



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

Does Easter make a difference in your life? It has been said that Christians are Easter People. When we say our Apostles' Creed, we are professing and affirming what we believe. Sometimes we may get in a rhythm, going through our memorization and may not fully remember the sacrifice of Jesus.

Salvation comes only through the blood of Jesus Christ. His life, death, and resurrection made a difference in our lives. We have been spared the penalty of our sins...ONLY by his sacrifice for us. That is God's grace, unmerited, given to us as a gift...and what a gift! Our faith rests solely on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It does make a difference what we believe!

This year, we will have revival right after Easter. We have been preparing our hearts through Lent, and reflected on our sins and God's wonderful forgiveness and grace. We will observe Holy Week soon and the journey to the cross. Yet we know it did not end at the cross...but continues on even now celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death with his glorious resurrection.

*Pray especially this month for our hearts to be so inspired that we want to outreach and share our faith with others. Pray for revival! Pray for the future ministry of Plank Chapel in our community. **BUT**, when you pray, be prepared for answers. Be prepared for opportunities to witness and share your faith.*

We live in a hurting world that is in need of our Savior. II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." Easter does make a difference! Jesus Christ is that difference! Share the Good News!

Easter Blessings!

Pastor Carol

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***Have You Invited Someone
to Church Lately?***



In just a little over a week, we'll be partaking of the Wild Game Supper at Plank Chapel. The menu consists of everything from pheasant to bear—with frog legs and alligator in between. If you can think of a critter that's even somewhat palatable it'll probably be one of the entrées at the supper! And that's not even considering the dessert menu, which has everything from “cow” pie to “kitty litter” cake! But one thing I bet you won't find on the menu of the Wild Game Supper is *dirt*.

As most of us know, this is the season of Lent. Lent is that time when we're called to make sacrifices and give up things in order to devote ourselves more fully to prayer and meditation on Scripture. It's also that time when we become more aware of the suffering and sin around us as we grow ever closer to Good Friday, remembering Christ's crucifixion and his sacrifice for all of creation, because, as John 3:16 tells us:

For God so loved the world
that He gave His only
begotten Son, that whosoever
believes in Him should not
perish but have everlasting
life. (NKJV)

A couple of weeks ago, some classmates of mine did the devotion during class. Because it is the season of Lent, they shared a newspaper article with the class about how the poor in Haiti are actually eating *dirt* to survive. When I heard this I was horrified!

When we were kids, our parents told us to “clean our plates” because there were “starving people in China.” Today, there are still starving people among us—even in

the United States. There are children in *this* country who go to bed and wake up with very little or nothing to eat.

I realize that world hunger cannot be solved over night. But during this season of Lent, let us remember Jesus' words in Matthew 25:34-40:

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

May we, brothers and sisters, be counted among the righteous.

Peace,
Pastor Angie



...Now known as...**CHAOS!**

We have selected a new name for our Youth Group, **CHAOS**, which stands for **“Christ Has All Our Solutions.”** We appreciate everyone’s support for our recent “Souper Bowl of Caring” offering for ACTS, which we collected \$193.33.

We have LOTS of things going on. We are hoping to soon paint out Youth Room (pending Trustee approval!) and hope to get new lighting. We also have new *Teen Study Bibles* to use in Sunday School and Youth Group. We are trying something NEW beginning with our Lenten season! We shared a Pancake Supper on “Shrove Tuesday,” including blue, green, pink, purple, and plain pancakes. We will meet on Tuesday at 6:30 pm for supper, share in a Bible Study time, and “Taking It to the Streets” discussions. (We have had 12-17 youth attend thus far.) We are also having our regular meetings on Sundays after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays to Meet ‘n’ Eat.

Mark your calendars for **YOUTH NIGHT for REVIVAL!** Sunday, March 30th, we will have **Travlin’ Lite** for an awesome service. Invite your friends!

Youth Sunday is quickly approaching on April 13th! All youth are invited to come on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 7:00 pm for **CHOIR PRACTICE**. We appreciate the Adult Choir donating *The Faith We Sing* hymnals for us to us. We also appreciate Patricia Fuller working with us. Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join. Stay tuned - Come and bring a friend! **Share some Christ-centered CHAOS!**



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Plan now to support KLM and enjoy dinner at 220 Seafood on March 10th from 4 – 7 pm. Tickets are \$6.00. See Joe Sears or Raymond Newman for tickets.

