
Forecast



January 2015

Our mission is to know Christ, to serve Him, and to make Him known.

Dear church family,

Recall how much has happened over the past year! A year ago this month we moved out of the sanctuary for a few weeks while the new carpet was being installed. A year ago this month we voted to move to ECO. And, a year ago ECO had 108 churches; today it is over 170, with many on the way. The sense of bureaucracy and control is low; the spirit of trust and innovation is high. In fact, in every presbytery meeting over the past year we have recognized a new church plant. The local church plant that we are supporting, Waypoint Community Church in South Charlotte with Wes Barry, is doing well. "ECO" is intended to evoke the word "ecosystem" in which we remember our purpose: to plant churches and grow disciples. And that is what is joyfully unfolding.

It is often said that vibrant churches are "internally strong and outwardly focused." Over the past years, we have grown internally stronger and stronger. Some healthy practices are easy to escape notice (such as our recent audit, updated office equipment, or the spirit of camaraderie in our last session meeting over dinner with prayer at the Evans' home); others such as our new logo, welcoming Terri and the Hamiltons – or even the sense of renewed joy and hope – are more evident.

And all this inward strength is enabling us to become more outwardly focused. This year we are planning on packing more Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes than ever before; we are moving toward creating an Alternative Christmas Fair for the community (an Alternative Christmas essentially helps us move away from materialism and live into God's Kingdom by supporting Christian ministries through donations for concrete purposes instead of the typical gift buying for others); and we are praying and discerning about a "new Kingdom work" that we could be a part of. Also, if you are interested in a missions trip, please let me know what you may have on your heart, and what time of year might work well.

As we explore what being a missional church may look like for us in 2015, we are reevaluating our call with Samaritan's Table. Yes, it is always meaningful to serve the least of these (Matthew 25:31-46). And at the same time, we are wondering if this particular expression of service is still our calling. Circumstances change. Some of us simply cannot commit to this ministry because we work full-time, we have health concerns and so forth. In summary, there is the possibility that we will discontinue this ministry. If you feel called to be a part of this ministry, please let me know. Essentially, Sam's Table works like this: every Tuesday at 6pm dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall. We "host" every week. This means that a member of our congregation opens the doors, locks up, ensures cleanup and so forth while another church (e.g. St. Josephs) brings the food. While we host every week, FPC supplies the dinner *once a month*. So, we are looking for one person to coordinate and send a weekly email and occasionally create a schedule; a few people to host; and a few people to supply food. If we hear of little or no interest, perhaps our service will take a new or different form of expression. If you want to hear more, let me know.

There has been so much positive change. Everyone has handled everything so well. This year, I am excited to see the next step we take together in seeing what God has in store for us.

peace,

Darryl



january



- 1 Kris Edscorn
Emily Griggs
Morgan McDaniel
- 2 James Goodnight
- 3 Judy Goodnight
- 4 Randy Whitley
- 6 Ronald Lisenby
- 8 Tristen Adams
- 10 William Baker
- 13 Laurel Clement
- 16 Graham Crawford
- 19 Will Evans
Karen Pless
- 24 Debra Dandro
Erica Efird
- 25 Christy Heintz
- 27 Trish Adams
Andrew Baker
Peggy Gibson
Steve Mbeunkui
- 28 Luke Burris
Lindsay McLain Fleece
- 30 Tracy Caskey
- 31 Amelia Caskey



- Jan 4 - Carla and Larry Efird
- Jan 11 - Lynn Efird and
Briana Landis
- Jan 18 - Kathi and Brian Landis
- Jan 25 - Sharon Stricker and
Graham Crawford



- Jan 4 - Tracy Caskey
- Jan 11 - Diane Crawford
- Jan 18 - Richard Little
- Jan 25 - 10 Cents-A-Meal



- Jan 4 - Laura McLain
- Jan 11 - Tracy Caskey
- Jan 18 - Mary Lee Evans
- Jan 25 - Jane McDaniel



- Jan 4 - David Reed
- Jan 11 - Rob Osburn
- Jan 18 - Michael Martens
- Jan 25 - Rob Osburn



- Jan 4 - Mark Goodnight
Sam McAllister
Mal McDaniel
Rob Osburn
- Jan 11 - Graham Crawford
Ron Lisenby
George and
Luanne Wiseman
- Jan 18 - Todd Adams
Zachary Martens
Daniel Pless
Lynn Sechler
- Jan 25 - Bobby Hallman
Tony Hunter
Amy Hurst
Michael Martens



- 3 Flaubert and Carine Mbeunkui
- 29 Steve and Judy Goodnight



- Jan 6 - Good News Class
- Jan 13 - Peggy Gibson
- Jan 20 - Alpha Barger
- Jan 27 - Frank Gibson



- Amelia Goodnight and
Connie Rary

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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
28 1:00 AM NA 9:00 AM Prayer Fellowship 9:30 AM Koinonia Kafe 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service - Youth Sunday 2:00 PM NA Area Service Committee Meeting 6:00 PM Women's AA	29 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	30 12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 PM Samaritan's Table	31	1 Office Closed 12:00 PM NA 8:00 PM AA	2 8:00 PM AA	3	4 9:00 AM Prayer Fellowship 9:30 AM Koinonia Kafe 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Middle School Youth Fellowship Time 6:00 PM Women's AA 6:30 PM High School Youth	5 7:30 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast 8:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous	6 12:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous 6:00 PM Samaritan's Table	7 5:15 PM Chorister (Kids Choir) Rehearsal 5:45 PM Supper 6:30 PM Adult Class 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Discovery Club 7:30 PM Adult Handbells	8 10:30 AM Women's Bible Study 12:00 PM NA 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Stewardship 8:00 PM AA	9 8:00 PM AA	10 9:00 AM AA District Meeting
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JOY Group having fun at their Christmas Party



Downstairs Restroom is now unisex!

Happy New Year!

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