

LPC SEPTEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

We are a family of believers, glorifying God, welcoming new members from near and far, and learning to love God and neighbor.

FALL FESTIVALS- THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS AND DAY OF ATONEMENT

The Hebrew religious calendar begins in the spring. Each of their months begins at the new moon. Just as the seventh day is holy, the seventh month, called Tishri, is also holy. In Leviticus 23 God establishes His Holy Days and commands Ancient Israel to remember them forever. We can learn much in studying them. Actually, Jesus observed these Feasts and so did His disciples and followers in the first century after His death. The Hebrew word for feast is "chag" or "hag" but when feast is used with the phrase "of the Lord" it means "mo' edim", or appointed times. So, the Feasts were God's appointments for His people to keep with Him. For us, the Feasts reveal God's plan for man and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth. In Mark 1: 14-15 Jesus talked of this good news, or gospel. The spring Holy Days reveal His sacrificial death for us (Passover), our repentance and cleansing (Feast of Unleavened Bread), His rising from the dead and the believers who will follow (Feast of Firstfruits), and of His Spirit being put in us (Pentecost). The fall festivals show the future for us- Jesus' return (Feast of Trumpets), our reconciliation with God and the removal of the main, basic cause of sin- Satan (Day of Atonement), Jesus' reign on earth dwelling with us, or "tabernacling" (Feast of Tabernacles), and God's offer to all humanity of eternal life (Eighth Day or Last Great Day).

It happens in 2016 that all the fall festivals fall in October.

The first day of the seventh month, Tishri, is the Feast of Trumpets (in Hebrew , called Rosh Hashanah). This is the first of ten days of repentance. Ten days later is the Day of Atonement (in Hebrew, called Yom Kippur).

The Feast of Trumpets is a celebration of a future event in God's plan of salvation for us, as all the High Holy Days are an event in His plan. This Feast is a day for blowing trumpets (Numbers29:1). It honors God's kingship and His authority over creation. The believer passes before the King, the Absolute Judge and is fallen short. So this day is a reminder of how much we need to repent. It's a day to remember everything- our place in the universe and God's wonderful works all the way to the cross. It's also a day of spiritual awakening, as signified by the blowing of the ram's horn, the shofar. The shofar was blown to call attention to important events beginning with Isaac being spared by a ram caught in the bushes when Abraham would have sacrificed him and at Mt. Sinai at the giving of the law (Exodus 19:19).

The Feast of Trumpets represents Jesus' return to the earth to establish the Kingdom of God. In Revelation angels blow trumpets seven different times to herald events about to happen on earth. Revelation 11:15 states that the seventh angel's trumpet sound means the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and His Christ. The Feast of Trumpets fullfills the prophecies of Messiah returning as (David's line of) King and Conqueror.

Trumpets called assemblies together in Israel long ago (Leviticus 23:24). They blasted out warnings of danger or war (Numbers 10:9). Too, trumpets were blown for Israel's Feasts to begin (Numbers 10:10, Psalm 81:3).

*"Paul also spoke of the day when the firstfruits pictured by Pentecost will be resurrected to immortal life. In Corinrhians 15:52 he says this will happen "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Thus the awakening blast of this last trumpet will awaken the dead!"

Matthew 24:29-31 says ".....And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."

This is the meaning of the Feast of Trumpets. Jesus will come again to raise the Believers from death (those sleeping), then those alive from their physical shells and rule the world. In the Lord's prayer we pray for this event as we say "Thy Kingdom come".

The Day of Atonement, or ,in Hebrew, Yom Kippur comes ten days after the Feast of Trumpets. Atonement means reconciliation. This Feast is for man to be reconciled to God. The Hebrews fasted and prayed on this day to humble themselves before God. Fasting helps a person know how much he needs God to sustain him. This Day shows God getting rid of Satan and the demon angels who are the root cause of sin. When this deceiver is removed, then people who don't "see" the truth will be able to see (2 Corrinrhians 4:3-4, Revelation 20:1-3).

Long ago in Israel on this Day (Leviticus 16:5,7) the high priest chose two goats. Lots were cast to choose one goat for the sacrifice and one to be the "scapegoat". The goat sacrificed represented Jesus. After being killed, the goat's blood was taken to the Holy of Holies and offered to God to cover the people's sins. The other goat (Azazel) was kept alive. The priest symbolically put the people's sins on this goat by laying both hands on its head. Then a certain man would take it to the desert to an isolated spot (Leviticus 16:21-22). This goat stood for Satan who is responsible for deceiving the world. In Revelation 20:1-3 we are told what God will do to Satan in the future like this Azazel goat.

