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**Author, Musician,
“Pneumanaut” to Visit Anson**

In a release from Pastor Norm Jones: Author, musician, teacher, sought-after retreat leader, and “pneumanaut” (one who travels with the Spirit) Chris Hughes, will bring his passion and wit for all things of the Spirit to Lilesville as part of the Lilesville Charge United Methodist Revival August 5-8th, 7pm at Olivet United Methodist Church (3363 Gaston Ferry Road). Hughes is known for his quirky humor, gifted song-writing, and creative forms of empowerment for ministry.

The August 5-8th Renewal Series is the fourth such collaboration for the four church Charge (Forestville, Lilesville, Olivet, & Savannah UMC's). Charge pastor, Norm Jones, notes, “Each night promises to take us on an adventure to the core of our faith and, with Chris's leadership, we'll have loads of fun along the way.” Hughes has a gift for engaging worship and interactive teaching with a retreat feel.

Hughes, roots his life and calling in the assertion that “every Christian is a special kind of minister.” He admits, “I love being a part of those defining moments in the lives of young disciples and congregations when they become whatever it is they were uniquely created to be.” Chris has provided visionary leadership in Confirmation strategies and disciple-making for the United Methodist Church. His latest publications include The Porpoise Given Life, Consecration 3x3, and the official UM Confirmation curriculum, Credo. New music projects include a CD collection of original songs “Hourglass,” and CD collaboration with his wife, “Together.”

Hughes, a graduate of Huntingdon College, Duke University Divinity School (MDiv), and Drew Theological Seminary (DMin), has served in the Alabama-West Florida and WNC Conferences of the United Methodist Church since 1980. He has been blessed to serve in a variety of settings including: Director of Youth Ministry for the Southeastern U.S., Minister and professor at Pfeiffer University, the UM Publishing House, and various local churches. Chris and his wife Gloria have five children and make their home in Forsyth County. They serve as co-directors for Equipping Ministry and Discipleship at Clemmons UMC in Clemmons, NC.

The series kicks off at 7 p.m., August 5th at Olivet UMC. The August 5-8th series will end and open to all. Chris's series for the week is entitled “First Love.” A mission offering will be collected nightly. For additional info please call 704-848-4694 or visit Chris's website: www.chrisbhughes.net.

Parks & Rec Fall Registration

From now through August 31 Anson County Parks and Recreation will be holding registration for the following sports:

- Cheerleader for 3rd & 4th grade
- Cheerleader for 3rd through 6th grade
- Girls Fast Pitch Softball for ages 4 to 18
- Youth Baseball for 9 & 10 years old and 11 & 12 years old
- Coach Pitch Baseball for ages 7 to 10
- Tee Ball for ages 4 to 6
- Micro Soccer for ages 3 to 4
- Youth Soccer for K through 12th grade

The costs for all programs are \$25 except Youth Tackle Football and Youth Flag Football which cost \$30. Cheerleading costs \$18.

For Youth Football you must have a physical and bring that paperwork along with a copy of your birth certificate.

You may come to Little Park to register Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline to register is Friday, August 31. For more information call 704-694-5868.

Registration will also take place from 3 to 5 p.m. at these schools:

- Tuesday, August 28 at Wadesboro Elementary & Wadesboro Primary Schools
- Wednesday, August 29 at Peachland-Polkton and Ansonville Elementary Schools
- Thursday, August 30 at Lilesville Elementary School Baseball Field & Morven Elementary School

Blood Drive August 17

There will be a Community Blood Center of the Carolinas Blood Drive at South Piedmont Community College Polkton campus on Friday, August 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. There is a shortage of blood in the community, especially the O blood group (O positive and O negative types), so CBCC is urging O donors to donate blood as soon as possible. The minimum weight requirement for blood donors is 120 pounds.

More public drives can be found at the CBCC website, www.cbcc.us. CBCC has donation centers in Charlotte, Concord, Gastonia, Hickory, and Union County.


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Remembering.....
By Ed McBride



Old Days - Electronic Technology

Can you believe that television was new to Anson County and surrounding counties in 1949 - going on air with a test pattern on July 15, 1949? Now that it has been more than sixty years...and would you believe it, that the “style is now” to have at least one television in every room. And, with the younger people at home, they need “one for the bed” too! So they tell me - sho' am glad it's not my “cup of tea.”

Not only is the television industry “busting at the seams,” so are all phases of electronics, x-rays, telephones and the like...especially in the medical field!

I can remember the first cash register that we had after going into business. Allen's Dad, Ris Lyon, sold it to us for something like fifty dollars. It would add, subtract, multiply too! Of course, the “new ones” of today can even reach into your pocket to see if there is anything left!!

Oh wow, that television is, I think, something of an era of our time - a long way from the “stone age” I think!!

Thanks for sharing. Ed

Carolina Farm Credit Now Accepting Applications for Ag Biz Planner Program

Carolina Farm Credit is now accepting applications for the fourth class of an e-learning financial and business planning course called Ag Biz Planner. The course is available to North Carolina farm families (www.carolinafarmcredit.com/cfc3/loans-youngsmallfarmers-course-application.asp) and is funded through a grant from the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The Ag Biz Planner curriculum includes financial and business planning, budgeting and other money matters essential to a farm's success. The online training will be offered statewide through North Carolina's three Farm Credit associations (Carolina Farm Credit, Ag Carolina Financial, and Cape Fear Farm Credit). The Farm Credit University curriculum includes financial and business planning, budgeting and other money matters essential to a farm's success. (www.fcuniversity.com/abp-main.htm)

This program is funded by a \$51,775 grant from the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. The NC General Assembly established the commission in 2000 to help tobacco farmers, farm workers and related businesses impacted by the transition out of tobacco farming. The commission's funding comes from money paid by cigarette manufacturers as a result of the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement.

Farm Credit's e-learning program targets young, beginning, small, and minority farmers throughout the state. Participants will be assigned a Farm Credit loan officer to serve as a mentor throughout the course. Highlights of the program include modules that cover business and personal financial planning, understanding income statements, cash flow, and the smart use of credit on the farm. Each participant will have completed a business plan for their operation at the conclusion of the class. Priority will be given to former tobacco farmers and others impacted by the Tobacco buyout. The grant provides for training 30 producers.

Carolina Farm Credit is accepting applications for the program which will begin in October of 2012 and run through March 2013. Applications, a course outline, program information, and testimonials from past participants are available at www.CarolinaFarmCredit.com. Applications will be accepted through September 1. The course will conclude with a group conference in Raleigh in March of 2013.

“This is a unique opportunity for a group of farmers to learn and benefit in ways that will certainly improve their family farm operations,” said William Upchurch, Executive Director of the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission.

Battle of Bands Rescheduled for August 17

South Piedmont Community College's fifth annual Battle of the Bands has been rescheduled for the evening of Friday, August 17. The event was originally scheduled for April 21 but was postponed because of threatening weather. The event is held each spring on the L.L. Polk Campus in Polkton.

It is too early to know if all the artists who were scheduled to perform earlier this month will be able to attend the rescheduled event. A list of performers will be released later in the summer.

The Battle of the Bands is sponsored by SPCC's Student Government Association.

Diabetic Support Group Meets

The Diabetic Support Group will meet at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro on Thursday, July 26, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The speaker will be Hazel Seibles, Program Director at Sandhills Wound Center in Hamlet.

For more information call Ruth Hildreth at 704-694-3979.




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