

## From our Roving Reporter - Vicki Dwinell



### FBC FOOD CLOSET ACTIVELY FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Did you know that FBC has a food closet? Did you know that bags of food are distributed to needy families through the Ogeechee River Baptist Association from the FBC Food Closet?

I heard about this service and decided to investigate. The person who works most closely with the Food Closet is Mrs. Sally Daniel. When talking with her, I discovered that 25 to 30 bags of food are given out every month by the Food Closet. Five bags are taken to the Ogeechee River Association office every week, while two or three other bags are stored in the closet for families that come to our church seeking help.

Each bag always contains canned vegetables and fruits, canned meat (such as tuna or salmon, depending on cost), spaghetti noodles and sauce, a box of macaroni and cheese, a box of potato flakes, a jar of peanut butter, a bag of rice, a bag of dried beans, cereal, and envelopes of powdered milk. These items are either donated to the Food Closet or purchased from the Fellowship Fund.

Ms. Sally said that if “goodies” such as cake mixes or packages of cookies are donated, she adds them to the bags for that week. However, the criteria for the donations is non-perishable. Nothing stored in glass is used. Ms. Sally also said that boxes of envelopes of powdered milk are needed, not bulk milk powder. When I asked about where the food came from, Ms. Sally replied that one Sunday School class brings some of the food items that are always included in the bags. Another Sunday School class makes a sizeable monetary donation each month. Sometimes college students leaving for the summer will donate the food in their pantries. The remainder of the resources comes from the Fellowship Fund. The offering taken at the doors of the church after a Communion service goes to the Fellowship Fund.

When asked what seniors can do to help, Ms. Sally said, “All contributions, both food and monetary, are greatly appreciated. The cost of everything has gone up so much, so contributions in any way are really needed.”

If you wish to help with this service, canned fruits or vegetables, cans of tuna, bags of rice or beans, or boxes of mac and cheese are the easiest items to find. If you would like to help monetarily, designate the offering for the Fellowship Fund.

## From Senior Adult Minister Hubert Tankersley



I learned a bit of bad news regarding **Peytona Southern Baptist Church** which we have assisted as one of our mission projects by providing Bibles and monies. I spoke with Pastor Howard Alford recently who shared with me that he and his wife will be moving back to Perry, GA by the 17th of this month.

His wife, Twala, whose health has not been good is now on oxygen 24 hours a day, and is on prednisone for her Pulmonary Fibrosis. She is also seeing a gastroenterologist. They had not sold their house in Perry and of course, now they are glad they didn't. They love the Peytona people and plan to visit four times or more a year carrying with them items that they need the most. He asked if we might be interested in continuing to help support the church there. I told him I would consult with our folks and see where the sentiments of our group lie. I realize that we helped people there who were experiencing critical needs in their lives— and are continuing to face the same problems. Let me know what you think, please.

On another note, we were asked to become a collection center for churches in our area to bring their **Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes** for transfer to Savannah. I felt that because of our interest in this Samaritan's Purse program that I had to say yes. I didn't think you'd forgive me if I said no. I'll be explaining our duties in a number of ways during October (see the reverse side of the calendar) and will have a sign-up sheet for you to be a part of this mission project. The eight days of national collection will be November 14-21, so please save some time for this project.

Finally, there will be another sign-up sheet for you to serve our children candy on **Wednesday, October 26th at our Noah's Ark Fall Festival**. Look for these sign-up opportunities soon. They will be displayed on our Senior Adult bulletin board outside the entrance to the main office.

To give as many folks an opportunity to serve please consider volunteering from one to three hours for the Operation Christmas Child and one or more hours for the Noah's Ark Fall Festival. God bless you as we continue to serve Him!!

## Traveling with Seniors, 2011

Last month we had **21 folks** go to **Amelia Island, FL** with us! It was a great trip, and now it's time to sign up for our next trips described below. I hope you will travel with us. I know you will enjoy it.

### October 11, 2011 - Day trip to the Okefenokee Swamp

Trip # 6058      \$89

*We are cancelling this trip due to the ravages of recent fires. Presently boats are not permitted in the Swamp so much of what we anticipated seeing will not be available. Sorry!*

### November 19, 2011 - The Real Christmas Story

A Christmas Tradition! Guaranteed snowfall at every performance! See your favorite Christmas scenes! Hear your favorite Christmas songs! And, yes, there's even a visit from St. Nicholas himself. Then, watch in awestricken wonder as the **real Christmas story is beautifully re-created.** Trip # 6063      \$99

### December 10, 2011 - This Man Called Jesus –

**Lexington, SC.** This two hour drama of the life of Christ features a costumed cast of over 400, live animals, inspiring music, awesome sound effects and lighting. *We want this to be a special trip by inviting you to include your grandchild(ren) to travel with us.* Of course you will have to make the decision as to whether they will be old enough to enjoy the production. Personally, I believe children 5 years of age or older can appreciate and enjoy a trip like this. The cost for the grandchildren is the same price as the adults.

Trip # 6228      \$79

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**Write your plans in pencil and let God have the eraser.**

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**When you're tempted to lose patience with another, think how patient God has been with you.**

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**Hold tightly to what is eternal, but loosely to what is temporal.**

## Un Bon Mot

A girl was visiting her blonde friend, who had acquired two new dogs, and asked her what their names were. The blonde responded by saying that one was named Rolex and one was named Timex. Her friend said, 'Whoever heard of someone naming dogs like that?' 'HELLLOOOOOOO.....,' answered the blonde. 'They're watch dogs'!

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A Russian, an American, and a Blonde were talking one day. The Russian said, 'We were the first in space!' The American said, 'We were the first on the moon!' The Blonde said, 'So what? We're going to be the first on the sun!' The Russian and the American looked at each other and shook their heads. 'You can't land on the sun, you idiot! You'll burn up!' said the Russian.. To which the Blonde replied, 'We're not stupid, you know. We're going at night!'

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A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the blonde behind the wheel was knitting! Realizing that she was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!' 'NO!' the blonde yelled back, 'IT'S A SCARF!'

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Men, please read this carefully and note the consequence. It is highly preferable to learn this lesson from someone else's mistake.

After being married for fifty years a wife asked her husband to describe her. He looked at her slowly and said, "You're A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K." She asks, "What does that mean?" He replies, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, Hot!" She smiles happily and asks, "Oh, that's so lovely, but what does I, J, K, stand for?" He said, "I'm Just Kidding!" His eye is still swollen... but it will get better.

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## Young at Heart

Young at Heart next meets Monday, October 10, 2011. Doyice and Mary Cotten will again share with us from their travels abroad. They've shared with us before about their travels in Southeast Asia and the response made them obvious choices for another program. They've entitled their program "Worship Centers of the World."

We are grateful to Doyice and Mary for their willingness to share with us the many wonderful sites around this world that they have seen. You almost feel you are there with them! Bring a friend or neighbor and share with them the fellowship, meal, and program.



## Lunch and Bible Study with the Pastor

Our next meeting will occur Tuesday, October 25, 2011, in the Perry Fellowship Hall at 11:30 A.M. The theme Dr. Waters has chosen for this year's Bible study is based on a Bible character familiar to us all - Moses. Ask friends and neighbors to come with you each month. We'll enjoy fellowship around the table and a lunch prepared by our capable staff led by Debbie Creasy, and then be led in our Bible study by Dr. Waters.

Bringing a friend or neighbor to enjoy the experience with you will enhance your own enjoyment. Plus your visitor will appreciate your interest and company.

