

❖ Cornerstone ❖

Scotts Hill, North Carolina

August, 2011

From the Co-Pastors...

"And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him." Stanza 3 from "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".

Although these words were penned by Martin Luther nearly 400 years ago, they remain so comforting and appropriate for us today. With a sluggish economy, stagnant unemployment figures, and a discouraging housing market we may struggle to express the kind of fearless reliance on God that Martin Luther refers to in this classic hymn.

However, we are people of faith. We are not the first generation to live in uncertain times. Faith does not change our circumstances, but faith does affect our outlook on life and our approach to decision making.

As one of your Pastors, I commend the Finance Committee and Church Council for desiring to meet all of our current financial commitments which include missional giving, known as apportionments. Paying all current expenses means we are truly "living by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7). The key of leaders of Wesleyan Chapel have utmost confidence in us as a congregation to live and give generously. As the hymn reminds us, we need not fear or tremble, "God hath willed his truth to triumph through us." I, along with your key leaders, believe the future is ever so hopeful and that God has far more in store for us than we can ever imagine.

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see...And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him (Hebrews 11:1,6).

With Christian love, hope and joy,
Andi



The Congregation Welcomes...

Ken Jolly and **Joan Votta** who joined on June 26 by profession of faith. Their fellowship friends are Alan and Deloris McGwier.

(8809 Sawmill Creek Lane, Wilmington 28411, 319-7755)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to..

The family of **Bill Pelon** whose father, William D. Pelon, Sr., died on June 25.

The family of **Tom and Kathy Rhyne** whose son, Max, died on June 27. Max had been a member of WCUMC since 2006.

The Congregation Celebrates with...

Carson William Wright born October 19, 2010 who was baptized on June 26. He is the son of Wesley and Cynthia Wright.

Brian Register, II and **Taylor Woodhouse** who celebrated their marriage at Wesleyan Chapel on July 9.

Sammy and Terry Baxley on the birth of their grandson, **Bryson Christopher Baxley**, on July 5. His parents are Brian and Amy Baxley and his big brother is Carson.



Epicurean Evening

*September 1, 2011 6:00 p.m.
Wilmington Convention Center*

Food, glorious food! The 5th Annual Wilmington Epicurean Evening features an opportunity to sample fine dining from the best local chefs and to bid on live and silent auction items. More than 30 chefs will compete for the coveted *Copper Kettle*, a Best in Show award as voted by local celebrity foodies. Proceeds benefit the Methodist Home for Children.

Tickets are \$100.00 each. Contact Jennifer Cooper at 888-305-4321 ext. 305 or jcooper@mhfc.org for more information.

August Birthdays

1	Miriam Shipp Jack Morgan Tom Nugent	18	Paul Best Rachel Goslee Emily Bullard Mason Glynn
2	Nathan Schmitz Hays Lambert	19	Tuli Foy Darden Velthoven Ruth Ann Lane Alissa Boyette Ron Hathcock
3	Jean Neville Clay Johnson Mark Velthoven	20	Megan Marguccio
4	Chris Vandenberg	22	Violet Eubank Katherine Bartholomew
5	Sharon Helton	23	Helen Ormond Turner Lee
6	Kelsey Loeser	24	Nelson Smith Jim Lane Andi Woodhouse Nancy Bullard Todd Kornegay
7	Betty Holt Chip Montieth Tom Riggins	25	David Harris Spencer Childers
8	Arietta Grant Sammy Baxley Keith Powers David Fowler Margaret Overby Carol Boone	26	Tina Holland
9	Charlie Overby Lauren Moore	27	Gracie Anderson
10	Stephen Slayton Gail Warren	28	Lynn Loeser Raegan Crews Mike Bullard
12	Robert Sanders Diane Croom	30	Kate Marshall Tamara Slayton Gary Horne Mary Catherine Steele
13	Leslie Beuth Whitney Graves Max Glynn	31	Roy Campbell Bruce Shell Betty Barnes
14	Doris Edens Hilda Merrill		
15	Durwood Page Brett Gurganious		
16	Evelyn Blalock Susan Albon		
17	Conrad Lowman Sam Snyder		

