

Long Memorial UMC

August 2010

REMEMBER: Deadline for our September newsletter is Friday, August 27th at 9:00 A.M. You may bring any articles to the church office or e-mail your articles to: pwade@esinc.net – Thank you!

PRAYER CHAIN: The last Sunday in July, Rev. Allen delivered an illuminating message on prayer: our need for persistence in prayer and our expectations of answers to those prayers. So it seems like a fitting time to remind you of Long Memorial's Prayer Chain, a group of dedicated persons lifting up daily prayers for urgent needs within our church, as well as our extended community.

You already know you may call either Tania Edwards (599-3863) or Martha Butler (597-3946) with a request for prayer. But, moreover, please consider joining the Prayer Chain yourself. Knowing you have accepted this obligation will gently urge you to focus each day on Him, in whose hands all our prayers rest.

Worship With Us Every Sunday

9:00 AM - Early Service - Chapel

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship - Sanctuary

OUR INFORMATION

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.” That is a phrase I remember hearing from family members and friends as I grew up. While that statement makes sense, I have never been someone who wanted to catch flies, except maybe during baseball games, so I did not worry about either honey or vinegar. That is until I was a student at Young Harris College, searching for a purpose and meaning for life. I had not attended church for years, and did not have faith in God through Christ Jesus. It was then that I began to come in contact with Christians who preached at me, telling me that I had to repent of my sins or I would go to hell. Now, while their message was theologically correct, their method was so repulsive that, instead of leading me to faith in Christ, it drove me farther away, because I wanted to distance myself from those people. It was not until a few Christian friends took the time to share the good news of Christ with me, that I began to feel that desire to follow as a disciple of Jesus Christ. And, it was at that moment that I began to realize that you really are able to catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

The word Gospel means “Good News.” GOOD NEWS! The good news is God loves us, has always loved us, and made a way for us to love God in return. God sent His Son to die on our behalf. God is the Prodigal Father, waiting patiently to see His Prodigal son or daughter to walk toward the house, where the Father goes out and embraces His child, placing a ring on their finger, sandals on their feet and a robe on their back. Now, I am not saying that there is no such thing as sin, absolutely not. This world is a sinful world, you do not have to look far to see signs of brokenness and hatred. But I am saying that God has already redeemed us, and all we are called to do is to tell people that they do not have to live a broken life anymore. There is hope, forgiveness, and an opportunity for a new life. That my friends is GOOD NEWS! And I hope that attitude is reflected in my preaching and teaching. I strive to proclaim the same good news that touched and changed my life. Jesus loves us this I know for the Bible tells us so. So, in word and deed, may we consistently proclaim the good news, for that is the news that Jesus proclaimed, and, we can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar.

Bruce

DINNER AND A SHOW

On Sunday, August 29 at 6:00 in the evening Long Memorial will join together for another fifth Sunday dinner. However, this dinner will be different, for those who come will be treated to dinner AND a show. Long Memorial UMC will be sponsoring its very first “Truly Wed” game. This is based upon the “Newlywed Game” which ran on television some years ago, but this game has a twist. The “Truly Wed” game honors those who have celebrated a number of years together. Come and be a part of the festivities, as Rev. Allen, the emcee, helps discover how well (or poorly) these couples know each other. Mark your calendars, more details to come!

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY TIME AGAIN!

Were you married in 1960? If you were, the United Methodist Women would like to honor you and your spouse this year. Call the church office (599-1193) if this is the year of your golden anniversary.

MERCI CENTER

On August 29, 2010, a special offering will be collected for MERCI Center. The MERCI Mission Center, located in Goldsboro, NC, is an outreach program of the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church. MERCI is solely supported by donations and grants. MERCI needs your help to continue supporting those who are affected by disasters, poverty, and adversity.

AUGUST ACOLYTES:

August 1 – Ashley Stewart
August 8 – Carly Allen
August 15 – Caroline Strickland
August 22 – Carson Pleasant
August 29 – Wyatt Kimbrough

AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 11:00 A.M.

