



# The Chapel Chatter

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## *From the Pastor's Heart...*

Recently I attended the Convocation of the Rural Church and learned some startling statistics. In addition, I read an article by another area pastor, which noted the projected growth for Vance County. So I did a little research myself. From the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management website, Vance County is projected to increase by 438 people in the next 5 years and by an estimated total of 817 people in 10 years. Note that is the *entire* county. Therefore, we can surmise we are not likely to have a lot of new people moving into our community. Yet we must bear in mind, that we have lots of people already around us who are effectively “unchurched.” So there is still a lot of work to do to spread the Gospel!

In one workshop, three main barriers were discussed to church outreach:

First, we struggle to communicate our gifts. Just as we have recently focused on our spiritual gifts, we sometimes hide them in a box and hope no one will ask us to “do” anything. Or perhaps you have a gift that needs to be nurtured and developed to fully use it? We should remember – it is a “gift”

from God and he entrusts you to use it for him.

Secondly, we are resistant to “*change*.” We get comfortable or can become “set in our ways.” Yet we must bear in mind that some change is beyond our control. I recall a saying, “It isn’t ever the same. In time, I’ll change, and you, and the currents of our lives. But this moment, and you are unforgettable.” We can make memories that bear out “good” change.

Thirdly, we struggle with diversity. It is easier to identify with those whom we perceive are “like” us. Whether it is someone with a different opinion or a different ethnicity, we must remember, God created and loves us all.

*And it is because of his great love for each of us, that Christ died for us...*

*“Once for all” (Hebrews 10:10). Share the Good News with everyone near and far!*

Blessings,  
Pastor Carol

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## Worship Committee

We have Holy Communion planned for October 5 (World Communion Sunday). We will also observe a Missions Emphasis Sunday on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Laity Sunday is October 19<sup>th</sup>. 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: Our meetings will be Sept. 7, Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19...then PILGRIMAGE is here! And Christmas shortly behind! We will have a fundraiser dinner on September 27 and a fundraiser lunch on November 2.

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

### **CHAOS FUNDRAISER**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm**

### **Steak Dinner & Entertainment!**

*{Dine Your Honey –*

*Raise Some Money!}*

*Auction Items too!*

*\$10.00 per person*

*Reservations by September 21<sup>st</sup>,  
please!*



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 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Song Service, working on the parsonage mower, the Native American Service and Study, youth lunches, Youth Fundraiser, Ice Cream Fun Day, bereavement meals, etc.....*

*We Thank You!*



## **Historical Trivia**

Hilma Smith



*Remember others in prayer...*

***the Family of James Spencer***

### **\*\*\*\*\*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!**



**UM Men will meet on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am with breakfast. All men are invited! The Bar-be-que is coming October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be selling tickets for plates, as well as taking a list of those who desire to buy BBQ by the pound (\$6.00/lb) at the close of the day. Please note, we cannot “guarantee” the pounds, but will do our best to fill the orders by planning now. Those who sign up for the pounds are expected to buy the quantity they request. Cakes and tea will also be needed. See the sign up sheets.**



### ***Seniors' Circle***

The Seniors' Circle had a wonderful time at their August meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!

### **ACTS**



**ACTS continues to minister to the needs of our community.**

**See Pastor Carol for tickets to enter the drawing to qualify for a \$100 gas card for a donation of \$1.00.**

**Volunteers are also needed to serve lunch daily. Support ACTS!**



The UMW had a wonderful study on Native American Spirituality. Ms. Yvonne Dial was our guest speaker and was assisted by Jill Harris, Johnny Bullard, and Anne Bullard, all from Pembroke. They shared about their Lumbee spiritual heritage with a visual presentation as well as several native items of interest. We also appreciate Mary Lynn's Native American display and participation in our study. Additionally, Donald Rose McGhee and Kay Deans shared many Native American dolls and decorations. It was great!

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



**Christian Education News Update!**  
**The Education Committee will meet on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at noon. We will discuss our Sunday School classes and plan for next year's Vacation Bible School.**

**Blake Brown, Chair**



### ***Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.***

**Everyone had a great time at daycamp. We will continue to review and plan for next year!**

**Special Workshop Opportunities:**

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

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



**Age-Level Ministries:**

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

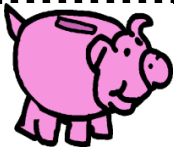
Age-Level Committee Meets  
Sept. 7 –3:00 pm

Children's Christmas Practice  
(Begin Sept 21 for 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



*Budget Requests for 2009  
Should be submitted to  
Mike Ranes  
By Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> – Thank You!*



*Coming in September...*

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

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*Coming Monday, October 20,  
7:00 pm*

*Charge Conference  
Celebration Service -  
Everyone is invited!*

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After much discernment, we have  
arrived at a proposed Mission's  
Statement for our church. We will  
present this to the Administrative  
Council for approval. Notice that it  
spells "DISCIPLES," as we are called  
to "make disciples of Jesus Christ" in  
Matthew 28:16-20.

