

Tidings

Clover Presbyterian Church

Sister Congregation of Larne First Presbyterian Church
Larne, Northern Ireland

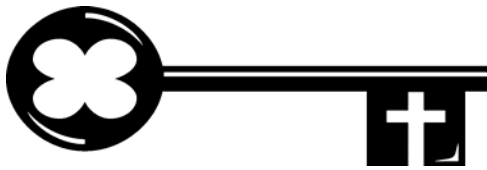


January, 2011

Things You Need to Know:

- **January 30 is a Fifth Sunday!**
- **Wednesday Night** Fellowship / Bible Study / Children's Choir: Due to weather related postponements, our full Wednesday night program schedule will kick off on Wednesday, January 19 at 4:45 (Children's Choir) and 5:30 (Dinner then Bible).
- **Cans Into Ca\$h!:** Did you know that the **ALL** aluminum that we recycle here at the church is sold and the money supports our **Youth Program Funds**?
So... If you are in the (very good and environmentally responsible) habit of throwing your aluminum cans in with the rest of your household recycling here's an easy New Year's resolution for you: separate those drink cans (regardless of what they once held—really—we don't judge!) and bring them to the church so that we can turn those cans into cash! Drop them in ANY of the recycling bins around the church and we (Roy Brinkley) will do the rest. Thanks!
- **Souper Bowl** of Caring: Super Bowl Sunday is February 6th and even though the Panthers will be six weeks into their winter hibernation (which honestly, started about November 1st) still our youth will be collecting the Souper Bowl of Caring offering after both services that morning. This offering is received every year on the day of the Big Game and donated to local hunger fighting agencies by churches all around the nation.
Since it's beginning in 1993 the Souper Bowl has raised over \$71 million to feed hungry people. Last year over \$10 million was donated by the 14,000 youth groups that participate. Over 21 million pounds of food was collected last year as well.
Give generously—at least as much as you will spend on Salsa and tortilla chips for Super Bowl itself—to help us feed our hungriest neighbors.
- The Board of Deacons continues to collect items for the **Clover Area Assistance Center** of which they are in particular need. Each month their appeal to you on behalf of CAAC will be tailored to the needs that their clients have which they have difficulty meeting. This will help us be of maximum assistance to those who assist the vulnerable in our community in our name. Drop one of these items in the collection box in the atrium sometime during the month. The items that we need are:
 - January: Soap, Shampoo, and Deodorant**
 - February: Jelly (friend of Peanut Butter)**
- Joint Meeting of the **Elders and Deacons** for 2011 will be held Sunday, January 23rd beginning at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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Keynotes: The Oft-Forgotten Goal

*Each member of the church is encouraged **to review their own commitment** to the life and work of the church giving careful consideration to their particular gifts and skills... It is our responsibility as Christians to put our blessings into action for the benefit of God's Kingdom. So, we call on each member of the congregation to put their gifts and talents to use in the work of Christ in this church.*

(Vision 2012, #2)

In the three years since it was first approved by the session we have made great progress toward the goals laid out in our Strategic Plan. With the successful completion of the Capital campaign in 2010, the ongoing search for a Christian Educator with gifts in youth ministry, the continuing commitment of the Seekers Sunday school class to organize our off-site Spiritual retreat in the fall, the common focus of our deacons on being good shepherds to the congregation, and the tithe of our capital receipts to missionaries abroad and evangelical efforts here at home – we are growing into the community that Vision 2012 challenged us to become. Into the strong headwinds of economic decline and population stagnation, we have had a very productive three years.

Challenges remain (we are still deficit budgeting for current operations and much of our energy is still focused inward, on ministering to ourselves), but we have made great strides toward being the community God has called us to be. This year we anticipate the vision being more fully realized and our congregation preparing for the next chapter of its life together.

For that to happen we turn now turn to the last piece of the Vision 2012 mosaic. It is the most personal of the goals we set for ourselves and therefore most difficult for the church to organize and direct.

