

The Messenger

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The poster for the Fall Festival is enclosed in a black rectangular border. It features several autumn-themed illustrations: a cluster of orange and yellow leaves in the top left; a single yellow leaf and a red leaf in the top center; a yellow leaf and a red leaf in the top right; a branch with several acorns in the middle right; and a single yellow leaf in the bottom right. The text 'Fall Festival' is written in large, bold, orange letters with a black outline. Below it, 'Wednesday,' is written in a black, cursive font, and 'October 29, 2008' is written in a black, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a cartoon illustration of a wooden hay wagon with a large pile of yellow hay on top and a wooden handle.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

This week we welcome Kim Bogan to our staff as Preschool Ministry Director and interim has been removed from Deana Fowler's title as Children's Ministry Director. Although both of these positions are part-time, they have their hands full. Deana leads in all of the activities involved with our children's Sunday School program along with coordinating it with Awana and Children's Choir. Kim has been serving as the SS Department Director for the preschool along with helping with preschool care on Sunday nights in Mrs. Helen's absence. Two weeks ago there were 110 preschoolers ages 2-5 who sang in the morning services. As we welcome these ladies, they could use your help by serving in one of the ministries in their area.

As our nation goes thru times of economic uncertainty, we are trying to be good stewards of God's money and you may see some changes as we evaluate the expenses of each ministry. You have always been faithful in your tithes and offerings and we have always tried to be obedient in how it is spent. I want you to know that we take this responsibility seriously as we continue to seek to reach our community for Christ and to minister to the needs of our church family.

Also be sure to check our updated website at lakebowenbaptist.com. Bro. Tim has done a wonderful job of putting it together and getting it up and running.



HOSPITAL LIST

Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Linda Lawter and Chelsey Mitchell; Surgeries this week: Lew Crissone and Erling Holscher

WELCOME CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Coming by Transfer of Letter:

Scott, Joei, and Hailey Barnwell, 180 Cole Road, Campobello, SC 29322. Welcome also to their son, Hunter.

Jack and Rachel Owings, 130 Clearview Heights, Boiling Springs, SC 29316

FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Worship the Comforter – "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort."

2 Corinthians 1:3

Recently, while waiting in line at a local Christian bookstore, my daughter Micah lunged toward the arms of a total stranger. While not entirely out of character on a normal day, such behavior was quite surprising given that she was being particularly whiny that afternoon (she was cutting several teeth and was emotionally fragile after her mean father forbid her from "re-arranging" the entire Gaither Homecoming CD collection...).

The stranger, an older lady waiting in line behind us, willingly accepted Micah's hug, and then, with tears in her eyes, looked up and said, "Ohh, God must have told her how much I needed this!" While Micah played with her necklace, she revealed that she had just come from her first chemotherapy treatment, and she was feeling very alone and scared.

I, meanwhile, was utterly amazed at how much the simple hug of a child can bring comfort to someone in need, and I also was dealing with no small pang of guilt at having missed the pain clearly evident on her face. Micah saw it; her minister-father did not.

Thankfully, we serve an amazing God who always knows when we are in need of that kind of comfort. He knows our every hurt and promises not to put more on us than we can withstand. Whether it's the hug of a child, relief from some pain, or a peace that surpasses all understanding, our God is in the business of comforting His people.

While the description of the Holy Spirit in John 14:26 may be more correctly translated as "Helper" or "Counselor," I love the King James translation. In it, the Spirit is called our "Comforter." Whatever the translation, it is clear that the Spirit will always guide, comfort, help, and otherwise shelter those in need.

With this in mind, we all could probably learn something else from Micah: even when we're feeling a bit whiny (you may not stomp your feet, but we all whine sometimes...), we need to be ready and willing to be used by God to bring comfort to others. May we carry-out Paul's exhortation in Ephesians 5:16-17, and make "the most out of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

Soli Deo Gloria

Tim



**Lake Bowen Baptist
Student Ministries**

Hey everybody.

We will be taking the senior high students to House of Martyrs in Kings Port, TN October 24-25. This will be a trip for senior high only (9th-12th grade). We will leave the church Friday, October 24th at 5:00pm and return Saturday evening the 25th around 3:00pm. The cost of this trip will be \$30.00 which will cover the cost of the room, ticket to the show, and 1 meal. The last day to sign up and pay is October 19th. The sign up sheet is located back at the fellowship hall near the bulletin board.