August Anniversaries

1	Thomas and Dail Ballard Drew and Sue Shepard
6	Richard and Roberta Parker
7	Bob and Linda Morrow
8	David and Lisa Fowler
9	Jeff and Laura Bartholomew
11	Jabe and Shirley Hardee
12	Steve and Angie West
14	Justin and Jennifer Carrell
16	Tommy and Karen Allen Sam and Ruth Flint
17	Jerry and Kathie Parnell
19	Joe and Pat Harden
20	Bill and Linda Wicks George and Susan Gamble
24	Glenn and Patsy White
25	Bruce and Cindy Shell Travis and Catherine Huffman
26	Sammy and Terry Baxley Mike and Amy Bullard
27	David and Phyllis Leitch
28	Cal and Dot Chalmers
30	Wade and Gaynell Moore Selby and Judy Lewis

August Volunteers

Ushers and Greeters

8:30am	Worship Service Ushers James Steele, Dickie Spears, Woody Vinson
8:30am	Worship Service Greeters
7	Ron and Ginny Casterline, Shirley Parsons
14	Gene Parker and Dameon, Shirley Parsons
21	Robert and Phyllis Blake, Shirley Parsons
28	George and Susan Gamble, Shirley Parsons
11:00am	Worship Service Greeters
7	Tom and Linda Riggins, Shirley Parsons
14	TBA, Shirley Parsons
21	TBA, Shirley Parsons
28	John and Joan Taylor, Shirley Parsons
11:00am	Worship Service Ushers
7	James Hodges, Jamie Huene, Larry Cunningham Jerome Pinckney
14	Jack Morgan, Jerry Parnell, Roy Marshall, Marie Millis
21	Larry and Barbara Thomas, Rob Pollock, Steve Tyler
28	James Hodges, Richard and Pat Luther, Tamara Slayton

Nursery

7	Jenny Snyder
14	Janey Jones
21	Lisa Grogan
28	Jodi Lucero

Children's Church

7	Valerie Rogerson, Jennifer Carrell
14	Susan Albon, Valerie Rogerson
21	Meg Gillikin, Amy Bullard
28	Karen Lowman, Lou Reynolds

Bus Drivers

	8:30 Service	11:00 Service
7	Mike Landon	Steve Tyler
14	Gary Horne	Mitch Thomas
21	Mike Landon	Steve Beuth
28	Steve Flowers	Jack Morgan

Good Samaritan House Volunteers

6	Morning: Jack Morgan, Lynne Loeser Afternoon: Judy Carter, Marie Millis
13	Morning: Linda Riggins, Carole Jacobsen Afternoon: Arlene Rivenbark, Jackie Page
20	All Day: Marie Miller, Sara Waters, Mary Sanders, Beth Sanders
27	Morning: Ruth Flint, Kathy Gordon Afternoon: Barbara Wicker, Virginia Perpell

Friday Mornings 9:00 - 11:00

Sandy Wright, Jan Kinney, Larry and Cathy Bailey

JOY Group

Come join the JOY (Just Older Youth) group in the fellowship Hall at 10:00 on Tuesday, August 16th for some fun and fellowship. We have a variety of games from which to choose, or if you have a favorite game bring it to share. We usually break into smaller groups and have several different games going. We will stop games around noon, but will continue the fellowship by sharing a meal together. This month we will be going out to eat and will decide on a restaurant that day. Even if you can't stay for the lunch, come and join in the games.



Grace Circle's Seventh Annual *FAITHLIFT RETREAT*

September 16-17, 2011
Wesleyan Chapel

Mark your calendars now and plan to join the Gracies for an exciting spirit-filled weekend retreat. Enjoy fellowship, good food, and good fun. Connect with other women and experience spiritual growth through our retreat speaker, Phyllis Elvington from Green Sea, South Carolina. Phyllis led our retreat last year and it was a unanimous decision to invite her back this year. Once you've met her, you will never forget her. She's energetic, up-lifting humorous and well prepared.

