

## God Loves Givers Who Give With The Right Attitude

The scene was really nothing to laugh about, but it unleashed howls of delight, caused several fender-benders and brought traffic to a screeching halt on a busy freeway. People were literally jumping from their cars and rushing to grab the loot—several hundred thousand dollars worth—that was flying out the back door of an armored truck. The driver had failed to lock the door and the money was sucked out as if being removed by a giant vacuum. Even after the police arrived it took quite a while for order to be restored, and much of the money was never recovered.

The security guard failed to be diligent, and it cost the woman her job. Chances are she never imagined so many strangers would take advantage of her foolish misfortune. Her experience reminds us that there are several forms of generosity. In the case of the flying funds, the generosity was completely unintentional. Sometimes, generosity is reluctant, particularly when one feels pressured to give. Generosity can also be manipulative, especially in situations where a gift is given for some ulterior motive. And it's not uncommon for generosity to be self-serving when one gives to gain some attention or advantage. In stark contrast, Biblical generosity is like none of these. It is intentional, not the least bit reluctant, not manipulative and definitely not self-serving. Above all, it is full of joy. As the Apostle Paul explained in 2 Corinthians 9:7, it is prompted by what one **"has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."**

Herein is one of the most important principles for balanced Christian living and it is called **"The Law of Hilarious Generosity"**. The word translated as **"cheerful"** in most English Bibles literally means **"hilarious"**. It carries the idea of one who is uproariously delighted to give. Not grudgingly, like some sort of scrooge or miser, but freely and openly and happily. It's the absolute opposite of one who gives to God because he feels he can't refuse to give, or because someone else is giving and it would reflect poorly on him if he didn't give. **Living by the Law of Hilarious Generosity, one does not give under the whiplash of necessity, complaining inwardly or being bitter in any way. Rather, one is thankful to even be able to give.**

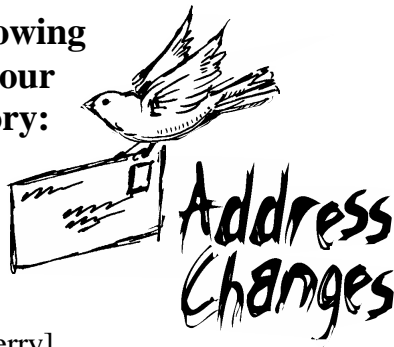
God's purpose is that we serve Him fully and that we give hilariously to the Mission of His Holy Church! Keep in mind these practical perspectives for you to become a hilarious giver in the Name of Jesus Christ!

1. **DON'T TALK YOURSELF OUT OF GIVING.** Whenever you have a good opportunity to give, take it. Look for opportunities to give generously, and live with an eager anticipation of how God will use you to bless others and please Him.
2. **TAKE MONEY SERIOUSLY, BUT NOT TOO SERIOUSLY.** The Bible says in Proverbs 23:4 **"Don't wear yourself out to get rich."** Money is important, but it is not everything, and it cannot bring true satisfaction to your life. If you take money too seriously it can cloud your judgment and alter your motives. The generous giver remembers that money is a means to an end., not the end itself.
3. **GIVE WITH A SMILE, NOT A CRINGE.** When one gives with hilarious generosity, it's only natural to smile. God's desire is not that we go through life simply collecting things and holding on to them. He wants us to give and give and give, just as He, Christ Jesus Himself does to you and for you!

Hope to see you in worship this coming Sunday morning!  
Love & Peace!!



**Please make the following address changes in your New Church Directory:**



**FERRELL, Mrs. Jane**  
406 Riverton Court  
Gibsonville, NC 27249

**HARRIS, Ms. Teresa [Terry]**  
3009 Winston Drive, Apt. 84  
Burlington, NC 27215

**MOORE, Sr., Mrs. Jane** 226-5223

**RUSSELL, Mr. Dave**  
714 Ivey Road, Apt. G  
Graham, NC 27253

**OUT OF TOWN MEMBERS**

**BLACK, Mr. Lawrence**  
110 Pine Needle Drive  
Hampstead, NC 28443

**RHUE, Ms. Susan**  
18A Kingsway Road  
Asheboro, NC 27203

**Call the Pastor!**

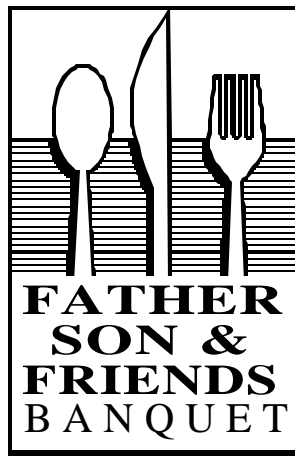
She was not really an elderly woman, although she had arthritis, diabetes, aching feet and other physical problems. If you asked her how she was, she told you — in detail. One morning, when she awoke, her husband asked her how she was. "I'm dead!" she responded.

