

The Messenger



November

, 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.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Paul, in his letter to the church at Philippi writes these words, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again; Rejoice!" As we head into colder weather and get ever closer to Christmas, I want us to hold onto this idea and devise ways that we can rejoice in the Lord. Rejoicing is something you do, it isn't simply a state of being. It is something we do in response to something that brings us joy. Christians rejoice because God was born in a manger in Bethlehem. Christians rejoice because Christ died on the cross for us so that we might live. Christians rejoice because the empty tomb shows us that death is not the end, that in Jesus Christ, everything has been transformed. Christians rejoice because Christ has given us a purpose in life—to be his witnesses in and to the world, to point others to Jesus in the manner we live our lives. So this brings me to Stewardship. For the month of November, we are going to be hearing a series of testimonies and sermons about what God is doing among us, and how our congregation uses our resources to be God's witnesses in the world. Stewardship is a cause to rejoice. Stewardship is a way of life—it asks of us to imagine ways that we can use all the incredible gifts God gives us to bring him glory as his witnesses. As we go through November, let us imagine together how we can use all the gifts God gives us for God's good purposes, here in our community. Let us imagine how we can be good stewards for God, here in Willow Spring. Let us imagine and let us rejoice for God has chosen us to be his witnesses.

In Christ,

Henry

Notes from the October Session meeting:

On November 15th there will be a congregational meeting to elect three elders for the class of 2018. We will be taking donations for the four square tables in the church basement. A representative from Transitions in Life (formerly Wake Hospice) will meet with those interested in the Fellowship Hall at 4:00 PM on November 8th. Henry will be doing a service on Blessing of the Animals at 3:00 PM on Sunday, November 15th in the fenced in playground area. Mike, Ken, and Ronnie will be placing the community sign on delivery. White Memorial will be hosting the Senior Luncheon on November 10. Henry will be presenting the program. Worship and Music is planning Hanging of the Greens after worship on November 22n. The Stewardship campaign is underway. Sandra Parrish, Clerk

Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for many cancer patients who are undergoing treatment; John Sullivan, Cindy Calloway, Nell Stephenson, Kim Ware, Janet Bunn, Cheryl Janimus,
- Condolences to family and friends of Master Sergeant Joshua Wheeler who was killed in the line of duty assisting to free 70 hostages who were to be executed by ISIS forces in Iraq.
- Hope and strength for recovering addicts and family members; help for those who are homeless to find work and shelter.
- Elisia's grandmother doing better; 97 years old
- Frances Seagroves took at fall at church; she appreciates calls, visits and cards.
- Prayers for family and friends of shooting victims in Roseburg, Oregon.
- Prayers for people recovering from Hurricane Patricia in Mexico and Texas.
- Joan's sister in law, Dell Stephenson at Wake Medical Center.
- Anne Honeycutt's co-worker, Savannah
- Jacob Baudoux is serving a tour Afghanistan. Prayers for his safety.
- Carole's son, Dale has been traveling in Southeast Asia.
- Prayers for Deirdre and Ira Jersey on their travels.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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| * Kaylan King | * Frances Seagroves | * Ann Harris |
| * Mitch Parrish | * Johnny Stewart | * Meagan Poole |
| * Janet & Carl Bunn | * Barry Allen | * Edna Gardner |
| * Johnny Stewart | * Gail Musser | * Charlie Coates |

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
- Dorothy Page, Gabriel Manor, 84 Johnson Estate Road, Rm. 112, Clayton, NC 27520

JOYS

- Upcoming wedding for Laura Katherine and Armuido – November 21st.
- Lynn announced that Clarissa and Jeremy are expecting a baby.... Congratulations!
- Excellent turnout for the Tuna RUN!!!



SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE
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USHERS

Ronnie Stephenson and Jerry Smith

NURSERY

1 – Jenn baudoux, 8 – Becky Stephenson,
15 – Glenda Talton, 22 – Lynn Stephenson, 29 – Becky Stephenson

BIRTHDAYS

4 – Bettie Hilda Coats, 6 – Steve Stephenson, 15 – Tim Evans
17 – Teresa Smith, 21 – Ann Stephenson, 22 – Robin Smith,
25 – Nancy Warren, 29 – Phyllis Edwards, 30 – Joan Page

LITURGISTS

1 – Don Smith, 8 – Anne Honeycutt, 15 – Sharen Jackson,
22 – Nancy Warren, 29 – Sandy Parrish

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Sandy Parrish

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Please call if you have concerns

CLEANING

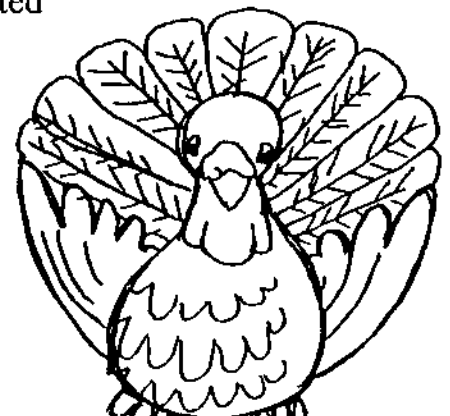
7 – Margaret King and Judy Morris
21 – Jan Gossett

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11AM to when tasks are completed

Thursdays – 12:30 PM to when tasks are completed



Stewardship - The Rich Young Man

While looking up the story of the rich young ruler, I found that it is retold in the three synoptic gospels – Matthew (19), Mark (10) and Luke (18). You don't have to take a hammer and beat me over the head for me to understand this **MUST BE IMPORTANT**. It is repeated three times. Two of the gospels refer to him as a Ruler which makes him seem important, smart, educated; the third refers to him as a man, perhaps less important but still seeking and in need of the lesson. He asks Jesus, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" Jesus points out that, yes, he needs to obey the commandments to which the man replies "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" Jesus replies, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

To the young man this was an impossible task which allows Jesus to emphasize that "with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Recently, Henry used the Mark Gospel version to preach this story where Jesus advises us "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

I know that those of us reading this love the Lord and work diligently to do his will – to love God and to love our neighbors . And likely, none of us will "sell everything" to give to the poor. Nor do I believe that is the Lord's intention. The treasure of eternal life is not to be earned by self-denial or giving of one's material goods but it is to be received by following Jesus. In giving away his wealth, the young man would have removed the obstacle (perhaps in his case an idol) that kept him from trusting in Jesus. He had a greater love of his possessions than for eternal life.

So as we embark on a month of "generosity" and "generous thoughts and actions," let us keep our eyes, ears, hearts and minds on the Lord - on our spiritual life and our earthly living, service, sowing and giving. God is the ultimate generous giver offering up his Son to atone for our sins and promising the gift of eternal life. Let us pray and contemplate how we can return to him a portion of his goodness to us for His work at in our community and in the world.

Who by the power of
 who we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and
 generations, forever and ever. Amen.
 far more than all

FEARLESS Generosity

EPHESIANS 3:20-21

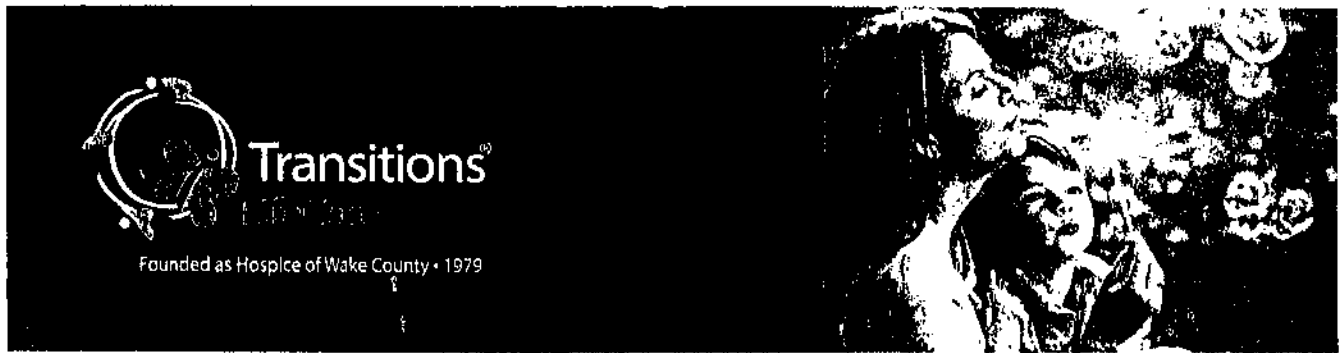
to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, forever and ever. Amen. (NRSV)

