

# The Messenger

January, 2015



## Sunday Schedule

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

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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.*

## **A NEW YEAR FOR STUDY**

**"Study to show yourself approved, a workman who needs not be ashamed." 1 Tim. 2:15**

**The last count I heard, 26 people had signed up to read through the Bible in the coming year. One idea for monthly discussions during the Sunday School hour has been suggested.**

**ON SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2015, at 9:30, the ROUNDTABLE SUNDAY SCHOOL invites you to a fellowship brunch of coffee, fruit and muffins in the Fellowship Hall.**

**We ask for ideas and suggestions for Sunday morning Biblical study, ideas that you would be interested in discussing and learning more about.**

**The spiritual life is not a solitary affair. A Sunday School class becomes a fellowship, a community of companions and friends. We learn from each other and grow into knowledge and grace, God willing.**

**The practice of learning in community began with Jesus. He wove people into community around him and taught them through stories, parables, examples and by modeling behaviors.**

**Please join us on the first Sunday of 2015 at 9:30. Let us all resolve that next year we will join and support our church's intention to grow in faith by study,**

**Ann Stephenson**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- Kristy Page Gathings had surgery November 20<sup>th</sup> and has a few weeks to recover.
- Bill Morris has just remarried. His wife's name is Iris and their address is 1725 Beeson Park Lane, Kernersville, NC 27284; phone no. 910-228-2535
- Condolences to the family and friends of Karen Stephenson who passed away on November 17th. Karen had been battling colon cancer. She and Pam Grimes were close friends.
- Ken Bianco's sister, Diana Fister, had a son to suddenly pass away. Condolences to the family and friends.
- Carole McCartney's friend, Shelly Campbell, volunteering to help Ebola patients in Sierra Lion
- Prayers needed for Myrlene Watson's niece, Pam Page Carpenter who had surgery on November 21<sup>st</sup>.

## CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| * Mitch Parrish          | * Rickey Page                | * Idelle, Stacy & Eric Penny |
| * DeEtta Wood            | * Marion Brooks              | * Jerry Anderson             |
| * Meagan Poole           | * Danny Holland              | * Kaylan King                |
| * Paul Dunn and his wife | * Steven & Florence Marcinko | * Jim Davis                  |
| * Barbara Rhodes         | * Della Stephenson           | * Kay Brewer                 |
| * Marie Stephenson       | * Earl and Alice Honeycutt   | * Susan Burgoff              |
| * Geraldine Stephenson   | * Jaylen Stanley             | * Brenda Cain                |

## 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
- Alene Stamey, North Chase Nursing Facility, 3015 Enterprise, Wilmington, NC

## JOYS

- Successful community fundraising event for DeEtta Wood. I understand they have a CD with DeEtta and her father singing; and also a cookbook of which DeEtta has compiled with many recipes handed over to her in past years. I would think Providence would have these items for sale.
- Thanks for all who helped cook, serve, decorate, clean and entertain for the Senior Citizens Luncheon. We had approximately 60 in attendance. Carole did a great job MC'ing. And Ira's band was awesome.
- What a great mission offering for Kaylan King – over \$400.00 and the Mission Committee and Session has approved sending \$500.00 to her family. God is Good!
- Presbyterian Women took on the task of preparing some new Chrismon decorations to add to our tree in the sanctuary. Thanks to all who helped. They look lovely.
- Congratulations to Frances Seagroves. She has recently had a new grandchild added to the family, Sawyer Page Moore. Frances seems to be getting around pretty good. Please keep her in your prayers.



- **January 2014 MOUSE NEWS**
- **HAPPY NEW YEAR.** Our church begins again to learn to trust God to guide us in your church ministry without a minister. As Anne Honeycutt said, "This is not our first parade." We are a faithfully strong and competent fellowship of willing workers. If you do not serve on any of the committees, please join one and serve in an area of your interests and skills. Active committees of WMPC. **WORSHIP and MUSIC---EDUCATION and YOUTH---MISSION---BUILDING/GROUNDS... CONGREGATIONAL CARE..... CONGREGATIONAL LIFE.... COMMUNICATION & OUTREACH.**
- **Ashley Sanderson was home for Christmas, holiday from her job at Nordstrom's in Austin, Texas. Sister, Anna is living at home with Stephanye & John, planning to purchase her own condo.**
- **Laura Katherine Smith became engaged over the holidays. Congratulations to her and the lucky and blessed young man, Arnulfo Bermudez Diaz-**
- **Deborah Strickland Coley and husband, DJ, are blessed with the arrival of a daughter, Sloane Olivia. Deborah is the granddaughter of Joan Page and Linda Strickland.**
- **Linda Strickland found her 34 year old horse, Buttons, collapsed in the pasture on Christmas Eve morning, and they had to put him down, a sad occasion for the family.**
- **Many thanks to outgoing WMPC elders and treasurer. Lynn Stephenson, Pam Denning, Susan Foster, Jenn Baudoux.**
- **There's congregational meeting Sunday Jan. 4, to elect new officers.**



