

## A Stones Throw

September is here and we are back into the full swing of ministry!

In a recent sermon I shared about how God does not change even though the world around us is constantly changing. Isaiah 54:10 “For the mountains may depart and the hill be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.” That was the scripture I shared not knowing that days later we would feel the effects of an earthquake and a hurricane. It is a powerful reminder that the only one we can ultimately put our faith and trust in is our God and His love which endures forever.

Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tragedy of 9/11. Each of us can poignantly recall what we were doing when we first heard the news and how it changed our lives. Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, I will share excerpts from my sermon 10 years ago as we recall God's faithfulness even in difficult times.

As a congregation I want to thank you so much for having a heart and passion for sharing God's great love and for truly knowing that it only takes a spark to pass on the fire of faith. God has been so faithful to us—we are truly blessed. We are blessed by the continuity of our God over all these generations who remains the same yesterday, today and forever, and who always blesses us with His never ending Love. Let's take every opportunity this Fall to immerse ourselves and our families in His Love!

In His Love and Service,  
Pastor Mike

### **Mark your calendars!**

- \* Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> Pizza dinner 6:00 for KIC parents and confirmation info meeting (6-7)
- \* Sept. 2-5<sup>th</sup> TEC Weekend 9 of our youth and Pastor Mike
- \* Tuesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 Men's Bible Study (Romans)
- \* Wednesday, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 dinner---Thanks Lynn & Sherrie!  
6:30-7:30 ministries, Confirmation, KIC, Youth, Choir Wed. Women Bible Study (Bring the family for dinner and join us)
- \* Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> Women's Bible Study 10:00 & 6:00 (Revelations)
- \* Saturday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 8-12:00 Workday at church. Join us as we spruce up building & Grounds ---- donuts & coffee provided ☺
- \* Wednesday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Animals, Dinner/Cookout! In memory of Heather Stewart
- \* Sunday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:00 service at Mt. Pisgah and 10:30 service at Henry Fork Park Pavillon with lunch to follow(Please bring a covered dish to share) meats and drinks will be provided.

**Budget and Attendance Information**  
**For the Month of August 2011**

Needed Weekly \$ 6,394.48  
 Offering for August \$23,415.77  
 Average Attendance 301 SS 76

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**The Good Samaritan Food Pantry**

Food for the month of **September** is Mac and Cheese, Tuna, canned chicken, canned green beans, canned tomatoes and Jams & Jellies. Food stamp recipients cannot buy health items with food stamps so laundry detergent, shampoo and paper products (**especially toilet paper**) are always needed and appreciated.

The Food Pantry is open on Monday 3:00-5:00 PM and on Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM.

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Golden Chain



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We are back.....The Golden Chain group will be resuming with their monthly meeting and luncheon on **Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 AM.** Join us for food, fun and fellowship. We hope to see you in September.

**Join Us For Food, Fun and Fellowship!**

If you want to be part of the Golden Chain Group please come out and join us, we would love to have you. We welcome anyone 55 or older to visit and join in on our social activities.

Contact Dick @ 495-8558

**Workday September 24<sup>th</sup>**

8-11:00 Join us as we spruce up the building and grounds Saturday. This is a special time together! Donuts & Coffee provided

**Breakfast Club Schedule 2011**

Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Labor Day---Holiday NO meeting
Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Huffman Group
Sept. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Osborne Group
Oct. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eat Out
Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Rector Group
Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bowman Group
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Eat Out
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Perry Group
Nov. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Boyd Group
Dec. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Eat Out
Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Huffman Group ---Christmas Party @ Church
Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting



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August.

**Adult Sunday School News**

Special Thanks to Yvonne for leading the class for

Our leader for Sunday School will be Mickey & James Adair for September. Grab your cup of coffee and join us!

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**Weight Watchers @ Mt. Pisgah!**

The Weight Watchers Program is meeting here at Mt. Pisgah to help you. If you want to be a part of this special group contact Pam to join the Weight Watcher's. They are meeting at Mt. Pisgah on Monday(s) @ 6:00 PM. For more information about their meeting(s) or any other questions please contact.

Pam Queen @ 632-3887



We still have room for more members!

New Members Welcome!



**Lay Assistants for September**

**2011**

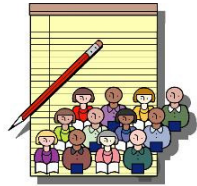
8:00 Penny Dagenhart 10:30 Derek Dawson



We are taking applications for the Mt. Pisgah Preschool.

