

❖ Cornerstone ❖

Scotts Hill, North Carolina

July, 2011

From the Co-Pastors...

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Galatians 5:13-14 NIV

This month, as we give thanks to God for the freedom we enjoy as citizens of the United States of America, let us also express our gratitude for the liberty that all Christians have been given through Jesus Christ. July reminds us that both our national and God-given freedoms are priceless gifts which enable us to serve and love one another in ways that otherwise would be impossible. Having been freed from oppression, slavery to sin, and the sting of death, we have been transformed into people who are capable of blessing others! May the Holy Spirit guide each of us as we continue to seek opportunities to honor God through engaging in acts of kindness and compassion!

Please pray for Christian missionaries, U.S.A. Armed Services personnel, and their families! Thank you for offering your lives in the service of others!

Peace and Blessings in Christ,

David

The Congregation Celebrates with...

Tom and Carrie Gallo on the birth of their son **Hudson James Gallo**, born on May 16.

Walter and Whitney Graves on the birth of their son, **Samuel Harrison Graves** on May 23.

Lucas Jeffrey Bartholomew born February 8, 2007 and **Katherine Emily Bartholomew** born August 22, 2009 who were baptized on June 5. They are the children of Jeff and Laura Bartholomew.

Alexis Lynn Williams born February 16, 2008 and **Annabelle May Williams** born May 7, 2010 who were baptized on June 19. They are the children of Mark and Jessica Williams.

Carson Daniel McAllister born September 7, 2009 who was baptized on June 19. He is the son of Mike and Christi McAllister.

The Congregation Welcomes...

David Edwards who joined on May 29 and transferred from First Baptist Church of Kinston in Kinston, NC. His fellowship is his wife, Michelle Mercer Edwards.

David works in education for the state of North Carolina. He and Michelle have 2 children.

(417 Long Leaf Acres Dr., Wilmington 28405, 252-268-2111)

Joshua and Janey Jones who joined on June 12 by profession of faith. Their fellowship friends are Brian and Cheryl Lee.

Joshua is in the Marine Corp. stationed at New River and Janey is a student at UNC-W and a nanny.

(208 Gold Leaf Dr. #1-C, Hampstead 28443, 404-226-1953)

Rebecca (Becky) Lewis who joined on June 12 by profession of faith. Her fellowship friends are James and Pam Perry.

Becky is retired and has two grown children and two grandchildren.

(2471 Scotts Hill Loop Rd., Wilmington 28411, 604-2770)

Mark and Jessica Williams who joined on June 19 by profession of faith. Their fellowship friend is Amy Bullard. Mark owns Precise Lawns and Jessica is a teacher at Castle Hayne Elementary School. They have two young children.

(6714 Yellow Bell Rd., Wilmington 28411, 910-233-4845)

Michael and Christi McAllister who joined on June 19 by profession of faith. Their fellowship friends are Steve and Kathy Flowers.

Mike is a dentist in Burgaw and Christi is a stay-at-home mom. They have a young child.

(7929 Reunion Rd., Wilmington 28411, 910-620-3060)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to..

The family of **Bruce Shell** whose brother, Gary, died on May 12.

The family of **Robert Foy, Jr.** who died on May 26. He had been a member of WCUMC since 1933.

