



*Shedding light on the ministries of Linden*



# The Linden Lantern

March 1, 2010-April 30, 2010

### Special points of interest:

- March 14-Hand Bell Practice 2pm
- March 17-St. Patrick's Day
- March 20-Spring Begins
- March 23-Sr. Adult Retreat
- March 28-Palm Sunday
- March 28-St. James Male Chorus
- March 30-Passover
- April 1-Maundy Thursday
- April 2-Good Friday
- April 4-Easter
- April 5-Easter Monday
- April 18-The Griggs

### Happy Anniversary

Bill & Linda Deal

April 1st

~and~

Bob & Sandy Harwell

April 5th

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## The Passion Of The Christ



During the second World War Winston Churchill said, "Never have so many owed so much to so few." As we approach The Passion of Christ we say, "Never have so many owed so much to one man, Jesus who is the Christ," for the weight from all the sins of His people throughout the world were upon Him.

Many people were asking the question, "Why did Jesus have to die?"

There are so many answers to this question, but the one basic answer is that Jesus died as a sacrifice for the sins of His people. God the Father is a just God who will judge each person for his or her sin. The Love of Christ for His people led Him to die in our place. Jesus took the punishment that we all justly deserve.

Jesus is our substitute, our replacement. God the Father gave Jesus up to be sacrificed for our sins so that we could be forgiven. He paid the great debt of our sin so that we could be judged as righteous before our just God. Jesus became the Passover Lamb for His people. Remember the Passover Lamb that was sacrificed in the Old Testament book of Exodus? In chapter 12 we learn of the slaughter of the lamb, the spreading of its blood on the doorposts, the roasting of the lamb, the eating of the lamb and the "passing over" of the angel of death, thus sparing the lives of God's people. The great apostle Paul says in I Corinthians 5:7, "For Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us."

When Jesus died, His death effectively removed the guilt of our sin from us. God the Father now sees us as righteous (in right standing) before His throne. The psalmist says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far have your sins been removed from you." The phrase "east from the west" was the Hebrew way of expressing infinity. Our sins have been infinitely removed from us by the work of Jesus on the cross.

Instead of "What is Jesus' passion?" a better question is, "Who is Jesus' passion?" The answer would be-you! You are Jesus' passion. He loves His Father and He loves you. The cross in some ways symbolizes these loves of Jesus' life. The vertical post that comes up out of the ground and points to heaven represents Jesus' love for His heavenly Father. And the horizontal cross beam on which His hands were nailed represents His love for His people.

## Celebrating a Linden Moment

If you were around several years ago you know that there was once a Linden newsletter called "Linden Leaves". It was a newsletter edited and published by Elder Leonard McAbee. Leonard kept the Linden congregation well informed of all the many happenings in and around Linden and the denomination. We express our appreciation to him for all his efforts and the wealth of information we now have to draw from as we prepare to celebrate 100 years of ministry.

Linden was founded in December of 1912. We are reformed in theology, Presbyterian in government and forward looking in ministry.

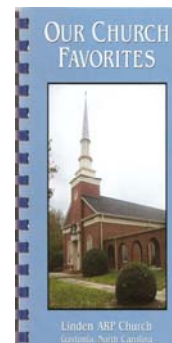
We do look forward to being able to celebrate 100 years of ministry in 2012! There will be more to come concerning our celebrations. Stay tuned!!

## Celebrating the Linden Cookbook

By now you know the cookbooks are here and are for sell. This may be the very first cookbook published by the women of the church ministry in the life of Linden. For sure you want and need to purchase a copy of the keepsake!

We do hope you have already purchased one or two or three. They will make great gifts for Mother's Day-Father's Day-Birthdays-Christmas and just about any time.

You can stop by the church office and purchase your books or just see one of the ladies from the Women's Ministry and they will be happy to assist you.



A fine collection of recipes from a fine collection of women

## Cooking For Christ Ministry

This is the name given (or at least the name I have given) to those wonderful folks in the adult Sunday School class. They have recently adopted a project to prepare meals for those in our church who are home bound or have special needs. This ministry has been going on for several weeks now and several meals have been prepared and shared. Thank you to the adult Sunday School class for this wonderful "Cooking For Christ" ministry.

