

# SONLIFE NEWS

*SonLife Community Church*

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## **SonLife's 15th Anniversary celebration Nov. 4th**

In 1992, SonLife Community Church was started by Pastor Marshall and Gilda Wise as a planted church and it has now served the community in Salisbury for 15 years.

So Sunday, Nov. 4th, will be our big celebration with our newly-wed couple, Josh and Tiffany Mitchell leading worship and a big birthday cake at our reception afterward. This is a time to encourage your friends and fellow SonLifers to mark their calendar to make Nov. 4th a red-letter day for you and our church. Feel free to invite past members of SonLife as well. I'm sure they would like to celebrate with us. Don't forget, Josh and Tiffany lead off the worship service so out of love and respect, be there at least by 9:55 a.m.!!

Josh and Tiffany will be leaving about 10 days later for their new life in Hawaii, and this is a great time to wish them success. Take a moment right now and think which SonLifer or friend or relative you can invite for Nov. 4th!

## **SonLife newsletter to be circulated monthly!**

This is the first edition of a monthly newsletter for SonLife. It's continued life will be based on the contributions of ideas, photos, stories, and announcements for the next issue. If you have an item, please give it to Pastor Marshall or Gilda Wise no later than Nov. 15th.

## **Shepherds meeting on how to reach out and grow the church**

For the past several months, the Shepherds have been discussing the Biblical commandment to carry the Word to non-Christians and to "grow" SonLife as a church.

Part of the discussions involve attracting new members and some discussions have been about preparing the church and its members for working with a large number of visitors which could be the result of new programs of recruitment.



*Don and Christina Mattson with Lee Still, watch the games in the yard at SonLife's picnic on Oct. 6th. More than 25 people from our church attended the relaxing afternoon of fellowship, games, and food. More photos on the next pages.*

The Shepherds are not a governing board for the church, but rather an advisory board to the pastor and appointed by Pastor Marshall Wise. Current members of the Shepherds are Craig and Linda Larson, Pete and Inga Frost, Glen and Estrella Knutson, Bob and Lee Still, Marshall and Gilda Wise, and Jan and Ann Wiseman. At the last meeting, Jan Wiseman was appointed the administrator for the Shepherds to chair the meetings, prepare the agendas, etc. and Estrella Knutson was appointed as secretary. Both appointments are through 2008.

### **Now's the time to join a "team"**

Does everyone remember what "team" stands for? We had to ask and discovered it is: T = Teaching, E = Evangelism, A = Acceptance, M = Ministry. After learning this, we then rated our TEAM and found that that is exactly what it does/is. We do a Bible study (teaching); we are encouraged in the Lord (evangelizing); we are always accepted as we are (acceptance); and it is true ministry to all of us. So, if you are not hooked up with a TEAM yet, try to choose one soon—just talk with Pastor Marshall. You will not regret it!!

### **Church ladies are preparing boxes for Kiev.**

The Ladies TEAM, that meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month for a Bible study and fellowship, had taken on the project of making up boxes to be distributed to widows in Kiev. You can fill these boxes with toiletry items, hankies, perfume—things that are utilitarian, as well as "girlie". If you need more information and want to know why we are sending them to Kiev, then Inge Frost is the person to see!

### **Time to celebrate upcoming birthdays and anniversaries**

Happy Birthday to all of those SonLifers whose birthdays are in October - Robert Hurley on Oct. 7; Loretta Knight and Keni on Oct. 8; Daniel Mattson and Bob Hastings on Oct. 13; Sophia Goodyear on Oct. 14; Valaree on Oct. 16; Audrey on Oct. 27; in November— George "Wookie" Kreiner on Nov. 5; Ronald Dupont on Nov. 6; Linda Larson on Nov. 7; Rhonda Lenehan on Nov. 11; Kristyn (Seaton) on Nov. 12, and Suria Rogers and Jordan on Nov. 26.

And there are three anniversaries to celebrate in October and November including Don and Christina Mattson on Oct. 7th, Leonard and Jadean Watkinson on Oct. 14th, and Gary and Lisa Townsend on Oct. 15th.

*Enjoying the SonLife picnic food on the screened porch are (from left) Suria Rogers, Melody Wood, Matt Stratton, Carol Franz, and Pastor Marshall Wise.*





## SonLife picnic: fun and food

Our church's Fall Picnic was held in early October with more than 25 participating in the fun.

One of the highlights of the games was "Polish Horseshoes" constructed by Pastor Wise. It featured two golf balls (what else!) tied together and the goal was to throw it so that it wrapped itself around horizontal pipes with various point values.

Other games included golf accuracy by pitching golf balls the closest to the target and also horseshoes which were brought by Leonard Watkinson.

Celebrated at the picnic was the anniversary of Don and Christina Mattson who also marked Christina's "coming out" party from her recent operation!

In the photos are clockwise from Top left, Pastor Wise; (top right) Gilda Wise, Clare Edmond, Catherine and Pastor; (Middle right) Maria Waller and Alex. (Lower right) Don and Christina Mattson.