July Birthdays

| | | | |
|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 | April Lee | 14 | Sue Shepard |
| 2 | Sonya Daniel | | Jeff Rambo |
| | Rob Kimmel | | Kimber Herring |
| | Judy Hearne | 16 | Courtney Carter |
| 3 | Katie Snyder | | Ann Howard |
| 4 | Millie Prince | | David Thomas, Jr. |
| 5 | Gilbert Catino | 18 | Ryleigh Genes |
| | Helen White | 19 | Mary Hester North |
| 6 | Trudy Skipper | | Mary Ruth Marshall |
| | Ivan James | 20 | Deloris McGwier |
| | Lisa Burton | 22 | Jack Colenda |
| | Andrea Allen | | Barbara Cavanaugh |
| 7 | Fred Mech | 23 | Debby Montieth |
| | Hill Pearsall | 24 | Mitch Thomas |
| 8 | Alan McGwier | | Carson Goslee |
| | Kathy Flowers | 25 | Jim Carter |
| | Greg Buzzerd | | Claire Loeser |
| | Rob Goslee | | Aaron Smith |
| 9 | Susan Powell | 26 | Shirena O'Donnell |
| | Val Fischer | 27 | Nan Bozarth |
| 11 | Denise Barnes | | Lindsay Woodhouse |
| | Lori Collins | | Jackson Lee |
| | Judy Odom | 28 | Mitch Puryear |
| 12 | Mary Morris | 29 | India Cothren |
| 13 | Savannah Cothren | | Bryan Holland |
| | Hannah Brohaugh | | Shirley Holland |
| | Samuel Brohaugh | | Linda Morrow |
| | Molly Brohaugh | 30 | Blaney Batts, Jr. |
| | Dee Dee Egan | | Lib Horne |
| 14 | Zane Rush | | Justin Schmitz |

July Anniversaries

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| 2 | Jake and Jennifer Hooks |
| 5 | Chris and Sally Hauge |
| | Pete and Bea Holman |
| 6 | Al and Ruth Hierman |
| | Louis and Lori North |
| 10 | Jeff and Allison Rambo |
| 12 | George and Jill Robertson |
| 13 | Gene and Charlene Parker |
| 15 | Brian and Cheryl Lee |
| 18 | Steve and Kathy Flowers |
| 19 | Woody and Kay Vinson |
| 21 | Hill and Michelle Pearsall |
| 24 | Floyd and Kathy Rollins |
| 25 | Robert and Sara Waters |
| 26 | Bill and Lee Pelon |
| 30 | Andrew and Janene Smith |

Bring a friend to church

July Volunteers

Ushers and Greeters

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| 8:30am | Worship Service Ushers | James Steele, Dickie Spears, Woody Vinson |
| 8:30am | Worship Service Greeters | |
| 3 | | Ron and Ginny Casterline, Shirley Parsons |
| 10 | | Gene Parker and Dameon, Shirley Parsons |
| 17 | | Robert and Phyllis Blake, Shirley Parsons |
| 24 | | George and Susan Gamble, Shirley Parsons |
| 31 | | Bill and Sandra Stephenson, Shirley Parsons |
| 11:00am | Worship Service Greeters | |
| 3 | | Tom and Linda Riggins, Shirley Parsons |
| 10 | | John and Joan Taylor, Shirley Parsons |
| 17 | | Ed and Shirley Holland, Shirley Parsons |
| 24 | | Dereck and Mary Lynn Roberts, Shirley Parsons |
| 31 | | Larry and Barbara Thomas, Shirley Parsons |
| 11:00am | Worship Service Ushers | |
| 3 | | James Hodges, Jamie Huene, Larry Cunningham |
| | | Rob Pollock |
| 10 | | Jack Morgan, Jerry Parnell, Steve Tyler, |
| | | Tamara Slayton |
| 17 | | James Hodges, Jamie Huene, Roy Marshall, |
| | | Tom Riggins |
| 24 | | Larry and Barbara Thomas, Richard and Pat |
| | | Luther |
| 31 | | Mitch and Betsy Thomas, James Hodges, |
| | | Jamie Huene |

Nursery

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| 3 | Cheryl Lee | 10 | Janene Smith | 17 | Cynthia Wright |
| | 24 | Beth Gardner | | 31 | April Lee |

Children's Church

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| 3 | Meg Gillikin, Amy Bullard |
| 10 | Susan Albon, Lou Reynolds |
| 17 | Karen Lowman, Susan Albon |
| 24 | Valerie Rogerson, Amy Bullard |
| 31 | Valerie Rogerson, Jennifer Carrell |