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Ushers

Margaret King and Joyce Byrd

Nursery

4 – Jenn Baudoux, 11 – Michelle Johnson, 18 – Monica Chapman,

25 – Lynn Stephenson

Birthdays

3 – Chris Eldreth, 16 – Pam Denning, 16 – Adam Denning,

29 Rosanne Rimbey

Cleaning

3 – Volunteers needed, 17 – Volunteers needed,

31 – Volunteers needed.

Jordan Davis will be preaching on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Jordan serves as the Church Relation's officer for Union Presbyterian Seminary, part of an initiative to take the seminary to churches. As a Church Relation's officer, she travels around the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic to preach or give a "minute for Mission" on behalf of the seminary as a way to both build and strengthen relationships between the seminary and our churches.



## *My First Christmas in Heaven*

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below  
With tiny lights, like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear.

For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,

But the sounds of music can't compare with the

Christmas choir up here.

For I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring.

For it is beyond description, to hear an angel sing.

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place.

Can you just imagine Christmas - with our Savior - face to face.

I'll ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love;

So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your heart be joyful and let your spirit sing.

For I'm spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King!

I know how much you miss me; I see the pain inside your heart.

But I'm not so far away, we really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones; you know I hold you dear.

And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift from my heavenly home above.

I send you each a memory of my undying love.

After all, LOVE is the gift more precious than pure gold.

It was always most important in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other as my Father said to do.

For I can't count the blessings or the love He has for you.

So have a Merry Christmas and wipe away that tear.

Remember I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

*Author Unknown*

## STARTING OVER

Just for today I will try to live through this day only, and not set far-reaching goals to try to overcome all my problems at once.

Just for today I will try to be happy. I will not dwell on thoughts that depress me. I will chase them out of my mind and replace them with happy thoughts.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is. I will try to change those things which I can change and accept those things I cannot change.

Just for today I will try to improve my mind, not be a mental loafer. I will force myself to read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will do a good deed for somebody---without letting him know it.

Just for today I will do something positive to improve my health. If I'm a smoker, I'll make an honest effort to cut down. If I'm overweight, I'll eat nothing I know is fattening. And I will force myself to exercise---even if it's only walking around the block, or using the stairs instead of the elevator.

Just for today I will be totally honest. If someone asks me something I don't know, I'll simply say, "I don't know."

Just for today I'll do something I've been putting off. I'll finally write that letter, make that phone call, clean that closet or straighten out those dresser drawers.

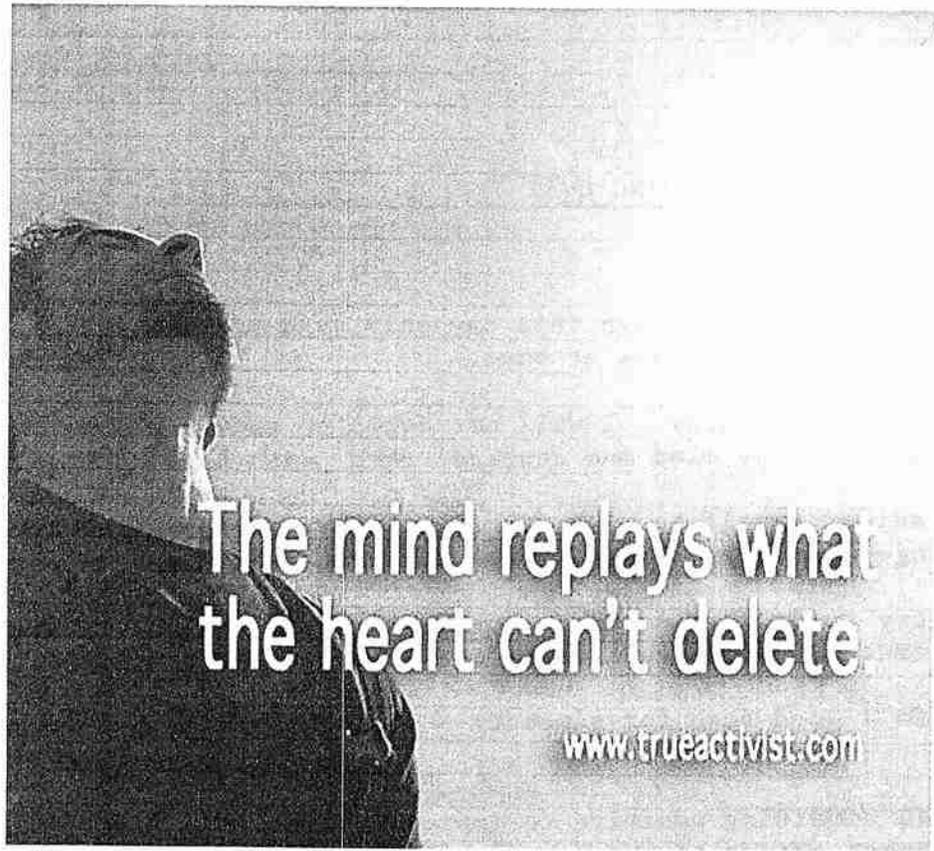
Just for today, before I speak I will ask myself, "Is it true?" "Is it kind?" And if the answer to either of those questions is negative, I won't say it.

