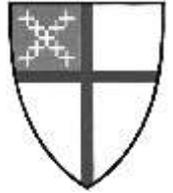




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September 2006

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Open Vestry Meetings are
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Bill's Corner

The Rev. William D. Oldland



The fall of 2006 is already upon us. Everyone is gearing up for a busy time in the church and in the community. Already schools are in session and many activities are being announced. I, too, have noticed my calendar filling with various events and activities.

However, two events, very close together, have given me pause. As I looked at them on the calendar they caused me to stop and think about the meaning of these two events. The first event is September 11th. This year marks the fifth anniversary of a very fateful day in our country. Many lives were lost on that day as the towers came down and planes crashed into those towers, the Pentagon and into a vacant field. Many more lives have been impacted by separation and loss as our military forces have been deployed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Civilians on all sides have suffered from hardship and trial. At this time, the battles still rage and the end of hostilities is not in the immediate future.

The second event is the Shrimp fest. This event is a celebration of life and laughter. It is an event where funds are raised for the work of God in this community and beyond. Funds from this event are donated to the youth group for mission, the Day School to upgrade our playgrounds, and to other charitable causes. The mission of the church through Christ continues.

As I saw these two events on the calendar I was struck by their different meanings. I was saddened by the presence of war. I thought of the hurting by individuals and families over separation from one another, from bodily and spiritual wounds, and grief from the loss of loved ones. The pain and suffering is palpable on all sides. A part of me wondered if humanity would ever truly work for peace among all people.

And yet, there is the celebration of life. There is a feast. The idea of a fest caused me to think of the important concept of hope. Hope is a necessity for us. It is absolutely essential for those who profess to be Christians. Without hope we are lost. There is nothing in our future upon which to focus. There is no help out of the ways of hurting and death in the world. With hope, particularly the Christian hope, we have something solid to grasp. Jesus has indeed gone before us. Fully human and fully divine, Jesus has endured the best and the worst the world has to offer. He has

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Bill's Corner

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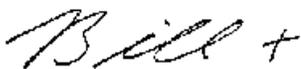
celebrated life at a wedding in Cana and endured death on the cross because others were afraid. On that third day, the resurrection brought eternal and life-giving hope to every single person. It transcends everything the world has to offer. Our hope goes beyond today into eternity. Because of this hope I can face each day looking for new possibilities and working with God for peace through the sharing of the Gospel.

Please notice that this hope is not stagnant on our part. We are not simply called to wait for Jesus to come again. We are called to be active participants believing in God through Jesus Christ. We are called to share the Gospel with love, compassion and care. We are called to live the example of Jesus in our daily lives. We are called to work for justice and peace. We are called to have hope beyond this world, and yet live in this world.

The fall is upon us. The days will get busy and the news will share the problems and issues of the world around us. We, as Christians, hang onto hope. The hope we have in God sustains us, comforts us and strengthens us. Hope helps us to pray:

Come Lord Jesus, Come. Come among us here and bring us your peace.

Peace be among you,



Bill+

Special Adult Education Opportunities

This fall, **Tommy Thorn** will be teaching Sunday School. He has found some great material and has volunteered to lead the class. Please read more about his material in [an upcoming issue of] the newsletter.

In addition, we will have two other classes. These classes will be studying a text written by the New Testament Scholar Luke Timothy Johnson. He is the Woodruff Professor of New Testament at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. The study

will be on his text, *The Creed: What Christians Believe and Why it Matters*.

The classes will be offered at 12 noon on Mondays and 7:30 pm on Tuesdays. This book can be ordered through the office. We will place one large order to keep down the cost. The cost is approximately \$14.00. Please call the office and register for the class.

Classes will begin on the week following Sunday, September 10th.

9/11 Special Services

A special service of prayer and reflection will be held on **Monday, September 11th** in the church. The service will be offered at **7:30 am** and **7:30 pm**. In addition to these services the church will be open during the day for silent meditation and prayers.

Sunday School Kick Off

Sunday September, 10 will be our first Sunday back after what I hope has been a great summer for everyone. We have lots of new and exciting things planned for this year, I look forward to seeing everyone's smiling faces.

