

Pastor's Corner

New Beginnings—There are many times of the year that feel like new beginnings. We have January 1st—the New Year. Christians often look to the 1st Sunday in Advent as the New Year as the Lectionary readings begin a new cycle. Still others look at Easter as the new beginning. Then there are those who count Pentecost as the 1st of the year as it is the day we celebrate the beginning of the church. But for me September and the new school year is always a new beginning. A time to start new adventures in the spiritual discipline of studying God's word. This September we are doing just that with our adult Sunday School classes. We are offering two different curriculum for adults. The Quarterly Sunday School lesson will be held in the sanctuary where the Allen Bible Class regularly meets. In the Fellowship Hall beginning at 10:00

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a.m. will be the Beginnings Series on Spiritual Habits.

Habits can be either healthy or unhealthy. Many of you know I struggle with my weight and have been working for almost 2 years now to cultivate habits for a healthy lifestyle. Recently I have been dealing with setbacks. In this struggle I have been reminded how important it is to take each day as a new beginning, surround myself with positive supportive community to encourage my efforts, to discipline myself to track food, to push my aerobic activity up a notch, and to be accountable to a group or individual who helps me work through my obstacles.

It is the same with our spiritual habits. We can become stagnant in our faith journey when we do not take the time to study together, to have an active prayer life (separate and in community), and to engage in works of mercy as well as piety. All of these activities help exercise our spiritual muscles. In community we can reflect on how our relationship with God's world is in line with God's word. We can hold one another accountable on how we spend our time, spend our talent, spend our treasures, witness to what God has done in our lives, and witness to others of the salvation

offered through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God is continuing to work for good in the world. Each sunrise tells us of God's hope as the light overcomes the darkness of the night. Each day is a day of new beginnings to seek out ways we can be used by God in the world as each of us has been recruited for that work.

Remember the words that Paul shares with the people of Philippi, "*I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.*" (Phil 1:6)

The world will be changed, God promises. All we have to be is faithful to continue the work God has begun among us. Work began this summer with a small group gathered to reflect on how we can be God's agents of change in the community. We learned first and foremost that only in community can we discover how God can use us and how we are obstacles to the work God is putting before us. We learned we still have much to learn.

Shall we begin?

Pastor Carolyn



Did You Know?

- We have Sunday School for all ages
- Mrs. Kearney is in the nursery for the littlest ones
- Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Denton teach Grades K–2
- Mrs. Ranes teaches Grades 3–5
- Mr. and Mrs. Abbott teach Grades 6–12
- Willing Workers is team taught and for adult learners
- Allen Bible meets in the Sanctuary and is another adult learner class
- Beginnings is for adults and is a DVD based study that will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It is a 10-week study
- Following Beginnings will be an Advent Study
- A young adult study will begin in January

Beginnings

Beginnings: The Spiritual Life centers on a series of questions, one per session for a total of 10 Sessions :

- Where is the Spirit in Spirituality? (*Introduction to the Spiritual Life*)
- How much am I willing to risk? (*The Spiritual Habit of Courage*)
- What is most important to me? (*The Spiritual Habit of Loving*)
- Can I find balance in a whirlwind world? (*The Spiritual Habit of Centering*)
- What do I want to be when I grow up? (*The Spiritual Habit of Simplicity*)

- How do I keep my possessions from possessing me? (*The Spiritual Habit of Giving*)
- How do I get ahead? (*The Spiritual Habit of Serving*)
- Can I go deeper without going under? (*The Spiritual Habit of Trusting*)
- What can I do with my doubts? (*The Spiritual Habit of Questioning*)
- Can a change in me change the world? (*The Spiritual Habit of Engaging*)

Class will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a DVD session followed by group discussion. At the first session, there will be an opportunity to sign up to lead. Coffee, milk, juice, and pastries will be provided.



B. A. S. I. C. Information.....

Ignite runs September 28-30, 2012 at Camp Rockfish! Seven of our youth and two adults will be traveling to Camp Rockfish! Pray for our team to become Ignited in their desire to share the Gospel message



snacks. Come, bring a friend and join in on the fun and prepare for future events at our meeting. Be prepared to discuss: fund raisers and upcoming events and let us not forget.....

Pilgrimage is coming..... Yay.....

Lots to plan for! Cabins/Lodges have been reserved...Fundraiser planned...Now to recruit those wonderful adult volunteers!

T-Shirt ideas—Color? Design? How BASIC are we going to be?

Recruiting Worship leaders—Let Pastor Carolyn know if you want to read scripture, acolyte, sing special music. There are many ways to serve and share.

