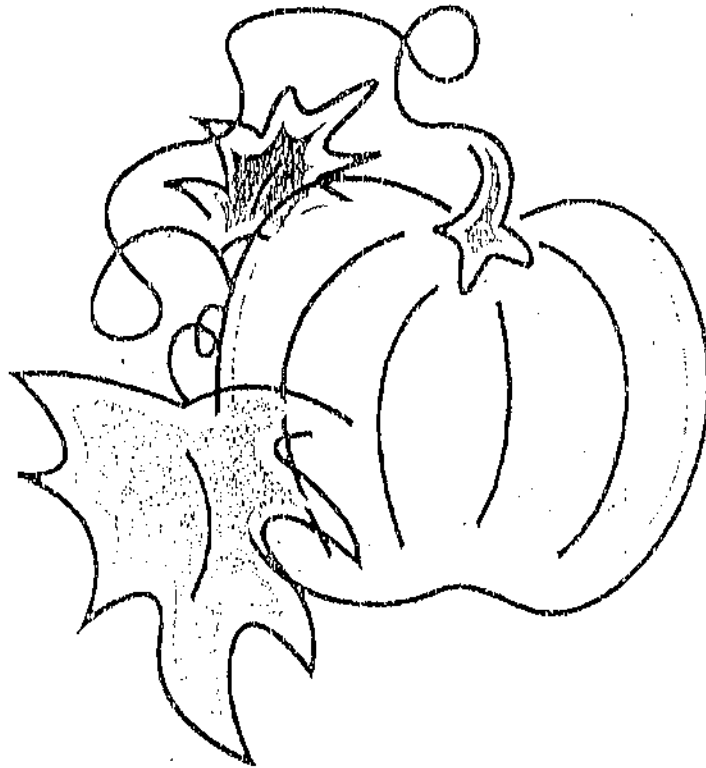


# THE MESSENGER

October, 2016



Sunday Schedule  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship

1459 White Memorial Church Rd.  
Willow Spring, NC 27592  
919-639-9973  
[www.wmpcwillowspring.org](http://www.wmpcwillowspring.org)

## 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.*

## Powerful faith

Grace and peace be with you all in the name of Christ! I continue to be so blessed by new friends and the wonderful faith full energy at White Memorial. Thank you for the gracious hospitality and kindness that you all have extended to Kathy and me. I continue to see that your/our faith is strong and foundational. We have covered a lot of ground in these two months so far. We've talked about forgiveness, compassion and faith and so much more in our Session and committee meetings.

I think the disciples had it right; faith is the gift of God. We often pray that God will increase our faith and so time spent in prayer is fundamental to our faith development. But there are also other things that we can do to engage with God, who wants to increase our faith. There are many ways to build our faith.

**Thought** - Participating in the worship and life of the church is paramount to building our faith. One way to do this is by inviting friends and neighbors to outreach and service programs.

**Word** - The scriptures inform and correct our faith. Without the guidance of the scriptures, we tend to have faith in something smaller than God. The scriptures keep drawing us to God so that we can develop the kind of powerful faith of which Jesus speaks of.

**Deed** - We grow in faith as we act in faith. Every gift of God is strengthened by the exercise of it, and this is true of faith. However, one word of caution: Just as the ordinary foot soldier sees too little to know how well or badly the battle is going, the ordinary Christian also has limited vision. The early Christians who were dying on crosses alongside the roads or in the Coliseum were acting in faith, and some may have felt that God had betrayed their faith. Faith means believing even when the outcome seems in doubt.

The point is NOT that God does not reward obedience, but that our obedience never puts God in our debt. We exist for God, not he for us. As the one who is unimaginably supreme over us, he deserves our total loyalty and unstinting obedience: it is merely the fulfillment of a natural obligation. Our salvation is therefore always dependent on God's grace (God's undeserved favor—God's gift). We stand in need of grace every day.

I look forward to getting to know you all better as we move in to the Fall season filled with faith and bounded in grace. Grace and peace be with us all.

I remain in His Service,

Pastor Ed

## **Prayer Concerns**

- Condolences to the family and friends of Cecilia Stephenson Bullard, daughter of Vivian and Simon Stephenson, who passed away after dealing with pancreatic cancer.
- Ronnie injured his knee but is doing a little better.
- Florence announced the good news that Melissa, her niece, is cancer free after receiving treatments for lymphoma. All of us were with Florence in our hearts on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Stephen's memorial service.
- Prayers for the family of Debra Simpkins McDonald.
- Jack Hamilton and his family as he deals with cancer issues
- Pam Grimes as she heals from a problem with her knee
- Jacob Baudoux is on military duty on an aircraft carrier in the Mediterranean Sea. Pray for his safety.
- Virginia and Alton Taylor, visitors in September, need our prayers for financial needs and Mr. Taylor to undergo surgery.