The retreat will begin on Friday evening at 5:30pm with dinner and fellowship in Lee Hall followed by a program. We will re-convene on Saturday morning at 8:30 with a continental breakfast in Lee Hall and conclude Saturday afternoon at 3:30 with Communion.

This retreat will be opened to **all** United Methodist Women and their friends. We sincerely hope you will make plans to join us. Nursery will be provided if requested.

Cost for the retreat will be \$25.00 per person which includes dinner on Friday evening as well as breakfast and a light lunch on Saturday.

Hope you will plan to join us.

Look for signup sheets in the bulletin starting August 28.

Tables for 7, 8, and 9

Starting in September, groups of 7 - 9 adults (couples and singles) will be formed to share a meal and fellowship.

The groups will meet in September, October, November, and December.

These monthly dinners are a wonderful way to make new friends at Wesleyan Chapel. One couple or single is designated to host the first dinner. Each couple or single brings part of the meal. The group then rotates to the other homes.



Sign up by calling the church office at 686-4041 or complete bulletin inserts on August 7 and August 14.



PENNIES FOR HUNGER

Thank you for the \$42.43 donated in June. We appreciate your continued contributions towards this needy cause.

Let's see if we can "step up" the amount contributed in future months.

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

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.



Thank You!

Sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation is expressed to Nan Bozarth for serving as Visitor Outreach Coordinator since October 2008. Nan has served joyfully and faithfully by contacting first time visitors with a phone call or email.

We also rejoice that Nan has recruited Mary Jo Bullard to serve in this role.

Thanks be to God for all who lovingly serve Christ at Wesleyan Chapel.

Thank you on behalf of Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for the 50 subject notebooks donated by members of WCUMC. They were delivered on Wednesday, July 13 and are much appreciated.

Thanks to all who generously contributed these supplies.

GOOD SAM HOUSE

Thank you to all of you who have donated clothing and household items. We have truly been blessed. What we really need now are volunteers to work on Saturdays when we are open. Due to moves and health reasons, we are down to 20 volunteers which makes scheduling very difficult.

Volunteers help with sorting and pricing donations, stocking and straightening shelves, and assisting customers. Shifts run from 9:00-12:00 and 12:00-3:00 and you can volunteer to work once a month, once a quarter, or every other month.

Proceeds from GSH are used to assist seniors with purchasing medicine, and donations to the Four C's Food Pantry in Hampstead. We also assist the Seamen's Center and a local church working with the homeless through donation of clothing as well as individual families in the community who have suffered a tragedy such as fire or relocation due to domestic abuse, etc.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact Beth Sanders at 686-4127 or efsanders@charter.net.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Would you like to be a **Greeter or Usher** and pick the Sundays that you could serve Wesleyan Chapel? This is a great opportunity to get involved and to meet people.

Our **Sound System** team needs volunteers for all of our services. We will train you!

If you are interested in serving please contact: Mary Lynn Roberts at 319-7165 or marylynn@ec.rr.com.

Engaging in Christian Service is one of the most powerful ways to grow in our faith and God has created numerous opportunities for us to serve at Wesleyan Chapel. Please join us!

A Message from Lindsi Jones

Dearest Church Family,

Since our move to Asheville, NC is upcoming I wanted to let you all know how loved you are, how missed you will be, and how warm you have been in supporting Michael, myself, Zelan, and Rachel. I, fortunately, enjoy change so I am looking forward to a new environment and most of all Michael and I being able to finish our college degrees. Thank you for all of your prayers, support, love and fellowship over these past few years. Thank you for affording Michael and myself with the opportunity to take the youth on their mission trip this year. We did recognize and are grateful for all the areas of the church that made this trip possible. On a final note, I am happy to say that my children know "where the cookies are in this church" (Sonya!).

Dear UMYF kids,

You all are growing into fine young Christian members of this world. You represent your family and our church well and I hope you continue to grow stronger together over the upcoming years. Thrive on this time of change, use it as a time to bond closer with each other. Attend church, Sunday school, and fellowship opportunities as often as you can. I love you all and look forward to seeing you grow from adolescent to young adult.

