



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

I felt this was very thought provoking...

"Distract the Christians!

All too often we miss what God is doing because we are either too busy doing something else or we have a better idea of what God would do. Someone sent me the following in an email this week:

Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil angels, he said,

"We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate, abiding relationship experience in Christ. If they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to church, let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that experience in Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do, angels. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted his angels. "Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade them to work for long hours, to work 6 - 7 days a week, 10 - 12 hours a day, so they can afford their lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon, their home will offer no escape from the pressures of work."

"Over stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR CDs and their PCs going constantly in their homes. And see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

"Fill the coffee table with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards.

Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, sweepstakes, mail order catalogues, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services, and false hopes."

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted, and unprepared for the coming week.

Don't let them go out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead."

And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotion."

"Let them be involved in soul-winning. But crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Christ. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause."

It was quite a convention in the end. And the evil angels went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busy, busy, busy and rush here and there.

Has the devil been successful at his scheme? You be the JUDGE.

By Ray Osborne, "Here's Mud in Your Eye!" [from Esermons.com]

May we find time in our lives for our relationship with God.

*Blessings,
Pastor Carol*

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*Have You Invited Someone
to Church Lately?*



Healthy Congregations Study

We have received the study notes in our bulletins for the past 4 weeks with our morning messages. We will soon meet to discuss our ministries. Please be in prayer for Plank Chapel UMC and our future ministry.

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

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

****New Address!****

*Mrs. Tillie Hughes
Colonial Village at Deer Field
910 Constitution Drive
Durham, NC 27705*



There's a saying Pastor Carol has used often in serving as my field placement supervising pastor: "Learn from *my* mistakes." Scripture is full of people who made mistakes. And God saw fit to have their experiences recorded, mistakes and all, so that future generations could learn from their mistakes.

Many of us are familiar with the story in 2 Samuel 11 of how King David had an affair with Bathsheba who was the wife of one of his most loyal soldiers, Uriah. David got Bathsheba pregnant while her husband was out fighting in David's army. Then, David tried to manipulate the situation in such a way that Uriah would think the child was his. But David's plan didn't work. So, David had one of his men place Uriah at the front line of the fighting so that Uriah would be more vulnerable to being killed. Tragically, Uriah died in loyal service to his king—a king who had betrayed him.

In 2 Samuel 12:1-7, we find out how the Lord dealt with King David:

The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, 'There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his

arms. It was like a daughter to him.'

'Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.'

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, 'As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this deserves to die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.'

Then Nathan said to David, 'You are the man!'

Having been "called to task" by God, David repented and God forgave him.

The Bible is full of stories of people who made mistakes. If we are *wise*, we will learn from their mistakes and the mistakes of those who've gone before us and, hopefully, avoid the frustrations and, sometimes, tragic consequences, that our mistakes can lead to.

In Christ,
Pastor Angie



UM YF ...*Now known as...***CHAOS!**

which stands for **“Christ Has All Our Solutions.”** We are having our regular meetings on Sundays after worship on the 1st and 3rd Sundays to Meet ‘n’ Eat.

Youth Sunday is quickly approaching on April 13th! All youth are invited to stay Sundays at noon for CHOIR PRACTICE. We also appreciate Patricia Fuller working with us.

April 27th concludes Pastor Angie’s internship with us and we will share a covered dish dinner (church-wide) after the worship service. Immediately following lunch, the youth will go to the Conference Youth Rally Day in Rocky Mt. Mark your calendars – May 25th at 3:00 pm will be our Baptismal Service at Satterwhite Point – Shelter #2. Bring desserts and snack foods. 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.

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 held as announced 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, bereavement meals, Wild Game Supper, Bible Study, Revival, Youth, the Easter Egg Hunt, the office shelf, fixing the crosses (several helpers!), cutting up our fallen tree, etc.....

We Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS

Alyssa Sears!...

Who recently received the Vance Ruritan Club’s Award for “Teenager of the Year!”



Historical Trivia

...No report for now.

Hilma Smith



Remember others in prayer...

the family of Barbara Woodlief



UM Men will meet on Sunday, April 20th at 8:00 am with breakfast. All men are invited!



The UMW will continue this year to share tokens of appreciation for the staff at Zeb Vance Elementary. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle had a wonderful time at their March meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, April 16th at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



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.

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

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



Worship Committee

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

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

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.



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:

Seniors' Honorary Luncheon

Sunday, May 4th - noon
(All Senior Citizens are invited to join us!)

Our Baptismal Service
Will be held Sunday,
May 25th at 3:00 pm
At Satterwhite Point
Shelter #2

(across from the Glass House)
Bring desserts & snack foods,
& lawn chairs



April

Services & Meetings:

- 1 – 7:00 pm REVIVAL with Tom Walden and Special Music
- 2 – 6:30 Handbells
7:00 pm Choir
- 3 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 4 –
- 5 – Jane Owen – Fellowship Hall
- 6 – Sunday School & Worship
Holy Communion
noon – CHAOS (youth) Meet 'n' Eat
- 7 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 8 –
- 9 – 7:00 pm Choir
- 10 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 11-
- 12 – MERCI Banquet - Durham
- 13 – Sunday School & Worship
YOUTH Sunday!
- 14 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 15 –
- 16 – 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
6:30 Handbells
7:00 pm Choir
- 17 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 18-
- 19 –
- 20 – 8:00 am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
CHAOS will not meet today
3:00 pm UM Women
PM – Kathy Rowland – Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm SPRC – Angie's Review
- 21 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 22 –
- 23 – 7:00 pm Choir
- 24 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 25 –
- 26 –
- 27 – Sunday School & Worship
Covered Dish in Honor of Pastor Angie & Youth Rally Day in Rocky Mt.
- 28 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 29 –
- 30 – 7:00 pm Choir



In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

Apr 6 – Bettie Jane Jones
Apr 13 – Debra Daniel
Apr 20 – Margie Pendergrass
Apr 27 – Jeanette McGhee

Acolytes:

Apr 6 – TBA
Apr 13 – TBA
Apr 20 – TBA
Apr 27 – TBA

Greeters:

Apr 6 – Mac & Judy Wilson
Apr 13 – James & Kay Deans
Apr 20 – Sherry & Jessica Lloyd
Apr 27 –

Outreach:

Apr 6 – Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown
Apr 13 – Joe & Susan Sears
Apr 20 – John & Jeanette Rogers
Apr 27 – Pat Edwards & D. R. McGhee

Lay Readers:

Apr 6 – Amy Smith
Apr 13 – Janet Bobbitt
Apr 20 – Taylor Abbott
Apr 27 – Kay Deans

April Ushers

Todd Wilson, Thomas Beckham
Mac Wilson, Ben Brown

April Altar Guild:

Annie Laura Hock, Judy Wilson

ACTS



ACTS continues to minister to the needs of our community. Support ACTS!