



... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrews 12:1

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

One of the hardest things to do is plan. You might want to say, "I do not think that planning is that hard!" OK, what are your plans right now for the next six months? How about the next year? Have you mapped out anything yet? I would venture a guess that most of us have not given either of those time spans very much thought. Why? We live in such a fast pace world that we do not have much time to plan, or at least we think that we do not. Well,

let me give you some food for thought. In the next few months we as a church are going to have many opportunities to do some things differently which may impact our church and community in very significant ways. We have the expected things right in front of us like Fall Festival or Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Advent and Christmas, but within and beyond these we will be challenged to do some things which shall call on us to DO ministry more than GIVE to ministry. You want me to tell you what these things are. We will all in due time. Right now we are planning. Your job and our job is pray and be ready to innovatively carry the gospel to people within and without the fellowship. A few weeks ago I picked up a book by an author of whom I had never heard. The title was WHY JESUS CROSSED THE ROAD? Pretty cute title, isn't it? The subtitle which was printed curving in and out and around the main title is LEARNING TO FOLLOW THE UNCONVENTIONAL TRAVEL ITINERARY OF A FIRST CENTURY CARPENTER AND HIS RAGTAG GROUP OF FRIENDS AS THEY HOP FENCES, CROSS BORDERS, AND GENERALLY GO WHERE MOST PEOPLE DON'T. Pretty long subtitle, isn't it, and also pretty engaging as well? Roads are passageways to get us somewhere, aren't they? However, they are also things which bypass places we may need to go. A lot of roads are built by people to keep us from having to go through bad places. And pretty soon we just quit thinking about those who live there, and we become comfortable in our own journeys. So, I have a new question for you. You have had the **WWJD** question a few years ago, now I would like to posit for you **WDJG?** The answers to that question not only reveal to us Jesus' travels, but also provide us important insights to the heart and will of God. We will do more than meditate on that question, we will also ask what that question says to us about our journey through life, ministry, and especially, as a church and individuals during these next few months and beyond.

I welcome you to this pilgrimage toward looking to the future. In Christ's love,  
Your pastor and fellow traveler



Children's Christmas Program

So that all parents and grandparents (and church members alike) can plan ahead, our Preschool and Children's Choirs will be leading us in a special Christmas Worship service on Sunday Night, December 11, 2011. This year, all of our children will join together for our worship experience as we present a special worship service of singing and instrument playing and more. **Mark that date – December 11!**



### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**Yes, you read it right!** It is time for us to think about that offering that we receive during Christmas time for International Missions that we call the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering! In next month's newsletter, you will be receiving envelopes and additional information about how to give to this important missions offering, but for now, you are asked to pray. Pray for all of the people throughout our world who have never heard the name of Jesus. Pray for the missionaries who are working to share the good news of Jesus Christ with these people. And pray for ways that we, too, can share Jesus with those who have never heard. Some can go. Some can give. All can pray. It's not yet time for Christmas, but it's time to think and pray about the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. We will officially begin our emphasis on Sunday, November 27!



Our annual **Candlelight walk** will be on **Sunday Night, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will join with the other churches in the Central Rutherford Churches Association as we walk to the Spindale House to worship together and light the town tree. Be watching for more details as the date draws closer.



The Spencer Baptist Church wishes to express our sincere Christian sympathy to the families of **James Ruff**, nephew of Jean Thompson, **Mary Jo Pittman**, aunt of Don Case, **Efrain Jusino**, uncle of Edwin Toro, **Addie Ray Marshall**, grandmother of Forrest Marshall, **Keith Gregory**, grandfather of Brianna Gregory & Raven Prescott, **Frank Settlemyre**, grandfather of Greg Settlemyre & **Robert Frazier**, father of Larry Frazier.

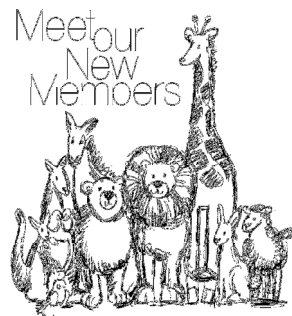
The Spencer Baptist Church wishes to **WELCOME** our newest family members:

**Connor Settlemyre** joined Spencer Church by baptism on October 2, 2011. He lives with his parents, Greg and Kelly Settlemyre at 141 Burl Bridges Road in Forest City, 28043. His deacon is Jeff Murray.

**Brianna Gregory** joined our church family by baptism on October 9, 2011. She lives at 133 Amity Apts. L-7, Forest City, NC 28043. Her deacon is Edwin Toro.

**Raven Prescott** joined Spencer by baptism on October 16, 2011. She is the sister of Brianna Gregory. She also lives at 133 Amity Apts. L-7, Forest City, NC 28043. Her deacon is Edwin Toro.

