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Hamburger Steak Meal

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We are asking the parents of the Youth Ministry to please make desserts.

Church (Charge) Conference

It's that time of year where we have to get everything together what we normally call Charge Conference since we have always been on a charge. This year it is called Church Conference since we are by our self. Our Church Conference will be Sunday, October 20th after the Scheduled Board Meeting that day at 2 pm. There will be a short break in between the 2 so that final paperwork can be printed out.

Important Dates and Meetings before we get to Church Conference:

Finance Committee Meeting: Should already been held.

Nominations Committee Meeting: Sunday, October 6th at 4 pm

All Treasurers: Have your figures for 2012 turned into Crystal Swoope as soon as possible.

All Paper Work: Turned in to Jeffrey by Sunday, October 13th

The Northern Piedmont District 2013

Missional Network Gathering

Our Network the Randolph Northern Network will have a gathering for worship, fellowship and celebration of ministry on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 6 pm at Archdale United Methodist Church, Main St in Archdale

Halloween Trunk & Treat and Sandwiches

The Young Adult Class will have its annual Halloween Trunk and Treat and Sandwiches for the whole community on Saturday, October 26th starting at 5:30 pm.

The Trunk and Treat will run from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm. There will be Sandwiches (Pimento Cheese, Chicken Salad, Ham, Peanut Butter and Jelly) in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 pm – until. There will be a Hay Ride at 6:00pm and then again around 6:45 pm or little later.

Anyone, that plans on handing out candy. Please sign up on sheet on bulletin board by Sunday, October 20.



From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters in Christ: Grace to you all. May God's mercy and pardon be the sure conviction of your souls.

The weather and the landscape is changing before our eyes and Fall is firmly fixed upon us now. For most of you, this is a familiar sight. But for me and my family, this is a wonderful unfolding, something we are anxious to experience. May it be a blessed season for all of us, filled with beauty, within and without. And may God keep us all safe and sound for as long as His beautiful world endures.

To matters of our church: I am hopeful that "Old Union" is for you all a thing fixed in your mind much the same as the beauty of each season – a thing that comes to mind often and is attended with joy, anticipation, high hopes, beauty, expectation, and gratitude. God is at work, in us and through us and in spite of us! This work, is in no small part carried out among the Methodists even today, and in all people of like mind as ours, who would have nothing less for their souls than a full measure of God's holiness. Rejoice in this!

My message to you all continues to build. "Old Union" is not just a church. We are Methodists. We have roots that sink deep into the fertile ground of revival, renewal, and redemption! As Methodists, our history is not just a past narrative; it is who we are and continue to be. We are raised up not as a *new* church, but as people who are convicted and convinced that God is always calling us toward greater grace and full perfection – we are bent forward against all that would bring us to a halt and we lean into grace like those who know that the fullness of God's work is at every moment just upon the brink, about to crash down on us toward the great end of all God's longsuffering and patience – thy Kingdom come! The Kingdom is at hand!

Some of you know that our church can trace its founding to the revivals and campmeetings that

swept this nation in its infant years. You know this is who we are. And these beginnings are the places we must return to and ask, 'What is the meaning of these things, and what did the Lord do among us in the former times? What kind of people has God raised up and are we still those people?' What has God in his eye for "Old Union" in these changing seasons?

The world is not in want for new churches. Nor are we short on churches with plentiful resources to attract and introduce the lost to Jesus Christ. There is no great want for churches with a fair doctrine, and who can lay out a faithful understanding of salvation, grace, and faith. Many and more there are who can do these things, in an acceptable degree, and in a way that the Methodist people should be happy to work alongside. But we are not a church – we ARE a revival! The world is sore in need of a people, it matters not in what numbers, who are firmly fixed in soul that grace is not finished with us at the door of salvation. The world needs not another church filled with barely saved souls – the world needs HOLINESS.

Ask of yourselves and of your church: "To what measure of godly love, true holiness, and perfection in grace has our great Lord called us?" I am in search not for a church, but for a holy people. It is among such that my soul may rise above its own means – and see God.

