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All items for the next newsletter and the October Calendar **must be in the office by noon on Friday, September 23rd.**

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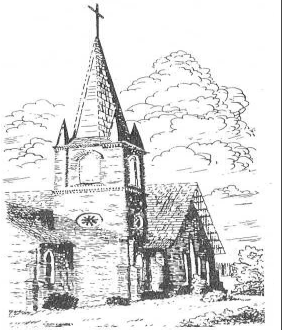
The Witness-September 2011

The Newsletter of Wilkesboro United Methodist Church

From the Pastor's desk:

Take The Next Step

Take the Next Step, is a book I've been reading lately. It is about helping congregations discover the next step in their life as a church. The author, Lovett Weems, is writing for congregations that have had strong ministries for a long time but seem to have reached a plateau, and are now beginning to experience declines in membership and attendance. He is describing a large number of mainline protestant churches, including our own. In fact, he is describing most of the mainline denominations in our country.



Dr. Weems is an active United Methodist who loves the Christian Church and our denomination, and wants to help us turn around the gradual decline before it becomes a crisis. He notes many factors that contribute to the decline, including an aging population of church members, the changing culture and world that we live in, and our resistance to doing things differently than we have in the past. What he believes is needed is an intentional effort he calls "revisioning." The outcome being sought is a new vision for each particular congregation that connects to its past, but has the "power to inspire and motivate the membership" for the future.

I agree with Dr. Weems' analysis of our situation and what we need to do about it, so I've shared his book with several of our church leaders and committee chairpersons. I have also proposed to our Administrative Council that we take up a "revisioning" process starting this Fall, and they have agreed to do so. (Actually, the Book of Discipline states that one of the Council's jobs is to "...envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church.")

As we work toward a new vision we will need to distinguish between our "mission" and our "vision." Our mission as a church is what God calls us to do. For example, our Annual Conference states its mission succinctly as, "To Follow Jesus, Make Disciples and Transform the World." Let's assume that we have adopted the same mission. Our "vision" would then be the way we carried out our mission in the near future. Lovett Weems says that the question our leaders and members should be asking is, "Given the mission of our congregation, and the current situation, what is it that God is calling this congregation to do next?" The answer to that question will form our new "vision," and become our church's "next step."

It will take all of us to discern what God has in mind for our "next step." We will need input from leaders and members, and prayers from all. I think it is important for us to do, and I look forward to working on it together.

Grace and Peace,



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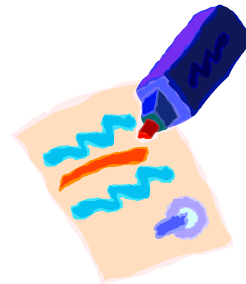
Hand In Hand Ministry

Elmer's Glue Products

Michael and Antha Reid's niece "did it again!" Becky Hoke, who works for Elmer's Glue Products, provided a large selection of school materials and supplies to our Moravian Falls Elementary School. On July 28th, Michael and Antha picked the following items up from Statesville and delivered them to the school:



- Tri-fold display boards for science fair (120)
- Large commercial size paper cutter
- 5 electric pencil sharpeners (five size holes)
- 4 Gallons of glue
- Teacher re-stick, glue adhesive.
- Glue sticks
- 120 zipper pencil cases
- 2 "mystery boxes"



Becky has been providing materials at least twice a year to Moravian Falls for four years and says she plans to continue to do so. Thank you Becky...thank you Michael and Antha!!!

Classroom Welcome Back Baskets

On August 23rd Rosie Shepard and Donna Marie Kogler put together twenty two WELCOME BACK CLASSROOM BASKETS for Moravian Falls Elementary School. They were delivered on August 24th and each of the 14 classrooms received a basket with classroom supplies and "goodies" that would delight the students. Each full time classroom teacher and full time teaching assistant received these baskets in honor of their class.



This project was **not** a Hand In Hand effort, but rather a united group effort on the part of Wilkesboro United Methodist Church. Donations were received from the Ecclesia Class, Belayers Class, Friendship Class, Genesis Class, the United Methodist Women as well as individual donations.

