



# Chapel Chatter

## Back to School

*And you shall teach them to your children, talking of them when you are sitting in your house, and when you are walking by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise (Deuteronomy 11:19)*



On August 25<sup>th</sup>, we blessed the school supplies for Zeb Vance Elementary School as we offered a blessing upon our children heading back to school. When we baptize our children, we covenant in those baptismal vows to surround and support them with our prayers and our presence.

If you are not already doing this in your daily prayers, add the children of Plank Chapel to your prayer life. Name them individually and lift them up to the Lord. Consider becoming a prayer partner

with one of them. Send them notes of encouragement throughout their academic year. Do not forget the students in college as well.

Pray for our schools and our teachers. Time may not be set aside for prayer in school, but it does not stop us from praying. More than ever the schools need a hedge of prayerful protection. Pray.



### Plank Chapel United Methodist Church

To all who are lonely and need a friend, to all who are sick and seek Christ's healing power, to all who sin and need a Savior, this church opens wide its doors, and in the name of Christ our Savior, bids you welcome.

Join us for worship, at 8:30 am or 11:00 am, church school at 10:00 am.

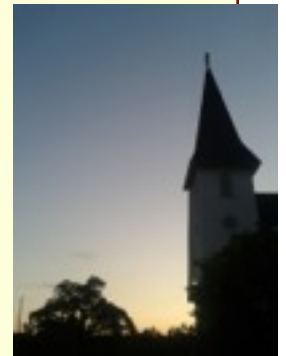
UMM - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday 8:00

UMW - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday 3:00

UMYF - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 5:30 p.m.



#### GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

We traveled through the seven churches of Revelation. We heard God's words, "I know your works." We heard then what complaints God had upon the church that God loves. What I took from this journey with John was how much God desires us to be in an all consuming love relationship with God. Because we love God we are to take risks for the Gospel without fear and extend God's love to the rest of the world beginning with our communities.

What are we called to do? We are called to choose. We must choose to work for the Kingdom of God. Choosing to work for the Kingdom does not mean ignoring the reality of our situation. We can name our reality, but what should claim us is the Gospel message of reconciliation, resurrection, and life.

What might we name as a reality? Here are some. We are not meeting our budget. We are supporting missionary efforts in our conference financially. We are supporting local missions financially. Our attendance is down. We have received a new member. We are beginning our second confirmation class in 3 years. We have seven potential confirmands. We are in a rural community. Our county is very poor. Crime is on the rise. Young people leave.

With these realities, I ask us again, what are we called to do? What are the ways we can extend the hand of Christ and help those within our reach rise up out of their impoverished state, whether their poverty is physical, financial, emotional, or spiritual?

Ways we have begun this include our senior program with Senior Circle and 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop. Coming this month, the Hispanic Bible Study will reach another group who need to hear the message of salvation. Our UMM work within the community assisting families. Our UMW provide support to Zeb Vance Elementary as well as to local families in need. They packaged birthing kits for women around the world. Our BASIC UMYF cleaned a neighbor's home so he could return there. They have packaged food for Stop Hunger Now. VBS collected for Project AGAPE Christmas boxes. Our change has gone out to All God's Children, Project AGAPE, a missionary Gary Locklear and the Youth Service Fund.

We do have to choose. Some choices may be hard. Some choices may feel like we are choosing death over life. As followers of Jesus, we know that death is not the final answer. The final word is Jesus, the giver of life. The final word is resurrection and the Kingdom of God. Choose.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Walking Across the Road:  
Creating Community &  
Building Faith through  
Relationships**

On Saturday, September 21 from 9:30 until 3:30 pm at Nashville United Methodist Church, the North Carolina Connectional Ministries and the Academy of Leadership Excellence will be hosting an opportunity for us to discuss and reflect on how we can build relationships with our neighbors in our own context. The day will include worship, breakout sessions, and panel

discussions. There is a \$10 fee that goes towards the lunch that will be provided. Please contact Pastor Carolyn as this event is one that requires preregistration.

**September 29<sup>th</sup>,  
Louisburg UMC - 3:00 pm**

District gathering for laity and clergy to meet with Bishop Hope Morgan Ward. This gathering will focus on the 2013-2014 North Carolina Conference theme: "From Strength to Strength: Thrive!"

Laity along with clergy will consider together questions such as: How do lay and clergy thrive in discipleship and leadership of congregations? How do congregations thrive in mission and ministry? How can we pray, think and work toward the thriving of all people and of the whole creation?



CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SPARE CHANGE

Ruin Creek Animal Protection Society of Henderson, NC (RCAPS) is a group of volunteers that help animals in Vance County find rescue and placement. They do not handle any adoptions nor do they have a facility. They are working on cheaper spay/neuter options and much more. These volunteers spend time and money to restore the health of abused and abandoned animals, transporting many across state lines to their forever homes. They give a voice to the animals we bring into our home to be our family pets, reminding us they are part of God's creation and need us to be responsible.



**KARIN'S KORNER**



Today one of my students asked me, "Mrs. Driver, how do you do it?" I looked at him wondering exactly what he meant. The he added, "You have it so together.

