



The Moravian Messenger

Rural Hall Moravian Church

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Enter to Worship,
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FROM OUR PASTOR:

Our vision for life changes as we age. When we are young, we are constantly looking forward to the new which we anticipate in our lives. We live into the future! I see young children looking forward to being able to go to school or to drive a car or be old enough to get a job. Change is our friend when we are in this stage of life. Later on as we age, we come to a place where we wish to go back to what we see as a better time. If we can't go back, we at least want to keep things from changing even more. When we are young, we live into the future and when we are old, we tend to live into the past. In 1 Corinthians 15, we are presented with a vision of the future that all Christians should have...it is a vision of God's future which is eternal rather than an earthly future that is deteriorating.

⁵⁰ "What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: Death has been swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵ Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

With God's vision for our life, we can live leaning into the future when we are old because it is not bound to this world. How are you living?

Pastor Steve

EDUCATOR'S CORNER...

LOGOS Ministry at Rural Hall Moravian Church



LOGOS means *word (of God)*. As the idea of the LOGOS ministry was broached at RHMC, there were a lot of words. The words came from Pastor Steve, from discussions in Board meetings, from members of the congregation who were willing to spend a couple of days in Charlotte to find out about the ministry of LOGOS. There were MORE WORDS...from those who had explored the ministry of LOGOS and from me. Then all the *words* began to multiple, because more people were asked to help begin a ministry that "*equips adult leaders to nurture children and youth into discipleship.*"

As the ministry of LOGOS began in September 2007, the words of John 1:1-3 resonated throughout the halls and walls of RHMC. "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.*" That was three years ago. What *came into being* were 14 students and at least twice that number of adults coming together on Wednesday afternoons. Those afternoons provided opportunities for Recreation/Play, Bible Study, a Family style meal with table themes and Worship Skills/Worshipping together.

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May Volunteers



May Birthdays

- 01 - Barbara Sellers
- 02 - Bob Bruce
- 02 - Alexander Longworth
- 04 - Matthew Pegram
- 05 - Eben Sifferlen
- 07 - Nich Hall
- 12 - Heather Smith
- 13 - Juanita Carmichael
- 15 - Chris Tally
- 19 - Ashlyn Lorentz
- 20 - Joe Hoover
- 21 - Lisa Burchette
- 21 - Ashleigh Essic
- 22 - Ruth McCall
- 24 - Bryan Bowles
- 27 - Lori White
- 28 - Caitlin Boutwell
- 28 - Adam Ridge
- 29 - Katelyn Williams
- 30 - Adrian Mikol

Greeters: Sunday School: Ronye Blackburn; Worship: Billie Williams

Ground's Keeper: Randy Thomas

Nursery Sunday 2 – Michelle Bennett, Lori White

School Workers: 9 – Molly Lorentz, Vickie Smith

16 – Heather Smith, Jan Speas

23 – Tina Taylor, Kelly Whitman

30 – Danny & Anne Christian



Nursery Worship 2 – Bryan & Candice Bowles

Workers: 9 – Heather Smith, Jan Speas

16 – Kelly and Amy Whitman

23 – Molly Lorentz, Lena Ammons

30 – Linda and Melissa Shoaf

Sanctuary Flowers: 2 – June Fultz

9 – Marianne Fay

16 – Kelly Whitman

23 – Communion

30 – Barbara Wheeler



Sound Operator: Rob Holby

Ushers: Jim Helsabeck, Rick Page, Mac Taylor, Randy Thomas

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	SUN. SCH.	WORSHIP
MARCH 28	58	111
APRIL 4	NO	184
APRIL 11	66	131
APRIL 18	<u>58</u>	<u>155</u>
2010 Averages:	66	138
Palm Sunday Lovefeast		87
Holy Week-Monday		36
Holy Week-Tuesday		42
Holy Week-Wednesday		54
Holy Week-Thursday		59
Holy Week-Friday, 2:15		31
Holy Week-Friday, 7:00		28

MISSION NEEDS

Crisis Control Ministry Pantry:



May: rice

June: soap or shampoo



Committee Meetings

Missions & Evangelism
Committee: Monday, May 3,
6:30 PM, Library

Music & Worship Committee:
Wednesday, May 12,
6:30 PM, Library

Christian Education Committee:
Thursday, May 20,
6:30 PM, Library

Church Board: Sunday,
May 23, 6:30 PM, Library

**June Newsletter
Articles Due By
Monday, May 24**

Church Band Schedule



May 2
Anniversary Lovefeast
10:30 AM - Prelude

May 23
Day of Pentecost Communion
10:30 AM - Prelude

Graduate Recognition



Special recognition will be given to the 2010 graduates of our congregation in our June 6 morning worship service.