TANYA SHIRE made these baskets over the past year and had 24 baskets completed and ready by August. Thank you Tanya for your dedication and commitment. You are most appreciated!!!

Pictures of the baskets will be put on the Hand In Hand bulletin board for all to see! (The bulletin board is located in the front hallway of the Education building.)

STUFF THE BUS FOR MORAVIAN FALLS!!!



It is time to "Stuff The Bus" for Moravian Falls, so please note the containers available for supplies (listed below in order of priority) outside of the church office and on the back pew of our sanctuary.

Please know that this is an on going collection and everything no matter how big or small is well appreciated.

Notebook paper refill, Colored pencils, Colored markers



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



The month of August has flown by! 42 people attended our UMW-sponsored church-wide picnic on July 24th. Thanks to all who brought those delicious dishes and desserts, and a big thanks to Ray Rich and David Taylor for grilling the hamburgers and hotdogs. During our August meeting, our District UMW shepherdess, Jane Long, presented a wonderful program titled "Step up to the Plate". She had everyone laughing one minute and crying the next. She definitely instilled a desire in each of us to "step up to the plate" to help others through our local and global mission support.

During the past month, our UMW unit has been able to provide local mission support to the 2nd Harvest Food Pantry through the Lowes Food Store drive, to Hand-in-Hand for back to school classroom baskets, and to assist home missions in our church. We have also submitted our 3rd quarter pledge to mission and our love offering to our District UMW treasurer in support of global missions.

We have received new RADA catalogs and will be selling cutlery and other RADA products through October 15th. This will give us time to receive our order before Christmas. If anyone would like to place an order or see a catalog, contact Phyllis Austin, Lorraine Golds, or me. We also still have plenty of cookbooks and continue to sell them for \$15.00. There are copies of cookbooks in the church office for purchase or you can contact any UMW member or one of our cookbook committee members – Phyllis Austin, Mary Clark, Jane Purvis, or Jan Taylor. Both cookbooks and cutlery make great gifts.

September will be busy month. A couple of our members are planning to attend at least one day of the Western North Carolina Conference UMW annual meeting at Lake Junaluska September 9 – 11. The theme this year is "Jump into Mission" and the new conference officers will be installed into office at this meeting. Our UMW unit is hosting, and serving a light breakfast for, the North Wilkesboro District UMW annual meeting at our church on September 24th. During the month of September, we will also be preparing for UMW Sunday, during which we will be recognizing and celebrating Children's Sabbath on October 9th.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Belayers classroom. Our program, coordinated by Lois Dills and Ann Snyder, will be a presentation on Samaritan's Purse.

In Love and Peace,

Jan

Jan Taylor

ours and Public Works has indicated the town will provide the equipment and labor to repair and frame the walk areas so that the water will flow in the proper direction. Work should begin on Tuesday after Labor Day.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS: Chairman Tony Randall introduced the employee handbook to the board members to study and be approved at the next council meeting. He reported our new secretary, Regina Koons, has been hired and is on the job.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM: Pat Day gave an update of the program, indicating that the summer program was a success and fall program is underway with approximately 23 children enrolled and a financial balance of approximately \$7,000.

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Jim Brooks reported that the choir had been on an altered schedule during the summer months and will return to a regular schedule in September.

WORSHIP: John and Carol Patton advised their committee was working on a list of policies for non-members who may wish to use our facilities. Rosie Shepard had requested \$80 for the purchase of children's pamphlets to be used in the church. The committee is considering a way to serve Communion to members who may not be able to attend church and also how we may provide DVD's of our services.

COORDINATOR OF MINISTRIES: Chris Lakey reported that he had just returned from the youth pool party enjoyed by 20 youth. On the 25th they will be going to the Blue Ridge Parkway to "The Rock".

