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Vince's View



Dear Family & Friends of Walhalla Presbyterian Church and West Union Chapel,

A West African bishop who came to America for the first time was amazed at the seemingly endless fullness of the American lifestyle. "What I noticed," he said, "was the size of your American garbage containers. You usually throw away more stuff in a week than most of our people own."

We in America have been blessed with a material abundance that most people on earth simply couldn't even dream of. We have stores loaded with stuff in every style, size and color. We can buy more channels to surf on television than anyone could ever possibly hope to watch. We can eat out at any of a multitude of luxurious restaurants whenever we run out of time to make dinner. We spend more on movies than most families worldwide can claim as their combined annual income. We can fly off to faraway places on nice vacations on our credit cards. Even with the current economic slowdown, all of us are far better off than people in Egypt or India or Africa where starvation is a daily nemesis.

And yet with all we have, too often deep down inside of us there is a fundamental insecurity about life. We constantly worry about not having enough. We fear things will run out. Even in the economic news this week there is a psychology of uneasiness about the "debt ceiling" on our federal government spending that feeds upon itself. Where does this come from? Biblically it goes all the way back to Genesis. The Tempter in the Garden of Eden lied to Adam & Eve that God's provision was not enough. He put into their hearts a craving for more. We live in a culture which constantly fuels our craving for more.

It is over against this insecurity in our lives, that Jesus says, "I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Paul echoes it this way: "God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

This abundance principle means that you and I enjoy a foundation of blessing from God that never runs out. The Hebrew word for this is *berakah*. *Berakah* means that no matter what happens, God will see us through. Our confidence is in the Lord, not in our things. *Berakah* runs all through the Bible. The psalms sing that we are never outside of God's care. God watches over us day and night. The same Almighty God Who began the good work in us, will bring it to completion.

This abundance principle means that our strength comes from God, not ourselves. Look at the clutter that is really in our lives. Empty it out, and open up some room for God. Some of the things we think we need, we don't really need at all. And when we empty some of that stuff out and lean into the Lord, we discover our true abundance. God is our strength.

I always used to assume that Jesus was vulnerable and weak after His forty day fast in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-12), and that the Tempter caught Him when He was at a low point physically. What the tempter didn't realize was that Jesus had been with God all that time, and He was now stronger than He had ever been.

Abundant living is extended by sharing what we have so that God can provide for others. We share our spiritual gifts. We serve. But we also share our material resources. Whenever we take a step of faith, God takes two steps, or more, and supplies us with more blessings than we can imagine.

In his classic book, *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis says that in the next world there may be no need for just and courageous acts of faith, for in that world things will be perfect. But in this world it is those acts of courage and faith which form the character we will take with us into the next world. We can't take our stuff. We can't take our possessions. The only thing we will take with us is the life we lived and the character that was formed in the living of our lives.

With you on the adventure of Abundant Living in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Vince Alig

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Every good endowment and every perfect gift is
from above, coming down from the Father of
lights with Whom there is no
variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:17



Lunch for Life

Saturday morning, July 16, 2011, thirteen friends and members of Walhalla Presbyterian Church and West Union Chapel gathered to serve Lunch for Life at the Fellowship Hall of the Salvation Army.

Including those who made contributions to the event, more than twenty people helped with the lunch.

Scott Durham, the chaplain of Lunch for Life, and his wife celebrated her birthday at the luncheon. The group of people who came regularly to the lunch have established a strong relationship among themselves. Mimi Taylor played the piano as folks ate, and afterwards, several people sang solos and duets. Then our churches provide the meal, we also give door prizes like paper or cleaning products, shampoo and other personal need items not available with food stamps.

Lunch for life has progressed in many ways since the beginning at Medavision parking lot. This time, about 27 visitors were served and we provided 17 carry out meals for them using the extra food we had prepared.



