

The Messenger

August, 2015



Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Fellowship

1459 White Memorial Church Rd.
Willow Spring, NC 27592
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MISSION STATEMENT

Remembering God's grace, the mission of White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:

*Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents, and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.*

To my dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Father in Heaven! As July heads into its final days, and we look towards the hot dog days of summer to come in August, I invite you to take the time and just simply chill out. Try to stay cool. Drink a ton of water. Enjoy life, if you can. Find moments to reflect on the beauty of God's creation all around you, even if it always doesn't seem to beautiful in the midst of the heat, if you can. Try and get some rest, if you can. Come on out on Sunday morning's, if you can. But above all I invite you to accept the truth about who you are. You, who are reading this, are God's beloved creation. You are God's beautiful child. You are God's gift to White Memorial Willow Springs Church. You are loved, you are welcome, you are expected. Come just as you are, and join us in worship this August as we grow closer to God and to one another. If any one would like to get together with me for conversation, for prayer, even perhaps a meal, I am ony an email or phone call away. Please feel free to get in touch with me at 609-529-3853, or shoot me an email at .

See you on Sunday!

Henry

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

O God, we don't have to tell you your church has had its ups and downs. There have been periods of clear proclamation, courageous outreach, sincerity of worship, and faithfulness of life. There have also bee seasons of indifference and complacency, of betrayed focus and corruption. Nowadays, the record is mixed, but the church is still the only institution dedicated to helping people grow in knowledge and love of God in Jesus Christ. O God, thank you for using our imperfect institutions. Help us to work with you to invent and reform.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayer Concerns

- Continued prayers for Paul Dunn, Lynn and their family, as he continues with hospice care.
- Many cancer patients who are undergoing treatment, John Sullivan, Cindy Calloway, Nell Stephenson.
- Henry reports that his brother Charlie is feeling better. Henry continues to improve after severely spraining his ankle from a fall while working at Target.
- Judy Gardner Cox heart surgery July 9th to repair her mitral valve. It all went very well and she's doing as expected. Her address is 8851 Hwy 70 W. Clayton, NC 27520 if you wish to send a card. Judy is the daughter of the late Herman & Gladys Gardner.
- Kaylan King doing very well with her physical therapy. With assistance took a few steps and laughed out loud. God has been so merciful for this little girl. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- Stephen Marcinko has spent the last few days at UNC Chapel Hill for evaluation by physicians with an infection and other medical problems. Prayers also for Florence as she has been by his bedside most of this time.
- Robin Grimes's friend and fellow firefighter, Jimmy Galloway, admitted to hospital – think he may have had a stroke.
- Pat Adams – family has asked for hospice care
- Emily Ashworth as she travels and carries out her mission trip
- Karl Bunn is having surgery July 23rd on carotid artery. Karl and his wife Janet are good friends for members of our church.
- Lisa Stanley asked for prayers for her nephew & his girlfriend. They were in a car accident and thankfully only shook up from the accident but very sore.
- Prayers for Chattanooga victims and their families and coworkers. Pray for people with hatred in their hearts and for world peace.
- Prayers for Jacob Baudoux is going for desert training in California to prepare for deployment to the Mediterranean area in October.
- Prayers for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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| * Kaylan King | * Paul Dunn | * Frances Seagroves |
| * Alyce Faye Hawley | * Mitch Parrish | * Johnny Stewart |
| * Meagan Poole | * Betty Selner | |

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

- Danny Matthews, Hester Family Care Center, 154 Haven Lane, Princeton, NC 27569
- Pauline Jones, Liberty Commons, 2315 Hwy. 242, Benson, NC 27504
- Vada Allen, Oak Hill Living Center, 9767 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501

JOYS

Henry is moving forward with the ordainment process through New Hope Presbytery. Keep him in your prayers for this to be a smooth process.

Gerald's brother enjoying some travel since his retirement

Becky spoke about visiting Vada Allen and said Vada wished for her to tell our congregation how much she loves us. Becky said it was a good visit. Let's all drop her a card in the mail. Ronnie's leg has completely healed. He has been released by his doctors. Just another sign how God answers prayers.

Upcoming Missions

The Mission Committee is planning a visit to Stagecoach Manor Rest Home on September 13th around 12:30 – 1:00 right after worship service. We will be serving ice cream and cookies and take them a goodie bag. If you have never been with us to Stagecoach, this will be a shorter visit than usual and you can get a feel for how lonesome and needy these residents are and what it means for them to have a special treat.

