



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

Recently I attended a conference pastors' workshop with Dr. Gil Rendle. He offered some great issues for congregations to consider. It seems our culture is immersed in a "value change" season of life. Each generation (past, present, and future) assumes they have the "right" way to do ministry. Perhaps, each did have the "right" way..."for their generation." From this, I discern that the challenge for the church of the 21st century is to have a "relevant" ministry that reaches the rising generation, while at the same time, maintaining Biblical truths. Dr. Rendle maintains the "Each generation reacts with values to the previous generations 'excesses.'" That is, each current generation tries to correct to compensate and balance the system. He further raised the issue that many churches become "too comfortable" like they are and need to be "discomforted."

He taught that sometimes we need to ask the right questions, more so than trying to have the right answers to the wrong questions. A provocative question was, "What is God calling us to do that we have not done yet?"

Some answers are clearly stated in the Scriptures...such as Love the Lord first and most; then to love our neighbors as ourselves; we are called to make disciples of Jesus Christ; we are called to live Christian lives according to the example of Jesus. Yet the Bible also teaches that to those whom God has given much, then much is expected.

Plank Chapel UMC has stood as a beacon for over 228 years. The faithfulness of our forefathers and foremothers has laid a strong foundation. Hence our current generations are entrusted to support and make the most of this ministry and the gifts that God has given us.

Are we asking the *right* questions? What *IS* God calling us to do that we have done yet? May God inspire our hearts and help us to listen to his voice.

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 12th. Make plans to attend!



YF . . . *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 Oct. 5, Oct. 19...then PILGRIMAGE is here! We will meet Mondays in November at 7:00 pm to work on props as Christmas is shortly behind! We will have a fundraiser lunch on November 2.

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

CHAOS FUNDRAISER

November 2 – noon

Chicken Pastry & Pot Roasts

\$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 installing breezeway windows, youth & children's lunches, parsonage mower, mowing the parsonage grass, Youth Fundraiser, bereavement meals, etc....

We Thank You!



Historical Trivia

No Report

Hilma Smith



Remember others in prayer...

The Family of Anne Marie Parks

*******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, October 19th at 8:00 am with breakfast. All men are invited! The Bar-be-que is coming October 3rd. 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 September meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, October 15th at 10:00 am. Coming on November 19th, at 10:00 am, the NC Attorney General's office will be presenting a session on Preventing Identity Theft. Invite a friend!

ACTS



ACTS continues to minister to the needs of our community. October is Hunger Awareness and Domestic Violence month. ACTS is in need of financial donations due to increased needs in our area. Please consider making a special gift to help this vital ministry. Also 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 will have ongoing support for Zeb Vance Elementary for school supplies. They especially need Kleenex and paper towels. Place items in the box in the fellowship hall.

Regular meetings are 3rd Sundays at 3:00 pm. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



Christian Education News Update!
The Education Committee met on Sunday, September 7th. We have rearranged our age groups for Sunday School classes, which are meeting now. We are also planning for next year's Vacation Bible School.



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Plans are being made for next year camp!



Age-Level Ministries:

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

Children's Christmas Practice
*(On 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 Cake Walk,
Hot Dogs & Fun!)*

*Everyone is invited to participate in
"TRUNK-or-TREAT"...*

Decorate your car trunk and set up in our parking lot. The children will "TRUNK-or-TREAT" to receive treats from your trunk.

[We will need Candy and prizes for game rewards and cakes for our cake walk.]

**Christmas Program by
Children & Youth**
Dec. 14 – 6:00 pm

(Everyone brings finger-foods for fellowship afterwards)

We will be collecting new toys to give to needy children as part of our ministry and Christmas celebration.

[Bring your empty Cool Whip containers to donate for our props.]

Plan now and invite your friends!



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!



***Coming November 2 -
Stewardship & All Saints Service***

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

***Charge Conference
Celebration Service -
Everyone is invited!***

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.



October Opportunities:

- 1 –
- 2 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
7:00 pm Kerr Lake Ministries
- 3 –  11 am - 7 pm BBQ!
- 4 –
- 5 –  World Communion Sunday
- Sunday School & Worship
- Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat
& Children’s Christmas Practice
- pm – Durham Youth Rally
- 6:30 pm SPRC
- 7:00 pm Administrative Council
- 6 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 7 –
- 8 – 7:30Choir
- 9 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 10 –
- 11 – Mitchell Family – fellowship hall
- 12 – Sunday School & Worship
Missions Sunday
- 13 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 14 –
- 15 – 10:00 Seniors’ Circle
7:30Choir
- 16 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 17 –
- 18 –
- 19 – 8:00am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
Laity Sunday
Noon – CHAOS Meet ‘n’ Eat
& Children’s Christmas Practice
3:00 pm UM Women
- 20 –7:00 pm CHARGE CONFERENCE
- 21 –
- 22 – 7:30Choir
- 23 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 24 –
- 25 –  4:00 – 6:00 pm
- 26 – Sunday School & Worship
- 27 – 6:00 pm Aerobics
- 28 –
- 29 – 7:30Choir

30 – 6:00 pm Aerobics

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† **In His Service this Month:**

Flowers:

Oct 5 – Anne Marie Parks

Oct 12 – Martha Rowland

Oct 19 – Sherry Lloyd

Oct 26 – Marilove Spencer
& Christine Spencer

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

Oct 5 – Mac & Judy Wilson

Oct 12 – Carlton & Blake Brown

Oct 19 – Joe & Susan Sears

Oct 26 – James & Kay Deans

Outreach:

Oct 5 – Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief

Oct 12 – Marilove Spencer
& Jane Owen

Oct 19 – Joyce Edwards
& B. W. Brown

Oct 26 – Joe & Susan Sears

Lay Readers:

Oct 5 – Tim Smith

Oct 12 – Lorraine Abbott

Oct 19 – Hilma Smith

Oct 26 – Jeanette McGhee

October Ushers

John Rogers, Bobby Newman

Ben Brown, Joseph Sears

October Altar Guild:

Michelle Denton, Jackie Brown

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

