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Stories of "Saints Alive! Living Generously"

To me, being generous means being benevolent, being kind, being fair, and being good. Growing up as a member of WBPC, I saw numerous examples of what it means to be generous. Probably the most outstanding example, though, would be Deane and Sandy Irving. They have been involved in every aspect of WBPC for as long as I can recall. I remember Sandy teaching my Sunday School class and letting us very frequently have class in the vestibule, which we thought was fantastic. I remember Deane and Sandy chaperoning our youth mission trip to Washington, DC and several other trips. As a young adult, I watched them open their home to a new son. When I gave birth to William, Sandy showed up at my house with a meal and a gift. Once, during a family emergency, Mac and I needed a substitute teacher for our Sunday School class. Deane, after being up all night volunteering and just having heard about our need a few hours before class started, showed up to teach our class. I know they spend the night for WIHN and a million other things. Sandy is still teaching Sunday School and volunteering at VBS. The Irvings are always busy championing for those who are poor and those whose voices are not heard. They have shown that while being generous includes giving money, it means giving selflessly and tirelessly of yourself for God. I can think of no better example of "Living Generously" than the Irvings. *-Blythe Clifford*

My Mother-in-law, who we called Grandmama Sam, was the person who set the best example for me on how to be generous. She would give you anything she could, and put careful thought into selecting gifts. She would often give presents she could not afford to purchase. I finally realized that I should not make comments about items in her little gift shop such as, "Isn't that neat." If I did, that item would have my name on it for the next gift giving occasion. As a neighbor said, "She had to give you something every time you went to see her, even if it was just a pack of nabs." She always wanted to get to her store in time to see the Letter Carrier, so she could give them a piece of candy. She adopted everyone. Grandmama Sam was "generous to a fault" some would say. I say she gave openly and freely, with love, following the example of her Lord and Master. She didn't make much money, but she always tithed to the Church and gave extra to mission work, and wished she could do more. *-Deane Irving*

Of course when I think of generosity, I think of our work in Haiti and the generous heart of Chedlin Justinvil. The last 5 years have been a wonderful testament to me of what a church of giving people can do for those less fortunate. With church donations I took my first trip to Haiti in 2009 and visited 12 beautiful orphans and the site of their future home. It was a piece of barren land at the base of the mountains with no structures built. I saw firsthand the work that Chedlin was doing to keep children from starving and dying in the streets of Haiti. This summer again with the help of generous donations I traveled with our first international mission team back to the orphanage site and to visit 20 beautiful healthy children. Standing tall above the new cement wall were monolithic domes soon to become the children's dormitories, a 30 ft. water tower waiting to be erected and a functioning cement block factory. All of this through the loving and caring generosity of Christian Saints and a man who forfeits his own life and family to benefit young children and adults. Even in tough economic times in our own homes, we have been able to be Saints to a group of people that many of us will never meet, in a land that many will never see, yet the belief that our donations will give them a better future is so evident in the generous giving. Chedlin has taught me that when we can see beyond ourselves, beyond what we can imagine, beyond what seems to be the impossible, we make a difference in this world. And isn't that just what Jesus did and then asked us to do. *-Kathy Johnson*

Loyalty Night

Wednesday, November 2

WBPC Fellowship Hall 6:00PM



Don't miss this WBPC tradition - always a highlight of the year! At the heart of our stewardship season, we join together as a church family to celebrate with gusto, God's blessings showered upon us throughout the previous year.

- A delicious home-cooked meal will be prepared by the *Men of the Church* and is **free of charge**.
- Uplifting music will be provided by *Unashamed Gospel Quartet* out of Henderson, NC...singing that ol' time southern gospel music we all know and love.
- A video presentation will feature the highlights of our year and the difference WBPC is making in many lives.

If you would like to attend and haven't responded to an invitation from a church officer, please contact the church office ASAP! Family and friends are welcome. Activities and a nursery are provided for children following dinner.

Wednesday Night Live

Dates: September 14-November 16

Time: Dinner: 5:45~6:30; Classes 6:30~7:25

Cost for dinner: \$7 per person, 5 & under free

Join in the fellowship, fun and good food...

Sign up on the Sunday attendance form or call or email the church office by noon on Monday, the week of the event.

