

THE CHAPEL CHATTER



- ◆ Weekly—
 Wednesday—Choir Practice—7 pm
 Thursday— Bible Study—1:30 pm
 Thursday—Grief Group— 3:30 pm
- ◆ Monthly—
 3rd Sunday— UMM—8 am
 UMW—3 pm
 3rd Wed—Senior Circle at 10:00 am

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I am sitting here just hours before confirmation class considering what news do I share, what words of challenge or encouragement are right for an October Chapel Chatter. Then I think of the six young students who will embark on a journey towards a commitment to Jesus Christ, his church, and how it lives out its call at Plank Chapel. Those six students, their mentors, and all who will lift them in prayer are the message this month, the message of hope for the world.

You see, that is what we are, the messengers of hope, the messengers of love, the messengers of peace, the messengers of healing, the messengers of reconciliation, the messengers of joy.

We are the messengers because we are the ones who know the story of a God who loves us enough to die for us. It is a story that is meant to be news, Good News! It is a story worth telling. It is a story we are telling our

Pastor's corner

community when we volunteer at school. It is a story we are telling when we offer a smile to a stressed clerk. It is a story that has been told in this place for over 230 years. The question before us is who are you sharing the message of salvation with this day, tomorrow, next week?

A vision for our future is growing at Plank Chapel as new leaders come alongside leaders who have served here many years.

One vision is of worship that offers a community harried by the demands of the world a time apart to be rejuvenated by the gift of love and grace only God can give. Refresh is one embodiment of that vision, just as our 11:00 worship on Sunday mornings is another embodiment of that vision. Encourage those who need the message of hope, of healing, of love, of salvation to come to one of these times of worship to be refreshed by God.

In September I ventured north to Maine and spent a week in land so familiar to me that my heart ached with remembrance. Some memories were painful and others so sweet tears came to my eyes. I realized I walk into the future before me from the gifts of my past and I know that God continues to form me into his disciple with each new experience. I cannot remain the same, just as the places I left are not the same today as they were yesterday.

Our future at Plank Chapel is shaped by God through the servant leaders in our midst, those who came before us, those serving today, and the ones being formed into servant leaders in confirmation class beginning in just a few hours.

I have seen the signs that give me great hope at Plank Chapel and I thank God for gifting this servant with this community. Continue to share the message.

Allow joy, allow love, allow God,

Pastor Carolyn



Refresh

Come and be refreshed this fall at our evening worship experience! Beginning September 25th at 5:30 p.m. we will engage in a time of praise and prayer as well as break into age levels; and return as a group for

praise and closing prayer. The opening study for adults will be "Momentum for Life" by Michael Slaughter and the cost for this study is \$10.00 each. The youth will be engaging in fun and fellowship as well as a Disciple Bible

Study, "Rings of Fellowship." The children's time will include Bible stories and games. We will be refreshed by the Lord as we experience him in this time of worship.



Website News

Now available a link to audio files of sermons.

We will be posting pictures of church events—please let us know if you would prefer not to have your picture on the site

Healing Waters : Grief Group

If you are grieving a loss and looking for a place to share, to be encourage, to get support, to tell your story. Come out to Plank Chapel on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. for Healing Waters Grief Group. Group will provide some information on the process of grief as well as explore ways to move through grief that are healthy.



Crayon Recycling

**14180 SW 30th St
Ocala, FL 34481**
Please bring crayons to the fellowship hall or mail directly.

Thank you for your generous response for the Flood buckets. We were able to bless so many who have

Bucket for Flood Victims



suffered from the loss of the floods all around us. We were able to supply 21 buckets with all that we collected.

**Senior Circle
October 19th,
10:00 a.m.**



Change for Children

Buckets are In the back of the sanctuary.
Change bucket for the month of October Zoe Ministry



Youth Plans for Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE – North Carolina Conference Youth Event – November 11 – 13

Reservations have been made at the KOA for 3 cabins and 1 tent site

Youth are scheduled to package meals for Stop Hunger NOW at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday

The initial reservations with the conference are for 15 attendees. This reservation has been made as well.

We can bring more, we can get more space.

It is a weekend of worship, service, fellowship, and

growth in grace and community.

Evenings at the campfire provide opportunities to discuss what we learned in worship will eating S'Mores and cobbler

Students who are in 6th Grade through 12th Grade are eligi-

ble to come to PILGRIMAGE!

