



The Chapel Chatter

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From the Pastor's Heart...

How healthy are you? Perhaps you eat right and exercise a bit. As a country, many are overweight and under-exercised. We do unhealthy things that harm our bodies - from overeating to smoking - to being a "couch potato." We stress ourselves and burn the candle at both ends.

How healthy is your spiritual life? Are you feasting on the Word of God - three times per day? Do you spend as much time in prayer as you do eating? or exercising? I personally must confess, I am guilty of not doing these things as much as I should myself!

Let's confess it - we have not done the things for our minds, bodies, and spirits as we should have done. God forgive us and help us to do better in all these things!

Most of you are aware that as a church, we are also trying to prevent the spreading of germs - especially in this H1N1 or "Swine Flu" season. We will continue to "Pass the Peace" with the "Wave of Christ" until the flu season is over. In addition, I will make an effort to bid your farewell at the end of the services with a "Holy Pat on the Back," as not to spread handshake germs. The

children and I recently discussed a new way to have our group prayer at the Children's Moment - we will call it the "Jesus Huddle," and will circle arm-in-arm as a football huddle.

Hum...seems that we can do LOTS of things better - such as preventing health issues by eating right and exercising - preventing sin by working on our spiritual health - and preventing viruses by healthy ways to greet each other in the name of Christ! Praise God!

Just a reminder to increase your Evangelism health: the Commission on Evangelism will hold an Evangelism Training Mini-Workshop on October 31 at our church. Please prayerfully consider your commitment to Christ and sharing the Gospel with others and plan to attend!

Blessings & Prayers,

Pastor Carol

**Continue to
Remember in Prayer:**

Your 10

MOST wanted!

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Worship Committee

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.*”

Our meetings for the fall will be 1st & 3rd Sundays - Oct 4 & 18, Nov. 1, & Dec. 6 & 20. Pilgrimage and a fundraiser are also coming!

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



Historical Trivia

We are seeking someone who is dedicated to preserving our history to train. Please contact Hilma Smith if God is leading you to serve.



Thank You!

For all the dedication and hard work with recent events, misc. repairs, painting door inserts, bereavement meals, clean ups, Charge Conference, etc....and MORE!!!

We Thank You!!!



Remember others in prayer...



The UMMen will meet on Sunday, October 18 at 8:00am. All men are invited! The Bar-be-que is coming November 6th. We will be selling tickets for plates, as well as taking a list of those who desire to buy BBQ by the pound (\$7.00- a good deal!) at the close of the day. [We need a count for pounds by the end of the day, Saturday, October 17.] 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 always enjoys a great meeting. The next meeting of the Seniors' Circle will be on Wednesday, on October 21, at 10:00 am. Invite a friend!



Education Committee Meeting

Vacation Bible School - Camp EDGE was enjoyed by everyone! Thank you for your help! Joe Sears announced that we are seeking a director and leaders for 2010. Please see him if you can serve!

ACTS



Plan now to support ACTS on October 9 for a Chicken BBQ Fundraiser from 11 am - 7 pm! 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!

*******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!

??? Did You Know???

Thanks for the stamps!

I carried the stamps we had collected to Florida when I went in Oct. Shirley said they were working on the second Habit house to be built with stamps. They have certain ladies in the church who collect, cut and remove the stamps to be sent off for cash. Let's continue to help build their second house. Save your used first class stamps. Non-profit and second class stamps cannot be used. As you have heard, one man's trash is another man's treasure (or house). Thanks for your contribution. Donald Rose McGhee. (We have a collection basket in the vestibule for these. Thanks!)



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, and COPY PAPER. 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 October 18th at 2:00 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!



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:

Plan now to join us for the Fall Festival! October 24 from 4-6 pm. We will have a hot dog supper, games, costume recognitions, and a cake walk. Children of ALL AGES are invited! Everyone is invited to host "TRUNK-or-TREAT" by decorating the trunk of your vehicle and sharing treats. We are asking the congregation to contribute wrapped candy and party favors for prizes, as well as cakes and baked goodies for the cake walk. In addition, we will have a few door prizes. ****Mark your calendars now!**** Christmas Caroling will be Sat., December 12 following a noon lunch and program practice. The Children and Youth Christmas Program will be December 13 at 6:00 pm. Share the love of Christ and invite a friend to join us!



