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FOR ALL PEOPLE*

SCIPC Newsletter

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Winter 2014 goes out in a flair of beauty
- Liz and Derek Reid welcomed their baby son
- Shower and tea for Women's Care Center

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Winter's Last Hurrah



Winter 2014 took one last snowy shot at us on Wednesday, February 19, 2014. A late winter snow storm that was iffy by the weather forecasts suddenly took a hooking turn and deposited 5-9 inches of heavy, wet snow on the area on the night before.

Everyone awoke to the beautiful sight of the snow laying in the trees and bushes, and the temperatures warmed up nicely by the end of the day so that a good portion of it had melted by days end; however, it was not before the heavy snow had caused its damage, leaving broken limbs, downed power lines, and fallen trees all over the area. Nevertheless, it was a beautiful sight while it lasted.

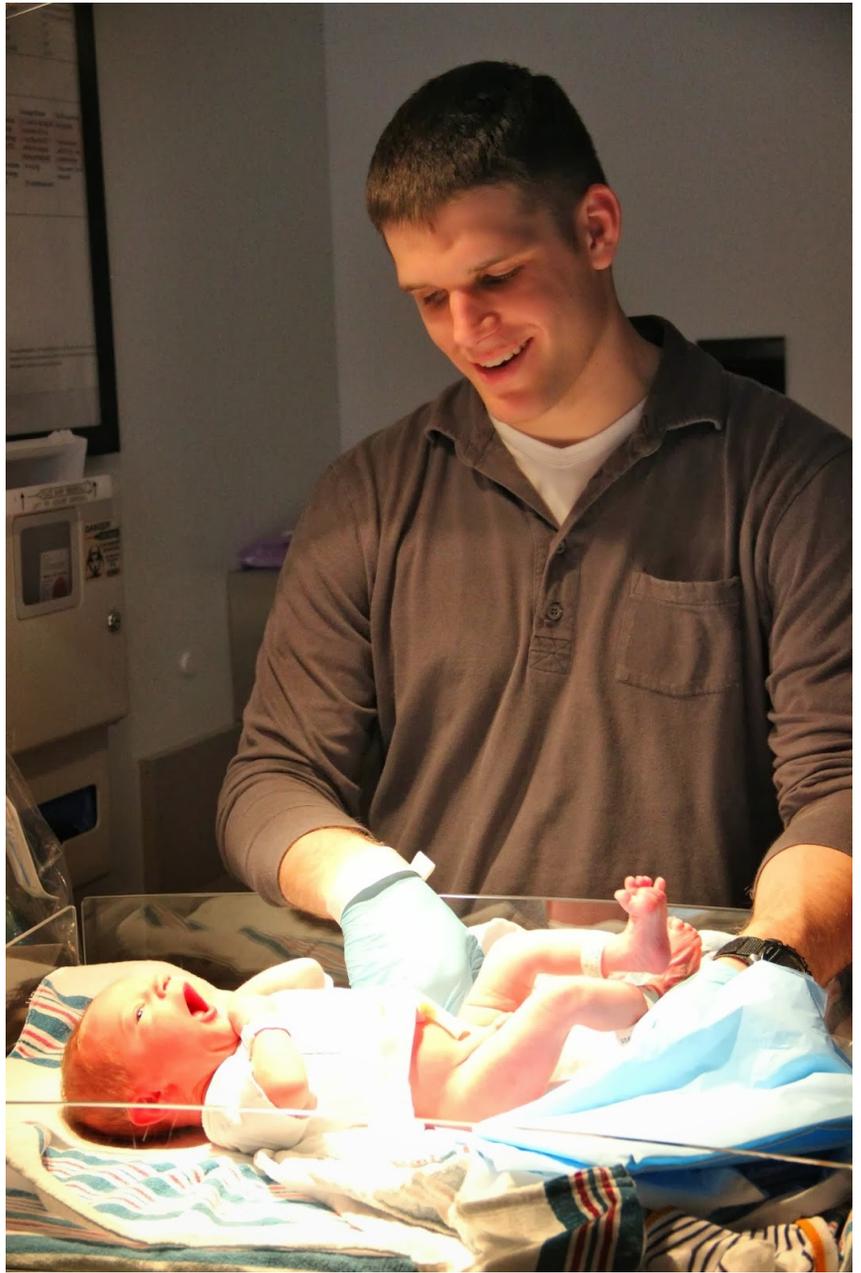
In other snow-related news, Phil reports that last month's big snow forced the re-scheduling of the UNC/Duke game. It was played 8 days later on the 20th, and Carolina emerged victorious by 8 points. Go Heels!