The church picnic will be Saturday, August 6th at South Cove Park in Seneca, beginning 10:00am-3:00pm.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided. Bring a dish to share and games to play if you wish. Everyone is welcome for this day of fellowship.

Condolences

Condolences are expressed to Nettie Keys and family in the death of her brother, William Clifton Harvey, who passed away on July 4, 2011.

Condolences are extended to the family of Nancy Miller in the death of her mother, Marian Lebeis, on July 6th in Hickory, North Carolina. Marian was a long time member prior to her move to Hickory, but still considered Walhalla Presbyterian Church her church home.

Welcome To Our Newest Member!

Pamela Sexton united with our church family on June 5th. Originally from Indiana, Pamela is a resident of Salem and usually attends the morning worship service at the West Union Chapel. Pamela's adult son Brian and his wife Whitney live in Indianapolis, IN. Pamela is on the board of Tamasee DAR and has served there as a houseparent. She is also an ordained Presbyterian Elder. She has enjoyed the Chapel Bible Study each week and the monthly Prayer and Healing Service at WPC. Pamela is the owner and operator of Pearl Services, Inc., which is a comprehensive professional cleaning service solution for your home or business. She appreciates the warm welcome she has received here.

Walhalla Presbyterian Church Finance Information

Your financial gifts, offerings and tithes for Walhalla Presbyterian Church are an act of praise, worship, and thanksgiving to God. Your living sacrifice of thanksgiving fuels the miracle of our mission outreach in Christ's name. Please give generously and sacrificially for God's work through WPC.

Financial Update Year to Date Through June 2011:

Tithes and offerings received:
\$79,127.80

Missions & Program Disbursements:
\$88,250.55

Shortfall: \$9122.75

Let's pull together to eliminate this shortfall!

Presbyterians in the Kitchen

Fruit Slush

2 1/2 cups water
24oz Orange Juice
2 cups sugar (I use 1 cup or less)
1 large can crushed pineapple in juice
6 banana's, crushed
Juice of 5 lemons (or 3/4 cups Real Lemon)
Mix all ingredients. Put in freezer and stir several times during freezing.
Make about 3 quarts

This is a wonderful summer treat! Allow to thaw to "slush" stage. Allow to thaw to "slush" stage to serve. Any remaining can be refrozen. Our family keeps this in our freezer throughout the year because it is a great way to sooth a sore throat and take in extra vitamin C. From the kitchen of Nancy Lancaster via Carol Silsby.

Carol's paternal grandmother Oriana Walker Carter (Mrs. Ralph Caleb Carter) and much of her household were early members of Walhalla Presbyterian Church. Upon retirement, Harry and Carol returned to Walhalla, now living in Carol's family home on Main Street.

In early 2009, they became members of Walhalla Presbyterian Church, where Carol's father, Clifton Carter worshipped with his second wife, Mary Brown Carter.

Get Ready!

Regular Church Activities Resume in September!

Regular committee vacations will end this month and we will start getting busy in September. The First Wednesday Night Supper at WPC will be September 14th and WUC's 3rd Sunday Luncheon will be September 18th.

Choir Practice

7pm - Wednesday @ WPC/WUC

Wednesday Family Night Suppers

6pm - 2nd Wednesday of the Month

West Union 3rd Sunday Luncheons

12:15pm - 3rd Sunday of the Month

Norton Dendy Circle Meetings

7pm - 2nd Tuesday of the month/WPC

Carolyn Rogers Meyers Meetings

9:30am - 2nd Monday of the month/WUC

Nettie Long Circle Meetings

3pm - 2nd Thursday of the Month/WPC

Christmas All Year—Small Group Meeting

12noon—25th of each month

Walhalla

Presbyterian Church Rosters August 2011

Flowers are available to be placed in the church during the entire month of August. *Please sign up!*

7th Flowers in the Church— Available
Lay Reader— Frank Forbes
Head Usher— Annette Morrah
Counters— Deb Wickliffe & Annette Morrah

14th Flowers in the Church— Available
Lay Reader— Harry Silsby
Head Usher— Deb Wickliffe
Counters – Deb Wickliffe & Annette Morrah

21st Flowers in the Church— Available
Guest Preacher—Ernie Gray
Lay Reader— John Palmer
Head Usher— Jack Workman
Counters – Deb Wickliffe & Annette Morrah

28th Flowers in the Church— Available
Lay Reader— Sam Rochester
Head Usher— Lynda Alexander
Counters— Deb Wickliffe & Annette Morrah

...BIRTHDAY...