## **CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| * Kaylan King       | * Janet & Carl Bunn | * Jim Kramer        |
| * Mitch Parrish     | * Johnny Stewart    | * Barbara Rhodes    |
| * Jason Nunn        | * Randy Raynor      | * Brenda Byrd       |
| * Megan Poole       | * Danny Gay         | * Walt Slater       |
| * Courtney Jernigan | * Ed Dunn           | * Amy Beshgatoorian |
| * Vada Allen        | * Jimmy Worrell     | * Gene McGee        |

## **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**

We are blessed to have Kristy and Mike as pianists while we are looking for a full time pianist. Thank you both for the extra time you give to us providing such beautiful music.

Thanks to all who helped the mission committee provide refreshments to Stagecoach Manor and helped make their bracelets. They are always so appreciative of the little things in life.

Maria and Cecil Young have been traveling. Happy to see Maria back home safely.

It was a blessing to see Brenda Kane and her daughter Lauren baptized and welcomed as new members on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ira and Deirdre have recently celebrated their 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary and has toured Europe during the month of September. Happy to see them back home safe.

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**USHERS**

Glenda Talton and Ken Bianco

**NURSERY**

2 – Stay in church, 9 – Jenn Baudoux  
16 – Michelle & Kaylee Johnson, 23 – Becky Stephenson,  
30 – Jenn Baudoux

**BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Carole McCartney, 2 – Elisa Wright, 5 – Lynn Stephenson,  
5 – Ken Bianco, 5 – Raymond Stanley, 10 – Margaret King,  
10 – Mitch Parrish, 18 – Noah Ashworth, 23 – Brenda Kane,  
24 – Ronnie Stephenson

**CLEANING**

8 – Margaret King and Mary Rhodes, 22 – Volunteers needed

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Ronnie Stephenson

H: 919-894-5454

Cell: 919-524-2665

brh@embarqmail.com

Please call if you have concerns

**SECRETARY HOURS**

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11:00 AM to when tasks are completed

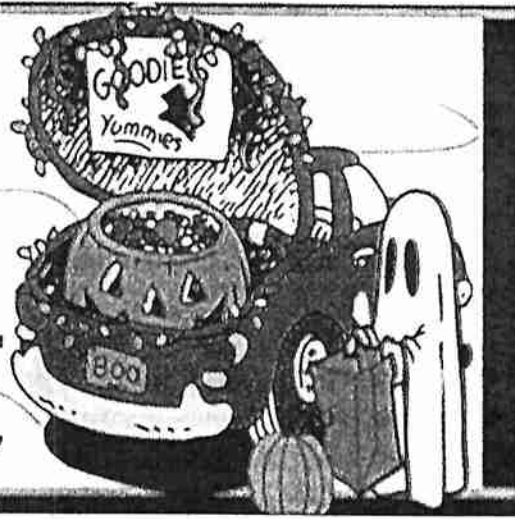
Thursdays – 1:00 PM to when tasks are completed.

A safe alternative to Trick or Treating!

Kids of all ages are invited to join us  
for fun, food, games and lots of

CANDY!

Trunk  
*or*  
Treat



**October 29th, 5-7 pm**

**White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
1459 White Memorial Church Rd., Willow  
Spring, NC**

If you would like to help us by donating candy or decorating a trunk please contact Michelle Johnson at 919-625-2656



SMALL PIANO IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AVAILABLE,  
FREE FOR PICK UP AND HAUL AWAY

TO WMPC FAMILY:

Hopefully everyone is aware of the baby grand piano, located in the fellowship hall, which was recently donated by our former pianist Teresa Holt. Her generosity is certainly appreciated; the baby grand is an asset to our facility and the overall "fellowship" experience.

Due to the presence of the baby grand, the other small piano, also located in the fellowship hall, is now considered surplus. The Session wishes to find the small piano a home before other means of disposal are considered. This piano is in fair condition, showing its age with some scuffs on it and is badly in need of proper tuning. It's about 58" wide, 24" deep, and 38" tall and includes a matching seat. Feel free to take a look at it.

Here's what you need to do if you have personal interest in obtaining the small piano for your own use or also if you are acting on behalf of someone outside the church family who wants the piano:

Give your name to Susan Foster no later than October 12<sup>th</sup>. If there are multiple interests, one name will be randomly drawn to obtain the piano. The person obtaining the piano will be responsible for its removal and hauling away by October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you!

