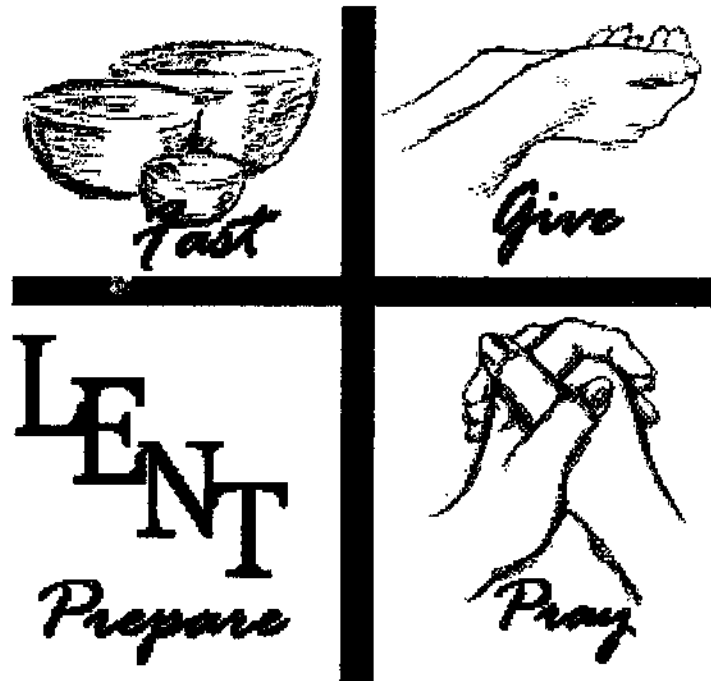


The Messenger

MARCH, 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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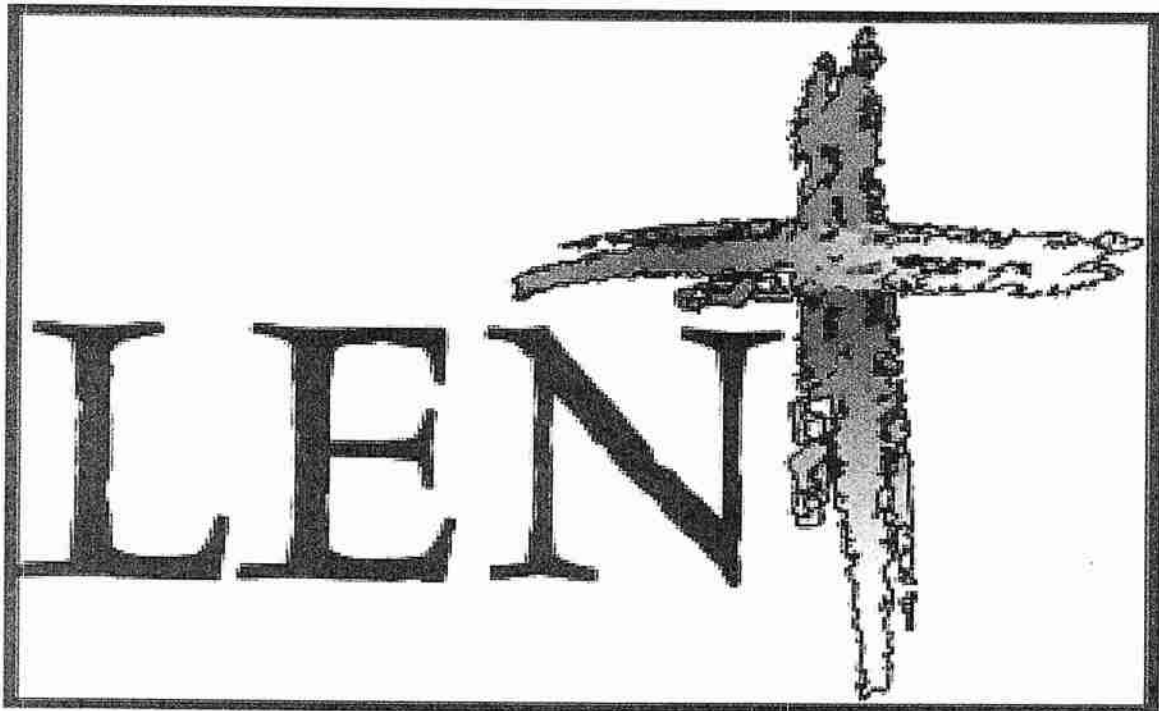
MISSION STATEMENT

