



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

So **WHY** are you a Christian? The simple answer is that you have professed your faith in Jesus Christ. An easy method for remembering the steps is the ABC's of salvation.

A = Admit you are a sinner and need a Savior.

B = Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as God's only begotten Son and that God raised Him from the dead.

C = Confess Him as your Lord and Savior with your voice.

This is Justifying Grace.

It is more than "Fire Insurance" ...it is not just about going to heaven rather than hell. It **IS** about how you **LIVE**.

A true disciple of Jesus will **WANT** to grow in their faith. They will discover that having Jesus in your heart leads you to desire to spend time with Him - in prayer, Bible reading and study, and worship. A true disciple will seek to serve the Lord with gladness and live our lives by His example. We will seek to serve with joy, not out of obligation or burden. This indicates the process of Sanctifying Grace.

Perhaps we have fallen short and taken the gifts and blessings that God has given us for granted. The world

leads us to think that we are "self-made" people of success. Our society struggles with the "ME" first teaching. But that is not Godly.

As I listened to the Tarheel Traveler recently, I was recently reminded of an acronym that summarizes how Christians are live - **JOY** - which stands for Jesus (first), then Others, and then Yourself. In Mark 29:29-31 He says this about the greatest commandment, "²⁹ *Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength."* ³¹ *The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* There is no other commandment greater than these. May we seek to be more like Christ and show our love for Him.

Easter Season Blessings & Prayers
Pastor Carol

Continue to
Remember in Prayer:

Your 10

MOST wanted!

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Worship Committee

The Worship Committee will meet on Monday, May 18, at 7:00 pm. Our next Song Service will be held on June 7. On June 14, we will observe Holy Communion. Invite others to join us!



The choir will meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Join the choir!



Bell practice sessions will be held as announced. Anyone interested in playing bells, feel free to come!

Donald Rose McGhee



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

which stands for “*Christ Has All Our Solutions.*” Great job on the Youth Sunday Worship Service! Our meetings for this month will be May 3 and 17 at noon. We need **ALL YOUTH AND PARENTS** to attend on **May 17** for a planning meeting.

We are planning a Mission Project Day (May 16). Youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to join. Stay tuned - Come and bring a friend! **Share some Christ-centered CHAOS!**



Historical Trivia

No Report

Hilma Smith



Thank You!

For all the dedication and hard work with recent events, hospitality meals, Missions' hospitality breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Sunrise breakfast, the crosses, the lilies, Youth Sunday, Kerr Lake Ministries Pancake Supper, misc. repairs, etc....and MORE!!!

We Thank You!!!



Remember others in prayer...



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

Plans are being made for next year camp with Super Heroes! The dates are July 13-17. Plan now to attend! Forms will be in the vestibule. Also, thank you for your support of our PANCAKE Fundraiser!



Everyone enjoyed our Easter Pancake Breakfast! The UMMen will meet on Sunday, May 17 at 8:00am. All men are invited!



Seniors' Circle

The Seniors' Circle enjoyed a nice April meeting with special music by the *Gospelaire's*," including our native son, Conrad Hock. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, on May 20th, at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



Education Committee Meeting

Vacation Bible School will be June 22-25. Our theme will be Camp EDGE and looks like loads of fun! If you can help, please sign up in the vestibule, Thanks!

ACTS



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

??? Did You Know???

You can help Habitat for Humanity by saving your used stamps. Cut or tear off regular stamps from envelopes, leaving at least 1/3 inch around it. Volunteers will later soak them off and ship them to NY to be sold for collectors. Third class or pre-sorted stamps will not work. This recycle is easy, and builds houses!!! Donald Rose McGhee will have a collection basket in the vestibule for these. Thanks!

*******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!



The UMW will have ongoing support for Zeb Vance Elementary for school supplies -even during the summer. When school returns, they will especially need Kleenex and paper towels. Place items in the box in the fellowship hall. Also, watch for those "Back to School" sales this summer!

The next regular meeting will be May 17th at 3:00 pm. The UMW gives their pledges directly to Missions and decided to ask members to contribute at least \$20.00 to support our local group needs. Come join in mission and ministry with sisters in Christ!



TRUSTEES

See Scott Ritchey for instructions on the new lock.



**Mark your calendars!
Make your reservations!
Plank Chapel UMC Steak Dinner
on June 27 at 6:00 pm. A great meal for only \$7.50 per person!**



The Administrative Council has given approval and urges everyone to embrace our Missions Statement. 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.

The Missions Team will be reviewing our missions statement - Stay tuned for coming info....



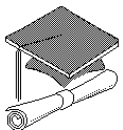
Age-Level Ministries:

Spring has sprung with exciting Christian fellowship! Thank you for all your support of our Easter Egg Hunt and Seniors' Luncheon. Mark your calendars for these events:



Seniors' Luncheon

May 3 - noon Fine Food & Fellowship



***Congratulations
Graduates!***

*Dade Oettinger - KVA
James Rowland IV - NCSSM*



May Opportunities:

- 1 -
- 2 - 1:00 pm VBS - Education Meeting
- 3 - Sunday School & Worship
noon - Seniors' Honorary Luncheon
CHAOS meet & eat
- 4 -
- 5 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 6 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 7 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 8 -
- 9 -



Mother's Day

- 10 -
- Sunday School & Worship
- 11 -
- 12 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 13 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 14 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 15 -
- 16 - YOUTH Workday
- 17 - 8:00 am UM Men
Sunday School & Worship
noon - CHAOS YOUTH & PARENTS
3:00 pm UM Women
5:00 pm Trustees
- 18 - 7:00 pm Worship Committee
- 19 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 20 - 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
7:00 pm Choir
- 21 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 22 -
- 23 -
- 24 - Sunday School & Worship
- 25 -
- 26 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 27 - 7:00 pm Choir
- 28 - 5:30 pm Aerobics
- 29 -
- 30 -
- 31 - Sunday School & Worship

June 7 - 11:00 am Song Service
Sunday School & Worship

 **In His Service this Month:**

Flowers:

May 3- Pat Fuller
May 10- Frances Leake
May 17- Kay Deans
May 24- Margie Pendergrass
May 31- Midge Smith

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

May 3-Ann & Henry Finch
May 10-Faye Woodlief & Jane Owen
May 17-Midge & Amy Smith
May 24-Raymond & Bruce Newman
May 31-Ryan & Angie Rowland

Outreach:

May 3-Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief
May 10-Marilove Spencer & Jane Owen
May 17-Joyce Edwards & B. W. Brown
May 24-Joe & Susan Sears
May 31-John & Jeanette Rogers

Lay Readers:

May 3- Tim Smith
May 10-Lorraine Abbott
May 17-Hilma Smith
May 24-Jeanette McGhee
May 31-Gwen Ritchey

May Ushers

Scott Ritchey, Ryan Rowland
Ben Brown, Mike Raney

May Altar Guild

Susan Sears, Jane Owen



**Thank God
for our MOTHERS!!!
Bless you for all you do!**



prayer

...For Our Shut-ins:



WELCOME

New Member!

In April:

***Joe Weaver III – by transfer of
membership***