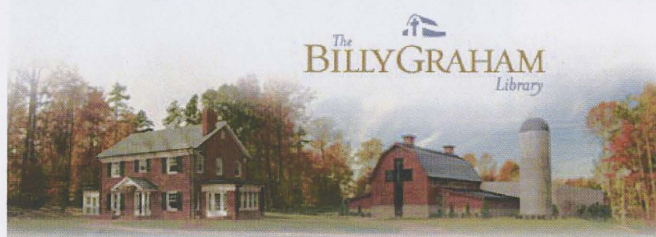


FRIENDLY NEWS FOR "THEE"



December 2008

A Visit to the Billy Graham Library



On September 16, 2008, eleven Friends from White Plains traveled to Charlotte, NC, for a visit of the Billy Graham Library. It was a rainy day but we were greeted by the staff from the Library with smiling faces and umbrellas. We entered the library at the foot of the 40 foot cross which stands at the entry way. Inside, we were introduced to "Bessie a talking cow". Bessie gave us a short preview of Billy Graham's life on the dairy farm and gave directions for a tour of the library. We then began a journey of faith. The journey depicted Billy Graham's life and ministry with video/multi-media presentations and other exhibits.

We enjoyed a delicious lunch in the dairy bar where several of us had the chicken salad croissant that was made with the recipe of Billy's mother. In additions to visiting the library we also toured the restored home from Billy's childhood and the prayer garden where Billy's wife Ruth is buried. The time spent at the Billy Graham library was enjoyable and very informative.

Item submitted by Gloria Crabtree



Homecoming at White Plains Friends

On October 26, 2008, White Plains Friends Meeting celebrated their annual Homecoming. Several visitors and former members came to attend the hour for worship and later to enjoy a wonderful meal and fellowship with friends and family. We had approximately 100 members and their guest attending. As usual there was more than enough food and no one went away hungry. A special thanks to the hospitality committee for wonderfully handling the setup and serving of food. Remember to mark your calendars for next year's homecoming to be held the forth Sunday in October.



Christmas Cantata

"Emmanuel," a Christmas cantata celebrating Heaven's Child, will be presented by our choir on Sunday morning, December 14, 2008. This 35-minutes musical has many recognizable and best-loved Christmas songs of all time. The cantata will be narrated by Nancy and Art Johnson, with Brenda Marshall as soprano soloist.

Item submitted by Jean Williamson

The Pastor's Pen

"James 4: 14"

In the book of James, we read about an interesting subject, "Time". James says "For what is your life?" It is even a vapor that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away.

It doesn't seem that I have been your pastor for nearly three months. My, how time swiftly passes.

James says that our lives are like a vapor that will pass away quickly. With this in mind, it reminds us how important it is that we use our time wisely. If you have thought that our church need an additional class, maybe a study group, a servants group (a group that can be called when a homebound needs leaves raked, a small repair, a ride to the doctor, etc.) Maybe that small little voice is whispering in your ear that our youth leader could use your help. If the Lord is speaking to you, now is the time to venture out. If some of us are thinking that we will start reading our Bible and praying on a daily basis, tomorrow. We really don't have the luxury of waiting for tomorrow, "Life is like a vapor." This is also true for our individual life. Before we blink an eye our children are grown and suddenly we realize that time has passed by. Did we take the time to instill in our children the love of our Lord? Did we take the time to let our children and our spouses know that Jesus is Lord of our life, but they are more important to us than our own life.

My prayer is that each of us will grasp the opportunities that are available to us. That we put our intentions into action. Don't put off what we can be doing for the Lord now. Some of the opportunities we have today will not be there tomorrow. Our time is now and we must do what God has called us to do. The Lord said "the harvest is ripe, but the workers are few".

Your pastor,

Jake

Halloween Hoedown

Kids, parents and even grandparents enjoyed an evening of food and fun at the Halloween Hoedown, held October 17th.

Robin Benfield took photos of the kids at the "barn" then rushed to Walmart to have them reprinted. Later on in the evening, the kids put their pictures in decorated frames and took them home.

Everyone feasted on Mummy Dogs, Goblin Fingers, Hoot Owl Heads and Marshmallow Witches. The real hit of the evening, though, was Robin's Wicked Good Punch. Many of you have asked for the recipe, but unfortunately, she didn't use one! She just made it up.

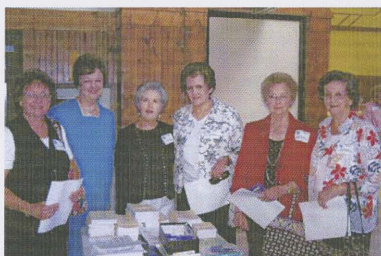
LuAnn Loy, sporting her orange and black witch legs, led the kids from activity to activity. Pumpkin decorating, games, crafts and story rounded out the evening.

A special thanks goes out to John Moseley, whose help in the kitchen was greatly appreciated!

Item submitted by LoAnn Loy



USFW Annual Gathering



Item submitted by Frances Bolick

On August 6, 2008, Gloria Crabtree, Brenda Marshall, Bennie Burton, Frances Bolick, Carolyn York, and Bessie McMillion attended the U.S.F.W. annual gathering at Quaker Lake. The theme for the event was, "What is That in Your Hand?" Ladies from all over North Carolina Yearly Meeting enjoyed a period of visitation, delicious luncheon, and various reports and installation of new officers and committees. The highlight of the event was the comic/spiritual speaker, Kelly Swanson.