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Liz sent us the following message shortly after the birth of their little boy. Theoderic Fritz Reid was born at 4:03 this morning, February 12. By God's grace, we are now all doing well. Baby is 6lbs 8oz and has a true Reid appetite. I had some issues with excessive bleeding throughout the morning but the doctors were finally able to find the root of the problem and as I am receiving my first of two blood transfusions I am thankful they figured it out and am feeling a little better.



The church held a fellowship supper on Sunday night, February 23. Although there were not many folks attending that night, we had a good time of fellowship and a good supper of sandwiches, soups, beans, corn bread, and desserts. Music was provided by Karin Taylor, Glen and Bea Starnes, and Glen and Curtis playing *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* on piano and fiddle.

Phil's mother will be 95 this week, and Phil and Melinda will be traveling to North Carolina this week to celebrate her birthday with other members of their family.

Please keep Conrad's daughter, Christine Sands, in your prayers. She had a miscarriage this past week. She and her husband need your prayers.


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January—March Anniversaries

January 15—Cindy & Dale Poole

February 16—Jason and Jennifer Welch

February 18—Robert & Marlene Patterson

March 6—Mike & Barbara Metzger

March 25—Phil & Melinda Evaul

March Nursery Schedule

March 2 Melinda Evaul and Mark or Mo Davis
 March 9—Charlotte Blake and Mary Gray
 March 16—Jim and Shari Dvorak
 Marcy 23—Raymond Weaver and Curtis Coulter
 March 30—Linda Lane and Betty Ray

January—March Birthdays

January 21—Kathy Shelley
 January 24—Jeff Davis
 January 29, Barbara Metzger
 January 30, Keith Hubbard
 January 31—Amanda Writesman
 February 1—Sandy Weaver
 February 2—Jordan Hubbard
 February 4—Allison Coulter
 February 6—Cindy Poole
 February 11—Emily Hubbard
 February 19—Elijah Coulter
 March 2—Peggy Evaul
 March 3—Liz Davis
 March 7—Jason Welch
 March 14—Liz Reid
 March 18—Curtis Coulter
 March 25—Karen Kirby
 March 26—Brian Evaul
 March 28—Amanda McCaw
 March 29—Guen Evaul



Recently the church held a baby shower and tea for the Women's Care Center in Dayton. The shower was held in the fellowship hall on February 5.

The director of the Women's Care Center, Lenita Sanders, attended the tea and the shower. The person pictured with Karen is Carol Holloway, Client Services Director at the WCC.

Carol Holloway and Lenita Sanders have both visited our church in the past and made presentations concerning the work that is being done by Women's Care Center.

Phil's Corner

Phil Evaul

They say that every snowflake is unique, that no two snowflakes are exactly alike. I don't know if anyone has ever examined every single flake to make sure that's right, but I'll take their word for it.

That fact reminds me that the Creator has a great imagination. I don't know if He purposely and personally designs each snowflake, or if He simply designed the laws of nature in such a way that would ensure that each flake would be unique. Either way, His abilities are pretty impressive.

One could even say, wastefully impressive. I mean, whoever gets to appreciate the intricate design in each flake? We had nearly a foot of snow earlier in February, as did much of the eastern seaboard. Can you fathom how many individual flakes that would be? And who saw all of those flakes to appreciate their beauty? Maybe the angels, but I'm guessing that they have more important things to do than examine crystals in the snow. Maybe only God Himself could examine each individual flake of snow, give it His stamp of approval, and send it down from the clouds to be absorbed in the blanket of white covering the earth – to disappear unnoticed except by Himself.

In a few weeks the same thing is going to happen with millions of wildflowers that will pop up out of the warming soil deep in the woods where no one will see them. They will bloom for a few days, then wither away without ever being noticed by anyone but their Creator.

It may be wastefully impressive, but I trust the Creator achieves a measure of satisfaction for His efforts. The Biblical phrase would be “for His own glory.”

And even if we can't examine each snowflake or each wildflower, we should at least be impressed with the level of

care that the Lord has for His creation. And we should appreciate the beauty that we *are* privileged to see, and give Him appropriate glory for it. Jesus said the Father is aware of every sparrow that falls. If that's the case, can you fathom the depth of His care for you, His adopted child, His chosen one for whom He died?

