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WITTENBERG WITNESS

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Building Dedication

This Sunday, May 3,
we give thanks to God,
celebrate completion of our new building, and
dedicate it to the glory of God.

Join us for
Worship at 11 a.m. followed by
Dedication Ceremony,
Luncheon,
Music by the Tom Branch Band,
and a Community Open House from 2-4 p.m.

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Visit our website: www.wittenbergleesville.org

SERVING IN MAY

ALTAR FLOWERS

- 5/3- Mr. & Mrs. Boddie Rinehart
5/10- Mauri & Beth Register
5/17- Sam & Crissie Kirby
5/24- Mr. & Mrs. Courtney McInnis
5/31- Furman & Myra Cantrell

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPENING

Brent Shealy

NURSERY— SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 5/3- Elwanda Lorick, Dwayne Black
5/10- Ginger & Bill Caughman
5/17- Joan Caughman, John Oxner
5/24- Catherine Oxner, Debbie Black
5/31- Brandee & Jeff Quarles

GREETERS

Narthex:
Bob & Kaye Wiley
Commons Area:
Boddie & Nelle Rinehart

WORSHIP ASSISTANT

John Oxner

LAY READERS

Debbie Black, Sue Ruff

ALTAR GUILD

Myra Cantrell, Wendy Epting
Dorothy Mullins, Debbie Sawyer
Beth Register

NURSERY

Dawn Bedenbaugh, Chair

- 5/3- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh,
Rhonda Bedenbaugh
5/10- Rebecca & Michael Reed,
Jennifer Patrick
5/17- Katie & Dwayne Black,
Kayce Shealy
5/24- Marti Burns, Crissie Kirby,
Debbie Sawyer
5/31- Cher & Todd Davis,
Betsy McEwen

USHERS

Sam Kirby, Eric Dickey
Ray Smith, Bob Wiley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 5/3- Barbie & Dean Rodgers,
Freida Banks
5/10- Stacy & Pete Osment,
Bill Caughman
5/17- Dawn & Tracy Bedenbaugh,
Rhonda Bedenbaugh
5/24- Rebecca Reed, Toshia Banks,
Jennifer Patrick,
5/31- Kayce Shealy, Debbie Black,
Joan Caughman

TELLERS

- 5/3- Debbie Sawyer, Betsy Shealy
5/10- Ervin Caughman,
Ginger Caughman
5/17- Robert Cook, Eric Dickey
5/24- Robert Epting, Ann Nichols
5/31- Pete Osment, John Oxner

WITHIN THE WITTENBERG FAMILY

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 - Marvin Epting
3 - Vivian Epting
5 - Emily Epting, John Leaphart,
Smith Kirby
6 - Rob McEwen, Laura Rikard,
Ellee Quarles
7 - Jade Amodio
10 - Grace Epting
11 - Letha Long
12 - Samantha Trotter
13 - Jay Ruff
14 - Sarah Johnson
15 - Olga Carter
18 - Ed Hoover, Sr.
19 - F.H. Hendrix, III
20 - Robin Shealy,
Rhonda Bedenbaugh
21 - Michael Kramer
25 - Perry Barnes, Kim Ruff
26 - Rachel Burns, Davis Taylor
27 - Wyman Banks
28 - Ed Hoover, Jr., Mittie Rish
30 - Sue Ruff, Payton Quarles
31 - Susan Shealy



LET US PRAY

In our prayers let us remember: The Family of Wyman Auerhamer, Wyman Banks, Margaretta Beckham, John Bedenbaugh (Tracy Bedenbaugh's father), Rhonda & Dennis Bedenbaugh, the Father of Debbie Black, the Family of Scott Black (Freida Banks' niece), Shana Bouknight (granddaughter of Mary & Carl Cook), Peggy Buzhardt, Jane Speaks Cochet, Lisa Cook, the Family of Tony Corley, the Family of Taylor Cox, Dorothy Curran, Jim Curran, Kathy Derrick (wife of Randy Derrick), Joanne Feaster (mother of Jason Feaster), the Family of Chris Folger, Ed Hoover, Jason Howard, the Family of Mae Keisler, Ramona Langford, Eddie Leaphart, Samantha Leaphart, Ann Lewis, Carla Long, Jeff Long, Letha Long, Ricky Long, Thelma Lorick (Larry Lorick's mother), James McLeod (grandfather of Kayce Shealy), Eileen Mitchell, Brady Nichols, Mike Nichols (son of Brady & Sue Nichols), Anne Oswald, Stephen Pautz (grandson of Dean & Sybil Eargle), the Mother of Landis Price, Mauri Register, Sue Ruff, Bobbie Shealy, the Family of Leon Shealy, William K. Shealy, Kim Smith (daughter of Libby Carswell), Ray Smith, the Family of Dr. William Speaks, Pauline Steele, Aaron Stewart, Wills Swygert, the Tracy Waters Family, Merlyn Watkins, Eva Watson, Benjy Watson, Kitt Wise (Eric Dickey's aunt) and members of our Armed Forces.