"Well, you don't look dead to me," he said.

"Nevertheless," she went on, "I am dead and I want you to call the pastor."

"Now, just one minute!" said the husband. "Why would you say you're dead when you look quite alive and chipper to me?"

"Well," she answered, "I woke up a while ago and I don't have one ache — not one pain. That means I must be dead for sure. Call the pastor!"



Men of Macedonia,  
Men in Mission's  
next meeting will be the  
**Father-Son-Friends Banquet**  
Sunday, November 5  
6:00 p.m. in Luther Hall

**\$5.00 Adults**  
**\$3.00 Children 12 & under**

*Please call the church office at 227-5554 to make your reservation.*

**Schedules for October**

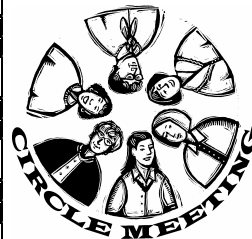
★ *Loaves and Fishes* - For the month of November bring oatmeal, cereal, canned vegetables & fruit.

♂♂♂ **Men of Macedonia, Men in Mission's** next meeting will be the Father-Son-Friends Banquet on Sunday, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the church.

✂ The N&N's will meet on Wednesday, November 15, at 8:00 a.m. at Western Steak House for breakfast.

🎯 **M&M's** will meet for lunch at Two For Tea on Thursday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. (*Yes, this is the correct time!*)

🚗 Macedonia's turn for the Alamance County **Meals-on-Wheels** Week is October 30-31 and November 1-3.



**Circle #1** - will meet on Tuesday, November 7, at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

**Circle #2** - will meet on Thursday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Debbie Riggs, 3010 Winston Drive, Unit 69, Burlington.

**Circle #3** - will meet on Wednesday, November 1, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Watson, 311 Truitt Drive, Elon. Program by Catherine Radomski.

**Circle #4** - will meet on Monday, November 13, at 2:30 p.m.

**Circle #5** - will meet on Monday, November 6, at 9:30 a.m.

**Circle #7** - will meet on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. at Village Grill.

The **WELCA Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, November 14, at 9:00 a.m. at the church.

The **WELCA Board** will meet on Tuesday, November 14, at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

**MACEDONIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
GENERAL FUND  
September 30, 2006**

	Current Month	Year To Date	Annual Budget	(Over) Under Budget
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	(20,314.50)	\$ 160.98		
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	18,227.84	196,947.83	-	(196,947.83)
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
Benevolence	1,982.49	21,554.04	42,000.00	20,445.96
Total Staff Salaries	15,786.12	142,155.63	191,554.00	49,398.37
Total Property & Managing	5,666.19	57,251.77	93,375.00	36,123.23
Total Serving	-	25.35	600.00	574.65
Total Worshipping	1,087.87	5,635.43	17,700.00	12,064.57
Total Nurturing	261.79	3,880.10	14,200.00	10,319.90
Total Proclaiming	-	173.57	1,215.00	1,041.43
Total Unbudgeted Disbursements	360.00	(6,335.96)	(6,335.96)	
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>25,144.46</u>	<u>224,339.93</u>	<u>354,308.04</u>	<u>129,968.11</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	<u>(27,231.12)</u>	<u>(27,231.12)</u>		



If you would like to purchase Poinsettias for the beautification of our Sanctuary, Nave and Narthex for Christmas services, you may do so either in honor or in memory of loved ones. **The cost is \$8.25 per plant.** Please tear out this form, fill out the appropriate information, include your payment and put everything in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office. Payment must accompany order, made payable to Macedonia Lutheran Church and please mark that it is for Poinsettias. **The deadline is Sunday, November 19, 2006.**

**In honor of:**

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**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*The Evangelism Committee asks Macedonia members to remember the following people and their care-givers in their prayers.*

**Home Bound Member:**  
*Mary Barbara McClintock*

**Nursing or Assisted Living Facilities:**

**Members:** *Margaret Foster*, Room 306B, Twin Lakes Health Care; *Rev. Frank Ebert*, Room 304B, Twin Lakes Health Care; *Charlotte Bivens*, Apt. 106A, Twin Lakes; *Elizabeth Pickard*, Room 227, The Homeplace; *Sara Norcom*, Room 116, Britthaven of Guilford; *Maurice Peace*, Room 258, Twin Lakes Health Care; *Lena Fisher*, Room D3, Presbyterian Home of Hawfields; *Bunny Webb*, Room 319, Twin Lakes Health Care; *Evelyn Apple*, Room 331, Twin Lakes Health Care; *Helen Hollingsworth*, Room 276, Twin Lakes Health Care.