Look for fund raisers to help the youth in their Stop Hunger NOW mission project.

Check out the website below for more details

<http://nccpilgrimage.org/>



Opportunities to Serve

- A.C.T.S.
- Volunteer at the YMCA
- Rebuilding Hope
- Volunteer at a Long Term Care Facility
- Volunteer at school
- Lifeline
- Volunteer at church
- District or Conference Ministry
- Volunteer at the Library
- Help at a pet shelter
- Habitat for Humanity

Community In Prayer

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Prayer Group

Prayer Group will meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M. at Plank Chapel in the Parlor. Come be part of a group that undergirds our growth and vision through prayer!

ACTS NEEDS FOR OCT

1. Any canned vegetables with the exception of corn and string beans
2. Soup/Oodles of Noodles
3. Macaroni and Cheese or other noodles
4. Hot and Dry Cereal
5. Powdered Milk
6. Flour/Corn Meal
7. Rice

Leadership

Mark your calendars for the Durham District Leadership Training event on "Enhancing Nurture and Outreach Ministries of the Church." Hosted by Mount Sylvan UMC in Durham on Sunday, November 13, this event features facilitators from The Academy for Leadership Excellence, the NCCUMC Connectional Ministries and Church Revitalization, and our own District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Gray Southern. Stay tuned for more information! This event is always a good place to start if you are beginning a new leadership role at Plank Chapel in 2012.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Still



I have been preparing music for the newly formed youth band for Plank Chapel's new Sunday evening Refresh worship experience. One of the songs I came across is "Still," written by Reuben Morgan. In the chorus of this song, which is found in our Worship and Song hymnal, it says, "When the oceans rise and thunders roar, I will follow You above the storm. Father, You are king over the flood; I will be still, and

know You are God." That song and its powerful words have been resounding in my mind and heart since the day I came across this song because I need to be reminded daily of the importance of being still before God. When times are uncertain or life is just too busy or stressful, God wants us to remember His command to us in Psalm 46:10 to, "Be still, and know that I am God!" By remembering that the Lord is God and that we are God's, our perspective shifts from me-focused to God-focused. By taking the time each day to be quiet and still before God, we remember that God is in control, through storms and silences, constancy and changes, and we can rest in the knowledge that God is with us, step by step. So be still, and know God.

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The Youth of Plank Chapel have been on my mind a lot lately, especially with the weekend retreat for confirmation coming this weekend. "My" girls have been especially close in thought and prayer. I remember that age. Come on now, I'm not THAT old that I can't remember back then! But I remember how insecure I was. I remember feeling like I wasn't very pretty, as if I wasn't good enough, that no matter what I did, I was not right. What happened? I grew confidence in the Lord. It took a long time for me to understand that kind of love. Sometimes

families don't share the love of God and it is very hard to comprehend. I still have a tough time sometimes, however, when I read God's word, I am reminded constantly of that love. Each person is very unique on the outside. You may not like something about yourself, however, if you look on the inside, God made us look just like Him! He made us with knowledge and gave us intelligent minds and a great sense of humor, I challenge you to close your eyes and envision something very special about yourself. Give thanks to God above for that something special. I'm sure you've heard that old phrase "God doesn't make junk!" You are very special! God bless you and may He remind you how wonderful you are! Genesis 1:26-27

Cake Committee BBQ News

The annual Bar B Que will be on Friday, November 4th. We will again be in need of cakes. In the weeks to come there will be a cake sign-up sheet in the vestibule. Home-baked or store bought bundt/pound cakes will be needed as usual. Please, no iced cakes as these are difficult to bag or



wrap. As before the cakes need to be sliced and bagged. Pies do not need to be sliced. Please put your name on the containers that the cake slices are brought in, as well as the pies. This will help the committee check names off the cake list. Also, we request that non-returnable boxes or bags be used to

bring in the cake slices and/or pies. This is a great help to the committee. When slicing the cakes, a regular cake mix bundt cake will get 16 nice size slices. The Food Lion bundt cakes are not as large as they used to be, so you will get only 12 slices from these. The Sam's Club bundt cakes are still large and will give 16 slices. The

