

Pastor's Corner



Course Corrections

This summer, in almost every conversation I have had or been part of, I have heard or used the word, "change." It is a word that invokes emotional responses, one in particular is fear. Even though change is more natural and normal than we care to consider, we resist change in the essential areas of our lives.

One area is our life of faith. In truth, that too must change for us to grow closer in our relationship to God. Through our worship, our study, and our work in the world for the sake of the Gospel, we are changed. I have been watching Plank Chapel as we are growing and changing. The air feels energized as we worship. The conversations around tables as we fellowship filled with hope. The groups going out two by two to visit, excited and

those they visit, overjoyed. God is changing us, we are growing in faith and love. What a great way to start summer.

Annual Conference was also about change, changing Bishops, changing Districts, changing how we understand the role of the District Superintendent, churches changing pastors, and Annual Conference changing its location. As I considered these changes, I wondered is it really about change?

I want to offer another way to view what causes us to be so anxious, a better way to understand change. It is not about change but about correcting our course.

We are on a journey, a journey towards unity with God through His son Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is not an instantaneous journey, but rather long and somewhat arduous. Every journey I have undertaken at some point has needed course corrections in order for me to reach my destination. At times I drift because my attention was drawn towards attractions close at hand. At times I believe I know a quicker way and get hopelessly lost and have to recalculate my path. Then there are times I want to turn around because the path just seems too hard to follow and minor course corrections ease my stress. In the end, I always reach my destination having accepted the course corrections necessary to get there.

For people of faith, the end is unity with God, the path is there to follow, yet over time, the means we use to travel that path either correct our course or impede our progress. For example, if our relationship with the world is more important than our relationship with God, we need to correct our course as our worldly relationships

are causing us to drift. If we relate to the world through our relationship with God, then we are working towards correcting the course of the world, that work can become arduous when we believe it is done under our own power and not through God's power. When we correct our perspective, we correct our course and the world is changed.

It is important for us to reflect on our course, as individuals, as the Body of Christ known as Plank Chapel United Methodist Church, as the Heritage District, as the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, as the United Methodist Church, and as the Church of Jesus Christ. Our times of reflection allow us to see when we are on course or drifting or hopelessly lost, then we allow God to provide a course correction. Think about it this way, when we hike mountains, scuba fins would be ineffective. When we swim deep waters, hiking boots would slow our journey. The foot wear is effective in the right place and time. It is like the photo on this article, in order for the cross to be in the center of the limbs, I had to make corrections. It did not change the cross or the tree, but the photo was created by correcting my position so that the cross would be center focus.

Our life of faith is in the world. God asks us to live in the world but not be of the world, and to do that effectively we will always be making course corrections to ensure God is at the center and not the world or ourselves. When we follow the path in community we have one another to help us stay on course and offer us correctives when necessary.

Correcting my course,

Pastor Carolyn

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Stop Hunger Now

Friends of Stop Hunger Now,

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your meal packaging event have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Raleigh warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner Haiti Outreach Ministry in Haiti.

Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) is a Christian mission to the people of Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. HOM focuses on extremely impoverished areas in and near the capital of Port au Prince, currently serving the communities of Blanchard (Terre Noire), Cite Soleil, Ibo Beach (Source Maielas) and Repatriote. All U.S. staff are volunteers. HOM has four schools with over 1,300 students (from Pre-K - 6th grades); 140 students in High Schools, 80 students in Colleges. They work holistically in impoverished communities to provide for basic needs, education, medical care and spiritual

guidance. HOM also has two medical clinics and a vocational school.

<http://www.haitioutreachministries.org/default.aspx>

In all areas where we work the unemployment work is over 70%. The % of children that goes to school is about 40%. Malnutrition is a common commodity in all four areas. Stop Hunger Now definitely has its place in those areas. Thank you for generously donating your time as a volunteer with Stop Hunger Now. We are sincerely grateful for your dedication and for sharing our vision of a world without hunger.

Gratefully,
Ryan Howe
Assistant Program Manager
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Change the World

Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus by Mike Slaughter is a DVD small group study happening this summer. It begins on Tuesday, July 24 at 7:00 p.m. and will run for 4 weeks. 12 copies of his book by the same title are going out into the community to be shared throughout the summer. As we read, may the Holy Spirit work through us to focus our hearts and minds on how we might become agents of the Gospel in the community for real change.

