

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Each year the T. Lamar and Martha T. Robinson, Sr., Scholarship Fund Committee receives applications from members of Pisgah A.R.P. Church who meet the following requirements:

1. Less than twenty-five years of age;
2. Graduated from high school;
3. Attending or plan to attend an accredited two or four-year college or trade school;
4. Actively pursuing a college degree or trade school diploma;
5. Maintaining a "C" average or better;
6. Applicants are restricted to two-year, four-year, or trade school degrees.

Application forms are available in the church office. The forms must be completed and returned to the church office on or before July 15.

The Scholarship Trust is open for contributions from anyone.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Envelopes	\$ 29,645.00
Honorariums/Memorials	\$ 175.00
Plate Collections	\$ 112.75
Sunday School Offerings	\$ 119.00
Initial Offerings	\$ 2.00

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MONTH	\$ 30,053.75
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	\$(26,327.22)
RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSE. FOR THE MONTH	\$ 3,726.53

2011 ANNUAL BUDGET \$416,729.00 or \$34,727.42 per month

GENERAL FUND YEAR-TO-DATE RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS

Total Contributions	\$ 217,372.66
Disbursements	\$(224,956.52)

YEAR-TO-DATE G/F RECEIPTS vs DISBURSEMENTS \$ (7,583.86)

BLDG./CAPITAL IMPROVE. FUND RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Envelopes	\$ 4,984.00
Sunday School Offering (First Sunday Only)	\$ 38.00
Interest Earned	\$.07

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH	\$ 5,022.07
DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH	\$(5,605.88)
BCIF RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS (for the month)	\$ (583.81)

DESIGNATED RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH

Bonclarken/Carson Cottage Maintenance Fund	\$ 780.51
Cemetery Trust Fund	\$ 100.00
ARP World Missions	\$ 200.00
Appalachia Mission Trip Fund	\$ 100.00
Crisis Assistance Ministry	\$ 125.00
Wales Mission Trip	\$ 225.00
Offering for Gideons	\$ 100.00

TOTAL DESIGNATED RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH \$ 1,630.51

SESSION SUMMARY

July 24, 2011

Aubrey Craig used Ecclesiastes 7:1 as his devotion and opened the meeting in prayer. Minutes from the last monthly Session and Deacons' meetings were reviewed and approved. The treasurer reviewed his monthly financial report and gave his mid-year review. He will present his mid-year financial report to the congregation on July 31.

Letters of Communication: Barbara Mauney has been noted to resume attending regularly. A motion was made and approved to move her name from the Inactive to Active Membership Roll.

Approved Building and Bus Use: 7/10 - Fellowship Hall - 90th birthday party for Sheldon Spencer by daughters, Shelda and Melinda; 7/23 - FLOC gym - 1:30 to 4:30 - Birthday party for Joshua Baysden; 7/26 -Fellowship Hall & Kitchen for Wesley Acres Swim Club; Bus Use - July 14 - Adult Uniform Class & Community Club to Virginia to see a play.

Committee Reports

Bonclarken House: The Bonclarken/Carson Cottage continues to provide us with a spiritual retreat in the NC mountains. If it fits into your plans, check its calendar and look at reserving this facility this fall.

Worship: Working on a recognition of public service personnel for the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

Christian Education: Vacation Bible School was well attended. We thank Cole Hairston for his second year as our summer youth worker. Plans for this year's Sunday School and midweek are in full swing. Teachers have been found but we would still like to have a list of available substitutes. We thank Dan and Carolyn Ashworth for finding our teachers. Sunday School Rally Day is Aug. 28.

Stewardship, Evangelism, and Spiritual Care: A Bus Ministry is being discussed to see if enough interest in participation and drivers can be found to support this effort. Discussions continue with the Deacons on an internet messaging call system.

Program: Committee is looking for a midweek crew leader, cooks, cashier, and announcer for the upcoming year. Committee also requests those who use kitchen supplies to replace them or pay something toward the purchase of these items.

Executive: Working on election list for the fall elections. Will meet for another Session Gathering and planning session on August 27.