In Christ's love,

Bro. Jake

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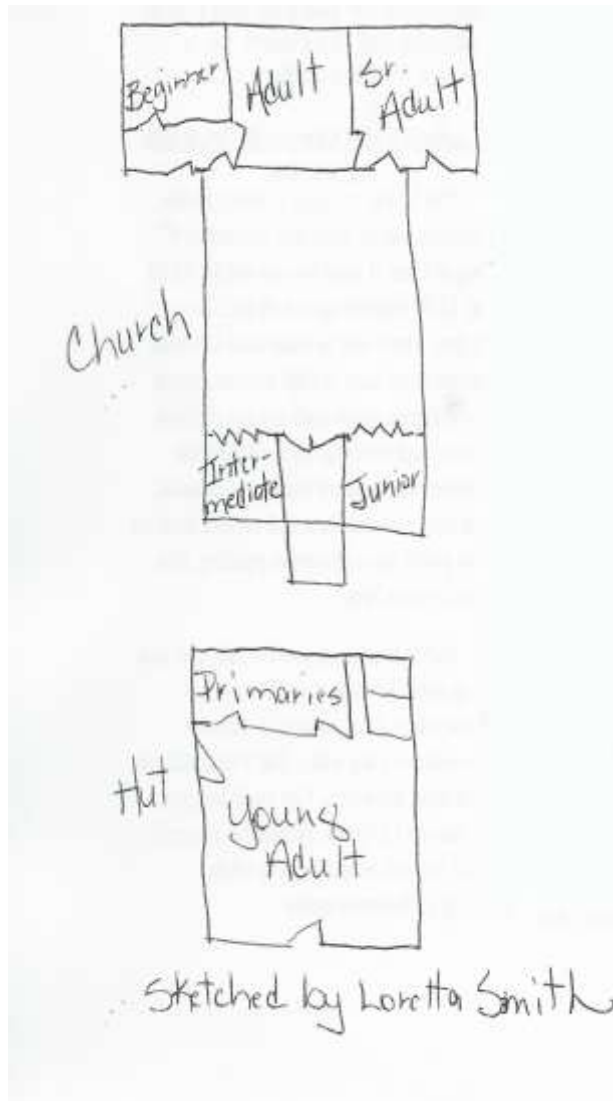
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History of Old Union UMC

Trivia Question

September's Question: Before the Education part of the church was added on in 1976 -1977, where did the 7 classes have their classes?

September's Answer:



October's Question: The Bible on the Pulpit was giving in memory of someone. Who gave it and who was it in memory of?

(Answer will be in the November's Bell's Messenger)

How to increase our Attendance?

We are asking everyone to continue brainstorming. These ideas will be discussed at future board meetings. Our goal is to become a growing church again. In order to do this we need everyone working together and praying.

United Methodist Women

The Old Union UMW met on Tuesday, October 1st. We went over the food, etc. for Jennie's baby shower on October 20th. We also finalized plans for the Annual Buffet and Auction which will be November 9th. There will not be a meeting in November because of the buffet.

Our December meeting, which will be our Christmas meeting, will be on Saturday, December 7th at 8:30am in the fellowship hall. We will be playing Dirty Santa with \$5,00 gifts. For food, each person that is able to is requested to bring some type of breakfast food. If you plan to attend, please let Beverly know what food you will be bringing. At the close of the meeting Tuesday, we all enjoyed snack food that each lady had brought.

All ladies are encouraged to attend our meetings.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men would like to thank everyone that helped in anyway with the Country Breakfast on Saturday, September 21. We made a profit of \$969.00.

Claude Smith will host the October meeting which is Sunday, October 6th at 8 am and Gene Farlow will host the November meeting which is Sunday, November 3 at 8 am.

The December meeting will be Sunday, December 1. At that meeting we will be having a Christmas Party. More details on it will be made at the upcoming meetings. All men are welcome to our meetings.

United Methodist Youth Ministry

The United Methodist Youth Ministry had it's meeting on Sunday, September 22nd at 6 pm.. We figured out who all was doing what parts in the Christmas Play and discussed about our upcoming Hamburger Steak Meal on Saturday October 5th and our Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1st.

On Saturday, October 5th from 4 pm until 7 pm the Youth Ministry will be having a Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser in the Fellowship Hall. The Menu will include: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Slaw, Dessert and Drink. The price will be donations. This is open to the public and we will be advertising in the papers and community. We ask the parents of the Youth Ministry to please make desserts for this.

The Youth Ministry will be presenting the Christmas Program "Christmas in Black & White: Discovering the real story of Christmas" on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

Starting at the October meeting on October 20th, we will have Play Practice at 5 pm and also again at the November meeting, on November 17th. At the December meeting on December 1, we will meet at 3 pm since our Christmas Party will be from 4 pm until 6 pm and then we will go Christmas Caroling in the Community at 6 pm. There will be some other

times we will be practicing and those will be announced in the near future.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. The new books have been given to each of the Youth Ministry members and there are also books on the desk of the Financial Secretary. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members.

