

# The Hill's Chapel House Call February 2012



# Backpack Program



The backpack program has grown to 24 bags being needed. There is a constant need for small jars of peanut butter (no glass), mac and cheese dinners, cereal, and poparts. Other needs include rice and pasta dinners, tuna, fruit cups and snacks. We do not usually recommend places to purchase these things but Aldi, Dollar Tree and Dollar General are definitely the best places to buy these things.

Also, you may give by either bringing in food or by donating money. Just place your check in the collection plate on Sundays and designate them for the backpack program.

Thank you for your continued support of this program.

## Cemetery Fund Report For 2011

|                |                   |                 |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 2010 Balance:  | \$2,390.71        |                 |                   |
| 2011 Budget:   | \$4,500.00        |                 |                   |
| Contributions: | <u>\$1,140.00</u> |                 |                   |
| Gross:         | \$8,030.71        |                 |                   |
| Less Expense:  | <u>-5,598.22</u>  | *Fertilizer     | \$292.32          |
|                |                   | Clerk of Court: | \$15.00           |
|                |                   | Mowing:         | \$4,700.00        |
|                |                   | Printing:       | \$294.10          |
|                |                   | Printing:       | <u>\$287.00</u>   |
|                |                   | <b>Total:</b>   | <b>\$5,598.22</b> |

Net Balance: \$2,432.49

Everett Roy Trust for Youth Church Camps Balance: \$505.00

Cemetery Trust Fund: \$1,510.00

Perpetual Care: \$1,000.00

Book Sales: \$1,230.00

Guy McIntosh, Treasurer/Trustee of Trust Funds

# Memorials

| In Memory Of          | Donor's Name                | Designated          |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Barry & Sadie Butner  | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Sarah Carter          | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Barbara Jean Cooke    | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Rachel Crow           | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Roscoe & Sissy Fox    | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Deek & Marie Hager    | Keith & Leila Hager         | Sanctuary Fund      |
| Carleen Hunsucker     | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Willis Linder         | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Carl & Annie McIntosh | Becky Garrison              | Cemetery Fund       |
| Velma Nixon           | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Mary Ollis            | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Guy & Etrulia McIntosh      | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Frances D Hudson            | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Ted & Joyce Gaston          | Building Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Thomas & Imogene Carmichael | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | W A Abernethy Jr.           | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Art & Janet Howard          | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Art & Janet Howard          | Building Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Keith & Leila Hager         | Cemetery Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Ronnie & Iris Walker        | Cemetery Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Ronald & Marie Henson       | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Joe & Janice Caskey         | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Catherine Day               | Building Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | The Cemetery Committee      | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Don & Susan Grice           | Building Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Hill's Chapel UMC           | Cemetery Fund       |
| RC Sifford            | Doris & John Sifford        | Cemetery Trust Fund |
| RC Sifford            | Ruth Dellinger              | Sanctuary Fund      |
| RC Sifford            | David & Mary Leonard        | Building Fund       |
| Corbin Matthew Tuttle | Catherine Day               | Building Fund       |
| Corbin Matthew Tuttle | Dean & Sheila Dellinger     | Building Fund       |
| Kevin Woolwine        | Elaine Stilwell             | Cemetery Trust Fund |

# Thank You

Hill's Chapel UMC, Thank you all very much for our exam packages. We greatly appreciate knowing we have the support of a Christian family during the stressful time of exams. Thank you, Neely & Abby Reid

Hill's Chapel, Thank you so much for the exam box of goodies that you sent me. It came at a great time, as I was getting ready for exams. Thank you for remembering me. My first semester at NC State was great, and I appreciate the support that you continue to send me even while I'm at college! JT Gaston

Hill's Chapel, Thanks for the fruit basket and all the cards and calls during my recovery from knee replacement. Special thanks to Val for her visits to the hospital. God Bless! Kevin Dellinger

Dear Church Family, Thanks to all of you for your many calls and visits during my hospital stay and after getting home. It is great having so many prayers from each of you. We hope to know after the 26<sup>th</sup> what happens next. We will let you know. God Bless You, Martha Jones

Dear Friends at Hill's Chapel, Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, calls, cards and food provided to us during this difficult time. All of your acts of kindness over the last several years since my dad's diagnosis have meant so much and only confirmed what a wonderful Church Family Hill's Chapel has. Special thanks to Val for all of her visits to the hospital these last several weeks. God bless each and every one of you! Kelly & Gary Carter and Dee Dee Linder

Thank you for the care package you sent me. All the items were so nice and useful. I am blessed to be a part of the Hill's Chapel Church family.

