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2011 Graduates



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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As our young people prepare for the next step in their lives, let us encourage them to keep the Lord at the forefront of all that they do. We are very proud of them and we wish them well!

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High School Seniors

Rebecca Blakeslee
Bethany Cruse
Tommy Genduso
Joshua Hommel
Kathryn Garrett
Allie Moore

College Graduates

Angela Berben
Kristen Bosworth
Lauren Bosworth
Dylan Cruse
Wesley Epepe
Molly Little
Olivia Lynch
Eric Struble
Janelle Tavernit

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Graduation Fellowship

Our annual Graduation Fellowship, honoring our high school seniors and college graduates, will be held on **Sunday, May 15th**, immediately following our evening services. Please join us for food and fellowship while we honor our graduates.

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Bathsheba: A Woman of Regret

Have you ever made a decision and later regretted it? Have you ever done something that you knew was wrong and you ignored the possible consequences and did it anyway? Romans 3:23 says, “for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”. Regret is a powerful emotion! It can either move us to a place of desperate sorrow and remorse that we repent and return to the Lord or it can be the anchor that weighs us down to the point of despair and anguish that we can never escape! We don’t live our lives in a vacuum. Everything we say and do has consequences. The story of Bathsheba is one that we have heard many times but do we really think about all the consequences (both immediate and in the future).

Bathsheba’s husband Uriah was a soldier of King David’s army in Jerusalem. Being a soldier, it is very likely that Uriah was away from home for long periods of time leaving Bathsheba alone and lonely. While at home one night, Bathsheba decides to bathe; at the same moment, David decides to walk up to the roof of his house. From the rooftop, David sees Bathsheba bathing and is instantly attracted to her; she “*was very beautiful to look upon*” (II Sam. 11:2). David is so taken with her that he sends for his servants to inquire about her identity; “*Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?*” One of David’s servants knows who Bathsheba is, yet the reve-

lation that she is someone else's wife does not deter David from sending his servants to summon her (remember Matthew 5:28 "*But I say unto you, that whosoever looketh on a **woman** to **lust** after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.*"). By this time, David is so enchanted with Bathsheba that he must have her! Bathsheba and David engage in a sexual relationship after which time she returns home. We are told that Bathsheba later sends word to David that she is pregnant. Her pregnancy complicates matters to say the least! Now that Bathsheba is carrying his child, David has a problem. He must now deal with her husband Uriah!

David sends for Uriah and inquires about the state of things on the battlefield. He then encourages Uriah to "*go down to your house and wash your feet* (II Sam. 11:8)." Uriah left David's house but he did not do as David told him. Instead he slept outside with the servants. When David finds out that Uriah did not go to his own house, David wants to know why. Uriah lets David know that he cannot in good conscience go and partake of the comforts of home (eat, drink and lie with his wife) while the other soldiers are encamped outside. It is clear that David is trying to get Uriah to go home and be with his wife in the hope that it would appear that he is the father of Bathsheba's child. Uriah's refusal to go home complicates matters even further and leaves David with few options to keep his adultery with Bathsheba from becoming public knowledge.

Ultimately, David devises a treacherous plan that leads to the death of Uriah in battle. When Bathsheba is told of Uriah's death, she mourns for him. After her period of mourning is over, David sends for Bathsheba to have her become his wife. Because of their adultery, David and Bathsheba's child is stricken ill and eventually dies.

What an awful burden to bear; knowing that because of your sinful act, you lose something so precious as your child!

WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM BATHSHEBA?

BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU GO AND WHAT YOU DO – Bathsheba willingly gave herself to David all the while knowing that she was the wife of another man. The consequences for both of them were painful and immediate and cost them something very precious; the life of their child! How many times have we willingly given ourselves to Satan (through word, thought or deed) with little to no regard for the price that was paid for us!

1 Corinthians 6:20 “For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

BEWARE OF CONSEQUENCES - So many times we indulge in behaviors or actions that result in us suffering consequences that will be with us for the rest of our lives. While our consequences may not be the same as Bathsheba's, they can be as immediate and as long-lasting. We can even negatively affect the lives of others without meaning to do so!