OTHER REPORTS: Russell Golds mentioned some interest had been shown in working toward a new pictorial directory and there were some retirees who had offered their services in working on this. Approval was given for proceeding with this project. Tony Randall, as chairman of SPRC, discussed the vacant position of the Keenager Director and asked that the board give thought and prayer as to the direction that would be in the best interest of the church regarding this position. Pastor Lewis asked that a list be made of those Keenager persons who are willing to step up and take responsibilities. He reminded us of the large complex to be completed in the spring for those 55 and older that would provide the Keenager Group and our church opportunities for service.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported on the forms that had been passed out to the congregation for parishioners to give an indication of how they would like to participate or give of their time toward church involvement. Consideration is being given as to how they might best use these forms. Charge Conference is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 30th at WUMC. He was pleased with the good representation who travelled to Lake Junaluska in support of Donna Marie Koegler and her Laity Award. Chris, Carolyn, and Lewis have been studying the classrooms on the south wing of the education building. There is a tremendous need for those classrooms to be updated with paint and repairs. A Trustee feels that he can get Val-spar to donate the paint and Lewis has requested Chris Lakey organize a paint crew to get the work done. Motion made by Roger Eich, seconded by Ed Snyder, and approved by the committee for us to proceed as soon as possible on this project. November 20th is Stewardship Campaign Sunday. Decision was made to have a day apart to think about new visions for our church and this is scheduled for October 15th with Elk Shoals Lodge being a possible location. This year the Methodist Impact Community Day and Make a Difference Day are to be combined. We will focus with the Moravian Falls School on needed projects. Workday is scheduled on October 22nd, beginning at 9am.

Next meeting scheduled for September 18th. Meeting dismissed with prayer by Pastor Lewis. Respectfully submitted by: Pat M. Day

ATTENDANCE: Michael Reid, Antha Reid, Jim Day, Pat Day, Larry Caudill, Lewis Poag, Arnold Lakey, Russell Golds, John Groce, Mike Inscore, Ray Rich, Chris Lakey, Jim Brooks, Roger Eich, Ed Snyder, Jan Taylor, Tony Randall, Carol Patton, John Patton, Mary Jane Rich, Jenny Miller

Safe Sanctuary Background Checks

Safe Sanctuary Background checks are required for anyone who volunteers/works with children and/or youth at our church. The previous background checks will expire soon and the people listed below need to complete a new form. Please see Mary Henderson, Pat Day, Robyn Pless, Tamara Lakey or the church office to get a new form.

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Brady, Jane | Mullins, Rebecca |
| Clark, Stan | Reavis, Mary |
| Combs, Charles | Webber, Donna |
| Eich, Patricia | Webber, Robert |
| Greene, Steve | |
| Kilby, Joe | |

Keenagers

Wilkesboro United Methodist Church

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A Word on Keenagers Activities

It has really been hot this summer but the Keenagers have still enjoyed themselves. We tried a new restaurant, The Ten Ten Thai and it was very good. We had 15 that attended for lunch and a good time was had by all.

A group also traveled to the mountains to Waynesville for lunch, and on to Lake Junaluska to celebrate Donna Marie receiving the Laity Award. After the awards the Lake Junaluska Singer entertained everyone. They were wonderful as always.

Jenny Miller

Upcoming Events

- September 13 - 5:00pm
Blackburn Farm Picnic
- October 11 - 11:30am
Lunch at Village Inn Pizza
- October 21 -
Carolina Hot Air Balloon
Fest in Statesville
- November 1 -
Asheboro Zoo
- November 8 - 11:30am
Lunch at Sagebrush
- December 6 - Winston-Salem
and Mrs. Hanes Bakery along
with Arbor Acres
- December 13 - 11:30am
Lunch DJ's Restaurant

Blackburn Farm Picnic

Keenagers, YOU are invited to join the North Wilkesboro United Methodist Senior Adult Group for a picnic at Blackburn Farm picnic shelter



TUESDAY, September 13th at 5:00pm, or meet at the church at 4:00pm to carpool.

Hot dogs, hamburgers and the trimmings will be provided, and Keenagers are asked to bring a cover dish or a dessert.

Contact Mary Jane Rich before September 5th at 838-7848 if you are planning on going.