- 8/1 Jennifer Wong
- 8/4 Maximus Wong
- 8/5 Warren Harris
- 8/7 Karel Keel
- 8/11 Germaine Shick
- 8/12 Barney Schimmelpfennig
- 8/21 Marion Mitchell
- 8/22 Doris Cash
- 8/25 Vivian Owens
- 8/25 Donald Sprowls
- 8/26 Linda Combs
- 8/28 Jan Hadley
- 8/28 Peggy Hadley
- 8/28 Martha Harper
- 8/29 Lois Douberly
- 8/29 Diane Vore

...ANNIVERSARY...

- 8/5 William & Doris Cash
- 8/6 Robert & Luebell Smith
- 8/15 Kin & Jennifer Wong
- 8/31 John & Linda Hostetler

Hymn of the Month

Submitted by: Doug Keel

Break Thou the Bread of Life

1877

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of Life. He who comes to Me shall never Hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:45 (NKJV)

On August 4, 1874, Methodist ministers John Vincent and Lewis Miller organized a Sunday school training camp beside Lake Chautauqua in New York. It was a hit. Families arrived in large numbers, paid the entrance fees, and moved into tents or cottages near an outdoor amphitheater.

Wanting national exposure, Vincent and Miller plotted to get President U. S. Grant to visit. "It would be a positive gain for the Bible, the Sunday school, and the Christian church if the President of the United States should come," wrote Vincent.

Somehow they pulled it off. On August 14, 1875, Grant's special train pulled into the station as cannons boomed and local bands played "Hail to the Chief." After an elaborate twelve-course lunch in a local home, Grant's party boarded a procession of steamboats and proceeded to the Chautauqua Camp Grounds where twenty thousand cheering people greeted the president.

Among them was Mary A. Lathbury, a local Christian who had been informally designated the "Poet Laureate of Chautauqua." She had written a "Song of Welcome" with which to greet the Commander-in-Chief on his arrival. The chorus:

*Greet him! Let the air around him benedictions bear!
Let the hearts of all the people circle him with prayer!*

This was one of the high points in the simple life of Mary Artemesia Lathbury. The daughter of a Methodist preacher, Mary was a native New Yorker who served as general editor of publications for the children/youth division of the Methodist Sunday School Union. She was also involved in the temperance movement and in the Chautauqua training programs.

Her hymns, however, have been her most enduring legacy, including the popular "Day Is Dying in the West," written on the shore of Lake Chautauqua.

In 1877, John Vincent asked Mary to write a hymn for the Chautauqua Bible Study Hour. Its focus was on studying Jesus Christ, the "Bread of Life" (John 6:35). In response, Mary wrote a two-stanza hymn entitled, "Break Thou the Bread of Life." (The final two stanzas were added later by Alexander Groves.)

Regarding her gift for art and verse, Mary Lathbury said that God had once told her: "Remember, my child, that you have a gift of weaving fancies into verse and a gift with the pencil of producing visions that come to your heart; consecrate these to Me as thoroughly as you do your inmost spirit."

Family Friends

United Way Center

409 East North First Street, Suite D
Seneca, SC 29678
Telephone: (864) 882-3130

July 21, 2011

Walhalla Presbyterian Church
Camp Buc Scholarship Committee
600 East Main Street
Walhalla, SC 29691

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for yet another wonderful year of Camp Buc for the need kids from Oconee DSS Family Friends and POPS Programs. WOW! What a wonderful experience for all of these kids—they can't wait to go back—in fact some don't want to come home!! Seriously, they have such a positive, fun, fulfilling experience with lots of attention, good food, and fellowship that they don't want it to end!!!