Dear Youth Mission Team '11,

Time and time again between care cards or our 'yearbook' signings...I have expressed to you all how much I love and care for you. My main goal, aside from the mission itself, was to instill a sense of thirst for the WORD. I cannot stress to you enough that the sooner in life that you start to read it, IT WILL MOVE YOU, and you will communicate with your Father through it. The Bible is a necessary tool for you to use in this life. It is a gift and it will never let you down. Michael and I will ALWAYS be there for you and we really enjoyed this opportunity to bond with you. Thanks to Party Room for being on time for everything no matter what unsightly hour you may have stayed up until, thanks to the girls for working hard and taking care of the resident's house as we moved through it and painted, and thanks to the parents for trusting us with your children as we took over the upper east coast!

I look forward to seeing you all again very soon!

Sincerely,

Lindsi Jones

Lydia Abbey Circle

Beth Sanders, 686-4127

No willing hand was turned away as there was work of all kinds, at all levels of skill, during the tenth annual Lydia Abbey Craft Camp, July 18-22. Each day was kept lively as we vied for prizes by playing and solving mind games during our lunch time fellowship. With an average attendance of about 25 ladies daily, the week of intense work brought many projects to completion.

We will be meeting regularly each week on Monday evenings, 6:30-9:00 and Wednesdays 9:00-3:00, during the months of August, and September. We urge you to come and see what we are working on and share in the fun.

Shirley Marie Millis



Grace Circle

Deloris Ryals, 686-4559

The Grace Circle met at the home of Rose Matthews on July 14th with 18 members present. We studied lesson 6, "Planning for God's Will".

The Circle is continuing with their plans for a Fall Retreat on Sept 16-17 at the church. This retreat will be open to all women of the church. Information will be in the September newsletter and bulletins.

The Circle is working on a fundraiser for October 1, a Pig Pick'n HoeDown.

The August meeting will be at the home of Betsy Thomas on August 11th at 1:00pm. We will study lesson #7 "Praying God's Will".

Any woman not already involved in a circle is welcome to attend. Contact the secretary, Judy Clemmons, at 270-3440 if you wish to join this circle so she can get you on the mailing list for reminders.

Judy Clemmons, Recording Secretary

GOOD SHEPHERD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Recently through my work with Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, I've had a few people ask me about volunteering at the local soup kitchen. The timing seemed right for me to investigate both for myself and others about opportunities for volunteering at the Good Shepherd Center.

I spoke with Dawn Carter, Volunteer Opportunities Coordinator. Right now there are no opportunities for a group shift at the soup kitchen – fortunately for them – all shifts are filled. HOWEVER, there are other jobs within the center that need volunteers – even one where a Wesleyan Chapel group could work together and serve the community.

Good Shepherd is located at 811 Martin Street (near Marstellar and Greenfield). The center serves single people (men and women) over the age of 18 and families with children.

If you prefer to volunteer individually, here are some opportunities for your service:

- Last minute fill-in for the soup kitchen (short notice for any/all shifts)
- Laundry help
- Clean-up help
- Food collection
- Food sorting* (good opportunity for a group from Wesleyan Chapel)
- Day shelter volunteers (e.g., check-in)
- Night shelter volunteers from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. (e.g., check-in)
- Food pick-up
- Food salvage
- Activities at the shelter (e.g., group singing, crafts)



Shifts can be from one to three hours ranging at different times or days. A volunteer application form will be sent if you are interested and an orientation will be done by Ms. Carter.

They are in need sorters of donations that come into the center. A small group could be formed by Wesleyan Chapel people and (like Mother Hubbard's Cupboard volunteers) go on a regular basis together. If you are interested in forming a group, please contact Ginny Casterline, at 910-681-1603 or via email at: rgcasterline@att.net

Ms. Carter offered to come to Wesleyan Chapel to meet with any group (i.e., Sunday School class) to speak or answer questions.

If you are interested in any of the other volunteer opportunities to serve as an individual in this worthy center, or would like to set up a meeting where she can speak - contact **Dawn Carter, 910-763-7092, ext. 113** or email her at ghcresources@bellsouth.net

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.

Each person serves by generously giving time, talent and financial resources.