Bus Drivers

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 8:30 Service | 11:00 Service | |
| 3 | Mike Landon | Steve Tyler |
| 10 | Gary Horne | Mitch Thomas |
| 17 | Mike Landon | Mitch Thomas |
| 24 | Steve Flowers | Jack Morgan |
| 31 | Gary Horne | Steve Beuth |

Good Samaritan House Volunteers

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| 2 | CLOSED |
| 9 | Morning: Jackie Page, Jack Morgan |
| | Afternoon: Mary Ann Owen, Carole Jacobsen |
| 16 | All Day: Marie Miller, Sara Waters, Mary Sanders, |
| | Beth Sanders |
| 23 | Morning: Fran Maus, Barbara Wicker |
| | Afternoon: Linda Riggins, Cheryl Lee |
| 30 | Morning: Ruth Flint, Kathy Gordon |
| | Afternoon: Judy Lewis, Virginia Perpall |

JOY Group

Come join the JOY (Just Older Youth) group for a game of Bunco. We will be meeting on the second Tuesday this month, July 12th, at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a bag lunch if you would like to stay for some fellowship around a meal after the games are done.



CROP HUNGER WALK

Contacts: Bill Cottingham and Donald Durham

"A child dies every 16 seconds from hunger."

You can help by walking or sponsoring a person

ON OCTOBER 9, 2011

HUGH MACRAE PARK AT 2:00 P.M.



PENNIES FOR HUNGER



Thank you for the \$105.00 donated in May.
We appreciate your continued contributions towards
this needy cause.

Please remember the last Sunday of each month is "Pennies" Sunday,
so please contribute all you are able!

COUPON COLLECTION

Our coupon collection has been going GREAT! We have already used them to give the church 3 rolls of aluminum foil, 2 large jars of jelly, 4 bottles of cleaning supplies, 2 containers of disinfecting wipes, 9 jars of spaghetti sauce, 12 packages of hot dogs, and 7 packages of sliced cheese.

Please continue to contribute coupons by putting them in the boxes marked as such.

Thank you for all your contributions to this project!

Paige Crews

UPCOMING STUDIES

SHORT TERM STUDY ON BAPTISM

Nancy Greenwell, our Duke Intern, will be holding a 4-week study on Baptism on Tuesday nights, 7:00 to 8:15 starting July 12th and ending August 2nd. Topics will include: What is a sacrament? What does it mean to be baptized? Why do we practice infant baptism?

Come with your Bibles (or we will provide one for you) and your questions. You may sign up by completing a bulletin insert, calling the church office at 686-4041, or by emailing Nancy at nancy.greenwell@duke.edu.



BEYOND HALF TIME

A new book study entitled Beyond Half Time, Practical Wisdom for Your Second Half by Bob Buford, will begin on July 10, from 9:45am to 10:30am, in the back room of the Chapel.

The following is an excerpt from chapter 1, entitled, "Life As A State of Perpetual Disorder":

Does it seem that life just won't fall into place the way you planned? Much of the time, perhaps most of the time, my life and the lives of most people I know are much more spontaneous than our linear plans would describe. So the nature of this book is spontaneous and reactive. Its content cannot really be put into a linear, step-by-step order. I tried it, and it didn't work, because my life, like yours, I expect just won't conform to my plans. It is messy, disorderly, one surprise after another.

I have learned to embrace discomfort and celebrate disorderliness. I have learned to trust the unknown that comes with abandoning the drive to succeed. The Psalmist understands our trepidation in leaving the known, the comfortable. When he entered the cave to flee King Saul he wrote: "Have mercy on me, my God, have mercy on me, for in you I take refuge. I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed... (Psalm 51:1-2)"

The inertia of orderliness still pulls heavily, but the unexpected interruptions soon become a refuge, allowing us to be who you were created to be. This is the real world.

We hope you will join Charles Busby and Mary Ruth Marshall for this new study. Reflection questions and scripture passages are at the conclusion of each chapter. Please contact the church office, churchoffice@wesleyanchapel.org, or email love2run@ec.rr.com if you want a copy of the book for \$4.