Three years ago we discovered that the church will not be its most vibrant, dynamic and effective community in mission for Jesus Christ without capturing and energizing the gifts and skills of each and every one of its members. We cannot leave one person out, or diminish the contribution of any of God's children. This is a shared burden. It falls to the leadership of the church, the session, deacons and staff, to make room in the ministry of the congregation for all people to explore and apply their talents to the glory of God. We are not a static, fixed organization that must do things

this year exactly as they were done last year. We are instead required to be more nimble, dynamic and flexible – adapting who we are and how we live to the skills and energies available to us. Who's to say what sorts of ministry opportunities and advancements of the gospel are waiting to be uncovered among us?

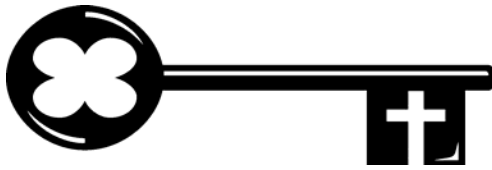
We can't do that, of course, without the cooperation and commitment of all of our people. The Vision 2012 task force recognized that, which is why the plan calls on each of us to take a fearless and total inventory of our own personal discipleship. We are encouraged to examine our priorities and allegiances, our commitments and loyalties in the light of the gospel; to search and see if our style of life is consistent with the faith we profess.

No one can do this for you. No one knows your heart better than you. No one can tell you how you can make better use of your individual talent and time to be an agent of healing, restoration and grace. We can only do this for ourselves. But, the health and welfare of the church depends upon our willingness and courage take stock of our Christian living.

There is one way that we can support one another in this mutual time of evaluation and growth. As we search our hearts and minds, renewing our devotion to Christ and the work of his church, we might do so gathered together around the Word. There is no more detailed and sustained description of the life that Christ calls us to live than that laid out for the disciples in chapters 5, 6, and 7 of Matthew's gospel – the Sermon on the Mount. It is in Matthew's gospel that Jesus commissions the church to go and make disciples by "teaching them all that I have commanded you." To live that life and have others recognize its virtue and consequently give praise to God, is missionary activity of the highest order for the followers of Jesus.

The substance of that teaching and the conduct of

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that life is the subject of the Sermon on the Mount. If we are to review the quality of our own discipleship and renew our dedication to that way of living - there is no better place to start than with the instruction of Jesus found there. We have given over the next seven weeks of Bible study to a careful reading of these chapters of Matthew. We invite you to attend to them together that we might better understand what Christ has called us to be and do; and be restored in devotion to our common life in his name.

No one can do this for you - but together we can do this for Jesus, and for his church.

Peace,

Thoughts on Hope...

My name is Jim Wylie and I wish to express the significance of keeping **HOPE**. Twenty five years ago I was a miserable, hopeless addict. I found a 12 step program that offered me hope. Once I found this hope all of my experiences since then have been exciting. Along with hope I also found a higher power that I choose to call God. This I am telling you because of a recent turn of events that will have a profound impact on the rest of my life. On October first my life would change forever. As I was coming home, riding my Harley Davidson motorcycle, from teaching a class in York, SC at 8:15 pm I saw a vehicle approaching from a side road on my right. I let off the throttle and he slowed down and appeared to stop, then a motorcyclist worst nightmare happened the car pulled out right in front of me. At that instant my life changed. I tried to stop but couldn't so I lay the bike down on the right hand side. I slid under the jeep and felt a terrible hot pain course through my left leg. Afterwards I looked down and saw that my left foot was gone. I almost instantly felt hope come from somewhere deep inside. I began to think about the artificial legs that I had seen people doing all kinds of things with in magazines and on TV. God was on my mind and I thought of the miracles that would come from this.

The first on the scene was an RN on her way home from work. She approached me and stated that she was an RN and that she would hold my hand and stay with me until all was done. Then she stated that she was a Christian and if it was ok she would like to say a prayer for me. Without hesitation I said please say a prayer for me. She stayed with me and comforted me until I was taken to the helicopter to be transported to CMC in Charlotte, NC. I have tried to locate her to no avail and would love to have her contact me. God doesn't close a door without opening another, I firmly believe this. As I lay in the hospital in the trauma unit at CMC I remained hopeful. After all the only other choice is to be bitter and vengeful, no, that's not for me.