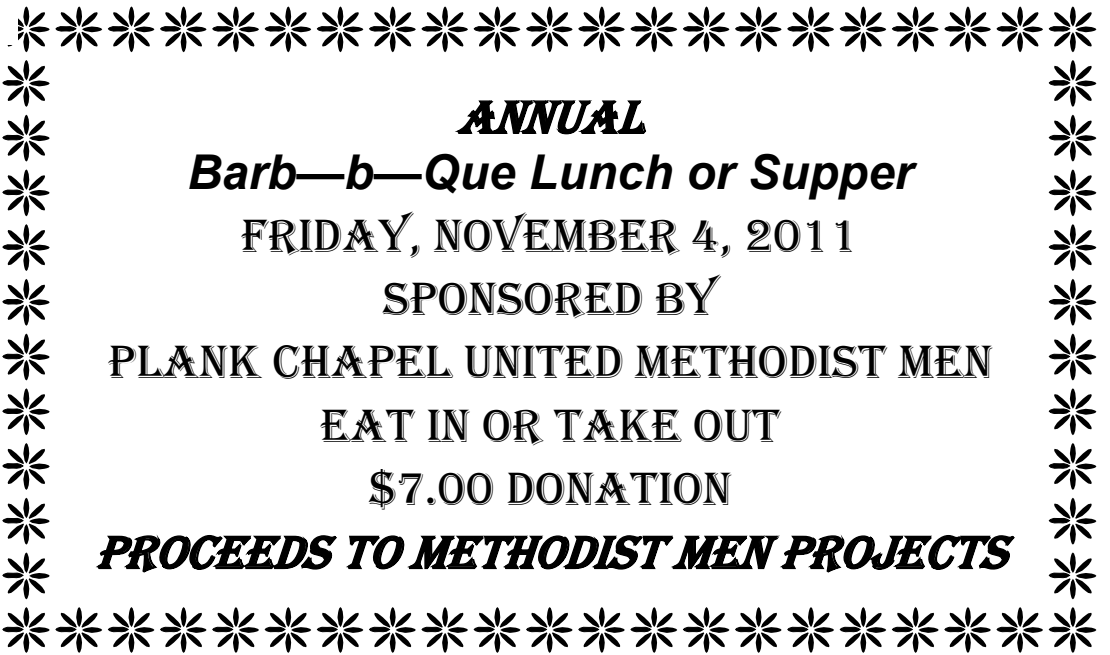
cake committee will be in the education building on Thursday, November 3rd to take in the cake slices and pies. The time will be 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Everyone is always so supportive and we thank you so much for all of your help. The Cake Committee: Pat Edwards, Frances Fuller, Jeanette McGhee



OCTOBER 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> WORSHIP 11:00 A.M. </div>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 A.M. </div>	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> REFRESH 5:30 P.M. </div>				1
2 REFRESH Praise Team practice 3:00 PM REFRESH 5:30 PM	3	4 Prayer Group 7pm	5 7:00 pm choir 	6 Bible Study 1:30 Healing Waters Grief Group 3:30	7	8
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OPEN MINDS.
OPEN DOORS.

In His Service this Month

Flowers:

- 2—Rose Tart
- 9—Martha Rowland
- 16— Janet Bobbitt & Frances Fuller
- 23—Lorraine Abbott & Hilma Smith
- 30—Marilove Spencer & Christine Spencer

Ushers:

- John A. Rogers
- Bobby Newman
- Ben Brown
- Bruce Newman

Nursery:

- 2nd - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller-Bell
- 9th - Frances Roberts and David Heaton
- 16th - Midge Smith and Amy Smith
- 23rd - Roxie Kearney and Jessica Lassiter
- 30th - Rachel and Olivia Williams

Counting Committee

As your servants in the work of keeping account of your gifts, it is our task to be sure that all gifts are properly recorded. Please help us by placing your gift in an envelope with your name on it. Thank you.

Lay Readers:

- 2 - Lorraine Abbott
- 9 - Jeanette McGhee
- 16 - Gwen Ritchey
- 23 - Mike Ranes
- 30 - Various

Greeters:

- 2—Mac & Judy Wilson
- 9—Faye Woodlief & Jane Owen
- 16—Midge & Amy Smith
- 23—Ryan & Angie Rowland
- 30—Jamie & Lorraine Abbott

Outreach:

- 2—Pat Edwards & Donald Rose McGhee
- 9—Judy Wilson & Faye Woodlief
- 16—Marilove Spencer & Jane Owen
- 23—Joyce Edwards & John Rogers
- 30—Joe & Susan Sears



Alter Guild:

- Jeannette Weaver
- Joe Weaver

