



## PASTOR'S POINTS by Dr. Randy C. Bridges

Dear Church Members:

As we conclude the year 2011 we certainly can concur that it was a challenging one. We had weather phenomenal that were unprecedented in the Rolesville area. We had losses that were unexpected and unimaginable to our church family and our loved ones. Some experienced financial stresses like you have never seen in your lifetime. Still others faced the physical decline of their body that required hospitalization, rehabilitation, and even permanent nursing care. Some felt mental and emotional pressures that tested every fiber of your being. This year, was unquestionably the most difficult for a church family that I have ever witnessed in my years of ministry.

Although the challenges have been significant for our members, our families, and the church as a whole, this article is not just to lament this past year. It is also to commend the way that the church as a whole and particular individuals have responded to our adversity. It was uplifting to see individuals time and time again respond to one another when our church and community experienced the damage of tornados and the unfathomable losses of human life. Our church and its people were able to rise up and give emotional support, financial resources, and spiritual strength to those in need. Many of you were visible in rendering your care and it was needed. Some were quiet and anonymous in giving of their finances and heartfelt prayers. Being that "present help in time of trouble" was felt by those hurting.

I want to personally thank you for your prayers, e-mails, personal notes, and many gestures of love during this past year. You were and are a real blessing to me and my family. We enter this year with optimism of what God can do at RBC and how he can use us to be Christ-bearers.

In the coming year there will inevitably be unexpected events in our lives. May each of us commit and pledge our life to God as we trust and rest in Him. It is my prayer that each member of our church would commit ourselves to be peacemakers, bridge-builders, and people who would bring glory to God through our life.

May God bless you in the coming year as we join our hearts and hands together to do His work.

In His Love,

**Randy Bridges**

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# YOUTH NEWS

**RBC Youth Ministry – A place where everybody is somebody!**

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**Stay in touch with the RBC Youth Ministry**

Youth Hotline: 562-4709

Website: [www.rolesvillebaptistyouth.org](http://www.rolesvillebaptistyouth.org)

Churchnotes: [www.churchnotes.com](http://www.churchnotes.com) (Enter 27571 for zip code)

**REMINDER:** Call the youth hotline at 562-4709 for the latest updates youth information. Weekly updates are also available at [www.churchnotes.com](http://www.churchnotes.com). The youth website is [www.rolesvillebaptistyouth.org](http://www.rolesvillebaptistyouth.org)

**Youth on Mission**

Youth on Mission (grades 7-12) meets in Youth Room 2 from 6:30 until 7:45 pm on the following Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18, and 25. On January 11 we will go to the Clay Fusion in Wake Forest to paint items for the Stop Hunger Now Luncheon. The cost is \$10.00 for this special outing. We will return to RBC by 9:00 pm from Clay Fusion.

**Youth Choir**

Youth Choir (grades 6-12) meets in the Music Suite from 5:00 until 5:45 pm on the following Sundays: January 8, 15, 22, and 29.

**Sunday Night Live**

Middle and High School Youth (grades 6-12) will meet from 5:45 until 7:30 pm on the following Sundays: January 8, 15, 22, and 29. Snack Supper will be served at 5:45 pm. Youth will meet from 6:00 until 7:30 pm. Open Play will be held in the gym from 7:30 until 8:30 pm.

**"Enter In" – Start the New Year Off Right!**

All middle and high school students are invited to join us for "Enter In" on Saturday, January 7, 2012. "Enter In" will be held at Greystone Baptist Church in Raleigh. We will leave RBC at 4:15 pm. We will return to RBC by/before 11:00 pm. The evening includes fun, fellowship, awesome breakout sessions, dinner, and a concert/worship experience. Youth must sign up in order to participate.

**"Homeless Night" for Youth**

All middle school and high school students are invited to join us for a "living in poverty" experience on Friday, January 13. This experience begins at 6:30 pm on Friday, January 13. The experience ends on Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 am. The deadline to sign up (online) is Sunday, January 8. Visit the youth website for details and to sign up for this experience.

**Winter Ski Trip & Concert**

Middle and high school students will travel to the Winterplace Ski Resort in Ghent, WV on February 3-5, 2012 for skiing and a concert/worship experience. Students can go skiing, snowboarding, and/or tubing. Final payments are due by Sunday, January 8, 2012. Visit the youth website for cost information and details regarding this adventure.



