



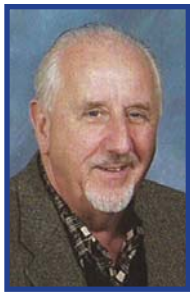
# MYERS PARK BAPTIST NEWS

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## COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER OVER OATMEAL



**Bob Bishop**

I wanted to personally thank all of you who donated to our "2010/2011 Oatmeal Drive." By January 15th we had received over 50,000lbs of oatmeal, sugar,

flour, rice, grits, etc., along with over \$35,000 in financial donations toward buying food -- truly a great success!

In all my 13 years of helping at the shelters, I have never seen such an out-pouring of love and generosity. We have never seen donations in such numbers before. You have no idea how important this was to do, as it not only gives our homeless friends a good healthy breakfast to start the day, but a sense of being wanted and not forgotten in our community. It always amazes me how Charlotte and the surrounding area come together whenever there is a serious need.

I sincerely thank you all and I know all the staff and clients at the homeless shelters in Charlotte thank you.

I also send a special thank you to Jenny Lou Wright of Myers Park Baptist Church, for without her, much of the food donations would not have been delivered promptly.

Our next project will be a silent auction on March 15th at Red Rocks Restaurant & Cafe which will benefit the Men's Shelter of Charlotte. I

do hope you will consider coming to this great event, or if not, you would consider a donation of a gift to auction or a monetary gift to help the shelter throughout these very difficult financial times.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the homeless in our community.

Sincerely,  
Bob Bishop



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## Live Well

C O R N W E L L

### EMPOWERING A HEALTHIER YOU

**Jenny Yopp, Director**  
**The Cornwell Center**

Are you envisioning significant wellness changes over the coming year? Your Cornwell Center, "the best kept secret in Charlotte," now offers an inviting and embracing resource for a healthier you in all dimensions of wellness.

The leadership of our church and The Cornwell Center believe in the core value of taking a proactive approach to wellness.

*"Almost 80% of chronic diseases can be prevented by our lifestyle choices" (World Health Organization).*

Contrary to "sick care" programs, our new Live Well Cornwell initiative offers comprehensive and cross-generational wellness opportunities.

As you reaffirm your "no-matter-whats" for a healthier 2011, do explore all of our new offerings. View details at [http://www.mpbconline.org/mpbc/cornwell%20center/live\\_well\\_cornwell.htm](http://www.mpbconline.org/mpbc/cornwell%20center/live_well_cornwell.htm).

Here are just four of our Live Well Cornwell workshops:

- **"Meditation and Movement"** with Terese Taggart on Sunday 1/23 from 2-3:30pm

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# FEBRUARY VIEWS: CONTENTMENT

H. Stephen Shoemaker



So I sit looking at the end of 2010 and looking at 2011 for the church. How does one measure the past year or plot the future year? We did not have a good December of giving, and we fell considerably short of our budget pledging goals. And this, despite a GREAT campaign led by Steve Woodard. We should all say a big "thanks" to him and his committee. By the time you read this we will have voted on the budget as a church.

I think the economy has hit us harder than we knew. But when the economy does its worst, we can be at our best. We may not have as many financial resources, but we have unlimited and untapped spiritual resources.

Luke Timothy Johnson, a famous New Testament scholar, was lecturing recently on "happiness" in the first century Roman world, and how philosophical notions about happiness related to Biblical and Gospel notions. He was asked what "happiness" was to *him*. He said, "Contentment." And he offered that contentment is a better translation for the word Paul uses that is normally translated "self-control," one of the nine fruits of the Spirit.

He said that ten or so years before, he had been a wreck of discontent, full of anger but that he had learned contentment from his Italian father-in-law. He said his father-in-law would sit down before a plate of

delicious food, relish every bite, would finish, push the plate away and say, "Thank you, God!" He did not ask for seconds, look around for what else he might eat, not think about what he might eat later or the next day, but simply push the plate away and say, "Thank you, God!"

That, said Johnson, is how I want to live; enjoying all that is put before me, not ask for more, but simply thank God.