What is your secret? You seem to have everything together. You just seem to flow through your day. You always seem happy and bring joy to the class. I wish I had that." Wow! What a compliment. Now, if he only knew what I was REALLY going through or had gone through. I simply told him it was by the grace of God that I can be this way. I got to share with him about the grace that God has bestowed upon me and assured him I do have my "down moments" but was thankful for this unconditional love. Then I got to thinking and found a tear come to my eye. I was humbled that God used me at that moment and allowed himself to show through me. It was an assurance that He is still in control. The

past few months have been a true roller coaster ride and I'm relatively sure it's not over, but I have the assurance that God has His hand in this ride. He is my "seatbelt" holding me tightly. How exciting it is to see that the Holy Spirit could cloud the student's eye from seeing what I was truly feeling at that time and look into my heart to see what God wanted him to see! Blessings to you all, Karin

PS. We would greatly appreciate it if you saved all your soda can pop rings for us. For every 1,000 rings we collect, a child with cancer can get 1 free chemo treatment. Please help us bless those in need.

Community in Prayer  
For... James Rowland, James Dean, Henry Brown, Sumner Smith, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen, Marilove Spencer  
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,  
For...those grieving,  
For...Henderson, Vance Cnty  
For...Plank Chapel

**BELL CHOIR NEWS**

Do you "hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again." This past year the bells have rung at Plank Chapel as we have worshipped our Lord and Savior. This has been accomplished through servant leaders. One particular servant leader has given much of her time to find music, mark music, polish and repair bells, then challenge and lead the ringers who volunteered to serve. This servant leader, Donald Rose McGhee, is

stepping away from this avenue of service after many years of leading. The Bell Choir is saddened to lose this leader and grateful for her guidance and encouragement. Thank you Donald Rose McGhee for your years with the bells.

One way to show our gratitude and appreciation is to continue to have bells ringing. The bell choir is seeking a new leader. Please be in prayer for this ministry. I hear the bells ringing!



**Kerr Lake Ministries Fundraiser**  
**Sonshine Gospel Sing**  
**September 28**  
**1:30 - 4:30 pm**  
**Mount Carmel UMC**  
**Hot Dogs with all the fixings**  
**Gospel music**  
**Fellowship**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

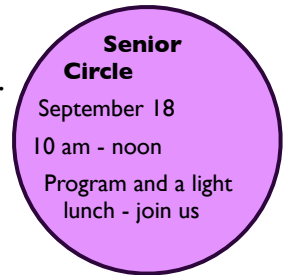
Join us in welcoming our newest member to Plank Chapel UMC - Natalie Gonzalez!



MISSION MOMENT - ACTS

has started delivery of meals to shut ins and elderly clients who cannot get to ACTS, to assist Meals on Wheels due to their backlog. ACTS delivers these meals Monday through Friday from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. They are in need of volunteers to assist them with delivery of these meals. If you wish to volunteers to deliver these precious meals, please call Martha at ACTS, 252-492-8231 to offer assistance.

The ACTS food pantry can always used canned items for distribution. The backpack buddy program is continuing there this fall, so consider lunch size items as well.



**Outreach to our Spanish Speaking Neighbors**  
On September 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. Bible study will be offered to our neighbors as an outreach for making disciples of Jesus Christ. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Pastor Carolyn for specific details.



SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATES

*Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)*

Sunday School at Plank Chapel offers classes for all ages. The Fall Quarter is just beginning, a perfect time to start the spiritual discipline of study. We start at 10:00 a.m. with opening assembly in the Sanctuary and then depart for classes at 10:15.

Our Sunday School Superintendent, Debra Newman is recruiting teachers and substitute teachers for all ages. If you are being led to teach,

please contact her or her assistant, Donald Rose McGhee.

Adults have three different classes to choose from: Willing Workers, Allen Bible and not a fan. Willing Workers and Allen Bible are studying Genesis, Exodus, and Psalm 104 this quarter. Not a fan are studying kyle idleman's, gods at war.

Our children and youth have teachers ready and eager to share God's word. Come join us!

ADVOCATE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The North Carolina Conference Christian Advocate (NCCC Advocate), the official newspaper of the NC Conference of the UMC, has provided information and resources to Methodists in eastern NC for over 150 years. It provides local church, district, conference, jurisdictional, and General Church news to approximately 237,000 UMC members in 56 counties – news you can use about people and places you know.

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- Acolytes**
- 1—Makayla Beckham
  - 8—Austyn Abbott
  - 15—Matthew Denton
  - 22—Jasper Denton
  - 29—CT Thompson

followers of Jesus Christ. This year the theme is “Born to lead the way, born to break the chains.” Join us!

We will be planning one fund raiser this fall to help cover the costs of this event. If you want to bring a friend along, we will need that friend to

come out to BASIC UMYF in October to get to know us and we get to know your friend.

On September 29<sup>th</sup> in lieu of confirmation and UMYF, the youth are going to a District Gathering at Louisburg UMC to hear Bishop Hope Morgan Ward speak about what it means to “Thrive!”

A District Opportunity to connect is being offered through Creedmoor UMC on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm until 5 pm, a Youth Rock Concert.