There will be lunch on the lawn immediately following church. Please join us in welcoming our children back and celebrating what promises to be the start of a great year.

Kate North



Stephen Ministry

by Don Gwarek

I would like to tell you a little about the Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministry was founded in 1975 in St. Louis. It is a transdenominational program which now has enrollment of over 9,000 churches in all 50 states, 9 Canadian provinces and 22 other countries. More than 50,000 people (pastors, church staff and laypersons) have been trained as Stephen Leaders who in turn have trained more than 450,000 laypersons to be Stephen Ministers. It is estimated that over one million persons have received one-on-one individualized care through Stephen Ministry since 1975.

At the 11 o'clock service on April 23rd, our pastor, Father Bill, commissioned three people to be Stephen Ministers for our congregation. They were **Dot Ferneyhough, Melinda Rice, and Don Gwarek. Diane Corn** who was previously commissioned as a Stephen Minister soon augmented the group.

So, just what is a Stephen Minister?

They are a caring Christian friend who will walk alongside you when you are going through a difficult time. They meet with a care receiver (men with men, women with women) on a regular basis, usually once each week for an hour. They listen, pray, support and encourage with unconditional acceptance. Stephen Ministers commit to "be there" for his or her care receiver, meeting faithfully for about an hour each week for as long as they are needed – from a few weeks to several

months. And don't worry about someone finding out what your problem might be because confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. No one knows what is talked about in a caring relationship, except for you and the Stephen Minister.

How do you become a Stephen Minister?

A Stephen Minister receives an initial fifty hours of special training and then meets for peer supervision and extra training with other Stephen Ministers, Stephen Leaders (trainers) and a Pastor twice a month. But they are not counselors or therapists and will not intervene, give advice or tell people how to solve problems or try to solve them for them. They are not social workers or spiritual healers. They're not ordained ministers or legal consultants nor medical personnel.

Okay! You know what they do and how they are trained but when would someone need a Stephen Minister?

We all know that life is not always kind and someday we may find ourselves facing:

Loneliness Loss of spouse
Retirement changes Spiritual crisis
Unemployment Anxiety &
Discouragement Childbirth
Hospitalization Grief Terminal
illness Being shut-in Broken
relationships

When that happens you may want to call the "After" people because Stephen Ministers are there ...

... after you've washed and returned the last casserole dish.

... after the divorce papers have been served and the bottom falls out of your life.

... after the last child leaves home and the house seems incredibly empty.

... after the doctors have said there's nothing more we can do.

... after the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

... after the baby arrives and you feel more burdens than you ever dreamed possible.

I think that this poem by Lori Marks says it all.

Where will I find someone to call
when I feel like my back is against
the wall?
Where will I find someone to share
the brokenness my soul does bear?
Where will I find someone who
will understand,
who will listen and maybe hold my
hand?
Where will I find someone to help
me pray
that I'll get through another day?
Where will I find someone who
will help me see,
I'm not alone, it's not just me?
Where will I find someone with an
open heart to lend,
someone I could even call a friend?
Where will I find a Christian
brother or sister,
that would be my Stephen
Minister?

Vestry Highlights from Joanne Piazza, Sr. Warden

The Vestry met on Monday, August 21st at 6:45 pm. **Rev. Oldland** opened the meeting with a Gospel reading from John, chapter 5, vs. 19-29 and a short discussion followed.

Richard Piazza was present to go over the financial report through July. He reported that additional deposits were not posted due to the absence of **Steve Worth** and that these funds, when posted, will show a more accurate reflection of the actual balance. He is working on a report that will give us a better picture of funding we provide the Day School such as utilities, copier usage and Workman's Compensation, so that we will have more information to make a decision on the rent we are currently receiving.

A concern has come to the Vestry about the placement of the sign in front of the Columbarium. We all walked outside to look at it and everyone agreed that it should be moved to the left, in front of the large bush. The present placement disrupts the appearance of the Columbarium. Rev. Oldland will speak with **Tommy Thorn**, our Jr. Warden to make the arrangements to have the sign moved.

