

## CELEBRATION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Pastor Tom Dendy

### Be a Valentine!

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7 (NIV)

Friends of Celebration,

Grace and Peace to you in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you for being my valentines of LOVE! Through my arrival and early days and weeks of entering into the worship and work of this new church family you have embraced me with love. You have shown your care and kindness through kind words and deeds. You have surrounded me with love and showered me with blessings as I have been settling in at the church. Linda Berry took me under her wing and has made my adjustments to a new place of ministry go as smoothly as possible as she orients me to the patterns and policies of this church family. The Session, guided by so many fine and devoted leaders, has continued to carry the work and worship of the church forward while helping bring me alongside them in the leading of this congregation.

It is amazing to me just how well these first three months of mission and ministry at Celebration Presbyterian Church have gone and to that I say, "How Good of God!" ... And I say how loving of each of you for receiving me as your new pastor and loving me through the transitions of moving first, into the office and the ministry of the church, and then, just recently moving my house in Laurinburg, North Carolina into my new home here in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. God has amazed me throughout

this process with support and prayers and people placed in my path to help me like I have never been helped before. I'm learning that moving alone is not a fun chore BUT God has reminded me through your love and kindness and assistance that I AM NOT ALONE! So thanks again for being the Love of GOD for me and for embracing me as your new pastor and co-laborer with you in Christ Jesus!

I am so pleased to be here and to be serving with you at this exciting time in the life of Celebration Presbyterian Church. I see God working in wondrous ways in our midst and again I say to that, "How Good of God!" This last year and a half of my life has seen many changes in my marriage/divorce, in my family -- with kids moving out and moving on, in my ministry as I left a church I served for 13 years, in my personal life as I have reentered single life and begun to date and seek companionship again, and last but not least, in my detachment from a place and house to enter in to this new PLACE and new HOME and new CHURCH family!

What I hope you hear me saying clearly is that amidst all these changes, God's LOVE has been present and powerful and unchanging...and God has used YOU to "share the LOVE" with me -- and for that I am deeply grateful to God and to each of you! Truly, GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!! So in this month where retailers promote love with chocolates, flowers and cards, I urge you to BE A VALENTINE by letting the Love of God shine in and through you and your words and deeds to everyone you meet and encounter along the way!

In Christ's Service!

Love,  
Tom

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Pastor Tom's new rental home is in the Fox Horn subdivision off Forestbrook Drive. His new address is 585 Ambrosia Loop, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579.



# SESSION NOTES

By Lynn Bastian



Communion will be served Sunday, February 5

Next Session Meeting, Sunday, February 19 @ 12:30 PM

On Saturday, January 28 Roy and Laurie Andrews, Scott and Jackie Sinnet, Mary Ann Bowie, and Lynn Bastian traveled to New Harmony's annual Ephesians Event at the First Presbyterian Church in Hartsville. Our keynote speaker, Dr. Rodger Y. Nishioka, Benton Family Associate Professor of Christian Education, Columbia Theological Seminary, was truly amazing. Combining humor and quick wit with his vast knowledge, countless experiences and positive insights, Dr. Nishioka presented our challenge in the midst of great change facing the church today.

Do you know the #1 reason people join the church? Fellowship – what is referred to as the “warmth factor.” “We are the leaders of Christ’s church,” states Dr. Nishioka. “You set the pattern for the spiritual nurture of our people.” This new century is the “Apostolic Age.” It is the time to get out, go forth, and share what we know of our Lord; come back, renew, study; go back out and share the good news. Our mission fields are not over our borders or across the oceans, but right here is our midst. Many who enter our church are foreigners. They do not benefit from years of tradition and “knowing” what is expected or how to worship. They may be hearing the Word of God for the very first time.

In this time of dramatic change in the church, the question is not “will the church survive?”

but “how will we change?” Dr. Nishioka explains this is a time of re-traditioning that results in a deeper way of being the Church.

In the midst of great change at Celebration, we are not alone in facing the challenge of expressing our identity and reshaping how we deepen and share our faith. Session has scheduled a day-long planning meeting in March to begin outlining our objectives and goals; reflect on the past several months; plan for the coming year. It is a time of great opportunities and we are so fortunate to have a church family that is already experienced in extending the “warmth factor” to all those that enter our doors.

God Bless each of you and your families in the New Year and as always “Thank You” for your support and prayers.



Scott and Jackie Sinnet, Lynn Bastian, Roy and Laurie Andrews, Mary Ann Bowie

# BREAKFAST BUDDIES

*By Pat Teal*

What a joy to see how many people are coming to the Breakfast Buddies outing. We had quite a group, about 23, and again it's so much fun with all the laughter, and talking to each other, it expresses the love shown in our church. Thanks to George and Anna Vaupel, for being our host and hostess, and suggesting Egg's Up Grill, in Conway for our gathering.

