



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

How will Plank Chapel UMC look in 10 years? Hum...well, it depends... Our leaders have recently evaluated some areas and discovered some wonderful strengths, as well as some areas for growth in our church.

Recently, we have studied and meditated on what it means to be a "Healthy Congregation." We have had a sermon series, as well as the emphasis in our Sunday School lessons. – Thank You to Pat Fuller, Tim Smith, and Scott Ritchey! (You all have helped with our church-wide discernment – God bless your teaching!)

Then, we had groups of the Administrative Council and SPRC to review our ministry in 4 main categories: Centered in Christ, Making Disciples, Focused Spiritual Formation, & Mission and Ministry to the World. We shared some wonderful discussions and gathered some ideas that will help us minister and serve God more effectively.

Our Ministry Action Plans begin with these: (1) Form a Missions' Statement, (2) Set up a Benevolence Fund & Committee to oversee, and (3) Participate in a Spiritual Gifts Survey.

These are basic ministry opportunities that we can address now. Yet, God has called us to serve him, to keep our focus on Him, to make disciples, grow ourselves as Christians, and minister to the world in the name of Jesus Christ. He will provide us the opportunities...then the choices are up to us....

So how WILL Plank Chapel UMC look in 10 years? Hum...it depends.....on each of us. May God guide and direct us as we serve him. Please continue to pray for God's will in our future.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

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To think, a year has passed since I received notice from the Field Placement Office at Duke Divinity School that I had been assigned to Plank Chapel U.M.C. as a student intern. I remember pulling Plank Chapel's website up on the Internet. I remember how pretty I thought the church was and how I wondered what the people were like who entered its doors every Sunday. I also remember the rabbit and frog clipart that accompanied an announcement of the "Wild Game Supper" in the on-line newsletter!

Around this same time, I received a call from Pastor Carol. Because I had *terrible* cell phone service at that time, I had to step out on the front porch to get a good signal. It was a great conversation and I was really excited about serving at Plank Chapel and working with Pastor Carol.

Now, as I prepare to graduate from Duke Divinity School (Somebody say, "Amen!"), I want you to know that, in allowing me to come into your lives, you all have enriched mine. You have truly blessed me in far too many ways to list here!

As I move into a new place of ministry, I encourage you to continue to live into these words which are found on Plank Chapel's website and on the front of its worship bulletin each Sunday:

*To all who are weary and need rest,
To all who are lonely and need a
friend,
To all who are sick and seek Christ's
healing power
To all who sin and need a Savior,
This church opens wide its doors,
And in the name of Christ Our Savior,
Bids you welcome.*

I pray more and more people from Bobbitt, Kittrell, and Henderson, will come to know the wonderful people who make up the congregation of Plank Chapel UMC, and perhaps make Plank Chapel their church home.

I will carry you in my heart.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Angie



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.



Worship Committee
We enjoyed a wonderful revival. Thank you to all who attended and assisted!



...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.

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.

We really appreciate Patricia Fuller working with us for Youth Sunday. Thank you, Patricia!

Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join. Stay tuned - Come and bring a friend! **Share some Christ-centered CHAOS!**

Pastor Carol’s Note:

Congratulations on a GREAT JOB with YOUTH SUNDAY!
Glory to God!



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 7:30 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, Revival, Youth Suppers, Youth, etc.....
We Thank You!



Historical Trivia

...No report for now.

Hilma Smith



Remember others in prayer...



UM Men will meet on Sunday, May 18th 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. We meet on the third Sunday at 3:00 pm. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle had a wonderful time at their April meeting, including a visit to the home of John and Jeanette Rogers. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, May 21st at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



Thanks to our Missions Team for the support of the MERCI Center! Our church sponsored a table, thanks to the donations and participation of several people. A special "thank you" to Susan Sears for acquiring 2 beautiful gift baskets and Movie Passes for the auction. These items raised an additional \$205.00 for MERCI. *Thank you and Thank God!*

ACTS



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



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 May 18 at noon. Anyone interested in helping please plan to come to this meeting. We need volunteers. (See also the Safe Sanctuaries notice below)

Blake Brown, Chair

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

SAFE SANCTUARIES – We will have Safe Sanctuaries Training on Saturday, May 24th at 1:00 pm. Anyone who works with children and youth that has not taken the class in urged to attend. Thanks!



Shepherding Re-organization Meeting -

Anyone who is willing to serve as a "shepherd," we NEED your ministry! We need to meet and re-organize our "sheep" list, as well as our Phone Prayer Chain. We will also fine-tune our Outreach/Visitation Teams. If you are willing to serve the Lord in these ways, please talk with Pastor Carol. We will meet on Sunday, May 18th at 4:00 pm.



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*

***Prepare now to become an
ORGAN DONOR...
"Heaven knows" we need
them here! (You won't need
them where you are going!)***



May

Services & Meetings:

- 1 – 7:00 pm National Day of Prayer
Service at Southern Vance High
- 2 –
- 3 – 3:00 pm Set up Tables
- 4 – Sunday School & Worship
Noon – Seniors' Luncheon
Noon – CHAOS (youth) Meet 'n' Eat
7:00 pm Administrative Council
- 5 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 6 – Go VOTE!
- 7 – 7:30 pm Choir
- 8 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 9 –
- 10 –
- 11 - Sunday School & Worship –
Happy Mother's Day!
- 12 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 13 –
- 14 – 7:30 pm Choir
- 15 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 16 –
- 17 –
- 18 - 8:00 am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
Noon – Education Meeting
Noon – CHAOS (youth) Meet 'n' Eat
3:00 pm UM Women
4:00 pm Shepherding Meeting
- 19 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 20 –
- 21 – 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
6:30 Handbells
7:30 pm Choir
- 22 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 23 –
- 24 – 11:00 am KLM meeting & lunch
1:00 pm Safe Sanctuaries Training
- 25 – Sunday School & Worship –
3:00 pm Baptismal Service at Kerr Lake
- 26 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 27 –
- 28 – 7:30 pm Choir
- 29 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 30 –
- 31 –



In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

May 4 – Pat Fuller

May 11 – Frances Leake

May 18 – Kay Deans

May 25 – United Methodist Women

Acolytes:

May 4 – Emily Overton

May 11 - TBA

May 18 – TBA

May 25 – Emily Overton

Greeters:

May 4 – Charles & Kay Thompson

May 11 – Haywood & Robin Bumpass

May 18 – Faye Woodlief & Jane Owen

May 25 – James & Marilove Spencer

Outreach:

May 4 – Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief

May 11 – Jane Owen

& Marilove Spencer

May 18 – Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown

May 25 – Joe & Susan Sears

Lay Readers:

May 4 – Donald Rose McGhee

May 11 – Pat Edwards

May 18 – Patricia Fuller

May 25 – Darlene Ranes

May Ushers

Ben Brown, Scott Ritchey

Ryan Rowland, Mike Ranes

May Altar Guild:

Susan Sears, Jane Owen