

Long Memorial UMC

September 2011

REMEMBER: Deadline for our October newsletter is Friday, September 23th 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: Members of the prayer chain are offering daily prayers for those on our prayer list. If you, or someone you love, would like daily prayers for a special need, please either Tania Edwards (599-3863) or Martha Butler (597-3946). Please consider joining the Long Memorial UMC 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

8:45 AM - Early Service - Chapel

9:45 AM - Sunday School

11:00 AM - Worship - Sanctuary

OUR INFORMATION

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MEDICAL CONCERNS: Bill Sabiston – At home
Stony Stonbraker – At home
Huldah Berryhill – At home
Mary Lockhart – At home

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to:
...the Family of Dorothy Bell Wood;
...Diana Smith in the death of her husband, Harold Adams Smith, II;
...Sandra Gray in the death of her step-mother, Casey Boone.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are all aware of the significance of September 11, 2011. Ten years ago a number of men boarded airplanes, took control of them, and turned them into weapons of mass destruction as they flew them into the twin towers, the Pentagon, and into a field in Pennsylvania. As shocking as this event was, it made us even harder to understand for they claimed to be doing this atrocity in the name of Islam. It left the world wondering how someone can kill thousands of innocent people, and call it HOLY? The question to be asked is this: bad religion, good religion- how do you tell the difference?

Well, let's begin with an understanding that most religious people, Christians, Jews, and Muslims, are peace loving, law abiding, considerate people. However, in all three religions there are radical people who get off center and become extremists. And these individuals have several things in common. First of all, they have a closed mind when it comes to their Scriptures. They know what to believe and will tell you what to believe. There are to be no questions to be asked, no discussion or dialogue. The reason for that is the extremists do not shape their life around their Scriptures, they shape the Scriptures to fit their life. Why? If their practices are questioned, then their religion falls apart. Therefore they are to blindly follow the teachings of the extremist view.

Secondly, there is always a person, a charismatic individual who calls everyone to follow him. He tells them what to wear, what to eat, who to marry, what to do. David Koresh and Jim Jones come to mind when it comes to Christian extremism, and Osama Bin Laden falls into that category in the Muslim world. And what do they teach?

The third aspect of extremist groups is the fact that they teach intolerance and hatred toward anyone who is not like them. There are no grey areas in the minds of extremists, either people are friends or enemies. When these aspects are lived out in religion, then religion is bad. But, if we follow the One who loved the world so much that He bled and died for the world, if we reflect the life and love of Jesus, then we will be practicing good religion. Remember, you can tell a tree by its fruit. If the fruit is good, then the tree is healthy. If the fruit is bad, then the tree is unhealthy. May we, in this ten year remembrance of 9/11 live out the love and sacrifice of Jesus, who bore our sins on the cross.

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SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES:

September 4 – Mackenzie Clayton
September 11 – Anniston Stovall
September 18 – Brooke Peed
September 25 –

SEPTEMBER NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR 11:00 A.M.

September 4 – Terri Cates
September 11 – Barbara Alexander
September 18 – Sue Allen
September 25 – Stacey Paith

SEPTEMBER LAY READERS:

September 4 – 11 A.M. – *Donna Hoover*
September 11 – 11 A.M. – *Kathryn Keith*
September 18 -11 A.M. – *Lois M. Winstead*
September 25 – 11 A.M. – *Ralph Lewis*

CIRCLE MEETINGS – 9/26/11

1 & 2 – Covered Dish Meal at Church – 6:30 P.M.
3 – Covered Dish Meal at Church – 6:30 P.M.
4 – Covered Dish Meal at church – 6:30 P.M.
5 – Covered Dish Meal at Church – 6:30 P.M.

SEPTEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR

September 4 – Gene Kuykendall
September 11 – George & Jackie Johnson
September 18 – The Linville Family
September 25 – Arthur Oakley

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - SEPTEMBER:

Janet Clayton & Jill Strickland

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

September 01 – Emily Humphries
September 03 – Candace Long
September 04 – Cronelia Loftis, Lester Klinker
September 05 – Woody Garrett, Grier Briggs
September 06 – Connee White, Becky Clayton, Linda Bridges
September 08 – Jim Owen
September 12 – Gene Alston
September 13 – Tres Linville
September 14 – Jackie Blanks
September 15 – Eloise White
September 16 – Imogene Wilson
September 17 – Mark Galloway, Mize Thomas
September 18 – Wells King
September 19 – Bob Linville
September 22 – Barbara Walters, Cole Strickland
September 26 – Millie Cole
September 27 – Teenie Talbert
September 28 – Tom Andrews, Caroline Strickland
September 30 – Katie Solomon

INTERESTED IN JOINING A CIRCLE?

We have one for you!!

The United Methodist Women are having a covered dish meeting on Monday, September 26th at 6:30 P.M. in the Harris Fellowship Hall. This is a great time for anyone who is interested in joining a circle to share time with us and see what we are all about. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Felicia Allen at 599-3244.

UNITED METHODIST MEN - NEW SEASON KICK-OFF

Once again it is time to begin the Methodist Men's Breakfast / Meetings.

Our first meeting will be,

Sunday, September 18, 2011, at 8 AM in the Harris Hall.

Thank you all for your participation last year.

We look forward to seeing you again!

If you know of anyone who would like to join us please bring them along.

Hope to see there!

CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER NEEDS : cereal, oatmeal, grits, breakfast bars, pancake mix (the kind requiring water only). A basket is in the Narthex for you to place your donations in. Thank you!

NEW ADDRESS FOR CHARLES AND PEGGY OWENS:

2600 Croasdaile Farm Parkway
Apt A 255
The Homestead
Durham, NC 27705
Phone: 919-384-2208

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER:

Worship Committee – Tuesday, September 6th – 7:00 P.M. – Library
Mission Committee – Wednesday, September 7th – 10 A.M. - Library
Stewardship Committee – Friday, September 30th – 7:00 P.M. - Library

HANDBELL CHOIR TO BEGIN THIS SOON

You do not have to be a musician...or need to read music. A desire to have fun and learn a new skill is important. Handbells are a ministry that blesses the ringer in abundance. If you have an interest please see Chuck Higgins at church or call him at 336-681-8003.

CAN YOU SPEND ONE DAY WITH A CHILD THIS YEAR?

For those of you who have been hesitant to volunteer as tutors in our Hand-in-Hand partnership with South Elementary School, thinking it might be too much of a commitment, the following should help to dispel that myth.

Although the school year begins in August and ends in June, tutoring actually doesn't begin until mid-October and ends in mid-May, for a total of 7 months. Then, taking into consideration the two weeks vacation at Christmas, one week at Easter, and over a week's worth of other holidays throughout the school year, that reduces the total tutoring time to 6 months. Consequently, based on an average of 4 weeks per month, one hour's tutoring per week comes to 24 hours - just one day!

So, if you have one day to give to a child this school year, please let Jackie Johnson know. That child you've yet to meet is waiting...

However, if you're still sure that tutoring is not part of God's plan for you, please consider joining the Hand-in-Hand Prayer Team or Teacher Appreciation Teams. There is a place for you in this ministry.

MISSION NOTES:

Have you noticed the bulletin board in the church hallway recently? There is a commendation there that reflects the generosity of each of you. It reads:

IN APPRECIATION

Presented to Long Memorial United Methodist Church

In grateful appreciation for being among the top 5 churches in the Durham District of the North Carolina Conference, the United Methodist Church, giving to the Advance in the Year 2010.

The Advance ministries you supported in 2010 were Greg Jenks ZOE Ministry, the MERCI Center, Hinton Rural Life Center, Project Agape and UMCOR's Disaster Response. And you are well on your way to similar support this year. Congratulations, Long Memorial UMC!

HURRICANE IRENE RESPONSE

The NC Conference has activated a disaster response call for Hurricane Irene at the Methodist Building in Garner, NC. Volunteers are to help with our coordination efforts.