Our next meeting will be Sunday night, October 20th from 6 pm until 8 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Taylor Creel will be doing the Program and Refreshments.

Baby Shower for Jennie Frazier

The United Methodist Women will have a baby shower for Jennie Frazier on Sunday, October 20th from 2 pm until 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It's a Boy!!! She is registered at Wal-Mart and Baby's R Us.

10th Annual UMW Country Buffet, Raffle and Auction

The UMW's Annual Country Buffet and Auction will be Saturday, November 9th starting at 5 pm. It is all you can eat for \$7.00 adults, \$3.00 children ages 4-10 and 3 and under free. There will be salad such as tossed and pasta, bread such as rolls and corn bread, up to 6 different meats such as ham, chicken and turkey and dressing, up to 14 different vegetables such as green beans, potato salad, squash casserole and slaw, and various desserts such as pecan pies and banana pudding. The meal will end at 7pm.

Raffle tickets are also for sale now and right up until 7pm that night. There are 4 different prizes (Visa cards of 3 different increments and a lap quilt). The Visa cards can be used most anywhere. You could buy gas, groceries or a Christmas present for yourself and the lap quilt would be cozy while watching a Christmas movie.

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After the meal ends at 7pm, the auction starts. There will be crafts, gift certificates, treasures and more. So if you are looking for an evening of good food, fellowship and fun, come join us.

Pastor Parish Relations Committee Work Session

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee will have a Work Session tentatively on Sunday, November 2nd at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

This session we will go over the goals we have as a PPR and the goals we have for Pastor Jake Brady for 2014.

This work session will be for all members of the PPR, the Administrative Board Chairperson, Lay Leader and the newly elected members of the PPR who will go on the committee in January 2014 which will be voted on at the Church Conference on Sunday, October 20th.

Christmas Parties

It is that time of the year where Sunday School Classes and the Groups in the church will start having their Christmas Parties. Any group or Sunday School class that would like their Christmas Parties in the Newsletter let me know. The ones I know so far are:

Sunday, November 24th: Young Adult Class will eat at Snyder's for Lunch and then decorate the Church for Christmas

Sunday, December 1st: United Methodist Men Christmas Party at 8 am in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 1st: Youth Ministry will have their party from 4pm until 6 pm in the

Fellowship Hall. Bring a \$5 gift. Then at 6 pm will go Christmas Caroling in the Community.

Saturday, December 7th: United Methodist Women at 8:30am in the fellowship hall. We will be playing Dirty Santa with \$5.00 gifts. For food, each person that is able to is requested to bring some type of breakfast food. If you plan to attend, please let Beverly know what food you will be bringing

Christmas Play Practices

The tentative dates and time for play practices are:

Sunday, October 20th at 5 pm

Sunday, November 2nd at 5 pm

Sunday, November 17th at 5 pm

Sunday, November 24th at 5 pm

Sunday, December 1st at 3 pm

Wednesday, December 4th at 6 pm

Thursday, December 12th at 6 pm

Saturday, December 14th at 5 pm

Christmas Special Singing

Christmas Special Singing will be Sunday, December 8th at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, please see Gene Farlow.

New Market Civitans Bi-Annual

Ham and Egg Supper

The New Market Civitans Bi-Annual Ham and Egg Supper will be Saturday, November 16th from 5 pm until 8 pm at the New Market Community Building.

For More Information you can see Darrell Spillman or John Johnson.

A Question for All:

Can anyone offer a convincing explanation for the origins of our name - Old Union? The word "Union" had a particular meaning in the church in the years between the Revolutionary War that the Civil War, a meaning that carried special emphasis within the revivalist tradition. Do you know, or can you find out what that meaning was? And do you think this meaning might be what stands behind our church's name, *Old Union*?

If you have answer's to this either send an email to bradyjake@hotmail.com or jws13@northstate.net or in writing to Jake or Jeffrey.

Meals After Church

We will continue our tradition in 2014 as we have the last few years. A group or Sunday School class in the church will take one Sunday a month to fix a meal after church for a Fund Raiser.

We need someone to sign up for the months of January, February and March. Just let Jeffrey know if your group would like a month and what Sunday you will be doing it.

Missing You Mission

Please remember that if there is any person that you have noticed that is not at church and would like a card sent to them, please write their name on paper provided in the pews and give them to Linda Byrd or place them in the offering plate.

