



Life and Nurture
By
Norma Badeaux

Jones Bridge Park Worship & Picnic

When you come to church on **September 12** and all the cars are gone, do not think something with Daylight Savings Time has gone awry and you missed it! We will be having a worship service at the new Jones Bridge Park Pavillion, followed by a picnic. Life & Nurture committee will furnish the burgers and dogs—please bring a chair and a dish to share. Meet at the church and carpool, or drive to Jones Bridge Park. For directions, call the church office.

BBQ/Bazaar

Mark the date! The Annual Fall BBQ/Bazaar will be held **Saturday, October 23, 2004**. Many fun events are planned for that day, including a live Christian band, outdoor games, Boy Scout demonstrations, and of course, food! Look for more details in the October Crossword, but mark the date for October 23rd. For those who have already signed up to help, thank you. One small change this year is that the BBQ meat will not be cooked all night long on church grounds, but rest assured, it will be delicious, and will have an on-site cook! Menu items and prices will be announced next month and in the Sunday bulletins.

Please start thinking of items to donate to the Bazaar and plan to bring them to church in mid-October. We ask that you separate items by price of \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00. There will be bins to put pre-priced items in the week before October 23rd. If you think an item is worth more than \$10.00, then please put an appropriate price on it. This will help in the set up of the Bazaar while the BBQ and Pumpkin Patch are simultaneously happening.

REMINDER: Ask your neighbors and co-workers for donations. They will receive a form for their tax donation.

NPC Childcare
By
Melissa Fry

I cannot believe that it is almost September 7th – First day of Preschool! How exciting. The teachers reported on August 30th. We are all very excited about the new school year!! I know it will be a wonderful year! I just wanted to let you all know of a couple of things. Obviously you all know that a baby will be coming into our family very soon. The planned date as of right now is Tuesday, September 28th. I will be “out of commission” (so to speak) for October and November. Everything that is planned for those two months will already be planned by myself or discussed with the teachers before things are planned (Fall pictures, Fire truck visit, Halloween, Pumpkin Patch visits, etc.). I appreciate everyone’s support and understanding during these pregnant months. It’s been a little rough, but it will all be worth it when Murphy Abigail comes into the world!

We still have openings in our Pre-K class as well as the 15-month-old class. If you know of anyone that is looking for a great preschool, please spread the word. The 2 and 3 year old classes are pretty much full, which is great!! Again, we are all very excited about the new year!

Blessings,
Melissa





Wednesday Night Activities

by Laura Lankford

Wednesday night activities will resume on September 8 beginning with dinner served from 5:45—6:30pm. This yummy home-cooked meal with everything from salad to dessert has got to be the best bargain in town. The price for youth and adults is \$4.00, kindergarteners through 5th graders is \$2.00, and preschoolers eat for free, with a family maximum charge of \$15.00. We still can use some kitchen help with set-up and clean-up, so if you can be available to help once very six weeks, please contact one of the following team captains: Laura Lankford, Deb Bain, Linda Smith, Pam Bartlett, Sandy Plyler, Matt Fry or Van Badeaux.

From 6:30 to 7:30 option for youth and adults include Bible Study, every-other-week visits to do volunteer work at Norcross Co-operative Ministries, and drama rehearsals. If you are interested in being part of NPC's drama ministry, please contact Tanya Carol. Nursery for preschoolers is provided at this time.

Also at 6:30, we will begin Praise Kids for kindergarteners through 5th- graders. We will explore ways to praise God through music, crafts, games, prayer, drama, and Bible stories. Any adult or youth who are interested in participating or leading these activities on an occasional basis, please contact Laura Lankford.

Finally, Chancel Choir rehearsal begins at 7:30 and new members are welcome at any time. If you'd like more information, contact Jeremy Wirths. Nursery is not currently being provided at this time but can be if anyone has a need for it.



Pumpkin Patch

It's Pumpkin Patch Time! "Many hands make light work" - even if the pumpkin is huge! Sign up sheets are posted on the main bulletin board in the Narthex. Please consider where you can be of the most help and sign up.

PUMPKIN PATCH SET UP DAY: Saturday, October 9, 2004 10:00 a.m.

Everyone come join in! We will be setting up pallets, spreading hay, making goodie bags, setting up tents, stringing lights, and getting ready for delivery day. Please contact Bill Brown or Marc Karasek if you can help get the materials to the church and set up. People with trucks or trailers especially needed.

PUMPKIN PATCH DELIVERY DAY: Sunday, October 10, 2004 12:30

We were able to reschedule delivery day from a Wednesday to a Sunday. The date is October 10th. The time is 12:30. So, come to church dressed to unload pumpkins! This is a fun day, but the day that takes the most hands to unload those hundreds of pumpkins! Since we are starting later in the month this year, we will have 40% less pumpkins to unload—but that is still a lot of pumpkins! We will have the Patch ready for opening day, which is the next day, Monday, October 11th.

PUMPKIN PATCH OPENING DAY: Monday, October 11, 2004 9:00 a.m.

The folks who are working with scheduling the preschools may very well have some kids coming on the first operating day of the patch. This is a Gwinnett County school holiday, so YOUTH plan to come and earn hours! We will probably still have some mini-pumpkins to wash and decorations to set up. This will be the first day of shift work, so please check the sign up sheets that are posted. The Annual Fall

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BBQ/Bazaar will be on Saturday, October 23rd (all hands on deck!). Please note that the patch closes on October 31st, which is a Sunday this year. If you are **not** going to the Montreat Fall Family Retreat, please sign up to work the patch that last, and busiest weekend.