Deirdre has offered to lead a sewing group to make a tote bag for each resident at Stagecoach. If you have any 9 inch zippers – any color, polyester or metal, these are needed to make the bags. Please check your craft supplies at home or if you're in a thrift store check their craft section. Zippers will be used to make up little bags for Stagecoach Manor residents as part of WMPC Outreach Program. Leave zippers on the table in narthex. Bag construction (40-45) begins in September. Contact Deirdre if you are interested in helping to sew the bags. Any seamstresses welcome to join. Watch for more details. Thank you.

SIX STEPS

1. Once all villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy brought an umbrella. That's FAITH
2. When you throw a baby into the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her. That's TRUST
3. Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning but we still set the alarm to wake up. That's HOPE
4. We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. That's CONFIDENCE
5. We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children. That's LOVE
6. On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 80 years old. I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." That's ATTITUDE

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE
AUGUST, 2015

USHERS

Margaret King and Joyce Byrd

NURSERY

2 – Jenn Baudoux, 9 – Michelle Johnson, 16 – Monica Chapman,
23 – Glenda Talton, 30 – Jen Baudoux

BIRTHDAYS

7 – Deirdre Jersey, 10 – Joyce Byrd, 10 – Scott Stephenson,
27 – Myrline Watson, 28 – Teresa Holt, 30 – Frances Seagraves,
31 – Jeremy Stephenson, 31 – Faith Chapman, 31 – Landon Johnson

LITURGISTS

2 – Anne Honeycutt, 9 – Sharen Jackson, 16 – Nancy Warren,
23 – Judy Morris, 30 – Sandy Parrish

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Judy Morris

H: 919-639-4210, C: 919-418-6367

Please call if you have concerns

CLEANING

1 – Glenda Talton, Michelle Johnson and Kaylee,
15 – Volunteers needed, 29 – Monica Chapman

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11AM to when tasks are completed

Thursdays – 12:30 PM to when tasks are completed

New email address for Mike: jmikestewart11@gmail.com

AUGUST 2015 MOUSE NEWS

Henry echoed Mouse's sentiments Sunday when he named the Tomato as an item of prayerful joy. AMEN

- Another prayerful joy for our church family is the angel, Rev. Carol McCartney. Please take a minute to thank God for Carol and her presence among us and her service to our church. She is a ROCK for us in this time of transition. Most of us have sensed no waves of uncertainty since our minister left in November. Many thanks to our Session and to the Moderator of the Session, Carol. We appreciate your love and faithfulness.
- August already! Boy, time flies when you're young! WMPC has been blessed this summer, that our worshippers have remained faithful in attendance, even an increase. The first Sunday in August we will welcome three people to our membership. Geraldine Stephenson from Dunn Presbyterian, and Eric and Elisa Hammond-Wright, bringing with them, 5 year-old Nicholas, handsome, happy kid. I ate supper at the table with Nicholas at VBS the night we had hot dogs. I LOVE HOT DOGS. And he said, "I can't eat mine as fast as you can." Uh Oh! Mouse manners!
- News from Teresa Holt, working in Alaska for the summer at The Bear Track Lodge, a remote area, reached only by plane and ferry. She transports visitors to outings, to whale watch etc. The staff live in a dorm-like facility that was full, giving Teresa the good luck to stay in a room at the owner's house. She is enjoying the change of scene; Teresa is an adventurer at heart. She'll be back with us in mid September.
- July 19, Jan Stephenson Calvert honored her brother, Michael, and her extended family with a celebration dinner in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Michael's donation of a kidney to her. Jan's two sons' family and three grandchildren attended as did Michael's three daughters' families and nine grandchildren, along with Mother, Geraldine. Sisters, Melany and Kathy and some of their family members came from PA and MD. Uncle Randy drove up from Atlanta. Local kin enjoyed the celebratory reunion dinner and sweet fellowship.
- Every Sunday Mouse looks forward to see what surprises Mike and Ken bring to share from their prolific garden. We've had zucchini, yellow squash, corn, onions, cucumbers, and the wonderful favorite, tomato.
- August 1 was the birth date of Nolan Smith, Don's father, who passed away in 1976. This year marks 100 years since his birth. Don and Teresa are cleaning out his mother, Katherine's house. They've found loads of church related "stuff," including Presbyterian Women pins, journals, bulletins, photos, church history drafts, Bible study notes. Katherine was a studious dedicated woman.
- Deirdre and Ira Jersey are enjoying cooler weather in the New York Berkshire mountains, where they own a cottage. Deirdre has had a long stay; she has entertained NC friends for a visit and visited with friends within driving distance. Ira joined her last week to help enjoy and entertain grandchildren.