As I sit here each day waiting to be fitted for my new leg I remain hopeful and because I have hope I have happiness. I've been told that it's amazing that I am always upbeat, hopeful and happy. I **choose** this way to feel because I have so much hope for the future. I have had many good friends come to my rescue and take me places I need to go and come over to just sit and visit. The loss of my left foot is a tragedy but I choose to remain hopeful and faithful to God. By all rights I should have died in that accident but God wanted me to live. I am a counselor and I can't help but wonder what this is going to add to my life. Into what new areas I might be called to serve. There are two things that I know I will keep and they are **HOPE** and **FAITH** in God. With these two thoughts in the forefront of my mind I will survive and prosper. Thank you to all that have been supporting me during this time in my life.

Jim Wylie, Clover, SC

*Presbyterian
Women*

The PW Council will meet on **Monday, January 3** at the church with Millie Jones as hostess at 7pm.

Circle 1 will meet on **Monday, January 10** at 10:00am at the church.

Circle 2 will meet on **Monday, January 10** at 7:00pm at the home of Lillian Lawrence

Flower Calendar for January

09	Available
16	Available
23	Available
30	Available

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Things You Need to Do:

- **Welcome** our new members and our visitors who worship with us and join us in fellowship every week.
- **Join an Adult Sunday school class:** Adult 1 (Church Parlor), The Seekers (Church Library), Ladies Bible Class (Ladies Classroom), and Men's Bible Class (Recreation Building).
- **CAAC Collection.** This Month—Toiletries: Soap, Shampoo, and Deodorant.
- **Souper Bowl of Caring:** February 6
- **Cans Cans Cans!** Aluminum funds youth ministry. Bring us your cans.
- **Sing sing sing:** Children, youth adults.
Pick a choir and bring your voice (unless you can't in which case... Really, we understand.)
- **Congratulate** Wesley Edmunds III and Eric Wilson Scott who received their Eagle Scout awards on January 8 from Troop 333 in Lake Wylie.
- **Bible Study:** Read it. Study it. Live it. Enliven your discipleship this winter.
- **Give give give:** We need \$7,067 per week in order to fund our operations inside the church building. There is no where else to cut the church budget without eliminating valuable ministry.
- **Rejoice** in the Lord and give thanks for the love of Christ and the gift of this community of faith.
- **Offer** your gifts talents and skills to the work of the church.

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Thanks to your generous support, we were able to give \$600 to God's Kitchen as a result of our Christmas Card Project. Thank you for supporting this project and we thank the children and youth who participated and created the art. Thank you!

We appreciate the cards, food and concern that was shown to us during Bob's recent accident. We are blessed to have such a caring family,

*With Love,
Bob & Sally Mann*

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People Who Need Your Prayers:

The one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church; The leaders of our world and nation, the men and women in the military, our President – Barack Obama, our Governor – Nikki Haley, our Mayor – Donnie Grice, our missionaries: Jim & Jodi McGill, Mark & Miriam Adams and Tony & Connie Johnson.

Our Known Sick: Grant McLean, Taze Bennett, Ruby Bennett, Robin Davis, Joe Williams, Ollie Robertson, Gene Bowman, Kimberly Sanders, Jim Wylie, Billy & Peggy Adams and Bob Mann.

Those unable to worship with us: Mary Alice McCarter, Beth Hinshaw, Dean Miller, Ruth Ramsey, Mary Anne Hall, Mary Lou Sifford and Gene & Mary Sifford.

Friends and Relatives:

The family of Chandler Killian, JoAnn Barnes – mother of Lois Talbert, Rush Smith—dad of Andy Smith, Lee Killian, Alice Fowler—aunt of Julia Smith, Jake Pritchard—grandson of Bill & Pat King, Terry Florence—friend of Don & Donna Hartsoe, Elizabeth Barnett—mother of Tom Redmond, Eddie Doss—friend of Don & Donna Hartsoe, Mackenzie DeCuir, Alex VanEtten, mentor student of Libby Sprouse, Earl Sprouse, uncle to Julie Preston and Scott Sprouse, Tom Warrick, father of Dawn Dawes, Dan Hartsoe—father of Don Hartsoe, Anne Fishburne, Vanessa Henkel—sister of Julie Preston, Gail Windell—friend of Tommy & Susie McLean, Debra Good—friend of Jeannie Edmunds, Bruce Clark—friend of Kathy Key, Ida & Ernest Cagle—grandparents of Mike Carpenter, Carly Bennett—grand-daughter of Don & Kay Westmoreland, Dian Timms, mother of Paula Clayton, Cam Robinson, brother of Brad Robinson, Mary Jo Harvey—cousin of Charlotte Jackson, Joan Blalock & Jennifer Brown—friend of Hartsoe family, Ronnie Bell—uncle of Terry Swanner, Ticker Spurrier—mother of Wes Spurrier, David Stanton, Jr.—friend of Harry & Ann Hogue, Mickey Gordon—sister-in-law of Joe & Kay Gordon, David Patterson—friend of Jessica Swanner, Kristin McDonough—friend of Scott & Holly Frisk, Jim Carroll—nephew of Ann Goode & Barbara Beamguard, Edna Clarke—mother of Ann Hogue and Don Dawes—father of Marc Dawes.