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE— Thanks be to God that we don't have to be imprisoned by our sins for eternity! We have the opportunity to be forgiven of our sins and be made clean and whole once again! We are given the chance for a “fresh start”. We should not take this opportunity lightly for there are many who never have the opportunity to begin anew. It is only through God's grace and mercy that we have the opportunity extended to us.

I John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Prayers



Remember to pray for our sisters who are ailing (and their ailing relatives and friends), who are expecting, who are experiencing loss (es), who are looking for employment, and who are traveling. Also, remember to pray for those who are actively serving in the military.

Making the Connection

We want each and every lady of the Cary congregation to be involved. We have been blessed with various talents! Let us be using those talents to serve the community, to serve each other and to serve the Lord. Below are the list of ladies programs. Please take a moment to consider how you can be involved and contact the coordinators listed below for additional information.

- * Cards/Encouragement— *Lulu Lovelady*, Coordinator
- * Ladies Retreat (Oct 2011) - *Neta Genduso, Carol Osborn, Sonova Smith*, Co-coordinators
- * Ladies Day (Feb 2012) - *Dotty Barco*, Coordinator
- * Secret Sister (*aka Sunshine Sister*) - *Sallie Turner*, Coordinator
- * Wedding & Baby Showers—*Linda Brown*, Coordinator
- * Welcome Baskets—*Jan Burns*, Coordinator
- * Worthy Woman—*Phyllis Blacksten/Dawn Dawson*, Co-Coordiators
- * Ladies Night Out—*Bridget Cook*, Coordinator

On the Horizon.....

MAY 2011

- * May 15th — Graduation Fellowship (High Seniors & College Grads)
- * May 15th—MYG Boys Leading Afternoon Service in Carthage
- * May 22nd— Lads-to-Leaders Encouragement Fellowship Luncheon

JUNE 2011

- * June 4th, 9:00am -Teacher Workday (prep for Summer Quarter)
- * June 4th, 2:00 - 4:00PM Bridal Shower for Lauren Bosworth

What's Going On? Events & Happenings

Carolina Bible Camp, Mocksville, NC

Applications can be downloaded from the website

<http://www.carolinabiblecamp.org/>

Week 1—June 12th—18th (Junior Week) - Kirk Sams

Week 2—June 19th—25th (Mixed Week) - David Allgood

Week 3— June 26th—July 2nd (Mixed Week) - Wilson Burton

Week 4—July 3rd—July 9th (Mixed Week) - Randal Burton

Week 5—July 10th—July 16th (Junior Week) - Ivan Monroe

Week 6—July 17th—July 23rd (Senior Week) - Dennis Conner

Week 7—July 24th—July 30th (Mixed Week) - Jeff Cannon

Central Church of Christ, Durham, NC

Vacation Bible School Theme: *Take a Stand: Sharing*

June 24—25th

6:00PM—8:30PM both nights

Please register via the website at

<http://www.centralchurchofchristonline.org/>

Raleigh Church of Christ, Raleigh, NC

Vacation Bible School Theme: *God's Creation: Digging for Answers*

July 23rd ****new date!**

More details to come.

Sanford Church of Christ, Sanford, NC

Bible Bowl

Books for Review: *2 Corinthians and Galatians*

August 27th

Takes place at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center in Sanford.

Polishing the Pulpit 2011

Refresh, Renew and Recharge

August 12th—18th

Visit the website www.polishingthepulpit.com for more information.



Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes 2011

We have been blessed with another **AMAZING** year of learning, growing, loving, bonding, and glorifying God in so many ways. Our coordinators, teachers, coaches, and parents did a great job encouraging, training, and leading all of our youth to become the leaders and servants God would have them be. They participated in the following events over the last year: Art-Says-It, Bible Bowl (team and individual testing), Bible Reading (Oral and Year Round), Centurion of Scripture, Debate, Gifts, Good Samaritan, Guard, Know the Books, Mass Media, Music Composition, Parade of Leaders, Parade of Winners, Puppets, Song Leading, Songs of Praise, and Speech.

Every participant, parent, coach, coordinator, and mentor that was involved in anyway, we owe you a big **THANK YOU!** If you had the opportunity to attend the National convention this year, we know you were blessed by this opportunity and came back with your cup overflowing. There were over 18,000 young people at 6 different convention sites sharpening and sharing their skills over this one weekend. Everyone who participated was a winner! They did their best, they did what they set out to do, God was glorified, and they stretched outside their comfort zone for the glory of God.