**Friends:** *Jodie Cook*, Twin Lakes Health Care.

Visits would be enjoyed by many of these, but please check before visiting.

If you know of those whose names should be added to this list, please call the church office at 227-5554. Your help would be appreciated.

11/01	Charles Honeycutt
11/05	Hayden Honeycutt
	Miriam McFadyen
11/06	Kyleen Papadeas
	Jerry Tolley, Sr.
11/07	Kay Bowman
	Anna Gagnon
	Charlie Harris
	Howard Waters
11/08	Larry Dettman
	Don Honeycutt
11/09	Peter Gunyan
	Shannon Lynch
	R P Martin
11/10	Theresa Greene
	Grover Moore, Jr.
11/11	Angie Gilliam
	Jessica Walker
11/14	Cheryl English
	Jinx Kenan
11/15	Joey Cruz
	Maren McDermott
11/16	Sylvia Wells
11/17	Hugh Parks
11/23	Marie Hambright
11/24	Ben Scott
	Carylynn Willis
11/25	Jennifer Walker
11/26	Frank Rhue
11/27	Ellen Greeson
11/28	Lettie Carlson
	LeeAnn Neal
11/29	Martha Teague

**The Lewis Bowling Memorial Fund . . .**

has been spent to purchase items for Luther Hall, the kitchen and sanctuary at Macedonia:

**Two folding round tables and tablecloths**  
**Four oblong tables**  
**One sturdy folding card table**  
**Two artificial ficus trees for the stage and containers with greenery for the windows**

**Buffet meals can be served from two oblong and two round chafing dishes that are new.**

**For church services, fourteen new hymnals have been ordered.**

I wish to thank our relatives, friends and members of Macedonia who, through their memorial gifts to the Lewis Bowling Memorial Fund, have in these many ways benefited our congregation.



Sincerely,  
Rosalind Bodie Bowling

## Memorials & Honorariums

Below are listed gifts received since August 20, 2006.

**Designated for the General Fund:**

*In memory of Katherine Gentry by Ladies' Circle #2.*

**Designated for the Organ Fund:**

*In memory of Sara Barone by Anna Kreyling.*

**Designated for the Youth Fund:**

*In honor of the youth and parents who helped with my move by Sylvia Crews.*

# YOUTH NEWS...

A group of folks helped our choir director, Sylvia Crews, in moving to her new home. Thank you to Ben Scott, Chris, Artie & Ashley Pryer, Maddie Johnson, Spencer Voelkert, Greg Myers,



Come  
Worship  
With  
US!

Brilliant red door hangers were placed on doors in several neighborhoods in Elon and Burlington, inviting people to worship at Macedonia. Thank you to Joel Rust, Artie Pryer, Erin Myers, Grey Hunley, Megan McDermott, Josh Gibbons, Maddie Johnson, Spencer Voelkert, Greg Myers, Joy Rust and Dave Robinson for covering multiple neighborhoods in August. They capped the evening with dinner at CiCi's. We plan on blitzing several other neighborhoods with red door hangers in November.

The High School Luther League will meet on November 5, 12 & 19. If you are able to provide a meal for one of these evenings, please contact Joy Rust or Grey Myers.

## YOUTH QUAKE

TEEN MINISTRY

Christine Perry, Kevin Easter & Maura Easter, along with Grey Myers, attended YouthQuake 2006 on Saturday, October 14. YouthQuake is the annual North Carolina Synod event for youth in Grades 3-5, held at Lenoir-Rhyne College. Our Macedonia youth enjoyed music, arts & crafts, and worship along with nearly 75 other young people from all over North Carolina. All three are interested in another "road trip." Anyone else?

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Youth Sunday a wonderful event! We are especially thankful to the people of Macedonia for making our trip to San Antonio for the National Youth Gathering a reality! We will always appreciate your generosity and support for helping 21 of us

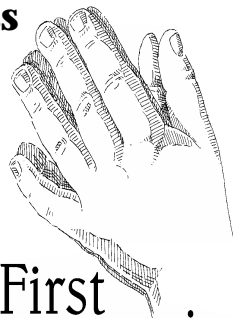


# Thanks

### First Communion Class

The following young people are taking these classes:

- Maddie Bass
- Aidan Gibson
- Maura Easter
- Kari Margaret Spencer
- Taylor Lynn Easter



## First Communion

In November we have class on Wednesday, November 1 at 4:30 p.m.. Their first Communion with the congregation will be celebrated on Sunday, November 19 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. All family, friends and god-parents are invited to commune with these five young people on their special day!

## Music News

We are grateful to the many musicians who faithfully give time and talent to enhance our worship. If you are not involved in one of our choirs, why not consider joining us in November and December as we prepare for the Lessons and Carols (December 17) as well as the Christmas services.