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**Foreign Missions Offering**

Goal: \$4,000.00

Received: \$4,784.00

Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help our field personnel share Jesus throughout the world!

Thank you for your support!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Parade of Tables Women's Event  
will be held on **March 3, 2012!**  
More details coming soon!

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**WMU Brunch**

*For many years our church has been involved in the Women's Missionary Union or the WMU. We have had several different groups of varying age groups of women who were called by God to serve in some form of missions. This year we want to offer many more opportunities to anyone who is not involved at this time.*

*The women who are currently a part of the RBC WMU will host a brunch on Saturday morning, February 18th. The brunch will begin at 10:30am in the Family Life Center. All women from middle school age on up are invited to attend and discover new ways to serve our Lord by serving His people. We will have many different opportunities for you to get plugged in to use your talents and abilities at whatever level you may be comfortable. Begin praying now to hear what God is calling you to do. We are already praying for you to listen and respond!*

**November 2011 Financial**

**Information**

**Contributions/Disbursements**

General: \$45,258.27 Receipts

\$37,465.82 Disbursements

Building Fund: \$1,216.00 Receipts

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Other Receipts: \$11,621.00

**Mission Contributions**

Backpack Buddies: \$2,226.00

Baptist Children's Homes: \$1,140.00

**Memorials Given**

Virginia Brown

Lane Meyer

Phil Olmstead

Kenneth Pearce

Matthew Speight

**ChurchNet**

569-0020

**Hours of Operation:**

Tuesday 9:00-11:30 am

Thursday 12:30-3:00 pm

**Tri-Area Ministry:**

Saltine Crackers

Corn Meal

**Hours of Operation**

Mon., Wed., Fri.

9:00 am—12:00 pm

**We Express**

**Sympathies To:**

Kenneth Pearce Family

**N.E.W. Backpack**

**Buddies Needs**

Peanut Butter Crackers

Applesauce

**Givers of Time & Talents**

The church members enjoy and appreciate those who honor and remember their loved ones by placing flowers on the Sunday service altar table or by contributing financially to specific needs. Many Sundays are open for scheduling your selection. If you would like to reserve a date, please call Jane Fowler as soon as possible at 556-5911.

Thanking you in advance for making our sanctuary more welcoming.

*Jane Fowler*

**Altar Flowers:**

1 OPEN

8 Communion

15 Mary Lou Cunningham

22 Faye Gay

29 Barbara Ann Richards

**FLC Credenza Flowers:**

Marie Hawkins

**Sanctuary Vestibule**

**Flowers:**

Marie Hawkins

**Morning Glory**

**Greeters/Ushers:**

Christine Foster

Vickie Baker

Lynn Averette

**10:30 Worship Service**

**Ushers:**

Team Leader - Glenn Scarboro

Holli Watkins Jeffery Roberts

Carol Watkins Kayla Lyon

Delano Pearce Alex Ferri

**Visitor Welcome Doors:**

(1) Terry Pearce

(2) Mary Alice Barham

(3) Peggy Ware

(4) Jerry Huff

**Deacon of the Week:**

12/26-1/1/12 Kirby Pearce



# January Calendar of Events

- 2 Church Office Closed
- 3 WMU Group #6 meets 10:00 am (EB-FH)
- 7 "Enter In" 4:00 pm at Greystone Baptist
- 9 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 pm (FLC-FH)
- 13-14 Youth Homeless Night
- 16 Staff Meeting 5:00 pm (CR)
- 20-21 "Overnight Camp" for Children
- 29 Youth Luncheon 11:30 am (FLC-FH)
- 31 Breaking Bread Together 11:00 am (EB-FH)
- Feb 1st Winterfest 6:30-7:45 pm (FLC)

# January Weekly Schedule

## Mondays:

9:00 am Walking [The gym is open every morning for walking not just Mondays.]