(The weekly menu will be printed each week in the Update, and can also be found at our website www.wbpresbyterian.org)

November 9: Honoring Those Who've Served

November 16: Talent Show

Calling All Veterans

Plan to be present at Wednesday Night Live on November 9 to be honored by your church family. We need for all members who have served our nation to fill out a form so that we will have a complete list. Forms can be found in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall. We hope to recognize all those who have served our country in military service. Please give us your information so that our list will include everyone. We would also like to honor the names of family members that you would like listed under the category of *IN MEMORY OF*. We will list all names that are submitted and the family member they are associated with.

We have information from many but we know there are probably others. We hope our veterans will share a few experiences with us as we honor those who have served our country in both war-time and peacetime. Please get your information into the office as soon as possible. And join us on November 9.

Share your Talent!

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, read a poem, be a clown, share a magic act, demonstrate a sport, make animal sounds, jump rope, twirl a baton, share a slide presentation, sing in a duet, trio, quartet, etc then please **sign up now** to share your talent on **Wednesday, November 16**. Acts are limited to 5 minutes. All ages are encouraged to take part. This is the third annual talent show at Western Boulevard and it promises to be a fun time for all. The meal will be hamburgers and hotdogs with a veggie dog offering. All are encouraged to join the church family for a fun evening!



Join Us @ The Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of Java and feast with us in this coffeehouse style worship.



Dedication Sunday, November 6

Please make every effort to attend either morning or afternoon worship as we come together to rededicate our lives and resources to God. Our promissory prayers (pledge cards) and our time & talent forms will be received as offerings to God.

Annual Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

Western Boulevard is the host for our service this year. We look forward to welcoming our church neighbors (Athens Drive Baptist, Aventura United Methodist, Westover United Methodist) as together, we give thanks for our blessings as individuals, families, and as a community.

Following worship, our tradition of "pie fellowship" will follow in the fellowship hall. Please bring a home-made pie to share (not required.)



Save the Date: Hanging of the Greens Sunday, December 4, 5:00 p.m.

Please join us on Sunday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. as we mark the Advent season with a meaningful worship service, Hanging of the Greens. We will prepare the sanctuary and fellowship hall for this special season through music, readings, and placement of the greens and poinsettias. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service and will include an alternative gift fair. Each family is asked to provide finger-food for the celebration. You may bring your food item to the kitchen before the service. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us as we celebrate Advent!



WIHN: Thank You All!

Many thanks to all who volunteered during our WIHN week! Thanks to all the drivers, evening hosts, overnight hosts, meal preparers, set-up and break down persons who gave of their time and energy to help those in need! WIHN could not be one of the best outreach program in the area without YOUR help!



Youth News!

Thank you to our marvelous youth for their work on the Fall Games and Frogmore Stew Event and on the Trunk or Treat Event! Also we rejoice in the safe return of our middle school youth from their exciting fall retreat!

Youth, please remember that Wednesday, November 2 is Loyalty Night and the we will be the "wait staff" for dinner. Please plan on being at the Church at 5:30 p.m., and please wear a nice white shirt or blouse.

NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>SEPTEMBER 2011</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 24,636.25	241,077.50
Open	1,370.50	13,390.23
Church School	64.60	827.17
Total Offering	26,071.35	255,294.90
Prior Receipts		10,654.30
Expenses	<u>31,508.05</u>	<u>256,961.78</u>
Net Total	\$ (5,436.70)	8,987.42

Alternative Gift Fair: December 5

(At the Hanging of the Greens Reception)

Do you have people on your shopping list who are hard to shop for? They don't need another tie or are on a special diet and have to skip the chocolate covered cherries? Well then an alternative gift where you make a donation to a mission program on behalf of a person and give them a card explaining the gift to them may be just what you are looking for. This year the WBPC alternative gift fair will be in the fellowship hall after Hanging of the Greens. Please bring a finger food item to share (you may deliver to the kitchen before the service). Come and shop for gifts for your friends and family that support the missions of Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church.

Food Bag Challenge Items of the Week

(Can't bring a whole bag? Bring just one item each week in November!)

- November 6 - box of cereal
- November 13 - applesauce
- November 20 - canned meat
- November 27 - grits



*Extra November Challenge:

Bring in all November food bag items early (by Monday, November 14), so that they can be delivered in time for participants to have Thanksgiving Dinner!

50+ November Events!