Pick up a form at the Church Office Monday-Friday 9-12:00 or Call Linda Bloom @ 828-256-2503 for early registration.

(school year begins September 6<sup>th</sup> right after Labor Day!)



**New Members Class**

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If you are interested in joining Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church Family. We are offering a new members class on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2011.

New Members Class is scheduled for Sunday, November 13 Time 9:15-10:15 in room #100.

Our New members will be received at the Sunday Night Thanksgiving Service on November 20<sup>th</sup> this will be our traditional Thanksgiving Meal prior to the 6:30 worship. And will serve as our reception for all who are joining.

**Upcoming Weddings for the 2011 & 2012 year**

Sept. 24, 2011	Leah Krohn & Matt Wiley
Oct. 15, 2011	Jenny Burris & Jeff Beaudin
Feb. 4, 2012	Kendall Lail & Tyler Land



	<b><u>8:00 Ushers</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 Ushers</u></b>
Sept.	John Osborne	James & Mickey Adair & Sandy Moore
Oct.	Bob & Janice Simmons	Youth
Nov.	Justin & Heather Dagenhart	Sandy Moore
Dec.		

Our Council Retreat was a real blessing. Thanks to all who attended and those who shared. Our next Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sunday School Teachers**

Thank you one and All



We have a few months still available .....If you want to participate/be a usher, please contact Libby Sigmon and let her know what month would work best for you.



## Blessing of the Animals

on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00 PM (in memory of Heather Stewart)

If Jesus Had a Dog

I wonder if Christ had a little black dog,  
all curly and wooly like mine?

With two silky ears and a nose warm and  
wet, and two eyes brown and tender that shine?

I am sure, if He had, that that little black dog knew right from the start He was God. That he never sought proof that Christ was divine, but just worshiped the ground that He trod. I'm afraid that He hadn't, because I have read, how He prayed in the garden alone when all of His friends and disciples had fled even Peter, the one called a "stone." And oh, I know that the little black dog, with a ear so tender and warm, would never have left Him to suffer alone! But creeping right under His arm, would have licked those dear fingers in agony clasped and counting all favors but loss. And when they led Him away, that little black dog would have trotted behind and followed Him quietly to the cross.

Author unknown

## Women's Bible Study

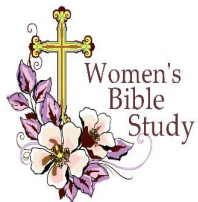
Come Join Us on Monday(s) 10:00

10:00 -10:15 Prayers 10:15-11:15 Bible Study

6:15 – 6:30 Prayers 6:30- 7:30 Bible Study

**OR**

Wednesday(s) after dinner (dinner 6:00-6:30) Bible Study 6:30-7:30 while your children enjoy Kids in Christ & Confirmation.



We are studying Revelations—it is such a blessing to dig into God's word together. We begin Monday September 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>

## Confirmation = Affirmation of Baptism

To affirm what God said to these young people in their baptisms. They are his precious, priceless children, marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit.

We Grow in:

### Faith

\* Lead Worship

\* TEC

\* Confirmation Class

\* Speakers

### Service

\* Food Pantry

\* Variety Show

\* Visits

\* Work Camp Team Effort

### Fellowship

\* Overnights

\* Beach

\* Camp

\* Dinners

\* Wet & Wild

### Study

\* The Bible (N.T & O.T.)

\* Luther

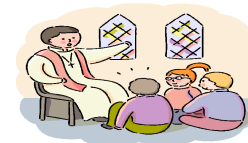
\* Lord's Prayer \*10

Commandments

\* Apostles Creed

Confirmation Begins for all 7-10<sup>th</sup> Graders on Wednesday(s) in Celebration Hall 6:30 PM.

starting September 7<sup>th</sup>



Be Sure to see our new website lots of information, blogs and devotions from Pastor Mike [[www.mtpisgahelca.org](http://www.mtpisgahelca.org)]

(Only 10 Signed Up ----We need 80!)  
Saturday Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

## **Where Have All The Golfers Gone?**

We need you and your friends to play and support our youth for their work-camp this summer.

This is held at the beautiful Brushy Mt. Golf Course.

Cost is only \$50.00 per person ---which includes  
(lunch, door prizes, and 18 holes of golf)

We will accept walk-ons ---we need you to enjoy this beautiful course on a beautiful day for a worthwhile cause!

Thanks!