Keenagers

MEN and WOMEN of KEEN age to Bring Your Smiles and Join Us! Loving, serving, caring & Having FUN!

Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes, Inc.

Our Mission is to "feed the hungry of Wilkes County."

Any extra fresh fruit or veggies that you have may be brought to Wednesday night supper or to the back pew of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. The total giving to SKW for the summer through the end of July is 101 pounds and \$238.00.

A Big THANK YOU!



Notes from Our Church Family & Friends



- ◆ *Thank you for your kindness and support during my recent surgery and convalescence. The calls, cards, flowers, food, and especially the prayers. Your expressions of Christian love made my days more pleasant.
God Bless all of you, Brenda Dale*
- ◆ *We want to thank the staff and the church members for their support as we tried to carry on in our efforts to bring you Newsletters and Bulletins. As a new Sectary comes on board we shall have a greater appreciation for the work that this person adds to our church family.
God Bless us all in our efforts in the future. Rosie and Chuck*
- ◆ *Thank you so much for the honor of representing Wilkesboro United Methodist Church at the Laity Conference at Lake Junaluska on August 13th and for being chosen as the recipient of the Laity Award for 2011. What an incredible and humbling honor and Scott and I both thank you for the love, encouragement and support you all show and have shown to us since we moved to Wilkesboro.
A special thank you to those of you who made the trip to Lake Junaluska and for the "loudest cheer." You made the day even more special.
God Bless and Love, Donna Marie and Scott Koegler*

Wilkes Circles of Care

Circles of Care™ is a collaborative effort between adults committed to getting out of poverty and community members who are willing to help them. It is committed to the elimination of poverty in Wilkes County. By establishing various groups of circles, members of the community can bring about the necessary change to move citizens past an impoverished environment.



*To obtain knowledge and determine if you are willing to be a part of this process, **Circles of Care™** workshops are available this month. Two training opportunities are being presented at Millers Creek United Methodist Church during the month of September. A "Poverty Simulation" will be held on Thursday, **September 15th** and training on strategies from "Bridges out of Poverty" will be held on Thursday, **September 29th**. Both begin at 6:00pm. More information is available on the website www.WilkesCirclesOfCare.org.*

I invite you to join me in this local mission of our church.

Call Gretchen Barelski at 667-9450 for more information.

WILKESBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL - August 31, 2011

The Administrative Council met this date with Chairman Mike Inscore presiding. Mike had devotions and prayer, followed by the group sharing in Our Vision. No meeting in July.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Pastor Lewis Poag in absence of the Treasurer and approved by board, copy of the report is attached. A request has been made by the kitchen committee to add a designated fund in anticipation of replacing kitchen equipment, in particular the dishwasher. Motion made by Arnold Lakey, seconded by Jan Taylor and approved. In the fall we will use campaign materials referred to as the Pyramid of Christian Generosity which will include devotional materials as the introduction for financial stewardship. Lewis shared with the group that Gaynelle Englebert's husband died recently. Lewis conducted the funeral services. Gaynelle is our church treasurer.

TODAY'S OFFERING: \$6,158.00

FAMILY COORDINATORS: Mike and Antha Reid shared that our annual Elk Shoals day was successful with approximately 60-65 attending. One of the adult classes and their children had spent Saturday night there. The Ecclesia Class helped with expenses of the day. Lewis had devotions and conducted the Baptismal service of Quan Chavez.

MISSIONS: Lewis reported that the group had met to look at future mission trips and to begin planning for the Stop the Hunger program, which is the filling of the food packets. The Hand in Hand Ministry with Donna Marie Koegler is changing the program with Moravian Falls School. The use of lunch buddies will not be used at present. They still need prayer partners.

EVANGELISM: Chairman Roger Eich reported they met August 16th and discussed forming a Shepherding Program and reviewed a list of prospective members who might well represent the church in this program. A more detailed report is on file.

EDUCATION: No Report

METHODIST MEN: Russell Golds indicated at their last meeting Kay Hays gave a program on Stop the Hunger. WUMC Men gave a \$500 dollar donation toward the required \$2500 to have the program here.