NOVEMBER FOCUS ON STEWARDSHIP:		
"FEARLESS GENEROSITY"		
Date & Topic	Testimony by:	Henry's Sermon Scripture:
November 1 - "Fearless Service"	Glenda Talton	Luke 4:16-21
November 8 - "Fearless Sowing"	Deirdre Jersey	Mark 4:1-9
November 15 - "Fearless Living"	Don Smith	Genesis 1 & 2
November 22 - "Fearless Giving"	Nancy Warren	Luke 21: 1-4

Now to him who by the power at work within
 us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we
 can ask or imagine, to him be glory
 in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
 forever and ever. Amen.
 Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

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The final Sunday of the "Fearless Generosity" stewardship focus will be November 22nd. On that day, a time will be set aside during worship to present our estimates or commitments of giving in support of the ministry and mission to which we are called together at WMPC.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Transitions LifeCare of Wake County was founded in 1979. It was formerly called Hospice of Wake County. Since then so many people have been helped by this community service. We have the good fortune to have Ms. Laura Bradbury to guide us through a session on GriefCare and how the upcoming holidays can become triggers to bring on the continued loss of our loved ones.

Transitions are very difficult. If you need a ride please call the Joan Page or Sandra Parrish.

Many at White Memorial have experienced the loss of our loved ones during the past few years. I encourage you to come on November 8th at 4:00 p.m. Please bring a friend who is in need of this outreach ministry of White Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Carole

The Rev. Carole R. McCartney
Moderator and Parrish Associate



TRASH PICK UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ABOUT 2-3 HOURS ON:
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 7th beginning at 8:30 a.m., meet at the
Fellowship Hall.

“WHITE MEMORIAL CHURCH ROAD CLEANUP”

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER IN YOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY AND HELP TO MAINTAIN WMPC’S ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY
AGREEMENT !!!

Drinks and snacks will be provided, as well as safety vests, gloves, and other
supplies.

The limits of cleanup are Highway 210 to Mt. Pleasant Road, so please join us
anytime along WM Church Road if you can’t make it to the 8:30 start.

We usually pick up about 15-20 bags of trash so come out to help out. The more
pickers, the less time it takes. Working in pairs is our normal practice. And SAFETY
is our top priority!!

LETTER

Dear Friend,

How are you? I just had to send a note to tell you how much I care about you.

I saw you yesterday as you were talking with your friends. I waited all day hoping you would want to talk with me too. I gave you a sunset to close your day and a cool breeze to rest you – and I waited. You never came. It hurt me – but I still love you because I am your friend.

I saw you sleeping last night and longed to touch your brow, so I spilled moonlight upon your face. Again I waited, wanting to rush down so we could talk. I have so many gifts for you! You awoke and rushed off to work. My tears were in the rain.

If you would only listen to me! I love you! I try to tell you in blue skies and in quiet green grass. I whisper it in leaves on the trees and breathe it in colors of flowers, shout it to you in mountain streams, give the birds love songs to sing. I clothe you with warm sunshine and perfume the air with nature scents. My love for you is deeper than the ocean, and bigger than the biggest need in your heart!

Ask me! Talk with me! Please don't forget me. I have so much to share with you!.

I won't hassle you any further. It is YOUR decision. I have chosen you and I will wait-----

I love you. Your friend, JESUS

by A. Grant

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM	2 Presbyterian Women, 6:00 PM	3	4 Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM	5	6	7 Road Clean-up, 8:30 AM
8 Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM Transition in Life, 4:00 PM	9	10 Worship and Music Committee, 7:00 PM Senior Luncheon, Noon	11 Bible Study, 6:00 PM Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM	12	13	14
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22 Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Hanging of the Greens after worship	23	24 Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM	25 Bible Study TBA	26 Thaksgiving	27	28
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