We had a handsome guest, Tim Flowers, who is the son of Jim and Gloria. Jim said, Tim gets his good looks from him. ??? (I think Gloria is the pretty one)

Next month our breakfast will be at the Golden Egg Pancake House, on 415 Hwy.17 North Surfside, at 9:00am on February 17. Going to different restaurants, helps us to know our community a little better

The Kiwanis from Conway, is sponsoring a pancake breakfast on February 24 in the evening, and February 25 in the morning at Conway High school. The proceeds goes to help handicapped children, and towards scholarships for high school graduates. Please see Bill Teal for tickets, or you can buy them at the door.

Happy Valentine's Day!

NEXT BREAKFAST BUDDIES WILL BE FEBRUARY 17, 9AM AT GOLDEN EGG PANCAKE HOUSE



# LADYBUG LUNCHEON

*By Carol Butler*

What a great way to start off the new year with friends, fellowship and fabulous food.

The most recent Ladybug Luncheon was held at Rotelli's on January 5. There were 14 ladybugs in attendance including guests. Karolyn Davey brought her daughter Cindy and granddaughter Marissa. Marilyn Wallace brought her friend, Margie, who is now an honorary ladybug. June Marcus who recently became a church member also joined us as the newest ladybug. Also, a newcomer to the luncheon was Sandy Wallace. We enjoyed having her and

hope she returns next month. It should be noted that 8 of us were wearing our new ladybug sweatshirts.

Pat Teal was kind enough to lead us in prayer before our meal. Thank you Pat.

Mary Ann Bowie reported that five \$20.00 and one \$25.00 gift cards were presented to CASA from monies collected at prior luncheons.

Rotelli's owner was very attentive to us making sure that we were happy and satisfied with the service and food....he was, however, disappointed that he

couldn't get a sweat-shirt.....LADIES only!!!!

Larry Bowie was also there on the side-lines taking pictures....not too sure where they will turn up.

Many thanks to Mary Ann for being our hostess. Our next luncheon will be at The Old Bull and Bush Pub at 4700 Route 17 Bypass (just beyond Farrow Pkwy) on February 2 at noon. Judy Leonard will be our hostess. Sign up in the Narthex if you know you can make it. All Ladybugs are invited....hope to see you there.

NEXT LADY BUG LUNCHEON WILL BE THURSDAY FEBRUARY 2 12 NOON THE OLD BULL AND BUSH PUB



# HOSPITALITY

*By Jeanne Bredbeck*

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank the ladies who made delicious sandwich fillings for the reception after Tom's installation.

The guests were most appreciative of our efforts and enjoyed

not only the food, but also talking to all of us. How great it is for Tom to be "official".

The Wednesday Nights will continue in February with the meal at 5:30 and the program at 6:15. We need you to sign up

on the sheet in the narthex or call Linda in the office so we have an accurate count of the people who will be eating with us.

Thank you, and we hope to see you each Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES DINNER AND A PROGRAM BEGIN AT 5:30PM

Youth of Celebration

YOUTH OF CELEBRATION

By Scott Sinnet

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IS OUR HE~BREWS COFFEE BAR!

**Youth group news**

Our He~Brews Coffee Bar will meet on February 5! Bring a friend and join us at 10:15am for a hot beverage (coffee, tea, hot chocolate), snacks, and music in the Youth Sunday School classroom #4. Regular schedule, the first Sunday of each month, resumes in February.

On January 15, Scott Sinnet was ordained as a new elder

charged with Children and Youth Ministries. Scott and Jackie have long been involved with the youth program. It will be a year of evaluating and some restructuring of our programs

Check us out on Facebook to learn more about the Youth of Celebration.

We do have two birthdays this month and both are on February 2. Cheyenne Cseh is

turning 17 and Samantha Seiwert is turning 19. Samantha graduated from high school and is looking forward to a bright future of more school. God bless you both and HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

[Friend us on Facebook at Celebration Presbyterian Myrtle-Beach](#)



**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**February 22, 2012 at 6:30PM**

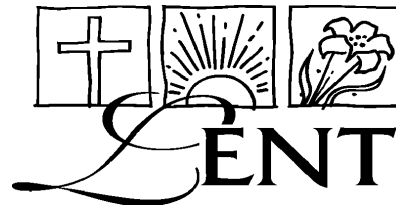
**(Following Wednesday Night Live Dinner at 5:30PM)**

This special service “marks” the beginning of the Lenten Season for 2012. This service will focus on Christ and the Cross, and as part of the service, ashes from burned palm branches will be used to “mark” the foreheads of worshipers with a cross. This is referred to as *the imposition of ashes*.

The symbolism of wearing the ashen cross on our foreheads is a visual reminder of Christ’s saving act on behalf of us all at the crucifixion.

Dinner will be potluck, please sign up on the sheet in the hallway.

We INVITE You  
To Join Us During



As we share  
in renewing  
our relationships with each other,  
with God, and with folks in need around us

**locally** and  
**throughout**  
THE WORLD.

Ash Wednesday  
Palm Sunday  
Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday

*Lord who throughout these forty days For us didst fast and pray Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.*

## LEARNING ABOUT LENT

### ASHES, ASHES

On Ash Wednesday, worship leaders place a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a visible reminder that we are dust and to dust we shall return (See Genesis 3:19). “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God,” Scripture says. (Romans 3:23). But though we have all fallen down because of our sins, we shall be lifted up one day to heaven, because Christ was lifted up for us on the cross.