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## **Youth**

Please keep in prayer Hand in Hand TEC #52 Labor Day Weekend, September 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Monday 5<sup>th</sup>. We have 3 who will serve on team, Shaina Pope, Hunter Nussbaumer and Kristen Lackey and Pastor Mike as Spiritual Director. 6 of our young rising 10<sup>th</sup> graders confirmands will be attending.

Jacob Aswell  
Justin Bowman  
Alexis Johnson  
Kristen Klop  
Lesley Ann Land  
Austin Hamilton

This is a dynamic weekend for these young people to experience together.

## **Men's Bible Study**

Guys come and join us starting Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> 5:30-6:30 as we dig back in to Romans together.

If you have not been with us before we welcome you to a time of great fellowship and honest learning together. It is truly a blessing— Hope you can join us!



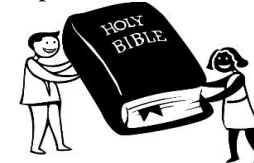
Join us

## **YASS--- Young Adult Sunday School**

As a young adult and perhaps young parent you face unique challenges and joys. Come join us in the Upper Room for Sunday School as we share together the special ways God can help us through life's ups and downs.

This is a great class with lots of laughs and sharing. Start the new school year off right.

Hope to See You Sunday!



**YASS**  
Bible Study

**Confirmation begins on Wednesdays, September 7<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner @ 6:00**

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**Your Help is Needed!  
Mt. Pisgah Nursery for 2011**



Please don't forget to sign up to help out in the nursery. A sign-up sheet is located on the kiosk. Heather Stafford is on duty each Sunday, but she needs our help. Some Sunday(s) we have 12-15 little ones in the nursery. Would you please help by signing up for 2 Sunday(s) at the 10:30 service.

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Leah Krohn and Matt Wiley would like to extend an invitation to their  
Wedding Ceremony  
September 24, 2011 @ 5:30pm  
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Hickory, NC  
Refreshments on the church lawn following the ceremony

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Thanks for your response to our Congregational survey---we have had over 200 responses --but really want everyone's.  
There are more copies in the Welcome Center if you did not get a chance to share.

Thanks so much, Your Long Range Planning Committee

*Pisgazette Article*

8/21/2011

Contact: Margo Mosley, Extension Agent, North Carolina Cooperative Extension, 828-632-3125

If you have diabetes or are caring for someone with diabetes, learn how to feel better, how to feel healthier and happier through the *Living Healthy with Diabetes* series beginning Wednesday, October 19, 2011, in the Upper Room. Sessions are each Wednesday, 10:00-12:30 pm, beginning October 19 and concluding Nov 23. All classes are free and coordinated by North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

*Living Healthy with Diabetes* was developed by Stanford University in California. It is designed to help you learn to manage your symptoms, communicate with your doctor and other health care professionals, eat healthy, monitor your blood sugar and get more out of life.

Along with the course instruction, all who attend will receive a free copy of the book *Living a Health Life* with information not only about diabetes but other chronic conditions.

*Living Healthy with Diabetes* is sponsored by North Carolina Cooperative Extension in Alexander and Catawba counties and the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services. Advance sign-up is required. To register or for more information call Margo Mosley at (828) 632-3125.

**Simply Giving**

Did you know that there is a way to be sure that your offerings to the ministry of our church are received whether or not you are in your pew on Sunday morning?

Simply Giving is an automated giving program designed to help you conveniently and consistently contribute to Mt. Pisgah. Through **Simply Giving**, your gifts are made through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account. You determine the amount and frequency of your automatic gift—weekly, semi-monthly or monthly—the option is yours. **And this selection can be changed at any time.** Your gift is deposited into the church's bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account—at no cost to you.

**Simply Giving** is a reliable, safe way to move your stewardship plan into action. But you're not the only one that benefits. The congregation benefits from steady, more predictable revenues throughout the year, more efficient bookkeeping and greater confidence in meeting our financial commitments. Currently more than fifteen member families are enrolled in **Simply Giving**. Please consider joining them in this program. Contact Margie Oakes, our church secretary, for the application form.

**IRA's and a Giving Opportunity**

Are you older than 70½? Are you required to take an annual distribution from your IRA? IF so, there is a special tax break opportunity for calendar year 2011 only. As a result of Federal tax legislation enacted in December 2010, taxpayers over the age of 70 ½ are allowed to make tax-free withdrawals up to \$100,000 from an IRA when those funds are directed to a qualified charity like Mt. Pisgah. The funds must come directly to the church from the holder of the IRA. Contact your IRA bank or broker to get more information on this unique opportunity. I also have some limited further information for anyone who is interested.