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Places You Need to Be:

- **Choir Practice** ~ Wednesday, 7:00
- **Praise Team Rehearsal** ~ Wednesdays @ 7:00.
- **Ordination and Installation of New Officers** ~ January 9, 11:00 am.
- **Contemporary Service Returns** ~ January 9.
- **Wednesday Night Fellowship** ~ Returns January 19!!!
- **Joint meeting of Elders and Deacons** ~ January 23, 2:00 pm

The Sermon on the Mount
Matthew 5-7
Living Disciples ~ Lively Discipleship

6:00 PM
Wednesdays

Serving the church in January

Closing - Ted McCarley

Ushers ~ 11:00am

02 Barbara Corson, Millie Jones, Ted McCarley, Mack Henry, Wes Edmunds, John Edmunds, Wes Spurrier
09 Ann Goode, Kay Gordon, Ted McCarley, Bill King, Tommy McLean, Bill Brooks
16 Linda Henry, Pat Lowe, Ted McCarley, Mack Henry, Wes Edmunds, John Edmunds, Wes Spurrier
23 Millie Jones, Ann Goode, Ted McCarley, Tommy McLean, Bill Brooks, Bill King
30 Kay Gordon, Barbara Corson, Ted McCarley, Mack Henry, Wes Edmunds, John Edmunds

Worship Leaders ~ 11:00am

02 Sherer Hopkins
09 Jane McCall
16 Janet Owings
23 Dick Jackson
30 Wes Spurrier

Worship Leaders ~ 8:45am

09 Bruce Elliott
16 Georgia Westmoreland
23 Jennifer Johnson

Acolytes 11:00

02 Alex Mcleod
09 Mary Mason Carpenter
16 Alex Owings
23 Laney Preston
30 Skylar Redmond

Nursery Volunteers (11:00)

02 Heather McCarley
09 Libby Sprouse
16 Sammy Ann McCarley
23 Millie Jones
30 Mary Adams

Children's Church 11:00

3 & 4 year olds

02 Buddy & Paula Clayton
09 Carl & Mary Adams
16 Phyllis & Allison Maynard
23 Greg & Kristy Rowland
30 Scotti & Libby Sprouse

K-2nd grade

02 Paula Brinkley & Brittney Brinkley
09 John & Julie Preston
16 Bill & Libby Brooks
23 Katie Benton & Evelyn Pendleton
30 Scotti & Libby Sprouse

Sunday School

Ladies Bible Class ~ Ladies Classroom

02 Kay Gordon
09 Willie Westmoreland
16 Pat Lowe
23 Myrna Kosko
30 TBA

Men's Bible Class ~ Rec. Building

02 Don Westmoreland
09 Charles McLean
16 Dave Cyphers
23 J.S. Edmunds
30 TBA

Adult 1 Class ~ Church Parlor

02 Greg Rowland
09 Candy McCain
16 Donna Hartsoe
23 Jane McCall
30 TBA

The Seekers Class ~ Church Library

02 Bruce Elliott
09 Jack Scott
16 Class member
23 Lisa Hall
30 TBA

Youth Suppers

09 Jeff & Kimberly Sanders
16 No Youth
23 TBA
30 Wes & Mary Edmunds

If you would like to prepare supper for our youth,
please contact Sue Love at 222-6549 or thecloverloves@bellsouth.net

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Things You Need to Know (con't):

- **2011 Stated Meeting of the Congregation** was held on Sunday, January 9. The Operating budget for the year was presented to the congregation (see below).
Also noted were the accomplishments of our **Capital Campaign** during the past year. We reduced our overall indebtedness by almost \$150,000 during 2010. We were able to make additional Mission contributions of \$14,500 from Campaign Proceeds. We now owe \$318,901 on the building and continue to make principal curtailments in addition to our regular monthly mortgage payments.
- Congratulations to Karen Cox on her graduation from Winthrop University in December with a BA in History.

