

*Merry Christmas!
from the Staff*

Alan Miller



Rick Clore

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Melinda Clark

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

PRAYER CONCERNS

Carrie Webb; Rick Wheeler; Catherine Morris; Missy Moubray; Carolyn Rogers; Bob Boyles; Bart Daniel; Ritta Browning; Johnny & Jeanie Altman; Kevin Crane; Hidmore & Margaret Walton; Helen Hutcherson; George Shifflett; Kathryn Higginbotham; Patricia Wagner; Josephine Shuler; Elsa & Loren Jacobs, Nate & Liz Cluff, Becca Amos, Johnny Payette, Brenna Right (Mission Team to Haiti); Ed Smith; Clarence Hunter; Matthew Hunter; Mary Palmer; Dan Hager (Bill Hager's brother); Margaret Bruce (Shirley Reynolds' sister); Michael Payne (Martha Payne's son); Andrea Shell (Ray Ezell's mother); Elaine May; Bendall Boyd (Barbara Ezell's father); Gary Kopjanski; Tammy Hawthorne (Vi Brown's & Madeline Reeves' cousin); Nathaniel Newsom (friend of Bill Hager); Cyrus Boggs (friend of Ashley Anderson); Michelle Throckmorton; Aileen Green (Teresa Hall's sister-in-law); Phoebe Shaia (Teresa Hall's sister); Bobby Hewitt (Judean Hines' aunt); Bill Short (Judean Hines' uncle); Judy Ipock; Amber Burke (sister of Cody Grannis); Barbara J. Gilmore (Pam Lawson's aunt); Caleb Shifflett (friend of Brandon Lawson); C. J. Sutphin (grandson of James & Erline Arthur); Robert Pruitt (served through Angel Food Ministry); Molly Keeney; Bill Proctor; Catherine Proctor; Louis Chisholm (Brenda Morris' father); and Carrie Clawson.

**STEWARDSHIP - October
Unified Budget**

Receipts	\$ 18,425.33
Disbursements	\$ 23,911.79

God's Generosity

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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Making a Kingdom impact in the world
beginning in our community

SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

**DECEMBER 12 & 13
5:00 PM & 7:30 PM**



Free tickets available in the church office. Securing a ticket will ensure that you get seating for the performance that you wish to attend.

TRUSTEE MOTION

The trustees submitted the following motion at the Nov. 11 business meeting to be voted on in the December 9 business meeting. *We move that an architectural and engineering firm be hired to assist in the development of a master site plan for the Route 15 property at a cost not to exceed \$75,000.*

HAPPY AGERS' GOINGS ON

A large number of Happy Agers enjoyed delicious casseroles, desserts, turkey and fixings prepared for our pre-Thanksgiving luncheon by great cooks in the group YUM, YUM. The group brought 12 blankets and a large number of non-perishable items for Love Outreach.

Thank you Otis Gooding for your presentation all about the beginning of Thanksgiving Celebrations. It was enjoyed by all.

Monday, Dec. 14th at 5 PM meet in the church parking lot ready to leave for Charlottesville to enjoy The Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the John Paul Jones Arena.

Tuesday, January 19th at 11 AM meet for our soups sharing time and a program of games and/or a movie.

Happy Agers meets on the third Tuesday every month at 11 A.M. either at the church or going on an adventure. Always lite and lively. We welcome new members. Follow our announcements in the Orange Baptist Chronicle and the Sunday Bulletins. Any questions call Doris Shumake 672 4139 or Cornelia Craun 672 4705 or speak with any Happy Ager you know for information about the group. We think we are great.

FROM WMU



EMBRACE THE WORLD is the theme for this year's Offering for Global Missions. Mich Tosan, a Muslim background believer (MBB), will be our Global Missions guest speaker on Sunday, December 6. You will be

blessed and challenged by this Christian brother. For more information on reaching out to Muslims check out the Persian World Outreach website, www.persianwo.org.