Kelly Butner

Thank you for the wonderful care package I received during finals. School is very busy and sometimes stressful. It is a big help to know that so many of you care about me. My church and its family are a wonderful blessing and I am very grateful.

Brandon Butner

Thank you for the generous love offering. It is an honor and a blessing to take care of the church and cemetery grounds. The Hill's Chapel family is so loving and kind to me and my family.

Barry Butner

Dear Congregation, Thank you for the generosity shown to us through the Staff Love Offering. Your kindness and support means so much. Your Servants, Pastor Val, Jeana, and Lea Anne

# MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Hill's Chapel will be sponsoring a Mobile Food Pantry at East Lincoln Christian Ministry on Friday, February 24, 2012. We will need volunteers to help out. All volunteers should be at ELCM by 9:00 am to get ready for the pick-up which begins at 10:00 am.

## Sharing thoughts with you.... *By Lori Gaston*

While attending the Lake Norman District Leadership Conference, two statements were made that have stayed with me....that I want to share with you:

- We do not work for Pastor Val, and Pastor Val does not work for us – *we all work together for Jesus!!!*
- *Power* in the pulpit begins with *prayer* in the pews

It takes ALL of us.....are you doing your part?

## United Methodist Women

The UMW will not have their covered dish supper on February 14. We will resume the regular Tuesday night meals on March 13 at 6:00.

There will be a country ham supper on Saturday, February 25 beginning at 5:00. We will also have take out orders. Please mark your calendar, tell all your friends and neighbors and let's make this a big success. All profits will go to the sanctuary fund. You will be hearing more about this in the coming weeks.

You hope you will give your support to this project.

Mae Goff



## **PICTURES NEEDED!**

Hill's Chapel is a happening kind of place! Help us to document the many events occurring on every front. When you take pictures--of the children, of baptisms, of fellowship meals and showers and sporting events and whatever else--please send a copy to the office. We can begin to keep a library or portfolio of pictures that document the history of the church, and that can be accessed for the many times we need slides for power point presentations. If you have pictures now stored in your computer documents, it would be a great time to forward some. Please also record the date, the people, and the nature of the event.

## **Recycling Project**



**Sponsored by the Youth**

**SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS!!!!**

The youth will be collecting aluminum cans for recycling. Collection containers will be placed behind the church, near the basement entrance, for collection. Aluminum cans may be dropped off in bags or dropped in individually. All proceeds from this project will go toward the Sanctuary Fund. Spread the word to your neighbors, family, friends, and co-workers.

**Please support our youth's effort to raise money for our sanctuary, while also helping our environment.**

# Anniversaries and Birthdays

## 9:00am Nursery

05 – Kelly & Cameron Carter  
12 – Iris Walker & Spencer Gaston  
19 – Norma Morrison & Kara Blackwelder  
26 – Pam Fisher

## 9:00am Children's Message

05 – Lori Gaston  
12 – John Gaston  
19 – Anne Graham  
26 – Pastor Val

## 9:00am Children's Church

05 – Sonya Gales  
12 – Debbie Edwards  
19 – Shannon Parker  
26 – Beth Dwyer

## 9:00am Greeters

05 – Mae Goff  
12 – Sylvia Ballard  
19 – TBD  
26 – Dwyer/Edwards

## 9:00am Snacks

05 – The Carter Family  
12 – The Gales Family  
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26 – Dwyer/Edwards

## 9:00am Worship Set-Up

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\*Please note volunteers are still needed.

## Willing Workers

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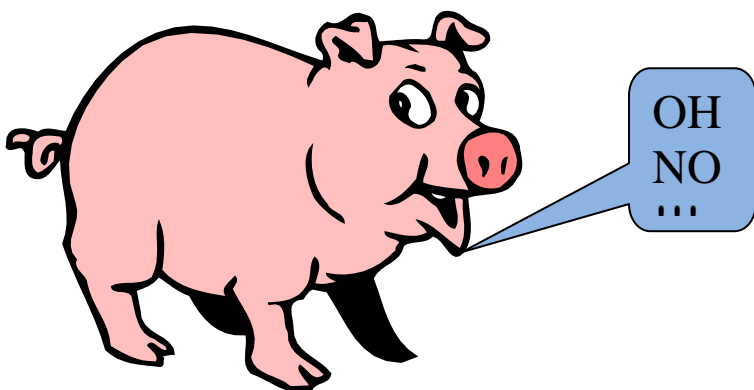
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OH YES!!  
Let's Bring  
Back an  
Old Tradition  
to Our  
Community!!

