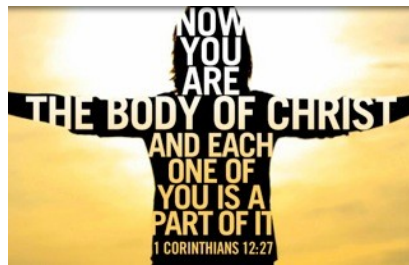


## *Pastor's Corner*

### **A most excellent way!**

This month, the secular world is abuzz about Valentine's Day. In the rhythm of the church calendar this month holds two important days and the beginning of a season called Lent.

In Paul's letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes about a more excellent way, the way of love. It was love that created humankind. It was love that brought the Lord most high from heaven to earth. It was love that took Him to the cross. It was love that triumphed over death. It is love that will



transform the world. When we become disciples of Jesus Christ, we grow into the way of love and out of the ways of the world.

On Transfiguration Sunday, we witness with Peter,

James, and John Jesus in all His glory and all His humanity. Together they descend into the world to share that glory with

a bruised and broken world. On Ash Wednesday, we gather in the sanctuary and remember from dust we were formed and to dust we will return. We remember that this earthly body has an expiration date. As the

Body of Christ we are eternal. We live in both realities at the same time, the reality of a broken world and the reality of the kingdom of God. Our task as disciples of Jesus Christ is to offer the broken world a view of God's Kingdom by choosing the more excellent way of love. We are to live in the world and love it into the Kingdom through the power of the Holy Spirit.

How is God calling you to love? How is God calling us, the Body of Christ, gathered at Plank Chapel to love? Pray with me as we journey into this discovery.

Pastor Carolyn

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### **24 HOURS**

#### **THAT CHANGED THE WORLD**

Walk with Jesus in His final day.  
 Sit beside Him at the Last Supper.  
 Pray with Him in Gethsemane.  
 Follow Him to the Cross.  
 Desert Him. Deny Him.  
 Experience the Resurrection.



7 Nights during Lent at Plank Chapel UMC from 7 pm—8 pm

Join us in a Lenten Study for all ages. Adam Hamilton guides us through the story in DVD presentation and in word.

February 24th—March 3rd—March 10th—March 17th—March 24th and final class Holy Saturday—March 30th

Sign up Today—contact Pastor Carolyn for more information



# Missions Team Update

# Acts

Missions Team Update  
Missions met on January 21st and began planning for 2013.

What we are looking for in this coming year is a local hands on mission event.

Being considered:  
Relay For Life (with a Plank Chapel Team)  
Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society of Henderson  
Stop Hunger Now Food Packaging with Fuller's Chapel and others  
All God's Children  
Youth who choose to go on a mission trip

We will meet again on March 10th after worship for a meal and mission conversation  
Anticipate some 5th Sunday

fundraising luncheons - we are planning them now

If you have a passion or know of a local mission that could use our support, please let the missions committee know.

Team members are: Leo Roy, Angie Rowland, Kasey Pegram, Kay and James Dean, Susan Sears, George Heaton

We are seeking a young person to join our missions team!

Plank Chapel last year you supported the following mission efforts

Stop Hunger Now  
Food Bank of Eastern North Carolina (covers our area)  
Methodist Home for Children  
Red Bird Missionary Conference  
Gideons

Zoe Ministry  
Roberson County Church and Society  
Heifer Project  
UMCOR Disaster Relief  
Missionary Rosanna C. Panizo-Valladares  
Missionary Gary Locklear  
The six special offerings from the UMC  
Food supplies for ACTS  
School supplies for Zeb Vance

Your generosity was well over \$3,000 in giving as well as your time and energy you put into various ministries

The change fund has been your seed funding for missions in the world.  
Praise the Lord!

ACTS Soup Kitchen is partnering with Seniors Center and has begun delivering lunch plates to those in need who are unable to get to the ACTS house to benefit from a good meal. We have several volunteers who deliver these meals, but could definitely use more volunteers. Volunteers are needed from 11:00 AM to Noon, Monday through Friday. If you have any parishioners that are willing to volunteer, please ask them to contact Twanna or Joan at ACTS, 252-492-8231, or Joan cell 252-820-0360, or Twanna cell 252-572-3203. The more volunteers we have, the more families we can reach out to provide them with a good meal.