Bill Oelkers  
Congregation Treasurer

Thank You(S).....

Dear Mt. Pisgah

I wanna thank you guys for a fantastic week. It was a true blessing to work with you all and watch God grow in all the youth and chaperones. The work you accomplished was incredible. The kids at the school were so happy playing in their new playground at the end of the summer. Once again thanks for great God loving week. Keep your hearts strong and Pray as you Go!

Blessing Matt (Team Effort) (work-camp)

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Dear Mt. Pisgah,

Members of Mt. Pisgah, we would just like to say “Thank You” for your gift to Calvary Chapel of Taylorsville of the mail boxes. We are so grateful to have them for the members of our congregation to use. We hope that you will accept this gift of food to be used by many in your community through your Food Bank. May God richly continue to bless each and every one of you!

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Dear Mt. Pisgah,

I wanted you all to know what a blessing you all were to me and our family. How great was to sit and share a meal with family we haven't seen in such a long time without all the noise in restaurants or the trouble to prepare something for everyone. You truly demonstrated our Lord's words in Matthew 25:35-40 “May He bless each of you richly for your acts of kindness!” also, we would like to add a word of thanks to Rev. Stone for giving a very gracious and loving service to honor Jeffrey's life. God Bless You!

Sincere thanks in Christ,  
Bill and Tammy Harris (Joan's niece)

# Prayer Concern List September 2011

<b>David Sheets</b>	Son-in-law of Pearl Poovey. David has nerve damage/neuropathy.
<b>Krista Stone</b>	Sister-in-law of Pastor Mike & Laura. Krista diagnosed with breast cancer.
<b>Gaila Sipe</b>	Friend of Katie Wilfong. Gaila diagnosed with breast cancer.
<b>Barbara Connor</b>	Friend of Lorna Sheets. Barbara has soft tissue Sarcoma.
<b>Landi C. Bregman</b>	Friend of Meredith Priestley. Landi diagnosed with rare lung disease (LAM).
<b>Gene Roberson</b>	Son-in-law of Eric & Onita Wagner. Miscellaneous health problems.
<b>Carlotta Grimes</b>	Mother of Renee Mawyer. Carlotta diagnosed with breast cancer.
<b>Sharon Kitchings</b>	Friend of Marjorie Markham. Sharon recovering from brain surgery.
<b>Rommie Fox</b>	Friend of Bob & Kathey Sigmon. Rommie diagnosed with liver cancer.
<b>Ashley Hart</b>	Friend of Tony & Karen Whitener. Ashley teacher at Mt. View Ele. Diagnosed with lymphoma.
<b>Larry Hollar</b>	Member of Mt. Pisgah & Husband of Stephanie. Larry diagnosed with lung disease.
<b>Shirley Patterson</b>	Mother of Steven Talley. Shirley diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Sharon Kitchings</b>	Friend of Marjorie Markham. Sharon recovering from surgery (brain).
<b>Faye Carrigan</b>	Grandmother of Vanessa Harris & Nick Carrigan. Faye recovering from hip replacement surgery
<b>Connie Nance</b>	Friend of Cathy Thick. Connie diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Dennis Sheets</b>	Friend of Pearl Poovey. Dennis miscellaneous health problems.
<b>James Sheets</b>	Friend of Pearl Poovey. James Miscellaneous health problems.
<b>Hazel Ireland</b>	Mother-in-law of Evelyn Robinette. Hazel numerous health problems.
<b>Terry Martin</b>	Friend of Bob & Kathey Sigmon. Terry diagnosed with bone cancer.
<b>Pastor Ralph Eckard</b>	Friend of April Childress. Pastor Ralph diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.
<b>Jerry Carrigan</b>	Dad of Vanessa Harris. Jerry multiple health problems.
<b>Bob Sigmon</b>	Member/Husband of Kathey Sigmon. Bob experiencing pain from cancer.
<b>Troy Wiseman</b>	Friend of Kathy Johnson. Troy (unborn child) maybe be born with Down syndrome
<b>Sharon Milstead</b>	Friend of Ron & Beth Madurski. Sharon diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Dakota Johnston</b>	Child of Joey & Sarah Johnston. Dakota diagnosed with Hodgkin's.
<b>Mark Wallace</b>	Friend of Marjorie Markham. Mark diagnosed with leukemia.
<b>Fred Patterson</b>	Step-dad of Steve Talley. Fred recovering from hip surgery
<b>Les Price</b>	Brother of Faye Stafford. Less deteriorating health problems.
<b>Larry Green</b>	Husband/father of Susan & Ian Green. Larry health problems.
<b>Claudine Avery</b>	Sister-in-law of Carolyn Carpenter. Claudine recovering from surgery.
<b>Kelly Blanton</b>	Friend of the Aswell. Kelly paralyzed from a fall/accident off of a horse.
<b>Pastor Drew &amp; Sandy Parson</b>	Friends of Carolyn Carpenter. Drew & Sandy both diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Sarah Bryant</b>	Co-worker of Kathey Sigmon. Sarah diagnosed with breast cancer.
<b>Marie Sigmon</b>	Mother of Lisa Harris. Marie diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Gina Kane</b>	Gina diagnosed with cancer.
<b>Paul Kindzia</b>	Co-worker/associate of Lynn Wilson. Paul scheduled for brain surgery
<b>Bob Clouse</b>	Husband of Melissa. Bob hospitalized with undiagnosed breathing problems.
<b>Eric Wagner</b>	Husband of Onita Wagner. Eric deteriorating health problems.
<b>Janice Wills</b>	Friends of Eddie & Janice Eckard. Janice diagnosed with breast cancer.
<b>Dean Simmons</b>	Friends of Eddie & Janice Eckard. Dean diagnosed with miscellaneous health problems.