This is how I am looking at our 2011 Budget. You have given generously, some sacrificially, to support the ministry of our church. I receive it with gratitude and say, "Thank you, God." Perhaps more will come, but what you have pledged is God's gift through you to us. We will have a marvelous year together in the Spirit. With tightened belts and hearts aflame, we will stride into the world with the gospel of Christ.



FINANCIAL REPORT	
REC'D JANUARY 2	\$ 7,333.00
REC'D JANUARY 9	\$10,391.50
REC'D JANUARY 16	\$ 9,660.50
REC'D JANUARY 23	\$ 8,108.00
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LOOSE PLATE MISSIONS OFFERING	
JANUARY-Crisis Assistance Ministry	
REC'D JANUARY 2	\$ 577.85
REC'D JANUARY 9	\$ 703.00
REC'D JANUARY 16	\$ 731.31
REC'D JANUARY 23	\$ 526.60

## Milestones: (as of January 18, 2011)

### DEATHS/LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO:

- Erinn Frechette on the death of her grandmother, and to Alexander House on the death of his great-grandmother, Phyllis Reiss, of Lafayette, IN, on January 15.
- Chini and Dave Nichols on the death of Chini's father, John McNeill Smith, Jr., in Greensboro, NC, on January 15.
- The family of John and Frances Byers, Jr., on the death of John's sister, Emily Gardner, of Shelby, NC, on January 14.
- The family of Joseph L. Williams on January 12. (MPBC Member and Deacon)
- Wil and Ann Watson on the death of their grandmother on January 9.
- Doug Aldrich on the death of his wife, to Joe and Susan on the death of Joe's mother, to Rachael Jones, Hannah and Kathryn Aldrich on the death of their grandmother, Edna Lou Aldrich, on January 1. (MPBC member)
- Ruth Fuller on the death of her sister, Linda Hartley, on December 21.
- Beth Henry and Rich Stephens on the death of Beth's brother, and to Will and Hank on the death of their uncle, Lee Henry, of Raleigh, NC, on December 16.

### WEDDINGS/CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Chrissy Tatum and Justin Williamson on their marriage on January 1, 2011.
- Justin Burkhead and Erin Stewart on their marriage on December 24, 2010.

### BIRTHS/CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Patsy Burnside on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Isabelle Araneda, on January 4.
- Robbin and Pat Riley on the birth of their granddaughter, Channing Riley Swallows, on December 15.
- Jenny and Brad Keinath on the birth of their daughter, and to Jon and Teddi Benson on the birth of their granddaughter, Claire Elizabeth Keinath, on December 27.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES IN FEBRUARY

**Andrew Daugherty**

After dinner in Heaton Hall, join your fellow MPBC friends and members for an extraordinary lineup of Wednesday night programs in February. All sessions begin at 6:45pm in Shalom Hall.

**February 2nd:** **Dr. Tony Abbott** will present the final installment of a four-part series on Reynolds Price.

**February 9th:** The **Valentine Festival** for kids of all ages. We will start with dinner at 5:45pm and then the festivities begin with crafts and Bingo in the Cornwell Commons area and roller skating in the Gym (make sure to bring your helmets and your socks) the skates will be provided.

**February 16th:** **Dr. Mohammed el-Nawaway**, a media scholar at Queens University, will present on the topic "Islam and the Internet." He will also be available for a book signing immediately following for his latest work, "Islam Dot Com: Contemporary Islamic Discourses in Cyberspace."

**February 23rd:** **Dr. Gregory Snyder**, Associate Professor of Religion at Davidson, will lead this session on the topic "Christianity's Beginnings in Rome."

## GOOD BOOKS ARE FOR EVERYONE!

**Fred Allen and  
Cindy Clemens**



As Sedgefield Middle School (SMS) hosts its annual Scholastic Book Fair in February, there are many opportunities for MPBC to participate:

1. Volunteer to set up the book fair on Friday afternoon, February 18, 3:30-5:00pm. (Need 5 volunteers)
2. Volunteer during the book fair Monday–Thursday, February 21-24, morning and afternoon shifts from 8:30-4:00pm. (Need 30 volunteers)
3. Make a monetary donation to the book fair.

