



Cullowhee Baptist Church

a place of grace and peace

February 2012

**Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
8 AM-12 PM**

Sundays in February

February 5

Communion

Isaiah 40:21-31
Mark 1:29-39

February 12

Psalm 30
Mark 1:40-45

February 19

2 Kings 2:1-12
Mark 9:2-9

February 26

First Sunday of Lent

1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Deacon of the Week

- 5 Irene Hooper
293-5456
- 12 Megan Brown
293-3527
- 19 Pam Martin
586-0917
- 26 Laura Steins
506-6437

On Our Journey Together ...

If you have the privilege of time and ability, you can hike a couple of hours up to Pinnacle Park above Fisher Creek in Sylva. When you arrive at the end of the trail you are treated to a spectacular view as this mountain valley we call "home" spreads out before you. After pointing out ridges and roads and landmarks that are familiar, you just may look down and see that you are standing on one big rock.

Consider that our Earth is one big rock. When we're lucky enough to stand on such a rock as Pinnacle Park, it's because all the dirt and trees and other things have been stripped away. We see this land for what it

is -- an immovable rock.

Many of the Psalms speak of God as a rock. Solid. Stable. Always capable of holding us up. It's a great image of God for us to remember this season. As we start Lent at the end of February, we come to a time when we try to strip away other things that we use to prop us up and try to rely more upon God's immovable mercy. Like taking away layers of soil to expose the foundation of rock beneath us, when the things we rely upon are sometimes taken from us, we are able to see that we ultimately stand upon God.

We are firmly in the midst of winter.

Perhaps we can look to the scarcity of color and foliage and be reminded that stripping away our flowery colors sometimes helps us remember what lies at our foundation. For Christians, that foundation is God our Rock, our Savior. There is no other that gives us a place to stand forever, that will not one day be taken away, that we can rely upon completely. May we never look at a rock again, and forget to thank God for the steadfast love that saves us.

Grace and Peace,
Tonya and Jeffrey

Ash Wednesday Service, February 22

Our time of preparation for Jesus' death and resurrection begins with Ash Wednesday. We will gather in the sanctuary at 6:15 following Wednesday dinner for a time of reflection and confession. Together we will sing, read scripture, seek forgiveness from God, and be reminded of our need for humility before God. The service will include imparting ashes, in the form of a cross, on either the forehead or the back of the hand. Plan to join us on February 22.

Valentine Cards for the Home-bound

Here in the states, the common theme for February is LOVE. And everyone likes to be reminded of how much they are loved. So let's show our love to our home-bound church members and watch-care members who cannot join us on Sundays or Wednesday by sending them Valentine cards.

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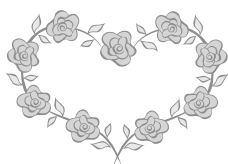
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23 Buzzard Roost
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Wilma Smith
1627 Tilley Creek Road
Cullowhee, NC 28723.

Cathy Vosecky
PO Box 413
Cullowhee, NC 28723.



Souper Bowl Sunday, February 5

Plan to stay after worship Sunday, February 5 for our annual Souper Bowl Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. There will be pots of delicious homemade soups, loaves of breads and a table full of desserts. Everyone is invited to come and eat. Donations will be accepted for the Jackson County Council on Aging's ramp building projects. See Steve Baxley.

Thank you for the Anniversary Surprise

Friday, January 6, 2012 marked the 10th anniversary as our first day as pastors of Cullowhee Baptist Church. While our family went out to dinner that Friday night to celebrate together, we had no idea that you were planning a different celebration for Sunday morning, January 8. But then on Sunday, there were flowers on the altar, whispering in the hallways downstairs, and slowly as our parents started to arrive we knew something was going on. Thank you for the cards, love offering and church-wide lunch. You overwhelmed us with your love and care. What a blessing it has been and continues to be to serve Christ alongside one another here through Cullowhee Baptist Church.

- Tonya, Jeffrey, Elizabeth, and Ally

Wednesday Nights in February

Join us each Wednesday night for a home-cooked meal at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Prayer and Bible study follows the meal at 6 pm for the adults and college students. During February the children and youth mission groups will be studying about planting Ghanaian churches in the United States. Dinner reservation slips are in the pew pockets. Cost of the meal is \$15/family, \$5/individual, \$3/children, and \$0/college students.