Sunday, November 13:

50+ will visit Sri Ventakeswara Temple of North Carolina, a Hindu temple located off Highway 54 between Cary and Morrisville. Architecturally, the building itself is absolutely awesome and the temple has arranged for one of its knowledgeable members to be our guide. This promises to be a very interesting afternoon. Our visit is scheduled for 3:00 p.m. so we will gather at 2:30 p.m. in the WBPC parking lot. Other members/friends are welcome to join us for this event. But please contact the Studivants at 467-1397 or jnes-turdy@gmail.com, no later than Sunday, November 6, if you plan to attend. The temple has asked us to let our guide know how many will be in our group.

Friday, November 18:

11:30AM, D&S South Hills

Join us for a very special program as Keith and Charlotte Cassel present Part II of their trip to Russia!

Funding of Phase 1:

Long Range Renovation Plan

As many of you know after attending one of the two Long Range Renovation Plan presentations, we are on a go-ahead mission to fund the \$100,000 Phase I renovations of the Education Building (which includes a new roof for the sanctuary).

The WBPC website has a link to the entire presentation. So as not to have to incur debt, the plan is to invite current contributors to the 3 Year Capital Campaign to extend their pledge amount by 1/3 of the original pledge over another year or two. Those members who did not contribute to the original campaign are now invited to make a pledge to the Phase I project. The Stewardship Package for 2012 has a separate pledge card concerning the Phase I project. The Phase I projects will be done as the monies are generated through pledges; any excess will apply to Phases II & III.

Thank you for your faithful giving to the original 3-year capital campaign. Because of your generosity, we are close to paying off the loan!



WBPC Christmas Trees: Complete Order Form by November 6

Place your order now for a heavy density Fraser fir Christmas tree and support the WBPC fundraiser to upgrade our safety by improving our lighting around our property. Please complete this order form and place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, November 6** to reserve your tree(s). **Payment will be due at time of pick-up.**

Name _____ Phone # _____

Tree Size and Price

5-6 ft. tree: \$25

6-7 ft. tree: \$30

Quantity to Order

5-6 ft. trees: _____

6-7 ft. trees: _____

Payment is not due until time of pick up.

This form is for the purpose of ordering and reserving your tree

Happy Birthday

Kenlee Fischer	1
William Fischer	3
Mary Gracen Parker	5
Jacob Milchuck	6
Chris Tierney	8
Lydia Smith	9
Howard Holshouser	13
Kathy Johnson	14
Nita Brinkley	15
Joyce Barbour	18
Jane Hamner	18
Betty Connette	19
Gene Curtis	23
Gina Guzzo	23
Graham Howell	24



PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: George Blum, Kaye Byrd, Carlyle Craven, Al-lisen Fischer, Jane Hamner, TC Lindsay, John McClellan, Jean Perdue, Gene Reese, Mike Reese, Dot & Jimmie Smith, Peggy Stevens

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), Lori Assa (mother-in-law of Susan Bennett), Paula Byers and Evelyn Byers (daughters of Pat Byers), Ed Cherry (father of Janet Cherry), Horace Davis (friend of Mavis & Kenny Stott), Karen Estes (niece of Lou Gene Hemphill), Dorothy Glasgow (mother of Lori Grippo), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Richard and Kathy Griffith (brother and sister-in-law of Greg and Shirley Griffith), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Brandon Patton (grandson of Peggy Stevens), Marilyn Reese (daughter-in-law of Peggy and Gene Reese), Ron Rice (brother-in-law of John Clapp), Mabel Rivers (aunt of Robert Owens), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Charles Wil-liams (father of Mary Williams-Kotnik), Caitlyn Zabko (great granddaughter of Louise Beck)

UNC HEATHCARE: Alaina Craven

UNIHEALTH / THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts,

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MORNINGSIDE: Brady Jefcoat, Eleanor Sykes

ACTIVE MILITARY:

(Iraq): Tyler Rice (nephew of John Clapp)

(Afghanistan): Ryan Gnecco (cousin of Charlotte Cassel)



WBPC Poinsettia Order Form

You may make a donation of \$9.00 to request a Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Gifts of Poinsettias will be recognized in a December worship bulletin. If you would like to remember or honor a special friend or relative, please complete this form (please print neatly) and return it with your donation to the church office by **Sunday, November 27**. Make checks payable to WBPC. Please write *Poinsettia* in the check memo line.

Given by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of (1) _____ (2) _____

In Honor of (1) _____ (2) _____

Number of poinsettias requested: _____ x \$9.00 each = \$ _____