Dustin's Address

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Scheduled Board Meetings 2013

Sunday, October 20th at 2 pm

Shut Ins Addresses

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Church Cleaning Schedule

October: Beverly Spillman
November: Jeffrey Smith

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please forgive me if your Birthday or Anniversary has not been included in the Newsletter. I only publish the ones that I have been given. If you would like yours to be included please give all your family's birthdays and anniversary on an index card or piece of paper. Thanks.

Birthdays

October:
10/6: Abby Stinnett
10/8: Diane Blakely
10/9: Holly Byrd
10/10: Bill Beeson
10/18: Claude Smith
10/18: Kelli Smith
10/19: Angel Byrd
10/27: Helen Cowart

November:
11/1: Jennifer Anthony
11/14: Wanda Wade
11/16: Mark Russell
11/18: Mabel Farlow
11/24: Edna Bame
11/27: Terry Parrish

Anniversaries

October:
10/13: Delbert & Lynda Spillman
10/19: Bill & Judy Beeson
10/26: Claude & Loretta Smith

November:
11/6: Jack & Helen Cowart
11/11: Ricky & Jennie Frazier

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Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the November edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, October 27th. Remember my email is jws13@northstate.net.

Early Methodist Conversion

Freeborn Garrettson, who eventually became a prominent Methodist preacher, recounts his conversion in the 1770s. Like many early Methodists, his conversion was not from a completely unchurched background but from a kind of religiosity that failed to satisfy. The long nature of Garrettson's conversion, with its many significant milestones and a climactic experience in private, was also common.

I was born in the year of our Lord 1752. My parents were of the Church of England and brought up their children in that way. My father was a very moral man and thought by his neighbors to be a very good Christian, and my mother was a woman who feared the Lord. I was from infancy prone to pride, self-will, and stubborn-ness, which I afterward felt to the sorrow of my heart. Very early I was taught the Lord's Prayer, Creed, Ten Commandments, and the Catechism and was restrained by my tender parents from open sin....

We lived in a very gloomy day [with] no preached Gospel, only a moral sermon read in the Church on the Lord's day, and very little of the new birth known or spoken of in the parish. One day when I was about nine years of age, as

I was walking all alone in the field, it was as sensibly pressed on my sensitive powers, as if I had heard a voice saying, "Ask and it shall be given you, etc." I was immediately drawn out in thought to know what it meant, and it was pressed on my mind that it was a token for good, and a spirit of joy sprang up within me.

Shortly after, I was by myself, and there seemed to be a question asked me, "Do you know what a saint is?" I paused awhile and then answered to myself, "There are no saints on earth in this our day." The same voice seemed to reply, "A saint is one that is wholly given up to God." Immediately an idea, I saw such a person, the most beautiful, I thought, that ever my eyes beheld. I was much affected and wished to be a saint, and it was pressed on my mind that I should be one. And a spirit of joy sprang up within me, but I had no one to open the way of salvation to me.

Sometime after this a great affliction came on my father's family: a sister, then my mother, [and] after them, two servants were removed from time to eternity. The ninth day of my sister's illness she asked for some victuals [i.e., food] and, after she had eaten a little, desired to be raised up in the bed. "I am going," said she, "to leave the world and wish to bid you all farewell." The family was soon gathered in the room, and all were bathed in tears. "Weep not," said she, "for me for I am going to Jesus, who will do far more for me than any of you

can.” She spoke as one from the dead, and I believe the exhortation will never be forgotten. When almost spent, she desired to be laid down and, within a few minutes, left the world with a smiling countenance. I do believe [that] according to her knowledge she feared the Lord from her youth up, and it was in the nineteenth year of her age when she was taken away. O! what I felt! A melancholy gloom hung over me for a long time. I frequently withdrew into secret places, and wept bitterly but knew not what I wanted. Had gospel light shone in that day as it does now, I might [have] had a better chance to have known the way of salvation....

In my eighteenth year I now particularly began to think of living in the world. [It was a] Melancholy consideration [since] I was dead to God and my own eternal welfare. I did by no means run into scandalous company or crimes, but I was a pleasure taker and a lover of this world more than God. O! What a reason I have to be thankful to God for his restraining grace which gave me a dislike to many of the practice which were prevalent among many of the youth of my age.

About this time it was, that there was a great talk of the people called Methodists in Baltimore County where I lived. Many went out to hear them, and among the Methodists I went to hear Mr. Strawbridge and Mr. Williams, but the place was so crowded that I could not hear with any satisfaction. But from what I could understand I thought they preached the truth, and I did not dare join with the multitude to speak evil of them but thought that I would let them alone and keep close to my own church. O! Those soul damning sins, pride, and unbelief, kept me from God and his people....

