

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

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80th Annual Mallard Creek Barbecue

MALLARD CREEK, NC – September 22, 2009 (Xpress Press) – 80 years ago, the Great Depression began and Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church had just completed the construction of their first Sunday school rooms. Times were hard and the contractor had to be paid. The deacons of Mallard Creek Church organized a barbecue that included three or four pigs and a goat.

50-years later there were more than 10,000 pounds of pork cooked and approximately 8,000 people visited. In 2009, we expect to cook 13,000 pounds of pork barbecue, prepare 2,500 gallons of Brunswick stew, shred 2 tons of Cole slaw, brew 400 gallons of coffee, and entertain close to 20,000 people. Four reconditioned drive-thru take out lines will be operated for orders of one sandwich up to EXTRA large group orders. Orders of 50-plates or more can be quickly accommodated with a call ahead to the take-out stand.

The original intention of the monies raised from the barbecue was to pay a debt and today Mallard Creek Presbyterian makes contributions to local and world missions and supplements the church's building fund. In 2009, our mission team visited Havelock, North Carolina.

One week of hard work, fun, and fellowship starts on Thursday, October 15th at 5:30am. On the 15th and 16th, the pork barbecue will be cooked, chopped, seasoned, cooled, and packaged. On Saturday, October 17th, starting at 8:00am, the Cole slaw ingredients will be shredded, combined, seasoned, packaged into 55 gallon barrels, and cooled. At 2:00am on October 19th and 20th, the chicken, pork, and beef, along with the rice and vegetables are prepared for the Brunswick stew. The big day, the 'granddaddy' of all barbecues is **Thursday, October 22nd**, with serving starting at 10:00am.

A limited number of promotional tickets are available to the media. Space is available on-site for live television remotes and live radio remotes and shows (morning, midday, and afternoon). Media tours, interviews, and photo opportunities are available during any of the days listed. This is our 80th. Come join the celebration.

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