One Who Serves

Provisions for the White Plains Friends Cemetery have been in existence since the land for a meeting house was acquired in 1883. Our White Plains history book indicates the first person buried at White Plains Friends was Dora Marshall Harrell on January 10 1886. Since the beginning someone has been responsible for maintaining our cemetery. For the past 50 years, Jack York has served on or headed the committee that is most responsibly for our cemetery including maintenance and guidelines for use. He along with other committee members sees to it that the cemetery is mowed and kept in neat order. They also maintain records of who is buried there and ownership of the lots. Recently the committee has arranged to have several stones reset and raised. New makers have also been applied to several graves.

Jack has been a member of White Plains Friends Meeting for 68 years since his marriage to Madge.

Thank you Jack for a job well done.

Item submitted by Gloria Crabtree

Happy Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Mosley
70th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton W. Moseley celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 28, 2008. They were married in 1938.

Their children are Sarah M. Johnson, John Moseley and wife Tracy, and son-in-law Bill Belton. Clinton and Benny have four grandchildren, Christine Casey and her husband, Pat; Brady Johnson and his wife, Julie; Ben Belton; and Caroline Moseley. They also have two great-grandchildren, Jack and Henry.

Clinton retired from Merritt Machine and Mrs. Moseley is a homemaker.



Happy Birthday Wishes Go To:

Norma Haynes - November 15

Art Johnson - December 14

Maria Beck - December 26



Anniversary Congratulation Go To:

Art and Nancy Johnson
November 5

Maria and Church Beck
November 6

Norma and Archie Haynes
December 4

Betsy and Darryl Johnson
December 12

Wanda and Bracky Rogers
December 2

Please be sure Sarah Penley has your birth date and anniversary date!

Those Who Have Gone On Before Us

Thomas Baity York, a member of White Plains Friends for the past 68 years passed away November 2, 2008.

Fay Ila Brintle, passed away July 30, 2008. Fay Ila spent her childhood in White Plains and was the aunt of Francis Bolick.

A Trip to Shatley Springs



On October 7, 2008, a group of Friends from White Plains traveled into the Blue Ridge Mountains on a day trip of sightseeing and shopping. The highlighted of the day was lunchtime at Shatley Springs.

Photo submitted by Maria Beck



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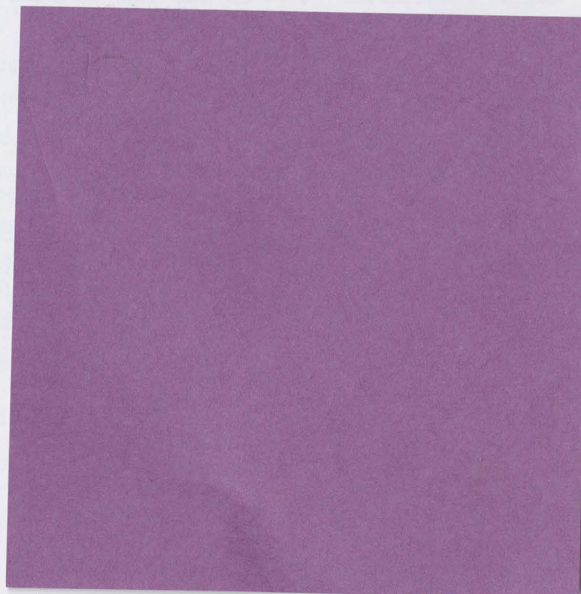
**Regularly scheduled services are
held each week as follows:**

Sunday Services

Prayer Time: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship: 11:00 am

Wednesday Services

Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Choir Practice: 8:00 pm



Cemetery News

Recently, many questions have been asked about cremation burials in our cemetery. Following are basic guidelines. Permanent Urns are required for burial. Two Urns may be placed in one gravesite. Urn Vaults are optional. Urns must be buried two and a half feet deep, centered in the grave for one burial; one-third rule applies for two burials. In some special cases, Urns may be buried atop existing graves but this is not recommended due to shallow graves. Special permission is necessary for this to occur. Permanent markers are required in accordance with existing cemetery rules. It is recommended that headstone be used instead of footstones. The letter "C" on the marker indicates a buried permanent urn and the letter "A" indicates ashes only scattered over the grave. Remember, it is the responsibility of the person in charge of the burial to contact the Cemetery Committee. Specific rules apply to the installation of all markers; please check with the Cemetery Committee before removing, installing or making any changes. Corrections will be at the expense of that person. We have worked hard to improve the appearance of our Cemetery and hope you are pleased.

Item submitted by Kenny Kallam

Hymn Requests



If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to hear please be sure and get your request to Jean Williamson or to any member of the Music Committee. If you have a special musical selection that you would like the choir

to consider please get that request to Jean Williamson or to any member of the Music Committee. The Music Committee would love to hear you comments in this regard.

Item submitted by the music committee

Have You Noticed Something Different Each Sunday?

Smiles and warm handshakes are greeting everyone at the church front entrance each Sunday morning. These Greeters have been there each Sunday since the end of August. More volunteers are needed for this most important ministry. If you are willing to serve God with Smiles and Handshakes please call Nancy Johnson at 783-0915 so you can be added to the list.

Item submitted by Nancy Johnson