**Forty Days.** Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Sundays are excluded from the counting of the 40 days because they still remain “little Easters” even during this solemn season. The number 40 is significant because, at the start of his ministry, Jesus spent 40 days fasting, praying and resisting temptation, as we are called to do during Lent.

**Three Disciplines.** Traditionally these three disciplines are associated with Lent:

**Fasting.** Skipping a meal once a week or refraining from eating certain foods affords us the opportunity to spend more time feeding on the Word of God and being spiritually nourished through prayer and meditation.

**Abstinence.** Removing a particular bad habit, sinful indulgence or guilty pleasure from our daily routine frees us to engage in activities that are God-pleasing and reflects in a small way the self-sacrifice that Christ endured for us.

**Almsgiving.** Giving something extra during this time – to our church, to the poor and needy among us, to charities or other service organizations- is a way to remember that Christ gave up everything to save us from sin, death, and the devil and to free us to live a new life in him.

**One Focus.** Our focus during Lent is solely on the cross of Christ. For it was on the cross that the sinless Son of God suffered and died for us that we might be fully forgiven and live forever with him in heaven. Reading Scripture verses about the events leading up the Christ’s crucifixion and putting a cross in a prominent place where we can see it often keeps our focus strong.

## EVANGELISM

By Mary Ann Bowie

SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A ON FEBRUARY 16 FROM 6-8PM

We are having Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A Seaboard Commons on Thursday, February 16, from 6-8pm at the restaurant located on 10th Avenue near the Sam's Club.

patrons to visit us in worship at Celebration.

Our church will receive a portion of the sales received during Spirit Night.

Spirit Night is an opportunity for you to eat dinner and share an invitation with other

Mark your calendars to attend and come on out and make new friends.



## BIRTHDAYS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY



Take a moment to wish those who have a birthday this month birthday wishes or send them a card. If your birthday is not listed in your month, please contact Linda in the office to be included.

### Birthdays in February

- 2—Samantha Siewert
- 2—Cheyenne Cseh
- 3—Jacob Schmidt
- 8—Jan Coulter
- 15—Deborah McIlrath
- 26—Rebecca Schmidt



## PRESCHOOL

By Susan Spraker



The month of January flew by before we knew it. All of the children enjoyed their time off and were ready to move on with their work. We spent the month talking about Winter Wonderland and Arctic Animals. It sure doesn't seem like winter outside.

Since we were not lucky enough to have snow to play in from Mother Nature, we bought it in "from the North Pole". The children enjoyed playing in the snow inside.

Believe it or not, this month we will have our preschool registration for the 2012-2013 school year. Registration will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>, for our

families already enrolled in our program and February 24<sup>th</sup>, for the public.

If you are a church member and would like to register your child for preschool, please see me before the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Church members will have an opportunity to register with preschool employees. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining the Celebration family please ask them to contact me at 903-3211. I can give them all the details about our registration process.

We are all looking forward to celebrating Valentine's Day at the preschool. It is such a fun time for all the boys and girls. Our Valentine parties will be February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are in the area we would love for you to stop by. I am sure love will be in the air!



# FEBRUARY 2012

**Sunday Schedule:**

9:45-10:30 am - Adult Sunday School

10:30-10:50 am - Fellowship and Coffee

11:00 am Worship

Nursery and Children's church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Men's Bible Study IHOP 8am Wednesday Night Live! Dinner 5:30pm Program 6:15pm	2 Lady Bug Luncheon The Old Bull and Bush Pub 12pm	3	4
5 Youth He~Brews Coffee Bar 10:15 am <b>Communion</b> Called Session Meeting 12pm	6 Evangelism Team Meeting 6:30 pm	7 Quilters  Bible Study at the Teal's 7pm	8 Men's Bible Study Kroger 8am  Wednesday Night Live! Dinner 5:30pm Program 6:15pm	9	10	11
12  Baptism	13	14 Quilters  Bible Study at the Teal's 7pm	15 Men's Bible Study Kroger 8am  Wednesday Night Live! Dinner 5:30pm Program 6:15pm	16 Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A 6-8pm	17 Breakfast Buddies The Golden Egg Pancake House 9am  Team "C" cooks at The Shepherd's Table	18
19 Youth Group at the Sinnet's	20 President's Day Church Offices and Preschool Closed	21 Quilters  Bible Study at the Teal's 7pm	22 Men's Bible Study Kroger 8am  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> Dinner 6pm Worship 7pm	23	24	25
26	27	28 Quilters  Bible Study at the Teal's 7pm	29 Men's Bible Study Kroger 8am			



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## Try something New for the Month of *LOVE!*



For the Month of February, try to do an act of Love for someone **every day**. (Open a door, do the dishes, give a ride, say something nice, lend a hand, share the love of Jesus, and of course pray for them).