The United Methodist Church is a connectional Church. By pooling resources, congregations of all sizes support World and National Missions, Black Colleges, UMCOR and many other needy outreaches. Each church annually receives its obligation, the Apportionment, set at the Annual Conference in June.

The 2011 Apportionment for Wesleyan Chapel is \$97,376 plus \$5,475 for the District Work Fund and \$2,500 to missionary Shana Harrison in Chile, a former member of Wesleyan Chapel. This amounts to about 18% of the budget for Wesleyan Chapel. 82% of the budget pays bills such as salaries, maintenance, utilities, education and missions. You generously give additional support to education, missions and other worthy causes.

Contributions to pay obligations so far this year are \$20,000 less than 2010.

At the end of June we were behind in Apportionment payments. With Church Council permission, the Finance Committee voted to transfer undesignated savings from previous years to pay the remaining 3 payments due June 30. This will leave only about \$2,000 in operating reserves.

The committees have been frugal in spending and Wesleyan Chapel is studying ways to reduce overhead. For example, changing to the electronic version of Cornerstone is saving over \$1,000 per year and the product is better. Other approaches will be explored in the months to come. The Church is open to your suggestions.

2011 will test our faith that the Lord will provide. You remember, it took an \$11,000 last minute anonymous donation to pay our final Apportionment payment last year. We pray the congregation of Wesleyan Chapel will once again rise to the occasion for the balance of 2011, enabling it to continue serving our community.

Jay Peterson, Chair
Finance Committee

Budget Prorated for first 29 weeks	\$327,866.46
Giving year to date through July 17	\$283,908.03
Giving year to date last year	\$304,531.29
Shortfall through July 17	\$43,958.43

INTERNATIONAL SEAMEN'S CENTER

The **International Seamen's Center**, located in the Port of Wilmington, has an urgent need for gently used men's clothing. Items such as t-shirts, jackets (spring and winter), long-sleeved and short-sleeved shirts, ballcaps and toboggans (knit hats), jeans and pants as well as belts and shoes are needed.

The International Seamen's Center serves as a haven away from home for the seafaring men and women who come into the Port of Wilmington. The Center provides computers and telephones for the crews to contact their families, some of whom have not spoken to their loved ones in over 30 days. Transportation is provided so they may go for supplies in shopping and/or medical services.

The Center's volunteers come from various churches in Wilmington and show hospitality to all that enter its doors. Please donate some clothing to this organization. A box will be placed in the narthex labeled "Seamen's Center" during the month of August.

If you would like to volunteer for this fellowship organization contact: Ron Casterline, rgcasterline@att.net or call him at 910-681-1603. And thank you for your support. God Bless You!





Report from the NC Conference of the UMC by Hilda and David Merrill

We were blessed to be your Lay Members to Annual Conference held in Raleigh June 16th thru 20th.

Following is a summary of the work of the conference.

Four resolutions (Complete details are on line at http://nccumc.org/secretary/files/FINAL_REPORT_2011.pdf) were brought up for vote after the Committee on Resolutions had reviewed them, and the results are as follows:

- 1) To amend discipline paragraph on abortions – did not prevail.
- 2) In support of diversity in public schools – was adopted.
- 3) In support of investment in Palestine – was adopted
- 4) To withdraw UMC from Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice – did not prevail.

The Task Force on District Superintendency reported and made several recommendations which were accepted, key of which are:

- 1) Reduce the number of Districts from 12 to 8
- 2) Each district to have a full time assistant
- 3) DS not required to personally conduct each Charge Conference
- 4) A transition team be named to assist the districts in property and asset matters
- 5) More time allowed for primary tasks such as coaching, teaching and building of congregations.

You have a giving Annual Conference as indicated by:

- 1) An offering of \$8,441 for the Ryan Epps Home for Children in Haiti
- 2) An offering of \$9,131 for “Imagine No Malaria”

Your NC Conference has received \$177,000 in donations specifically for tornado damaged areas in North Carolina.

One of the biggest changes to disaster relief ministries is the closing of MERCI in Goldsboro. An article on the subject is posted on the bulletin board in Lee Hall. Many of the ministries and assets will either be redirected or stationed at different locations.

