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IT'S ALMOST HERE....

OBC is hosting 15 churches and 196 participants. We currently will be making an impact at 15 sites in the Orange and Louisa Counties.

**Friday, March 7 thru
Sunday, March 9**

**Contact Marsha Jacobs
540 672 4098**

**to volunteer with setup, and/or
the worksites**

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays, beginning March 5, 12:15 PM, Trinity United Methodist Church

March 5-Ash Wednesday, led by Rev. Tom Barnard,
Trinity United Methodist

March 12, led by Rev. Denise Hall, Orange Presbyterian

March 19, led by Rev. Lynn Hutton, St. Thomas Episcopal

March 26, led by Rev. Pat Nabors, Good Shephard Lutheran

April 2, led by Rev. Rick Clore, Orange Baptist

April 9, led by Rev. Tom Rodriguez,
Orange Church of the Nazarene.

Light lunch will follow.

Offering will be collected for the Christian Emergency Council.

BUSINESS MEETING, SUN., MAR. 16

The following items/motions will be discussed and/or voted on:

Proposed by-laws from September.

The Board of Deacons would like to encourage all members to put Sunday, March 16 on their calendar to attend our regular church business meeting. We are trying something new by having March's business meeting in the sanctuary following the morning service. We are confident that through prayer and commitment to our Savior Jesus Christ, our business meeting attendance will be overflowing!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon., Mar. 3: Valirie Payne circle, 11 AM in Pine Room.
Wed., Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26: Music and Missions, 5:30 PM.
Thur., Mar. 6: Ruth Kersey circle, Noon, Dogwood Village with Alice Jacobs. Bring lunch. Blood Mobile, 2 PM.
Sun., Mar. 9: WMU Executive Meeting, 5 PM.
Tues., Mar. 11: Finance meeting, 6:45 PM. Church council at 7:30 PM.
Sat., Mar. 15: Upward Awards, 9:30 AM, Prospect Heights Middle School
Sun., Mar. 16: WMU Semi-Annual meeting, 3 PM.
Tues., Mar. 25: 7 PM Deacons meeting.

COUNTERS -- March

Gene Wagner, Patricia Coleman and Lovedy Papproth

NURSERY HELPERS

Mar. 2 Ashley/Whit Jacobs, Wendy Rose and Erin Darnell
Mar. 9 Patricia Salyers, Debbie Kerley, Karen Jarrell and Yvette Jarrell
Mar. 16 Dave/Meg Camp, Mayira Cluff
Mar. 23 Sarah/Raphael Sydnor and Shannon/Greg Conklin
Mar. 30 Vicky Schafer, Brenda Graves & Greg Hines

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Mar. 9 Karen Wheeler
Mar. 16 Katy Wilkerson
Mar. 23 Cindy McDaniel
Mar. 30 Karen Wheeler

HAPPY AGERS

FRI., March 28, 2:15 PM (NOTE DATE CHANGE! not our usual third Tuesday) meet at Food Lion to leave for American Color, Inc., a green house on Thornhill Road, Orange County. We will enjoy a half hour slow walking tour to see beautiful flowers and learn about the growing process. Call Doris 672-4139 or Cornelia 672-4705 we need to know who is going on any of the trips)

The gardens were started in 1998 by owner Ed Van Hoven with one acre. American Color now covers 20 plus acres. The tour is free. The only cost is transportation and the meal before returning home.

UPCOMING DATES:

Tues., April 15 - We'll visit the National D-Day Memorial, Bedford, VA.

Sat., May 3 - We'll attend the 3 PM performance of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus in Charlottesville at John Paul Jones Arena. TOTAL COST is \$30 circus and transportation. Please notify Doris or Cornelia right away so that tickets can be purchased.

Tues., July 15 - We'll see the show "Moses" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Pennsylvania. Call now and let us know you want to go. It is very important in securing a good rate for group tickets and good seats.

Ministry to Internationals

In Mathew 2:13-15 Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus were instructed to leave Bethlehem to escape the evil plans of King Herod to murder Baby Jesus. They traveled to Egypt seeking safety and refuge. As refugees in a strange land Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus became dependent on those around them to learn a new culture and strategies to adjust in a new land.

Butch and Nell Green, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel in Houston, help hundreds of immigrants, refugees and international students navigate a new culture each year. The Greens are being the presence of Christ by assisting the new comers in finding shelter, sources of food and in connecting them with local resources such as job prospects, medical care and education. Butch Green said, "Refugees, immigrants and international students are our neighbors and we have a responsibility as Christians, as churches, to reach out with the love of Christ."

