

# Pastor's Corner

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June 2011

Let the summer begin:

So many things are happening in June it is almost too much to comprehend. Let me first start by giving thanks to God and to everyone who helped support the efforts in raising funds for the Bolivia project. A team from our church, which includes Lindsey and Kevin Lane, Emily Rhodes, Erin Johnston and myself will be leaving on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> to travel to Montero, Bolivia. We will be gone for two weeks and building two homes while sharing the love of Christ with others. In addition to us, there will be a medical team and a few others that will join us on the building team. This effort could not have come about without your support as a church. I personally want to say thank you for helping this wonderful mission continue.

However, even before we leave much is happening at Ebenezer. On June the 5<sup>th</sup>, we gather to praise God and give thanks for our many graduates. We will honor our high school graduates, who will walk down the aisle wearing their robes. Also, we will recognize the many other graduates. It is an exciting time to celebrate the accomplishments of so many. This year, we have a diverse age group that has completed studies. I invite everyone to mark the calendar and come celebrate with us on graduation Sunday.

On June 8<sup>th</sup> the Western North Carolina Conference begins with a meeting of all clergy. There are many matters of business that the clergy must vote on including clergy representatives to our General Conference. Then on Thursday the conference begins with both lay and clergy meeting. Bob Sears is Ebenezer's representative and he will be voting on lay delegates to represent the WNCC at General Conference, and also vote on business matters. Additionally, Bob will be voting on the budget for our conference in 2012. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide his decisions, and that whatever decision we make will be for the glory of God and the growth of God's Kingdom.

Vacation Bible School begins June 20<sup>th</sup> and runs through the 24<sup>th</sup>. This year our VBS will be held over a four day period, instead of five days. Still, I hope that we can have 300 children, youth, and adults join us. I told someone, that in all my years, I have never experienced a VBS like the one that happens at Ebenezer. There are seeds for the kingdom planted every year. Reach out to those around you and invite them to come and share VBS. It will be a life changing experience.

Our youth will be traveling to Look Up Lodge June 13-18. This is a great time for them to grow closer to one another and to God. On June 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a car wash to offset the cost of their trip. Show how much you support the youth and how much you love them by bringing your car and having it washed, and buy a hotdog or hamburger for lunch. This is a good way to be a witness for the kingdom.

Finally, I know there is much going on and everyone is busy; but in our busy-ness, let's not forget to remember one another and keep in touch with each another. We live busy lives, and

so often we feel as if we are all alone. Yet, we are family—a big family. Check on your brothers and sisters from time to time, pray for them, give them a call or send them a note to let them know you care. Be attentive to the people around you. We are the hands and feet of Christ, and someone may need to feel that presence of Christ in their life.

God Bless,

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