**Brianna & Raven** are the granddaughters of Jody Prescott.



### MENUS FOR WEDNESDAY'S IN NOVEMBER

#### Wednesday, November 2

Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans  
Bread & Dessert  
Coffee, Tea & Water

#### Volunteers Serving

Jimmy & Tracy Crowe  
Greg Settlemyre  
Susan Shehan & Kevin Campbell

#### Wednesday, November 9

Meat Loaf, Pintos & Slaw  
Corn Bread & Dessert

#### Volunteers Serving

Anne Guffey, Jackie Connor, Ed & Lillian Toro  
Barbara Sambroski, Gerry Kirby & Tina Bradshaw

#### Wednesday, November 16

Baked Chicken, Rice and Gravy  
English Peas, Rolls & Dessert  
Coffee, Tea & Water

#### Volunteer's Serving

Bub Hill, Minnie Doggett, Bob & Kay Hollifield  
Malone & Betty Thomason & Tina Bradshaw  
Brenda Vaughn, Nora Green & Reba Ford

#### November 23

**No Wednesday evening meal or activities**

#### Wednesday, November 30

Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes, Lima Beans,  
Bread & Dessert  
Coffee, Tea & Water

#### Volunteer's Serving

Burrell & Blanche Arrowood, Maye Pruett & Gail Gilbert  
Patricia Price, Bill & Margie Metcalf

## Meetings

**ALL OF THE PEOPLE** that help to prepare the **Wednesday Night Suppers** are asked to meet in the Family Life Center for a meeting on Monday, November 7, at 6:30 PM. **Please make every effort to be at this meeting!**

The **Lambs of God** will meet on Tuesday, November 8, at 6 p.m. in the Adult Assembly room. Ladies, if you are hands on mission minded, please join us as we reach out to our community. For more information, call Jody Prescott at 289-9765

The **Circle of Sisters** will meet on Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center.



Dear Spencer Family,  
Thanks to all who help to make Wednesday meals possible. Without you there would be no meals or that special time of fellowship in preparing as well as eating them. Also, a special thanks to those who were so faithful during summer meal preparation. Your commitment was over and above.

**Blanche Arrowood**

We at **God's Appalachian Partnership** are so thankful for the generosity shown by your church. The love shared through your gifts will help us minister spiritually while meeting physical needs. Thank you so much for participating in "**Christmas in August**". We would also like to invite you to come and see what God is doing at God's Appalachian Partnership. We covet your prayers as we strive to build relationship with those we serve and lead them to an understanding of God's great love for each of us.

**Lynn and Angie Wagoner**

I would like to thank all of you for your many calls, visit and prayers during and following my foot surgery. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as my foot continues to heal.

**Rhonda Lankford**

We praise God for the love and support of the Spencer Church family during the loss of our precious Melissa and Kathryn's sister Hannah Coffey Baynard. Only God knows the grief felt from losing two close loved ones two hours apart. Our Lord is carrying us through the pain and sadness. Having dear Christian friends helping us in so many ways has been a blessing. We deeply appreciate the cards, visits, flowers, food and especially your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

**Jim, Kathryn & Anna Parton & Marsha Kaye Lane**

I so enjoyed meeting with you for your Christmas in August program. Thank you for including **Spindale Elementary** in your outreach efforts. I wish every school could have a neighbor like you. We have had a good start to our year but knew it would be difficult with more students than ever needing food for the weekend. We now have 71 children receiving bags each Friday. That is a lot of spaghetti-o's! But you helped make sure, by reaching out to us early, that we had a smooth beginning. The children and their parents continue to be very grateful for the extra support. Thank you again for helping to make sure that children are ready to learn when they come to school on Monday mornings. And thank you, too, for always being willing to help our students.

**Amy Revis, Site Coordinator  
Spindale Elementary**

I want to say thank you to my wonderful church family at Spencer Baptist Church. Thanks for the calls, visits, food and most of all your prayers. I hope to get back to my church in the future.

**Jean Thompson**

### Senior Adult Corner....

**Tuesday, November 15...**The Spencer Serving Seniors will meet for their regular meeting at 10:00 on Tuesday, November 15. Our special guest will be **The Silver Tones.**

**NURSERY FOR NOVEMBER**

Sunday, November 6... Leader, Kathy Carver, 305-2524  
Workers: Beth Alexander, Rhonda Alexander, Danny Carver, Gilford & Susie Harris, Greg Settlemyre.

Sunday, November 13...Leader, Connie Mills 287-2480  
Workers: Aaron and Haley Perry, Elizabeth Snyder, Dawn Wease & Anne Roberts.

Sunday, November 20...Leader, Joan McKeithan 245-0628  
Workers: Kerrie Brooks, Jackie Connor, Jordan Crawley & Barbara McCurry.