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.*

A Reminder of the Meaning of Lent

Lent is a season of 40 weekdays and six Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating on Holy Week. During this season, the church in joy and sorrow, proclaims, remembers, and responds to the atoning of Christ. Two distinct periods at the end of Lent are Holy Week (the week immediately preceding Easter, beginning with Passion Palm Sunday) and the three days (the final three comprising of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil). Liturgical color: first five weeks --- Purple. Passion Palm Sunday --- red and/or purple. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week --- purple. Maundy Thursday --- purple. On Easter the color is white. Easter is the fifty day of the season of seven Sundays beginning with the Resurrection of the Lord (Easter Day) the festival of Christ's resurrection, Ascension Day, forty days after Easter, is celebrated to affirm that Christ Lord of all times and places. The Day of Pentecost marks the end of the Easter season. Liturgical color: white except Day of Pentecost which is red.



SERVICE and CELEBRATION PAGE

March, 2015

USHERS

Glenda Talton and Ken Bianco

NURSERY

1 – Jenn Baudoux, 8 – Michelle Johnson, 15 – Joyce Byrd
22 – Monica Chapman, 29 – Linda Strickland

BIRTHDAYS

1 – Vada Allen, 10 – Emily Ashworth, 14 – Maria Young,
19 – Clarissa Stephenson, 21 – Kelli Mulder, 31 – Lisa Stanley

CLEANING

7 – Joyce Byrd and Linda Strickland, 21 – Lynn Stephenson

Thank you note the Page Family

We would like to express deepest appreciation for all that everyone did during Ricky's death. The meal after the service was so comforting for all of us. Most of all for your continued prayers as we cope with our loss. There is nothing as special as your church family, giving you love and support at this difficult time.

Love you all, Joan, Kristy and all our family

MARCH PRAYER CONCERNS

- Condolences to the family and friends of Michael Gardner who died on February 21st. Michael was the son of Herman and Gladys Gardner and grew up in our church.
- Chellie Parrish Poston passed away on February 6th and her funeral service was held at Providence on February 8th. She and her sisters, Eloise Clifton and Christine King are friends of our church and community.
- Frances Seagroves has returned home after a stay at Rex and Liberty Commons. Card, visits and prayers are appreciated.
- Connie A. has been sick with pneumonia and bronchial difficulties.
- Melody Thorpe, Jenn Baudoux's friend and employer has been hospitalized for several days with pain and difficulties with Chron's disease and is in serious condition at UNC, Chapel Hill.
- Condolences to the family of Pat Noles, who died on February 15th of Sanford, NC at the age of 91. Pat was a brother-in-law of Helen Smith and the uncle of Jan Gossett and Don Smith. Pat's wife is Inez and was a sister to Nolan and James Smith.
- Prayers for Ray Pearsall of Garner who is a former co-worker at NCDOT. Ray is rehabilitating in Wilmington after a traumatic back injury in late 2014 that occurred while cutting down a tree on a farm near McGees Crossroads.
- Prayer for the families of students killed in Chapel Hill
- Prayers for nations to work together to restore world peace.
- Continued prayers for Joan Page and her family as they miss Ricky.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Mitch Parrish

Kaylaln King

Detta Wood

Paul Dunn

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

Danny Matthes, Hester Family Care Center, 154 Haven Lane, Princeton, NC 27569

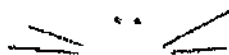
Pauline Jones, Liberty Commons, 2315 Hwy. 242, Benson, NC 27504

Vada Allen, Oak Hill Living Center, 9767 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501

Alene Stanley, North Chase Nursing Facility, 3015 Enterprise, Wilmington, NC

Session Note

An offering will be taken both on March 1st and March 8th for Relay for Life Survivor Sunday as well as the regular offering for the Crisis Fund on March 1st.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM UPDATE:

When we organized the CCT committee approximately 7 years ago, we thought 2 teams (consisting of 10-12 people) would better serve the bereaved families in our Church; however, after a year we discovered that it took more people than on just one team to participate in serving a meal when that's what the family requested...when refreshments only are requested, then it was not an issue. At White Memorial we (CCT committee) consisting of 6 members along with our pastor and Moderator, Rev. Carole McCartney, talked extensively about how we wanted to serve our bereaved members and concluded that we'd offer two options: light refreshments or a meal at the Church consisting of 1 meat (spiral ham/fried chicken); some type of potato; green beans; bread; desserts along with tea, sodas. The reason we decided on a "fixed menu" is because it helps in planning the amount of food needed and many of our members can only help by monetary donation. We purchase the meat & green beans and then have other food be homemade which gives us a feeling of "service". We also do "fillers" when we are not sure of number of people for the meal.

