the American Baptist churches' inspired and heartfelt response to the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. So far, over \$2.3 million has been raised by ABC through *One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)*. Praise God!

Our WMO contributions are spread out over 70 countries around the world (including Haiti). Giving to WMO allows our church to reach many millions of people in need – **especially those outside the attention of the U.S. media spotlight.**

In Christ, Mission Board

WE WILL BE TAKING THE WMO THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:15 a.m.

Coffee Hour 11:15 a.m.

We extend our warmest welcome and invite you to join with us each week in praise and worship.

Visit our website (in progress): www.greenvillebaptistri.org Keep checking back for updates!

CHURCH STAFF

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