We received a request about naming our libraries and funding to support needed software to manage the libraries. After much discussion, the Vestry voted to name the libraries the **Willie Mae Adkins and Celeste Zdanski Memorial Libraries**. Funds remaining in the Library Fund will be used to pay for two plaques which will be mounted in the adult and the children's libraries. If anyone would like to donate a computer for library management, please talk to Rev. Oldland or any Vestry member. Remaining funds in the Library Fund will be used to purchase any needed software. **Theresa Ruhland** has been the driving force to organize these libraries and **Steve Worth** built the new shelving. We thank them both for their dedication and

service to this project.

We also voted to use memorial funds donated for **Johnny Waggoner** to purchase and place a bench near the Pipkin Parlor. The original request was for the Columbarium area, which is restricted.

Rev. Oldland has not been able to coordinate a visit by **Bishop Chip Marble** to dedicate the bell, due to conflicting schedules, but he is working on it. When he is able to visit, we will most likely include the dedication of the libraries and the bench, along with the bell.

The various commissions presented their budget requests for 2007 and **Paul Barrett** will bring these to the next finance committee meeting for consideration. We also had a long discussion on the Diocesan Asking for our parish for 2007. The amount they are requesting for our share is \$22,785. The Vestry voted to pledge 75%, or \$17,100. If we have any excess monies at the end of 2007, we will send additional funds at that time.

The Worship Committee met and discussed their budget needs. **Suzanne Howard** has provided a list of altar expenses and purchasing information that will be a great help in the future. **Ed Spencer** did a great job on breaking down music budget needs. Many services were planned for Advent and Holy Week. We have used prayer books available. If anyone would like one, please see **Jeanne Horsley** or Rev. Oldland.

Dot Reilly continues to provide the Reidsville Review with information on our weekly services and special events for articles of interest.

Other concerns discussed included repairs needed in the Parish House, the roof, convention delegates, managing

the prayer list, Rev. Oldland's sabbatical next year, Adult Christian Education opportunities, and Stephen Ministry plans.

We also received and accepted a resignation from **Scottie Reeder**, who chaired our Christian Education Commission. Anyone who is interested in serving the remaining one year and 4 months should contact either me or Rev. Oldland.

God's Peace,

Joanne Piazza, Sr. Warden

Our 6th Annual!

Shrimp Fest 2006

All you can eat:

**Shrimp
Corn on the cob
Maccaroni Salad
Cole Slaw
Iced Tea or Coffee
Dessert**



**Saturday
September 16
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

For Tickets, see any
Men's Club member
\$14 Per Person
\$37 (Family - 2 or more children)

Episcopal Day School



Hello Friends at St. Thomas',

It's that time of year again! We are gearing up to welcome back the students of Episcopal Day School. We're working on our classrooms and making lesson plans. We start back to school on September 5th. We've got a good group of students coming in and we look forward to working with them this year. As of this moment, we have a couple of openings for 3's and 4's so if you or someone you know is looking for a preschool program, please keep us in mind. Registration forms are available in the church office.

As we mentioned in an earlier newsletter, we have the great luxury of having two brand new Dell computers for our classroom. They are set up and loaded with some great software to help the children learn letters, numbers, problem solving and songs. Thanks again to **Bill and Jeanne Horsley** (and **Lape Smith**).

We are still collecting the **Box Tops**

from **General Mills products**.

These can be dropped off in the collection box in the Parish House. They are worth .10 cents each to us! Please continue to bring them in.



We are also still participating in the **Food Lion Shop and Share fund-raising campaign**. Register your Food Lion MVP card and each time you shop



at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to Episcopal Day School. It's that easy! We have already received a couple of donations from Food Lion from this program. You can register your card at www.foodlion.com or by filling out the form below and returning it to one of the teachers (or in the church office). This fund-raiser does not interfere with MVP

discounts. You can call **Edie Stadler** at 342-6223 and she'll register your card for you if you prefer. **PLEASE NOTE: MVP CARDS HAVE TO BE REGISTERED ANNUALLY SO EVEN IF YOU PARTICIPATED LAST YEAR, THE CARDS NEED TO BE RE-REGISTERED FOR THIS COMING SCHOOL YEAR.**

The EDS board has voted to discontinue the label collection for Campbell's and Tyson Chicken. These promotions are geared toward larger institutions and it's hard for us to collect as many labels needed for even the smallest of premiums.

