



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

You are blessed! Each person has been given special gifts and abilities by God. What gifts do you have? Which ones are you currently using? What gifts need to be used more often for the glory of God?

I encourage you in the coming weeks to read and prayerfully discern your gifts as well as your service to our Lord. These passages teach us about Spiritual Gifts: Romans 12:1-8, I Corinthians 12:1-31, and Ephesians 4:1-16. Here are a few short excerpts for your reflection:

Romans 12:4-5:

⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

I Corinthians 12:4-7:

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them

in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

Ephesians 4:11-13:

¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Just as Paul has reminded us, everyone has *different* gifts from God. Yet we are *ONE* in the body of Christ. Each of us is called according to our baptisms into fulltime Christian discipleship.

First, "Spiritual Gifts" are not the "Fruits of the Spirit," (Galatians 5:22 – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control.) These describe our evidence of our Christ-like character in our lives. These are necessary and wonderful qualities that all Christians should possess, but these are not spiritual gifts.

These ARE Spiritual Gifts as listed in our focal passages:

Prophecy
Teaching
Serving
Exhortation (Encouragement)
Giving
Compassion
Healing
Miracles
Tongues
Interpretation of Tongues
Wisdom
Knowledge
Faith
Discernment
Apostleship
Helps (Assisting)
Administration
Evangelism
Shepherding

Some sources list these gifts that are mentioned in other Biblical passages in a variety of ways. They may be related to the ones listed above in some manner:

Serving
Leadership
Pastoring
Hospitality
Humor
Intercessory Prayer
Exorcism
Martyrdom
Missionary
Craftsmanship
Battle (opposing evil)
Mercy
Praise Language
Singleness
Spirit-Music
Voluntary Poverty

Think about your pattern of doing things you enjoy. Consider things that you do well. Ponder on gifts that other people mention that you do well. Pray for God to reveal to you the gifts that you possess. Pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit to reveal how you can serve the Lord to the best of your ability.

When we are willing to serve God, then God will provide opportunities for us to use our gifts. Are you willing?

May our response be as young Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Our message on August 24 will be on Spiritual Gifts. You are encouraged to prepare your hearts for listening to Word of God.

Blessings,
Pastor Carol

A basic Spiritual Gifts survey will be on the table in the vestibule.

In addition, these sites offer a free on-line Spiritual Gifts assessments:

<http://web.umcom.org/interior.asp?ptid=1&mid=2268>

<http://www.wellspringumc.net/templates/System/details.asp?id=40453&PID=553052>

If you are interested in a more in depth study, (200 questions) Cokesbury Books has a booklet, "Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts," available for \$4.99.

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Worship Committee

We have Holy Communion planned for August 10, and October 5 (World Communion Sunday). In addition, we will honor Native American Sunday on August 3 with a special service along with the UMW Study that afternoon. We will have a Missions Emphasis Sunday on October 12th. Make plans to attend!



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

which stands for “*Christ Has All Our Solutions.*” Check out our newly renovated room! We are having our regular meetings on Sundays after worship on these dates: We begin back with our meetings on August 3, and August 10, following a “fundraiser” luncheon, Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19...then PILGRIMAGE is here! And Christmas shortly behind! (Yes, we already have a theme-program in mind and planning now.) Stay tuned for more details on our coming fundraiser as well – yum! yum!

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

CHAOS

Lunch Fundraiser!

Sunday, August 10

Picnic with Fried Chicken

And the Fixin's!!!

\$6.00 adults, \$3.00 under 12



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, the 5th Sunday Song Service, working on the parsonage mower, Daycamp, the Youth room lights and painting, etc.....

We Thank You!



Historical Trivia

Did you know? The picture in the fellowship hallway is Mr. Bayard Allen. We are not sure when the picture was given to the church. He was superintendent of Sunday School from 1902 - 1932. During this period of time, the church was very strong with the biggest Sunday School and church attendance that Plank Chapel has known. He lived in the house that was the Roger Jones home place.

Hilma Smith



Remember others in prayer...

The Family of Ronald Smith



UM Men will meet on Sunday, August 17th at 8:00 am with breakfast. All men are invited!



"Giving Our Hearts Away"

Come and learn about Native American Spirituality – past and present. The UMW are sponsoring a Mission Study on Sunday, August 3, 1:30-5:30 pm, for the entire congregation, young and old. We will have a special guest who will share some Native American practices as well as some crafts. A light lunch will be provided. Please join us!

Regular meetings will resume the 3rd Sunday in September at 3:00 pm. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!

Kay Deans, Pres.



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle had a wonderful time at their July meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, August 20th at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!

*******Safe Sanctuaries*****

SAFE SANCTUARIES – Please pick up your family copy of our Safe Sanctuaries Policy soon. We need you to sign the back copy and turn it in. Thank you!



Stay tuned for coming opportunities... We recently donated \$250.00 to MERCI for flood buckets and \$250.00 to the Robeson County Church and Community Center.



Education Committee Meeting



Christian Education News Update!

The Vacation Bible School was successful this year and enjoyed by all. On Sunday 6/22 the church helped up the contribution to Heifer International to a total of \$240.00 which purchased 2 sheep for their program.

Again thanks to all the volunteers/helpers that made the VBS run smoothly.

Blake Brown, Chair

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A Note from Angie...