Sedgefield Middle School is a high poverty school. Almost all parents work during the day and are unable to volunteer for school activities like the book fair, so it's a great mission opportunity for MPBC members.

There will be sign-up sheets in Heaton Hall and on the Earth-keeper table during February. Contact Fred at 704-281-1696 or at fredallen@onebox.com

As Elizabeth Barrett Browning once said, "No man can be called friendless who has God and the companionship of good books."

## EMPOWERING A HEALTHIER YOU

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- **"The Art & Heart of Parenting"** with Glenn Smith and Shelley Roy on 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1 and 3/22 (series) from 9:30-11am
- **"Food Matters"** film on both Tuesday 1/25 from 5:30-6:45pm and Wednesday 1/26 from 10:45am to 12:15pm
- **"Super Food Nutrition"** workshop on Thursday 1/27 from 12:30-2pm with Dr. Matt Lyon, DC.

*"God grant me . . . courage to change the things I can;" (Serenity Prayer, theologian Reinhold Niebuhr).*

And, be reminded that *"your care of your physical body is a form of prayer, a spiritual practice" (Dr. H. Stephen Shoemaker).*

## The North Carolina Baptist Heritage Award goes to Clayton Lewis

Gary Hudson

The North Carolina Baptist Heritage Award recognizes individuals who represent exemplary giving and service to the organizations associated with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Chowan University honors Clayton Lewis for his twenty-seven and a half years of giving and serving Chowan as Professor of History, Dean of Students, Corporate Research/Grant Writer, Trustee, and Board of Visitors. Clayton will receive The North Carolina Baptist Heritage Award on April 5, 2011, at the Grandover Resort in Greensboro.

We celebrate with Clayton and his family.



## CHERIE SWARTHOUT RECEIVES HONORS

Michigan State University's Charlotte Piedmont Alumni Club announced the naming of an endowed scholarship in honor of Cherie Swarthout. The naming came as a result of Cherie's tireless commitment over the last six years, and will be given annually to a resident of North or South Carolina who attends Michigan State University. Cherie's efforts have established a tradition of service to others and her alma mater, and she is being honored by establishing a legacy of supporting area students. In a statement from Michigan State University's Alumni Club they said, "We are proud - as you are too - to call Cherie one of our own."

Also, on January 21st Cherie returned to her home town and high school, Climax-Scotts High School, to help celebrate the 25th anniversary of their (girls basketball) high school state championship. She and all of her teammates were inducted into their Hall of Fame.

## Photos From Lakewood Christmas Tree Delivery



### MPBC Community Website:

The Myers Park Community web site is designed for members of the MPBC congregation who want to get to know each other, form and grow groups, exchange ideas and take part in discussions. To find out more, look for the link on the church's main web site ([www.mpbconline.org](http://www.mpbconline.org)).



"Community" Web Site:  
<http://myersparkbaptist.ning.com>

### Extra! Extra!

#### Read All About It!

Don't forget that you can find all kinds of news & helpful information about MPBC at [www.mpbconline.org](http://www.mpbconline.org). We are constantly updating, so check back often.

An electronic version of the weekly Order of Worship bulletin can be downloaded at: <http://mpbconline.org>



## 2010 Budget Wrap Up

**Bonnie Banks, Chair  
Board of Deacons**

For a couple of years we have been feeling the impact of the difficult economic situation. No one or no entity has been untouched as it has reached out into our personal finances, government finances, school finances, etc.

MPBC was fortunate in the early stages of this recession and was only slightly impacted. In fact we thought we had turned the corner last year and predicted an optimistic finish for 2010.

As you can imagine it came as quite a shock to us to learn in late December that we were facing more than \$117,000 in Uncollected Pledges (\$52,000 had been budgeted.) Not only was this more than double the amount anticipated but it was a huge portion of the income we needed to operate.

If you were not able to make your 2010 pledge we hope that you will still consider giving whatever you can. Pledges are our best guess as to what we can do. But in the "pledge world" it is not "all or nothing." If you are able to contribute any portion of last year's pledge we hope you will take that step and feel good about it. Everything helps.

