

Florence-Carlton Community Church



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PIG ROAST

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16

*BBQ

*Potluck

*Pony Rides

*Hay Wagon Rides

*Pickin

*Eating at 4PM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE A NEIGHBOR TO THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON EVENT. BRING A DISH TO SHARE, A GUITAR IF YOU ENJOY PICKIN AND AN APPETITE FOR BBQ. PONY RIDES FOR THE KIDS AND HAY RIDES FOR EVERYONE. SEE YOU THERE. YEE-HA!!

A WORD FROM DAVID

I am being invaded by pumpkins.

Beth and Ginny have begun the annual interior transformation at the house that takes place this time each year. They love the fall, and the autumn decorations are coming out in full force. All that can be changed over is now brown, orange or yellow, and every throw or tabletop will, by the end of the week, have some sort of ceramic representation or cloth image of a pumpkin on it.

The pumpkin is one of the iconic images of the fall harvest. Being a warm weather fruit, it is planted in late spring/early summer, and therefore ready for harvest only as fall arrives. When one wants to create a display creating the sense of fall and harvesting the bounty of the growing season, it has to include a pumpkin.

All of these pumpkins around the house stirred my thinking about harvest. Harvest, I have concluded, is the end result – the ‘fruit’, if you will - of a laborious process. The harvest is the final phase of the agricultural endeavor, and must be preceded by other activities in order to occur, such as preparation of the growing medium, planting, cultivation, and time. Without those preceding steps, a harvest never takes place. Without the labor ahead of time, you get no pumpkins.

I began to review what the Bible has to say about “harvest.” The New Testament has a number of harvest images centered around spiritual development. Those images of harvesting speak of both the unbeliever being transformed by the power of God and coming to a saving faith in Jesus Christ, and the believer being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit to lead a life more pleasing to God.

Like a physical harvest, a spiritual harvest does not occur without the preceding steps of preparation, planting, cultivation, and time. In order to see the ‘fruit of our labor’ in our relationship with God, we must remember that some labor has to go into the relationship. Which brings me to the question: What has your labor been like? Have you allowed God to use you to “prepare” another person to hear the gospel with your attitudes and actions? Have you planted the seed of the message of Jesus with anyone lately? Have you taken steps to cultivate your walk with the Lord? Harvest is the result of the labor.

“Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.”
Jesus, John 4:35-36 NRSV

There are pumpkins around the house. They speak to the reward of labor done in the hope of a bountiful harvest. May we be inspired to labor for the Lord in a way that allows Him to reap a bountiful harvest for His kingdom.

Grace and peace



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Club will meet on Tuesdays at 11:30am. If you can help on Tuesday please contact Judy Harvey 721-2691. The 2nd Tuesday monthly will be potluck.

Sunday morning Greeters are needed for both services—see the sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

Please give Susan Inman a call with your updates to our Military wall 273-3416.

If you have any request for our library please let Susan Inman know of them 273-3416.

October council meeting will be held on the 20th at 6pm. If you have agenda items, please get them to Lois Horsens by October 17th. Council meetings are open meetings and Church members and non-members alike are welcome to attend the meeting.

**RUMMAGE SALE
Fundraiser for
Holly Leonard
Hope’s Promise**

Saturday, October 15, 9:00am - 3:00 pm. A trailer will be available for any donations, please drop your items Thursday or Friday be for the sale. If you need help moving your items please call Tara Leonard at 273-4787. If you can help with setting up, selling and/or clean up please call Tara.



BE A VOLUNTEER!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Another Sunday School year is upon us. There are exciting updates to our program coming this year. John McNeece is working hard on taking Sunday School to a new level with a new modular curriculum and format. We will be meeting at the same time, during 1100 service. We have a wonderful group of teachers returning, but we need additional teachers to strengthen our program. Sunday School is a primary mission for FCCC and an important entry point for both children and parents into our community. Many of us have experienced the benefits of our Sunday School program as parents of children attending or as participants, ourselves. This program needs some volunteers willing to help continue the strong mission objective of FCCC Sunday School. The only talent required is a willingness to serve. Please contact Tom Leonard, John McNeece or Gary Brownlee if you can help, in any capacity.

Griefshare will present **Surviving the Holidays** on **Sunday Oct. 30 at 3:00**. This is a special, one time only session to help get through the holiday season after the death of a loved one. You do not need to be a member of the Griefshare group to attend this session. For information or more details, call Lois 239-7698.



Anguish of Heart will be holding their fall retreat **November 4-6, 2011**. Flyers are available in the narthex. Or, visit the website to get more details, or to register: www.anguishofheart.org



Jr. High Sunday School—11:00 Sundays
Sr. High Sunday School—9:45 Sundays
Youth Group “ZION”
Jr. High Youth Group—Sunday 6-8pm
Senior High Group—Tuesday 7-9pm

FALL BAZAAR

SATURDAY - NOV 12
9:00AM - 2:00PM

Lunch: home made soup
Sandwiches, pie
Apple dumplings,
Coffee and tea

Handmade items: aprons, tea towels

Silent Auction: Special one of a kind

Pony rides: weather permitting
12-2pm

Christmas music

Several ladies work for days to set up and clean up the bazaar. This year we are going to try to ease the burdens. As you bring your items for the bazaar, you will be asked to price your donations. We will also ask that you pick up any unsold items after the bazaar on Sat. or after services on Sunday. Hopefully this will not be a huge burden on anyone, will help immensely, and make our bazaar more successful than ever.



