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“To know Christ and make Him known”

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Monday, June 6, 2016

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Monday, June 13, 2016

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Monday, June 20, 2016

Charles Harrill, J.C. Lamm, Bill Featherston

Monday, June 27, 2016

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Attendance Report

Sunday, May 1, 2016

Sunday School-73

Worship Service-87

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Sunday School-74

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Sunday, May 7, 2016

Sunday School-55

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Sunday, May 22, 2016

Sunday School-82

Worship Service-135

Serving on Sunday, June 5, 2016

Nursery: Kathy Griffis

2s & 3s: Brenda Tyler

Children's Church: Angela Cockerton

Church Security: Dennis Holloway

Serving on Sunday, June 12, 2016

Nursery: Cynthia Morris

2s & 3s: Claudia Robinette & Gabrielle Goodwin

Children's Church: Beth Ray

Church Security: Michael Beale

Serving on Sunday, June 19, 2016

Nursery: John and Monica Yates

2s & 3s: Nan Bates & Debra McIver

Children's Church: Melissa Ewing

Church Security: Kenny Melvin

Serving on Sunday, June 26, 2016

Nursery: Elaine Davis

2s & 3s: John and Beth Ray

Children's Church: Jennifer Byrd & Corey Davis

Church Security: John Yates



In Hebrews 10, the writer sought to encourage his readers to persevere in faith - to be faithful to the Lord in spite of the hardships they were experiencing. Thus he wrote, “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

I call your attention to the phrase “not giving up meeting together....” In other words, the writer was encouraging them not to neglect the worship of God and the study of his Word. That, my friends, is good counsel! While God’s people are privileged to honor and glorify God through compassionate ministry, warm fellowship, holy living and sensitive witnessing, the most appropriate way to honor God is to worship and praise Him. Worship is important - to God, to the church, to the worshiper and ultimately to the world.

A woman bought a new car that was loaded with high-tech options. The first time she drove the car in the rain, she turned a knob she thought would start the windshield wipers. Instead a message flashed across the dash: “Drive car in 360 degrees.” She had no idea what that meant, and so, when she got home, she read the car manual.

She learned that while trying to turn on the windshield wipers she had inadvertently turned off the internal compass, and the car had lost its sense of direction. To correct the problem, the car had to be driven in a full circle, pointed north, and then the compass had to be reset.

Each time we gather to worship, we are resetting our internal compass. We establish “true north” in our soul, remembering who God is, who we are and what God has called us to do!

With warmer weather and summer vacations approaching, most of us will be able to take some time off to rest and relax, to enjoy our family and friends and to reenergize ourselves, and that is a good thing. But please hear the counsel of the Hebrew writer - “don’t neglect the assembling of yourselves together.” Enjoy your summer vacations, but if possible, be faithful in worship! May God bless each of you!





Lord, You have always given bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, You have always given peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart, today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am, today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden, today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here, today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now, today I believe.



My dear friends, this is a beautiful prayer that is found in the book, Celtic Daily Prayer that contains prayers and readings from the Northumbria Community. It is a prayer I share with you this month because I know many of you – for various reasons – are struggling. It is a prayer I have come to treasure, for it speaks to the importance of believing in and through our suffering. I know that there are times when we don't feel as though we can or do believe anymore. But I think even, perhaps especially, during those times just uttering words of belief can eventually help our souls believe again.

So my friends whom I love so dearly, may you be strengthened this month. May God give you the courage and peace you need in your darkness, and may you know that you are never alone.

With love, Patricia

Deep Impact - July 11th - 16th.

Giving Summary	April 2016	May 1, 8, 15, 2016
Gen. Fund	21,795	25,523
Chall. to Maint.	50	50
Memorials & Honor	735	595
Radio Ministry		
Missions	1,200	50
Baptist Men/ Wheelchair Fund		4,250
Katie Yates Fund		100
Local Benevolence	50	
Mother's Day Offering (NC Baptist Hospital)		10
Wed Fellowship Meals	547	282
Total Gifts	23,830	30,578
Budget req. to date	151,346	
Gifts to date	128,776	
YTD req. under actual gifts	(22,570)	
% giving to req.	85%	

Happy Birthday!		
6/1 Mary Joyner	6/7 Betty Hildreth	6/9 Charles Harrill
6/12 Cathy McDuffie	6/15 Lex Hilton, Jr.	6/16 Tommy Cook
6/17 Mary Hardy	6/20 Steve Bullard	6/22 Joey Moree
6/26 Albert Bates	6/27 Rhonda Sessions	6/30 Elaine Wilson

Sympathy for the families of ...

