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Saturday, Oct 24 at 4pm.

Join us Saturday afternoon for a showing of the Christian comedy "Moms Night Out". Admission is by donation of canned goods for the Hope Pantry. Pizza and snacks will be provided. All church members are invited, and please invite your friends! Please sign-up in the narthex.



Wednesday, October 28 6:30-8pm Invite your friends and neighbors! Join us for food, carnival games, crafts and candy! Fun costumes are encouraged.



# **Thought for the Week**

In Brazil, we lived on a fruit farm out in the interior and 400 miles from the Coast. We found many lessons to be learned from the fruit trees that we had in our yard. We had cashew trees, bananas, orange, lemon and coconut trees in abundance.

We learned that it takes one banana plant lots of water and a year to produce a stalk of bananas. It takes an orange tree three years to bear its first fruit. Cashew is really a fruit and the nut comes along as a bonus but it takes years to produce the first fuit. Coconut water can help you survive the heat of the desert and keep you safe from disease but it takes time for them to develop.

All fruits have their seasons and designated times of development. So it is in the Kingdom of God. In John 15, Jesus tells us that we are to bear fruit, more fruit and much fruit. It takes time, discipline and patience for that to happen in our lives. But with the waiting period, the period of preparation, the period of time necessary for spiritual growth, there comes maturity.

From the seed of a lemon tree that we had in Brazil, I have a potted lemon tree that is my pride and joy. Each year we enjoy the fresh lemons that it produces. Right now, some of the lemons are turning yellow. I tried to pull one off over the weekend but it would not turn loose. It was not ready to be picked. I now must patiently wait for its maturity and I will knowing that from this lemon Gloria will make me a delicious lemon pie.

Like the fruit of a tree, we are most effective if we are patient in the growth process. The more mature we are in the faith, the more productive we can be. If the fruit is separated from the tree before it's time it is not as good as it can be and it might not be any good at all.

Just as it is necessary for the fruit to be attached to the tree or vine, it is necessary for us to be attached to Jesus Christ if we expect to grow spiritually. Apart from Him, we can do nothing.

In His Love, Charles

### **Church office contact information:**

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## Weekly Church Calendar

EACH SUNDAY \*9:45am Sunday School \*11:00am Worship Service \*Child care provided downstairs. 2:00-7:00pm Kenyan Fellowship EACH MONDAY: 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open EACH TUESDAY: 6:00-8:00pm Kenyan Fellowship **EACH WEDNESDAY:** 9:00am-12:00pm Hope Pantry is open 6:30pm Children and Youth Mission groups 7:00pm Bible study & Prayer 8:00pm Choir Practice **EACH THURSDAY:** 8:00pm Gamblers Anonymous EACH FRIDAY: 7:00-10:30pm Kenyan Fellowship **MONTHLY:** (4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month) Young Hearts (Senior Adults) \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Calendar of Events:</u>
Each Wednesday:
7:00pm Bible study
Saturday, October 24
4:00pm Movie Matinee
Sunday, October 25
6:00pm Fellowship covered-dish meal
7:00pm Business meeting
Wednesday, October 28
6:30 – 8:00pm Fall Festival
Sunday, November 1
Daylight Saving time ends

Attendance	10/11
Sunday School	31
Visitors	
Total	31
Worship Attendance	: 58

Deacon for this week:10/18Jean GlossonDeacon for next week:10/25Shirley Keener

Properties for October Steve Wheeler Ushers for OctoberRandy WalkerBen BestWalt SwitzerShirley Keener



Make a call, a visit or send a card! This week: Oct 11-17 Bill & Johnnie Grubbs Next week: Oct 18-24 Ed & Cassie Glover Copies of the schedule are available in the Narthex.

## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

HOME:

Haline Eller Greg Small Lee Snyder Ed & Cassie Glover Pam Bilbro

#### **REHAB & CARE FACILITIES:**

Al Coley – Sunrise at North Hills – Room 286 Wilton Harris – Heritage Woods Ret. Comm. - W-S Jean Greene – Snow Hill Asst. Living - Snow Hill, NC Bill Grubbs – Cary Health & Rehab 6590 Tryon Rd, Cary, NC 27518



### The Hope Pantry is low on the following:

Juice (bottles and individual juice boxes/pouches)JellyCanned fruitCerealGritsSoup and brothgarden peasSweet & regular potatoesdried beansCanned meats

(tuna, chicken, roast beef, vienna sausages)



## World Religions tour with Dr. Braswell

When Dr. Braswell, who is with the World Religions and Global Cultures Center at Campbell, spoke here a few weeks ago, he invited the congregation to join him on a tour of some of the local places of worship. The next local tour is on **Sat, Nov 7 for Buddhism-Temple Tour, Tea Ceremony, and Chinese luncheon RSVP by Oct 24.** There is more detailed information available at the church, I also have it in PDF form that I can email to anyone upon request. Please sign-up in the narthex.



Time to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child! Brochures with packing guidelines are in the Narthex. We will collect boxes through Sunday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup>.