BASIC Information

The Commission on Evangelism has created a two-day event called **Ignite** to empower youth to share their faith story and share the Good News of Christ! Ignite runs September 28-30, 2012 at Camp Rockfish!

Our Mission for is to: Ignite youth to live passionately and share the light of Christ while kindling youth workers' ability to train up the next generation of leaders! Our arc of study will be:

- Show
- Share
- Shape
- Shine

You are invited to bring one youth or your whole youth group to fellowship and learn how to share God's story effectively in today's world. We will have small groups for middle schoolers, senior highs, and youth leaders! The event costs \$69 and is open to youth in 6th-12th grades! If you have further questions, please



email Rev. Thurman Horney who serves as Dean at thurman@nccumc.org. Early registration runs through August 15th!

July 8th—6:30 p.m. —Capture the Flag

Annual Conference Session for Youth ACS—July 16-21—Senior High Only—See Pastor Carolyn by July 8th if you want to attend.

August 8th—UMYF at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Change for Mission

Red Bird Missionary Conference

Senior Circle
June 20th
10:00 a.m.





Youth Ministry Leadership Training

A Youth Ministry leadership training event for all youth and the adults who work with youth will be held Sunday, Aug. 19, 4-7pm. Youth officers and adult volunteers are encouraged to attend. The training is hosted by the Raleigh Area YOWO (youth workers) group. Cost is \$10 per person to cover dinner and supplies. Payment is due at registration. The event will be at Millbrook UMC (1712 E. Millbrook Road, Raleigh, 27609). Participants will have the chance to learn about leadership qualities for

student leaders.

Adult leaders will have choices of various workshops including Counseling 101 (dealing with crisis), Your First Two-Years in Youth Ministry and Veteran Youth Ministry with Chris Sasser of Youth Ministry Architects.

Register groups online:

<http://goo.gl/wvofb>.

Facebook Event:

<http://www.facebook.com/events/167296026733438/>

ACTS FOOD PANTRY

Canned Goods: Meat & seafood, soups (no broth), vegetables, spaghetti sauce, etc.

Peanut butter

Cereal, oatmeal, (both dry and hot)

Pasta, Rice, Mac & Cheese, noodles, macaroni, etc.

Condiments: mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, etc. since we do provide both sandwich meat and bread to these clients.

Powdered or canned Milk



Birthdays:

- 1—Mildred Smith
- 6—Thomas Beckham
- 7—Judy Wilson
- 9—Cameron Eatmon
- 15—Frances Fuller
- 19—Roxie Kearney
- 21—Joyce Young, Margie Pendergrass
- 23—David Miller
- 27—Kathy Rowland
- 28— Jay Fuller
- 30—Rudy Rowland

Anniversaries:

- 1—Ryan and Angie Rowland
- 4—Scott and Gwen Ritchey



Opportunities to Serve

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

Community In Prayer



For... Sue Rogers Smith, Marilove Spencer, Sally Coghill, James Deans, Teresa Hock,

Faye Young, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Bo Fitts, Jane Owens, Henry Brown, Janet Bobbitt

For... Those facing medical procedures this month,

For... the lost and afraid,

For... Those without food, jobs and shelter,

For... healing and reconciliation.

For... our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers



Sharing Peace - Sarah Jo Adams—Wilson

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God has come near to you.' - Luke 10:1-9

Though this is a story about Jesus sending out

disciples over 2000 years ago, I also read this as a story about Plank Chapel. The Field Education department at Duke Divinity School sent me out here to Bobbitt, NC (not exactly a lamb amongst wolves, but definitely a city girl amongst ticks) in the hopes of participating in the Kingdom of God with the members of this community - to eat together, care for the sick and lonely, and preach the good news of Jesus. Much like those in the above passage, you have answered a calling to provide Jake and me with a home, LOTS of good food, and a

warm welcome - you have indeed greeted us with the peace of Christ! And we are very thankful. For us, you have embodied in many ways the type of reception Jesus and the disciples hoped to find when they set out on their journeys. Your display of hospitality to Jake and me is an exciting glimpse into a model of ministry Plank Chapel has begun and can continue in the Bobbitt community, a ministry marked by unsolicited compassions and love for the stranger. As you have shared this peace with us, may we share this peace with one another.