We have a special line in the 2011 budget for these gifts – Prior Year Pledges. They are important and honor the sacrifices that our members continue to make in these tough times.

## GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE UPDATE: Boards & Committees

**Bob Thomason  
Chair, Governance Task Force**

As a subset of our overall work, the Governance Task Force is assessing the role of boards and committees in church governance. First, how can we make sure all boards and committees function effectively and second, what should the link be between boards and committees and the higher governing bodies, currently the Board of Deacons and The Management Council?

Each year, we have some boards and committees that function well and others that do not. Our Task Force tried to determine what has caused these differences. We concluded that high functioning boards and committees have:

- 1) a strong, competent, well-trained leader
- 2) a clear definition of duties

Any improvements to our governance structure will need to ensure these two characteristics exist for every board and committee. Some actions are already underway. As an outgrowth of the Holy Conversations strategic planning process, a team is developing recommendations about training for church leaders. In addition, our Governance Task Force will address how we can better select board and committee leaders and how we can clarify their duties.

The recruitment of lay leaders and volunteers is one of the most challenging jobs in the church. Many large churches have a paid staff member who does this full time. We have never had that luxury, although our staff is very involved in the process. Our policy manual, "The Blue Book", calls for a Committee on Committees (not a misprint) whose job is to help staff boards and committees. This job has proven to be so difficult that in reality the committee has only operated sporadically over the years -- mainly when the church could find someone with exceptional skills and motivation to lead it. Asking people to devote their time and talent to a challenging committee assignment is as difficult as asking them for money, and no less important. How can we staff our boards and committees with competent, motivated church members? This is a key focus of our group's work.

The second large issue the Governance Task Force is addressing is the relationship between boards and committees and the higher governing bodies. How do we ensure fluid communication across the various levels of leadership as well as the congregation?

Historically, we have relied on the Program Council to coordinate church programs. This council consists of all Board chairs plus the chair of the Endowment Committee, the Finance Committee, the Senior and Executive ministers. This arrangement has only been partially effective and as a result, the Board of Deacons and the congregation often have felt out of touch with what the boards and committees are doing.

What if every board and committee were expected to report annually on its priorities and accomplishments? What if every Board chair were automatically a deacon? What if the deacons were freed from routine operational decision-making and focused more on high-level policy and strategy? They might then have more time to hear regular reports from its own members who chair the various Boards.

These are some of the issues we are grappling with. Let us know what you think.

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# Youth News

Chrissy Tatum

## DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship class will meet in the Youth Hall at 9:45am for Sunday School each week in February.



A huge thank you from the youth department for all of the families who have provided suppers for our young people on Sunday nights in the fall.

- Jeff and Lynn Trenning
- Steve and Koren Cranford
- Luke Largess and Elizabeth Leland
- Bill and Carol Martin
- Joel and Cathy McKee
- Scott and Becky McGrath
- Scott and Cheri Lindblom
- John and Kelly Reeves
- Larry Nabatoff and Kelly Katterhagen
- Mark Larson and Cathy Hasty
- Andrew and Kristine Neale
- Tom and Kim Lanphear
- Barry and Debby Love
- Nancy Nicholson
- Patsy Kinsey
- Noland and Nina Suddeth



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM

Since January 19, youth have been meeting in the Youth Hall at 5pm on Wednesday nights to explore different music together. This is a low-key group, open to all, with no particular agenda except to learn music that we can share together in large group times. If you play an instrument or love to sing... or if you just love music, please come and hang out with us during this time. Supper is at 6pm on Wednesdays in Heaton Hall. So, call the church office at 704.334.7232 x56 to make your reservation and plan on dining with the youth on Wednesday nights!



## SOUPER BOWL PARTY

All youth are invited to our annual super bowl party on February 6th at 6:05pm. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to a local shelter or food pantry. Supper is provided, \$4 per person, as usual.



## THROUGH-THE-WEEK-SCHOOL NEWS

Susanne Sweeney, Director

### 2011-12 Registration

Registration for the 2011-12 school year is due on February 4, 2011. We will continue to conduct tours on Wednesday and Thursday at 9:45am until that date and continue through February as needed.