METHODIST WOMEN: Jan Taylor reported Kay had presented the Stop the Hunger program for their last meeting. UMW Western NC Conference is scheduled September 9 – 11 at Lake Junaluska. Cookbooks are still available for purchasing. The sale of cutlery will be available again this year.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES: No Report

TRUSTEES REPORT: Mike Inscore reported that the trimming of the trees had been completed.

Other matters that were presented to the Council included:

BATS - out of the four companies for the removal of bats in the bell tower, two have been eliminated. The remaining companies being considered are McNeely Pest Control (formally Wilson) out of Winston Salem and Tru-Tech out of Charlotte. Both companies are highly qualified with McNeely giving an estimate of \$14,500 with a 2 year guarantee, and Tru-Tech being \$13,000 with a 5 year guarantee. The bats being a protected species have to be removed and taken to a new location. New protective screens will be placed on the outside of the bell tower. A decision will be made by the end of the week as to which company will be awarded the contract. Due to an electrical surge, our NEW VIDEO SYSTEM was destroyed. Parker Production, who installed the system, has replaced it at a \$10,200 cost, of which \$9,200 was covered by our insurance. The insurance company requested a study to determine what might possibly be the cause of the electrical surges. Duncan Electric will be investigating the problem. The SIGNAGE PACKAGE including interior and exterior directional signs for our church was awarded to Best Images. Signs at the entrances were approved by the Wilkesboro Town Board. The cost of this project was \$9,207. Funds were donated to cover this cost. Detailed drawings of sign placements are on file with the minutes. The WATER PROBLEM at the front of our church has been discussed with Frontier Gas. Frontier will take care of their problem and any part of ours which they are responsible for.

WILKESBORO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
JULY 31, 2011

GENERAL FUND

| | APRIL 2011 | MAY 2011 | JUNE 2011 | JULY 2011 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| BEGINNING BALANCE - CHECKING | 95,994 | 80,644 | 83,698 | 84,757 |
| RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH | 42,351 | 57,604 | 36,468 | 34,581 |
| DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE MONTH | (57,701) | (54,550) | (35,410) | (36,272) |
| ENDING BALANCE - CHECKING | 80,644 | 83,698 | 84,757 | 83,066 |
| LESS: DESIGNATED FUNDS/OTHER PAYABLES | (41,427) | (40,170) | (37,742) | (38,291) |
| GENERAL FUND ENDING BALANCE | 39,217 | 43,528 | 47,015 | 44,775 |

COMPARISON TO BUDGET - YEAR TO DATE

| | ACTUAL YEAR-TO-DATE | BUDGET YEAR-TO-DATE (NOTE 1) | VARIANCE |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| RECEIPTS | \$ 255,105 | \$ 289,838 | \$ (34,733) |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| EDUCATION | \$ 16,997 | \$ 19,720 | \$ (2,723) |
| EVANGELISM | \$ 1,400 | \$ 2,378 | \$ (978) |
| MISSIONS | \$ 1,084 | \$ 10,759 | \$ (9,675) |
| NURTURE & FELLOWSHIP | \$ 59 | \$ 406 | \$ (347) |
| WORSHIP | \$ 3,688 | \$ 5,278 | \$ (1,590) |
| DISTRICT & OUTREACH | \$ 26,066 | \$ 25,917 | \$ 149 |
| STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS | \$ 155,944 | \$ 160,655 | \$ (4,711) |
| TRUSTEES | \$ 41,850 | \$ 58,406 | \$ (16,556) |
| FINANCE | \$ 4,480 | \$ 6,319 | \$ (1,839) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$ 251,568 | \$ 289,838 | \$ (38,270) |
| RECEIPTS IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES | \$ 3,537 | \$ - | \$ 3,537 |

