

BRIAN'S BOX

A new year oftentimes means new beginnings. God was surely at work in the lives of our youth in 2011 and we are excited to see what 2012 holds in store for us.

This month we will be heading up to Winter-place, WV for a short ski retreat where we will study God's Word and enjoy some (hopefully) fresh powder on the slopes! We will also be starting up small groups with our youth on Sunday nights where we can break into smaller groups based on age and gender and really dive into the topics that they will be learning and studying just before. Please pray for our volunteers as they have graciously agreed to help facilitate these groups and keep investing in our teens!

I would like to challenge you as a member of Clemmons FBC to pray about ways you can get involved in our church this year to help us continue reaching a changing world for Christ. May God bless you richly this year and let us return thanks in all things!

In Him,
Brian

TRANSPORTATION

Did you know that the Transportation Ministry at Clemmons First Baptist Church started in September, 1986? Did you know a LOT of people in Clemmons are needing rides to the dentist, dialysis, doctor, drug store, grocery store, bank, post office and other places? That number has greatly increased. We are in desperate need of additional volunteers for this ministry. If you can help drive, we have a mission trip for you. Call Joyce Love, 765-2542, for more information.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have had a good year here at CFBC in the Children's Department! We have had some very fun events, and the most recent of which was a Kidz Nite Out event sponsored by the Family Life Center Committee. Forty-five kids participated in our Kidz Nite Out, and we all had a great time! So, we have had lots of exciting things happen in 2011. We have more exciting things to come in 2012!

Keep your eyes peeled for upcoming changes and events - such as more lock ins, that's right, get pumped elementary kids!

Also, I know I just came on here at CFBC back in March of 2011, but I feel as though I have been here longer. I am so thankful to be working with a wonderful staff, and congregation! As I sit and reflect on my beginning here it makes me so excited to see what God has in store for the Children's Department in the New Year!

Thank you all for your support and prayers! I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and a blessed beginning to the New Year!

In Him,
Candace Tichenor



WMU Unhindered

What will the blank pages of your calendar for this New Year say about you when 2012 closes. WMU challenges you as a Sunday school class or individual to provide Matthew 25:40 "to the least of these." Where does God need you?

Looking back we provided 62 health kits, the paper products and food for the prison Christmas party. Thank you for giving lots of toys and those that volunteered to help at the PMBA Toy Store. Wonderful stories of those that accepted Christ. Over 1,300 children received toys and 169 food boxes were given to families. The goal for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$17,000. You gave \$10,998.

You can make a difference for families that are cold. For every dollar you donate to Share the Warmth, Duke Energy matches what you give. Make checks payable to Share the Warmth and send to The Duke Energy Foundation, PO Box 25469, Charlotte, NC 28254-3429.

Focus on WMU will be February 19th. Our special guest speaker will be Cornelius (Cubby) Edwards for the traditional service. We will have a

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church-wide birthday party at 6:00 PM. We ask as your birthday gift you bring food for the PMBA Bread of Life Food Pantry. Make a missions commitment in 2012 to join with Him in service and love.

—Joyce Love
WMU Co-Director

JOY CLUB NEWS

The JOY Club Program/Luncheon will be held on January 19th at 11:00 AM in the Family Life Center. Debbi Barr, Geriatric Research at the Sticht Center, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center will do a power point presentation that explains the research.

Sign up for the luncheon at either bulletin board or in the FLC. (Menu unavailable)

Come join us!

The next planning meeting will be held on Monday, January 9th, at 10:00 AM, in the conference room.

—Carol Cross

QUILT MINISTRY

We have had a great 2011 in Quilting. We have been so blessed by many.

May you have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year! May God continue to bless each of us.

—Rhoda Shifflett

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, prayers and other acts of kindness shown to me during my recent recovery from the car accident. It means so much to have such a caring church family.

—Dot Chappell

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for remembering me in your prayers, in notes of encouragement and in many other ways during my recent illness. Your kindness means a great deal to me. Sincere thanks.

—Shirley Averette & Children
(Mark, Paul and Rebecca)

MEMORIALS

In Honor of:
Peggie Harmon

From: Willing Workers
Sunday School Class

In Memory of:
Gary Jackson

From: Tony and Kay Henderson

In Memory of:
Ray Fox

From: Tony and Kay Henderson

In Memory of:
Colleen Church

From: Tony and Kay Henderson
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ChurchLife Newsletter

In the December 37th business meeting, a motion was approved to develop plans to complete the unfinished area in the rear of the Family Life Center for use as a multi-purpose and contemporary worship center. The project also will include some alterations to the rooms on the west side of the building. A committee was elected to work with architects and contractors to develop layouts of the project, and total costs for completing it, and report back to the church. Those elected to the committee are: Jerry Clevenger, Danny Clodfelter, Marcie Woolard, John Vernon, and Heath Petree.

While I'm aware that the 2012 election will dominate the news until the election takes place on November 6th, I'm also aware that the economic situation our country is facing is not likely to go away. While it's political pay-dirt for some to claim that the economy is improving, others, such as economists, say the facts point to the economy not improving very much, if any. Trends in Europe and Asia say the economy may worsen.

As we move into what surely will be a year for the history books, let me share briefly with you 4 steps given by Dr. Jeremiah in the final session of *The Coming Economic Earthquake*, a study in which 30 or more of us shared this past fall.

First, "Keep Your Head in the Game." Know as much as possible about what's happening in the economy so that you can make informed decisions regarding your finances, should you be forced into some changes. Second, "Keep Your House in Order." Take a personal inventory of your finances, minimize your indebtedness, and manage your money wisely. And finally, "Keep Your Hope in God." Regardless of what may happen in our country economically and politically, God is in control. He will see us through.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
—Pastor Robby

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SMILES FROM THE LIBRARY

"Have you ever had a three-in-the morning attack? Gloomy thoughts, like I have no real friends. Scary thoughts, like Where's the money going to come from? Unsettling thoughts, I've lived half my life, what am I going to do with the rest of it? I have only so much energy to go around. Am I really doing what I want to do? Sure, I'm busy, but am I pouring my life...myself...into things that will not last and don't really matter in the long run? We scatter ourselves like bread crumbs, and whole flocks of hungry birds consume us. Then we feel guilty! We as Christians have better reasons than anyone else to care for ourselves. Without guilt I try to approach every significant aspect of my life with the question: How do I do this in a Christian manner?" I would like to suggest the book *Sometimes I Feel Like Running Away from Home* by Elizabeth Cody Newenhouyse. It is *subtitled Saving Your Sanity and Refreshing Your Spirit When You Feel Trapped by Your Own Life*. The author "offers dozens of insights and simple, inexpensive, enjoyable ideas to put some lift back into your day. Packed with wit; inspiration, and practical help from someone who's been there, this book will help you to enjoy your life again." Come by and check out this paperback for your new year.

From the book *Heavenly Fun* by Bob Phillips: Unscramble the following familiar Bible verse:
meCo otnu em, lal ey atht ear aehyv daine nad I wil veig ouy stre.



Memory verse for January: Psalm 91:1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

Love in Christ, Starlet Bays