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**RALLY NIGHT RESUMES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD – 6PM**

**CHURCH CABINET RETREAT
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH
10AM-2PM**

**INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS
AND DEACONS
JANUARY 14TH – DURING WORSHIP**

**HOKERTON DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH
TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN CHURCH – AYDEN**

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
will meet in the church parlor on the following dates at
10:30am: January 10TH / January 17TH / January 24TH



**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2018
10:30AM – Church Parlor**

Program: January and February CARE MISSION and plans for a special event.

Let's begin a new year by sharing FAITH, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER MINISTRY GROUP
will meet on the following Tuesdays in January:
January 9th / January 16th / January 23rd / January 30th

CYPRESS GLEN LUNCHEON

Please plan to attend the Dutch-treat luncheon at Cypress Glen on Thursday, January 18th, at noon. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with our church members residing at Cypress Glen.

Jewelle Boone & Theresa Rumph
Outreach Mission Team Co-Chairs

CMF BREAKFAST MEETING

will meet at 8am on Sunday, January 28th – Family Life Center

REMEMBER WITH PRAYERS, CARDS, CALLS AND VISITS

IN ASSISTED LIVING/NURSING HOME/ FACILITIES

Eleanor Bunting, Freda Kovalchick, Mardell Remick, Nell Speight, Maggie Smith, Bebe Tripp and Raye Troutman.

MEMBER / VISITOR CONCERNS

Jason Adams, Brayom Anderson, Dot Baverstock, John Bazzle, Muriel Bennett, Sheron Bennett, Bobby Boone, Dorothy Burkett, Carlton Corbett, Nancy Corbett, Sylvia Corey, Fannie Croom, Lester Everett, Crystal Gardner, Charles Godwin, Bob Gurganus, Wanda Cox Harrington, Howard Lee, Marilyn Lee, Melvin "Big Daddy" Moore, and Virginia Scales.

Stephen & India West Silverthorne are serving in the U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg, NC.

OTHER CONCERNS

Sandra Allen (Karen Averette's niece), Carrie Anzelmo (Adrienne Fornes' mother), Val Barnhart (Marla Harrell's sister), Rhett Barrett (Wanda Harrington's cousin's grandson), Elias Belmadani (Donna Whitley and Kacem Sebti's grandson), Ashlynn Bennett (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Josh Boyd (Gabrielle's brother-in-law), Becky Bundy (Dawn Manning's mother), Angie Byrne (friend of Lana & Chris Warren), Beth Ann Cole (friend of Sandy Steele), Kristey Coulter (friend of Marsha Griffin), Ed Diehl (Donna Diehl's husband), Carolyn Driver (friend of Wanda Harrington), Benton Edwards (friend of Marla Harrell), Tom Feldbush (Leslie's father), Savannah Ferguson (Sheron Bennett's granddaughter), Lindsey Gardner (Traci Anderson's sister-in-law), Warren Goff (Dawn Manning's grandfather), Janie Griffin (Marsha's mother), Mary Edna Haislip (Dynita Gottschall's mother), Luke Haithcock (friend of Lasseter Wooten), Edwin Hall (Jim Hall's father), Jean Hall (Jim Hall's mother), Marty Harrell (Marla's husband), Dale Harris (Sandra Everett's nephew), Chris Hill (friend of Chris Knight), Ruby Hodges (Joanne Ellington's sister), Lewis Keech (friend of Rebecca Chahid), Susan Lillie (Lester Everett's cousin), Gloria & William McGraw, Tina Martin (Michelle Smith's sister), Steve Milligan (friend of Marla Harrell), June Montgomery (Keith Montgomery's sister), William Henry Nuckolls (friend of Karen & Whit Brown; brother of Jack Nuckolls – Salt & Light), Barbara Pawlin (Dorothy Burkett's daughter), Neva Peaden (friend of Lana Warren), Bob Pinizzotto (Elizabeth Deasy's brother-in-law), Doug Reid (Robin West's father), , Martha Roberson (friend of Alysia Bright), Emily Robertson, Vini Rohrbaugh (Marla Harrell's brother), Logan Rumph (Theresa's grandson), Max Scheetz (Donna Diehl's father), Kimberly Schlienz (friend of Wanda Harrington), Martha Sheriff (Karen Carraway's cousin), Judd Shumaker (cousin of Ava and Marsha Griffin), Mary Lee Smart (Wanda Harrington's cousin), Tim Summerlin (Muriel Bennett's son), Todd Swain (Brenda's son), Mindy Tysinger (friend of Mary Marshall Heckstall), Teresa Van Oordt (Sandy Steele's sister) Don Walter (friend of Sally & Howard Wheeler), Stan Walter (Marilyn Lee's brother), Kylie Ward (friend of the Bennetts), Billy West (Tim's father & Robin's father-in-law), Irene Wicher (Stephen Wicher's mother), Lynn Yarborough (Karen Carraway's cousin) and Jackie Yongue (Bonnie Perkins' niece).