| BUDGET | 2011 BUDGET | YEAR-TO-DATE MONTHLY EXPENSES | CURRENT BUDGET BALANCE |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| EDUCATION | \$ 34,000 | \$ 16,997 | \$ 17,003 |
| EVANGELISM | \$ 4,100 | \$ 1,400 | \$ 2,700 |
| MISSIONS | \$ 18,550 | \$ 1,084 | \$ 17,466 |
| NURTURE & FELLOWSHIP | \$ 700 | \$ 59 | \$ 641 |
| WORSHIP | \$ 9,100 | \$ 3,688 | \$ 5,412 |
| DISTRICT & CONFERENCE | \$ 44,684 | \$ 26,066 | \$ 18,618 |
| STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS | \$ 276,991 | \$ 155,944 | \$ 121,047 |
| TRUSTEES | \$ 100,700 | \$ 41,850 | \$ 58,850 |
| FINANCE | \$ 10,895 | \$ 4,480 | \$ 6,415 |
| | \$ 499,720 | \$ 251,568 | \$ 248,152 |

| DESIGNATED FUNDS: | BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF MONTH | ACTIVITY THIS MONTH | BALANCE AT MONTH END |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| ALTAR CHURCH/KNEELER FUND | \$ 1,502 | - | \$ 1,502 |
| BEREAVEMENT FUND | \$ 559 | (75) | \$ 484 |
| DEPOSITS (WEDDINGS, ETC.) | \$ 175 | - | \$ 175 |
| FLOWER FUND | \$ 766 | (203) | \$ 563 |
| HAND-IN-HAND FUND | \$ 1,547 | 150 | \$ 1,697 |
| HANDBELL / CHOIR FUND | \$ 7,511 | 535 | \$ 8,046 |
| HEARTS FOR LOVE TREE FUND | \$ - | - | \$ - |
| HOME MISSIONS FUND | \$ 157 | 40 | \$ 197 |
| LITTLE CHURCH FUND | \$ 26 | - | \$ 26 |
| MISSIONS/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES FUND | \$ 5,707 | 41 | \$ 5,748 |
| PARSONAGE REPAIR FUND | \$ 1,000 | - | \$ 1,000 |
| PLAYGROUND FUND | \$ 4,132 | - | \$ 4,132 |
| YOUTH/YOUTH MISSION FUND | \$ 972 | 60 | \$ 1,032 |
| YOUTH BLANKET FUND | \$ 3,689 | - | \$ 3,689 |
| GARWOOD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS | \$ 10,000 | - | \$ 10,000 |
| | \$ 37,742 | \$ 549 | \$ 38,291 |

NOTE 1: BUDGET AMOUNT IS BASED ON NUMBER OF MONTHS TO DATE

STEWARDSHIP

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| August 7, 2011 | | August 21, 2011 | |
| Attendance: SS: 70 | Worship: 174 | Attendance: SS: 179 | Worship: 169 |
| Giving Total: \$ 9,088.50 | | Giving Total \$ 4,470.75 | |
| August 14, 2011: | | August 28, 2011 | |
| Attendance: SS: 68 | Worship: 154 | Attendance: SS: 60 | Worship: 166 |
| Giving Total: \$ 13,949.59 | | Giving Total: \$ 7,641.97 | |
| Received for Missions in 2011 | \$ 10,521.85 | | |
| Home Mission Fund Balance | \$ 357.25 | | |

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Wilkesboro United Methodist Youth Ministry

"Reaching Teens with the Love of God"

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Well...there are less than 155 days of school left. Wow...time sure does fly. Well maybe not. Sometimes we think that God is show in His timing and by our standards He is. We are so drawn to a fast-food high-speed internet world that sometimes we expect God be a part of our world. But that is not the way God works. God exists in eternity and is not bound by the rules of time and space of this world for nothing can contain Him. And so it sometimes frustrates us to have to wait. However the cool thing is that God knows what is best for us and sometimes He makes us wait until the right time to answer our prayers. The important thing is to pray. Sometimes we overlook the importance of prayer. Prayer is our lifeline to God. It is through prayer that we connect with God and grow to know Him.