MOUSE NEWS CONTINUED

- Ira and Deirdre attended a rehearsal of Boston Symphony at their summer home, Tanglewood, in Lenox, MA. They knew it would be Mozart and Schumann music, but Deirdre gasped when she read who was conducting....Sir Neville Martin, 91, founder and conductor of St. Martin in the Fields, often heard on WCPE, Wake Forest. From the 14th row, this was quite a treat.
- Don and Teresa took a mini-vacation to the western NC mountain area near Boone and Blowing Rock. Nice getaway, cooler weather there. Crossed the mile-high swinging bridge atop Grandfather Mountain!
- Teresa went canoeing on the Haw River! At a work conference.

Presbyterian Women News:

Presbyterian Women of White Memorial Church will continue to meet on the first Monday of the month beginning in September. ^(insert) It looks to be a great Bible Study called "Come to the Waters". The author of the study is Judy Record Fletcher with suggestions for Leaders by Larissa Kwong Abazia.

Each of the lessons in this study includes one or more Bible passages that deal with water; each also focuses on a primary theological theme or issue. There are eight lessons that begin with Birthing Waters, Life-Giving Waters, Absence of Water, Dangerous Waters, Stormy Water, Waters of Justice and Righteousness, Streams of Mercy, The Hospitality of Living Water, and River of Life.

2015 Vacation Bible School and September 13 Christian Education Event

Special thanks and gratitude for all who helped with a successful 2015 Vacation Bible School. They say "it takes a village" but in our case, "it takes a congregation" and a little bit more! Offering a quality VBS to our community is challenging and rewarding; exhausting and exhilarating. For some children and their families, the faces at White Memorial during VBS will be what they know of what it means to be a Christian. So...thanks a million for your commitment, generosity and spreading the love of God.

Mark your calendars - be sure to come to a special Christian Ed event scheduled for Sunday, September 13 at 9:30AM in the fellowship hall. Members of the group who meet each Sunday morning to discuss the week's reading through the Bible will have a special event for you and members of Congregational Life will have some special treats for you. You won't want to miss it!

Presbyterian World Mission brings God's global family together to address poverty, work toward reconciliation, and proclaim God's saving love in Jesus Christ.

God's mission in Africa

Building and sustaining partnerships in West Africa

Rev. Joshua Heikkila, a PC(USA) mission co-worker in Ghana since 2009 and World Mission's regional liaison for West Africa, works with global partners spanning countries, ethnic groups, languages, and cultures. Partners include the Evangelical Church in the Republic of Niger; the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Ghana; the Presbyterian Church of Ghana; the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Togo; and the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria.

More than a dozen languages are spoken by partner churches in West Africa. In addition to English, Josh speaks Twi and Ewe, languages of Ghana and Togo, as well as French, which is spoken in Togo and Niger. Even though English is the official language of schools and the government in Ghana, the English spoken is "very different," he says. Josh helps Ghanaians and Americans understand one another's English, customs, and practices.

In the past few years, Ghana has made impressive economic strides and has become known for its stability and the joyful and hospitable nature of its people. Nigeria continues to struggle with deeply rooted political issues and huge gaps between rich and poor; however, it is reemerging with potential through its creative, energetic, and entrepreneurial people. "It was wonderful to see a peaceful election in Nigeria earlier this year," Josh says. "This should be the first democratic transition in the country's history."

Niger ranks at the bottom of the United Nations Development Index, and life there is a struggle for most. But despite its problems, there is a spirit of wholeness and integrity in its people that is lacking in many other places.

Support Josh in West Africa.

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God's mission in Asia

Teaching children in Thailand

Rev. Sharon Bryant, a PC(USA) mission co-worker serving the Church of Christ in Thailand, is carrying on a legacy of Christian education that began in 1852, when missionaries opened the first Protestant Christian school in Bangkok.

