



*A Personal Word*  
**...from the pastor**

**T**he groundbreaking ceremony was a beautiful service. It was a beautiful thing to see so many of the membership present and to see them put their hands to the plow. It indicated to me that our people are excited about our opportunity and are ready to go to work to see God's plan come to fruition. It was also a beautiful picture to see the entire church membership represented by those turning the first spade of soil where the new sanctuary will be located. The deacon body, the finance committee, the building committee, along with the youngest member and the oldest member joined the pastor in turning the first spade of soil. To me, the reason this service is so meaningful, is that it does indicate the involvement of the total church family. It is a major, major undertaking, and it needs and deserves the support of the congregation as a whole.

We are in the process at this time of studying the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Sunday Mornings. The major thrust of this series is to teach us that all who make up the body of Christ must exercise his or her gift for the good of the entire body. Each one of you is a unique individual. There is not another just like you. God has created

you for a purpose in His kingdom. No one else can fulfill the role that God has in mind for you. It is so imperative that we all discover our function, and with God's empowerment fulfill our place in the body. While this is always important, it is especially essential during a building program. Some times we have the idea that my "gifts" [here I am speaking of Spiritual Gifts rather than monetary gifts] are not very important. This attitude is to say that God has made a mistake. He has endowed me with a nonessential gift. Folks, please understand me when I say that each and every one of you are essential to the Kingdom and to this local church. I beg you to realize that God has placed you in this local body to fill a vital need. Please, over these next few weeks as we study Spiritual Gifts, come and allow God to put His finger on your gift and then plan to dedicate that gift to be used in and for the good of this local church family. God's Kingdom and the future of Edgerwood Baptist Church depends on your faithfulness.

From time to time I am going to be asking members of our own congregation share their personal testimonies of how God is working in their lives. This coming Sunday evening, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mrs. Gwen Leary will be sharing her testimony of how God has extended His grace to her. We see Gwen today and we see a lady who



seems to "have it all together". But she would be the first to tell you that God has brought her from the guttermost to the uttermost. Come and hear a present day example of God's amazing grace.

When Bob Reuther is a little more recuperated from his recent traumatic surgery, he will be sharing his testimony of how God is working in his life. Here is a man who so early in his life has faced more than most people face in a lifetime. Yet, he has one of the most positive attitudes you will ever find. God is doing a marvelous thing in his heart as a result his surrender and openness to find God's purpose in all that he has suffered. He will quickly tell you "it is all about Him". We have some very unique people in our fellowship and we need to get to know each other better that we might appreciate what God is doing in our fellowship and how he wants to use the Edgerwood Family.

## FROM THE SECOND CHAIR

Things are certainly getting exciting around Edgewood! After months of planning and working through the permit process, we have finally begun the actual construction on our new sanctuary building project. Of course, the actual building won't be started for several weeks because the clearing and grading of the land must be done first. But, as you can see from the pictures on page 4, that part of the work has begun.

Be sure to ride by the church property as often as you can for the next several weeks. This is one of the most exciting points in the project to watch the work site because you will be able to actually see regular progress being made. Once the actual building is up, everything will seem as if it has come to a standstill because all the work will be going on inside where you can't see it so easily.

In many ways, this is much the same as the "construction project" that begins the moment one accepts Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. At first, there are many changes that take place that are obvious to everyone who is looking. Our old, worldly desires and habits change — and our friends notice. This is as it should be. As the Apostle Paul said in Romans 8:29, we are

being conformed to the image of Christ. We are different now. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says that *"if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."*

Along with the exterior work, there is a significant amount of interior work being done as well. Just as in the construction of a building, this is where a majority of the work gets done. Romans 12:2 tells us that instead of being conformed to the world around us, as new creatures in Christ, we are to *"be transformed by the renewing of our minds, so that we may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*

Although our new sanctuary will be completed in the next six to eight months, the construction work in the life of the Christian never ends. As long as we live, we will need to work on being conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29).

Sometimes on a construction project there are delays. Hopefully there won't be many in our sanctuary project, but it is certainly not uncommon for them to happen. There may be times, particularly near the end when there are fewer and fewer things to be done, when work stops

for one reason or another. Equipment breaks, required materials are not delivered. Any number of things can happen to temporarily halt forward progress.

The same thing is true in the life of the Christian. We sometimes go through periods where our spiritual growth is stunted. Sometimes it may seem as if those "construction delays" will never end. When that happens, we might just need to remind ourselves of that great promise in Scripture that *"He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:6).

As the Apostle Peter tells us in 1 Peter chapter 1, we need to keep our eyes focused on the goal, not the problems along the way. One day, the "construction project" will be completed. Jesus is coming back to get His church. If He delays, some of us will go ahead to be with Him before that time. Either way, we will see Him face to face.

*"Forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus"* (Phil. 3:13-14).

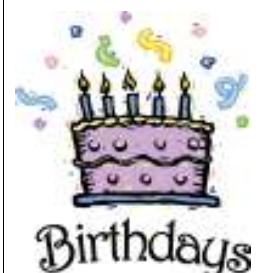
Press on.