August 1 – Karla Peed
August 8 – Lisa Wesley
August 15 – Shelia Mitchiner
August 22 – Patti Morgan
August 29 – Becky Brann

AUGUST LAY READERS:

August 1 – 9 A.M. – **Stephen Saunders**
 11 A.M. – **Charles Owens**
August 8 – 9 A.M. – **Alan Hicks**
 11 A.M. – **Jan Kerr**
August 15 – 9 A.M. – **Earl Brooks**
 11 A.M. – **Jean Andrews**
August 22 – 9 A.M. – **Terry Allen**
 11 A.M. – **Drama Team**
August 29 - 9 A.M. – **Gene Alston**
 11 A.M. – **Loudell Long**

CIRCLE MEETINGS – 8/23/10

1 & 2 – Diana Smith – 10:00 A.M.
3 – Helene Moran– 10:30 A.M.
4 – Ann Lewis – 7:30 P.M.
5 – Barbara Alexander – 7:30 P.M.

AUGUST FLOWER CALENDAR

August 1 - Nancy Newell
August 8 – Connie Mundy
August 15 – Ashley Bailey
August 22 – Arthur Oakley
August 29 -

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

August 01 – Ann Street
August 03 – Courtney Craig
August 07 – Stephanie Hodgkin, Harry Walters, Danny Bumpass
August 08 – Anna Claire Pleasant
August 13 – Jean Andrews
August 14 – Leah Currier
August 15 – Chuck Strickland, Tracey Kendrick
August 16 – Connie Mundy, Tom H. Clayton
August 17 – Eugene Berryhill, Ginny Stewart
August 18 – Jackson Kimbrough
August 20 – Vergie Clayton, Ann Garrard
August 22 – Barnett Hobgood
August 23 – Sam Bailey
August 24 – Amanda Blanks
August 26 – Agnes Bacnik
August 29 – Kevin Clayton, Norma Burnett, Mallory Walters, Katherine Harris
August 30 – Betty Stewart, Candy Burd
August 31 – Frances Wright, Pauline Gentry

Our VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010 was a great success.
Many volunteers made a commitment to provide leadership
during VBS. These people shared the Word of God with
others. We now want to say thank you!

MANY THANKS TO: *Ashley Bailey, Bruce Allen, Sue Allen, Julie Mason, Martha Butler, Karla Peed, Stephanie Linville, Jessie Saunders, Jan Kerr, Diana Stovall, Yvonne Pleasant, Felicia Allen, Sam Craig, Amy Bayliff, Tracy Rogers, Kay Carver, Caroline Allen, Carly Allen, Jeanne Gentry, Courtney Craig, Caroline Strickland, Carson Pleasant. Also, Terry Allen, Jill Strickland, Lesia O'Hara, Billie Oakley. To all members of Long Memorial for prayers and the VBS Children and their Parents!*

YOUTH NEWS

Take me out to the ball game.....

DURHAM BULLS BASEBALL GAME - COME JOIN THE FUN! THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH! FAMILIES ARE INVITED! – JUST CALL PAM AT THE CHURCH TO SAY HOW MANY YOU HAVE GOING by August 2ND. WE WILL MEET IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AT 5:30 P.M. BRING MONEY FOR FOOD! SEE YOU THURSDAY, AUGUST 5TH.

YOUTH KICK-OFF PARTY/GET-TOGETHER ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010!

5:00p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Come join the fun as we plan for an exciting 2010-2011 UMYF YEAR! SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED! ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO COME SO MARK YOUR CALENDAR ! See ya' soon! ☺

Coming Soon:

Preschool Parent Orientation – Thursday, September 2nd – 7 P.M.
Harris Fellowship Hall

CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS : Ramen noodles, macaroni & cheese. A basket is in the Narthex for you to place your donations in. Thank you!

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

...Mary Lockhart in the death of her sister, Sue Brooks Mins;

...Sandra Gray in the death of her sister, Barbara Boone Hall;

...Vickie Carver in the death of her mother and our church member, Evelyn Burch Jones.

MEET AND GREET

Our "Meet and Greet" the pastor and his family will continue this Sunday at 3:00 P.M. in the Harris Hall. This will be our last meeting date. Hope you will attend!