Or think about it this way: If you look in your concordance, you'll find about 24 verses with “snow” in them. Some of them speak of the refreshment of a snowfall (c'mon, admit it: weren't you as giddy as a school kid at the prospect of a significant snow accumulation last month?).

Some of the verses speak of snow as a picture of purity. That's appropriate; we also speak of something being ‘pure as the driven snow.’

Similarly, snow is also a picture of cleanliness. I know you're already thinking of the verses I have in mind. You probably have them underlined in your Bible.

“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow” (Ps 51:7). David expresses the deep longing of all of us: that we could be cleansed of our sin and be released from its hold on our lives.

The gracious Father responds in Isaiah 1:18, “Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” It is His desire to cleanse that sin from us, even if it means He has to suffer and die to make it happen.

Wow! It's enough to make your head spin. It almost seems wastefully impressive, doesn't it?

May He get glory from what He's done in His chosen ones. And may you give Him glory for how He has created, and then re-created, you.

Church News and Prayer Requests

Once again the water main on Griffith Street next to our church parking lot burst recently. Once again the water came out of the ground; however, this time the leak was caught early enough to prevent the water getting into the church basement. One of the big problems we have is the fact that the ground level windows on the south side of the church cannot hold back water when it comes higher than the lip of the window.

Barbara Metzger has been ill recently and had to stay out of contact with people while her immune system strengthened. She is now back to 100% and has been to church for the last few weeks. We are glad to see Barbara up and about.

Carey Jackson recently had a blood vessel rupture behind his retina in his right eye. Please keep Carey in your prayers and that his vision will completely return in that eye and that the blood will be carried away from that area.

Shari Dvorak reports that Heather, Brian's wife, is not feeling well, and they fear that she might have a case of the flu.

Alice Coulter has had a two-week bout with swine flu. Even though she had a flu shot this year, she contracted swine flu. Her doctor told her that there is really no vaccination against the H1N1 swine flu. She is slowly getting over it. We would appreciate your prayers for a quick recovery from it.

Alice's sister, Jean Morr, has improved greatly, and barring any new complications, is expected to finally go home this week. She has not been home since November 20. Her family has expressed their appreciation for the church's prayers for her.

Please keep Roger's family in your prayers this week. Chris came home on Sunday, March 2. Cathy Lynn has her first surgery on Monday, March 3, and Laura is facing surgery as well. They can use your prayers and visits.



Church Dinners Were More Spartan In Early Days of Church

In this picture taken in early 1937 a special dinner was held for elder William Irvin. Only a few people are recognizable in the picture. At the very far end of the table stands Addison Downy. Florence Coulter is in the doorway and Gertie List is to her left. Standing directly to Gertie's left is the pastor, Reverend L.D. Phillips. Seated halfway on the right side of the table is the honoree, Mr. William Irvin and directly behind him, last boy in front is Jimmy Phillips, son of Rev. Phillips. In the front foreground on the right is Mr. W.A. Stultz.

When the church was first constructed and opened in January of 1926, there was no kitchen or dining room per se. The large classroom in the basement served as the eating area for dinners, receptions, and other special events. Besides dinners, many showers and wedding receptions were held in that room.

For many years the large room served as a classroom on Sundays for the young people's class which was last led by Mrs. Martha McDonald, wife of Roy McDonald. The room immediately in back was known as the kitchen primarily because it had a stove in it...nothing much else. Water was provided through means of the faucet protruding at the end of the hallway.

When dinners were held in the basement, all of the chairs were either moved out of the room or else lined up around the edges of the room. The adults usually either sat or stood in the room or out in the hallway. The children went into one of the small classrooms in the basement where there were small chairs and classroom tables on which to set their food. A few of those little chairs remain in use in the nursery

and are older than any of the members of the church. (One of them says "Made on Noah's Ark, 8500 B.C.")

Some of our current members can remember some of these events from our childhoods. The things that I remembered most were (1) stay out of the room with the food until the room is ready for eating, (2) there were always fresh hot rolls that everyone loved (especially me), (3) we were always told by one busy body to only take one roll and not come back to the line until all the guests were through (which we would not have done anyway), (4) Mrs. McDonald or Mrs. Gertie List (or both) always brought a ham, (5) the smells are still in my head from all that good cooking.

The celebration above took place in early 1937 on the occasion of Mr. William Irvin's 88th birthday. Mr. Irvin was a long time elder in the church and was a Union Army veteran of the Civil War. This picture was made early in the year because the people are wearing sweaters and long-sleeved shirts and Mr. Phillips is shown in the picture. He died in September of that year.

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