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

February meeting time has been changed remember to come at 3 pm as we have a special guest who just returned from a mission trip and will share that experience with us.

Also during that meeting we will discuss meeting times for our stations of the cross team

A possible rematch for capture the flag!!!!

As we will be a week

away from our Steak Dinner Fundraiser, come and learn what you need to do to make this happen.

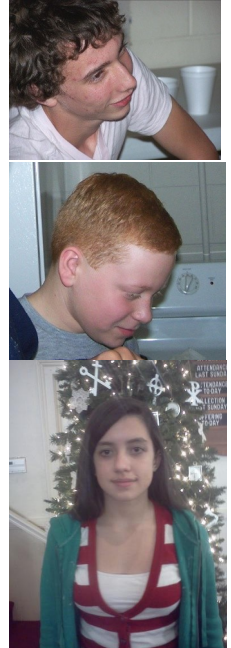
Remember your applications for conference youth events - fill them out, send them in, inform Pastor Carolyn when you have done this

Are you interested in Missions? The Missions Team is looking for a young person to serve with them.

Do Hard Things - what chapter are you on? Can you tell Pastor Carolyn what you have learned?

Come out and be part of the Lenten Study Sunday nights

The April 30 Hour Famine will include a work day at Rebuilding Hope. Have you begun recruiting support for your famine? Do you know a friend you might ask to join with you?



*Opportunities to Serve*

New Year  
Opportunities for  
Service:

Usher  
Acolyte  
Lay Reader  
Small Group  
Leader  
Choir  
Bells  
Sunday School  
Teacher  
UMM  
UMW  
ACTS  
Lifeline  
Ruin Creek  
Relay for Life  
Team

Visit Shut ins  
Prayer Group

Host a Bible  
Study

Have a movie  
night

*Community In Prayer*

**For...** Sally Coghill, David Driver, James Deans, Kay Deans, Faye Young, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Bo Fitts, Jane Owen, Henry Brown, Joe Sears

**For...**those facing medical procedures this month,

**For...**those with the flu and other winter colds

**For...**the lost and afraid,

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

**For...**healing and reconciliation.

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



*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

**BIRTHDAYS**

2— B.W. Brown Jr

3— Amy Smith

11 — Sally Coghill

14— Ann Finch

15—Jodi Beckham

17—Maurice Jones, James Rowland

23—Frances Beckham

28—Jamie Rowland, Mary A. Lynn

**ANNIVERSARYS****Lenten Preparations for Easter**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday we move to 40 days of preparation for Easter. Many of us make choices to fast during this time, whether we fast from food or activities or behaviors, we deny ourselves that which interferes with our relationship with God. Here are some suggestions for your 40 days of Lent.

\_\_\_ Spend time in solitude each day.

\_\_\_ Share in a Lenten Series on Sunday evenings or Wednesday.

\_\_\_ Read a book for inner growth.

\_\_\_ Read twice through the Gospel of the lectionary cycle you are in. (Luke in 2013)

\_\_\_ Begin to keep a journal of prayer concerns, questions, reading.

\_\_\_ Focus on thanksgiving, rather than on asking, in prayer.

\_\_\_ Give myself a gift of three hours to do something I always say I don't have time to do.

\_\_\_ Find a way to go to bed earlier or sleep in so I get enough rest.

\_\_\_ Make a list of people with whom I need to be reconciled. Pray for them and let Jesus guide me in my thinking and feeling toward them.

\_\_\_ Take control of my life by ....

\_\_\_ Go to all of the Holy Week services as an act of love and waiting with Jesus.

\_\_\_ Take one hour to inventory my priorities and plan how I will reorder them.

\_\_\_ Give up a grudge or a rehearsal of a past event.

\_\_\_ Forgive someone who has hurt me.

\_\_\_ Dance my prayers to a favorite tape or CD.

\_\_\_ Use a devotional book for prayer time

\_\_\_ Other promptings:

\_\_\_ Take on some loving task:

\_\_\_ Plan to visit a "shut-in" neighbor or church member weekly.

\_\_\_ Write a letter of affirmation once a week to a person who has touched my life.

\_\_\_ Go on a Retreat (*ask about Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis*)

\_\_\_ Listen and respond to Christ's call to a ministry of service:

\_\_\_ Go to coffee or dinner with someone I want to know better.

