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MESSAGE FROM CHRIS...



The community of faith is supposed to operate this way. Regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey, and regardless of your background, nationality, skin tone, preference on translation, social status, school district, ethnicity, address, or dollar amount in your account, we are all welcome into the body of Christ.

“After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.” (Rev 7:9 - NIV)

I am a firm believer that there will be a lot of believers and communities of faith (who think they have cornered the market with Jesus) that will be vastly surprised in Heaven one day. They don't understand that it's not based upon their opinion, but upon a person's confession of Christ that justifies them to be in Heaven. I long for the day when the church opens its arms to "every nation, tribe, people and language" without hesitation and with as much love in their hearts as they could possibly muster up. I long for the church to be the embodiment of Christ and show it to their communities. Far too many people today view their church as some private club that you have to do some traditional ritual to be part of it. They feel the people have to look like them, dress like them, act like them, and be like them in order to fit in or be part of it.

When will we welcome all in? When will we be able to look past others flaws? When will we be able to see past the outside? When will we be able to be the church God has called us to be? Our communities are searching for the truth, for hope, and for a better life than what they have. They are looking for a place to belong, a place to learn, a place that truly and genuinely cares for them and their families. Jesus has made it very clear that in Heaven before the Lamb is every nation, tribe, and tongue Let us make the church the realization of what Heaven will be.

There is room for you. Yes, there is. There is room for the broken, the lonely, the seeker, the beginner, the believer, the old, the family, the single, the divorced, the happy, the sad, for gen x and gen y, the baby boomers, the sports fan, the book worm, the educated, the worker, the farmer, the business person, the democrat, the republican, the grandparent, the grandchild, the rich, the middle class, the poor, the retired, the student, the American, the Asian, the Canadian, the Mexican, there is room for the French, and room for the Vietnamese. There is room for everyone, and this includes you.

Serving Him Together,

Pastor Chris

Happy Thanksgiving!

It is our policy to combine the December and January newsletters each year. If you have any information that you would like included in the newsletter for December, 2021, or January, 2022, the Secretary will need it by Sunday, November 14, 2021.

MISSION PROJECT NOVEMBER 7—21, 2021

We will collect change to be given to Western Carolina Rescue Ministries. A container will be put in the back of the Sanctuary each Sunday for you to place your loose change in. At the end of the three weeks, the Treasurer will see to it that the Rescue Ministries receives the money that has been collected.

TIME CHANGE: Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7, 2021. Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.



ENKA BAPTIST VIRTUAL DAY OF PRAYER Thursday, November 18, 2021 8:00 A.M.—8:00 P.M.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. It will be in increments of 30 minutes. Please put your name by the time you will be willing to stop and pray.

If you are still not getting out but would like to participate, please call the office (828-667-2410) and Carolyn will place your name in a time slot of your choosing.



Special Reminders:

Members Who Are

Home Bound:

- Earleen Cody
- Winnie Martel

We will have a church council meeting on Sunday, November 14, 7:00 P.M.. Since we will be combining the December and January newsletters, we ask that you try to attend and let us know what you have planned for these months. Any events you are scheduling should be placed on the church calendar as soon as possible.

Effective November, 2021, we will no longer have C.A.R.E. at 6:00 P.M. on the last Sunday night of each month. Instead, this time will be devoted to a Special Night of Prayer.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2021

Every Sunday - (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)
9:30 A.M. - Small Group Classes
5:00 P.M. - Choir Rehearsal

- 11-7 6:00 P.M. - Brief Business Meeting/Bible Study/Children in Action
- 11-7 Daylight Saving Time Ends (Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night)
- 11-14 6:00 P.M. - Bible Study, C.I.A.
7:00 P.M. - Church Council
- 11-18 8:00 A.M. - Enka Baptist Church
8:00 P.M. - Virtual Day of Prayer
- 11-21 6:00 P.M. - Family Night
7:00 P.M. - Adults on Mission, C.I.A.
- 11-25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
- 11-28 6:00 P.M. - Special Night of Prayer, C.I.A.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.
Psalm 100:4



IN MEMORIAM

Ann Parris Parker

Ann went home to be with the Lord on Monday, October 18, 2021

She was a long-time member of Enka Baptist where she sang in the choir, was active with women's ministry, and was a true prayer warrior.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, C.V.; 2 brothers, Richard and Bobby Parris; and two grandchildren, Steven and Reva Ferguson. She is survived by her son, Michael Parker (Tiffany), daughter, Lynn Ferguson, four grandchildren, Russel Ferguson (Yvonne), Jeremy Parker (Kelsey), Emily Parker (Will), and Justin Parker; two great-grandchildren, Haley Ferguson (Carlos) and Kaden Ferguson.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, October 24, 3:00 P.M., at Enka Baptist Church.

Ann and C.V. were faithful in following the Lord's command to care for the poor, so they chose to be lifetime supporters of Manna Food Bank. Memorials may be made to Manna in honor of them.

We extend Christian sympathy to all of the family, and ask that you remember them in prayer.