Camp is July 14-18 at Satterwhite Point. Make plans now for children and youth to participate. Helpers are needed as well. Thank you for your support of this community ministry!



The choir will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Join the choir!



Bell practice sessions will be Feb. 20th, Mar 5th & 18th at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in playing bells, feel free to come!

Donald Rose McGhee



Thank You!

For all the dedication and hard work with recent events, Safe Sanctuaries, bereavement meals, Bible Study, etc.....

We Thank You!



Historical Trivia

...No report for now.

Hilma Smith

UM Men

*United Methodist Men's
Wild Game Supper*



*Saturday, March 1st
6:00 pm*

(Donations Appreciated!)

UM Men will meet on Sunday, March 16th at 8:00 am with breakfast. All men are invited!

For the Wild Game Supper, we need meat, tea, and deserts also. Don't miss it!



The UMW's special "Call to Prayer and Self-denial" Service is on February 24th. In addition, the UMW will continue this year to share tokens of appreciation for the staff at Zeb Vance Elementary. Easter Lilies will adorn our sanctuary for Easter. (see the attached form.) Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle had a wonderful time at their February meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, March 19th, at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



*Remember others in prayer...
the Family of Margaret Smith*



The Missions Team plans to support the fundraiser for the MERCI Center to be held April 12th at Aldersgate UMC in Durham. If you want to donate or attend, please see Joe Sears.



Healthy Congregations Study

Plan to attend and discern how our congregation can be healthy as the Body of Christ. We will share in this study for 4 sessions, February 24th, March 2nd, 9th, & 16th at 7:00 pm. Please be in prayer for Plank Chapel UMC and our future ministry.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Change clocks when going to
bed...March 8th**

***Prepare now to become an
ORGAN DONOR...***

***"Heaven knows" we need
them here! (You won't need
them where you are going!)***



Worship Committee

Be sure to invite your friends & neighbors for these special services at Plank Chapel UMC:



Hosannah!

Palm Sunday

March 16th at 11:00 am

(10:00 am Sunday School)



The Lord's Supper

Maundy Thursday

March 20th at 7:00 pm



**easter
sunrise
services**

Easter Sunrise

March 23rd at 7:00 am

***(in the cemetery – weather permitting
or inside if not)***

***Followed by a Pancake Breakfast
Compliments of the UM Men***



Easter Service at 11:00 am

(10:00 am Sunday School)

***Bring flowers to adorn the cross and
Celebrate the Resurrection***

REVIVAL is COMING!

[Please be in prayer for our revival.]

Sunday, March 30th - 6:00 pm

Youth Night (All Invited!)

(5:15 Youth Hot Dog Supper)

“Travlin’ Lite”

Christian Rock Band

***(a special offering will be received for
World Vision – to help needy children in
Third World Countries)***

Monday, March 31st - 7:00 pm

“Unashamed” Gospel Quartet

Mr. Tom Walden, Preaching

Tuesday, April 1st – 7:00 pm

Special Music

Mr. Tom Walden, Preaching



**Education
Committee
Meeting**



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

Christian Education News!

This year's theme for Vacation Bible School will be “*BEACH PARTY*” Surfin' through the Scriptures,” and the dates are Sunday 6/15 thru Wed 6/18/08. The next meeting will be Sunday March 9 at 3PM. Anyone interested in helping please plan to come to this meeting. We need volunteers.

Blake Brown, Chair



Age-Level Ministries:

Plan to join us for these fun filled,
Christ-centered events:



Easter Egg Hunt *Saturday, March 8th*

10:00 am - noon

*(Bring your kites to fly weather
permitting)*

*Snacks, craft activity,
and the Easter Story*

Seniors' Honorary Luncheon

Sunday, May 4th - noon

*(All Senior Citizens are invited
to join us!)*

Staff/Parish Notes

If you should ever have a concern, the
members of the Staff/Parish Committee
are:

Kay Deans (08) Chair & Lay Delegate,
Donald Rose McGhee (08)* (Lay
Leader), Mike Raney (08),
(Administrative Board Chair), Lorraine
Abbott (08), Scott Ritchey (09), Freddie
McGhee (09), Beverly Newman (10),
and Tim Smith (10). We thank them
for their faithful service.

WANTED!!!

The UM Women have graciously
agreed to oversee the NURSERY
schedule. We need teams of either
2 adults or 1 adult & 1 youth. We
need people to sign-up who are
willing to help. Jesus loves the
little children!!! And we do too!!!
See Kay Deans to sign up.