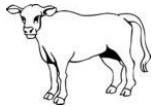
Discipling  
In  
Serving  
Christ -  
Inspiring  
People to  
Live by the  
Example of the  
Savior.

Stay tuned for coming missions  
opportunities!

*Congratulations!!!*



*Kyrie Bradford -  
on her recognition in  
the Franklin Times for  
Volleyball!*



*Amy Smith -  
on her recognition on  
WRAL, the Franklin  
Times, and the Wall  
Street Journal for her  
work with miniature  
cows!*



*Carlton Brown -  
on winning the Grand  
American Champion of  
Champions Veteran  
Award. He broke all 100  
targets in the event and  
then ran another 75  
straight to beat the other  
4 people that also ran  
the hundred.*

*- What a marksman!*



*We wish all our  
athletes a fun-filled  
season!*

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*New Ministry Opportunities!*

*\*"Hospitality Ministry."\**

*We are reforming our  
previous "Martha's Ministry"  
as our "Hospitality Ministry."  
This team will coordinate  
meeting needs of families in  
times of sickness and death,  
as well as welcoming and  
hosting at Plank Chapel  
UMC. If you are willing to  
serve in this ministry, please  
sign up in the vestibule.  
Donald Rose McGhee has  
agreed to chair this team.*

*\*"Benevolence Ministry"\**

*The Finance Committee has  
recommended the formation  
of a Benevolence Ministry to  
respond to needs in our  
church and larger  
community. This will be  
primarily funded by  
donations that will be  
dispersed at the discretion of  
the committee when a need  
arises for a benevolence. In  
compliance with IRS  
guidelines, donation  
cannot be "designated" for a  
specific individual. Needs  
may be presented to the  
committee for  
consideration.*

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*If you will provide lunch for our Children and Youth this fall for their practice and meetings (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays) – please sign up in the vestibule.  
Thank you!*



*Coming November 2 - Stewardship & All Saints Service*

***Beware of this SCAM...***

There is a scam of calls posing to be from a bank going around. Some even come up on Caller Id with an official bank name, which is NOT who they really are. If you receive a call from someone posing to be from your bank or any “official” sounding name, DO NOT give them any information. Instead, go to your local phone directory and call a trusted person in your local branch or business and talk with them. These scammers know the “official sounding” language, so be careful and beware!

**Have you invited someone to know Christ lately?**



**September Opportunities:**

- 1 – Have a SAFE Labor Day!
- 2 –
- 3 – 7:30Choir
- 4 – 6:00 pm Aerobics  
7:00 pm Kerr Lake Ministries
- 5 –
- 6 – Flat Rock UMC Harvest Sale
- 7 – Sunday School & Worship  
Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat  
& Children’s Christmas Practice  
Noon Education Committee Meeting  
3:00 pm Age Level Meeting
- 8 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 9 –
- 10 – 7:30Choir
- 11 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 12 –
- 13 –
- 14 – Sunday School & Worship
- 15 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 16 –
- 17 – 10:00 Seniors’ Circle  
7:30Choir
- 18 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 19 –
- 20 – Workshops available
- 21 – 8:00 am UM Men  
Sunday School & Worship  
Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat  
& Children’s Christmas Practice  
3:00 pm UM Women  
4:00 pm Worship Meeting  
5:00 pm Finance Meeting
- 22 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 23 –
- 24 – 7:30Choir
- 25 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 26 –
- 27 – 6:00 pm CHAOS (Youth)  
Fundraiser – Steak Dinner
- 28 – Sunday School & Worship  
Sun Night – 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian –  
Tony Campolo
- 29 – 6:00 pm Aerobics  
Mon Night – 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian –  
Tony Campolo
- 30 –

**† In His Service this Month:**

**Flowers:**

- Sept 7 – Susan Sears
- Sept. 14 – Margie Clayton
- Sept 21 – Pat Edwards
- Sept 28 – Hilma Smith

**Acolytes:**

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**Greeters:**

- Sept 7– Freddie & Jeanette McGhee
- Sept. 14 – Mike & Darlene Ranes
- Sept 21 – Bobby & Beverly Newman
- Sept 28 – Joyce Edwards  
& Taylor Abbott

**Outreach:**

- Sept 7–Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown
- Sept. 14 – Joe & Susan Sears
- Sept 21 – John & Jeanette Rogers
- Sept 28 – Pat Edwards  
& Donald Rose McGhee

**Lay Readers:**

- Sept 7 – Patricia Fuller
- Sept. 14 – Darlene Ranes
- Sept 21 – Jane Owen
- Sept 28 – Susan Sears

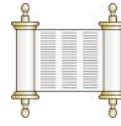
**September Ushers**

Mac Wilson, Joe Rowland  
Ben Brown, Johnny McGhee

**September Altar Guild:**

Sherry Lloyd, Kim Oettinger

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**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 by OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup>.**  
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