We'll be keeping you updated this school year on the fun happenings at EDS. Thanks for your support of our program! We appreciate and covet your prayers for all of us as we strive to educate our children academically, spiritually and socially.

Sincerely,

Ms. Edie & Ms. Jeanette

MVP Card Registration for Episcopal Day School

MVP Card # (12 digits)
(include the little numbers located at the beginning and end of your numbers)

Name (First) _____ (MI) _____ (Last) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____

Day Phone () _____

2006 Summer Memories...

Photos courtesy of Jim McCloskey



It's Bazaar time again!

Fall is quickly approaching which means that **St. Thomas' Fall Bazaar and Luncheon on October 20th** will soon be here. Our traditional salad bar lunch will be served from 11 AM until 2 PM and will include h o m e m a d e vegetable beef and tomato basil soup, pimento cheese and peanut butter sandwiches, salad bar, homemade desserts and beverage.



Tickets are being printed and will be distributed soon. Each member of the ECW will receive luncheon and raffle tickets to sell. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 and luncheon tickets again will be only \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

This year we have a terrific line-up of prizes.

First prize is the final 4 retired pieces from the Department 56 "The Heritage Village Collection - New England Village Series". This group includes Nathaniel Bingham Fabrics '86, Ben's Barbershop '88, Steeple Church '89 and Craggy Cove Lighthouse '87 plus a Lamp Post set, Knife Grinder and the 6th Edition Guide to Department 56 Villages. - a \$488 value!

Second prize is a "\$100 Dollar Gas Allowance".

Third prize is a 7-gallon fall blooming camellia.

Fourth prize is a \$50 CaterFest Gift Certificate.

We also hope our St. Thomas' cooks will bring their favorite home baked pies, cakes, cookies, fudge, breads, and cheese biscuits to sell for the bakery table. And, of course, **Dot Ferneyhough** has been working hard all summer doing her magic canning pickles and making jams and jellies.

Lots of the behind the scenes work has already been completed.

Check the committee assignments to see where your help will be needed and plan to come the day of the bazaar. With everyone's help we are looking forward to having another successful bazaar! Let's have fun again and unite in a day of fellowship with our community!

Dot Reilly

PS: Does anyone know how long the ECW has been having the Fall Bazaar? I would love to advertise this fact.



September is Start Up Time for ECW:

Executive Board Meeting - Tuesday September 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Vestry Room

General Meeting - Sunday September 10, following the 11:00 Family Service. Business, Bag Lunch, Fall Luncheon Tickets will be distributed.

Morning Chapter - Wednesday September 13, 10:30 a.m. Hostess is Marian Safriet.

Fall Bazaar & Luncheon - Friday October 20. Dot Reilly will get information and tickets to us at the General Meeting.

John Bullock printed great white aprons with pockets and our ECW logo to sport for the Bazaar. Cost is \$11.50 each from the ECW. Won't we be spiffy!!! *Marian Safriet & Dot Trent*

Committee Assignments

Tickets - Laura Felts, Grace Moffitt - Co Chair

Raffle & Publicity - Dot Reilly

Set-Up/ Decorate - Suzanne Howard - Chair. Gayle Ferguson, Kathy Gentle, Mary Jane Ham, Anne Montaigne, Ellen Oldland, Jessica Rivers, Susan Turner, Jan Wheless, Polly Yeago

Luncheon - Martha Balsley, Donna Van Ness, Judy Yarborough - Tri-Chair. Pat Bobbitt, Susan Dalton, Anne Donecker, Gayle Ferguson, Parker Graham. Pam Haigler, Starr McHugh, Betty Melchert, Carol Pruitt, Jane Pullen, Anne Rogers, Cindy Teague, Stephanie Trent, Freda Watt

Delivery - Jeanne Horsley

Calling Committee - Cheri Barrett, Mildred Cummings, Pat Foeller

Bake Sale - Dot Trent, Dru Smith, Co-Chair. (We need as many people as possible to contribute homemade baked items to sell.)