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is beginning the task of addressing the vacancy left by the recent resignation of Ginger Powers, Director of Christian Education. The Committee believes that the young people in our Church are crucial to its ministries and its future, and we take very seriously the task of fulfilling the needs of our Church in this area.

We will be consulting with the pastors and our education co- chairs, Judy Durham and Diane Croom, concerning the need for and the filling of any staff positions. They will be assessing the current needs of our programs for young people, the available resources within the congregation to meet these needs, and the extent to which the hiring of additional staff will be required.

We are in need of and are requesting input and suggestions from everyone who is interested in making our youth programs as good as we can possibly make them. If you wish to participate directly in this phase of ministry or have ideas, talents or other input which you believe will assist us in this task, please speak with one of the pastors, Judy Durham, or Diane Croom to discuss your ideas. Please give this opportunity every prayerful consideration.



Lydia Abbey Circle
Beth Sanders, 686-4127

Circle members are eagerly awaiting Craft Camp this month when we will meet daily from Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22. All crafting sessions will be held in the Chapel from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. This is always a great time of fun and fellowship, good conversations and tasty lunches too! Please come visit with us at one or more of the camp sessions. Wednesday is Salad Day! If you are a regular member, please bring a salad of any kind (leafy, congealed, seafood, pasta, potato, etc.) to share with all. Sodas and various rolls and crackers will also be needed. If you are a newcomer, this might be a good day to come!

For Bazaar 2011, we again ask you for donations of "one of a kind" art or craft pieces. We know the talent is out there, within our church family and our Circle would be most appreciative of these gifts. We are still in need of silver tablespoons of any kind and empty baby food jars for current projects. As always, we thank you for the craft supplies and unfinished craft projects we find in the Chapel. You are a most generous and giving church family.

Shirley Marie Millis



ADULT CRAFT CAMP

JULY 18-22

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

In the Chapel

**Bring lunch and spend the day or come by
and work for a few hours.**

**Jobs are available for all levels of
experience:**

**Light sanding, painting, staining,
stitching, gluing, assembling projects
for the Holiday Bazaar**

**Come and join in the
fellowship!**



Grace Circle
Deloris Ryals, 686-4559

The Grace Circle had their annual summer luncheon for their June meeting. We met at the home of Shirley Hardee on Topsail Beach and had a very nice lunch. All the women, twenty-two Gracies, brought food items to share. Shirley provided the beverages, desserts and southern hospitality. Donna Updegrave did our devotion and we just walked on the beach and sat on the porch and enjoyed the sunshine and visiting.

On July 14th we will meet at the home of Rose Matthews in Hampstead at 1:00 p.m. We will be studying Lesson 6. A reminder with travel directions will be sent in early July. Ladies mark your calendar now to join in fellowship and Bible Study in July.

Judy Clemmons, Recording Secretary

LIFT

Brandi Holland, bholland9@ec.rr.com, 319-7354

The LIFT group enjoyed a guest speaker at their June meeting in which, Ms. Katherine Mann from Insight Family Health spoke to the ladies about Women's Health and Wellness Issues. Topics such as diet and exercise were discussed and suggestions for improved health and wellness were shared.

The ladies also continued with plans for a fall retreat weekend as well having enjoyed a movie night on Friday, June 17th.

The next LIFT gathering is scheduled for Saturday, July 9th at the neighborhood clubhouse of Lisa Grogan. The ladies and their families will celebrate the summer season with an afternoon of delicious food and great fun. Their monthly mission for July will be the support of the Step Up For Soldiers Program with details to follow soon.

If you are interested in learning more about LIFT and all that we have planned, please contact Brandi Holland or any LIFT member.

Love in Christ,

Meg Adkins, Publicity Coordinator
612-9225

Thank You!