To help us prepare for this special occasion, we need to know the following information of all high school and college graduates: their name, name of the school, honors received and future plans. Please turn this information in to the church office **by 12 Noon on May 26** by placing a note in the secretary's box, by phone call or by email: secretary@rhmc.org.



Jr. High Youth Fellowship (Grades 6-8)

Sunday, May 2 & May 16:
5:00 PM, Junior High Room



Sr. High Youth Fellowship (Grades 9-12)

YARD SALE:
MAY 1 — 7:00 AM UNTIL 2:00 PM
Invite Family, Friends, Neighbors!

Sunday, May 2, 9 & 30: NO MEETING
Sunday, May 16 & 23: 5:00 PM, Regular Meeting

Men's Softball Schedule

Games Played at Beck's Baptist Field



Thursday, May 6, 6:30 PM vs. Bridges
Thursday, May 6, 8:30 PM vs. 1st Assembly-Gold
Thursday, May 13, 9:30 PM vs. Germantown
Tuesday, May 18, 8:30 PM vs. Stanleyville
Thursday, May 27, 7:30 PM vs. Poplar Springs-A

EDUCATOR'S CORNER...

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LOGOS means more than God speaking. It also means God is in action—creating and revealing. Genesis 1:1 tells us that, “*In the beginning when God created...*” Amos 3:6 tells us that “*the Lord God does nothing, without revealing his secret to his servants...*”

After three years, to celebrated God's word, action and revelation, the Steering Committee of LOGOS wants to INVITE YOU to help us celebrate and give thanks for three *wonder-filled* years of the LOGOS ministry.

On Sunday, May 16, directly after Worship, the congregation and friends of the congregation are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall. You will enter into a place that has been decorated for celebration. The staff and students of the LOGOS ministry will guide you through our dinner hour. Our goal is for you to “experience LOGOS” - to be a child of God, to be treated as a child of God and to treat others as a child of God.



See you on SUNDAY, May 16.

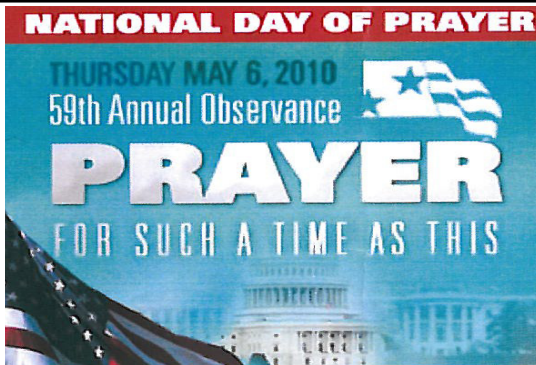
Joe Hoover



Share God's Love With A Smile — Be a Church Greeter!



Volunteers are needed to greet members and visitors in the elevator lobby prior to Sunday School and Worship. Sunday School Greeters are needed for June through December. Worship Greeters are needed for July through December. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary or you may call the church office. This ministry is a wonderful way to reach out in love to our visitors and our own family of faith.



Town
Of
Rural
Hall
At 12
Noon
On
May 6

Everyone is invited to attend a National Day of Prayer Service at the Town of Rural Hall hosted by The Town of Rural Hall and the Rural Hall / Stanleyville Ministerial Association. The Town of Rural Hall joins The National Day of Prayer Task Force in their efforts to call our nation to prayer, seek God's guidance, and mobilize the Christian community to America and its leadership, and to help facilitate prayer growth in the Rural Hall community. A light lunch will be provided afterwards for all in attendance, courtesy of Steve Hill Insurance Agency, Carolina Farm Credit and the Town of Rural Hall.