Dear Church Family,

Your love and support has been appreciated very much!

Sincerely,
Nick & Karen Pizzuti

Dear Friends at Wittenberg,

Thank you so much for hosting Operation Reach Out on February 9, 2009.

The breakfast casserole, grits and biscuits made a wonderful meal on such a cold night. Our folks were so grateful for the ice cream you sent them home with.

Everyone loved your new family life center. Thanks so much for your continued support!

Love,
Operation Reach Out

APRIL STATISTICS

DATE	SCS	WORSHIP	YTD Budget Giving.....\$71844.45
4/5.....	88.....	160	Needed for Budget86,018.98
4/12.....	101.....	310	Difference -14,174.53
4/19.....	84	146	YTD B.F. Receipts.....25,546.00
4/26.....	86.....	169	

ORDER OF ST. JOHN

Dawn Bedenbaugh, Advisor

5/3- Acolyte: Payton Quarles Almsbearer: Trey Cook Crucifer: Davey Taylor	5/24- Acolyte: Haven Banks Almsbearer: Aubrey Rodgers Crucifer: Nevin Rodgers
5/10- Acolyte: Brett Spradley Almsbearer: Parker McInnis Crucifer: Larry Wurtz	5/31- Acolyte: Lane Bedenbaugh Almsbearer: Zane Bedenbaugh Crucifer: Brandt Shealy
5/17- Acolyte: Wills Swygert Almsbearer: Cambey Reep Crucifer: Woogie Dachenhaus	



Welcome to the new members of the Wittenberg Family!

RAMONA SULLIVAN
393 Thomasville Rd.
Wagener, SC 29164
803-564-3699
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GREGG & JAN LONG
2526 Caney Branch Rd.
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532-2795

New Date, Location for Cottage Bible Study

The Cottage Bible Study group will meet at 7:00 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in the Commons Area at Wittenberg Lutheran Church.

Each meeting will involve an in-depth discussion of the Bible using the following study guide. Please understand that we are all learning and we do not expect anyone who participates in our study to come with all of the answers to the questions. The reason we gather together is to discuss and learn from each other!

A dessert with coffee and tea will be provided and enjoyed while we study together. Please join our group for our next study at 7:00 p.m. May 17, 2009.

BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Book we will study: First John

Author _____

What were the circumstances of the author when writing? _____

Where written? _____

When written? _____

Why written? _____

What were the major problems? _____

What solutions were given? _____

What solutions were given? _____

What was the central meaning in that day? _____

What is the central meaning today? _____

Additional comments: _____

Pick a Key Verse: _____

PARISH LIFE SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 16 – Cookout/Game Day

at John & Catherine Oxner's

June 13 – Family Cookout/Fishing

at the Sawyers' Pond

July 4 – Bike Parade

August 15 – Ice Cream/Swim Party

at the Cooks' Pool

August ? – 70+ Birthday Party

And Remember -

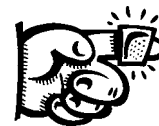
J.O.Y. Luncheon

Last Wednesday of Each Month!



Spread the Word . . .

Help keep your church family informed. Send news, announcements ~ anything you would like to share ~ to Cricket Leaphart for the weekly Twin City News article (leap5477@yahoo.com or 532-5477). Send info for the bulletin and newsletter to Karen Brown at wittenberg@pbtcomm.net or 532-4636. Thanks!



**JUST
IN
CASE . . .**

There are First Aid supplies in the Sacristy and kitchen. The cabinets are labeled.