Anyone wanting to volunteer should email disasterresponse@nccumc.org or call [888-440-9167](tel:888-440-9167). More details and updates available at <http://nccumc.org/outreach/>

BIBLE STUDY TO RESUME

Thursday Morning Bible Study will resume on September 8 at 10-11:30 a.m. in the library, under the leadership of Martha Butler. We will pick up where we left off with Jacob and Esau in Genesis 32. Please join us as we study the historical, conceptual and spiritual roots of our faith. Members of the group say they have found this weekly time together to be an informative and inspiring source of fellowship and shared faith. Newcomers and drop-ins are always welcome!

Budget figures to date

8-28-2011	
Pledges	\$249,655
Receipts	\$209,139
Amount behind	\$40,516

Capital Campaign

8-28-2011	
Pledges	\$294,621
Receipts	\$239,542

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY

We are excited to get back to School and Sunday School!

**We hope you will join us for a
Sunday School Promotion Breakfast
September 25Th. 9:45 a.m.**

(Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service)

**We will gather for a time of fellowship, recognize our
teachers and head to our classes for a short lesson
together.**

Preschool (3's and 4's) – Mrs. Jill Strickland, Janet Clayton
ELEMENTARY (K – 5) - 3Sue Allen, Stephanie Linville, Tracy Rogers, Laura Atkins
Lee Long Youth Room (6th- 12th) – Will Carver, Pam Day
Tom Brown Class – Tom Brown & Bob Blanks
*Crusaders – Betty Stewart
New Young Adult – Rev. Bruce Allen
Breakfast Club – Mark Galloway
*Wesley Hambrick –Alan Hicks

YOUTH NEWS

BACK TO YOUTH KICK-OFF PARTY – HYCO LAKE

September 25, 2011

All youth Grades 6th – 12th

Are invited to come to Youth

Sunday the 25th as we kick-off our year together.

Loads of Fun and Good Food.

**Come with your ideas and expectations for a year of
Spiritual Growth and a Deeper Faith.**

GAMES ~ FOOD~FELLOWSHIP

DON'T MISS IT!

3:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m

Bring a friend! ☺

Wear your bathing Suit and Bring a Towel.

We will meet at Long Memorial in the church parking lot. (2:45p.m.)

YOUR FAMILIES ARE WELCOMED!

CALL/EMAIL PAM TO LET HER KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE
SO WE CAN PLAN FOR ENOUGH FOOD.

Daybunch4@esinc.net/[599-1193](tel:599-1193)/text 504-2114

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are so excited to begin our 2011-2012 Preschool Year.

This fall marks our 13th year. Please continue to pray for Our

Preschool ~ our families, our teachers, and the 110 children we will be serving.

The Long Memorial Preschool serves as an outreach ministry for young children, ages infant/toddler to four, in our Church and community with the MISSION of providing an environment for social, emotional, physical, language, cognitive, aesthetic and spiritual growth, shaped by Judiac-Christian values and God's love and acceptance of us all.

We welcome our Preschool Staff

Infant/Toddler: Kelly Conner, Isabelle Blick

2's: Pam Day, Sam Craig, Tina Porterfield

3's: Rhonda Currier, Melissa Feren, Laura Dallas, Kay Carver, Vickie Carver,
Brenda Bittner, Tracy Rogers

4's: Angela Rimmer, Melissa McCarson, Joy Pickett, Cheryl Lockwood,

COMING SOON

VOTED THE BEST VALUE IN AMERICA

Long Memorial Preschool will kick-off their annual LITTLE CEASARS PIZZA KIT

FUNDRAISING PROGRAM. Please see any Preschool Board Member, Pam Day or any of our Preschool families. The Pizza's are delicious. And EASY AS 1-2-3-....1: SPREAD SAUCE

2: ADD CHEESE 3:ADD YOUR FAVORITE TOPPINGS, BAKE AND ENJOY!!!!

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT! ☺

