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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Without question, I thoroughly enjoy being Pastor among you. From the first time I met you (September 2016), I sensed a strong calling to be your Pastor, and that has not waned one bit over these months. I believe we work well together. God is using our gifts and resources, the chemistry between us as Pastor and people, our willingness to laugh and sometimes cry together, and our willingness to trust and challenge each other "to equip the saints (us) for the work of ministry (and) for building up the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4). I believe that we are called to be faithful partners in God's Kingdom.

To God alone be the glory!

Pastor John Beeg





Announcements

Where in the World Did Our Shoeboxes Go?

Thanks to you for partnering with Operation Christmas Child and for donating online to discover the destination of your shoebox gift. The gift-filled shoeboxes you packed will share God's love in a tangible way and can impact not only the child who receives it, but also their family, friends, and community. Shiloh shoeboxes were sent to destinations in Mexico, Mali, and hard to reach areas.

- Mexico has 123.1 million people and is located in North America
- 28% of the population in Mexico is 14 years old or younger
- Mali has 16.9 million people and is located in West Africa
- 47% of the population in Mali is 14 years old or younger

Many children who live in nations that are difficult to reach with the Gospel are able to hear about Jesus Christ through specially packed shoebox gifts designated for hard-to-reach areas. In restricted areas, these shoeboxes provide a platform for local believers to share Christ in a safe and culturally sensitive way, and allow ease of entry through customs.

Shoebox gifts collected in the United States in 2016 will be delivered to **1,178,246** children living in hard-to-reach areas in 21 countries. For the safety of our ministry partners living in these restricted areas, we cannot divulge the names of the countries.

Most importantly, please remember to pray for the child and their family who receives your gift.

Start looking for items for packing 2017 shoeboxes. The donation box for Operation Christmas Child shoebox items is located in the Fellowship Hall. Suggested items of the month are listed in the newsletter but any items you find during the year as you shop are welcome. Check the OCC brochure for items that are not accepted.

Annual Reports Due

As the year comes to a close, it's time for annual reports from committees and groups of the congregation. Please email your report (in a Word document, if possible) to Ruth Miller by **January 8**. If you do not have email, just put your report in Ruth's mail slot in the church Fellowship Hall. Please update your contact information to be included in the church Directory portion of the Annual Reports & Directory by January 8. A copy of membership directory is available on the table in the narthex for you to review, make corrections and/or additions of your email, cell number, address, etc. **Please put a (✓) beside your name if the information is correct.**

Souper Bowl of Caring 2017

This year Souper Bowl Sunday is on February 5. Donations will be collected in soup pots following worship service on that Sunday. The donations collected will go toward the "Meals on Wheels" program of Forsyth County. We will also continue to collect donations during the remainder of February. Please write check donations to "Shiloh Lutheran Church" and on the memo line write "Souper Bowl". Cash donations can be put in an envelope labeled for Souper Bowl and placed in the offering plate if it is after Souper Bowl Sunday.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

Lewisville Community Churches Blood Drive will be held at Shallowford Presbyterian Church located 1200 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Lewisville, NC, on Saturday, January 14 from 9 am-1:30 pm.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact: Gayle Walker @ 336-945-9130 or if you can provide a baked good. Each church is responsible for providing at least 1 baked good each Blood Drive. Lewisville Community Churches Blood Drives are every other month. The March 11 Blood Drive is scheduled to be at Trinity Community Church on Williams Road.

Walk-ins Welcome

Crocheting Group

The Crocheting Group will resume meeting Tuesday, January 3. During 2016 the group made hats, scarfs, blankets, and dishcloths to sale at the Church Community Craft and Yard sale. The items not sold were donated to the Lewisville Clothes Closet at Lewisville Baptist Church. The group also crocheted washcloths included in each Operation Christmas Child shoebox.

Lewisville Community Assistance Program (LCAP)

January items of the month: mustard & sugar

Operation Christmas Child shoebox project:

January: socks, hats, gloves, scarves, hair accessories (bows, headbands, hair clips, hair ties, colorful bandanas for boys or girls).

In our prayers: Mayo & Betty Dull, Calvin Dull, Leasa Cooper, Michael Dull, Joyce Wilson, Brenda Mann Jones, Bill & Frances Lefler, Dorinda Witty, Pat McKinney, David Rhinehard, Debbie Kepley, Philip O'Toole, Maureen O'Toole, Joe Youngblood, Peggy Norris, Kanaan, Tim Chandler

NEW BEGINNINGS

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"
(2 Corinthians 5: 17 NIV)

A new year----a clean slate----a blank page: How will we approach 1917?

Barbara Johnson, a beloved author and speaker, suggests "There's something so satisfying about beginning a new month. I just love r-r-ripping that old page off my calendar and starting over on a fresh, new month with all those clean, unblemished squares-unspoiled days just waiting to be enjoyed.

Celebrating the first of the month is one of my longtime traditions. On that day I change the sheets, wash my hair, and take a bath (on other days too, of course), but especially on the first of the month). Then I do something special----like treat myself to asparagus!

But the most important thing I do is resolve (again) to heed the apostle Paul's advice: Forgetting all the pain and failures of the past, I strain toward what is ahead-heaven!-- and I put the future in God's hands. *The present is what slips by us while we're pondering the past and worrying about the future.*

'The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: 'This month will be the beginning of months, the first month of the year for you. '" (Exodus 12:1-2 NCV)

Let us enter the new year committed to a new life---ready for the bountiful blessings God has in store for us!

New Council Members Elected

Three new council members were elected at the December Congregation meeting: Judy Craver, Pat Komas, and Karen Lindler. Those members whose terms are expiring are: Ron Barton, Janet Hutchens, and John Lindler. Our thanks to the new members for accepting the call to serve and thanks to the retiring members for their service over the past three years. Also on the Council are: Gail Dull, Ruth Miller, and Cornelia Kepley (2017), Bob Cooper, Calvin Dull, and Tim Frye (2018).



(pictured above) Newly elected Council members: Pat Komas, Karen Lindler, Judy Craver.
(pictured right) Church Council: left to right)back row: John Lindler, Karen Lindler, Tim Frye, Janet Hutchens. (front row) Gail Dull, Pat Komas, Ruth Miller, Judy Craver, Pastor John Beeg, Cornelia Kepley. (not pictured: Calvin Dull, Bob Cooper, Ron Barton).



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Worship Schedule

Sunday School: 09:30 am

Worship Service:10:45 am

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