As my good and gracious God did not will my damnation, his Spirit still strove with me. One day as I past over a rapid stream, the log on which I had frequently past gave way, and I stood a near chance of being swept down the stream. After struggling a while, I got out much wounded among the rocks, it came to me with power: “what would have become of your soul had you been drowned?” I wept bitterly and prayed to the Lord and made many promises. But O! My stubborn heart was unwilling to submit....

I had heard as yet but two or three Methodist sermons, and the devil strove to keep me away. I heard Mr. Pilmore and thought he preached the truth and had a smooth pleasant voice, but it seemed to have no effect on my mind.

Again, I went to Richard Webster’s to hear my (since) well-tired friend and brother, [Francis] Asbury. He began his sermon about sunset, and I can truly say that his doctrine was a salved to a festering wound. I sat by the door bathed in tears the whole time and heard the sermon with great delight. As night came on I was convinced that he did not read his sermon and was much surprised to hear such fluency of speech in an extempore way. I supposed hundreds of thoughts past my mind but I returned home with gladness of heard, fully satisfied that he was a servant of God....

About this time [mid-1770s] it was that I became more particularly acquainted with our new parish minister, who was a very upright man in his outward deportment, and must set by in the parish [i.e., he was well regarded by the parish], and he had a great zeal for the truth in his preaching as far as he had knowledge. I believe he was instrumental in keeping me for God and his people for I was a constant attendant on his ministry and began to think

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that the doctrine which he inculcated would do very will. And the more I fell in with his plan for salvation the less I thought of the Methodists. Having an opportunity of several conversations with him on the subject, he told me that the Methodists carried the matter too far [and] that there was no such thing as for a man to know his sins forgiven and that all we could expect in this world was a hope, and that this hope was from an upright life and a trust in God. Those advices were as kindling to my nature, and it was not long before I corroborated with him in sentiment, concluding that I was a Christina and pled that it was impossible for any man to know his sins forgiven.

I became so bigotly attached to the church that I thought it sinful to go b it to hear the Methodists, although I frequently went to hear them after the service of the church was over and likewise on weekdays. At the former we had a smooth, moral sermon read, which did not disturb the consciences of any; at the latter the law was thundered down on the hearers and the plan of salvation pointed out. During the time of my self-security state, I had the form of godliness and would not willingly or knowingly do anything which I thought to be sinful and was very strict with respect to private prayer, fasting, keeping the Sabbath. And I read much and for a considerable time was under consideration about a literary qualification for the ministry in the church way

and frequently consulted my new counselor. I thought that I was a good Christian but at times I had doubts, especially under the preaching of the Methodists. Many are the times that my poor foundation has shaken under the preaching of Brother Shadford in so much that it would be a considerable time before I could get all things to go con clearly with me again. And think I would be ready to conclude that I would hear the Methodists no more. But still I was drawn to hear again. I stood as it were between the people of God and the world and at times had hard struggles.

One day, being a distance from home, I met with a zealous Methodist exhorter. He asked me if I was born again. I told that I had a hope that I was. "Do you," said he, "know that your sins are forgiven?" "I do not," said I, "neither do I believe that there is such a knowledge to be had in this world." "I perceive," said he, "that you are in the way to hell, and be ye well assured, that if you die in that state, you will be damned." Said I, "our blessed Lord says, 'Judge not, etc.' What did you ever see, or know of my life," said I, "to cause you to denounce me in that manner?" I pitied and turned my back on him. The words of that zealous young man did not soon leave me, for the Spirit of the Lord strove with me, and something within frequently told me "all is not well with you."

On this self-righteous way I continued until June 1775. O! My dear Lord, I never shall forget the blessed morning.... Just as I awoke I was alarmed by an awful voice. It was as powerfully impressed on my eternal powers as if it had been a human voice in thunder: "You are not prepared to die." Conviction was thundered down upon my poor, guilty soul, and all my fig leaves were torn away. Immediately I started from my pillow and cried out, "Lord, have mercy on my soul." As it was about the commencement of the late, unhappy war, and as there was to be a general review that day near my house, I had promised myself much happiness at it, as I was a professed friend to the American cause. But, instead of giving my attendance there, I past away the day in solitude and in the evening I went to hear Brother Ruff preach. In deep distress I went, and in deep distress I returned but let no one know my case. I was sorely tempted of the devil and was ready to conclude that I had withstood so many calls that the Lord would not be gracious to my soul. I fasted, prayed and cried to God in secret places but received no answer. I carried my burden day after day but opened my case to none but the Lord.