*******IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!*****

**SAFE SANCTUARIES – Our
Administrative Council approved
the Safe Sanctuaries policy for
implementation. Copies will be
available soon for each family.**

ACTS



ACTS continues to minister to the needs
of our community. The churches in our
community are asked to consider
sponsoring a fundraiser to support this
ministry. ACTS will continue providing
services to women & children, but will
refer men to another neighboring
facility. The renovated living quarters
are nearly ready. There are needs for
dining room furniture, dishes, pot &
pans, TV's, microwaves, and living
room furniture for the women &
children's housing. Please contact
Melvin at ACTS if you can help.
**Financial donations *ESPECIALLY*
needed now.** Jesus said, "In as much as
you have done it to the least of these...."



March

Services & Meetings:

- 1 – 6:00 pm WILD GAME SUPPER!
- 2 – Sunday School & Worship
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
For UMCOR
noon – UMYF Meet ‘n’ Eat
7:00 pm Healthy Congregations
- 3 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 Worship Committee
- 4 – 6:30 CHAOS (youth) “Taking It to the Streets” dinner, study, and Christianity
- 5 – 6:30 Handbells
6:30 Youth Choir (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm Choir
- 6 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 7 – 7:00 pm World Day of Prayer at Liberty Christian Church
- 8 – 10:00 – noon EASTER EGG HUNT!
CHANGE CLOCKS TONIGHT!
- 9 – Sunday School & Worship
3:00 pm Education Committee
7:00 pm Healthy Congregations
- 10 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
4:00 – 7:00 pm Kerr Lake Ministries Fundraiser at 220 Seafood!
- 11- 6:30 CHAOS (youth) “Taking It to the Streets” dinner, study, and Christianity
- 12 - 6:30 Youth Choir (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm Choir
- 13 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 14 –
- 15 –
- 16 – 8:00 am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
PALM SUNDAY
noon – UMYF Meet ‘n’ Eat
3:00 pm Um Women
7:00 pm Healthy Congregations
- 17 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 18- CHAOS (youth) NOT TONIGHT – see Maundy Thursday
- 19 – 10:00 am Seniors’ Circle
6:30 Handbells
6:30 Youth Choir (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm Choir
- 20 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

- 21 –
- 22 –
- 23 – 7:00 am EASTER SUNRISE Service
Sunday School & Worship
- 24 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 25 –
- 26 – 6:30 Youth Choir (fellowship hall)
7:00 pm Choir
- 27 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 28 –
- 29 –
- 30 – Sunday School & Worship
5th Sunday MUSIC Service
5:15 pm Youth Hot Dog Supper
6:00 pm REVIVAL – Youth Night with Travlin’ Light
- 31 – 7:00 REVIVAL with Tom Walden and Music by UNASHAMED
- Apr 1 – 7:00 pm REVIVAL with Tom Walden and Special Music



March 2 is our special offering Sunday to help fund UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief. This finding allows 100% of disaster event funding to go to the area of need.



**Mar 30 – Marilove Spencer
& Jane Owen**

Lay Readers:

Mar 2 – Lorraine Abbott

Mar 9 – Hilma Smith

Mar 16 – Jeanette McGhee

Mar 23 – Gwen Ritchey

Mar 30 – Mike Ranes

March Ushers

Bryant Bobbitt, Bill Brown

Carlton Brown, Bob Kemp

March Altar Guild:

Blake Brown & Frances Brown



In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

Mar 2 – Lois Woodlief

Mar 9 – Kay Thompson

Mar 16 – Ellen Allen

Mar 23 – Easter Lilies

Mar 30 – Olivia Kemp

Acolytes:

Mar 2 – TBA

Mar 9 – TBA

Mar 16 – TBA

Mar 23 – TBA

Mar 30 – TBA

Greeters:

Mar 2 – Carlton & Blake Brown

**Mar 9 – Bryant Bobbitt
& John Rogers**

Mar 16 – David & Laurie Wilson

Mar 23 – Freddie & Jeanette McGhee

Mar 30 – Mac & Judy Wilson

Outreach:

Mar 2 – Joe & Susan Sears

Mar 9 – John & Jeanette Rogers

**Mar 16 – Pat Edwards & Donald Rose
McGhee**

Mar 23 – Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief