

THE MESSENGER

JANUARY, 2016



Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

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!

2016! We made it! After a balmy December we find ourselves in a cooler January, looking forward to what the next couple of months in this new year will bring us. We as a congregation are in transition. I will only be serving as your ministerial intern till March. After that, you as a congregation will be discerning how God is leading you forward as the people of God in our section of Johnston County. It is my prayer that all of us listen carefully to how the Spirit of God is directing us as we face the future. God is good, God is faithful, and God is able to see us through whatever may come our way. It may be difficult, but we can all rest easy knowing that God is with us.

Our sermons for the next couple of months will see us in the 'time after Christmas yet before Easter—a period in which the Bible tells us, that Jesus calls his disciples and teaches them the way of the Kingdom of God. Jesus forms his disciples into people after God's own heart. The time between Christmas and Easter is, for people who follow Jesus a period of growth and transformation. I pray that we all remember this, and that we too seek to grow to become ever more like Jesus as we face our uncertain future as a congregation. In it all and through it all, let us remember that we are in the palm of God's hand and that nothing, no nothing, can separate us from the love of God for us in Jesus Christ. Happy New Year!

As always, feel free to be in touch with me by phone or email our any reason.

In Christ,

Henry

Notes from the December, 2015 Session Meeting

Bible study will start again sometime in January. The visit to Stage Coach Manor was a powerful witness as a call to love, witness to leadership and the Kingdom of God in action. The proposed budget our 2016 was approved and will be reviewed at the Congregational meeting after worship on Sunday, January 10th. Baptisms will take place in February. Sandra Parrish, Clerk of Session

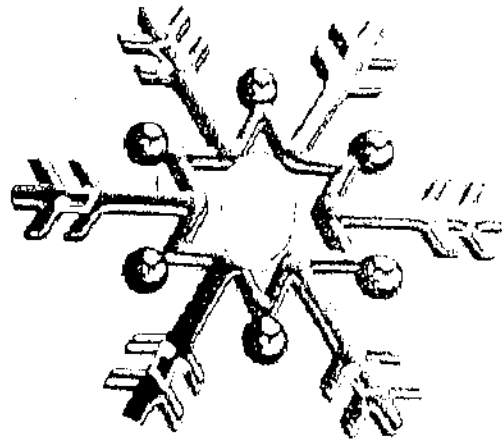
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Happy New Year! So many of us have made our yearly resolutions and whetehr we keep them is another thing. I wonder if any of us have made the resolution to love Jesus more than we did this past year.

I am reminded of the hymn "Just a Closer Walk with Thee". I pray that we do walk with Jesus every day. By doing this, we can face just about anything. Jesus the Christ walks and talks with us. May the coming year be filled and overflowing with the love of Jesus. If you have Jesus you have all you need. By the way, share your love of Jesus with others.

Serving Christ Together,

The Rev. Carole McCartney,
Moderator and Parrish Associate



My appreciation for your continuing support and prayers for Kaylan King. Kaylan is at home at the present time commuting to Wake Medical Center for therapy. She still can't used all her motor skills like walking and talking, some others she can use slightly. She can eat more different types of food now. Harnett County is a provider for Home Schooling which Kaylan is a participant. I'm not sure how the classes are taught, Kaylan does very well, she made the Beta Club. It is a Blessing her mind is normal! She slowing Improved along the way, it has been a year and seven months plus since her aneurysms and a stroke.

Thanks for The Women's Circle for their Christmas Spirit as they remember Kaylan with their Christmas Love Gift.

Blessings to All!

Helen Smith

Prayer Concerns

- Condolences to the family and friends of Margaret Harrison Johnson, mother of Melody Thorpe, Jenn Baudoux's friend.
- Mitch Parrish has returned home after a stay at Wake Med Hospital for having heart and breathing problems.
- Jacob Baudoux is serving a tour Afghanistan. Prayers for his safety.
- Monica Chapman doing well after having surgery.
- Joyce Byrd had good test results.
- Clarissa & Jeremy Stephenson got good news from the ultrasound on baby
- Henry's friend, Leeann, as she recovers from injury
- Cecilia Bullock, Ronnie Stephenson's cousin, has been in the hospital
- Florence's sister Michelle has returned to her home and is slowly recovering.
- Marilou Minshew, Judy's cousin, has several health problems she has been dealing with.
- JR Hayes's surgery went well.
- Jason Nunn is recovering from surgery.
- Margaret King's son-in-law, Jack Reid, has been in the hospital.
- Henry, as he awaits approval for surgery on his ankle.
- Prayers for all our armed forces and their families during the Christmas holidays.
- Michelle & Monica's uncle, Gene McGee, is having difficulties from dealing with leukemia.
- Prayers for the victims of storms in Texas and the southeastern United States during the Christmas season.
- Prayers for Paul Ray Johnson's family. He passed away on Sunday, December 27th.
- Travel mercies for people travelling on the busy highways during holiday season.
- Drop by or call Myrline when you get a chance. She is being careful with her health during the winter months. 919-934-4763

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 | * Johnny Stewart |

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

- Mike Stewart and his students had a joyful recital and celebration afterwards at the church on December 13th
- Stagecoach residents gratefully received lunch, gift bags and goodie bags from WMPC
- Thanks to our young people for conducting the Christmas play on December 6th
- Thanks to our wonderful volunteer choir and Teresa for their hard work in providing a beautiful Christmas Cantata "Love Came Down at Christmas". It was enjoyed by all.
- Congratulations to Sandy and Mitch Parrish who became great grandparents to twins on December 27th.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE
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USHERS

Glenda Talton and Ken Bianco

NURSERY

3 – Jenn Baudoux, 10 – Michelle & Kaylee Johnson,
17 – Becky Stephenson, 24 – Jenn Baudoux, 31 – Becky Stephenson

BIRTHDAYS

3 – Chris Eldreth, 16 – Pam Denning, 16 – Adam Denning,
29 – Roseanne Rimbey

LITURGISTS

3 – Sharen Jackson, 10 – Nancy Warren
17th, 24th, & 31st TBA

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Don Smith

H: 919-934-6261, C: 919-538-6949

Please call if you have concerns

CLEANING

Volunteers needed our January 3, 17, and 31st

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11:00 AM to when tasks are completed

Thursdays – 1:00 PM to when tasks are completed.

January 2016 Mouse News

Happy New Year. A new calendar, of clean new pages, a chance to begin Again! Let us all resolve to join as brothers and sisters, with the help of Jesus in our hearts, to be the church every day in our homes, in our work, in our play and in our worship. Lord help us, especially me, to chose what will please You when I speak. And let my heart and my mind meditations concern the needs and welfare of others, not myself. I give any of you permission to remind me of this New Years paragraph any time I need reminding. Christ's peace to all.

*Thanks to pastors, Amanda and Henry for a blessed worship December 27. The sermon was a conversation based on Luke 2: 41-52. Please join us again, Amanda.

* Other Christmas visitors were Ira and Deirdre's son, Ira Jr. And family, wife, Hillary, and Three beautiful kids.

* The Christmas Cantata was outstandingly beautiful. The special music for the next few Sundays will be taken from the cantata. Many thanks to the pianist, Teresa. Director, Anne Honeycutt, to Ira and Deirdre Jersey, Mike Steward and Elissa Hammond who all stepped forward when we needed help.

*. Mitch Parrish who had just returned from the hospital a day or two before was at church for the cantata, with his daughter, Ginger. Thank God for medicine, doctors, nurses, hospitals.

*. Elissa Hammond's family was present for the cantata, the first time they had worshipped under the same roof for many years, I believe she said since 1980. What a blessing for Elissa!

*. Nancy Warren always invites her family and friends who come to worship and join the choir for lunch at Nancy and Al's house. A Real Christmas Feast!

*. Mouse was glad to see Laura Katherine and Amulfa Bermudez at church on Dec 21. They were married a month earlier and honeymooned in Puerto Rico. They are settled into their home 99 Carson Drive, Garner 27529.. Take a look at the wedding and reception pictures are either of these links:<http://tiffanyjohnson.com/blog/archives/11-2015>. Or. <http://preservedmemoriesvideography.com/Laura-ammulfo>.

*Devin Penny is playing Middle School Basketball at Southside Christian School, under the direction of head coach Steven Penny and assistant coach Don Smith. The 13 year old is Aggressive! Go Devin!

*. Don and Teresa's home was absent children on Christmas morning, for the first time in 31 years. Wonder if Santa stopped by anyway? Ask Don.

*. Ashley Sanderson, daughter of Stephanye and John is home for Christmas from Austin, Texas. A full table at Amomma's makes a Merry Christmas

*. Florence Marcinko spent several days of Christmas with her daughters and families on Durham

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR
2015 – 2016 DIRECTORY**

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January 2016

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