*"In as much as you do this to the least of these my brothers, you do it unto me"*

## Celebrating Birthdays in March and April

Ethel Lineberger-March 2

Robby Harwell-April 7

Steve Myers-March 6

Jamie Harwell-April 9

Steve Little-March 23

Debbie McCarter-March 31



You know you're getting old when your back goes out more than you do.

# Crisis Assistance

As you know we always have at least one month in which we gather food items to take to the Crisis Assistance Ministry. Again we thank Charlie Hodge for his efforts in the project as he serves as the contact person for us with Crisis Assistance.

We would like to begin gathering non perishable food items now. You can start bringing your items in at any time. We will have a drop off location set up for you.

In the time when so many have such great needs may the light of Christ shine through us in our generosity toward others. Rest assured, God honors those who honor Him.

Thank you for your continued support with this ministry.



## Senior Adult Retreat

On Tuesday, March 23rd beginning at 9:00am the First Presbytery Senior Adult Retreat will take place here at Linden ARP Church. You are invited to attend, especially since it is here at Linden.

Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

## All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast for only \$5.00!

On Saturday, March 6th and Saturday, April 3rd Bob and Sandy Harwell will be serving an All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast to help raise funds for the youth summer adventures of music and missions. The menu includes not only pancakes but sausage, bacon and drinks.

The breakfast takes place in the Linden Fellowship Hall and begins at 7:00 am and ends at 10:30 am. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day so be sure to tell your friends, neighbors, family, co-workers and even a few strangers all about this delicious meal. It's even a great place to meet for your circle meetings, deacons meetings, or small group meetings. And did you read the part about it costing only \$5.00? That's a great deal! We look forward to seeing you there.



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***Our Purpose:***

*By the grace of God and for the glory of God, Linden ARP exists as a worshipping community of believers who are committed to being and making disciples of Jesus Christ in our community and beyond.*

***Celebrate With Worship***

*\* March 28: Palm Sunday*

*\* April 1: Maundy Thursday Communion at Pisgah ARP Church*

*\* April 4: Early Easter Service starting at 8:00am followed by breakfast, Sunday School and our regular worship at 11:00am.*

**We're on the Web!**

[www.LindenARPChurch.org](http://www.LindenARPChurch.org)

## Celebrating With Music - Featuring:

The Music Conference, The St. James Male Chorus and The Griggs

The Bonclarken Music Conference will be held from July 11th thru the 16th. This conference brings together singers of all ages to participate in the largest of Bonclarken's summer conferences. Renowned choir director's, organists, singers and clergy present opportunities for musical and spiritual growth. Wholesome recreation, crafts, and entertainment appeal to all. Again this year we hope to be represented at this conference.



The Griggs from L-R: Terry Grigg, Zolia Clayton, Arnold Clayton, Pete Grigg

The St. James Male Chorus will be in concert here at Linden on Sunday, March 28th at 6:00 pm.

The St. James Male Chorus was formed by the late Mr. James Postell in an effort to increase the participation of male voices in his church choir. Within a short period of time, men from different churches swelled the size of the chorus to more than 40 members. Fifteen or more different churches are represented and seven or more denominations. The group individually, and collectively sings with the sole purpose of witnessing through song and that their appearances will always be regarded in that Spirit, not as a show or performance.

On Sunday, April 18, 2010 we welcome **The Griggs** back to Linden. The Griggs Bluegrass Gospel Band has been together since 2004. They play many old time gospel favorites as well as plenty of original music. They work hard to produce beautiful harmonies that glorify God. Pete is a talented mandolin player and has performed at the Grand Ole Opry and the Ernest Tubb Record Shop. Pete's son Terry began playing the guitar at age 6 and at age 14 Terry played at the Ernest Tubb Record Shop with Bill Price of the Country Partners. Arnold Clayton has played banjo for 32 years, taking the NC State Banjo Championship 3 times. Arnold also placed sixth in the Winfield Valley National Banjo Championships. Zolia, the sweetest of the bunch and mother of Arnold has played the mighty upright bass for 28 years. She sings tenor with the group and is a former member of The Charlotte Grass band. The concert will begin at 6:00pm and everyone is invited to attend. We hope to see you all there!