K O R N E R A R I N' S



What is your favorite thing about summer? Mine is being with my family. They are very precious to me. We will be having out of state company coming from NY and FL and meeting in the middle. We have had more company since we have moved here than we ever did in the 25 plus years we lived in FL! We have been told our place is perfect because we are exactly halfway for families to meet each other. David's brother and wife come up and their son and family come down. It should be a lot of fun. We don't get to see much of each other but when we do, it's a lot of fun. Our yard will look like a campground! Bonfires, cook outs, games, and Lord willing, lots of fresh air! I'm getting excited just to plan for the "gang" to be here. What are your plans for the summer? Do you have any fun memories from the past? I bet you do and I would love to hear them. Let the games begin! May God bless all our summer activities.



Operation Overboard




Diving deep into God's word made our Vacation Bible School a great success. We had an average of 24 students each night. We collected \$217.41 for the ZOE Ministry, orphans in Africa. We started the night off with a delicious healthy meal prepared by the kitchen staff. We began the Bible School with song and a visit from our puppet Ochoa. The

students then went to their stations. The students enjoyed the Bible Story Time, Discovery Time, Craft Time and Recreation. The Youth had their own Bible Study with discussion each night. Thanks to each and every person who helped make this VBS a success. Your presence and your work was greatly appreciated. (names are omitted for someone may be left out) The VBS Planning Team



JULY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 7pm Prayer Group	4 Independence Day 	5 1:30 pm Holy time Bible Study	6	7
8 3:00 p.m.—PPRC meeting 6:30 p.m.—UMYF Capture the Flag With Union Chapel	9 7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting	10 7:00 p.m.—Lay Ministry Team Meeting	11	12 Holy time Bible Study 1:30pm	13	14 9:00 a.m.—Safe Sanctuary Training 9:30 a.m.—Kerr Lake Ministries Training
15 8:00 a.m. UMM	16	17	18 10 a.m. Senior Circle	19 1:30pm HTB Study	20	21
ACS for Senior High Youth at Methodist University Fayetteville, NC						
Kerr Lake Ministries Camp Week—Contact Joe Sears						
UMW School of Christian Mission Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC						
22 2:30 p.m.—Outreach meeting (John Roger's home)	23 7:00 p.m.—Lay Leadership Team meeting	24 7:00 p.m.—Change the World Small Group	25	26 Holy Time Bible Study 1:30 pm	27	28
29	30	31 7:00 p.m.—Change the World Small Group	<div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> WORSHIP— 11:00 A.M. </div> <div style="border: 3px double black; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; margin-left: 20px;"> CHURCH SCHOOL— 10:00 A.M. </div>			

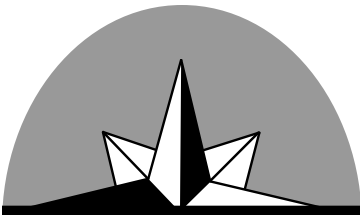


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OPEN DOORS.



With One Voice—

"Breakaway was a life changing experience. I loved how we worshipped because we can clap and dance around when we sing. It's really fun. I wish Breakaway lasted longer than a week and happened more than once a year. I recommend breakaway for everyone. It's really fun and if you don't go, you don't know what you are missing. Breakaway is amazing!

With one voice...

Arianna Fuller-Bell

Kerr Lake Ministries Summer Camp

July 16-20

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Ages: 5 (before May 1st) - 12

In His Service this Month

Flowers:

1—Sally Coghill & Karin Driver
8—Joyce Edwards
15—Donald Rose McGhee
22—Robin Bumpass
29—Laurie Miller

Lay Readers:

1—Darlene Ranes
8—Tim Smith
15—Lorraine Abbott
22—Jeanette McGhee
29—Various Readers

Ushers:

Ben Brown
Bryant Bobbitt
Henry Finch
Freddie McGhee

Greeters:

1—Mac & Judy Wilson
8—George & Beth Heaton
15—Richard & Sally Coghill
22—Kay & C T & Chase Thompson
29—Hilma Smith & Austyn Abbott

Nursery :

1—Roxie Kearney & Jessica Lassiter
8—Judy Wilson & Laurie Miller
15—Midge & Amy Smith
22—Judy Eaves & Arianna Fuller-Bell
29—Rachel & Olivia Williams

Altar Guild:

Patricia Fuller
Debra Newman

Outreach:

1—John Rogers & Patricia Fuller
8—Joe Weaver & Joe Sears
15—Mac Wilson & Richard Coghill
22—Debra & Bruce Newman
29—Donald Rose McGhee & Pat Edwards