You all are so wonderful to provide this life-changing experience for these kids every year and please know how much we value and appreciate this exciting opportunity.

A special thanks to Sylvia and Don Rumer for the great job of coordination and support to make this all happen without a glitch! Please find attached a letter from one of the kids who attended and know that lives have been changed because of your generosity!

Sincerely,

Sandra Pruitt
Oconee County DSS/United Way
Family Friends Program

Dear Walhalla Presbyterian Church,

I would like to thank you greatly for the scholarship to Camp Buc. I had tons of fun and I learned a lot about the wonders and the many gifts that God has laid before each and every single one of us.

I also loved the rafting and horse back riding. I had so much fun that I believe I had a grin ear to ear that whole week. :)

Thank you once again.

God Bless, Estella Stencil



Walhalla Church Services
 9:30AM Kid's Praise Time
 9:45AM Sunday School
 11:00AM Sunday Worship

August 2011

West Union Chapel Services
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00AM Sunday Worship
 4:30 PM Sunday Bible Study



By Diane Vore

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Sundays 4:30p Bible Study/WUC *First Sunday of the month, Prayer and Healing Service 6pm at WPC	*3rd Monday of the Month Bible Study at the home of Don & Sylvia Rumer 7:00pm 		*4th Wednesday Session Meeting 5:30pm		*Every Friday 8:00am Old Joe Men's Breakfast—Kountry Kupboard 	RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS. TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY! REMINDER: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS July 20th
	1	2	3	4	5	6 WUC/WPC Church Picnic @ South Cove Park 10:00am-3:00pm
7 WPC Communion 11am 6pm Prayer and Healing Service at WPC	8	9	10 Christian Education Meeting 4:30pm	11	12	13
14	15 5:15pm Missions Team Meeting at WPC	16 Foothills Presbytery Meeting at Camp BUC 9:00am Evangelism Team Meeting 7:00pm	17	18 SDOC Schools Startup	19	20
21	22	23	24 Session Meeting 5:30pm	25 Christmas All Year Mtg. 12pm	26	27 Good News Club Training Workshop 9:30am—noon at Brushy Creek
28	29	30	31			
UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS.....	8/11—Rally Day for Sunday School					

Summer in the Sun

With everything that has been taking place in the area of Christian Education this summer, it would be wrong not to take a moment to give God the praise and glory for all He has done. We have so much to be thankful for. Here is a list of the things that we are blessed to have been a part of that have expressed the awesomeness of God to us up close this summer:

VBS at the Shake It Up Café

Vacation Bible School was a wonderful time of exploration of God's Word through a cooking theme that included crafts, games, science experiments, music, dance, and storytelling. The children learned about the festivals of the Old Testament, and how Jesus fulfilled the meanings of those festivals in the New Testament.



New Children's Sunday School Programs

The new children's Sunday School and Children's Church programs are off to a good start. Many members of the congregation have already had a chance to lead lessons and activities during Sunday School, or help supervise during Children's Church. We typically have between 5-8 children raring in ages 4-9. The children have also been a blessing to those they sit with in the sanctuary. Thank you to all of the church members who have already been involved with the children's programs in some shape or form. As we gear up for Fall, there will be many more opportunities for members of the congregation to bless our children and be blessed by them.

When the Game Is Over It All Goes Back in the Box



Those who participated in this John Ortberg study had positive things to say about how they grew in their faith during this 6-session series. We will be starting another series soon, so plan on joining that new study if you enjoyed participating in this series, or if you did not participate in this last study and do not regularly attend another Sunday School class. Let's make a commitment to make our faith come alive through vibrant study of the scriptures and through group accountability.