### Calendar Changes

Winter weather has created some changes to our calendar. We have changed our Parent Conference days to February 10 and 11, 2011. No classes will be in session on those days. We will be closed on Presidents' Day, February 21, 2011.

### Other Happenings in February



There will be Valentine parties on the 14th and "Donuts for Dads" will be on the 28th for the 4's and TK classes.

### Camp Kaleidoscope

June 6-10 and June 13-17, 2011



9:00am to 12:30pm

Monday through Friday for ages 2 through 5 year olds. We will be offering a three day (M/W/F) 2's camp as well as a 5 day 2's camp. For information call the TTWS office at 704-377-1683 or visit our web site [ThroughtheWeekPreschool.com](http://ThroughtheWeekPreschool.com).

### Youth Sunday Calendar



- 9:45am** - SUNDAY SCHOOL (in Youth Hall)
- 11:00am** - WORSHIP (in the Sanctuary)
- 5:00pm** - YOUTH CHOIR (in Berry Hall)
- 6:05pm** - YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (in the Youth Hall - 4 Supper)

## MISSION COMPONENT OF NEW INITIATIVES / 65TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN a.k.a. "WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THE MISSION MONEY THAT WAS PLEDGED?"

### *Cheri Lindblom*

Prior to presenting the details of the Mission Component of the campaign, I want to share some thoughts on how and why "Shelter" became the focus and goal of the campaign.

Throughout the centuries, God has used the church to address issues of injustice by bringing goodness and compassion to the world.

In this day and age, especially in times of national economic hardship, the problem of homelessness is a reality that faces us all, as more and more people are closer to life on the street than ever before. These are the people we pretend not to see or choose to ignore as we drive to work or walk on the street. They are on the edge of being evicted from their homes because they cannot pay the rent or mortgage due to a lost job, illness or just unfortunate economics.

They are our neighbors in the truest sense. How many of you have homes in your neighborhood that are in foreclosure? There are three within a mile radius of my home. I am embarrassed to say that as I carried on superficial small talk as I passed my neighbors on the corner, I had no idea they were living in such dire straits. About two months ago, when I came home from my morning run, I saw their car and a U-Haul loaded. I said my normal, superficial, "Good morning. Are you off to visit your daughter and grandkids?" They politely smiled and said, "Yes." On Monday morning, when I replicated my middle-class morning run ritual, the sheriff was padlocking and nailing the "No Entry" notice on the door. They were locked out. They had lost their home. My neighbor, a gentle and kind sixty year old man, had been employed at Bank of America for most of his career until he fell off of a ladder while trying to clean his gutters. He eventually ran out of disability and was

a casualty of a round of job reductions. My heart sank. They were my neighbors. What kind of neighbor was I?

We, as a church, answer the call that comes from God to care for our neighbors in many ways. We offer shelter inside our walls and the generosity of ourselves through programs like Room In The Inn, Women's Shelter Week and Family Promise. We volunteer in our community at the Urban Ministry Center, Crisis Assistance, and McCreesh Place to name a few. We strive to think outside ourselves and offer compassion to those who are hurting both inside and out.

We have also been fortunate enough to have the financial resources to help address the issue of homelessness with our New Initiatives Mission Component. We have chosen SHELTER as our focus. The details of the Component are listed on the next page. The details of the subcommittee are shown in the box on this page.

Before you read on, I want you to think about the following question: "Who is my neighbor?"

I challenge you to take it a step further. Like all ministries of the church, ministry to our homeless neighbors involves a connection. It involves a relationship. If you are not already involved, participate in one of our homeless ministries; take it a step further and develop a relationship with those neighbors. Take it a step further by becoming involved in one of the New Initiatives Mission Component agencies. Take it a step further-join the Reaching Across the Economic Divide Connections group. Come to the next Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop. Information about all of these outreach ministries can be found on the church website, [www.mpbconline.org/missions](http://www.mpbconline.org/missions). Or contact me [clindblom@mpbconline.org](mailto:clindblom@mpbconline.org).

Remember, it's about relationships.

