



# Siler Notes

Siler Presbyterian Church  
Serving Christ in the Crossroads

September, 2010

## A FUTURE WORTH TALKING ABOUT

For many of us it seems that we have done nothing lately but discuss the strategic plan for Siler, to develop a plan of action for the future. This year, out of the seven newsletters we have written, four of my articles have been dedicated to the Mission Statement and the Values Statement. What great documents they are! Let me remind you what the missions statement says.

*"Siler Presbyterian Church glorifies God by inviting all into a relationship with Jesus Christ, growing in faith, and serving Christ in the Crossroads."*

The core values are just as strong and remind us that we are to be committed to God, salvation by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Worship, Prayer, the Word of God, Stewardship, Discipleship, Service, Evangelism and Missions, the Family of Christ, and Fellowship. Could it get any better than that? So, in an effort to help everyone understand better what these statements mean, I am going to attempt a sermon series on the two documents sent out by the officers to the church. Beginning on Sunday, August 22nd I will begin discussing the Missions Statement in four installments. Each week we will look at one part of the statement and discuss it a little to help us see why it is used as it is in the Missions Statement. The first Sunday will be on the "Glory of God" and how we at Siler make it our focus to give Him all glory. The second Sunday will be on "being invited into a relationship with Christ". How does one initiate and build on that relationship? Next, we will continue our course of studying our mission statement with a discussion of "Growing in Faith." Then "Our service to God" will be our final week in this series and bring us to the end of our mission statement.

### *From the Pastor's Desk*

But, before you get any rest, we will start looking at Siler's Vision Statement, which will probably last until the Second Coming. However, if the Lord does tarry we will be looking at several weeks for this segment of developing our vision for the future.

So get ready and batten down the hatches, we are seeking the Lord for our life and ministry at Siler.

Bruce Powell



Fellowship suppers will begin on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM. Local Missions will be sponsoring the meals on September 15th, 22nd and 29th. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children (11 and under) with a maximum of \$30 per family. Sign-up sheets will be in the sanctuary. Menus will be listed each week in the bulletin.

SESSION SUMMARY- AUGUST 10, 2010

The stated Session meeting of Siler Presbyterian Church was held on August 10, 2010 at 7 pm.

The following items were discussed:

- The Mail Carrier has asked that the mail box be relocated; plans were made to do so.
- The Property Deacons are addressing problems with loitering and vandalism. The Property Deacons are placing "No Loitering" signs and will encourage the sheriff's department to patrol the area. They also requested to post wooden posts with caution reflections to create a traffic barrier. This was approved.
- Microphone usage during services was discussed. We will continue our current processes re: use of microphones.
- David and Elizabeth's insurance with Health Care Spending Accounts are now in place. Appreciation was expressed to Anita for her time and efforts to help this happen.
- Rally Day is scheduled for August 29th.
- Approved plans for Elisabeth White to provide an outreach event from using Kidology in 2012. This would involve inviting other churches to an educational event on training for Children's' Ministry.
- The Fellowship Committee is now functioning with new membership. The committee would like to hold an Ice Cream Social on 5/1/2011. No costs would be associated with the event.
- The New Members' Lunch which the Jessie Plyler Class has presented for a number of years will now be organized by the Jessie Plyler Class and will include other adult classes and youth on a rotating basis. This will provide assistance with preparing the meals and helping to clean up.
- Local Missions is now sponsoring the school supply drive; look for information soon on the Center of Hope.
- Pastoral Relations Committee, Youth and Children's Coordinator Relations Committee are all current with quarterly meetings.
- Noting that Worship Service attendance is rising. It was agreed that Tim Hemby and Vann Walters would identify ways to improve the Sanctuary capacity.

Summarized by Dona Haney, Clerk of Session

PASTORAL DEACONS'  
SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

*"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

-I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you. Mt 5:44

-Then Jesus spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. Luke 18:1

-Be merciful to me, O Lord; for I cry to You daily.

Psalms 86:3

CHICKEN & DUMPLING CLASS

The date of the next Chicken & Dumpling Class is October 1st. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this event to learn the details of this special Siler meal (and to prepare to be a part of the annual November event). Cost is \$10, which includes the cost of supplies and then provides a meal for your family that evening. Please sign-up if you wish to attend. A sign-up sheet is posted next to the flower calendar in Huneycutt Hall. Contact Dona Haney (704-843-4203) if you have questions.