Mr. L.V. Reel who passed away. He is Judy Marks' brother.
Mr. Shane Holder who passed away. He is the grandson of Harry and Barbara Coble.



With Deepest Sympathy



The children's choir chimes accompanied the choir on the Call to Worship on Sunday, May 22. These children have had a successful year, and we will look forward to seeing them again in the Fall. There will be a concert of sacred music on Sunday, June 5th at First Baptist Church in Laurinburg. Eight choirs will combine to sing anthems composed by Joseph Martin. You also will hear this magnificent artist perform a variety of hymns and arrangements of his own. The concert begins at 7:00 pm and there are reminders up around the church.

Happy Anniversary!

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| 6/2 - Mark and Brenda Tyler - 14 years | 6/7 - Ric and Pat Buckner - 46 years |
| 6/9 - Glenn and Brenda Snyder - 43 years | 6/14 - Joey and Mary Catherine Moree - 11 years |
| 6/15 - Matt and Gabrielle Goodwin - 3 years | 6/16 - Robert and Nora Smith - 66 years |
| 6/19 - Richard and Linda Byrd - 40 years | 6/19 - Chris and Cathy McDuffie - 45 years |
| 6/20 - Fred and Peggy Harris - 62 years | 6/22 - Kenny and Leah Melvin - 31 years |
| 6/30 - Randy and Christy Warren - 37 years | |



Our heartfelt thanks to our church family and friends for your visits, calls, cards, food, and prayers during our sickness and the death of Jerry's brother. Your loving support and kindness helped us through this difficult time.

Elaine and Jerry Davis



As I'm sure you know by now, we have a new phone tree system at the church, and we are working diligently to get all the kinks worked out. We have been sending texts and voice messages about every week. If you have not received either of these, please contact the church office to let us know as soon as possible. It may be that we do not have your cell phone number listed or that we have the wrong number for you. Also, there is nothing we

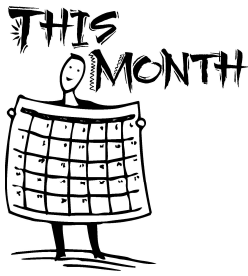
can do to change the way voice messages are received. There will always be a pause when you initially answer and after you hear the introduction, so please just be patient with it. Legally the system is required to ask if you want to receive messages from this number. You are important to our church and we want you to be getting the messages, so again, please let us know if you have not been receiving them. Thank you!



Many thanks to everyone who helped to make Festival of Tables a success this year! From cooks, to servers, to decorators, to attendees - thank you! It was a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to next year.



Vacation Bible School is JUST around the corner! June 20-24th from 9am-12pm in the morning we will be joining First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church for VBS. This year it will be at the Methodist Church. Our last volunteer meeting will be Saturday, June 18th at 10:00am in the Worship Center of the Bynum building at FUMC. Please invite children that you know to come join us for this special week as we explore Bible stories pertaining to water. The theme is "Surf Shack," and we are bound to have fun!!



- June 7 - Worship Council Meeting, 6:00 pm
June 8 - Last Day of School for Richmond County Students
June 12 - Men's Breakfast, 9:00 am
June 18 - VBS Volunteer Meeting at FUMC, 10:00 am
June 19 - Father's Day
June 20 - Deacon's Meeting, 6:30 pm
- VBS begins today through June 24 at FUMC, 9:00 am—12:00 pm

**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**



A special note of congratulation to the following graduates from our congregation:

Holli Hayes, Class of 2016
Richmond Senior High

Abram Buckner, Associates of Arts
Richmond Community College

Charlie Melvin, BS in Biology/BA in Physics
North Carolina State

Hal Shuler, Ed.D - Education Administration and Supervision
North Carolina State

Congratulations on this milestone in your life! We are proud of each of you, and we hold you in our prayers in these coming weeks and months. May God bless you!

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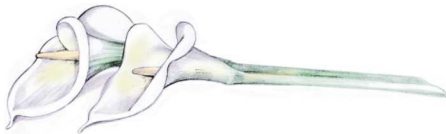
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Mrs. Betty Hildreth

Miss Evelyn Marks



In Honor

Mrs. Martha Gandy

Mrs. Jean Cain



THE **GREATEST** GIFT I EVER HAD,
CAME FROM **GOD**;
I CALL HIM **DAD** !!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY