

THE GRAPEVINE

FAMILY NEWS & NOTES



Hamlet Union Church

John 15:5

February 2010

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THE WAY STATION

John 14:6



We are now on the home stretch and are just a matter of weeks away from completing our renovation of the old Hamlet Coop building. The transformation has been remarkable! Kitchen cabinets have been installed. Interior doors have been hung. Wood trim has been added a finished look

Over the next month you can expect that siding and soffits will be completed. Steps will be built for the three entrances on the west and north with a ramp being constructed for the main entrance on the south. Carpeting has been ordered and will be laid in the north and south rooms as well as the connecting hallway.



Work days will be scheduled for the first two Saturdays of this month. We invite you to come and help with such things as sanding and painting door jams, filling nail holes in the woodwork, washing windows and general cleaning. If necessary, we will schedule additional Saturdays to complete any other tasks.

Presently The Way Station is without water, but the Building Team is addressing how best to supply water to the building. The addition of appliances, chairs, tables and signage are also being pursued.

If you have not personally viewed the progress, we invite you to stop by Sunday after church to take a look around inside The Way Station. The building will be open so that you can enter at your convenience.

The Way Station Fund

Received December:	\$ 8,960.00
From General Fund:	\$ 10,000.00
Total Received:	\$ 55,482.32
Expenses to Date:	\$ 42,089.00
Current Balance:	\$ 13,393.32

****The total project estimate is \$85,000. The Board of Trustees has authorized the use of General Fund resources in the event of shortage in The Way Station Fund. If you wish to give to this project, please clearly designate your gift "The Way Station" and place it in the offering.**

DEEPER LIFE MEETINGS

Refreshing. Inspiring. Challenging.



"Come near to God and He will come near to you." (James 4:8)

**February 14-17
Hamlet Union Church**

**Special Guest Speaker:
Dr. John Harvey**

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. CT – Worship

Monday, 7:30 p.m. CT – Valentine's Banquet
(Sign up & cost info in church foyer)

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. CT – Service

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. CT – Service

For more information:

Pastor Marshall (883-3257) or Pastor Kevin (883-1257)

Deeper Life Meetings are a time to search out the wonderful life-truths of God's Word and allow the Holy Spirit to shape and mold the Christian into the image of the Savior. These days of gathering together will be times of challenge and refreshment as followers of Jesus Christ are pressed ever closer to Him who loves them the most. The Christian life is more than just Sunday worship and taking up a ministry in the church. It is about an every-moment passionate and profound relationship with a God who has given to us His very best. Come and be inspired to a deeper level of spiritual living than you ever thought possible!

The Rev. John Harvey, our speaker for the **Deeper Life Meetings**, has served over forty years with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Thirty of those years were with International Ministries in the countries of Australia, England and Russia. As a regional director for Europe and the Middle East, he was involved in overseeing more than fifteen countries. His ministry has primarily been as a church planter, but in Australia he started the Alliance College of Theology, and as served pastorates in Texas and Georgia. He has been a frequent writer in Alliance Life Magazine and is the author of two books. Dr. Harvey with Ruth, his wife of 45 years, resides in Toccoa, Georgia. He has returned to church planting, but this time around it is as part of the house church movement.



HELP FOR HAITI: The Christian & Missionary Alliance family has responded quickly in the aftermath of the earthquake that devastated the nation of Haiti. Within a week of the tragedy, \$135,000 was contributed by our churches to assist in the relief effort. CAMA (Compassion and Mercy Associate), the Alliance relief and development arm, is using those funds to provide immediate assistance—including clean water, emergency shelter, medical aid, and other necessities—as well as long-term help in rebuilding efforts, integrating Jesus’ message of redemption with practical acts of compassion. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please mark your gift "Haiti" and place it in the offering.

FORMULA FOR HAITI: A group of area women has decided that they can not just sit around and do nothing after watching the suffering in Haiti. They are starting a formula drive to send to the orphanages in the country. Specifically they have been in contact with House of Hope (www.houseofhopehaiti.com). The contact there is through Nathaniel Frank of Oberlin, KS who works at the orphanage. If you are interested in making a donation or contributing any baby related item that will help feed and clothe the children of Haiti, contact Missy Blackman (285-3312). More information on this local relief effort can be found at www.angelbabyproject.blogspot.com.

SONG LEADER: We are looking for one more person to take part in the ministry of leading congregational singing on Sunday mornings. This ministry would be one Sunday each month and include the leading of opening and closing hymns. If you are interested, please talk with Pastor Marshall.

MEXICO CARAVAN: Are you ready to take a trip south of the border? We are gearing up for our annual summer trip to Tijuana to build homes in coordination with Mexico Caravan Ministries. The trip is scheduled for May 30-June 6. The cost is \$900 per person, with 1/3 of that already being covered through scholarship funding. Informational sheets are available in the church foyer. Talk to Duane and Beverly Dinnel for more information.

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN: A special service in which parents can present their children to the Lord for His blessing will take place in the near future. A date is yet to be determined. If you are interested in dedicating your child to the Lord, please talk with Pastor Marshall.

ANNUAL MEETING: Be it hereby known that the membership of the Hamlet Union Church will conduct their Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 7 following a potluck dinner at 1:30 p.m. CT. Among the items on the agenda will be the presentation of ministry reports, consideration of a church budget for 2010 and an election for three positions on the Board of Trustees. While only those who are official members of HUC are allowed to participate in business decisions and the election of board members, all others are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting. Please feel free to watch and observe how we interact and do business as a church and a family.

Please check the HUC calendar for ministry activities and special events.

NO GREATER LOVE

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. —1 John 4:10

On our family-room wall, in a small shadowbox, hangs a “treasure” that belongs to my wife Carolyn. Oh, we have things more intrinsically valuable on the walls of our home—a handmade quilt from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Kentucky, antique mirrors, oil paintings, and a magnificent dulcimer from an artisan in the back-country of Idaho.

Carolyn’s treasure, though, is far more valuable to her than any other possession, for it contains a gift from our granddaughter Julia. It was a present to her “Nana” on Valentine’s Day several years ago when Julia was only 6 years old—a small, red, clay heart. Inscribed on it in childish scrawl are the words I Luv U.”

The little heart is crudely made, ragged on the edges, and bears a number of thumbprints and smudges, but Carolyn has enshrined it in a frame made especially for that heart. Each day it reminds her of Julia’s love.

Is God’s love more valuable to you than silver or gold or any other possession? He “sent His only begotten Son into the world, that [you] might live through Him”(1 John 4:9). He did that because He loves you, not because you loved Him. And because of His love, one day you will be with Him in heaven. There is no greater love!

*--David H. Roper
Our Daily Bread
July 13, 2004*

Serve one another in love. --Gal. 5:13



FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS	
BIRTHDAYS	
5	Ardis Wagner
5	Marjorie Wheeler
5	Jo Arenz
7	Lee Glover
11	Betty Johnson
11	Scott Walker
14	Allison Sandman
24	Ted Henderson
25	Kacie Jo Arenz
26	Dawnta Harchelroad
ANNIVERSARIES	
8	Don & Charlotte Myers
10	Mick & Jean Helberg