Sunday School Topics—what do you want to study?



September 2nd—UMYF at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall— games, fellowship, study, pizza and



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, Sally Coghill, David Driver, James Deans,, Kay Deans, Teresa Hock, Faye Young, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Bo Fitts, Jane Owen, Henry Brown, Janet Bobbitt

For...those facing medical procedures this month,

For...those leaving home for college

For...the lost and afraid,

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



For...healing and reconciliation.

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

Serving through our Missions

Since the beginning of the year, Missions has been working to raise our awareness about hunger in the world and in our community. Each quarter during special offerings and our change bucket, the Missions team has informed us and encouraged us to give towards mission work throughout the United Methodist Church and beyond. You have given towards Human Relations Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing, Native American Sunday, Peace with Justice

Change fund



Sunday, Methodist Home for Children, Methodist Retirement Homes, Rosanna C. Panizo-Valladares, a missionary, ZOE, Food Bank of North Carolina, Stop Hunger Now, World Vision, Gideon's, Red Bird Mission, Roberson County Church and Community Center. Your gifts have totaled over \$2,750.00. That does not include your local giving to ACTS, Zeb Vance Elementary, Lifeline, youth seeking to grow in

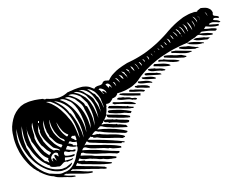
Because we are here, children can learn how valuable they are to God. Because we are here, seniors have a place to come and fellowship together on Wednesdays. Because we are here youth can go off to college knowing they are supported. Because we are here people in the community know we care through our visits and our gifts. Because we are here the sick and grieving receive encouragement and support. Because we are here children in school have supplies. Because we are here youth

gather to play and fellowship and learn about Jesus. Because we are here people of all ages come to know Jesus

Christ as their Lord and Savior. Because you give we can continue to be here doing the work God has before us. Thank you for giving!

BELLS -
September
5th - 6:00

p.m. - Bell practice begins - hope to hear our bells ringing 6 times this fall and winter season - come ring - all you need to do is count



See Donald Rose McGhee or Christine Spencer

Birthdays:

- 2— John Kemp. Bradley Loyd
- 4—Dade Oettinger
- 6— Bill Brown, Laci-Leigh Oettinger
- 9—Kay Deans
- 10 - Faye Young
- 14- Carolyn Roy
- 16—Joe Rowland
- 17— Kimberly Edwards
- 18—Kay House
- 21—Henry Brown
- 27— Robin Bumpass
- 28 - Robert Jones
- 29—Jeannie Vaughan
- 30—Gwen Ritchey

Anniversaries:

- 5—Mac and Judy Wilson
- 7—Joseph and Nancy Sears
- 15—Rick & Pat Edwards, Thomas & Jodi Beckham
- 28—Larry & Angela Satterwhite
- 30—Henry & Ann Finch

CHOIR - September 5th
- 7:00 p.m. - Choir practice resumes - come join us as we prepare for worship and our Christmas season

Senior Circle
September 19th

10:00 a.m.





Sarah Jo

By this time, I have said my goodbyes, packed up my belongings, and headed to a place where snakes and ticks are nowhere to be found (or at least better hidden). Though I have said it before, I must thank you all again for the hospitality and love you showed Jake and me throughout the summer. We truly feel like we were adopted by the Plank Chapel community and I am so grateful for the many things I learned during my time here – everything from when to plant watermelon seeds and how to pick okra to the challenges that face rural communities and the beautiful and messy families who live there.

I also learned a lot about ministry. You all walked

alongside me as I began to learn the ropes of being a leader in the Church, and I cannot stress enough how crucial it was to have a group of people on whom I could depend for affirmation when I did well and grace and forgiveness when I didn't. Plank Chapel was with me for a lot of important firsts – my first sermon, my first ten weeks of marriage, my first time seeing a snake, my first time leading worship. You were the first people to call me "pastor" and for that, I give much thanks to God. And so while I am sad to leave, my heart is also full because of the many ways you have richly blessed me and the many places I see God working in this place. I can say with confidence that

God has shaken you this summer and is calling you to be a radical witness to God's grace here in Bobbitt. God is calling you to extravagant hospitality and I am excited to see you respond faithfully! With the help of the Holy Spirit, I know you will! Just like you did with us!