In closing the Patch, we will need help getting rid of the leftover pumpkins and storing away the pallets. Some of that work will be done on Wednesday, November 3rd, but we would like to restore the church grounds to normal by the next Sunday, November 7th. After October 31st, please feel free to take pumpkins home to cook or for decorations, or to donate to any person or organization that could make good use of them. People available to work in tearing down the patch on both Wednesday and Sunday will earn double hours for each hour worked.

Contacts:

Set up: Bill Brown, Mark Karasek
Preschool visitors: Amanda Helms-
stetter, Matt Fry, Laura Lankford, Jason
Bernardo
Shift Coordinator: Deb Bain
General Questions: Norma Badeaux,
Larry Fleuhr, Sandra Murray

**Hours of Operation: OCTOBER 11 –
OCTOBER 31, 2004**

Sundays: 1:00 – 8:00

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Mon-Fri: 9:00 – 1:00 and 4:00 – 8:00

****NOTE:** If enough people can work the 1-4 shifts during the last week of October, the patch will remain open all day. See sign up sheets. One extra person to help man the patch is needed during the preschool shift (M-F 9-1), so if you are free during those hours, please consider helping. There is a separate sign up sheet for that shift.

**Christian Education &
Development
By Melanie Linder**



Confirmation Class Coming!

In the Fall, we will have a Confirmation Class for anyone interested in learning about the joining the church. Contact Pastor Matt Fry for more details.

**Witness & Evangelism
FOOD DRIVE
By Sandra Murray**

September is NPC's food drive month for the Norcross Co-Op. Please bring non-perishable food items to the church on Sunday mornings during the month of September. Volunteers from NPC will take the donations to the CO-Op during Wednesday night Community Service outings. Adults and youth are welcome to visit the Norcross Co-op for facility tours, client interaction and community opportunities. A list of the most needed food and personal care items are printed on Page Two of the Norcross Co-Op newsletter. Please take one of the Co-Op newsletters off of the Mission bulletin board. Thank you for your support of local mission activities. We appreciate it.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

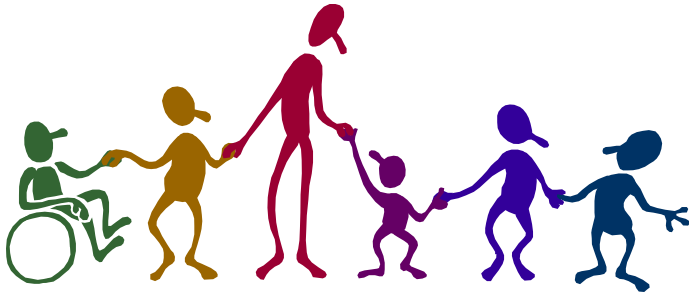


**CELEBRATING
September
BIRTHDAYS**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH
ACTIVITIES**
 Beginning September 8th.
 The youth will be doing a service
 Project with Norcross Co-op
 every other week, as well as, a
 movie study, and helping with
 Praise Kids on
 alternating weeks.

**ALL YOUTH MUSIC
ACTIVITIES WILL BEGIN SEP-
TEMBER 12TH.**
 Youth Group will also begin
 On the 12th
 Hand bells 4:00
 Choir 5:00
 Dinner 6:00
 Program 6:30—8:00

2	Laura Lankford
4	Daniel Karasek
7	Becca Rado
16	Melissa Fry
19	Elise Birmingham
19	Melanie Linder
24	Kathy Smith
25	Carla Johnstone
25	Pae Norman
26	Emily Duncan
28	Shirley Looney
28	Barbara Miller
30	Tim Rado



Newsletter Articles
 News articles may be submitted to the
 church office prior to September 24 for pub-
 lication in the September **CrossWord**. Cal-
 endar updates will be made on the website
 as they are provided.

September 2004

At Norcross Presbyterian Church
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service Guest Pastor Rachel Anderson, MDiv Columbia Seminary	6 Labor Day	7 Preschool Begins 7:00 District Commissioners Covenant Room	8 Wednesday Night Dinner Begins. 6:00 Youth— Norcross Coop Ministry	9	10	11 10:00—12:00 Destination Imagination Covenant Room
12 Church Worship - Jones Bridge Park Picnic immediately following. Youth Music Starts 4:00—Handbells 5:00—Choir 6:00—Dinner 6:30—Youth Group	13 7:00 Boy Scouts Court Of Honor	14	15 Wednesday Night Dinner Session Packets Due 6:30—Youth Movie Study	16	17	18
19 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 pm Session Youth Music 4:00—Handbells 5:00—Choir 6:00—Dinner 6:30—Youth Group	20 7:00 Boy Scouts	21	22 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00—Youth Norcross Coop Ministry	23 7:30—Troop Committee	24 Crossword Articles Due	25
26 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service Youth Music 4:00—Handbells 5:00—Choir 6:00—Fellowship Dinner 6:30—Youth Group Mission Fair	27 7:00 Boy Scouts	28	29 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:30—Youth Help Praise Kids.	30		