The Foy family would like to thank the congregation for the incredible outpouring of love and support that you have shown to our family. All of the cards, calls and personal visits meant so much to all of us, both during his illness and after our father, Robert Foy, Jr, passed away.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Andi and David Woodhouse, Greg Gore, Jobie Brunjes, Kaye Applewhite and the ladies of the church for the uplifting service, beautiful music and wonderful reception.

It is heart warming to know that we have such a loving church family to lean on in our time of need.

Our sincere thanks,

The Foy Family

Sincere appreciation is expressed to David and Hilda Merrill for faithfully representing Wesleyan Chapel as Lay Delegates at Annual Conference, June 15-18, at the Convention Center, in Raleigh.

Congratulations

We congratulate Dail Ballard who was recently named the Executive Director of the North Carolina Camp & Retreat Ministries, Inc. We are proud to have Dail and her family as members of Wesleyan Chapel and know that the camps will continue to thrive under her leadership.



FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The message of Christ is one of love and service-

"... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and gave his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45.

Cornerstone shows some of the many ways Wesleyan Chapel United Methodist Church serves.

We have a gifted staff and many dedicated volunteers who lead our efforts.
Each of us serves by generously giving our time, talent and financial resources.

However, we are failing to meet our financial commitment this year.
Please give generously to the General Fund so the bills can be paid for the rest of 2011.
The opportunities to serve are achievable when we work together.

Jay Peterson, Chair
Finance Committee

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| Budget Prorated for first 25 weeks | \$282,643.50 |
| Giving year to date through June 19 | \$249,029.03 |
| Giving year to date last year | \$267,738.29 |
| Shortfall through June 19 | \$33,614.47 |

July 2011



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 Holy Communion 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11 am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45pm Contemporary Svc. | 4 Independence Day 3pm Sandwich Making - Choir | 5 9am Poplar Grove Walkers | 6 8:00pm NA Meeting | 7 6:30am Men's Bible Study 6:30pm Letters from Dad | 1 | 2 |
| 10 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11 am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45pm Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11 am Sunday School | 11 6pm Trustees Meeting | 12 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 10am JOY Group 6pm Building Committee Meeting 7pm Study on Baptism | 13 8:00pm NA Meeting | 14 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1pm Grace Circle - at home of Rose Matthews | 15 | 16 Youth Return from Mission Trip |
| Please pray for those participating in the Youth Mission Trip to Trenton, NJ this week! | | | | | | |
| 17 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11 am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45pm Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11 am Sunday School 3pm Finance Committee | 18 9-3 Lydia Abbey Craft Camp | 19 9-3 Lydia Abbey Craft Camp 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 7pm Study on Baptism | 20 Cornerstone Deadline 9-3 Lydia Abbey Craft Camp 8:00pm NA Meeting | 21 6:30am Men's Bible Study 9-3 Lydia Abbey Craft Camp | 22 9-3 Lydia Abbey Craft Camp | 23 |
| 24 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11 am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45pm Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11 am Sunday School | 25 | 26 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 7pm Study on Baptism | 27 8:00pm NA Meeting | 28 6:30am Men's Bible Study | 29 | 30 |
| 31 Pennies for Hunger 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11 am Worship 9:45pm Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11 am Sunday School 12:00pm Luncheon | | | | | | |

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Change Service Requested

JULY 2011

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

YOU are needed at 9:45!! We are putting together a list of volunteer opportunities for the contemporary service on Sunday mornings. Do you have special gifts in creating power point presentations, a cheery smile to greet, or a willing heart to learn about our sound system?? Training for all areas is simple and available and you don't have to serve every Sunday. Any amount of time and energy is welcome. Contact Jennifer Justus at justusja@gmail.com for more information on serving at 9:45am.

Come join us at 9:45am for a Summer Study of the Psalms! The book of Psalms is something we can all relate to as it explores and shares every human emotion. Life-long believers and seekers alike will learn a great amount about the biblical trials and human emotions shared in these chapters of the Psalms. Blended worship, fellowship and bible study every week at 9:45am in the sanctuary. Invite a friend!