We Need Your Help!

Fall Festival is right around the corner. We will be having our annual Cake Bake Auction. We need your cakes and baked goods to auction off. All proceeds raised will go to the youth group mission fund. If you are interested in donating a cake or cookies, please sign up at the welcome desk in the atrium.

We also need you to decorate the trunk of your car. We will be doing Trunk-or-Treat this year, and we need cars. If you are interested in decorating your car, you can also sign up at the welcome desk in the atrium.

I would like to make you aware of our blog section on our updated web-site. I will use this space to recap some of our services as well as offer some spiritual insight in what God is doing in my life and through me. Be sure and check this week's blog. I am writing in regards to leadership. I pray that it will challenge you as God has challenged me. If you have any questions regarding any of the events mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact the church.

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2 TEACHERS NEEDED IN NURSERY

We are in need of 2 teachers in the 9 – 18 month nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service. If you are willing to serve in this area, please see Michelle Grigg or call the church office.

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**LIFE GROUPS
(Three things to think about.)**

1. Stay Faithful...in your Bible study each day. (You've made a commitment.)
2. Stay Faithful...in your prayer life. (Don't neglect it.)
3. Stay Faithful...to your group. (Encourage each other.)

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 29 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

We are currently in need of two teachers in our Adult Department. If you are interested, please give me a call. (Kenny 542-4174)



FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

In Philippians 4:13, Paul writes: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." We know that he is referring to our Lord and the strength He provides us. You may know someone going through a difficult time that could use a word of encouragement like this. Maybe you need encouragement yourself. Ask God to intervene and provide strength. He is faithful and His word is true.

Your prayer team here at Lake Bowen Baptist Church is willing and ready to pray for you or someone you know anytime. Call the church office and your prayer request will be forwarded to us.



ZOO TRIP

Come join us for a time of fun and fellowship – Zoo Trip for 1st through 5th grade!

Riverbanks Zoo – Saturday, October 18th

We will leave the church at 7:45 a.m. and return around 6:00 p.m.

All children must be signed up by October 12th to attend. Sign up in the Atrium. If you have any questions, please contact Deana Fowler at 895-4594.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would like to have an EMT or Registered Nurse on call each Sunday on a rotating basis during our services in case we have an emergency in our Children, Preschool or Nursery Departments. If you would be willing to serve in this area of ministry, please see Kim Bogan or Michelle Grigg or call the church office.

LOST AND FOUND

Please go by and check the lost and found table (in the hallway next to the Preschool Department) to see if you have anything there. Everything not picked up by October 12 will be donated.

CSI T-Shirts

CSI T-Shirts are available in the atrium for \$10 each.

OPERATION CARE AND HOPE

A ministry of the Gramling United Methodist Church On Tuesday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Gramling United Methodist Church, 14941 Asheville Highway, Gramling, will sponsor a time for health screenings, lunch, manicures, live music, gift bags, valet parking, agencies to assist seniors, and it's all free. Some of the agencies represented will be: AARP, Greater Spartanburg Ministries, Medicaid, Social Security, and Veteran's administration, along with many others. There will be flu shots available. You may need certain papers for assistance such as picture I.D., Social Security Card, last bank statement, last heating or cooling bill, veteran papers, property tax bill, etc. For more information, call Gramling United Methodist Church at 472-2551.



Thank you cards are posted on bulletin board inside the church office workroom. We have received thank you cards from the following: Helen McKelvey

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	Sept. 28	Oct. 5
Sunday School	552	521
Tithes/Offerings:	\$17,210.38	\$21,332.00
Total Building Fund:	\$122,534.26	



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, Oct. 12: Stephen Shehan, Linda Luther, Shannon & Sharon Daugherty

Wednesday Night, Oct. 15: Michelle Grigg

Sunday Evening, Oct. 19: Gary & Heather Wideman, Dayle Walker

Wednesday Night, Oct. 22: Rhonda Dukes

COUNTING COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

Richard Gowan, Kenny & Frances Bass, Vickie Smith, Lewis & Martha Rosman

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

Tommy & Connie Pearson, Ronnie & Estelle Bridges, Steve McAbee, Larry Richards

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