Home Canned Goods - Dot Ferneyhough, Chair. Nancy Gwarek

Soup Committee - Priscilla Foster, Betty Melchert, Joanne Piazza, Dot Reilly, Mavis Simon, Fred Watt, Dottie Worth

Treasurer - Marion Safriet, Chair. Hazel Post, Teresa Ruhland

Luncheon Support - Pam Allen, Linda Avery, Nancy Bennett, Ginny Campbell, Judy Cardwell, Fran DeChurch, Leslie Dent, Diane Espinoza, Susan Fitzgibbon, Dale Fulton, Adrienne Gatton, Emily Giles, Pam Haigler, Mitchelene Martin, Tammy Melchert, Amy Newnam, Kate North, Melinda Rice, Bettie Benton Rhodes, Suzanne Saunders, Sissy Sizemore, Beth Smith, Sandra Strader, Melody Watt, Dianne Young

If I have failed to include you on a committee I apologize. Please let me know which committee you would like to help. We need you!

Thanks, Dot Reilly - 634-1828

Outreach: Fried Apple Pies



For more information, see **Phillip Dalton** or **Todd Walker**.

For those who might need it, here's the recipe for the pie crust dough.

Fall is in the air so that means it's once again that time of year to begin making plans for our annual **Fried Apple Pie** sale at the Reidsville Antique Alley Street Festival to be held on Saturday October 14.

Volunteers will meet in the Parish House kitchen on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on September 12 to begin preparing the pies.

MIX TOGETHER: Fried Pie Crust Recipe

6 cups flour
2 tsp. salt
4 heaping tsp. baking power
4 tsp. sugar

ADD:

3/4 cup shortening and mix by hand until crumbly like corn meal

ADD:

2 whole eggs
1 small can evaporated milk and mix by hand until well mixed (if too "stiff", add a little water) I needed to add the milk can amount of water. batter will sort of pull of hand turn on lightly floured board and knead until sticky
put in large zip bag and put in refrigerator overnight.

Makes 35-40 pies (dough is cut out in circle 5 inches in diameter).

Environmental Education Commission Tips

From: **Ideal Bites 7/25/06**

If half of all American homes were cooled with Energy Star ACs, every year it would prevent emissions equal to those of almost 6 million cars. By themselves ACs in the US use more energy than is consumed by the entire nations of India and Indonesia combined.

• 1/6th of all electricity generated in the US goes to ACs **you'll use 20% less electricity.**

• **Save some cold, hard cash.**

Replace a 10-year-old room AC with a new model and same about \$14/year. Use programmable thermostats and save about \$100/year.

• Ceiling fans (spinning counter-clockwise in the summer, so heat is forced upwards) **use 90% less electricity.**

• **Drapes, shutters and awnings** can further keep out by up to 77%.

• **Lower cooling costs by 10-50% by planting hardwood trees** on the east, west and south sides of the house.

From: **Loose Change July/August**

Under the **2005 Energy Policy Act** a federal tax credit is available for certain energy-efficient upgrades you make to your home. You can take a tax credit of up to \$500 (lifetime credit) for:

- Replacement windows
- Exterior doors, and skylights
- Metal roofing
- Certain high efficiency heating and cooling equipment
- Insulation

Items must be placed in service in 2006 or 2007 to claim these credits

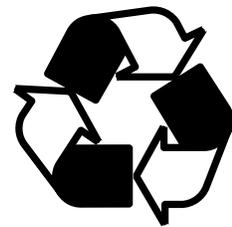
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Anyone interested in participating in the Commission's meetings or projects should contact members **Lauren Ruhland, Paul Barrett, Jeanne Horsley, Marian Safriet, or Kris Rogers.**

Recycling Reminder

Remember: **old cell phones, ink jet and laser cartridges** which keep our environment cleaner and bring some funds to our youth.

Boxes for recycling can be found in the narthex of the church, the parish hall, and the choir room.



Canning Jars

Please check your closets for any empty canning or jelly jars and pass them along to **Dot Ferneyhough**. New ones are getting quite costly to purchase and besides, it's another excellent opportunity to recycle!