On September 1<sup>st</sup> as we begin our new year as BASIC with new members we will do our annual calendar and hear about a weekly schedule that offers study, prayer, worship, and action. See you there **Brothers And Sisters In Christ!**

**BASIC INFORMATION**

Fall confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. Class will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays with a retreat scheduled for December. If you are ready to be confirmed, speak to Pastor Carolyn. Parents speak to your children and youth so that they are ready to take this step. Each student going through will have a mentor who prays for them throughout their journey to say “Yes” to God.

Pilgrimage is just 2 months away. For 20 years now youth and their leaders have gone on Pilgrimage to worship together and learn more about being

**Invite Your Neighbor  
to Worship  
Sunday**

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
We are opening wide  
our doors and inviting  
in our neighbors

Join us for worship and  
a BBQ chicken dinner

Can we fill God’s pews  
to share the Good  
News of Jesus Christ

So that they might be  
saved!

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. Join us at 3:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group of women serve the community in mission through their time and talent and treasure. Monthly meetings include a program followed by a mission meeting as they determine the best use of their gifts so that women and children are safe, healthy and know God.



**4  
Seasons Cafe  
and Gift Shop  
September 4  
10 am - noon**

Games, crafts, fellowship  
and  
food



# Fall Faith and Fitness

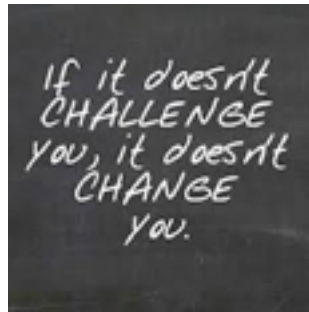
*"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT)

Faith and Fitness classes begin this month. Are you ready? Have you checked with your family doctor? If there are any restrictions to activity, it will help to have your physician indicate that in writing.

Classes will meet for one hour. Sunday night classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. there will be 30 minutes of activities related to the topic for the night, at 6:00 p.m. a time of discussion around the night's topic for approximately 30 minutes followed by activities related to the topic for 30 minutes at 6:30 p.m.

The overlapping schedule for Wednesday nights permits people to either choose 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## September - Schedule and Topics



- 8 - Beginning Points
- 11- Fall Prevention
- 15 - Home Exercise Equipment
- 18 - Lower Body Exercises
- 22 - Running
- 25 - Walking
- 29 - Core Strength

A Healthier North Carolina - <http://www.ahealthienc.com>

Sparkpeople - <http://www.sparkpeople.com>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Flowers</b></p> <p>1—Beverly Thompson</p> <p>8—Susan Sears</p> <p>15—Pat Edwards</p> <p>22—Fran Leake</p> <p>29—Lorraine Abbott and Hilma Smith</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Greeters</b></p> <p>1—Bryant Bobbitt and John Rogers</p> <p>8—Jeannette Weaver and Frances Roberts</p> <p>15—Freddie McGhee and Johnny McGhee</p> <p>22—Bruce Newman and Faye Woodlief</p> <p>29—Natalie Gonzalez and Ben Brown</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ushers and Altar Guild</b></p> <p><b>Ushers</b></p> <p>Ben Brown, Mac Wilson, Taylor Abbott, Johnny McGhee</p> <p><b>Altar Guild</b></p> <p>Ben and Jackie Brown</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lay Readers</b></p> <p>1—Lorraine Abbott</p> <p>8—Jeanette McGhee</p> <p>15—Taylor Abbott</p> <p>22—Gwen Ritchey</p> <p>29—Various Readers</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nursery</b></p> <p>1—Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger</p> <p>8—Beth Heaton and John Heaton</p> <p>15—Frances Roberts and Lizzie Driver</p> <p>22—Midge Smith and Arianna Fuller-Bell</p> <p>29—Roxie Kearney and Jessica Lassiter</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Outreach</b></p> <p>1—Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards</p> <p>8—Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson</p> <p>15—John and Patricia Rogers</p> <p>22—Joe Weaver</p> <p>29—Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill</p>

# SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 2:30 p.m. - Women of the Bible Small Group 4:00 p.m. - Confirmation 5:30 p.m. - BASIC UMYF</p>	2	3	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Four Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</p>	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 7:00 p.m. - Faith and Fitness</p>	9	10	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</p>	13	<p>14</p> <p>Conference Leadership Training - Walking across the Road</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:00 a.m. - UMM 8:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 3:00 p.m. - UMW 4:00 p.m. - Confirmation 7:00 p.m. - Faith and Fitness</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Missions and Ministry Team Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 a.m. - Senior Circle 5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 p.m. - Kittrell Community Watch (Kittrell Community Building)</p>	20	21
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 a.m. - Worship 10:00 a.m. - Church School 11:00 a.m. - Worship 12:30 p.m. - Fellowship Luncheon 7:00 p.m. - Faith and Fitness</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>7:00 p.m. - Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 p.m. - Faith and Fitness 7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:30 p.m. - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 6:00 p.m. - Hispanic Bible Study</p>	27	<p>28</p> <p>12:30-4:30 pm - Kerr Lake Ministries Sonshine Gospel Sing</p>
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