- **Circle L** meets with Hannah Circle at 6:30 p.m. May 4 at Catherine Oxner's home.
- **Morning Circle** meets at 10 a.m. May 5 to visit shut-ins.
- **Circle V** meets at 1 p.m. May 5. Hazel Cooper is leader.
- **Circle IV** meets at 7 p.m. May 5 at Ann Nichols' home. Leader is Linda Almgren.
- **Hannah Circle** meets with Circle L at 6:30 p.m. May 4 at Catherine Oxner's home.

CLOTHING DRIVE

If you have children's, men's, or women's clothes, shoes or other items that are in good condition and that you don't need any more, please consider donating them to the Bryan Center in Columbia. Put the items in bags or boxes, label them for the Bryan Center, and put them in the left corner by the food pantry in the old social hall. Items should be brought in by June 1. If you have questions call Connie Kramer at 532-5558.

Confirmation Sunday

Pentecost Sunday, May 31, is also Confirmation Sunday for three faithful Wittenberg youth. Congratulations and blessings to

Aubrey Rodgers
Cambey Reep
Zane Bedenbaugh



Please mark these changes in your 2009 directory:

Dwayne & Katie Black

Katie: 351-8198

Dwayne: 323-7936

email: h_may95@yahoo.com

Pastor Sherman

e-mail: msherm1856@gmail.com

Billy Watson

532-4338

If you know of other changes, please notify the church office.

KICS

POOL PARTY AT THE COOKS' HOME

Noon-2:30 p.m. • May 31, 2009

★ We will provide transportation to pool.★

★ Please pick up your child/children from the Cooks' at 2:30 p.m.★



- Pizza - KICS will provide
- 3 Bags Chips - Emma Osment
- Bucket of Vanilla Ice Cream - Taylor & Emily Davis
- Bucket of Chocolate Ice Cream - Emily Miller
- Bucket of Strawberry Ice Cream - Matthew Reed
- Hot Fudge & Caramel - Adam Almgren
- Chopped Nuts - Parker & Mason McInnis
- M&M's - Tate Feaster
- Chopped Oreos - Brett Spradley
- 30 Bowls, Paper Plates, Spoons, & Napkins - Wills Swygert
- 20 Juice Boxes/Pouches - Sydnee & Brayden Patrick
- 20 Juice Boxes/Pouches - Haven & James Banks

MARCO!



May 2009



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EVERY SUNDAY: Communion—8:30 am Sunday School—9:30 am Worship Service—11 am					1 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	2 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
3 Building Dedication Noon—Lunch 4-6 pm— Open House 6 pm—Teens 7 pm—Preschool Team	4 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 6:30 pm— Circle L & Hannah Circle 7:30 pm— Manic Monday	5 10 am— Morning Circle 1 pm— Circle V 7 pm—Circle IV 7 pm—Theology Downtown	6 Noon—Alzheimer's Support Group 7:30 pm— Choir	7 Nat'l Day of Prayer 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Bojangle's 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	8 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	9 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
10 Mother's Day 4 pm—Catechism 6 pm—Teens	11 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 7 pm— Operation Reach Out Meal	12 7 pm—Christian Care in Commons Area	13 7:30 pm— Choir	14 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Bojangle's 4 pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	15 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	16 Armed Forces Day 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry 4:30-7:30 pm— Cookout/ Game Day at the Oxners'
17 5 pm—Lutheranism 101 6 pm—Teens 6 pm—Handbells 7 pm—Building Committee 7 pm—Cottage Bible Study 7 pm—Council	18 9 am— Coffee & Conversation 7:30 pm— Manic Monday	19 7 pm—Theology Downtown	20 7:30 pm— Choir	21 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Bojangle's 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	22 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	23 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry
24 6 pm—Teens	25 Memorial Day Office closed 7 pm— Lutheran Men	26	27 Noon— JOY luncheon 7:30 pm— Choir 7:30 pm—MSG	28 7 am—Teen Bible Study at Bojangle's 4pm— Grief Support 6-8 pm— Food Pantry	29 9 am-Noon— Food Pantry	30
31 Day of Pentecost 10:10 am—Breakfast 6 pm—Teens		← 28-30 SC Synod Assembly →				