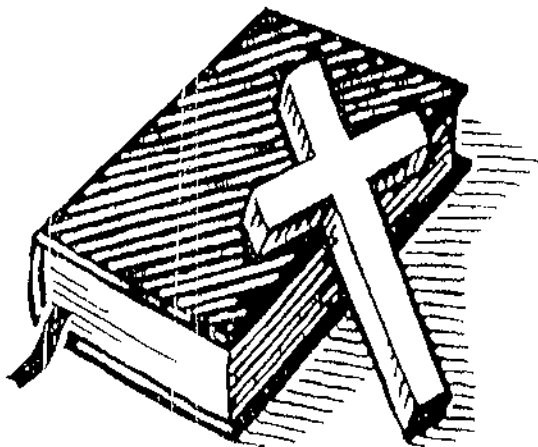
The Session

## ADULT STUDY GROUPS

Did you know there are 2 adult study groups who meet each Sunday morning at 9:30 AM? Did you know that coffee, fruit, and pastries are provided to nourish you before the groups begin? Well, we do!

One group you may know as the Joy Class – and joyful they are, using “The Present Word” as their study guide. The other group is known as the Round Table – currently studying “A Spirituality of Living” by Henri Nouwen; Soon to be followed by John Maxwell’s “Intentional Living Choosing a Life That Matters”.

So come on ahead – get some nourishment – body and soul.



## 1 MOUSE NEWS OCTOBER 2016

White Memorial is preparing for Homecoming on Sunday Oct. 16. Pastor Ed will deliver the Homecoming message. We have enjoyed meeting friends of Ed and Kathy, different ones visiting almost every week, one person or several in a group. The support of friends is testimony to WMPC's good fortune and blessing from God. We are thankful, Pastor Ed.

REMEMBER FOOD PANTRY AT WEST JOHNSTON. FOOD BASKET IN NARTHEX!

Carole McCartney is keeping busy, probably enjoying a break after her 2 years as WMPC moderator. She has visited two sons, one in Atlanta and the other in the Finger Lakes region of New York. She enjoyed the hills and mountains, visiting with grandchildren and getting together with old friends.

It 's very wonderful to see youth at Sunday School, attending confirmation classes. The future of the church, y'all. We are also enjoying baby showers, Lisa and Raymond's daughter, Nicole's and Anona Huff's daughter's.

Thank God for the kids for children's sermons--Prissy little **Lauren**, busy little **Preston**, big brother **Nick, Landon and Blake**, enjoying their antics and remembering that it used to be them, **Faith** and **Madison**, Thank God for parents who bring their children to church.

Susan Foster and husband Mel have a first great grandson, born August 20 to granddaughter, Darrian and husband Kyle, who are in the Coast Guard and station at Atlantic Beach. Susan has just returned from a week trip to Ft. Collins, Colorado to visit her uncle Dale. While there she renewed friendships with four of five cousins, 2 by Skype from Atlanta, Ga. and from the Ukraine. The other two, live close by and sponsored a reunion for her and their families. Twenty people enjoyed reconnecting with Susan.

Jayce Stephenson, Ann's grandson, is attending William Peace University in Raleigh, living in student apartments on Hillsborough Street. He'll play baseball in the spring.

Ashley Sanderson, daughter of Stephanye and John, will visit HOME this week from Austin, TX. All the family is excited.

Don and Teresa Smith attended a **Matthew Smith and Indelible Grace Concert** at Southside Baptist Church with daughter Lisa and husband Devin Penny. They enjoyed the program of old hymns with new melodies. Lisa Penny is now working part-time at her same job. She is enjoying having more time for family activities. Laura Katherine, their other daughter, is enjoying teaching ESL at a school between Garner and Raleigh. Don and Teresa enjoyed an early fall weekend trip to Ocean Isle.



## Short Biographies from Members of Our Congregation

### Deidre and Ira Jersey

Deidre and Ira Jersey are native New Yorkers who relocated to Johnston County in 1992 after Ira took a position at Nortel. Deidre requested to be near a city, Ira wanted space and WS provided both. Ira is now retired and Deidre works part-time by choice but will retire next year. They travel to see their older son, Ira, his wife Hilary and their three children, Isaac, 12, Aaron, 9, and Elania, almost six, who live in New Jersey. They also visit with younger son Richard and his wife Becky who live just over the Mecklenburg border on Mountain Island Lake in Mt. Holly. Ira taught himself to play the bass and can be seen at Lorraine's Coffee Shop in Garner on most Tuesday evenings. Deidre quilts, a hobby she learned about when they moved here. She's currently chair for the Southern Wake Quilt Guild. Both have served on the session, and Deidre was treasurer for almost 7 years. The couple is married 51 years. They look forward to a December cruise to the West Indies and then Christmas with the whole family in New Jersey.