New Business: Review and approval of the *Revised Form of Government* is needed before the next Presbytery meeting. Scout Hut and manse outbuildings are in need of work and repair. An article was in the *Gazette* about our old cemetery.

DEACONS' DILEMMAS

At our August meeting fourteen Deacons, Ed Carson, treasurer; Rev. Rick Lewis, and Tom Forbes, Session representative were present. Kay Robinson had our devotional from **Daily Guideposts 2011**, entitled "With God Nothing Is Impossible."

Treasurer's Report - Ed Carson... Ed gave the following report as of the end of July 2011: Against expected **Receipts** of \$243,091.94, we have received \$217,372.66 or \$25,719.28 under budget. At this same point last year, we had received \$209,780.41, making us \$7,592.25 over last year.

Against expected **Expenses** of \$243,091.87, we have spent \$224,956.52, making us \$18,135.35 under budget. At this same point last year, we had spent \$214,677.57, making our expenses this year \$10,278.95 over last year.

Our **General Fund Balance** available for distribution at the end of July was \$2,637.17. At this same month last year, the available balance was \$9,406.47, for a difference of \$6,769.30.

The **BCIF** payment each month is \$4,180.88. Our **BCIF** receipts for the month were \$5,022.00.

Week Day School receipts were \$1,761.55 for the month. Expenses for the month were \$2,366.80, or negative \$606.14. For the year, the Week Day School has a positive balance of \$2,998.04.

As it has been for some time now with economic times that we are in, money (or the lack of it) is one of our biggest concerns. We are very grateful for the stewardship of the congregation and appreciate your faithfulness. However, with attendance down while people are away on vacation and offerings down, it is difficult to meet the day-to-day and unexpected expenses that arise. We have spent more than we have taken in, but the Lord has provided when the need is there. We were unable to make a full payment to Synod this month, so we made a partial payment of \$3,500.00. We continue to have air conditioning problems in our buildings and water leak problems at the manse, all of which are major expenses. Please be in prayer for your Board of Deacons as we seek to keep costs to a minimum and make the best use of the funds that we have.

The door at the handicap entrance on the west side has been repaired, thanks to Chris Spencer and his brother-in-law. Kay Robinson closed our meeting with prayer.

PISGAH POST NEWS

HOSPITAL PATIENTS: Clyde Foy, Jr., Faye Adams, Nancy Boyd, Roger Whitley, Lou Bingham

THE SYMPATHY of the Pisgah Congregation is extended to: Nancy Boyd and family in the death of her cousin, Mary Merck; to Martha Flowe Robinson and Lamar Robinson, Jr., and family in the death of their brother-in-law and uncle, Lester Robinson; to Kevin Stewart and family in the death of his father, Robert C. Stewart; to Anne Lewellen and family in the death of her son, Bill Edmund.

NEW MEMBERS: We extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Haven Jenkins, who joined on August 21 by Reaffirmation of Faith.

DID YOU KNOW THAT The flowers in the sanctuary on July 31 were given in honor of Bill Whitesides who recently celebrated his 80th birthday by his sisters, Beth Wolfe and Beverly Kimbro.....Our guest organist on August 7 was Luke Upchurch.....Participating in the Appalachia Mission Trip were Cole Hairston, Sayre Hopper, Spencer Hopper, Hanna Clark, Rebecca Gardner, McKenzie Messer, Alex Mooneyhan, Dylan Hairston, Jon Valentine, Jake Ratchford, Ross Clark, Bobby Duran, Connor Duran, Dylan Pendleton, Christian Beamguard, Sherie Lutz, Doc Thompson, and Linda Valentine.....The flowers in the sanctuary on August 21 were given in honor of Ronald Boyd for his birthday on August 26.....Aubrey Craig has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer.....Faye Adams had heart catheterization.....Lou Ormand Bingham has been suffering with a severe infection.....Roger Whitley had shoulder surgery.....The flowers in the sanctuary on August 14 were given in memory of Haskell Spencer by Ruth.....Clyde Foy, Jr., has been having trouble with Peripheral Artery Disease and is facing surgery.....The flowers in the sanctuary on August 28 were given in honor of Rebecca LeAnne Foy on her 5th birthday on August 24 by PaPa Clyde, Grandma, PaPa Jerry, Nana, Daddy, Mommy, Elizabeth, Uncle Todd, Aunt Tracy, and Josh.....Congratulations to Ed Carson on 50 years of Perfect Attendance at Sunday School.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2 - Neil Conover | 16 - Dottie Bigham |
| 7 - Caroline Howard | 19 - Douglas Kracht |
| 9 - Bob Riedle | 21 - Margie Marsh |
| 12 - David Cullen | 21 - Joshua Mitchell |
| 13 - Sheila Osborne | 25 - Michelle Coad |
| 14 - Jeff Osborne | 28 - Wendy Coad |