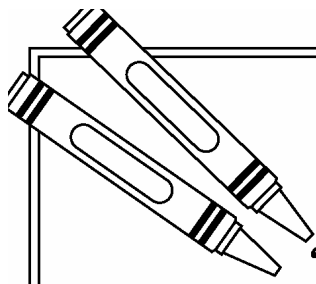
**Chancel Choir** (*Grade 9-Adult*)  
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Reformation Ringers** (*Adult Hand Bells*)  
Sundays at 4:45 p.m.

**Macedonia Ringers** (*Grades 3-8 Hand Bells*)  
Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.

**Cherub Choir** (*Ages 3-Grade 2*)  
Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.

**Melody Choir** (*Grades 3-8*)  
Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.

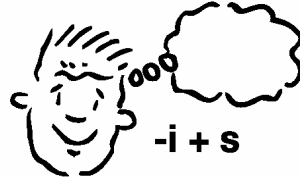
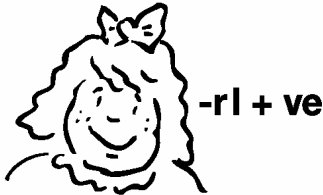


# Just for KIDS

## "Thank You, God"

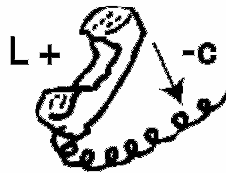
Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God is pleased when we are thankful because He knows that we remember the wonderful things He does for us every day.

**Directions:** Use the picture clues below to figure out the verse about being thankful. The minus (-) sign means take out the letter(s). The plus sign (+) means to add the letter(s).

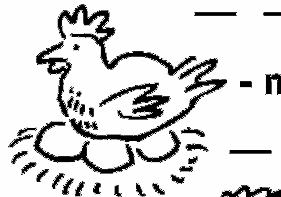


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Psalm 107:1

Answer: "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good."

## A Positive Attitude . . .

During the Holocaust, Anne Frank, a German-Jewish girl, and her family hid in a secret place in a home in Amsterdam. They were caught and sent to a concentration camp where Anne died of an illness at 15.

Her diary, which details her activities, thoughts and hardships during the months of hiding, is a classic work. It shows that Anne was a positive thinker who did not focus on the misery she faced, but on what she called "the glory that remains."

She wrote: "Think of the beauty that again and again discharges itself within and without you, and be happy." Thinking of Anne Frank's words this Thanksgiving, perhaps we can be reminded of the God-given beauty in our own lives — the joyous gifts of our families and friends, the abundant bounties of nature, and the very breath we breathe.

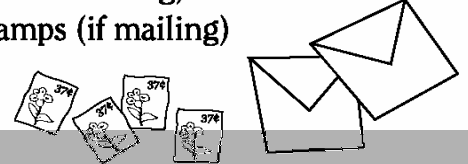
No matter what has knocked us to our knees in the past or is weighing heavily upon us now, we can remember that God's love and power are still available to us in the final victory. Anne Frank made the right choices and so can we.

## Say "Thank You!"

Have you ever sent a thank-you card to someone for a gift you received? You can send thank-you cards for things besides presents. There are many people around you who do very thoughtful things for you every day. Celebrate this Thanksgiving by sending homemade thank-you cards to the people you are thankful for.

### What you need:

- A list of people to thank (as many as you want)
- Paper (colored construction paper or white copy paper)
- Crayons, markers, paint, stickers, etc.
- Envelopes (optional, unless mailing)
- Stamps (if mailing)

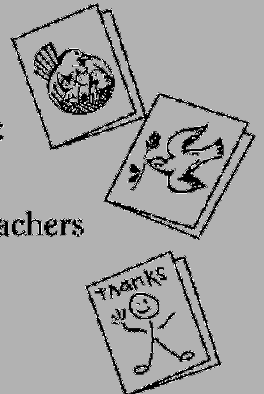


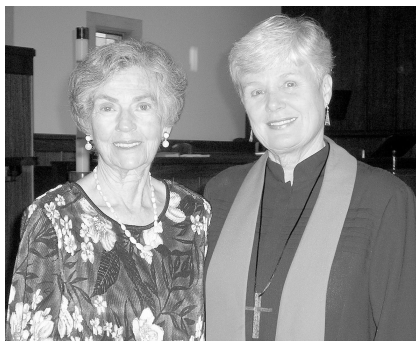
### What to do:

1. Next to each name on your list, write something that person has said or done that was helpful or kind.
2. Fold each sheet of paper in half like a card. (If you're using an envelope, make sure it fits inside.)
3. Decorate the card's front with drawings, stickers, etc.
4. Write a short note on the inside, thanking the person for the thing he or she did or said.
5. Deliver the cards in person or by mail.