Now, 28 Protestant Christian schools serve students--kindergarten through grade 12--in 17 locations in Thailand. Sharon works with volunteers who come to Thailand to teach English on one- or two-year assignments. Although Sharon speaks fluent Thai, participating in Christian Volunteers in Thailand (CVT) does not require knowledge of the Thai language.

English proficiency is critical for the Thai people because, effective December 31, 2015, Thailand will open its borders as part of the ASEAN* Economic Community (AEC), reducing diplomatic and trade barriers. English is the only language the 10 AEC nations have in common.

"That's why we need volunteers to come to Thailand to teach English," Sharon says. "Volunteers help the schools meet their budget and also provide a service to the church."

By teaching English, volunteers make a difference in the lives of children who are ethnic Thai, and also benefit hill tribes and other minority groups. Since more than 90 percent of the students are not Christians, volunteers also share the love of Christ by participating in worship and serving in other church ministries.

Working in tandem with volunteers from four nations and six Christian denominations, CVTs are challenged to think and act multiculturally and ecumenically every day. A survey of past CVTs has shown that 80 percent continue in lifelong active membership in their home churches and that one-third pursue seminary education.

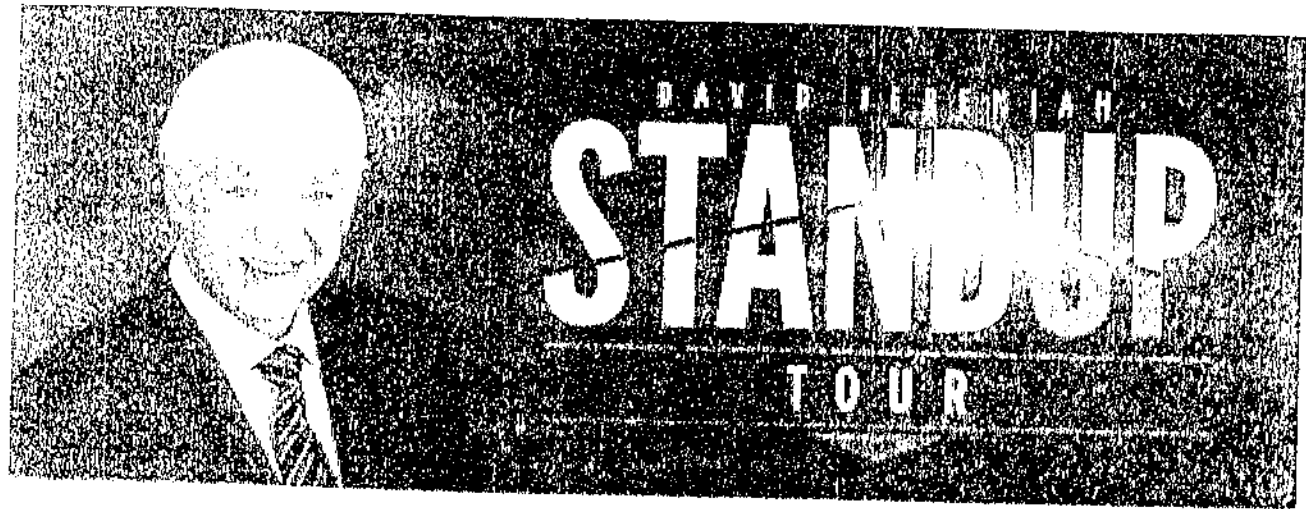
Support Sharon in Thailand.

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Support the Educate a Child campaign.

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*Association of Southeast Asian Nations



Dr. Jeremiah will take his broadcast program
on the road beginning this fall with the
STAND UP TOUR

The mission of this nationwide tour is to bring the same sense of strong practical Bible teaching, learning, equipping, and encouragement that viewers receive each week to a live, up close and personal audience. This intimate one night only experience will be featured in a 7-city tour across North America.

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"I am thrilled to be taking Turning Point live events on the road for the 20th year," said Dr. David Jeremiah. "Whether you are seeking answers, feel like you need encouragement in your Christian walk or need a great place to get together with fellow believers, this gathering is for you. Our prayer is that you leave more confident in your faith and committed to a deeper relationship with Christ."

SAVE THE DATE

PNC Arena
Raleigh, NC
Oct. 15, 2015

August 2015

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2 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM		3	4 Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM	5	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Communion		10 Worship and Music, 7:00 PM	11	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM		17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM		24	25 Newsletter Deadline, 12 Noon	26	27	28	29
30 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM		31					