Wednesday Night Meal Schedule

- 1 - Meagan Wilmoth and Amanda Smith
- 8 - Amy Garza and Nicole Jarosinski
- 15 - The Vickerys
- 22 - Megan Brown
- 29 - Kathy and Pete Lovedahl

CBF of NC Annual Meeting, March 23-24

The annual gathering of the CBF of NC will be held at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC. The two-day conference begins at 1:30 with Friday workshops, dinner, and evening worship. Neville Callam from the Baptist World Alliance will be preaching on Friday night. The conference ends on Saturday at lunch. Anyone from CBC is invited to join us. Please let Jeffrey or Tonya know if you'd like to attend.

Global Women Group, Meeting Monday, February 6 at 6 pm

Answering the request of Irene Hooper, in 2011 the missions committee began to include the ecumenical mission organization Global Women in the church's annual mission budget. Global Women has been dear to the heart of a handful of women here at Cullowhee Baptist including Wilma Cosper, Irene and Tonya. Global Women is an ecumenical missions movement with a vision of a world where every woman is empowered by the love of God, valued by her community, and equipped to fulfill her unique purpose. So ladies, mark your calendars, let the rest of the family take care of the wee ones, throw together a potluck dish for the first Monday of February at 6 pm at Tonya's house, 327 Match Point, Sylva. We will meet to fellowship, pray, think and discover ways we can do something life-changing by helping other women, especially those who are profoundly unreached.

Youth Group Activities for February

5th— Super Bowl Party, 5:00pm
12th—S'mores at the Yount House, 6:00pm
18th—Mission Day @ MANNA in Asheville, 8:00am—2:00pm
19th—No Evening Youth Group
22nd—Ash Wednesday Worship
26th—Youth Group, 6:00pm

Church-Wide Ski Trip

Friday night, March 2 we hope to take advantage of late-season pricing and go snow skiing at Cataloochee. If at least 15 people are interested in skiing, cost will be \$35 which includes lift ticket, ski rental, plus gas money for the church bus. We will leave from the church at 5:00pm and return around 11:00pm -- the slopes are open 6:00-10:00 (if there's enough snow!). Invite your friends, neighbors, cousins, grandchildren, etc. Let's have some fun! Please contact Jeffrey by February 23 if you are interested.

Cullowhee Baptist MANNA Backpacks

Each week, volunteers from Cullowhee Baptist help deliver individually packaged bags of groceries to children in our local schools in partnership with MANNA's Backpack Program. The children are those identified by their school social workers as being in need of food assistance. Jesus fed multitudes with small amounts of food. With God's grace, we pray the same happens through this ongoing mission. We need volunteers to deliver boxes of food to area schools on Thursdays. If you can help, contact Jeffrey. Looking ahead, we want to help give back to MANNA for their generosity to "our kids" by traveling to Asheville to help volunteer at MANNA in March. This will be a half-day mission opportunity for the entire church. Watch your bulletins for a date in March to be announced soon.

Potential Mission Trip to Haiti

Mission work continues two years after an earthquake destroyed whole cities and killed an estimated 250,000 people in Haiti. Last month we mentioned the Haiti Housing Network, a group working to build 1,000 homes in the Grand Goave area of Haiti. **We're exploring taking a mission team from CBC to Haiti in mid-to-late May.** Pray about your involvement. Get your passport ready. Maybe you sense God's call to go to Haiti, or to help someone else from CBC be a part of this ministry. Please talk with Jeffrey or Tonya to see how you can be a part of this mission work.

CBC Newsletter, February 2012

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Food Collection for UCM—Stock the Shelves!

The shelves at United Christian Ministries in Sylva are in constant need of more food each month. During the month of February the church family is encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items and place them on the shelving unit in the church foyer. Together, let's see how many shelves we can stock this month for the food pantry. If anyone is interested in volunteering during the week at the pantry, please see Tonya for more information.

United Christian Ministries of Jackson County