Bob Morgan (friend of Marla Harrell) was called to Life Eternal on December 12th. Please keep the Morgan and Harrell families in your thoughts and prayers.

Dorothy Burkett is now back home:

302 S. Eastern St.

Greenville NC 27858 / www.gofundme.com Search for Robert Burkett

6th – 12th Sunday "Salt & Light"

January's Sunday Salt & Light will meet Sunday, January 7th, @ 4:30pm. We will meet at FCC to travel to Deadwood in Bear Grass! This will be an awesome night, so make plans to attend! Bring a friend, a healthy appetite and an open mind!!! Be ready to grow spiritually through new relationships and fellowship! See you tonight!

WHO: All 6th-12th Youth

WHAT: Sunday Night Salt & Light

WHEN: Sunday, January 7th @ 4:30pm – 8:00pm

DINNER: TBA

WHERE: Deadwood

****If you need transportation, please let us know – don't miss out****

Dawn & Tim Manning

Stacey & Jeremy Cook

Karen & Whit Brown

Jennifer & Jereme Blizzard

FROM OUR MINISTER...CELL:(252) 883-4495

One of the most exciting and important times of the year for the church is the Christmas season. While it is not quite over yet, we do find ourselves now at the beginning of a new year. And with a new year comes new commitments. The church is interesting in that our year really begins in September when we get back from the summer and get started again with all of our actives; but for many of us, January is still the time when, if we are going to do something different, we start.

I hope that if you are thinking about making New Year's resolutions, you have a plan in place to allow you to be successful. A large percentage of New Year's resolutions never make it through the year. But whether it is related to health or relationships, or financial issues, or whatever, I hope your quest is successful. I also hope, though, that you will also think seriously about making new commitments related to your faith. Every year in January, our church is in the midst of making some changes and commitments. Although our church year really starts in September, January is the time when our new mission teams are formed and when a new budget goes into effect.

As you think about the new commitments you want to make, please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider how you can be more effective in your commitment to your faith and our church. I know that it is still possible that you might be approached about serving on a mission team. Before you say no, think about whether or not this is God's way of pointing you in a specific direction. Perhaps you are thinking about joining the choir, or attending Sunday school or one of our Bible studies. If that is something that keeps popping up in your mind, don't dismiss it with the familiar "I am too busy", or "I don't have enough time" excuses. Maybe this is a time when you can start doing some things that you know will help you in your spiritual growth.

Whatever you do new this January, I hope you are successful and I hope God gives you the strength you need to persevere.

Grace and peace,
Reece

RALLY NIGHT RESUMES!

JANUARY 3RD / 10TH / 17TH / 24TH / 31ST

6:00PM – SUPPER

\$5.00 – ADULTS

\$5.00 – CHILDREN 13 YEARS & OLDER

\$3.00 – CHILDREN 12 YEARS & YOUNGER

THERE IS A \$20 LIMIT FOR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

**HOOKERTON DISTRICT MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2018
TIMOTHY CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
9657 COUNTY HOME RD.
AYDEN NC 28513**

- **DOORS OPEN AT 2PM**
- **COFFEE HOUR AND BREAK-OUT GROUPS AT 2:15PM**
*including a group led by Rev. Dr. Rick Lowry
- **WORSHIP & MINISTRY CONVERSATIONS AT 3:30PM**
- **CHILI SUPPER AROUND 5PM**

RSVP TO FCC GREENVILLE CHURCH OFFICE (MARILYN) 756-3138 BY NOON ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH.



EVENTS

February 2-4
March 2-4

CYF Midwinter
Chi Rho Spring Retreat



ATTENDANCE / COMMITMENT/ EXPENSES IN NOVEMBER 2017

AVERAGE WEEKLY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 112

MONTHLY

Contributions: \$ 13,871
Expenses: \$ 28,052

YEAR-TO-DATE

Contributions: \$ 225,837
Expenses: \$ 270,527