Now if you want to get to know someone you communicate with them, whether it is through email, texting, calling, or simply hanging out with them. Why should we think it should be any different with our relationship with God. To know Him we must communicate with Him. In Sunday school the youth have been challenged to spend one minute a day doing a devotional called "The One Minute Bible." Some may think, "one minute, who couldn't do that?" Well many chose not to spend one minute with God. There are 10,080 minutes in a week, so surely we can find one minute. Truthfully we could do better than that. It is all a matter of choice, and we chose to do what we want. I want to encourage you to get to know God through Bible study, Church, Youth, and of course Prayer. God waits for all of us to connect with him and build a relationship with Him. In reality God is not far off on some far off land. God is here with us through the power of His Spirit and He is ready to hear from each of us. I encourage to speak to Him and let Him speak to you. Yes some of your friends may think you're crazy, but I guarantee that when they are in need they will call upon God. But why wait until then? Call on Him now. Make it a habit to speak with God everyday. Talk to Him in the morning, in the afternoon, and at night. Talk with Him in the shower, driving (with your eyes open), while your walking alone, wherever you are, talk to God.

If you need me, just call.
Peace, Chris

Attention...Make Plans Now!

1st Annual Youth Family Day Cookout
at the Pond
Sunday, September 18th 4:00pm
Randall Woodruff's House

Please make an effort to come. This is going to be a great time to be together, eat good food, and maybe do some swimming (If you want).

September 2011 Newsletter

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Keep Updated on
www.wilkesboroumc.com

High School Mission Trip Requirements:
50 % participation in ALL Youth Events and
Activities (Wed. & Sun. Nights)
***Indicates other HS Mission Require-
ments***
Wash Lakey's feet once a month

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday
6:00pm-Meal (\$5)
6:30pm-8:00pm-Youth
Group

Sunday
9:00am-Contemporary
Worship
10:00am-Sunday
School

11:00am-Traditional
Worship
5:00pm-7:00pm-Youth
Group (Meal Included)
(Schedule is subject to
change/please be
aware of special
events)

Confirmation Classes Start-
ing in September
6th grade and up

Be On The Look Out

**Gatlinburg
Retreat
"Turbo"
December 29th-31st
Gatlinburg, TN
Limited Space
Sign up by Sept. 18th
www.tsunamiministries.com**

Upcoming Events

September

Sun. 4th-NO YOUTH
Wed. 7th-Reg. Youth
Sun. 11th-Movie Night 5:00pm-7:00pm
Wed. 14th-Reg. Youth
Sun. 18th-Youth Family Cookout at the Pond
4:00pm-6:00pm
Wed. 21st-Reg. Youth
Sun. 25th-Trip to the Rock 12:15pm-7:00pm
Wed. 28th-Supper at Ted's 6:00pm

October

Sun. 2nd-Reg. Youth
Wed. 5th-Reg. Youth
Sun. 9th-Reg. Youth
Wed. 12th-Reg. Youth
Sun. 16th-Reg. Youth
Sat. 22nd-Make A Difference Day
Sun. 23rd-Fall Festival
Wed. 26th-Supper at Big Tom's 6:00pm
Sat. 29th-Haunted Cornmaze
Sun. 30th-Yard Sale Set Up
Mon. 31st-Yard-Sale Set Up

November

Tues.-Fri. 1st-4th-Yard Sale Set Up
Sat. 5th-Yard Sale
Sun. 6th-NO YOUTH
Wed. 9th-Reg. Youth
Fri.-Sun. 11th-13th-Fall Retreat
Wed. 16th-Reg. Youth
Sun. 20th-Reg. Youth
Sat. 26th-Trip to Samaritans Purse
Sun. 27th-Reg. Youth
Wed. 30th-Supper at Ted's 6:00pm

December

Sun. 4th-Reg. Youth
Mon.-Fri. 5th-9th-Blanket Delivery Week
Sun. 11th-Reg. Youth
Sun. 18th-Youth Christmas Party 5:00pm
Wed. 21st-NO YOUTH
Sat. 24th-Christmas Eve Service 7:00pm
Sun. 25th-NO YOUTH (Merry Christmas)
Thurs.-Sat. 29th-31st-Youth Gatlinburg Re-
treat