Thoughts on Stewardship

A month or so ago, I was asked if I would be the upcoming stewardship chairperson. In accepting this position, I have been giving some thought as to the role we play as members of the Christian faith. Normally, we think only about giving money to meet budget and financial needs. However, our gift of time is just as important as our monetary contributions.

Recently we witnessed a wonderful example of generosity by some of the young people and adults from St. Thomas in the Charleston, SC area. Sacrificing a week of summer and working from dawn to dusk to help people in need was a wonderful example of their commitment to Christ's calling. I know that getting up

at 5am and working all day in the hot sun does not exactly qualify as a vacation, even though Charleston is considered a vacation resort. Our church members have taken part in mission trips like this for several years and many people and families have been helped by their labors and kind spirit.

Our parish would not be a witness in our community without all the volunteer efforts that our members perform each day. When Jesus said, "Wherever your treasure is, there your heart will be also," he wanted us to understand that time is included in the "treasure package." Hopefully we can consider "our time" as a part of our future pledge.

Tom Balsley

Musical notes from



My Favorite Time of Year

We have been talking a lot about favorite hymns this summer (and we've gotten around to most of them!). Our choir has begun re-singing some of their favorite anthems that they and I have enjoyed together during the past year. We are all beginning our autumn schedules. Is this our favorite time of year? I am reminded of a song from ...Camelot, I believe. "If ever I would leave you." The point of the song is that the singer cannot leave because every time of year is a favorite time of year with the one to whom he is singing. Indeed, I can remember wonderful experiences from each season of the year, with family, close friends, new favorite people. So how do we choose a "favorite time"?

My favorite times are when I see the Gospel story being told in people's lives. We read it and hear it every week, but to live it...to share the love we have been given with others and see the smiles and know that fears are being calmed, strength is being gained, healing is taking place way, down deep inside...ah, that's the Gospel, coming off the page, out of the pulpit, beyond the church walls. I see a great deal of that going on here, and I praise God and you for it. Keep it up... there is a lot of pain in the world, and oh, to hear a loving voice, to feel a gentle touch, to see a warm smile.... these are blessings which will make any time a favorite time.

Thank you for all you are to me.

Ed Spencer

More Summer Memories 2006



Photos courtesy of Tom Ham

During the month of August the youth group has taken a short summer break. However, now that September is right around the corner we are about to get very busy again. The calendar of events is as follows:

Sept 3 – No Youth Group – Labor Day Weekend

Sept 10 – Service Project. We will meet right after church. Our task is to make desserts for the Shrimp Fest. We will be making cookies, brownies, and rice krispie treats. It would be a shame if a few cookies happened to break in the process. They would have to be eaten.

Sept 17 – Planning Meeting for the Fall. We will meet at 5:00, plan and have dinner. Bring your ideas for all activities.

Sept 24 – Fun Day. The activity will be a surprise. More information will follow. Plan on getting wet.

Men's Club

The September meeting will be Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 pm. We will discuss final plans for the **Shrimp Fest** and the coffee schedule, which will begin the first Sunday in October after the Family Worship Service.

- The menu for dinner will be:
- Roast Pork Loin
- Au Gratin Potatoes
- Baby Carrots
- Applesauce
- Lemon Meringue Pie
- Ice Tea or Coffee

Please give **Richard Piazza** a call to let him know if you will be able to attend this meeting so he can plan how many will be there for dinner. Call 349-5827, or e-mail rjpiazza@bellsouth.net.

Many churches have prayer lists in their church bulletins. In some churches the list is simply a list for the members to use during the week for their personal prayers. St. Thomas has a corporate prayer list. The word corporate means that the entire body is involved. For example, the Lord's Prayer is a corporate prayer. The Prayer of Thanksgiving at the end of communion is a corporate prayer. The General Thanksgiving at the end of Morning Prayer is a corporate prayer. The word corporate implies everyone's participation. Therefore, on Sundays, the corporate prayer list is said by all. If we notice the birthdays and the prayers for the armed forces are not listed as corporate prayers. Some people have decided to join in on the prayers for the military.

