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Dear Friends,

Sally and I were standing in the Berkeley Blvd. McDonalds lunch line. She was ordering for both of us, the pick 2 for \$3 special. I felt a tap on my shoulder. The woman beside us, waiting for her already ordered food, was smiling and holding out something in her hand.

“Here,” she said, “maybe you could use this.”

It was a wrinkled coupon, torn from the paper. “Buy one Big Mac, get one FREE!” We certainly looked like we could use it. I’d been painting at our house, and dried globs of Benjamin Moore’s “Going to the Chapel” latex were everywhere. I had on an old pair of shorts that were veterans of previous painting projects, a panoply of colors. On the back of them, in calligraphy with a black fabric marker, was written, “To Will, with love, Bob and Sally.” It was a test run to see how the pen did before I wrote the same message on a quilted baby blanket Sally had made for our nephew’s boy. After a gazillion washes, the best wishes still held up. Our line mate squinted quizzically at the message.

Sally didn’t look much better, honestly. She was wilted and dirty from tackling our overgrown back yard beds. The heat made such work terrible and not simply tedious. I think our coupon bearer felt sorry for us.

“Oh, thank you,” I said, “but we don’t want to take your coupon.”

“No, please,” she said. “I used one today already, and besides, I’m from out of town.”

“Oh,” I said, “and where would that be?”

“Princeton,” she said. I got a chuckle out of that. Though I tried to refuse, she insisted. Now I have the Big Mac coupon in my wallet as a kind of sacrament.....a visible sign of something invisible and beautiful. Kindness.

There are so many of you who have been kind to us in these settling in days. I can’t name you all, for fear of leaving someone out. This graciousness has meant so much to us. Thank you. According to the prophet Micah, it is one of the three things God requires of us: to love kindness. You surely do, and God be praised for it.

I wish there were something I could do to return the favor. Maybe treat you to lunch? How ‘bout a Big Mac at the Berkeley Blvd. McDonalds? I’m buyingwith a little help from my out-of-town friend.

I hope to see you Sunday, if not before.

Warmly,

Bob

September 21—November 30

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

FPC family will meet for fellowship, worship and Bible study.



5:30—6:16

Family Fellowship Dinner

6:15—6:30

Music and Worship

6:30—7:30

Bible study

Children (Elementary)

Youth (Middle and High School)

Adults

***Please note:**

Child care will be provided. Please call ahead if needed.

WFN will not meet November 23.

Middle School Retreat

"Storm Chasers of Faith"

October 7-9, 2016

New Hope Presbyter Retreat at Camp Don Lee

For more details contact Mary Taneti.

(Pending Session Approval)



Happy Birthday!



1 Mr. Mike Pate
3 Mrs. Frankie Franks
4 Mr. Mun Best
8 Mrs. Mary Glenn Pittman
9 Mrs. Barbara Goss
Mrs. Jackie Joseph
10 Mrs. Suzanne Blackshear
11 Mrs. Peggy Till
Mrs. Nancy Smith
14 Mr. Jerry Anderson
Ms. Laura Klepper
15 Mrs. Fran Boyce
16 Mrs. Betsy Neese

18 Mr. Tom Johnson
19 Mrs. Susan Stackhouse
21 Mrs. Lucy Warren
Mrs. Joyce Wooten
23 Mrs. Kaye Bryan
24 Meredith Kiser
Mrs. Cassie Jara
25 Ms. Joyce Keller
26 Mrs. Mary Ann Parker
28 Mrs. Jerri Holland
29 Julia Crumpler
30 Mrs. Emma Jordan
Ann Hobson



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sept. 4 Rev. Bob Bardin
 Sept. 11 Rev. Bob Bardin
 Sept. 18 Rev. Bob Bardin
 Sept. 25 Rev. Bob Bardin

ELDERS

Sept. 5 Pam McIntyre
 Sept. 12 Bill Royall
 Sept. 19 Michael Jordan
 Sept. 26 Susan Stackhouse

DEACONS

Megan Suddarth
 Ellen Best
 Sonny Wooten
 Ellen Best

USHERS

Deacon-in-Charge: Dan Blackshear
 Ushers: Joe McLamb, Tony Jordan,
 Norman Goss, Troy Pate, Sam Hunter

Operating Budget Financial Report as of July 31, 2016

Budget Line Item	July 2016	Total 2016	Budget 2016	% of Budget
Receipts				
Pledges	\$58,144	\$209,790	\$391,628	54%
Non-Pledge Offering	\$4,999	\$31,897	\$73,693	43%
Sunday School Offering	\$43	\$247	\$450	55%
Plate Cash Offering	\$439	\$2,803	\$6,500	43%
Miscellaneous Income	\$1,564	\$15,745	\$8,000	175%
Total Operating Receipts	65189*	\$260,489	\$480,271	56%
Foundation *		\$137,100		
Total Receipts	\$65,189	\$397,589		
*includes 10,000 for operating budget missions				
Expenses				
Benevolences *	\$0	\$5,000	\$6,000	84%
*to be disbursed \$10,000 from foundation and \$7405 from 5th Sunday offerings and fundraising				
Program Budget	\$1,471	\$4,721	\$10,150	47%
Operations Budget	\$13,609	\$74,181	\$126,155	59%
Salaries & Benefits	\$25,475	\$189,406	\$337,966	56%
Total Operating Expenses	\$40,554	\$273,308	\$480,271	57%
Foundation		\$137,100		
Total Expenses	\$40,554	\$410,408		
Net Income/(Loss)	\$24,635	(\$12,819)		

Love in Action



Please begin cleaning out your closets and bringing your clothes to the church.



Clothing Give Away



Saturday, October 8th, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

For the second year in a row the Mission Committee is having a Clothing Give Away Saturday, October 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the gym. Free breakfast biscuits, juice and coffee will be available. We trust that our congregation will again be generous in bringing lots of good, clean clothing, on hangers, that they or their children or grandchildren have either outgrown or no longer need or wear. We also ask that you enlist your friends to do the same. A donation receipt will be available if desired. Please mark the clothes by size and gender and bag accordingly. We will start sorting and setting up for the event on Monday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m. and will need help throughout the week. Also, on Saturday morning, helpers are needed to assist with breakfast and help the guests with their clothing selection. To request a pick up of donated clothing or to help with this event, please sign up at the church reception area.



COLLEGE STUDENT'S ADDRESSES

Please make sure to send in the new addresses for your college students so that we may keep in touch with them throughout the school year!

Email Lisa Royall at lisaroyall1111@gmail.com.