Just for today I will make a conscious effort to be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress becomingly, talk softly, act courteously and not interrupt when someone else is talking. Just for today I'll not try to improve anybody except myself.

Just for today, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it, thereby saving myself from two pests: Hurry and indecision.

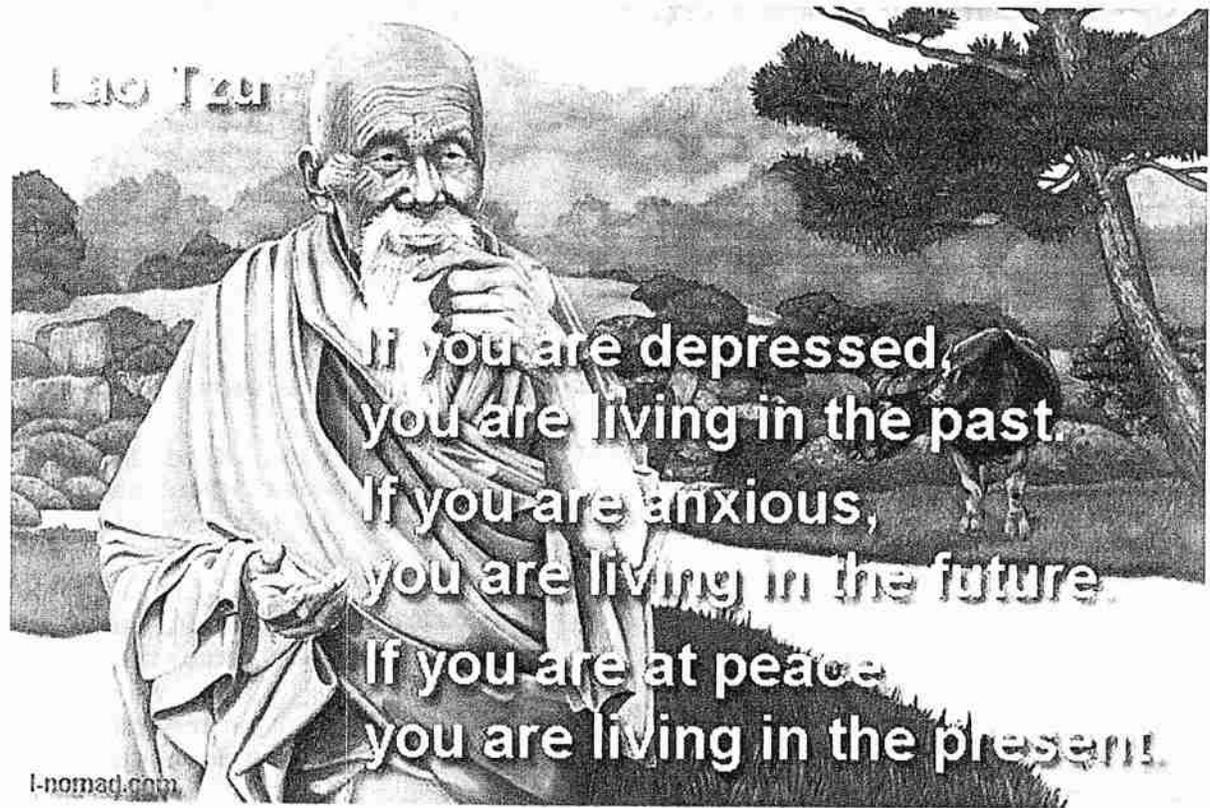
Just for today I will have a quiet half hour to relax alone. During this time I will reflect on my behavior and will try to get a better perspective of my life.

Just for today, I will be unafraid. I will gather the courage to do what is right and take the responsibility for my own action. I will expect nothing from the world, but I will realize that as I give to the world, the world will give to me.



The mind replays what  
the heart can't delete

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Lao Tzu

If you are depressed  
you are living in the past.  
If you are anxious,  
you are living in the future.  
If you are at peace  
you are living in the present.

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