### THE SUBCOMMITTEE INCLUDES:

- Board of Missions Chair
- Three additional members, including at least one from the Board of Missions.
- Director of Missions
- 2010-2012 Committee Members: Brian Carter, Cindy Clemens, Koren Cranford, Wes Kenney, and Cheri Lindblom
- At the end of two years, the need and structure of this committee will be reviewed.



**AT MPBC  
Every Saturday  
through March**

Myers Park Baptist Church will host 15 of our neighbors who are homeless every Saturday through March 31st.

We need your help in many ways:

- provide transportation to and from the center,
- drive the laundry shuttle,
- provide and serve dinner or breakfast,
- spend the night as a host.

Volunteers can sign up:

- on the bulletin board in the foyer of Heaton Hall,
- by contacting Tara Harris at [taraagnew@hotmail.com](mailto: taraagnew@hotmail.com) or 864.906.1865
- on the church website [www.mpbconline.org/missions](http://www.mpbconline.org/missions).

Please sign up today!

## 65TH ANNIVERSARY AND NEW INITIATIVE MISSION COMPONENT SHELTER-A SUPPORTIVE HOUSING CONTINUUM OF CARE

Provide support to Charlotte individuals and families who are struggling with one or more of the various stages of homelessness. Each of these programs also offers volunteer opportunities for our congregation, recognizing that contribution of time, talent and resources makes an immediate and lasting difference in the lives of our homeless neighbors.

With this Mission Component of the campaign funds being dedicated to homelessness, it confirms our commitment to:

- Care for our neighbors facing homelessness while we also care for our church home,
- Embrace people experiencing homelessness with compassion, and
- Provide help to the full spectrum of homelessness: from the chronically homeless, to our neighbors in transition, to those in danger of losing their homes.

1. Provide supportive housing for the chronically homeless through Moore Place.

***MPBC will commit \$25,000 from the Mission Component.***

- Moore Place is part of the Urban Ministry's Homeless to Homes model. The 85-apartment complex will serve chronically homeless and disabled men and women and create the only option for chronically homeless women in Charlotte. The average annual cost of the chronically homeless person in Charlotte is approximately \$37,000 (Urban Ministry study, Spring 2008-including jail, Emergency Room hospital visits and County detox averages). The average annual cost to provide housing at Moore Place is estimated to be \$11,000.
- Funds will also be used for staff support.

***In Fall 2010, MPBC distributed \$25,000 from the Mission Component to Moore Place***

*\*We have an established relationship with Moore Place through funding from the 2009 budget\**

2. Provide supportive assistance for housed families at risk of homelessness through the Padlock Prevention Pilot. MPBC will commit \$10,000 from the Mission Component.

- This new program focuses on homelessness prevention by targeting assistance to families who have received "padlock papers" from the Sheriff's department. The padlock papers essentially make the family homeless. The goal of the program is to prevent future homelessness through intervention. 50 families will be targeted for the pilot.
- MPBC will be in partnership with Myers Park Presbyterian, Myers Park Methodist, and Christ Episcopal to help fund the pilot of this program. Padlock Prevention will offer opportunities for our congregation to collaborate with other churches and work with families receiving assistance from the project.

***MPBC will commit \$10,000 from the Mission Component.***

*\*We have an established relationship with Padlock Prevention Pilot through funding from the 2009 budget\**

3. Provide supportive housing assistance for homeless families through the Myers Park Churches' (MPC) Housing Initiative

- As Charlotte leaders consider controversial changes to rules that determine the location of subsidized housing, a frequent community response has been "Not in my backyard."
- MPC (consisting of MPBC, Myers Park Methodist and Myers Park Presbyterian) wants to make the statement, "Yes, IN my backyard."
- The MPC will create a fund to lease apartments in the Myers Park and Eastover neighborhoods. This will be a mixed-income housing initiative in the middle of Myers Park which will provide housing for a few families and wrap support services around them so they will thrive in their new homes. The apartments will be rented to low-income individuals or families participating in the W.I.S.H. program at Crisis Assistance.
- There will be opportunities for members of each congregation to be involved with the residents of the MPC apartments through the creation of Hope Teams as sponsored by W.I.S.H.