Our Offering for Global Missions goal is \$2,000. Please take this opportunity to give generously.

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 PM our Quarterly meeting will be held in the Pine Room.

Nursery Helpers for December

Dec. 6th Marsha & Barry Jacobs
Dec. 13th Karen Gent & Kim Bartley
Dec. 20th Mayira Cluff
Dec. 27th Patricia Salyers & Carolyn Rogers

THANK YOU

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy upon the death of my dear mother. She was 95, and lived a long and fruitful life.

Love to all,
Alyce Blisick



NEW BABY!!

Congratulations to Alan, Sharon, Hayden & Garrett Blisick on the birth of their son and brother, Nolan Wyatt Blisick, born on Nov. 5, 2009 weighing

8 lbs. 3.5 ozs., 20 1/2" in length.

Proud grandparents are Dick & Alyce Blisick.



TAG SALE

The remaining items not sold from the earlier sale will be sold on Sat., Dec. 5 along with the Bazaar. Proceeds will be used towards the replacement of the flooring in the Pine Room.

BAZAAR

Sat., Dec. 5, 9 AM—2 PM in the Pine Room. A wide variety of crafts, gift items and a large Coca-Cola collection will be featured. Any member/person that would like to contribute craft items to be sold at this bazaar please bring to church office by Thur., Dec. 3. Any member that would like to have their own craft table please contact the church office by Dec. 1. Proceeds will be divided between the Christian Emergency Council and Sheltering Arms.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Dec. 1: Properties Team, 7:30 PM.

Thur., Dec. 3: Ruth Kersey Circle, Noon, Dogwood Village with Hazel Payne and Carrie Webb on the second floor. Bring lunch and beverage.

Fri., Dec. 4: Deadline for Angel Food orders.

Sun., Dec. 6: WMU Quarterly Meeting, 3 PM, Pine Room.

Wed., Dec. 9: Finance Committee, 6:45 PM. Business Meeting, 7:30 PM.

Sat., Dec. 12: Angel Food distribution, 10 AM-Noon, Orange Assembly of God. **Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated.**

5 & 7:30 PM: Performances of Singing Christmas Tree.

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Mon., Dec. 14: Happy Agers will meet at 5 PM and travel to Charlottesville to attend the Rockettes.

Tues., Dec. 15: *Messiah* Sing, St. Thomas Episcopal, 7:30 PM.

Thur., Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 5:30 PM.

Fri., Dec. 25—Mon., Dec. 28: Church Office closed.

Tues., Dec. 29: Deacons – Birthday card addressing, 7:15 PM. Deacons Meeting, 7:30 PM.

Fri., Jan. 1, 2010: Church Office closed.

MESSIAH SING

St. Thomas Episcopal church will sponsor a *Messiah* Sing on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 7:30 PM.

Handel's *Messiah* is an oratorio that was written in London in 1741. It is the most widely performed choral work in the United States and in England.

An oratorio is a sacred choral and orchestral work that includes arias, duets, choruses, and a form of music called recitative, a type of singing that gets a large amount of text across in a short period of time, in place of dialogue. One of the major differences between an oratorio and an opera is the subject matter: an oratorio is on a religious subject. Handel is considered by many to be the master of this genre.

Our own Alan Miller will be conducting. Anyone who would like to sing is encouraged to attend. Music will be provided and a reception will follow. Those who would like to sit and listen are invited as well.

YOUTH CHRISTMAS CAROLING!



Tues., Dec. 22
Pine Room, 6 PM
Refreshments will follow.

Celebrating the Spirit in Orange

Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 3—5 PM, Train Station on Short Street, the Orange Downtown Alliance will present a family-centered Christmas celebration of music. Three local churches: Zion Baptist, Little Zion Baptist and Shady Grove Baptist will join their choirs and offer traditional, gospel and Christmas music.

Also:

- the Farmers Market will be available;
- free cakes and pastries, hot chocolate and other home-made seasonal items will be served;
- and, the event is free.