Clover Presbyterian Church 2011 Operating Budget

	2011	2010	
Finance (Administrative overhead)	\$57,110	\$57,110	
Debt Service	71,500	71,500	
Property	24,520	24,520	
Personnel			
Pastor	96,147	96,147	
Secretary 37,500	37,500		
Director of Christian Education	23,071	23,071	
Organist / Music Director	16,848	33,535	
Custodian	15,182	15,182	
Nursery Attendants	<u>4,306</u>	<u>4,306</u>	
Personnel Total	193,054	209,741	
Christian Education	10,850	10,850	
Worship	7,650	7,650	
Fellowship	2,800	2,800	
Outreach / Mission			
Presbytery/Synod	18,360	18,360	
Missionary Support (Adams/McGill)	4,000	4,000	
Other Mission/Outreach	<u>10,520</u>	<u>10,520</u>	
Outreach Mission Total	32,880	32,880	
Total Expense Budget	<u>\$400,364</u>	<u>\$417,051</u>	-4.0%

Capital Campaign Update:

Debt Balance	1/1/2010	\$466,770	
	12/31/2010	318,901	
Principal Retirement in 2010		\$147,869	
Mission contributions from Capital Campaign:		\$14,475	

From the Capital Campaign Committee:

It is hard to believe that it has been one year since the Capital Campaign Committee met and started working on Expanding the Circle of Faith for Clover Presbyterian Church. Through the faithful generosity of many of you the new building loan has been reduced from 466,770 to 318,901, along with 14,475 given to our mission projects in 2010.

What a great start in Embracing God's Future in our church.

January 2011 at Clover Presbyterian Church

Wednesday Activities:

4:45am Music Garten, Children's Choir
 5:30pm Supper
 6:00pm Bible Study for all ages
 7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Praise Team Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm AA	3 7:00pm PW Council ~ <i>at the church</i>	4 5:30pm AA	5 7:00pm Chancel Choir & Praise Team Rehearsal	6 8:00pm AA	7 8:00pm NA	8
9 8:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Fellowship AA	10 10:00am Circle 1 ~ <i>meet at the church</i> 7:30pm Circle 2 ~ <i>meet at the home of Lillian Lawrence</i>	11 5:30pm AA	12 Wednesday Activities NO Children's Choir today ~ resumes next week.	13 8:00pm AA	14 8:00pm NA	15
16 8:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm AA	17	18 5:30pm AA	19 Wednesday Activities	20 8:00pm AA	21 8:00pm NA	22
23 8:45am Worship 10:00am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 2:00pm Officer Retreat 5:30pm MT Meetings 6:00pm Youth Fellowship Officer Bible Study AA 6:30pm Officer Meetings	24	25 5:30pm AA	26 Wednesday Activities	27 8:00pm AA	28 8:00pm NA	29
30 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:30am Covered Dish Lunch 6:00pm Youth Fellowship AA	31					

JANUARY

02 Heidi Sanders
Tyler Wiggins

06 Doug Henry
Susan Joyner

09 Stewart McCall

10 Tory Campbell

11 Martha Spurrier

12 Bill Brooks

13 Tommy McCall, Jr.
Ila Mae Nelson
Jacob Dawes

14 Tasha Bowman

15 Billy Adams

16 Brian Hall

17 Braden Johnson
Caroline Hall
David Beamguard
Tom McLean

18 Lillian Lawrence
Sydney Spurrier

19 Isaac Carpenter

20 Ryan Westmoreland

21 Hillary Lowe
Matthew Crisp

22 Adelle Edmunds

23 Brad Robinson

24 Suzanne McCall

25 Jim Westmoreland

27 Jenny Burrell
Joe Williams
Payton Bolin
Sandra Davison



18 Gene & Mary Sifford
Richard & Rebecca Hart

30 David & Ange Westmoreland



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