## Tuesdays:

6:30-8:30 pm Scouts Meetings (EB)  
6:30 pm Grief Share (Youth Room)  
7:30 pm Adult Coed Volleyball

## Wednesdays:

5:30-6:15 pm Supper Line Open (FLC-FH)  
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study (EB-FH)  
6:30 pm Financial Peace University (FLC-FH)  
6:30 pm Praise Team Practice (Gym)  
6:30-7:45 pm Youth on Missions Meet  
6:30-7:00 pm Children's Choir Practice  
7:05-7:45 pm Children's Mission Groups Meet  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice  
7:45-8:15 pm Open Play

## Sundays:

8:30 am Morning Glory Service  
9:15-9:30 am Library Open  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:15-10:45 am Library Open  
10:30 am Worship Service  
4:30 pm Handchimes Practice (grades 1-6)  
5-5:45 pm Bible Skills & Thrills (grades 1-6)  
5:00 pm Youth Choir Practice  
5:45-7:30 pm Youth Activities  
6:00 pm Hand Bell Practice  
7:30-8:30 pm Open Play

### RA Basketball—Game Schedule

**Saturday, January 7—HOME**  
Fr: 9:00 am / Jr: 10:00 am / Sr: 11:00 am

**Friday, January 13 at Cary Baptist**  
Fr: 6:30 pm

**Saturday, January 14—HOME**  
Fr: 10:00 am / Jr: 11:00 am / Sr: 12:00 pm

**Friday, January 20 at Hayes Barton**  
Sr: 8:30 pm

**Saturday, January 21 at Hayes Barton**  
Jr: 9:00 am / Sr: 10:00 am

**Saturday, January 28—HOME**  
Fr: 9:00 am / Jr: 10:00 am / Sr: 11:00 am



### Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank you for all of your thoughts, prayers, visits, calls and other expressions of kindness, care and concern during the illness and passing of our husband—father—and grandfather, Kenneth Pearce.

**Sincerely, Evelyn, Kirby, Kevin and Dana**

**Thank you to Ann Ferri (and Craig)** for all the hard work, dedication, love, care, and leadership during the many weeks of practice and performance of the Christmas Cantata. We appreciate Ann so much for consistently getting the best possible from the choir every week. During this Christmas and New Year season, it is an especially good opportunity to thank her for all she means to our church, community, youth, and adults all year long. Thank you ANN...we LOVE you!!!!

### **The Sanctuary Choir**

*(Thank You Notes continued on page 5)*

## Wednesday Night Meals

**January 4, 2012—Terry Pearce**  
Pork Chops & Salsa, Rice, String Beans

**January 11, 2012—Faye Gay**  
Baked Potato and Salad Bar

**January 18, 2012—Faye Mitchell**  
Hamburger Steak, Creamed Potatoes,  
Butterbeans

**January 25, 2012—Lynn Meyer**  
Fried Chicken, Potatoes, String Beans



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FORMATION

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## **“Breaking Bread Together”**

The “Breaking Bread Together” group will meet on Tuesday, January 31 from 11:00 am until 12:30 pm in the Education Building Fellowship Hall. Please make reservations to attend by Sunday, January 29. You are invited to join us for this time of lunch and conversation.

## **“Stop Hunger Now Luncheon”**

On Sunday, January 29, our Youth on Mission Team will serve a soup and salad luncheon in the Family Life Center Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 am worship service. Proceeds from this luncheon will go to help with our “Stop Hunger Now” mission project. Our goal is to raise enough money to pack 20,000 meals to help stop hunger in our own community and around the world. The cost is .25 per meal so we will need to raise \$5,000.00 in order to reach our goal. We plan to pack the meals on March 17 during our D-Now Weekend. Please mark your calendars now and help us by calling the church office and making your reservation to attend this luncheon on January 29. Cost for the meal will be whatever you feel you can give to help support this important project. You will also have an opportunity to bid on special items made by the youth for this day. Thank you for supporting our youth and for sharing God’s love by providing the funds to feed hungry people in our world today.

## **Affirm-O-Grams**

As a family of faith, we are to be encouragers to one another. Our teenagers certainly need to be encouraged as they grow in their faith and understanding of Christ. You can help encourage our students during the next few weeks! “Affirm-O-Gram” bags will be placed down the hallway on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Education Building beginning on Sunday, January 22. Please take the time to write notes, letters, or cards of encouragement for our teenagers and place them in their “affirm-o-gram” bags. Also, feel free to include candy, sticks of gum, or other items if you would like to do so. You can get a list of youth names through your Sunday

School Class, the church office, or at various locations throughout the campus beginning on Sunday, January 15. Each Affirm-O-Gram” bag will have a student’s name on it. You will also find three bags labeled “special guest” so our visitors won’t feel left out. The last opportunity you will have to put items in these bags will be on Sunday morning, February 19. The Affirm-O-Gram” bags will be collected and given to the youth on Sunday night, February 19. Thank you for investing in the lives of RBC teenagers.