Code Red—Emergency Notification System



The Rural Hall Fire Department participates in the **CodeRED™ Emergency Notification System** - an ultra high-speed telephone communication service for emergency notifications. This system allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the County in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action. The system is capable of dialing 60,000 phone numbers per hour. It then delivers our recorded message to a live person or an answering machine, making three attempts to connect to any number. All Forsyth County residents are urged to register for the Code Red program (up to two phone numbers) by contacting Randy Wood, 703-2555. Judy Tayloe sent an email to everyone on the church's email list that has links for you to click on to register your home or business.

MISSIONS & EVANGELISM NEWS

We have been collecting stamps, pop tops, and box tops for charity. Dorothy Mathews prepared the interesting history of the stamp ministry for us. It is quite interesting and thought you would enjoy it as well. For added information, the pop tops go to the Ronald McDonald House, and the box tops for education go to Rural Hall Elementary School. The school can trade these box tops in for school supplies. Stamps, box tops, and pop tops can be placed in the white plastic drawer bin in the elevator lobby. Drawers are labeled. We thank you for your participation.



Our Stamp Ministry

The Missions and Evangelism Team

‘One man’s trash is another man’s treasure.’ It’s hard to believe that something we routinely throw away could be more valuable than gold to someone else. And yet saving a cancelled stamp, less than 2 square inches of a used envelope, can help lead a person to Christ.



Our stamp ministry is part of the Alliance Stamp Ministry. This year the money raised by selling the stamps will be used to print Sunday school material for children in South and Latin America (in their own language). Examples can be found at www.publicaciones.net. Alliance Stamp Ministry began as the Women's Stamp Ministry just after World War II when a missionary to Colombia, Robert Searing, had the idea of funding his literature ministry through the sale of cancelled stamps. Over the years the project grew. In 1971, Evelyn Neale, a senior living in Fort Myers, Florida, engaged the volunteer assistance of fellow seniors to prepare the donated stamps for sale. The Shell Point Retirement Community continues to prepare those stamps. Their volunteers change, but their faith does not. To date, they have raised over half a million dollars for Christ’s ministry by selling stamps at \$1.00/lb.

If you want to be a part of this ministry, please save your stamps. There’s a white plastic cabinet in the mailbox foyer to put them in. Trim the stamps so that there is a ¼ inch to ½ inch border around the stamp (it is better to trim widely than too closely). If you want to leave the whole envelope or just rip off the corner, someone from the Evangelism Committee will trim them. The Alliance takes presorted, pre-cancelled and bulk rate stamps. They do not take stamps that are machine-metered or on deep-color paper. They take all denominations and all nationalities of stamps. We are fortunate in Forsyth County because the Forsyth County Extension Club sorts and mails the stamps off, making the ministry even more cost-efficient. Save your stamps! Help us turn your trash into treasure worth more than gold.



Crisis Control Ministry’s Hope du Jour, Tuesday, May 4

Hope du Jour is Crisis Control’s signature special event to fight hunger in Forsyth County and to raise community awareness about hunger. Area participating restaurants will donate at least 10% of their proceeds on May 4 to Crisis Control food pantry to purchase perishables such as milk, bread, butter, eggs, etc-items not collected by food drives. Participating restaurants can be found in the Winston-Salem Journal or on the website at www.hopedujour.org or on the mission’s bulletin board. When you dine at one of the listed restaurants, please thank the restaurant proprietor for their support of *Hope du Jour*.

We at Rural Hall Moravian will break bread together at the Rural Hall Mayflower at 12 for lunch on May 4. If you would like to sit together as a group, please sign up on the list posted on the church news bulletin board or call the office at 969-9488.

Church Office Reminder

**Office Hours:
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM, Monday thru Thursday**

Bulletin announcements due by Noon on Thursdays. Newsletter articles due by Noon on the Monday prior to the last Sunday of each month.

2010 Summary of Church Finances

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/2010</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>3/31/2010</u>	<u>Difference</u>
General Fund	\$ 33,324.64	\$ 22,017.70	-\$11,306.94
Building Fund	\$117,755.05	\$117,755.05	\$ 0.00
Second Mile	\$ 3,260.61	\$ 3,420.61	\$ 160.00
Other Funds*	\$ <u>33,442.35</u>	\$ <u>23,159.72</u>	-\$10,282.63
Total All Funds	\$187,782.65	\$166,353.08	-\$21,429.57

*S. S. classes, Men’s Fellowship, Sr. High Youth, etc.

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Difference</u>
March:	\$19,910.59	\$22,743.90	-\$2,833.31