## Remember to visit or write our Shut ins & Military:

**Shut Ins:** Jerry & Helen Reitzel, Tressie Hall, Sue Bolick, Inez Bowman, Mary Bolick.

**Lutheran Home:** Pearl Seabock, Dollie Yount, Alma Yount

**Hospice:**

**Nursing Home:** Ruth Austin, Ethel Patrick,

**Conover Home:** Bob Simmons #410

**Military:** Jeremy Hefner, Joshua Dubois, Nathan Simmons, Douglas Alexander, Michael Ethridge.

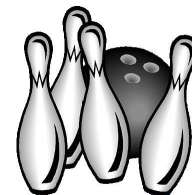
We are requesting that you keep our church secretary or Pastor informed of any changes to the information above.

We express our sympathy to the families and friends who recently lost loved ones.



Wishing you a speedy  
recovery

# Kid's In Christ - (3yrs – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) Upcoming Events



**Wednesday night KIC** - KIC will not meet during the summer months. Enjoy your summer!!!

**Parent meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30 in the upper room. KIC program will resume on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Meal served from 6:00 – 6:30 and program from 6:30 till 7:30.**



**Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Kidz Rock Pirate Style** - Put on your pirate gear and carpool with us to Morganton for a scavenger hunt and concert you will never forget! We will meet at the church at 4:00 pm and return at approximately 8:30 pm. Please sign up for this event and parents please let me as know if you can chaperone as soon as possible.

**Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>** – Kid's sing during 10:30 worship service.

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – Bowling at Pin Station** – Bring your family, bring your friends and join us for an afternoon of bowling.

**Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – Courtney's Make A Wish Celebration** - Courtney invites you to attend this celebration party to thank you for all your love and support of both us during her battle with Hodgkin's. Celebration will be held at the Teen Center in Hickory from 6:00pm till 10:00pm with a special "Make a Wish" presentation at 7:30pm. Please join us!!

***Don't forget Sunday school every Sunday from 9:15 till 10:15!***

Sunday school is back in full swing and so excited for a new year, some new faces, and new materials. You don't want to miss it!

**Thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate their time and talents to our children.**

**Nursery – Heather Stafford**

**Preschool – Kelly Daughtrey and Kathryn Tesh**

**K – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – April Childress and JoAnna Talley**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Denise Mullins and Olivia Daughtrey**

**6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – David Moser**

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, gifts, and cards during Courtney's battle with Hodgkin's. We are officially at the 6 month cancer free mark! We are very blessed for our Mt. Pisgah family who helped us through every step of the way. Jesus loves you and we love you too!

Thank you to the Daughtrey's for, once again opening up your home to us for our Back to School pool party. Thanks to everyone who participated, helped and brought food to share. It's always a blast!!

If you have any questions or need a ride to any of the events, please don't hesitate to call or email me anytime. (228-1306 or [Crystal.Cook@catawbaschools.net](mailto:Crystal.Cook@catawbaschools.net))