ATTENTION: SILER SENIORS

Siler Seniors will be going to Narroway's production, "The Real Christmas Story", on November 20th at 5:00. Tickets will be \$15.00 for all over 65 years of age, or 29.95 for those under 65. In order to secure our tickets we will plan on ordering the tickets the first week in October. If you are interested in going to this show, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in Huneycutt Hall, or contact the church office. If you have questions, contact Dona Haney at 704-843-4203.



BLOOD DRIVE/FLU SHOT CLINIC

On Saturday, October 16th Siler will host a blood drive from 9 AM-2 PM and a flu vaccine clinic from 9 AM-Noon.

HOMECOMING 2010

Our homecoming celebration will be on Sunday, October 10th. Invite your friends and family to come worship with us at 8:30 am or 11 am. Bring a covered dish and stay for lunch after the 11 am worship service. Homecoming is a wonderful time for fellowship with friends of Siler.

# Children's News

## RALLY DAY- Sunday, August 29

Dress casually for this day of Siler fun! So much is going on- Crossroads during the Sunday school hour, Bible presentations to rising 3rd graders, hot dog/hamburger cookout after church, and Family Olympics...in which you can throw a pie at Pastor Bruce! Please bring a side dish and/or dessert.

## AL- LE- LU- IA COMPANY- "CHRISTMAS IN EGYPT"

Practice starts Sunday, September 12, 5-6 PM

Calling all drama kings and queens! We need singers, actors, and kids who want to praise God with music to join us as we get ready for our Christmas musical, "Christmas in Egypt." If you want to be a part, but aren't able to come to the first practice, please let Elisabeth know.

## GEMS- MAKE A HAND PUPPET & GIVE A HAND

Sunday, September 19, 5-6:30 pm

Try your hand at making your own hand puppet! Each child will get to make a puppet they can take home, learn some puppetry skills, eat some yummy food, and have fun with friends. We will also begin our "Give a Hand" project to help some families in Union County who need us to be God's hands in their lives.

## FAMILY WII TOURNAMENT- Friday, September 24, 6:30 PM

Pizza and Wii games...what else could you need for a fun evening with family and friends? Families or groups of 4 compete. Sign up. Be there.

# Youth News

## Parent Meeting

Sunday, August 22 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall classroom.

## Day at the Lake!

Saturday, August 28th. More information and directions are available in the church by the front window near the door.

## Carowinds and Christian Music Day!

Saturday, September 25th featuring Casting Crowns, Brandon Heath, Kutless, and more! Cost is \$40 for admissions to the park and the concert.

*For more information about any upcoming activities, talk to Dave.*



## Upcoming Activities

September 5- No Youth Group (Labor Day)  
Lunch at NY Pizza and Pasta

September 12- Jr. High Youth Group  
5-6:30 PM

Sr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM  
September 19- Jr. High Youth Group  
5-6:30 PM

Sr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM  
September 26- Jr. High Youth Group  
5-6:30 PM

Sr. High Youth Group 6:30-8:00 PM

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

CHICKEN/DUMPLING/DRESSING DINNER & COUNTRY STORE

*First Saturday in November*

To explain to our new members, this annual event is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the Women of Siler and a most welcomed event to the community. It takes a lot of help from the congregation to make it happen. Handcrafted items, baked goods, canned goods, etc. are needed to stock the Country Store. PLEASE, will all of you get busy stitching, knitting, crocheting, sawing, hammering, staining, painting, stamping, gluing, making jewelry, canning, whatever it takes? As we get closer to November, more details about this event will be announced.

For dinner information, please call Susan Osborne (704-846-1422); for Country Store information, call Ann Staggs (704-843-2712).

CENTER OF HOPE

We have been blessed again this year by another opportunity to host a new group of ladies from the Center of Hope Women's Shelter. The ladies will be staying with us from October 18th to October 25th.

We are full of stories, full of memories from hosting the ladies in 2009; where God used us as his hands to change a small part of someone's life.

We tasted the joy of servanthood. We felt the contagiousness of being part of something God was doing and could never have done this individually, but we did it as a group.

In Ephesians 2:10 Paul talks about you and me. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Pray that God will again use our minds to inform and counsel people, that He will use our hearts to show kindness and that He will use our hands to serve.

Please join us as we serve God. Help us make Siler a home for the homeless. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Allison at 704-849-6791 or Carmen Lazenby at 704-289-8120.