Part of the Green's ministry is equipping individuals and congregations to become partners in meeting the myriad needs of their new neighbors. Tallowood Baptist Church in Houston has collected furniture for refugee families and school supplies for refugee children. South Main Baptist Church in Houston is reaching out to their often-misunderstood Muslim neighbors. Clear Lake Baptist Church in Houston offered a video simulcast on how to reach out to their Muslim neighbors. Surprisingly, about 50 local Muslims attended. The event evolved into an hour long dialogue about their faith and beliefs.

The life-changing ministry of the Greens in Houston is made possible through your gifts to the CBF Offering for Global Missions. Give prayerfully and generously to help sustain the ministry of the Greens and 130 other CBF field personnel.

YOUR LOVE MULTIPLIED



Gloria Thatcher, Director of Love Outreach, accepts food donation from Larry Lloyd, Deacon of Orange Baptist Church.

Julia and Larry Lloyd have been busy putting your donations to work right here in our Orange Food Pantry. Money donated by the deacons purchased the food.

Attached you will see the load of food they recently delivered for distribution to our local neighbors through this essential Ministry.

While it's hard to believe that hunger would be a problem in our world, the United States, and right here in Orange County, it is a reality that there are those who have to choose between food....shelter.....medicine as competing needs.

Thank you for helping Julia and Larry give so that others may come to see Christ through our actions.

WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH

The recognition of my 15 years of service to the church and your generous love offering that was shown to my family and I on Sun., Feb. 9 is greatly appreciated in more ways than you will ever know.

Also, a special thank you to Christa Edmonds for your beautiful message in music "*Words of God Speak*". You should sing more often.

Love and thank you,
Melinda Cunningham and family

Mary Beth and I were overwhelmed with all of your expressions of love for my five years of service. We are grateful not only for the monetary gifts, but for how you have been a blessing to us over these five years in so many ways. You have been wonderful partners in Christ, fellow travelers on the road of life, adopted family members to our children, and most of all, friends who love with the love of God. We are blessed to call you all family.

Alan Miller

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bereavement:

Family of Lisa Miller
Family of Rick Wheeler
Family of Rev. Garland Day

Illness within Church family:

Madeline Reeves
Sam Jarrell
Tom Travers
Bart Daniel
Mary Wright
Erma Boyles
Raymond Strickland
Spurgle Herndon
Doris Samuels
Shirley Reynolds
Charlene Schweikert
Phyllis Saintclair
Paige Rogers Wilkes
George Shifflett
Hank Cunningham

Other Concerns:

Samantha Clark
Matthew Rogers

Illness of friends & family:

Julia Thomas
Charles Arruda
Chester & Frances Baker
Savannah Cox
Brooke Wheeler
Allen Shands
Robyn Banas
Roger Dunevant
Sherry McGhee
Rev. Mark Hughes
Rev. Olin Herndon
Virginia Long
Betty Landrum
Michael Smith
Kari Brown
Rev. Bruce Hunter
Susan Hunter
Tammy Waters
Billy Hahn
Judy Racey
Mike Critzer
Matt Woods
Grant McDaniel
Charles Sprouse

STEWARDSHIP - JANUARY

Unified Budget:

Receipts	\$ 21,869.20
Paid Expenses	\$ 24,424.06
Unpaid Expenses -	\$ 4,060.66
Unpaid Mission Partners for 2013	\$ 6,153.50
Capital Campaign:	
Receipts	\$ 5,428.00

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?"

Matthew 16: 24-26

BUSY BEES

OF OBC.....



Properties Team and volunteers renovating room in basement of Office. Piano was moved to a local family. Chairs re-covered in Pine Room.



LOVE OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
 Month of March -- Tunafish & canned chicken. Please check the expiration dates of the food you donate.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS: Spring and summer clothes, all ages all sizes, especially need children clothing.

Guatemala
Honduras
 Tegucigalpa

Gracias
 For all your prayers and support to make this trip possible and to support the community of El Canton!

Danielle & Allison Gent will be at OBC on Sun., March 16, during worship to share their experiences of their mission trips. Danielle went to Honduras and Allison was in Ghana.

I am so appreciative of all your thoughts, prayers, and support for this trip. Thanks to you, this family in Aboano, Ghana is now receiving clean, reliable water.