## **“When Christians Get It Wrong”**

Adults are invited to join us for a six-week study entitled “When Christians Get It Wrong” beginning on Monday, February 20 at 6:30 pm in the Education Building Fellowship Hall. This group will meet each Monday evening through March 26 from 6:30 until 7:45 pm. When young adults talk about problems they have with Christianity and the church, they often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, condemning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and being anti-homosexual. We will discuss these “hot button” issues and address the “how’s and why’s of Christians getting it right” when it comes to being the presence of Christ in the world today. Adults interested in this study facilitated by Jeff Pethel should sign up to participate by Sunday, February 12. An optional study guide is available for \$10.00 each. Please indicate if you would like to purchase the optional study guide when you sign up for the study.

## **A Personal Note from Jeff**

I would like to take this opportunity to say “thank you” for the privilege and opportunity to serve with you at Rolesville Baptist Church. Thank you for all the cards, goodies, and gifts shared with my family and me during this past year. I would also like to thank you for the love and kindness that you continue to show us.

Love and Blessings, *Jeff Pethel*

# Children’s News

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## **“Christmas around the World” Thank You!**

Our children celebrated “Christmas around the World” on Sunday morning, December 18. Our children “visited” Mexico, Germany, France, Italy, and Brazil on their Christmas journey around the world. A big “thank you” goes out to the Children’s Ministry Council and to the other adult volunteers for making this day special for our children.

## **Passport Kids Camp 2012**

All children (completed grades 3-6) are invited and encouraged to join us for Passport Kids Camp on June 30 – July 3, 2012. We are going to Wingate University in Wingate, NC. The cost for camp is \$260.00 per person. **Sign up now to hold your child’s spot by paying a \$60.00 deposit to the church office.** Stop by the Children’s Information Center to pick up a flyer with details regarding Passport Kids Camp. Your child will love Passport so encourage them to attend. Camp fills up quickly so don’t delay – sign up soon!

## **“Overnight Camp” for Children**

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to join us for an overnight camp experience at the church on Friday, January 20 through Saturday, January 21, 2012. The cost is \$15.00 per person. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 11. Information is available at the Children’s Information Center. We will begin with supper on Friday, January 20 at 6:00 pm. We will end at 12:00 noon on Saturday. This overnight experience will include games, activities, crafts, Bible study and a great deal of fun! Plan to join us!

## **Sunday Afternoon Opportunities for Children**

The Children’s Handchimes Choir meets from 4:30 until 5:00 pm on the following Sundays: January 8, 15, 22, and 29. Bible Skills & Thrills (grades 1-6) meets from 5:00 until 5:45 pm on the following Sundays: January 8, 15, 22, and 29.

## **Wednesday Evening Opportunities for Children**

Children’s Choirs meet from 6:30 until 7:00 pm. Mission Friends, GA’s, and RA’s meet from 7:05 until 7:45 pm. These groups meet on the following Wednesdays: January 4, 11, 18, and 25.

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## Happy N.E.W. (Backpack Buddies) Year!

As we begin a new year, North East Wake (N.E.W.) Backpack Buddies thanks the members of Rolesville Baptist and the residents of the communities we serve for your generosity! **THANK YOU** for all that you have done to help us serve the hungry children of our community.

How many hungry children live in Wake County? According to a study by Feeding America, the overall food insecurity rate in Wake is 14.3%, the food insecurity rate for children in Wake is 21.9% (more than 1 in 5) or 47,630 children. The USDA defines food security as access at all times to enough food for an active, healthy life. "Food security includes at a minimum (1) the ready availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, and (2) an assured ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways (that is, without resorting to emergency food supplies, scavenging, stealing, or other coping strategies)." (Feeding America study: <http://feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/hunger-studies/map-the-meal-gap.aspx>)

**Volunteer a little of your time to help!** If your new year's resolution includes finding an opportunity to serve, consider being a Backpack Buddies volunteer. You can volunteer as often or as little as you like and pick the days or months that work with your schedule. Volunteer opportunities with Backpack Buddies include the following: 1) Picking up Empty Backpacks from the Schools, 2) Helping to Pack the Backpacks, and 3) Delivering Full Backpacks at the following schools: Rolesville Elementary, Jones Dairy Elementary, Sanford Creek Elementary, Heritage Elementary, and Heritage Mid-

dle School. If you work at one of these schools, carpool your children, or have as little as 15 minutes or as much as 1 hour of free time during the day or one evening - WE NEED YOU!