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YOUTH NEWS

Matt Faulkner was selected Most Valuable Player for JV Baseball at the Hunter Huss Sports Awards Banquet. He pitches and catches for the Huskies and is a junior.

Brad Faulkner has been selected to lead Revolution Church's "Student Life" for middle and high school students while working on his degree. He has been very dedicated and instrumental during their church planting process. Brad is also a guitarist/vocalist for their praise and worship band. Revolution Church has partnered with the Central Branch YMCA and will launch this September.

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POST HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE CLASS

This is a class that started with a college retreat to Bonclarken last fall. High School graduates through college age - join us! We began Sunday mornings this summer with a study of the book of Romans, chapter 12. Each month we plan to visit several of Pisgah's members who are in retirement/assisted living centers. This past June/July we visited with Roy Mitchell, Eva Nell Crawford, and Gail Greene at Morningside Assisted Living, and with Martha Leagan at ARP Manor. We took each of them a Fourth of July sand pail filled with goodies. Feel free to visit our classroom. We are located on the youth hall in the FLOC - the last door on the right if you are coming from the Elliott Center.

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THANK YOU

The participants in the Appalachia Mission Trip had a wonderful and rewarding week. A Big Thank You to the congregation for all of your support with our fund raising efforts (dinners, golf tournament, and donations). Without your support we would not have been able to go.

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Thank you for your support and prayers as we traveled to Wales this summer. We had an awesome week.

Jon Valentine and Bobby Duran

To my wonderful Pisgah Family,

I cannot tell you how my heart is filled with love and appreciation for the kind things you have done for me with the loss of my son, Bill. Thank you so much for the telephone calls, the cards, the visits, the delicious food brought to my house, the flowers, and the donations in his memory. The hurt is unbearable with the loss now of both my children, but good Christian Friends help so much in easing the pain. And I want to thank Rev. Lewis for his comforting words and support.

I thank God every day for leading me to Pisgah to be a part of the wonderful Christian Family I have found there.

May God truly bless each of you.

Anne Lewellen

Franklin and I are grateful to the Pisgah congregation for the acts of kindness shown to us during a difficult time. The cards, the prayers, and the visits lifted our spirits.

Nancy Boyd

SUPER SATURDAY BARBECUE

Come join us for Barbecue on **Super Saturday, October 15**, in the Elliott Center from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M. You may eat in or we will have carry out plates. The tickets will be \$8.00 per person. Tickets will be on sale from any Pisgah Women's Ministry member or see Myra Carson or Claudette Pearson. The Barbecue is being furnished by Three Rivers Smokehouse out of Bessemer City. Look for more information in the next couple of weeks in the bulletin.

CIRCLE NEWS

THE RACHEL BOYCE CIRCLE met August 7 in the lounge of the Elliott Center. Our Chairperson, Diane Starnes, welcomed the 7 members. Patsy Davis reviewed **The ARP** magazine and also had our Bible Study, "Why Should You Keep On Believing?" Diane reviewed the newsletter and reminded us that midweek will resume September 7. Belinda Lewis will represent our circle on the nominating committee for new officers for next year. Annie Robinson will remember our shut-in friends. With no other business, the meeting was closed with the Mizpah Prayer. Patsy Davis served refreshments.