### Some people you may want to thank:

- Family members
- Sunday school teachers
- School teachers
- Friends
- Neighbors
- People at church





# HOMECOMIN Success



We would like to thank everyone who helped to make Homecoming a true success. A special thanks to Rev. Suzanne Shoffner for presenting the message and visiting with us. It was also a blessing to have Mrs. Evelyn Apple in the service and to see some faces we have not seen in a while. All of the special music was well received and appreciated. Thanks to all who shared their talents and abilities with us. We all enjoyed lunch after the service with some wonderful food and fellowship. We look forward to sharing this time with friends and family for years to come! What a great Homecoming for 2006!!!



How can I express gratitude for the "call" to preach at Macedonia's Homecoming on September 24th? I guess the best thing would be to tell you what a "grace-filled" experience it was for Martin and me. As you know, my "CALL" to ministry was first experienced at Macedonia with the wise and wonderful Rev. Dr. Harold Terry. Evelyn Apple, Celebration Singers, Steve Rust and Terry Woodings all added to this day of spirit-filled, musical ministry and I will treasure this memory for years to come!

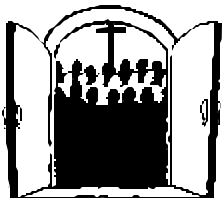
Christlove,  
Suzanne Shoffner  
(A Presby-Lutheran)



*As you know visitations of members who are ill, and their families, is an important part of Pastor Rust's ministry at Macedonia. We would like to remind everyone, to have a family member notify the church office if a member is hospitalized. Due to the new confidentiality rules, the hospital will not give out any information.*

## Willing to Provide a Ride?

If you are willing to provide a ride for someone to church or Sunday school, please contact the church office at 227-5554 or John Gee at 584-5512.



**Sunday, November 19**  
after the 10:30 worship service  
we will have our annual  
**Congregational Meeting.**

Following the Congregational Meeting,  
lunch will be served in Luther Hall.

### Menu is as follows:

BBQ  
Chicken  
Cole Slaw  
Potato Salad  
Hushpuppies  
Dessert  
Drinks

Cost will be \$6.50 for adults  
and \$3.00 for children.  
Please call the church office  
by **Friday, November 17**  
to place your reservation.

*This event is sponsored by the  
Fellowship Committee*



## American Red Cross Sponsor Honor Roll: *Production leaders for fiscal year 2006*

Top 10 Sponsors	Total
Elon University	381
Alamance Regional Medical Center	350
Emmanuel UMC	265
Knights of Columbus-Blessed Sacrament	243
Alamance County Employees	212
Mebane Community	207
<b>Macedonia Lutheran</b>	<b>180</b>
Eastern High School	171
Bartlett Yancey High School	170
LabCorp Downtown	166



## Theme: "His Redeeming Light"

The following is a list of individuals who have agreed to write a devotional for the Advent Devotional Book.

*Please submit your entry by November 15 by emailing a copy of the file to [trjernigan@bellsouth.net](mailto:trjernigan@bellsouth.net) or bring a typed or legible handwritten copy by the church office.*

Sun, Dec. 3	John 14:9-10	Frank Rhue	Thurs, Dec. 14	Romans 8:37	Larry Dettman
Mon, Dec. 4	Matthew 20:28	Joy Rust	Fri, Dec. 15	1 Thessalonians 5:18	John Gee
Tues, Dec. 5	Luke 17:19	David Huffman	Sat, Dec. 16	Philippians 4:6	Dave Robinson
Wed, Dec. 6	John 4:29	Christine Perry	Sun, Dec. 17	John 14:17	Colleen Macklin
Thurs, Dec. 7	Matthew 14:31	Art Pryer	Mon, Dec. 18	John 13:34	Rev. Dr. Dianne Dietz
Fri, Dec. 8	John 9:25	Ashley Pryer	Tues, Dec. 19	Luke 10:29	The Sean & Suzanne Easter Family
Sat, Dec. 9	Luke 21:27	Megan Turner	Wed, Dec. 20	Galatians 5:13	LeeAnn Neal
Sun, Dec. 10	Luke 15:21	Donna Urquhart	Thurs, Dec. 21	John 6:9	Julie Myers
Mon, Dec. 11	Luke 11:4	Debbie Gunyan	Fri, Dec. 22	1 John 4:18	Ben Scott
Tues, Dec. 12	John 7:17	Sandy Jackson & Karen Dosier	Sat, Dec. 23	John 12:3	Debbie Riggs
Wed, Dec. 13	Hebrews 11:8	Sylvia Crews	Sun, Dec. 24	Luke 2:10-12	Della Helms
			Mon, Dec. 25	Luke 1:78-79	Greg Myers

## The Chrismons Tree

**Ascension Lutheran Church**  
**314 West Main Street, Danville, Virginia 24541**  
**(434) 792-5795**

The Chrismons ornaments were first developed by Frances Kipps Spencer (1917-1990) at Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia. She originated them in 1957 when she set out to create decorations appropriate for a church Christmas tree.