***Myers Park Baptist Church will commit up to \$21,000 to the Myers Park Housing Initiative.***

4. Allow flexibility in MPBC's ability to help emerging, growing, or emergency projects through the Immediate Needs Fund.

***MPBC will commit the remainder of the Mission Component to this fund.***

- As new mission needs arise, requests will be reviewed and recommendations made to Management Council by the Mission Component Sub-Committee. (See page 7 of this newsletter for information concerning the Sub-Committee.)



# Valentine Festival

for kids of all ages

Wednesday, February 9

5:45 until 7:30 pm

Crafts & Bingo

in the Cornwell Commons Area

Roller Skating

in the Gym -

bring your helmets and wear socks!

Make your dinner reservations early !!

704.334.7232, ext. 56

Photos of Youth Choir  
Caroling at SouthMinster  
December 19, 2010



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!**

**Edith Patton, Chair  
Music Committee**

Our **Gospel Hymn Sing** is **back** by popular demand from those who came last year to sing; some who couldn't come; some who said they didn't know about it; and some who are new members. They all have expressed hope that we would have it again. And we are!

Mark your calendars and make your plans for **Wednesday, March 2, at 6:45pm, in Shalom Hall.** Come to sing, come to share your stories about these hymns, and come to enjoy singing together in community. You can make reservations and come for supper beginning at 5:45pm or come directly to Shalom Hall at 6:45pm.

This will be an informal, a "gather 'round the piano" style of occasion, meant for any who feel they are non-singers as well as for any who love to sing—that's just about all of us. Christianity is a singing faith, and these hymns belong to all of us.

During February, you will have an opportunity to suggest hymns that you would like us to sing. We have a beginning list of about 20 favorites, but we may not have included some of the ones you would most like to sing, so start thinking now. Send your suggestions to Edith Patton at [efpat34@aol.com](mailto:efpat34@aol.com) or to Jonathan Crutchfield at [jcrutchfield@mpbconline.org](mailto:jcrutchfield@mpbconline.org). Of course, no one hymnal will have all of our choices, so we will put together our own collection for our Hymn Sing.

You won't want to miss this event of musical sharing among us even if you don't know or can't think of any Gospel Hymns. Hopefully you will know them after March 2.

**Raise A Song III**

elementary children's choirs grades 3-5  
join voices and hands  
for 24 hours of music, fun and fellowship



**Friday, April 1 - Saturday, April 2, 2011**  
at Caraway Conference Center  
in Asheboro, North Carolina

Music, fellowship with friends, recreation, zip line, nature scavenger hunt and more!

**Participating Churches**

Myers Park Baptist Church ♦ Providence United Methodist Church ♦ St. John's Baptist Church  
Park Road Baptist Church ♦ Sardis Baptist Church ♦ Pullen Memorial Baptist Church (Raleigh, NC)

We will depart Friday afternoon and close with a worship service late on Saturday.  
Parents are invited to come for the Saturday worship service.

**Cost is \$65 per person**

and includes housing, all food, travel and activities. Housing will be in cabins with your own church friends.

**Register by Friday, February 16, 2011**

with Fran Morrison



**SAVE THE DATE**

**YOUTH CHOIR GOES TO THE BEACH  
FESTIVAL BY THE SEA**

**March 4-6, 2011**

**Cost is \$110.00**

**Sign up & pay online by clicking on the mpbcYM logo**

by John Bambach

## Live-Well Volunteer



It takes a lot to make the Cornwell Center work, not the least of which are its people. A case in point is Suzanne Huber. New member. Volunteer.

Suzanne joined us having heard of our group exercise offerings, listing her current favorites as “*Cathy’s* Sculpt” and “*Carol’s* Power Yoga.” Yup, that’s the way she named the classes when we were talking. Suzanne tells us that when she gets involved in a form of exercise it’s the people, the instructors like Cathy and Carol, that make it great and she tends to stay with those people. She also appreciates the smaller class sizes here.

Ask about her goals and she’ll mention “some weight loss” (it must be working) and activities that make her “feel good.” She’s quick to add that, for her, it’s not so much about dieting as it is about lifestyle. She looks the part.