Margaret King and Becky Stephenson are the Team Coordinators. During the time without a pastor, CCT will contact the bereaved family and ask their preference then we

put that into action. In writing this, we realize that we have not done a good job at becoming one team...we will strive to put out an email (or phone call) to all so you can sign up for what works best for you. Help us be better communicators! Please remember this meal is the "Church 's service" to the family; therefore, if you wish to take food to the home as a token of friendship & love, please do....it may be needed and very appreciated.

Thank you for your financial donations; your help in preparing the food; your help with set up/clean up; it is a GROUP effort and all of you have been so generous with your time and talent!

CCT Coordinators: Becky & Margaret

CHALLENGE TO MEN OF WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The two adult Sunday School classes are combining to continue "The Year of the Bible" study, beginning Sunday, March 1st at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. My experience with the study thus far in the downstairs "round table" small group has been one of stimulating and thought-provoking discussion. I must admit I never knew daily/weekly reading each and every chapter of the Bible could be so fulfilling and fun!. It's challenging (YES) but very doable. Remember this is coming from a person who isn't an avid reader of anything (well maybe the sports page!). I challenge any and all MEN of the church to join up with this study. If you've been thinking about doing it or not, just decide to do it. Take that leap of faith.....See you soon in the combined group.

Thank you, Don Smith

Easter Egg-Stravaganza

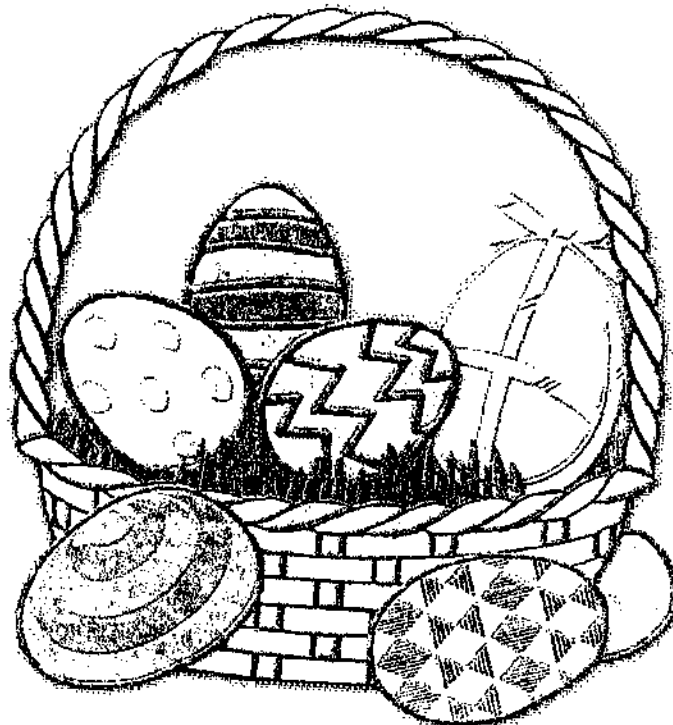
Saturday, April 4

10A - Noon

Want to have some fun? How about spending a morning with kids of all ages... dyeing eggs, decorating cookies, playing games, hunting eggs and having a light lunch? If this sounds good to you come join the Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, April 4 from 10A-noon. There will be fun for all ages and a wonderful opportunity for us to exhibit our new mission statement to the community.

Even if you can't join us that morning, you can contribute to the event by bringing in bags of candy to fill the eggs, bringing in items for prizes awarded to all the kids, helping to fill eggs or helping to decorate for the event. Contributions are needed by Saturday, March 28.

As usual for our congregation, it's all hands on deck! Thanks in advance for your time and talents. If you need more information please contact Nancy Warren at 919-639-3674 or flagman22@embarqmail.com



"Survivor Sunday"



Please join
The Relay For Life of Johnston County
in celebrating our cancer survivors on
March 1, 2015 in your church!

For more information about "*Survivor Sunday*"
or to form a Relay For Life team,
please contact

Tina Penny @ rockhillministry@gmail.com or 919-631-5677
Gwen Green @ gwengreen@embarqmail.com or 919-422-2069
Sherry Hancuff @ Sherry.Hancuff@grifols.com or 919-417-9015
Ashley Wickline @ ashley.wickline@cancer.org or 919-302-4557

Smithfield Selma High School
Survivor Walk at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 5, 2015



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