**Craig, Angie, & Sarah Toth
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**My new email address is: preacherangie@gmail.com (I couldn't get "pastor" and "rev" in front of "angie" looked weird ;) Besides, over here they call me "Preacher Angie" rather than "Pastor."
Blessings,
Angie**



Shepherding
Re-organization Meeting -

We have our revised "Shepherding" Team as well as a revised Phone Prayer Chain and Outreach/Visitation Teams. Copies are available in the vestibule. Each family is assigned a "shepherd" for connecting them to the larger body of Christ. If you have e-mail, you receive information and occasional calls from your shepherd as well. I, personally, appreciated the willingness of our Shepherding Team to care about others. Feel free to let your shepherd or myself know if you have pastoral needs.
Pastor Carol

ACTS



ACTS continues to minister to the needs of our community. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch daily. Support ACTS!



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Everyone had a great time at daycamp. We had 43 campers, 12 youth counselors, and 19 adult helpers at camp. God blessed us with a wonderful week at camp! Thank you for your support of this community ministry!



Congratulations

Taylor Abbott and his baseball team, "The Athlete's Foot," as they won the baseball tournament through the major league division with the Vance County Recreation Department.



Congratulations

Arianna Fuller-Bell and her softball team, (Louisburg Rec Pony League), for playing in a tournament in Virginia Beach! She also scored highest in her class for AR (reading) points and made the A-B Honor Roll!



Congratulations

Matthew Denton who received the Best All Around Student for the Entire 2nd grade at Zeb Vance Elementary (for the 2nd year in a row!)

Great Job Folks!



Age-Level Ministries:

We have several fun-filled Christian activities coming up. Here are a few highlights:

Aug. 16 – 3:00 pm
Back-to-school Ice Cream Celebration

(Sign Up for a few people to bring your favorite frozen treat to share; We will also have games & activities for ALL ages!)

Age-Level Committee Meets
Sept. 7 – 2:00 pm

Children's Christmas Practice
(Begin Sept 21 for 1st & 3rd Sundays – Have lunch after worship – then plan & practice until 2:00 pm.)

Fall Festival
Oct. 25 – 4:00 – 6:00 pm
(Games, Candy, Hot Dogs & Fun!)

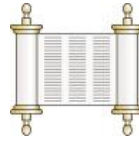
Christmas Program by Children & Youth
Dec. 14 – 6:00 pm
(Everyone brings finger-foods for fellowship afterwards)

Plan now and invite your friends!
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Special Workshop Opportunities:

Shepherding 21st Century Sheep:
Cyberspace, Cybersafety,
Cyberministry
September 20 – White Plains UMC
\$5.00 per person

Childrens' Ministry Magazine Live!
McMannen UMC – Durham
September 20 - fee



Are you interested in a visit to see

The Dead Sea Scrolls?

Adults \$22.00

Students & Seniors \$16.00

Children 5-11 \$12.00

Children under 5 \$3.00

(Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh)

Tickets are for a specific appointment – date & time.

If there is interest in going as a group, we will coordinate a time.

Sign up in the fellowship hallway.
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All Groups with Church Bank Accounts...

Please get your 2007

Financial Data to

Ryan Rowland

As SOON As Possible!
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If you will provide lunch for our Children and Youth this fall for their practice and meetings (1st & 3rd Sundays) – please sign up in the vestibule.

Thank you!



August

Services & Meetings:

- 1 –
- 2 –
- 3 – Sunday School & Worship
Native American Sunday
Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat
1:30- 5:30 UMW Study on
Native Americans
- 4 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 5 –
- 6 – 7:30Choir
- 7 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Kerr Lake Ministries
- 8 –
- 9 –
- 10 – Sunday School & Worship
Holy Communion
Noon – Youth Fundraiser Lunch
Followed by CHAOS meeting
- 11 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 12 –
- 13 – 7:30Choir
- 14 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 15 –
- 16 – 3:00 pm Back to School
Ice Cream & Family Fun
- 17 – Sunday School & Worship
- 18 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 19 –
- 20 – 10:00 am Seniors’ Circle
7:30Choir
- 21 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 22 –
- 23 –
- 24 – Sunday School & Worship
- 25 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 26 –
- 27 – 7:30Choir
- 28 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 29 –
- 30 –
- 31 – Sunday School & Worship
5th Sunday Song Service
Fellowship Hall Reserved Pat Edwards



In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

- Aug 3 – Faye Woodlief
- Aug 10 – Laurie Miller
- Aug 17 – Jeanette Rogers
- Aug 24 – Beverly Thompson
- Aug 31 – Beverly Newman

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

- Aug 3 – Charles & Kay Thompson
- Aug 10 – Ryan Rowland
& Thomas Beckham
- Aug 17 – Bill & Frances Brown
- Aug 24 – Bryant Bobbitt
& John Rogers
- Aug 31 – Pat Edwards
& Roxie Kearney

Outreach:

- Aug 3 – Marilove Spencer
& Jane Owen
- Aug 10 – Joyce Edwards
& B. W. Brown
- Aug 17 – Joe & Susan Sears
- Aug 24 – John & Jeanette Rogers
- Aug 31 – Pat Edwards
& Donald Rose McGhee

Lay Readers:

- Aug 3 – Janet Bobbitt
- Aug 10 – Taylor Abbott
- Aug 17 – Kay Deans
- Aug 24 – Donald Rose McGhee
- Aug 31 – Pat Edwards

August Ushers

Freddie McGhee, James Deans
Ben Brown, Joe Sears

August Altar Guild:

Pat Fuller & Donald Rose McGhee

*Coming in September...
Desperate Households
Sermon Series...
Don't Miss It!*

*Coming Monday, October 20,
7:00 pm
Charge Conference
Celebration Service -
Everyone is invited!*