On Whitmonday [the Monday after Pentecost] 1775 in the evening I went to hear Br. Ruff preach again, and it was in my return home that I lost my burden. After preaching was over, I called in at Mr. G-n's where I stayed until near 9 o'clock and then set out on my way home. I had not rode a mile until I was so oppressed that I was constrained to light from my horse and humble myself on my knees before the Lord in a solitary wood, where no mortal eye could see or ear hear me. And my poor distressed soul was in an agony. I cannot convey to anyone the tenth part of what I felt.

While I was on my knees before the Lord, I sensibly felt two spirits with me: the blessed spirit on the right and the evil spirit on the left. The good spirit set forth to my inmost mind, the beauties of religion so that it appeared as if I was almost ready to lay hold on Christ by faith. O! Unbelief, that damning sin, kept me from my dear Savior. The devil on the other hand would rise up and dress religion in as deformed a part as possible, telling me, that if I did not forsake that way, I could not carry on my business, and that I should be ruined, etc, the temptations of the devil were so powerful that the y might with propriety be compared to a sweeping rain, I was a long time in this posture and in deep exercises until at length I began to reason with the devil and he overpowered me, and my tears and groans were soon gone. But I continued on my knees looking towards heaven in a kind of meditating way an sensibly felt the two spirits with me.

After waiting on my knees a considerable time, very powerfully tempted, I broke out thus, "Lord, spare me one year more and let me live as I have done, and then I will serve thee." The answer was "Now is the accepted time." I then pled for six months but it was not granted.

Three months, the answer was no. One month, I was denied. Two weeks, still the answer was no. The carnal knows nothing of this, but it was as perceptible as if I had been conversing with a person face to face. O! How high the carnal mind did rise. The enemy of my soul broke in upon me in a powerful manner. "You see," said he, "that the God whom you have been attempting to serve is a hard master. I would have you give up his service and pray to him no more." O! Wretch, wretch that I was. I immediately arose from my knees with these thoughts in my heart. I know not but that I

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uttered words: "I will take my own time for it, and when it suits me, then I will be religious." O! What a good God I had to deal with. Had he sent me to [be] killed it would have been just what I deserved. I got on my horse and was making towards home with a heart as hard as a stone. But I had not rode a quarter of a mile before the Lord met me with these words, "These three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none." Then the following words were added: "I have come once more to make you an offer of salvation and it is the last time. Choose or refuse."

I verily did believe that, if I rejected that offer, mercy would be clean gone forever. Heaven and hell were disclosed to my interior eye, and life and death were set before me. I was surrounded as it were by a divine power and shaken over hell. I saw clearly that pride and unbelief had kept me from God. It was like giving up the ghost. I was perfectly reconciled with the justice of God for I never could before now be reconciled to that attribute. I threw down my bridle on my horse's neck and lifted my hands and eyes to heaven and cried out, "Lord, I submit, make me as thou wouldst have me to be." I know the moment when every false prop was taken away, and I reconciled to the plan of salvation by Jesus Christ. I could look up and see by an eye of faith the great Jehovah reconciled through Jesus Christ to my poor soul. This power was attended with peace and joy in so much that I

seemed to be all taken up with Jesus, and although all alone in a solitary wood, in the dead time of night, I could but lift up my voice and praise God aloud so that I might have been heard a far off. Now it was that I saw the way of salvation and knew that my sins were forgiven.

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Homecoming



Country Breakfast



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UPCOMING EVENTS AT

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(as of Saturday, October 5, 2013)

THRU December 2013

- **Saturday, October 5th: Youth Ministry Hamburger Steak Meal Fund Raiser from 4 pm until 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Menu: Hamburger Steak, Baked Potato, Slaw, Dessert and Drink. Take outs will be Available (No Drinks with Take Outs). Price of meal will be a donation. Please invite everyone that you know to this Fund Raiser.**
- **Sunday, October 20th: Regular Scheduled Board Meeting/Church Conference at 2 pm**
- **Sunday, October 20th: Baby Shower for Jennie Frazier by the United Methodist Women. Time: 2pm to 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall**
- **Saturday, October 26th: Halloween Trunk & Treat in Church Parking Lot. Hayride and Sandwiches in Fellowship Hall. This is a Free for the Community by the Young Adult Sunday School Class**
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