1. Picking up Backpacks - involves going to one or more schools on Tuesday or Wednesday to pick up the empty backpacks and delivering them to RBC. It could take as little as 15 minutes each school to pick them up and bring them to RBC by Wednesday at 5:30.

2. Helping to Pack the Backpacks - a menu has been prepared in advance of each week by our inventory team, the number of backpacks for each school are provided, and there is generally a person on hand who has experience packing the backpacks. This can be scheduled on Wednesday night, Thursday, or Thursday night. (You can volunteer as one person, or you can enlist your family or a group to have a packing party!)

3. Delivering the Backpacks - the backpacks packed by the packing team are ready for delivery on Friday mornings to each of the schools. (Sometimes the schedule is adjusted due to track-outs or holidays).

Go to <http://www.newbackpackbuddies.org/> click on the *Volunteer Spot* box, enter your email address (so we can send you confirmation and reminders of the dates you volunteered) and click on the clipboards on the month and dates you are available. You pick the activity that is occurring on that date and the school with which you can assist us. It's that easy! Or email us at: [info@newbackpackbuddies.com](mailto:info@newbackpackbuddies.com).

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## New "Care Ministries" at RBC...

Coming in 2012—There will be a new session of the GriefShare ministry starting Tuesday, January 17th 6:30 PM and continue for 13 weeks. The DivorceCare and DC4K ministries will start their new classes in August, 2012. Below is information about these important healing ministries that are being offered for our church members, families and friends and our community. Please share this information with your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and email buddies and pray that God will guide us in this ministry. Please pray for these ministries specifically: that each ministry will be of benefit to those hurting, that leaders for each ministry will be lead by God and that we will share God's love as He has commanded.

There is a "boot camp" facilitator training event scheduled for January 21st for each of these ministries. Please prayerfully consider being a part of these healing ministries. Contact the church office for more information.



**So, what exactly is DC4K ?** DC4K is a special group to help your children heal from the pain caused by a separation or divorce. DC4K provides your children with a safe and neutral place to recognize and learn to share their feelings. For 13 weeks your children become involved in a fun, caring group at a church near you. The weekly session topics help your children learn that God's love strengthens

them and helps them turn their sadness to hope and their anger to joy. Your children will meet other kids who understand how they feel. Children experiencing divorce tell us they feel alone and helpless. Your children may feel scared, sad and confused. They may hide their feelings from you because they are worried about your happiness or because they do not know how to express their feelings appropriately. Are your children angry, hurt and confused about your divorce? Finding help for your children can be frustrating. DivorceCare for Kids, DC4K, provides a safe, fun place where your children will:

- Learn to understand their feelings
- Express their emotions appropriately
- Feel better about themselves
- Develop coping skills
- Be introduced to biblical concepts that will bring comfort



### What is Divorce Care?

Most people will tell you that separation and divorce are the most painful and stressful experiences they've ever faced. It's a confusing time when you feel isolated and have lots of questions about issues you've never faced before. DivorceCare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. You don't have to go through it alone. Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. DivorceCare

is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. DivorceCare seminars and support groups are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable DivorceCare resources to help you deal with the pain of the past and look forward to rebuilding your



life.

### What is GriefShare?

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a loved one. It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before. GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life.

For detailed information on the structure and process of each of these classes, visit the following websites: [www.DC4K.org](http://www.DC4K.org), [www.divorcecare.org](http://www.divorcecare.org) and [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org).