Now we can approach God's throne because of Jesus' intercession through His dying and being our High Priest offering His blood to God at God's throne to cover our sins.

We can learn from these special Days God appointed long ago. One can have a clearer picture of our loving Father's plan for our exciting, wonderful future in His Kingdom.

SESSION MINUTE NOTES (Aug.11, 2016)

Communications-1. It was decided that Elder Joanne Daniels will add Christie Seacrest's name to the telephone tree. 2.Session Clerk Wanda Clark reported a letter has been sent to New Hope Presbytery to request waiver of vacancy dues during the time without a pastor. We are waiting a response from the Board of Pensions.

Keith and Kay Hamm will be performing Sunday Aug.14.

Old Business

Maintenance-Foundation-John Williams still working on the issue of the foundation at the back of the

church. Handrail support at the bottom of the rail- John Clark will work on this.

Cover over the front doors- The donation of \$8000. has been received from Charlotte Grant "In Memory of Robert Patterson Thorne Given By His Daughters", not to include the date.

Fellowship Dinner- It was decided to wait until the building was complete to schedule a dinner.

Movies on the Lawn- The three movies shown over the summer were successful and will be planned again next summer.

Pulpit Supply- By concession, the Session agreed to move forward with Greg Gregory for September.

Building Committee Update- An auction was scheduled for October 4, 2016 unless the auctioneers determine a better date.

New Business

Mission Study- The Mission Study will start at the end of September.

Wish List for Church- Tabled until the building is complete

Prayer Concerns List- Teresa Mallory, Charlotte Aycock's Grandson, Rob Cohen, Emily Williams, Harrison West, Ann See, Crawley Family, Wendy Brunk's Mother, Helen Heinlein's Niece, Missy, Nancy Lawler, LPC During Transition, Anne Baker, Ann Broaddus, Billie Perkinson, John and Henrietta Williams, Al Thompson, Susan Lloyd's Brother, Bill, Betty Walker's Family, Michelle Mosely, SWPC Family, Brunk Family, Littleton Presbyterian Church
End of Minute
Notes

Enterprise Baptist Church- Let's Do Lunch October 5, 2016 at 12 Noon

You don't want to miss this special program. At 11 years of age Vladimir Kenny (VJ) received a life changing gift, an Operation Christmas Shoebox. VJ lived in an orphanage in Kiev, Ukraine. Men are also invited to attend. RSVP- Enterprise Baptist- Cost \$7.-252-586-5161

Prescription Glasses are still being collected for the needy in Honduras. Give to Carol Ellis or Wanda Clark.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

*Our Church and its Members *Stanley White Presbyterian Church and its Members *Teresa Mallory *Charlotte Aycock *Her Grandson, Rob Cohen *Emily Williams *Harrison West
*Ann See *Crawley Family *Wendy Brunk's Mother *John and Henrietta Williams *Their Great Niece, Allison Gordon *Helen Heinlein's Niece, Missy *Nancy Lawler *Billie Perkinson

*Anne Baker *Ann Broaddus *Al Thompson *Susan Lloyd *Her Brother, Bill *Betty Walker's Family
*Michelle Mosely *Shelley Roberts *Kitty Perkinson *Jimmy Kearney
*Christina Seward *Larry Williams' Family *Bessie Young *Believers Around the World
*Our Service Folks Around the World

SEPTEMBER 2016

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

9th- Christopher Skinner 10th- Billie Perkinson 12th- Jenny Alston 13th- J. C. Skinner
15th- Gerald Ellis 24th- Ann Broaddus 30th- Henrietta Williams

VOLUNTEERS

FLOWERS- Billie Perkinson, Joanne Daniels USHERS- Joanne Mynes, Nancy Lawler Fellowship-
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GUEST MINISTER- Greg Gregory

4	Sun.	9:30am	Worship, Communion
5	Mon.	Labor Day	
11	Sun.	9:30am	Worship
18	Sun.	9:30am	Worship
22	Thurs.	Autumn Begins	
25	Sun.	9:30am	Worship

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