Suzanne told me she’d wish for us to offer more about nutrition. She wasn’t yet aware of the nutritional and other lifestyle offerings in our *Live Well Cornwell* series. She is now.

Wish granted. We’re thrilled with what we’re doing for each other.

## Art Studio

We’re seeking a new coordinator for our studio to pick up where Charlotte Myers left off. Right now, we’re very pleased to have potter Suzette Buchan offering this:

- **Pottery with Suzette Buchan**  
Jan.25 – Mar.15 (8 Tuesdays)  
9:30am – 12pm

Please check our web site for further info on this and other art classes. Charlotte tells me that if you check the pottery class enrollment you’ll probably find her name on the roster, taking her own work to another level! Nice.

## Live Well CORNWELL

Jenny used the term “micro-nutrition” one day and I went blank. Turns out it’s not referring to teeny-weeny servings (my bad) but about what happens at the cellular level when we eat what we eat. It’s about how we become what we eat.

Nutritional aspects of wellness are only part of *Live Well Cornwell* programming. Joining the intellectual, spiritual, relational, emotional, and environmental dimensions they all comprise what we call the “six points of wellness.” All are addressed by this new series of programs, seminars and workshops at the Cornwell Center. Take a look online.

Offerings for February include sessions on Stress Reduction, Positive Thinking, Disease Prevention, the *Four Sacred Seasons...* with more in the works. For updates and complete listings go to our web site and click on the [Live Well Cornwell](#) link.



www.cornwellcenter.org  
Info and all Registrations available at...  
704-927-0774

## Learning Center

One of the first things I remember hearing about the Cornwell Center is that it was established as “a front door to the community.” It takes a lot of forms, from community-accessible programs and membership to support of community resources like *Jacob’s Ladder*. It also takes the form of community-building through Interest Groups, with January a big month for our photo community.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit, featuring work by participants of our Photo Interest Group, is on display in the lobby of Heaton Hall through Sunday, Jan. 30. It then moves to inaugurate our new Gallery space, located in the back hallway of the Cornwell Center.

The exhibit coagulates each year thanks to church member, Nancy Berry, and community members, Tod Brabson and Barbara Hearn. Tod and Barbara come to us through their participation in this Special Interest group.

Another community member, Amy Sturkey, presented the program at our January meeting, showing photographic highlights of her recent trip to Madagascar. Amy, a pediatric physical therapist, is also the daughter of legendary Charlotte Observer Photographer, Don Sturkey (go ahead, Google him for a photojournalistic history lesson) and a fine photographer in her own right. Thanks, Amy.

The community can join us for several classes and groups in February:

- **Photoshop...**  
**Basic** - Jan.26 & Feb.2 (2 Wed’s)  
**Second Steps** - Feb.7 & 14 (2 Mon’s)  
**Restoration** - Feb.28 & Mar.7 (2 Mon’s)  
each meets 6:30 – 9pm
- **eBay – Advanced Selling**  
Feb.8 & 15, 7–9p (2 Tuesdays)

More on these, plus computer classes, from basic on up, go to our web page and click on [Adult Enrichment](#).

### Special Interest Groups

- (Free and Open to All)
- **Audio & Video** (2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays)
  - **Genealogy** (2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays)
  - **Photography** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY

at Myers Park Baptist Church

**June 20-23, 2011**

**9:00am - Noon**

### ATTENDANCE:

VBS is designed for our Preschoolers (who turned 3 years old by August 2010) and Elementary-age children (who completed TK or Kindergarten by August 2010). We need rising 6th Graders and Youth who are interested in being Assistants.



### REGISTRATION & FEE:

- Fee: \$25 per child; families with 3 or more children pay \$70 maximum
- Scholarships are available
- Registration Forms are available online at [www.mpbconline.org](http://www.mpbconline.org) (in both a printable format or a form you can fill out online), at the Welcome Table in the foyer of Heaton Hall, at the reception desk, and outside the offices of Sharon Doar and Cheryl Patterson
- You may pay online using your credit card or bring a check into the church office, payable to Myers Park Baptist Church
- Cancellation Policy: 50% of the registration fee will be refunded up to June 1, 2011