NATIVITY

Fall is here and the holidays are on the way. I am still hoping to have a nativity display in front of Florence Carlton Community Church! Bob Simms has offered to help with construction. We still need some artistic talent to help design and paint. Please call Lois 239-7698 if you can help in anyway!

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Sun Schedule: Worship Service 9:00am and 11:00
Wednesday: Cowboy Church 6:59pm—Carlton Chapel
Nursery care is provided downstairs during worship for 3yrs and under for your worshipping enjoyment.
Children’s Church meets downstairs during the sermon for ages 3 through Kindergarten during the 9:00 service.
Coffee is served in the New Fellowship Hall every Sunday at 10:30.

Sunday School meets downstairs on Sundays:
Preschool –5th grade 11:00 – 12:00
Jr High—6,7,8 grade 11:00-12:00 Youth room
High School—9:45-10:30 Youth room
Adult—11:00-12:00 Conference Room

Opportunities for Involvement:

Weekday Bible Studies:

Monday 9:30am; contact: **Dace Hawkinson 273-0209**

Monday 1:30pm; contact: **Connie Dierking 273-4229**

Jo Walton 273-2487

Tuesday 6:45-7:45am; Hayloft Cafe (Lolo)
contact: **Steve Arno 273-6271**

Weekly Activities:

***Friendship Club** - Tues. 11:30am,
contact: **Judy Harvey 721-2691**

***Youth Group** - www.f-ccc-zion.com
Jr. High Sunday 6-8pm—Sr. High Tuesday 7-9pm

***AWANA Program**— will resume in the fall.

***Choir Practice** - Wednesday 7:00pm (Sept.—May)

***Worship Band Practice** – Thursday 6:00pm

***Grief Share** - contact **Lois Horsens 239-7698**

***Mary/Martha Fellowship**
1st Monday monthly at 6:00pm, at the church.
contact: **Dace Hawkinson 273-6601**

***Men’s Outreach Movement**
Contact: **Russ Copeland 273-2599**

If you have a **Prayer Concern** for the FCCC Prayer Chain,
contact: **Wilma Marchinek at 273-4907 or**
fccepc@gmail.com.

***For use of the church facilities**
contact: **Phebe Applegate 273-6811**

(Please remember to stack all tables and chairs after each activity. The facility is in use most evenings during the week and should be ready for the next group coming in.)

The Church Council
October 20, 2011
6:00pm

Lois Horsens — Moderator/ 239-7698
Dean Heitzmann — Treasurer/Secretary 370-8847
Gary Brownlee — Christian Education / 273-2359
Karen Hill — Fellowship / 251-2249
Guy Sharp — Buildings and Ground / 273-2461
Ward McCaughey —Worship/Communication / 273-6759
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Youth Pastor-John McNece,
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WISDOM FROM THE
JOHNNY LLAMA ...

Greetings everyone! I hope the last month was wonderful, and that God shined His grace upon you. Last month I shared with you all how Susan and I came to own our beloved llama, and the struggles of cutting hay. Since the last newsletter, I have completely finished my haying duties, and it is a huge burden lifted off me. So thank you to Dean Heitzman for your wisdom and patience while teaching me the art of hay.

I had a hard time this month decided what to share with you all. So I have chosen to fill you in on a more recent addition to our little farm. A couple months ago Susan and I inherited an extremely large, loud goose. She is a beautiful bird with a completely white complexion and blue eyes that gaze through your soul. But don't let her looks distract you from the fact that she is an extremely bossy bird (she picks on our poor chickens and steals their food).



My dad actually bought the goose off craigslist to protect his chickens on his property in the river bottom. Well needless to say the goose did not do her job. My dad lost all but two of his chickens to a raccoon, fox or maybe even Sasquatch. The whereabouts of his chickens is a complete mystery to us (we even put up one of those game cameras, but still never caught the culprit). My dad decided that he couldn't keep birds on his property, so he decided a more appropriate location for the goose would be our house. Thus the goose took residence at our house. We have yet to name our goose, so we are open to suggestions.

This story just reminds me of a passage that Jesus says in John 14. Jesus says in John 14:15-18, "If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." In this passage Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, and says that we will not be left as orphans. In the story of our goose, she went through quite the ordeal because everything around her was picked off and destroyed. If the goose had feelings I'm sure she would have felt alone and lost because all that she had known was gone. We go through the same experiences in our lives. We lose a loved one, lose a job, experience hurt and disloyalty. But here is one of the promises of Jesus, YOU WILL NEVER BE ALONE and YOU WILL NOT BE LEFT.

I like to think that we gave our goose a good home, a place where it is welcomed and won't be forgotten. Jesus wants to take each and everyone of us to a place where we know we won't be forgotten.

God bless you this month!

~~~~Johnny Llama~~~~