***They are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> year of the Chrismons Ministry this year!***



**3-5 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 3, 2006**

**Sunday, December 10, 2006**

**Sunday, December 17, 2006**

**Sunday, December 24, 2006**

**7-9 p.m.**

**December 3 - December 26**

**Every day**



The Chrismons currently used at Macedonia are VERY old and VERY fragile. If there is enough interest of the members of Macedonia, the Fellowship Committee will sponsor Chrismon making sessions next year and invite someone from Ascension to train us. Please visit the Church during the Advent and Christmas Seasons to learn about Chrismons and hopefully increase interest in trying to add to our tree or replace some of our ornaments.

To get to the Church, take 87N to 29N to 29 BR, merge onto Main Street. If you have questions or are interested in making Chrismons, please contact Yvonne White, 919-563-3351.

*"This life therefore, is not godliness but the process of becoming godly, not health but getting well, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not now what we shall be, but we are on the way. The process is not yet finished, but it is actively going on. This is not the goal, but it is the right road. At present, everything does not gleam and sparkle, but everything is being cleansed."*

- Martin Luther

Reformer, listener, change agent. All of these terms describe Martin Luther, whose active, engaging and questioning faith equipped him to step out with a bold voice of reform.

We live in a complacent, inactive society, yet we are distracted and exhausted by the pace of it. Our heritage is a reminder that we are reformers. The waters of baptism empower us to be countercultural. It's time for reformation! Live as a new creation in Christ by sharing your faith, being a good steward of your God-given gifts, and caring for your body, mind and spirit.

Turn away from the ways of this world. Pray for strength to reform your lifestyle and find balance. Be in touch with your emotions. Share your God-given gifts for vocational well-being. Nurture your mind and your relationships. Seek forgiveness and grow in your relationship with God.

Celebrate your faith as you move forward on your journey to wellness. God promises to walk with you every step of the way—boldly, into reformation!

That it may be well with you!

*Tammy Devine,*

*Diaconal Minister and ELCA Wellness Coordinator*

## Where to Look in the Bible . . .

<b>For the Ten Commandments:</b>	Exodus 20:2-17
<b>For the Sermon on the Mount:</b>	Matthew 5:-12
<b>For an example of doing good to others:</b>	Luke 10:25-37
<b>If you feel all alone and neglected:</b>	Psalm 139
<b>If you feel lost and afraid:</b>	Psalm 23
<b>Before starting a big undertaking:</b>	Joshua 1
<b>For an example of loyalty to family and God:</b>	The Book of Ruth
<b>For a definition of human and divine love:</b>	1 Corinthians 13
<b>For the Bible in a nutshell:</b>	John 3:16

# Allied Churches Needs List

## Cleaners

**Bleach**

**Air Sanitizer**

Latex Gloves (Large or Extra Large)

**Laundry Detergent**

**Glass Cleaner**

Pine sol

**Antibacterial Kitchen Cleaner**

## Canned Goods/Fresh Veggies

**Tuna**

**Wax Beans**

**Canned Chicken**

**Canned Fruit**

Cream of Celery, Chicken, Mushroom Soups

Mixed Vegetables

Manwich

## Paper Products

Paper Towels

**Toilet Paper**

**Styrofoam Cups (7 & 16 ounce)**

**Sectioned Plates**

## Drinks

**Coffee**

Creamer

**Lemonade**

**Tang**

Assorted Kool-Aid Flavors

## Miscellaneous

**Any Baked Desserts**

**Granulated Sugar**

**Jello-O Gelatin**

**Vegetable Spray**

**Pickles**

**Mayonnaise**

## Shelter Supplies

Cough Drops & Sinus Medicine

Deodorant

Old Fashioned Grits/Oatmeal

Women's Panties (Sizes 5-8)

Women's Bras (Sizes 32-36B)

Razors

*Items in **bold** under each category are most needed!  
Please call Michelle Embree at 229-0881 ext. 21  
with any additional questions.*



# Macedonia Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Burlington, NC 27215

Telephone 336-227-5554

October 23, 2006

Dear Macedonians,

As many of you know, it's our tradition to collaborate with Holy Comforter Episcopal Church and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church to provide Christmas presents for Alamance County children living in foster homes.

For those of you who are new to this project, here's a brief overview. The children on the attached list are placed in foster homes for reasons of abuse, neglect, broken homes or parents who are unable to care for them. Foster care is considered a temporary arrangement until such time as families can be rehabilitated or until the child can be adopted or placed in a more permanent situation. Minimal funds for their care are provided by the state, but no money is allotted for toys or special occasions. Our three churches do our best to fill this void. These children truly need our love and support.