Proverbs 22:6
*“Train up a child
 in the way he
 should go: and
 when he is old,
 he will not
 depart from it.”*

From the Cary congregation we had 55 in attendance at the convention. We had 23 students participating in various events and 29 adults that were there to support the participants, be judges for events, and encourage us all. Our participants excelled in everyway. They brought home 7 team awards and 94 individual awards!

More importantly, they brought home a greater confidence, enthusiasm, love for God’s word, and knowledge of His word to be able to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

We are already looking forward to next year’s work! The theme for next year is **“We’ll Work Till Jesus Comes.”** The Bible Bowl teams will be studying the book of James, 1st & 2nd Peter. The Debate topic will be announced a little later in the year. Please let us know what we can do to help you become a part of this great program if you are not currently involved. There is a place for each of you!

Please be sure to take time to let the young people know how proud you are of each one of them and their efforts.

Thank you,

Paul and Brenda Hayner



Building Godly Leaders for Tomorrow

Lads-to-Leaders/Leaderettes Potluck Fellowship

We hope you will join us in a pot luck luncheon on **Sunday, May 22nd after morning worship** for our Lads to Leaders Encouragement Fellowship. This is a time where we honor the youth who have worked so hard, their teachers and coordinators. It is also an opportunity share with the congregation the progress, our youth have made and awards they have earned. Please make plans to come out to encourage those involved!

Karen Thompson Reports: Cary Ladies Day 2011 Round-Up

Thanks to the 98+ individual ladies who contributed to committee activities for our recent Cary Ladies Day! We had participation from the Dorcas class, youth group, young singles, young marrieds, families, empty nesters, widows, Live Wires, and friends. Your participation was phenomenal.

304 individuals attended our event. 70 of those were from our congregation. At least 50 congregations from 4 states were in attendance. Friends from at least 3 denominations attended. Several attended via internet audio streaming. This was truly a banner year for us!

Special recognition goes to some who were not recognized in the program. Tammy Ritch and Cindy Huser kindly manned the book stand. Jeanne Adams was part of the registration committee. Gemma designed our booklet. Jan Burns placed turbulence warning signs appropriately. April Fogelman is awarded the "Loaves and Fishes" award for her grace in making food prepared for 200 serve the 300+ in attendance! Our heartfelt gratitude is offered to Lori Cruse and her SWAAT team – Strong Women not Afraid to Attack Toilets – you know who you are!

121 individuals completed evaluations. 111 rated the overall experience as excellent. Positive comment cited the uplifting/wonderful speaker, the singing, hospitality, fellowship, and Biblical soundness. One suggestion was to schedule additional time to delve more deeply in the Word. Several constructive criticisms were shared with the involved committee heads.

This event provided numerous opportunities for individual involvement in keeping with the elder's objectives for 2011 and our individual growth in the Lord. We give thanks to God for each of you. Please support Dotty Barco in the 2012 Cary Ladies Day – great things are already being planned! To God be the glory.

Note: Please see Julie for audio CD's of the event.

Come Join Us!

Teachers' Workday

If you can cut, paste, color, trim, take instructions, give ideas, or just cheer - we need you!! Our teachers need help preparing for the upcoming quarter!! There will be a teacher workday on **Saturday, June 4th, from 9am-1pm!!** Please come and help us get the quarter off to a great start!!!

Bridal Shower

There will be a Bridal Shower Honoring Lauren Bosworth on **Saturday, June 4th, from 2-4pm** at the building! Lauren is the bride elect of Daniel Dorn! More details to come.

Ladies Devotional & Prayer Breakfast

Thank you to Cheryl Gary for hosting the ladies devotional and prayer breakfast on April 30th. Our devotional served as a reminder that we are a princess b/c our father is the King of Kings! We were reminded unlike the royalty on this earth, we cannot live in marbled palaces and be separated from others. We must be about our Father's business and be busy with doing the work that he has put us here to do. The next ladies devotional and prayer breakfast will be held in **July** at the home of Dawn Dawson. The specific date and time is to be announced! Stay tuned...

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for Worthy Woman?

Please contact **Dawn Dawson** or **Phyllis Blacksten**.