In His grip,

Johnny

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<b>August</b>	Patsy Duke	25	Rhonda Casey	31	Barbara McCullough	19	
Josefina Ruiz	8	Jack Rose	25	<b>September</b>	Edith Ottaway	20	
Amanda Ward	16	Nonie Strickland	26	Vivian Melvin	3	Daniel Llamas	23
Denise Wilson	18	Donna Hester	27	Henry Ward	5	Ann Ferrell	24
Misty Latta	19	Brandon Baird	30	Becky Ottaway	8	Ernie Latta	29
Hannah Ward	19	Ruth Baker	30	Gerry Williams	17		
Jackie Williams	20	Bob Reuther	30	Alan Rigsbee	18		



# AUGUST 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m.  3:00p.m.—5:00p.m. floating shower for Brian Llamas and Mary O'Shaughnessy	4  Deacon's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	5  Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m.	6  Family Night Supper 6:00 p.m.	7	8	9
10  2:00 p.m. Services at JFK Towers	11	12 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m.  Church-wide Visitation 6:30 p.m.	13 Church Council 6:00 p.m.  Church Business Conference 7:00 p.m.	14	15	16  <b>Training Extravaganza</b> 8a.m. — 12:45p.m. Trinity Baptist, Raleigh
17	18	19  Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m.	20  Building & Grounds Committee Meeting 6:00 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25  Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	26 Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m.  Deacon Visitation 6:30 p.m.	27	28	29	30
31  Fifth Sunday Special Music 6:00 p.m.						

# *Mobilizing* to Build



## **It's official!**

Now that the heavy equipment and the porta-john are here, we can get started!

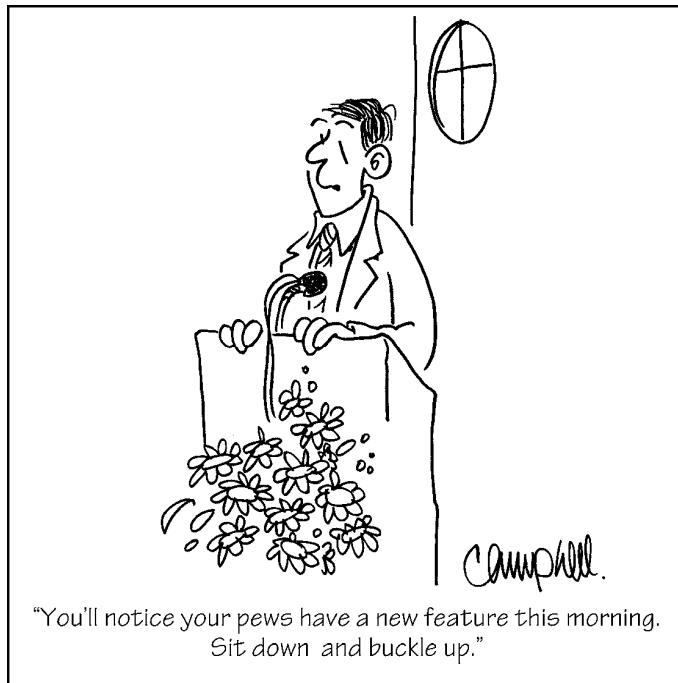
At our groundbreaking ceremony on July 20th, Jack Rose (Deacon Body), Henry Ward (Building Committee), Kerry Casey (Finance Committee), Blake Hudson (our youngest member), Pastor Ferrell, and George Curtis (our oldest member) turned over the first shovels of dirt for our new building project.



After installing the tree protection fencing, the grading contractor had to go back around the construction site putting up the erosion control fencing as required by the County. The next step is to build the retaining pond to catch any water that might run off the site once the building site is cleared of all the trees.


# WORD FIND

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## FROM THE FERRELL'S KITCHEN

### Sweet and Salty Wafers

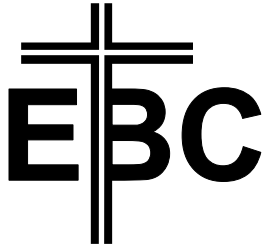


- 1 sleeve of Club Crackers
- 1 stick of butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 cup finely chopped pecans

Mix butter and sugar in a small sauce pan. Just as this comes to a boil stir in pecans.

Drop about one tsp. of sugar mixture on each cracker. Bake in 350 degree oven for about 10 minutes

(Lining your cookie sheet with parchment paper makes clean-up easier.)



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**CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting  
and Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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**Wisdom From Kids**

- Never trust a dog to watch your food.
- When you want something expensive, ask your grandparents.
- Never smart off to a teacher whose eyes and ears are twitching.
- Sleep in your clothes so you'll be dressed in the morning.
- Never ask for anything that costs more than \$5.<sup>00</sup> when your parents are doing taxes.
- Never tell your mom her diet is not working.
- When you get a bad grade in school, show it to your mom when she's on the phone.
- Never try to baptize a cat.

**Show and Tell**

A kindergarten teacher gave her class a 'show and tell' assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion. The first student got up in front of the class and said, 'My name is Benjamin and I am Jewish and this is a Star of David.' The second student got up in front of the class and said, 'My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic and this is a Rosary.' The third student got in up front of the class and said, 'My name is Tommy. I am Baptist, and this is a casserole.'

**The Best Way To Pray**

A priest, a minister and a guru sat discussing the best positions for prayer, while a telephone repairman worked nearby. 'Kneeling is definitely the best way to pray,' the priest said. 'No,' said the minister. 'I get the best results

standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven.' 'You're both wrong,' the guru said. 'The most effective prayer position is lying down on the floor.' The repairman could contain himself no longer. 'Hey, fellas,' he interrupted. 'The best prayin' I ever did was when I was hangin' upside down from a telephone pole.'



**THANKS to Our  
VBS Volunteers!**

Vacation Bible School was a great success this year. We had more than forty people involved in VBS this year. We had a whole lot of fun and learned a lot about the Truth — knowing the Truth, speaking the Truth, and living the Truth!