\_\_\_ Begin to recycle waste from my home and workplace.

\_\_\_ Give blood and recall the cross.

\_\_\_ Call Rebuilding Hope and ask how I can help.

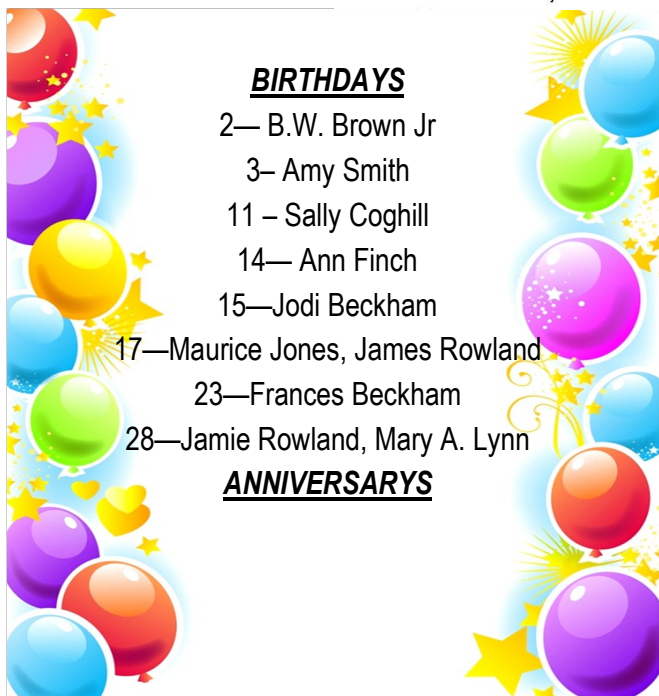
\_\_\_ Say "NO" to something that is a waste of money and time.

\_\_\_ Pray to God to help me resist racial prejudice and to give me courage in opposing it.

\_\_\_ Decide to become a member of the church and speak to a pastor or lay leader.

\_\_\_ Rebuke the spirit of criticism and my own tongue out of control.

\_\_\_ Find a way to live out the baptismal promise to "resist evil, injustice, and oppression" in the power and liberty God gives us by ....





### United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women making disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

These faithful disciples meet on the 3rd Sunday of most months at 3:00 p.m. They pray for each other, have a program about their faith and mission, and then make decisions about how they will serve in the world.

In 2012 these women prayed for the teachers of Zeb Vance and throughout the year provided creative reminders to them of our support. These care packages are greatly appreciated.

These women also gave to the Ten Dollar Club, a fund that supports new church starts.

These women not only gave to Stop Hunger Now but showed up and packaged food.

These Women support individual families in need during various times of the year with school supplies or Christmas presents.

These women serve on the altar guild and various other committees providing us a place to worship the Lord and grow in discipleship.

Maybe this month you might consider joining these women. Thank you Plank Chapel United Methodist Women

### Small Group Study

Women of the Bible  
A Six Session Study  
1st Sunday of every month

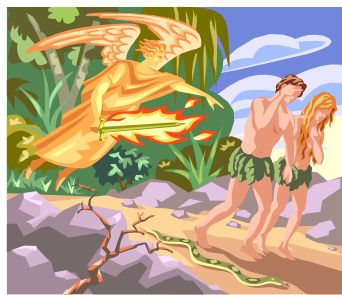
Come join us and discover  
Women of Strength  
Women of Courage  
Women of Conviction  
Here in Bobbitt  
And in Scripture

The first meeting is February 3rd - Sunday 2:30 p.m.  
Beth Heaton will host and lead us in a study of Ruth  
During this time together We will share and work on a related project

March we will study Esther at Christine Spencer's home

April we will study Eve at Debra Newman's home

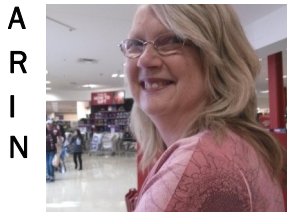
Other locations will be announced.



### Meeting Reminder Box

Worship - February 5th- 7 pm  
PPRC - February 10th - 3 pm  
Church Council - February 24th - 3 pm

### K O R N E R



“you’re getting to be a habit with me....” Croons Frank Santatra. David and I have been watching a lot of the old movies. Frank Sanatra, Bing Crosby, all the old musicals mean so much to me.