TRUSTEES

The Trustees continue to take great care of our facilities. The next meeting will be November 15 Thanks for all you do!

BIBLE



STUDY

Coming in October...

*"The Beverly Hillbillies"
 Bible Study*

Sundays in October - 7:00 pm



Kerr Lake Ministries, Inc.

KLM is looking forward to 2010! Watch for a January PANCAKE fundraiser. Thank you for all your help and support!



prayer

...For Our Shut-ins:

Coming Soon!!!

Evangelism Workshop HERE!

October 31 : 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The Commission on Evangelism will be holding a mini-workshop for the Subdistrict on October 31 at Plank Chapel UMC from 10:00 - 2:00 pm. Sessions will be Why We Do Evangelism, Personal Faith Sharing, and Taking It to the Streets. Lunch will be provided, asking a \$5.00 contribution. Please RSVP for how many will attend via e-mail cdean04@aol.com or phone 252-438-6080 parsonage.

If you are interested in a more intensive 3-day workshop for Laity, the CoE will be holding this session October 15-17 at Camp Rockfish for only \$25.00, room (dbl occupancy), meals, and workshop included. These are wonderful and inspirational events. May God bless your lay ministries!



October Opportunities:

- 1 – 5:30 Aerobics
6:00 Computer Class
- 2 -
- 3 -
- 4 - **Sunday School & Worship**
Noon - CHAOS (Youth)
7:00 pm Bible Study
- 5 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 6 -
- 7 - 7:00 Choir
- 8 - 5:30 Aerobics
6:00 Computer Class
- 9 – 11 am - 7 pm ACTS Chicken BBQ
- 10 – 6:00 pm Youth Steak Fundraiser
- 11 – **Sunday School & Worship**
noon - Brief Age Level Meeting
7:00 pm Bible Study
- 12 - 5:30 Aerobics
- 13 –
- 14 – 7:00 Choir
- 15 – 5:30 Aerobics
6:00 Computer Class
- 16 –
- 17 – McGhee - Fellowship Hall
- 18 – 8:00 am UM Men
**Sunday School & Worship -
Laity Sunday**
Noon - CHAOS (Youth)
2:00 pm UM Women
7:00 pm Bible Study
- 19 – 5:30 Aerobics
- 20 –
- 21 – 10:00 am Seniors' Circle
7:00 Choir
- 22 – 5:30 Aerobics
6:00 Computer Class
- 23 –
- 24 – 4:00 pm Fall Festival
- 25 – **Sunday School & Worship**
7:00 pm Bible Study
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- 26 – 5:30 Aerobics
- 27 –
- 28 – 7:00 Choir
- 29 - 5:30 Aerobics
6:00 Computer Class
- 30 -
- 31 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Evangelism
Training Workshop
- Nov 1 - **Sunday School & Worship**
All Saints Service
Noon - CHAOS (Youth)



In His Service this Month:

Flowers:

Oct 4 -Frances Roberts

Oct 11 -Martha Rowland

Oct 18 - Sherry Lloyd

Oct 25 - Marilove Spencer &
Christine Spencer

Acolytes:

TBA

Greeters:

Oct 4 -Mac & Judy Wilson

Oct 11 -Midge & Amy Smith

Oct 18 - Daryl & Christine Spencer

Oct 25 - Jamie & Lorraine Abbott

Outreach:

Oct 4 -John & Jeanette Rogers

Oct 11 -Pat Edwards & D. R. McGhee

Oct 18 - Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief

Oct 25 -Marilove Spencer & Jane Owen

Lay Readers:

Oct 4 -Janet Bobbitt

Oct 11 -Taylor Abbott

Oct 18 - Kay Deans

Oct 25 - Donald Rose McGhee

October Ushers

John Rogers, Ben Brown

Bobby Newman, Joseph Sears

October Altar Guild

Michelle Denton, Jackie Brown