

Boy, time is sure flying! It seems like I just finished my article for the Proclaimer for last month and it's already time for a new one! And guess what – Christmas is less than three months away! The Praise Choir and the Children's Choir are busy practicing music for our Christmas program that will be presented on Sunday evening, December 20. This is one of the highlights of our year and we hope that everyone will be able to attend. I'll keep you updated on our progress!

One of the perks of being the Music Director is that I get sample packs from the music companies with all the new music in them. What a treat! There are so many talented and blessed songwriters in the Christian music industry. The Praise Choir will be bringing you a couple of these new songs very soon! There are many hours of prayer and practice that go into each Sunday service, but the choir and musicians are on a mission to lead the congregation in singing praises and bringing glory to our Lord.

Thank you all for your love and support of these talented musicians. If you have any suggestions for songs you would like to sing or hear the choir sing, please let me know. We welcome your suggestions. If you would like to join the choir, on a permanent basis or just to sing during the Christmas season, we practice at 6:30 each Wednesday in the Choir Room upstairs, right after the Family Dinner. We would love to have you join us!

And as always, please be in prayer for our Church and the music ministry.

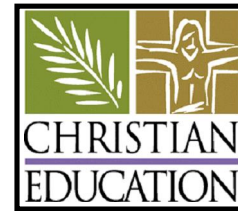
With a song in my heart, Beth



**If you are interested in going on our Mission Trip to Uganda** please contact Dr. Bill Johanson at 432-8042. The purpose of this mission trip will be to help our missionaries Tim & Colleen Stevenson in their ministry...the date of this trip will be June 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. (This does not include travel days.) This mission trip will provide medical & dental help, help with vision, construction, encouraging others and whatever else the Lord needs us to do. We will have an organizational meeting on **Sunday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.**

The following are several other upcoming mission trips:

1. **Dominican Republic** ~ October 24<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 1, 2009  
Prison Ministry ~ Spend time in prison with Dr. Bill Johanson.
2. **Haiti** ~ to work with Sister Phyllis Newby, July 2010  
Contact Tracy Chapman at 439-9057
3. **Philippines** ~ Christmas 2010 to work with Albert & Leony Cates  
Contact Peter Gravely at 874-0331



As fall arrives and the season changes, I am once again reminded of how God's love and grace never change. *"Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same; All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His name!"*

Our C.E. Banquet on September 11<sup>th</sup> went well, with a delicious meal prepared by Steven Raymond. "The Bread of Life" was the theme, with prizes of apple butter and homemade sourdough bread (baked by Velair

McKinney). Everyone went home with a small loaf of Amish bread. A special thanks to David Hensley for the decorated cake for dessert!

It's that time again!!! We will start collecting items for the 50 shoeboxes that will be filled for **Operation Christmas Child** in Children's Church. What a wonderful way to share God's love! If you have any items to donate, please leave it in the basket outside the C.E. office or bring it to Children's Worship. **(WE ALREADY HAVE CRAYONS, COLORING BOOKS, PENCILS, and STUFFED ANIMALS.)** Items needed are toothbrush/tooth paste, soap/washcloth, small cars, small balls, combs, sunglasses, hair accessories, flashlights, T-shirts, wrapped hard candy, etc.

Watch for more information concerning our Family Fall Festival and the kick-off of our Children's Christmas Practice Schedule!

Working together for Him, Kathy

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

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| October  | 4 ~ Children's Planning Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m.<br>25 ~ Fill shoeboxes during Children's Church<br>28 ~ Fall Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| November | 1 ~ Christmas Practice Kickoff, 6:00 p.m.  |

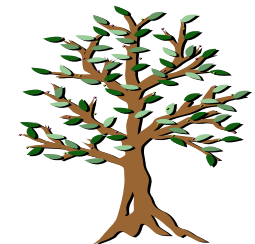
#### **CHILDREN CHURCH SCHEDULE:**

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| October | 4 ~ No Children's Church<br>11 ~ Teresa Fender / Trina Farris<br>18 ~ Donna Powell / Sandie Kline<br>25 ~ Sandra Henschen / Soleil Reed<br>(We will be filling shoeboxes) |
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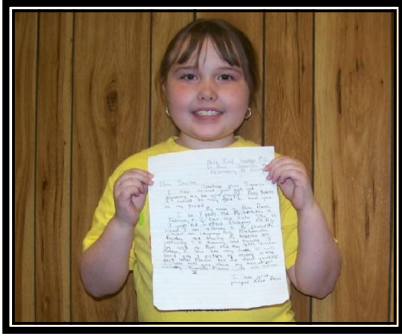
## The Giving Tree...

**Needs:** Food Processor  
**Gifts:** Television

Call Linda Johanson (432-8042)  
Or Raymond Walker (433-0674)



# Shoe Box Ministry



Our Shoe Box Ministry really does reach out a long distance and touch the hearts of the needy. Brooke Buchanan received a letter from her Operation Christmas Child Shoebox recipient and now has a new pen pal, a little girl from Booth Bay, Jamaica who is nine years old. You can reach

out too. Please pick-up some boxes from the upper elevator lobby and fill them. Help fulfill "The Great Commission" and spread joy to the needy at Christmas.

Dear Friends,



**Operation Christmas Child** is gearing up for the first of October. Now, more than ever, we need to show and send His love here and around the world to all the precious children. I have the shoeboxes for you to fill with hygiene products, school supplies, small toys and hard candy.

Be a blessing to a child and remember "In as much as you have done it for the least of these, you have done it unto me. Matthew 25:45"

In His Love, Lillian Earley



### What to pack in your shoebox...

**TOYS** ~ small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** ~ pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**HYGIENE ITEMS** ~ toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

**OTHER** ~ Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

**A PERSONAL NOTE** ~ In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

**DO NOT INCLUDE...** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

## Annual Morganton Life Chain

Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Assemble at the NCS D

Intersection on Burkemont Avenue



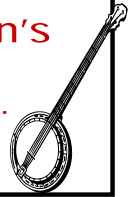
### "Young at Heart" Senior Citizen's

Blue Grass Music & Cook-Out

Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

At the home of Virgil & Dot Anthony

We'll have Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Baked Beans & Chips.



Pastoral  
Appreciation  
Day

## Pastor Appreciation Service

Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:30 a.m.

Card Shower & Carry-I n Dinner

Following the service in the Lower Level

## Our Next ~ Unity Service

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

At First Church of God of Lenoir

1020 Broadway Street NW in Lenoir

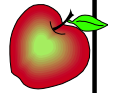
## You are invited to come along with the Young at Heart Senior Citizens

On a Trip to

Altapass Orchard & Lunch

Be here Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Contact Virgil Anthony at 437-6260 for more info!



## Family Fall Festival & Supper

Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

We'll have Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Baked Beans, Slaw, S'mores, Popcorn & Games.

Everyone is invited!