### Elisa and Eric Wright

Eric and Elisa are married (for the second time to each other) with two adult children, Elizabeth, 25, and Lane 21; they have also adopted their eldest grandchild Nikolas, who is 6, and care for his half-brother Preston, 2. They visit their granddaughter Emma, who is 4 several times a year. Eris is a nurse in the UNC Johnston Health ER and Elisa is a land real estate agent (when not caring for the boys). Nikolas is a smart first grader, avid soccer player, and loves to go golfing with his great grandfather, Don "Pipps" Wright. At home, the family tends a 2 acre property down the street from the church, spending lots of time outdoors keeping the grass cut while giving Preston tractor rides. They take as many camping trips to Ocracoke as possible, where Eric served in the USCG just before the Gulf War broke out. Eric is an active member of our Men's Group, Elisa is involved in our choir and hosts our website, and the boys have a ball as two of our Young Disciples.

Please consider submitting a brief biographical sketch of you and your family for the upcoming newsletters.



“SAVE THE DATE” ..... SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> .....when  
ROADSIDE TRASH PICK-UP VOLUNTEERS will be needed for about  
2-3 HOURS beginning at 8:30 a.m. Meet together at the Fellowship Hall  
to get organized.

This is the “WHITE MEMORIAL CHURCH ROAD CLEANUP”

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!!



If any questions, see Don Smith. THANKS.

White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Committees and other roles for 2016

Supply Pastor: Rev. Ed Johnson

Session Members

Class of 2016: Anne Honeycutt  
Sharen Jackson  
Nancy Warren

Class of 2017: Judy Morris  
Don Smith  
Ronnie Stephenson

Class of 2018: Susan Foster, Clerk  
Lisa Stanley  
Rush Grimes

Administration and Finance (Called Meeting)

Chair: Don Smith

Members: Deirdre Jersey  
Stephanye Sanderson  
Margaret King  
Helen Smith  
Ken Bianco  
Joan Page

Building and Grounds (Called Meeting)

Chair: Judy Morris

Members: Ronnie Stephenson  
Joyce Byrd  
Rush Grimes  
Robin Grimes  
Jerry Smith  
Raymond Stanley  
Lori Hall  
Ken Bianco  
Mike Stewart

Christian Education (First Tuesday, 7:00 PM)

Chair: Lisa Stanley

Members: Margaret King  
Nancy Warren  
Judy Morris  
Jenn Baudoux  
Michelle Johnson  
Kaylee Johnson

Congregational Life (Called Meeting)

Chair: Nancy Warren

Members: Florence Marcinko  
Margaret King  
Elisa Wright  
Ken Bianco  
Maria S. Young  
Lisa Stanley

Congregational Care Team (Called Meeting)

Co-Chair: Margaret King and Rev. Carole  
McCartney

Members: Becky Stephenson  
Joyce Byrd  
Florence Marcinko  
Helen Smith  
Lisa Stanley  
Myrlene Watson (sends cards)

Cemetery Committee (Called Meeting)

Co-Chairs: Rush Grimes and Robin Grimes

Members: Don Smith  
Ronnie Stephenson  
Judy Morris

Mission Committee (Called Meeting)

Co-Chairs: Lisa Stanley & Margaret King

Members: Glenda Talton  
Anona Huff  
Florence Marcinko  
Annette Bridges  
Sandy Parrish  
Linda Strickland  
Mary Alice Rhodes  
Susan Foster

Worship and Music, (Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM)

Chair: Sharen Jackson

Members: Anne Honeycutt  
Joan Page  
Susan Foster  
Becky Stephenson  
Ann Stephenson

Nominating Committees (Called Meeting)

Chair: Lisa Stanley

Members: Sandy Parrish  
Glenda Talton  
Joyce Byrd  
Mary Alice Rhodes

All are welcome to join committee/committees of your choice.

Note: Committee Chairs: Please report any corrections or changes monthly to Sandy Parrish, so that accurate listings can be maintained.

Note: This listing is a new, ongoing effort intended to be of benefit to the pastor and others.

Trustees of the Corporation:

All Active Session Members

Corporation Officers:

President: Judy Morris

Secretary: Susan Foster

Treasurer: Don Smith

Personnel Committee: Active Session Members

Administrative Assistant: Sandy Parrish

Facebook Host: Anne Honeycutt

Website Servant: Elisa Wright

Music Ministry:

Choir Director: Anne Honeycutt

Coordinator: Nancy Warren

Pianists: Mike Stewart & Kristy Gathings

Members: Joan Page  
Sharen Jackson  
Judy Morris  
Susan Foster  
Elisa Wright  
Deirdre Jersey  
Ira Jersey  
Sandy Parrish  
Ann Stephenson  
Gerald Conkling