The children's wish lists are divided among the three churches. We are responsible for providing a memorable Christmas for all the children on our list. Please review the enclosed list and consider providing for one of the children or perhaps you may want to buy one or more items and combine efforts with another family or group. No gift is too small when given with love. Remember, this is a "WISH LIST" of things they WANT and like all children, they write them all down and hope. We do for them as we do for our own—the best we can. It's important however, to tell us specifically what you plan to buy so we don't duplicate efforts.

If you cannot shop, a cash donation is certainly appreciated. Any amount is gratefully received and will be pooled with other contributions to provide for the children. If you have access to special items such as socks, stocking stuffers or any items we can use, please let us know.

We ask that you make your selections by **Sunday, November 19** and call Vicky Hunley at 584-3407 to confirm your selection. We have a sheet outlining the specifics about labeling, dates and so forth. Just stop by and see one of us at the angel tree in the Narthex. We'll be there before and after the services the next few weeks. **Gift Drop Off date by Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> (church office).**

If you have questions, please feel free to call. Please mail checks payable to: "**Foster Children's Christmas Fund**" c/o Vicky Hunley, 406 Neese Drive, Burlington, NC 27215. Donations are welcome anytime, but requested by December 1.

We are truly thankful for the generosity of our congregation who has supported this ministry through the years. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Vicky Hunley, Kay Johnson and Connie Poovey  
*Foster Children's Christmas Committee*

*"When I was in want...my needs were supplied  
by the people who came from Macedonia."  
2 Corinthians 11:9*





10/18	Church Name	First Name	D.O.B.	Age	Sex	Special Requests	Size/Description
6	M	Dakota (Siblings w/Jacob above)	1/15/1998	8.76	M	Carolina Panthers Jersey ?? Smith	Walmart size 12 boys
						Dragonball Z.S.S. Future Trunks Blasting Action Figure	Walmart
						NASCAR 2006: Total Team Control for Playstation 2	
						Lego Exo-Force Supernova	Toys R Us
						Joe Montana RZ trainer with Football	Walmart
						Lego Bionicle Titans Toa Inika: Toa Jaller	Toys R Us
						Mega Blocks ProBuilder NASCAR set Dale Earnhart Jr. Model car set	Walmart
7	M	Leah	11/13/1992	13.94	F	Black Lite	
						T.V.	
						Low top, white Air Force Ones	Size 9
						Low top, black and blue Timberlands	Size 9
						Playstation 2 with race car games	
						Walmart Gift Card	
						Boombox that can hold more than one CD	
8	M	Silvestre	10/26/2004	1.98	M	Clothes (Pants/Shirts/socks)	Pants-18 mos; shirts 24-mos; socks M/L
						Shoes	Size 6
						Pajamas	Size 24 mos
						Educational toys	
						Elmo Extreme	
						Tricycle (On master bicycle list)	
						gift certificate to (Walmart/Target)	

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9	M	Krysta	9/6/1990	16.13	F	Black Timberland boots	Mens Size 8 1/2
						Black Flight Jacket	Womens Large
						elegant jewelry (rings, gold bracelets)	(does not matter what sizes)
						Bras	Size 38-D
						Ceramic Flat Curling Iron (1 1/2" size)	
						Brown air force one low top Nike shoes	Size 8 1/2 mens
						Gift Cards (she lives in Lexington) Walmart, Target, etc. would be fine	
10	M	Jabrale	10/24/2004	1.98	M	Tonka toughest pump truck	
		(Siblings				Little Quad Power wheel	
		w/Ziere below)				Action sound Tike big wheel	
						Remote Control Dump Truck	
						Clothing	Size 3T
						T-shirts	Size 3T (small)
						Socks	Shoe size 8 in Toddlers
11	M	Ziere	3/1/2006	0.6329	M	rainbow popper	
		(Siblings				Drop and Roll Dinosaur	
		w/Jabrale above)				Playschool (3-in-1 Walkbehind ride Activity Center)	
						winter clothing/outfits	18 months
						Sleepers	18 months
						playschool peek & pop Giraffes	
						T-shirts	18 months