**Please be in prayer for these care ministry participants and leaders. There is room for you in these important ministries. Contact the church office for more information.**

## Shut-In List

### Homebound:

Mabel Edwards	1608 Wake Drive, Wake Forest, NC 27587
Ray Freeman	524 Averette Rd., Rolesville, NC 27571
Lyda Moody	5112 Mitchell Mill Rd., Wake Forest, NC 27587
Lillie Terrell	4533 Hwy NC 56 E., Louisburg, NC 27549
Jewel Tharrington	7105 Mitchell Mill Rd., Zebulon, NC 27597
Vivian Young	505 E. Young St., PO Box 101, Rolesville, NC 27571
Geraldine Hyatt	201 S. Main Street, Rolesville, NC 27571
Joe Watkins	716 N. Main, Rolesville, NC 27571
Vernon F. Mitchell, Jr.	101 Coley St., Rolesville, NC 27571
Minna Harrison	2521 Burlington Mill Rd., Wake Forest, NC 27587
Edith Edwards	6701 Fowler Rd., Zebulon, NC 27597
Louise Perry	5728 Zebulon Rd. Wake Forest, NC 27587



### Nursing Home:

Margaret Brantley	Hillside Nursing Center, PO Box 1826, Wake Forest, NC 27588; <b>Room #327</b>
Kathleen Perry	Raleigh Rehab & Health Care, 616 Wade Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27605
Linda Gay	Hillside Nursing Center, PO Box 1826, Wake Forest, NC 27588
Syl Frazier	Wake Forest Care Center, Rm. 306 South Allen Rd., Wake Forest, NC 27587
Mary Fenn	Universal Health Care, 5201 Clarks Fork Drive, Raleigh, NC 27616; <b>Room #213</b>
Ben Terrell	Autumn Care of Nash, PO Box 157, 1210 Eastern Ave, Nashville, NC 27856;
	<b>Room #603A</b>
Lois Scarborough Vaughn	Hillside Nursing Center, PO Box 1826, Wake Forest, NC 27588
Vira Smith	Coventry House of Zebulon, 1205 Gannon Ave, Zebulon, NC 27597;
	<b>Room #405</b>

### Assisted Living:

Eloise Thornton	The Heritage, 1200 Carlos Drive, Apt. 249, Raleigh, NC 27609
Herman Pearce, Jr.	Lodge of Wake Forest, 1151 S. Main St., Box #116, Wake Forest, NC 27587

## Thank You Notes Continued...

### **Dear Church Family and Friends,**

I have been praying for help and support as we approach this Christmas. As you know it has been a very traumatic year. We discussed this weekend that never in our wildest dreams could we imagine we would be celebrating this or any Christmas without Lane. Just the very thought brings tears. Christmas was his favorite time of the year. At the same time, we rejoice and give praise to God for Brenden's survival and his recovery from the accident. I pray for all of those who touched him, beginning at the accident scene to our current physical therapist. Although Brenden is determined to recover, without God, prayer and wonderful medical care he would not be where he is today. Although I would prefer to speak to each person individually, I felt the need to once again say thank you for all you have done to support our family. On Sunday, Randy challenged each of us to "Give Christmas Away." I know that you all have done that for our family. You have prayed without ceasing, encouraging and loving us all through this difficult time. I know that it is difficult to know "what to say" but the "what" is not important. We have learned in Grief Share that it is okay to cry, to laugh, to be angry and to love as long as we turn to God. Our family has grown closer not apart. Brenden can never replace Lane but now he is blessed by having four parents who love him. We all celebrate his recovery and pray that he continues to heal. We know he faces challenges as he heals physically and emotionally but with God's grace and your continued prayer support, healing will come. As he shared with me, "I can only live my life like Lane would want me to do." We all know that Lane enjoyed life. It continues to be amazing how many people Lane, Matt and Austin touched. Brenden con-

tinues to move forward and be a source of encouragement for all of us. He is trying to make Lane and Matt proud. As I continue to think about the idea of "Give Christmas Away", it is my hope that our family begins to find its new balance. We celebrate Lane's life and cherish the many wonderful memories. We look forward to the many blessings yet to come. I pray that we will be able to use this experience to help others and that we will continue to grow in Christ. I realize that this has been our season to receive but pray that we will begin to be able to give back and support others as we have been supported by our Church Family and Friends.

Isaiah 41:9-11 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your **God**. I will **strengthen** you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and let us all stay focused on the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us all remember to strive to "Give away Christmas"!

**Yours in Christ, Grae and Lynn Pearce**

### **Church Family,**

I want to say a big "THANK YOU" to you who have been such a blessing to me during my illness. For all the cards, calls, flowers, food, visits, and prayers. I am so grateful. It's so good to belong to such a loving people as you here at RBC.

**In His Love, Barbara Ann Richards**