In response, we are going to encourage the use of a monthly prayer system. Here is how it works. A person wants to place the name of someone on the list for prayer. They place the name of the individual on the list. Then they write their name on the submission line. Finally, they fill in the date the request was made to place them on the list.

I ask for prayers for: John Doe
My name is: Henry Smith
Date requested: 8/26/06

However, at the August vestry meeting it was brought forward that some feel the list is too long and that names have been left on too long. In

In the office, we will keep track of the dates someone is placed on the list. Prayers will be offered for one month during the services for this individual. Unless a new prayer request comes forward for that individual, their name will be removed from the list.



Prayer Request

I Request Prayer For: _____

My Name Is: _____

Date Requested: _____

This request will be added to the corporate prayer list and prayers will be offered for one month during the worship services. Unless a new prayer request is submitted for this individual, their name will be removed from the list after the one month period.

Where Two or Three are Gathered Together...



DATE	SERVICE	ATTENDANCE
July 23	8:30 a.m.	4
	11:00 a.m.	44
July 30	8:30 a.m.	9
	11:00 a.m.	38
August 6	8:30 a.m.	14
	11:00 a.m.	52
August 13	8:30 a.m.	16
	11:00 a.m.	67

Congratulations!!!



Photo courtesy of The Reidsville Review

Congratulations to **Bill Sutton**, recently elected President, and **Donna Van Ness**, secretary, of the Rockingham Community College Foundation Board of Directors. The Foundation raises and distributes funds to college programs that are not funded through tax

revenues. Congratulations Bill and Donna as you work to enhance the work of the college and to benefit the students!

Pledge Report

	July 2006	Year To Date
Total Revenue	\$ 17,738.34	\$ 88,055.77
Total Operations Expenses	\$ 13,092.47	\$ 96,314.10
Difference	\$ 4,645.87	- \$ 8,258.33



To keep your directory up-to-date, please make note of this change:

Mrs. Ginny Campbell
102 Hillside Ct
King, NC 27021-9228

We also welcome by Letters of Transfer

From St. Luke's, Eden:
Mr. Ben L. Neal
2218 Westover Dr.
Reidsville, NC
349-3945

From St. Francis, Greensboro:
Dr. Hugh Fraser

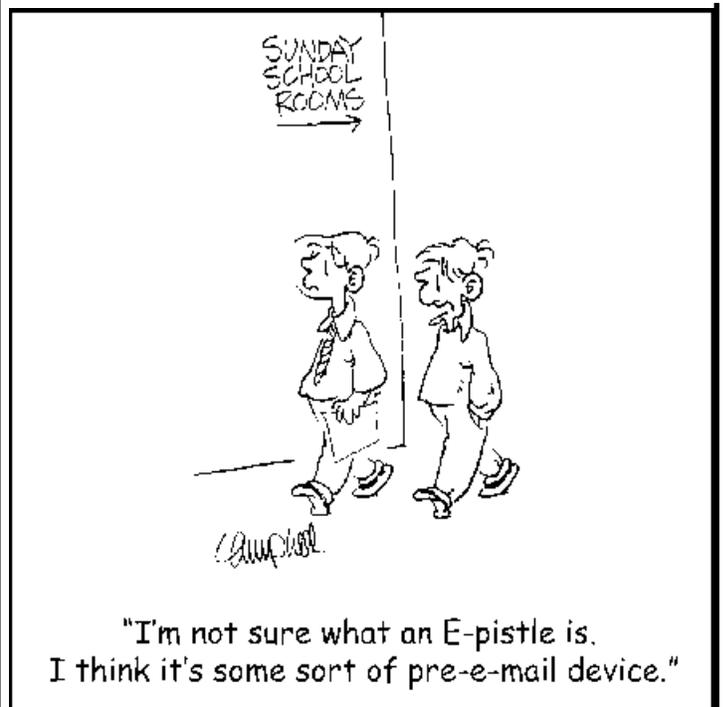
Congratulations!!!

Congratulations to Reidsville High's **Clair Fraser** who won the girls' division of the 2006 County Wide Cross Country Meet held on Wednesday 8/23 at Lake Reidsville. Her first-place time was 23:23!

Go Clair!



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