January 2012

1st-NO YOUTH (New Years Day)

Wednesday Night

Topics

6:30-8:00 (Youth Room)
Starting Sept. 7th
13-week study of the Life
of Daniel
"Taking a Stand for Christ"
www.daretobeadaniel.
com

Sunday Morning Bible Study

10:00am (Youth Room)

September 4th-You Turn My
Stomach
Jonah
September 11th-God's Most
Frightening Feature
Isaiah 6:1-8
September 18th-Living a Signifi-
cant Life
Jeremiah 1
September 25th-The Extremist
Daniel 6

Sunday Night Top-

ics

5:00-7:00 (Youth Room)
Six Questions You
Need to Ask about Life
with God

October

2nd-How Does God Show Me He's
Real?
9th-What Does God Want from Me?
16th-What Purpose Does God Have
for My Life?

November

20th-Why Does it Matter What I
Believe about God?
27th-How Does God Help Me Stay
Strong When Life is Hard?

December

4th-What Kind of People Does God
Want in My Life?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO YOU!

1 Deborah Absher

Sarah Adams

Gene Byrd

Daniel Henderson

Mary Rutledge

2 Jane Purvis

4 Greg Davenport

5 Larry Adams

Joan Graybeal

Brenda Harris

Pat McGroarty

7 Jane Joines

George Miller

9 Chris Hulcher

11 Michael Lentz

Robert Rizoti

12 Paul McWhirter

13 Bryan Collins

14 Mary Ann Dancy

Erin Kolstad

15 Jane McEntire

16 Beth Hubbard

Chuck Kolstad

Scott Whittington

17 Lillie Clark

Terri Laudner

Patsy May

Watt Moore

19 Mike Edwards

20 Justin Hall

Mary Beth Phillips

Melissa Phillips

21 Devin Clark

Steve Greene

Mike Inscore

Mark Reavill

Jan Taylor

22 Dana Rizoti

23 Vanya Greene

24 Brenda Dale

Tammy Trivette

25 Bryant Carson

Barbara Groce

26 Reba Cannon

Clay Clark

Jeff Clark

28 Nikki Joyce

29 Kay Hayes

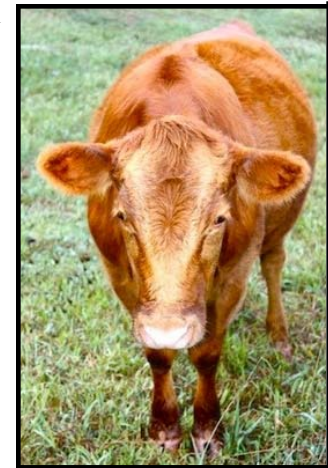
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Thomas Snyder

30 Tanner Wilcox

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- 1 - Jack & Kathy Gerlak
- 2 - Jim & Pat Day
- 7 - David & Cathy Freeman
- 8 - Kelley & Susan Chadwick
- 12 - Bob & Lou Toliver
- Bud & Peggy Mosely
- 16 - Michael & Lisa Lentz
- 18 - Chris & Melissa Phillips
- 20 - Michael & Amber Bridges
- 21 - Tom & Becky Lakeman
- 24 - Jeff & Dana Rizoti
- 25 - Edsel & Mary Whittington
- 26 - Brent & Nancy
Schneeloch-Bingham
- 27 - Wesley & Angela Minton
- Stephen & Becky Dills
- 29 - Greg & Rita Douglas



LET'S ENJOY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER If you plan to join us for the supper on Wednesday night,
please make reservations with the church office by noon on Tuesday (818-0552). You may also make stand-
ing reservations. We have several Wednesday nights available for any class or organization to prepare a meal.
A good fundraiser opportunity!

Menu: -Sept. 7th Hamburgers
-Sept 14th
-Sept 21st
-Sept.28th Covered Dish

Adults \$5.00; Children 12 and under \$3.50 (No Family pays more than \$20)

Name: _____

Number of Reservations: _____ Phone: _____