

Update

From the Pastor's Family: reachglobal crisis response

By Stacy McClelland

Give thanks in all
circumstances; for
this is God's will for
you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thess. 5:18

Should you venture over to
Reach Global's Crisis Response
website, you will be greeted with
these words:

*"When crisis creates a new mission field,
we're there to share the love
of Christ with those in
need."*

Helene hit, and the people of
Henderson County have graciously
felt the impact of how Reach
Global's mission is being lived out.
Many in our community have
experienced the love of Christ
through their powerful witness of
working together as servants of
God.

Our family is just one of those
blessed to be a humble recipient of
love from Christ's servants from
across the country.

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**April
Update
Deadline:
*March 17th***

March News

- **Lent** begins March 5th
- **Discipleship Groups** running Wednesdays, March 12-April 16, 6:30-8:00 at the church. Sign up online or in Fellowship Hall
- Join a **Dining Out** group!
 - details on page 7
- **Date change:**
 - ***OCC/CBCP Rummage Sale will now be April 24-26th***

Adult Sunday School News

JOIN
US!

9:30 & 11:30 AM

The Digging Deeper Adult Class (Rm 206): Studying
Colossians: Supremacy of Christ, Standing Firm in the Faith.
The Trinity Class (Room 210): Will begin a study of the Beatitudes
March 2nd

The Shorter Catechism Class (Room 208): Studying
Shorter Catechism.

The Local Church Compassion Ministry Class (Parlor) Studying the Rose
Book of Discipleship.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Joyce Schoch	March 2	JoAnn Fain	March 13
Wayne Shaffer		Mel Hatch	March 14
Becky Thrower		Wendy Umberger	
Matt Perry	March 3	Carlin Compton	March 18
Carol Price	March 4	Hal Hunter	
Frank Ahern	March 6	Gib Campbell	March 22
Norman Hatch		Charles Reed	March 23
Dona Mennella		Richard Thomas	March 25
Vicki Altmeyer	March 8	Betsy Price	March 26
Kathy Haynes		Suzanne Dorsey	March 27
Chuck Rouse	March 10	John Spencer	
Jane Waddell	March 11	Kathy Gagnon	March 30
Hannalore Bozeman	March 12	Nancy Campbell	March 31
		Mel Russell	



Creative Beginnings

Katrina Bowen, CBCP Director

Spring is around the corner and the sunshine on the playground is wonderful. Our veggie/flower boxes are attracting lots of attention these days. Last month, we hosted our literacy night for families and we wanted to share a few pictures with you. We do several differently themed family nights each year. Literacy night has name puzzles, rhyming games, play doh letter stamps, free books, and story time. It is always a joy to have the community together outside of school hours.

Next up will be math night in April. I wanted to say a special thank you to all our volunteer readers. The teachers and children love having you read a book with them.



Homebound Members

Joyce Schoch
79 Lake Pointe Circle
Hendersonville, NC 28792

Fran Ohlson
358 Clear Creek Rd Room 30A
Hendersonville, NC 28792



LIBRARY NEWS

By Carolyn Baker, Librarian

Jan Karon is a very favorite author in the fiction section of our library. We have 14 of her popular novels available to check out. She lives in North Carolina and her novels are filled with southern familiarity.



"At Home in Mitford" is one of her earliest and most popular novels. You will also find "A Light in the Window", along with "Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good", which is a signed copy by the author.

"Light from Heaven" is another interesting story about retired minister Father Timothy Kavanaugh. His character is developed in several novels.



All of her books lead to themes old and new.

Please visit the church library often to find a favorite book from our 4000 book collection.



Bluegrass Bash

Sunday, March 16th, 2025
7 p Fellowship Hall



Lynn Goldsmith &
Jeter Mtn. Band



Crisis Response



Clear Creek and Pinehurst on September 27th, 2024

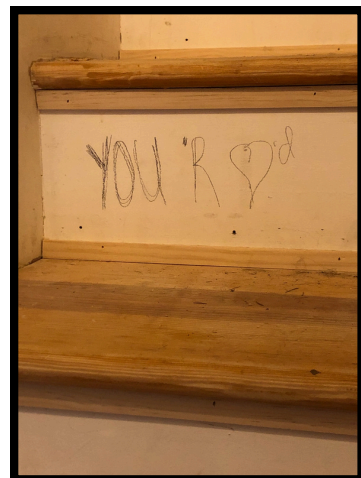
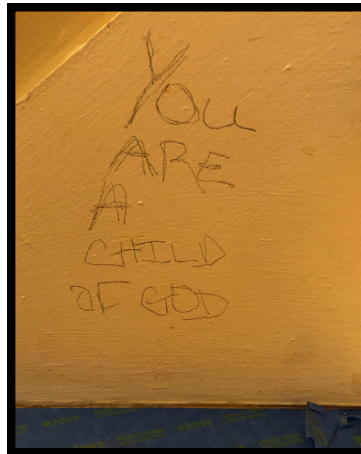
You Are Loved

As our family began wrapping our minds around the extent of home damage that Helene left us with, we were overwhelmed. With an estimated \$100,000 worth of damage from wind, trees, and rain water, we felt pummeled from every direction.

Although defeated, and weary, we looked up, fixed our eyes on Jesus, and prayed our way forward.

God's answer was to bring His people from across the nation to be the hands and feet of Christ to help rebuild our home. Many of the people within the group photos on the front page have used their strength, smiles, electrical and plumbing knowledge, to bless our family. They brought their skills, gave of their time, and helped us to see that, together, we could rebuild and get to the other side of this disaster.

The weeks when volunteers were not serving, they had left their thumbprint and presence on the



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

very walls of our home, anointing them with Scripture.

When we would get exhausted and weary, looking at our walls brought encouragement. And, we have been uplifted by the power of God's Word.

All our family can share is a humble, gracious, and heart-felt THANK YOU to the many volunteers, and staff that serve through Reach Global. Thank you for hearing God's call and obediently coming to serve in Western North Carolina.

Through the giving of time and energy, our family has felt loved and witnessed our home being put back together. We are seeing the light at the end of this devastating storm and we give all glory to God for His care and His provision through the gracious donations and His servants at Reach Global.

God's Abundant Blessings,
Pastor Rob, Stacy, & the girls

MARCH 2025

Women in Ministry

MONDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2025

Please join us for our monthly meeting.
We will continue our Bible study on the
Women of the Bible, led by Jan Demirgian.

We will begin with refreshments & fellowship at 9:45, with the program beginning at 10:00 AM.



OCC Update:

PRAISING GOD FOR A NEW RECORD OF SHOEBOX GIFTS IN 2024!

“The numbers are in!
Join us in praising God for 11,927,439 shoebox gifts collected worldwide in 2024, and 10,574,805 in the U.S., the most that have ever been packed and donated nationwide!



Each shoebox represents a child and a Gospel opportunity made possible through your partnership in ministry. We praise God for you!

Millions of these children will go on to complete The Greatest Journey discipleship program, learning from faithful Ministry Partners in their region about how to follow Christ and share the Gospel with friends and family. Gospel opportunities that are now headed to over 100 nations around the world!

Please continue to pray with us. We are asking God to open the hearts of these children and their families to receive the Gospel in faith. Please also pray for the Ministry Partners who will be leading outreach events and teaching discipleship classes throughout the year.” **As reported by Samaritan’s Purse.**



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