Several of our Congregation were honored at the conference:

Rev. Curtis Campbell was honored and recognized for his service as he goes into retirement. Bill Applewhite was recognized as licensed local pastor and Dail Ballard, Executive Director of Camp and Retreat Ministries, Inc. spoke about the value of camp life for our youth and had the whole conference blowing bubbles! Ask her about it.

The UMC General Conference will be held in 2012. It is well known that this will be a very significant meeting regarding many changes to our church. We elected delegates to this and the Southeast Jurisdictional Conference.

The budget for 2013 was approved at \$2.3M for the NC Conference. This was a little less than the 2012 budget. An economic demographic presentation was made showing general membership declines as well as average worship attendance declines. The average tithe/pledge had increased 144% from 1968 until 2009. The beginning pastor recommended base salary was held the same as last year. Conference covered health insurance rates had not been increased in the last several years. Several amendments to the committee’s recommendations were approved, but there were no significant savings to the conference.



August 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4pm Sandwich Making 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Circle	2 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 7pm Mission Comm. Mtg.	3 9am Lydia Abbey Circle 9am Middle School - Giving and Receiving 8:00pm NA Meeting	4 6:30am Men's Bible Study	5	6
7 Holy Communion 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45am Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11am Sunday School	8 6pm Trustees Meeting 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Circle	9 9am Poplar Grove Walkers	10 9am Lydia Abbey Circle 8pm Middle School - Outdoor Movie Night 8:00pm NA Meeting	11 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1pm Grace Circle - at home of Betsy Thomas 7pm Summer Night of Worship	12	13
14 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45am Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11am Sunday School	15 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Circle	16 9am Poplar Grove Walkers 10am JOY Group 6pm Building Committee Meeting	17 9am Lydia Abbey Circle 3pm Middle School - Cook Out 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	18 6:30am Men's Bible Study	19	20 Cornerstone Deadline
21 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45am Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11am Sunday School	22 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Circle	23 9am Poplar Grove Walkers	24 9am Lydia Abbey Circle 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	25 6:30am Men's Bible Study	26	27
28 Pennies for Hunger 7am AA Meeting 8:30&11am Worship 9:30am Breakfast 9:45am Contemporary Svc. 9:45&11am Sunday School	29 6:30pm Lydia Abbey Circle	30 9am Poplar Grove Walkers	31 9am Lydia Abbey Circle 7:30pm Chancel Choir 8:00pm NA Meeting	SUMMER NIGHT OF WORSHIP THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 7:00 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY Join us as we are approaching the time to say good bye to Allison Rambo and Jackie Barnes who are moving into new chapters in each of their lives. We will be led in worship as they share their gifts in music before they leave. Ice cream will be served following the service.		

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Change Service Requested

AUGUST 2011



Praise Through Music

Many thanks to all of the soloists and small ensembles for the beautiful worship music they provided this summer. There is still more to come during the month of August. The individuals who are willing to share their talent are greatly appreciated and enrich the worship services.

We have said “good-bye to the Buzzerds as they moved to their new home in North Dakota. Unfortunately, we are also having to say “good-bye” to Allison Rambo and her family as they move to Cincinnati, Ohio. We hope they all come back to visit their old church home. We pray they can find another warm, loving church family near their new homes.



Now that we have lost two bell players and three choir members, I urge you to seriously consider joining one or more of these groups. I believe you will find it to be a rewarding experience for yourself, but more importantly it will add to the total worship experience for the congregation. What could be better than praising our Lord and God through song!

Calling All Singers

For those of you who are high school age through 101 years old, the Chancel Choir is a great way to have fellowship, share your musical talents in worship, and praise of our Lord. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 7:30 pm. The choir will return to the 11:00 am worship service on August 28th. The Chancel Choir regularly sings at the 11:00 am service and at the 8:30 am service on the 2nd Sunday.

Chancel Ringers

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals September 7 at 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm. The bells will play at least once a month from October through June at both services. If you are interested in becoming a Bell Ringer, please contact me at ckhouck@hotmail.com or 910-208-4827. A Bell Ringer needs some knowledge of elementary music reading skills.