

Leaf Peeping

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thessalonians 5:21).

The leaves of the trees are silently bellowing the last hurrah for the season. The bright hues are shouting out to the onlookers, whereas the mountains are calling for excited purveyors of summer to view the rainbow of colors tanned by the sun. It is an amazing time to watch visible signs of the waning hours of summer to the deadening empty leaves of winter.

While leaves change their colors, God never changes. Long nights and short days bring on the change of pigment in each leaf. But nothing changes the character and heart of God. His promises are 'yea, and amen' in Christ Jesus.

One day the glorious God of the universe will come again. One can sense the coldness of mankind as he is growing shorter in patience and arrogance toward his fellow man. The day hours are less of light which the night darkness is longer. Sin is now rampant all over God's earth. Things used to be done in the night are now seen in the light, and hatred for God's holiness and sovereignty is loathed outwardly more than ever.

When is the Lord coming again? We do not know, but we believe He is. Mankind is showing off alright, and it is not good. Man is blind, and he refuses to see. He is so caught up in his own affairs that he takes no time to think things through. As a matter of a certain and sure fact, he doesn't care. He tosses the thought back from whence it came.

In his book "**Amusing Ourselves to Death**," Neil Postman argues 'that television has habituated its watchers to a low information-action ratio, that people are accustomed to 'learning' good ideas [even from sermons] and then doing nothing about them."

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So, this fall season, do not allow the changing leaves of the times to keep you from being an evergreen for God. Get by the living waters and stay put. Abide in Him and allow His Spirit to flow into every vein and artery of your life.

Have you given your body to the Holy Spirit that He may use for His glory? If you do, and if I will, then we will have the power of God working through us. And the changing times around us will not infiltrate us nor cause us to change with the world.

I love you,

Pastor Don

SENIOR ADULTS/FRONTRUNNERS

October 5 Free movie @ 9:30 AM

Graham Cinema

October 10 Sr. Adults breakfast @ 8:30 AM

Western Steak House

October 12 Free movie @ 9:30 AM

Paramount Theater

October 16 Crossroad Ministries @ 6:00 PM

Mex-Am, Graham

October 17 Sr. Adults trip to NC State Fair

7:00 AM – Meet for breakfast at Danny's Cafe (110 W. Front Street,

Burlington)

8:00 AM – Meet at Burlington Amtrak

Depot

9:45 AM - Arrive at Fair

5:00 PM – Depart for Burlington Arrive Burlington around 8 PM

October 23-26 Senior Adults trip to Pigeon Forge, TN

Leave at 7 AM. Return on Oct. 26

At 5 PM.

October 31 Prayer Warriors Service at 9:00 AM

Grace Reformed Baptist Church (939 S. Third Street, Mebane)

YOUTH MINISTRY

October 7 Youth Service Day – Meet at youth

house at 9:30 AM to go out and

serve together!

October 16-18 Shepherds Conference at Colonial

Baptist in Cary, NC – Meet at KMBC each night at 5:45 PM to attend the conference! We'll return to the church around 9:45 PM each night. We will

be carpooling and parents are

welcome to come!

October 29 Super Sunday after PM service –

dress up as your favorite Bible story.
A gift card will be awarded to the
Winner of costume contest so get

Creative!

OLYMPIAN MINISTRY

October 18 WOL Store – Hard work is rewarded

with a "shopping" trip

October 25 Theme night: Cookie

For every day of quiet time completed for the week and any verse said, you get to GUESS HOW MANY CHOCOLATE

CHIPS. There will be a WINNER!

Highlight Jesus, Highlight Others

Theme: Church

Examples of service: sing, clean-up, special thing for pastor or worker, 5th -6th graders help in children's church

October 31 TRUNK-OR-TREAT 6:30 PM

It's time for our annual neighborhood outreach.

Please sign up for a parking space. Either decorate your trunk, with a theme that is not scary, or have a game in the space for the children to participate in. You will need enough candy/treats for at least 200. Everyone is a WINNER!

Several parking spaces will win a prize for their décor. Be in place and ready to go by **6 PM**.

For a cake walk: individually wrapped cupcakes, brownies or cookies are needed. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

This event is a great opportunity to meet our neighborhood blessings and them to meet us. They know we are a safe place. **Trunk-or-Treat is an opportunity to shine Jesus.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Now Accepting Donations!

From now until **Wednesday, November 1**, the youth will be collecting monetary donations and gift items to include in shoe boxes. **Each box costs \$9 to ship** and the youth will be buying items with donations, so **monetary donations are welcome!**

Suggested items include: toothbrushes, bandaids, reusable plastic containers (water bottles, etc.), blankets, coloring/craft items, stickers, playdough, balls, small toys, etc.

See flyer on bulletin board in Welcome Center for more information.

Looking Ahead

October 8

Gideon Speaker at
10:55 AM service
(Fred Jenkins, NC State
Scripture Coordinator)

October 19

Circle of Friends, 7 PM

Fellowship Hall

November 12 Veteran's Service, 10:55 AM

December 3 All-Choir Christmas Program

3 PM & 6 PM

December 10 Kidz special Christmas music at evening service

December 17 Teens special Christmas

music at evening service

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Ayden Barnes	10/01
Tommy Teer	10/02
Mike Kolody	10/03
Harriet Payne	10/03
Conner Thaxton	10/03
Colton Martin	10/04
Ann Davis	10/08
Connie Fearnow	10/12
Jennifer Overcash	10/13
Micah Orozco	10/15
Ken Beverly	10/18
Libby Long	10/20
Ellen Roberts	10/22
Amanda Long	10/23
Amariah (AJ) Pratt	10/26
Jay Whitt	10/26
Kyra Kudron	10/27
Janie Mitchell	10/31

Crescent Project National Conference 2017 Another Great Awakening November 2-4, Raleigh-Durham, NC

Dynamic Speakers / Workshops /
Interactive Panel with Believers from a
Muslim Background
Register Now! Cresentproject.org/NC

See Flyer on the Bulletin Board in the Welcome Center

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Andrew & Bethany Fearnow 10/06 Shawn & Jennifer Rudd 10/16 Logan & Kelly Rhew 10/26

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Senior Adults Prayer Warriors Grace Reformed Baptist Church (939 S. Third Street, Mebane)

Join us as we unite together in prayer for our churches, communities, towns, First Responders, Sheriffs, Deputies, Police, EMS, Fire & Rescue, Military and more.

A meal will be provided following the service.