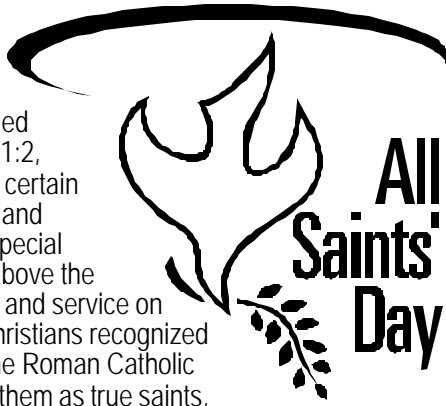
10/18	Church Name	First Name	D.O.B.	Age	Sex	Special Requests	Size/Description
12	M	Tori	10/4/2002	4.04	F	Baby dolls Cartoon DVD movies desk clothes and underclothes	Size 5T Size 9
						Shoes Games	
13	M	Chloey (Siblings w/Madison below)	6/3/2005	1.38	F	Clothes Push Toys --still learning to walk Educational toys Fur Real Friends: Cuddle Chimp Infant Todler Hardcover books	Size 2T
						Girls Winter coat Stuffed Animals	Size 2T
14	M	Madison (Siblings w/Chloe above)	9/8/2003	3.11	F	Clothes Any age appropriate toy Children's DVDs (Dora, cartoons, princess, animals) "Baby born" doll	Size 3T/4T
						Winter coat	Size 3T
						Pink Leap Frog little touch leap pad system	
						Children's books	





10/18	Church Name	First Name	D.O.B.	Age	Sex	Special Requests	Size/Description
21	M	Dallas	10/7/2005	1.0301	M	Plastic Truck Push Toy (he's starting to walk so any walking toy would be helpful)	
						Stuffed Animals	
						Educational toys	
						Clothes	No less than size 24 months
22	M	Brittany	5/3/1991	15.471	F	Gift Card to Target	
						Gift Card to Claires	
						Gift Card to Four Seasons Mall in Greensboro	
						Gift Card to McDonald's	
						Gift Card to Walmart	
						Gift Card to Lady Footlocker	

In the first days and years of Christianity, all Christians were often called saints (see 1 Corinthians 1:2, NRSV). As time went on, certain Christians who lived holy and sanctified lives became special examples of truly living "above the crowd" in their dedication and service on God's behalf. As other Christians recognized these very pious souls, the Roman Catholic Church began to cherish them as true saints, commendable as examples to be remembered and appreciated. It was and is still the Pope who, after a thorough examination of the life of the holy person under consideration, can officially designate the person as a saint.



Protestants, following the New Testament, may still consider all Christians as saints. Yet those very unique Christians who have exhibited great commitment to Christ in special ways are often hailed as being saintly, especially after death. Phillips Brooks, for example, an Episcopal priest in Boston, was honored for his godliness with a statue placed in front of Boston's Trinity Church. The sculpture depicts Christ resting his hand upon Brooks.

**November 1**

On All Saints' Day, all Christians should remember those like Brooks who have faithfully passed the torch of faith and service to Christ's followers. A special worship is fitting.

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**Charles Wesley's Affirmation**  
 Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,  
 And looks to God alone;  
 Laughs at impossibilities,  
 And cries, "It shall be done!"  
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**What is faith?**  
*Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.*  
 —Martin Luther

**Word of advice . . .**  
 An old evangelist was telling another man how he might improve his lifestyle. "You know," answered the wayward fellow, "I've been aiming to do that."  
 "Well," said the preacher, "quit aiming and start shooting."

**Crossways Bible Study!**

The following people have made a two-year commitment to study the Bible with Pastor Rust:

<b>Nancy Hemric</b>	<b>Clay Hemric</b>
<b>Randi Dunn</b>	<b>Gayle Efirm</b>
<b>Pattie Graves</b>	<b>Catherine Radomski</b>
<b>Leah Bass</b>	<b>Joan Tolley</b>
<b>Sandra Jackson</b>	<b>Ingeborg Warschkow</b>
<b>Don Matkins</b>	<b>Ruth Matkins</b>
<b>Roger Meisenbach</b>	<b>Janet Meisenbach</b>
<b>Theresa Greene</b>	<b>Debbie Riggs</b>
<b>Kermit Hiller</b>	<b>Beverly Hiller</b>
<b>Frank Rhue</b>	<b>LaVonne Rhue</b>
<b>Greg Myers</b>	<b>Julie Myers</b>
<b>Dr. John Walker</b>	<b>Sharon Walker</b>

**We are grateful for their commitment!**

**SOMETHING'S COMING!**

The children of Macedonia will present their annual Christmas pageant on the evening of December 10th. Rehearsals will be on Saturdays during November and the first part of December. If you are interested in taking part in the pageant in any way, please let Sylvia know. We will need children, teens, parents, and anyone else who might lend a helping hand. We'll be looking for singers, speakers, musicians and costumers.

**Holy Communion**

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship**

We gather in our sanctuary on Wednesday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate Holy Communion. We give our thanks to God for our many blessings and we are asking everyone who comes to bring a bag of groceries and place them in front of the altar. They will be given to *Loaves and Fishes!*  
**Come You Thankful People Come!**

# November

**Macedonia Lutheran Church**  
**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Stephen C. Rust  
is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week by  
calling the church office (227-5554), or after hours,  
his home phone at 585-0666.  
**Office Manager:** Mrs. Tara Jernigan  
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