Peace be with you all,
Sarah Jo and Jake Adams-Wilson

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K O R N E R

A R I N' S



I have always been told good things come to those who wait. After waiting for over a year and a half I was beginning to wonder... to doubt.... That it was going to happen. I was at wits end and didn't know where to turn. Through a series of rejections and declines, I was beginning to give up. "Where and when will my break come? What did I do wrong? Lead my steps to your path." I prayed and begged God. Then I went on my way. Just leaving it to Him. The hardest part is letting go of our burdens. So many times I would pray and after praying, pack up those same burdens and let them weigh me down even more. This time it was different. A couple days is when I got "the call". A job offer from a place I had not even applied for! I KNEW that it was what God wanted me to do. Once again, God revealed His plan for me. This is not going to be an easy adventure but it will definitely be one that will be rewarding! This is one of those times in my Christian walk where He has revealed himself to me. My prayer is that whatever you are going through right now, God will reveal his plan for you as well. That you will have your answer to your questions. May you be blessed beyond imagination!



Community News

Gillburg UMC— Wednesday nights from 4:30 until 6:30 pm. for \$6.00 you can get a wonderful home cooked meal. They post the menu on their sign. An AA group also meets there regularly. If you know of anyone seeking a support group, have them call Gillburg UMC for times.

Union Chapel Travel Group - Each month this group travels to various locations around the south. Some trips are educational, others just plain fun. Their September

trips include: Reynolda House Museum in Winston Salem. It was build in 1917 by the founder of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company. Departure is 8:00 a.m. on September 6th. Stopping for lunch only. Cost \$35.00 which includes transportation and tour. Ron's Barn, Coats, NC to hear "The Royal Descendants" a southern gospel group that has been ministering in music for 20 years. Ron's Barn serves a country buffet. Departing Union Chapel at 3:15 p.m. Returning home around 10:30 p.m. Cost \$40.00

which includes transportation, dinner, and the show. Seats are limited—48. How do you sign up? Make checks payable to UNION CHAPEL UMC and mail them to Mildred Ross, 908 Avis Lane, Henderson, NC 27536

Other community news—Community Watch meetings are scheduled every other month in Kittrell and they have been meeting either in the Fire Station or the Community Building. Come and learn how we can make a difference in Kittrell and Bobbitt.



SEPTEMBER 2012

WORSHIP—11:00 A.M.

CHURCH SCHOOL—10:00 A.M.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

2 Sunday School
Promotional Day

Beginnings 10:00
UMYF—5:30 p.m.

3

4
7 pm Worship
Committee
Prayer Group

5
6:00 pm Bell
Choir
7:00 pm Choir
Practice

6
Keeping Holy time
Bible Study
1:30pm

7

8

9
Senior Luncheon
12:00 p.m.
PPRC 3:00 pm

10

11
7 pm Change the
World Small
Group Study

12
6:30 pm Bell
Choir
7:00 pm Choir
Practice

13
Keeping Holy time
Bible Study
1:30pm

14

15



16
UMM 8:00 AM
UMW 3:00 PM

17

18

19
10 a.m. Senior
Circle

6:30 pm Bell
Choir
7:00 pm Choir
Practice

20
Keeping Holy time
Bible Study
1:30pm

21

22

7 p.m.—
Community Watch

23

24

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26
6:30 pm Bell
Choir
7:00 pm Choir
Practice

27
Keeping Holy time
Bible Study
1:30pm

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In His Service this Month



Flowers:

2— Susan Sears
9— Gwen Ritchey
16— Pat Edwards
23— Fran Leake
30— Lorraine Abbott and
Hilma Smith

Lay Readers:

2— Beth Heaton
9— Donald Rose McGhee
16— Pat Edwards
23— Patricia Fuller

Ushers:

Ben Brown
Mac Wilson
Joe Weaver,
Johnny McGhee

Altar Guild:

Gwen and Scott Ritchey

Greeters:

2—Bryant Bobbitt & John
Rogers
9—Jeanette Weaver & Fran-
ces Roberts
16—Freddie McGhee &
Johnny McGhee
23—Bruce Newman & Faye
Woodlief
30—

Nursery:

2— Judy Wilson and Laurie
Miller
9— Judy Eaves and Arianna
Fuller-Bell
16— Nancy and Kallie Jo
Sears
23— Roxie Kearney and
Jessica Lassiter
30—Rachel and Olivia Wil-
liams

Outreach:

2— Mac Wilson and Richard
Coghill
9— Debra and Bruce New-
man
16— Donald Rose McGhee
and Pat Edwards
23— Darlene Ranes and
Joyce Edwards
30—Faye Woodlief and Judy
Wilson



Senior Appreciation Luncheon

**Honoring the older generation
of our church family**

September 9th

Following Worship