Edith Falls

THE SUZANNE ELLIOTT CIRCLE met on August 1 at 7:00 P.M. in the lounge of the Elliott Center. Tracy Adams, Circle Chairman, welcomed the fourteen members who were present. Carolyn Ashworth had an illustrated devotional entitled, "Let's Go To The Beach." Angie Dula presented our Bible Study from the book of Hebrews on "Resting In God's Word."

Cherrie Weaver will remember our Sunshine Friends this month. Cherrie brought cards to be signed by our members, and they will in turn be mailed to our Sunshine Friends. Kathy Spencer's newsletter was reviewed.

A representative from each circle is needed to serve on the nominating committee for the PWM. Angie Dula will serve as the representative from our circle. Kathy Spencer will serve as the nominating committee for our circle officers.

Janet Dula will have our Bible Study for September, and Tracy Adams and Beverly Baysden will serve as hostesses. Due to the Labor Day holiday being on the first Monday of the month, our circle will meet on September 12.

Following our meeting, Carolyn Ashworth served delicious refreshments.

THE MARY KENNEDY CIRCLE met August 1 in the lounge of the Elliott Center. There were 11 members present and 1 guest.

Donna Forbes, Circle Leader, opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed those present. Geraldine Parker gave the devotional entitled, "The Quiet Heart."

Patsy Davis presented the lesson from Hebrews, "Why Should You Keep On Believing?" Donna said she had talked with Frances Rayfield and Isabelle Hiatt, circle members. We were asked to remember our Sunshine Friends. Minutes were read and corrected as follows: Winston Insurance to Watson Insurance. A thank you note from Barbara Mauney was read. The treasurer's report was given by Joann Grier. PWM President's newsletter was read by Donna Forbes. Plans are coming together for Super Saturday Community Day, October 15. Tickets will be available for the barbecue supper when a price is determined. Carolyn Ashworth thanked all for the donations to CAM. Bible Conference was successful. Make plans for next year's Bible Conference which will be July 23-27, 2012. August 20 will be the Women's Presbyterial Meeting. The Pisgah website is being updated.

NEW BUSINESS: The Christmas party will be December 12. August birthdays were remembered.

The meeting was closed with the Mizpah Benediction.

****SENIOR ADULT FALL FLING

Pinecrest ARP Church
September 22, 2011
9:30 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.
\$7.00

Morning & Afternoon Classes - Crafty Hands....Ms. Linda Williams
Computer Literacy for Seniors....Mr. Anthony Navarro
Inreach/Outreach....Dr. Barry Eller

See the bulletin board across from the church office for more info.
Number attending from Pisgah needs to be submitted to the church office by
9/15

TAG SALE

Saturday, October 15

7:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

Elliott Center

WANTED

Household Items - Dishes, glassware, silverware, cook

books, tablecloths

Tools - Furniture - Baby Items

Books - Appliances

Clothes (new or gently used)

DROP OFF TIMES

Wednesday, October 12 - After midweek until 8:00 P.M.

Thursday, October 13 - 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M.

Friday, October 14 - 9:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M.

NO EARLY BIRD SALES

Questions call

Donna Forbes (704) 864-4330

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!!

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| 2 - Ty Robinson | 15 - Drew Jenkins |
| 3 - Martha Leagan
Benjamin Rubenstein | 16 - Margaret Spencer |
| 7 - Preston Teague
Dillon Teague
Max Michaels | 17 - Donna Messer |
| 8 - Penny Reller | 18 - Faye Adams |
| 9 - Kristy Jenkins
Phyllis Warnock | 22 - Melody King |
| 10 - Janet Crawford | 23 - Kent Keplinger |
| 11 - Carla Smith
Samantha Ormand
Jenny Basie | 24 - Jordyn Baysden |
| 14 - Myra Carson
Kevin Adams | 25 - Kelli Carson |
| | 27 - Kitty Anthony |
| | 29 - L.L. Anthony |
| | 30 - Donna Cron |

HAPPY SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES!!

- 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Scott Jenkins
- 2 - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Greene
- 5 - Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Foy, Jr.
- 6 - Mr. & Mrs. John Lutz, Jr.
- 6 - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Warnock
- 18 - Mr. & Mrs. Roger Whitley
- 27 - Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lowe