## Country Ham Supper

Hill's Chapel United Methodist Church  
988 S. Highway 16, Lowesville

Saturday, February 25th  
5:00 pm

Country Ham  
Sweet Potatoes Rice or Grits w/Red Eye Gravy  
Green Beans Homemade Biscuits  
Assorted Desserts  
Tea/Coffee

Adults \$8.00  
Children under 12 \$4.00

Dine In or Take Out  
Proceeds to go towards Sanctuary Fund  
For questions contact the church office at 704-827-9511

# Financial Snapshot

As of December 31, 2011

Lori Gaston, Treasurer

## General Fund:

|                        |                   |                          |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Contributions received |                   | 235,992.37               |
| Expenses paid out:     |                   |                          |
| Conference             |                   |                          |
| Apportionment          | (17,110.20)       |                          |
| Missions/Ministry      | (21,548.11)       |                          |
| Operations/Maintenance | (64,894.33)       |                          |
| Personnel              | (133,862.55)      |                          |
|                        | <b>Total</b>      |                          |
|                        | <b>Expenses</b>   | <u>(237,415.19)</u>      |
|                        | 2011 general fund |                          |
|                        | surplus/(deficit) | <u><u>(1,422.82)</u></u> |

## Capital Funds:

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| Sanctuary fund | 134,731.34               |
| Building fund  | <u>53,983.09</u>         |
| Total          | <u><u>188,714.43</u></u> |



**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Dinner, Craft and Games**

**Ages 3 yrs thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

**Reservations are not required**

**Drop off the kids and enjoy a free evening**

**For Questions Contact:**

**Hill's Chapel Church office: 704-827-9511**

**E-mail: [Hillschapel@bellsouth.net](mailto:Hillschapel@bellsouth.net)**

**or visit our website: [www.hcumc.com](http://www.hcumc.com)**

## Valentine's Bulletin

Send that special someone a Valentine wish! Each entry is \$1.00 and will be published in the Valentine's Bulletin on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please give to a Youth Leader or place in the offering plate. Messages are due by February 5<sup>th</sup>.

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Valentine's Day



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# Community Breakfast

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men  
Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 8am – 10am

*\*\*\* Join us for food and fellowship!!\*\*\**

Hill's Chapel UMC Family Life Center

Cost - \$5 per person





Join us for some Big Band Music  
and Luncheon

Thursday, February 16, 2012

11:00 am

Hill's Chapel UMC

Family Life Center

Everyone is welcome  
to join us for food and fellowship!



# Pastor's Pen

Dear Friends,

What does it mean to say that Jesus came not just that we should have life, but have it abundantly? What does abundance look like for us as individuals and church? We can begin by examining its opposite—scarcity. Scarcity means that there isn't enough. Scarcity means that we lack all that we need. Scarcity breeds fear—fear that in turn prompts us to increase our grip on whatever we do have and to limit our explorations into unknown or new territory. Scarcity feeds on this fear, thrives on it!

Jesus proclaimed and witnessed to abundance. He healed abundantly. He fed people abundantly. He forgave people abundantly. He loved abundantly, and he himself became that abundant life for his followers then and now.

For Hill's Chapel to proclaim and witness to God's abundance so freely given to us in Jesus Christ, we need to relinquish our fears that there isn't enough and that we lack all that we need. We need to ease up on our deathgrip that strangles the ideas and vision and joy that God continuously showers upon us. God calls us to trust him to lead us to a future filled with promise and hope. We need to relinquish the notion that somehow we can control God, and open ourselves to the truth that God will keep God's own covenant with us, and invites us to do the same.

We have experienced much change at Hill's Chapel that reflects the changes in our society. If indeed God has promised abundance, then that abundance is still within us and around us. We have resources available to us. We have skilled leaders and gifted members. We have lots of work to be done in this corner of God's kingdom. And within the membership of this church we have the finances to get this work done. We need to let go of our fears, let go of the need to be in control. We need to let go of this deathgrip, this grip of death, and reach out for the hand of Jesus extended to each of us and all of us. This hand represents life. Abundant life.

We have struggled financially over the past few years. Some of that struggle simply reflected the recession. Some of that struggle, though, reflects fear and the desire to try to control the future by clinging tightly to the gifts God gave with the expectation that we would share so that they might be multiplied, and become part of the story of God's abundance.

Lent begins this month. Lent is a time of reflection on God's goodness and on our many ways of turning away from that goodness. God invites us to repent—to turn back, to get back on the path. It's time, people.

Blessings,  
Val



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