

Pastor's Post



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“Mark Your Calendars”

Sometimes it is helpful to step back and take in the “long-view.” That is what your church staff did at a meeting earlier this week. With tablet paper pinned to the wall and post-it notes in hand we examined the events on the church calendar for the next four months.

This exercise was extremely helpful for me, as I am still in my first year here serving as your pastor. I learned about many of the events, ministries, or programs that fill our fall calendar and even those that help us celebrate Advent and Christmas. I must admit that I am excited to experience the many things that are planned in the life of the church in the coming months.

In an effort to help each of you plan your calendars and encourage your attendance and participation in many of these events, I wanted to share just a few of them with you so that you can “mark your calendars.”

- **Kick-off Sunday - Sept. 9th** - This will be a full day with lots going on. Children’s Sunday School classes for 3rd-12th grades will return. At 9:00 in the fellowship hall we will gather to hear about Christian Education opportunities for all ages. After worship we will enjoy a cookout!
- **Youth trip to White Lake - Sept. 15-16** - Our youth kick-off their year with an overnight trip to the lake.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays - Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3 & 10** - Join us as we gather for a meal, fellowship, and engaging learning opportunities.
- **Greensboro Urban Ministry Food Drive - Oct. 5-6**
- **CWS Cropwalk - Oct. 14** – Come walk with us in this wonderful intergenerational mission event that raises funds to fight hunger.
- **Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat - Oct. 28**
- **Church-wide Family Retreat in Montreat - Nov. 9-11**
- **Consecration Sunday - Nov. 18** – On this day, we offer our gifts to God, and our pledges to support the ministry of Starmount.
- **Advent Workshop - Dec. 1** - An event for children & adults to fellowship and create items that will aid in your families celebration of the Advent season.
- **Advent Hymn Sing - Dec. 2** (tentative date) - Join us as we sing all the wonderful music the Advent and Christmas seasons have to offer.
- **Christmas Cantata - Dec. 16** – Don’t miss this morning of worship & music!