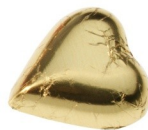
Valentines day is soon approaching. How will you share this special day with your loved ones? So many things have changed. It has become a holiday as commercialized as Christmas.

To me it has become just another day. Every day is a day you tell the ones you love them, especially when you have no idea how many you will be given.

This year, Valentines has a very special meaning to me and I’m so very excited. I am hoping to have the opportunity to do the Walk to Emmaus. What a perfect gift for Valentines! The love of God in a way not many people experience. Please pray for me as I take my walk. My prayer is that I can share with you about this walk, and that you will want to experience the same thing.

Be encouraged, folks and know that you are loved by a God who has everything under control. Happy Valentines day! I love you all!

Karin



The Worship Committee will be meeting on February 5th preparing our Lenten worship which leads us into Easter Celebrations. It begins with our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m. on February 13th

We will map out events I  
The Easter Cantata  
Holy Thursday Worship  
Blessing of the Animals  
Sunrise Service (timing it right)  
The Community Stations of the Cross


Also we will be discussing and scheduling  
Youth Service  
Pentecost  
Summer Early Worship-8:30 am

Pastor Carolyn is considering a summer sermon series:  
Possible Topics: Apostle’s Creed, Sermon on the Mount, What does it mean to be called?, What is a disciple? Salvation?  
Is there a topic you have on your heart?



You are invited  
to the wedding of  
Rachel Williams  
And Tracy Knapp  
On February 23rd  
6:00 p.m.  
Dessert reception  
following

# FEBRUARY 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 B.W. Brown BD
3 Amy Smith BD 2:30pm Women of the Bible UMYF 3:30 p. m.	4 7pm S of the C meeting—at Cokesbury UMC	5 7 pm Worship Committee	6 10:00 AM Four Seasons 7:00 pm Choir Practice	7 Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 1:30pm	8	9 5:30 UMYF Steak dinner
10 3:00pm PPRC	11 Sally Coghill BD	12	13 7:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday	14 Amy Finch BD Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 1:30pm	15 Jodi Beckham BD	16
17 8:00 AM UMM 3 PM UMW	18	19	20 10:00am Senior Circle 6:00 pm bell practice 7 Choir Practice 	21 Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 1:30pm	22	23 Frances Beckham BD  Rachel Williams and Tracy Knapp wedding
24 3pm Church Council 7:00pm Small Group Study— 24 hrs	25	26	27 6:00 bell prac- tice 7 Choir Practice	28 Jamie Rowland & Mary Lynn BD Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 1:30pm		

Meeting Reminder—If you schedule a meeting, you may want to consider coming out 1 hour earlier to raise the thermostat temperature to give the building time to warm. Thermostats automatically return to preset temperatures after 2 hours—so you may have to adjust during your meeting as well

**WORSHIP—11:00 A.M.**

**CHURCH SCHOOL—10:00 A.M.**



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# Steak Dinner

## Sponsored by our Youth

### February 9th 5:30 pm

Steak, baked potato, salad, drinks and brownies  
\$10 per person

## Cake auction

### *In His Service this Month*



#### **Flowers:**

3—Debra Newman  
10—Jackie Brown  
17—Jeanette McGhee  
24—Kim Oettinger

#### **Ushers:**

Bruce Newman  
Ben Brown  
Freddie McGhee  
Mac Wilson

#### **Altar Guild:**

Judy Wilson  
Laurie Miller

#### **Greeters:**

3— Carlton Brown,  
Jeanette Weaver  
10— Kallie and Susan  
Sears  
17— Freddie McGhee  
and Johnny McGhee  
24— James and Kay  
Dean

#### **Nursery:**

3— Judy and Virgie  
Eaves  
10— Judy Wilson and  
Laurie Miller  
17—Rachel and Olivia  
Williams  
24—Roxie Kearney and  
Christina Hernandez

#### **Outreach:**

3— Bruce & Debra  
Newman  
10— DR McGhee & Pat  
Edwards  
17— Darlene Ranes &  
Joyce Edwards  
24— Faye Woodlief and  
Judy Wilson

#### **Lay Readers**

3— Taylor Abbott  
10— Gwen Ritchey  
17— Mike Ranes  
24— Olivia Williams