Sunday, November 27...Leader Debbie Sims 287-7234  
Workers: Loretta Gladney, Lisa Harmon, Haley, Scott & Tyler Sims.

**Youth Snack Supper For November**

Sunday, November 6...Angela Cheek  
Sunday, November 13...Kevin Campbell/Bill & Kerry Giles  
Sunday, November 20...No Youth Snack Supper  
Love Feast  
Sunday, November 27...Wanda Mohler

**NURSERY FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
IN NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, November 2...Denise Frazier & Susan Shehan  
Wednesday, November 9...Joan McKeithan & Tracy Crowe  
Wednesday, November 16...Joan McKeithan & Jackie Connor  
Wednesday, November 23...NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL  
Wednesday, November 30...Joan McKeithan & Jane Blanton

**REMEMBER** to turn your  
**CLOCKS BACK ONE  
HOUR** on Saturday night,  
November 5 before you go to  
bed - so that you will be on  
time for Sunday School and  
worship.



**WELCOME COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER**

Doug & Janice Bright  
Tracy Crowe  
Terry Shoenfelt

There will be **NO WEDNESDAY EVENING MEAL  
OR ACTIVITIES** on Wednesday, November 23rd.

The Church Office will be **CLOSED** on Thursday and  
Friday, November 24 & 25 for the Thanksgiving holiday.



**Friday,  
November  
11, 2011**

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**Our Records Show  
As Of October 23, 2011**

Budget Needs.....\$339,150.00  
Budget Receipts .....\$302,454.61  
Designated Receipts..... \$ 65,619.80

Our weekly need is \$6,783.00



Billy Vaughn  
Senior Pastor  
Bruce Caldwell  
Minister of Youth & Senior Adults  
Kelly Settlemyre  
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**THANKSGIVING  
LOVEFEAST  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20**



**Where:** Spencer Baptist Church  
Family Life Center

**Each Family** is asked to bring vegetables, salad and a dessert.  
Do Not Bring Bread.

The church will provide: the turkey, dressing, gravy, cranberry  
sauce, bread, tea, coffee and water.

**Please arrive** around 5:50 p.m. so that we may begin serving  
at 6 p.m. (All deacons, active and inactive, please arrive by  
5:40 p.m.)

**You are asked** to find a table for your family and have a seat  
until the food is ready to be served.

**We shall** eat first and then enjoy a beautiful time of worship.  
The Lord's Supper will be served at the end in a very special  
way.

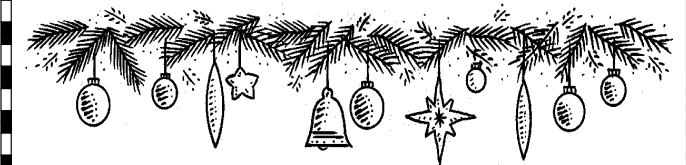
**REV IT UP!  
Toy Run For Children  
Saturday, November 12**

The youth will be helping with the "Rev It Up" Toy Run  
for Children. We hope you can come by, bring a toy, buy a  
T-shirt and even show your car.

The toys will be used to help children in our church and  
throughout the county.

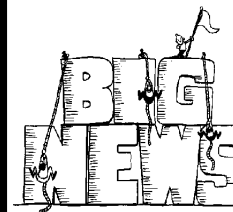


**Poinsettias**  
Only 6 more days  
to order your Poinsettias.  
**DEADLINE IS MONDAY,  
NOVEMBER 7.**



Over the past several years, our church has done an  
outstanding job meeting the needs of families at Christmas  
time through our angel tree ministry. This year, we plan to  
continue our efforts in meeting the needs of families, but we  
are going to do it in a slightly different way. We still need  
your help. In fact, we will need your help more than ever  
before! The timing of this newsletter is about one week  
too soon for us to give you all the details about the ways in  
which we are going to help families during the holiday  
season, so you will have to present in worship and in Sunday  
School to get all the details! Be assured that the staff will  
communicate in all the ways we know how – bulletins,  
emails, websites, announcements, etc, so that everyone can  
help us as we seek to minister to families who need a bit of  
help during this Christmas season!

**Dinner Theater/Variety Show  
Friday, December 2**



Look for posters and flyers about our  
**DINNER  
THEATER/VARIETY SHOW**  
on December 2nd.  
Mark your calendars. This will be fun!



The youth will be making and delivering  
fruit baskets for our homebound members  
again this Thanksgiving season. We will  
deliver these on Sunday, November 20. We  
have enough baskets, **HOWEVER**, we will  
need help with fruit. If you would help, you  
can bring money by the office or bring fruit  
on Sunday the 20th. Thank you for helping the youth with this  
project. The homebound and nursing home members enjoy  
receiving the fruit baskets so much.