



Chapel Chatter

Angels Among Us

Bill's Rainbow Warriors stepping out to celebrate and support the courage and commitment of those battling brain tumors



It was a bright sunny Saturday morning when we gathered under the carport at John and Patricia Rogers' home. The excitement had been building over this 5K walk in memory of Bill Brown. Now it was time to start and walkers were wondering just how long is a 5K. We set off, each at our own pace with our hearts light and our spirits full. Each step

seemed to make the next one easier as we began, but the further we got, the harder the steps seemed. The few running were encouraging to all of us that we can do this! Then as we gathered together around water and Bojangles Biscuits and Donut Holes we talked about the surprises along the way. One person said as the walk got difficult they thought of Bill and how he ran and walked and those thoughts encouraged them to take the next step.

On the 26th another team took off, some running, some walking. They brought with them \$1,400 that Team One raised through their local walk efforts. Angels Among Us state on their website: "All proceeds continue to go directly towards research and clinical trials of brain and spinal tumors at The Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center at Duke. The money is used to fund crucial initiatives that address the greatest needs and have the most impact on the lives of all brain tumor patients, support new and innovative research and treatments, assist with the recruitment of the most outstanding research staff and personnel, and purchase essential equipment and supplies."



Bill's Rainbow Warriors thank you for your generous support!

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 - 3rd Sunday 8:00
UMW - 3rd Sunday 3:00

See BASIC Youth for youth schedule for the month



GETTING IN TOUCH

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

It was a Friday night and I knew where our youth were. They were braving the cold, long hours, and no bathrooms to share the story of Jesus' last 24 hours. They were part of a larger group of young and old from ten of our area churches. All these volunteers worked hard throughout the night to offer people a glimpse into that Friday long ago when it appeared that darkness and death won.

But God had other plans. Jesus conquered death and won the victory for us! The tomb is empty, praise be to God!

Consider God's vision of love displayed for all to see Good Friday night. Not only the story told in stations but the story of a community of Christians working together to tell that story. A community of all ages and various



denominations working together as one body telling The Story: Is that not a vision of God's church? Can we be part of that vision? Can

choose not to dream and create a vision for our future. Without vision people perish, according to Proverbs 29:18 (KJ). Christ calls us to have a vision that is transformational in our own lives, the lives of our community, and the world.

Our young people are catching a vision because you continue to share God's love with them though your support. Are you ready to dream with them? Visions and dreams become reality when we work together as one. Dreaming with you into God's vision for our future,

Pastor Carolyn



we catch a glimpse of God's vision for us? Do we have a dream vision of that future? Consider what might happen if we



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY - DARE TO DREAM

- Week One: Dreaming the Dream
- Week Two: Discovering Your Birthright
- Week Three: Your Burning Bush
- Week Four: Lose Your Big Buts
- Week Five: What is in Your Hand?
- Week Six: Perseverance



While you dare to dream, your children can also be part of our church school. We have classes for all ages. Willing Workers and Allen Bible will continue to meet during this time.

CHANGING THE WORLD THROUGH OUR SPARE CHANGE - YOUTH SERVICE FUND (#S-00082 LANE TWO RAINBOW COVENANT)

Youth Service Fund is a fund raised and used by the youth of the North Carolina Conference for service and mission for making disciples of Jesus Christ.



FASTING YOUTH PACKAGE MEALS FOR STOP HUNGER NOW

On Saturday, April 5, our young people, inspired to help alleviate world hunger, packaged nearly 12,000 dehydrated meals to be distributed by Stop Hunger Now. They were assisted by Pastor Carolyn Roy and other youth and pastors from Flat Rock UMC, Cokesbury UMC, Spring Valley UMC, Trinity UMC of Franklin County, and Fuller Chapel UCC. Volunteers that helped make this happen were Michelle Denton, Kasey Pegram, Janet Bobbitt, Christy Buchanan from BASIC Youth Group, members of all ages from Plank Chapel's congregation, and volunteers from other churches.

What made this event so special was the fact that the youth, their pastors, and some of the volunteers were very hungry themselves as they worked to feed others. They were fasting under the annual 30-Hour Famine from World Vision and were midway through their annual "lock-in" which began on Friday evening. They had eaten nothing except water and a small amount of juice since noon on Friday, their purpose being to experience what millions of starving children and adults endure on a daily basis. They spent the night at our church and did not eat until Saturday evening, when they broke their fast with Holy Communion. During their "lock-in" the youth created a "graveyard" on Plank Chapel's front lawn, using plastic eating utensils to indicate the lives lost from starvation somewhere in the world during their 30-hour fasting period.

Stop Hunger Now is a global humanitarian aid organization, with a Raleigh office, that has been committed to ending hunger since 1998. Our youth had assisted them briefly while on a Pilgrimage trip, and wanted to make a bigger impact by hosting a

food packaging event themselves. In order to do so, they had to raise \$2500, and they did! Thanks to their hard work, the enthusiastic support of our congregation, and help from five other churches, they were able to bring Stop Hunger Now here to Plank Chapel.

On April 5, Fellowship Hall was a noisy scene of activity as about 60 people of all ages, wearing plastic gloves and hair covers, performed their assigned tasks. Contemporary Christian music filled the air as workers measured and weighed dehydrated food, filled plastic bags, sealed bags with a heat sealer, or delivered supplies to the work tables. Others gathered completed bags and packed them into cardboard cartons for shipping. A loud gong sounded as each 1000th meal was completed. Packaging began at 10:00 a.m., and by 11:20 a.m., 11,994 meals were packed and ready to go. Each six-serving bag included rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a flavoring mix with 21 essential vitamins and minerals.

Once the work was done and the truck had rolled away, the young people cleaned the Fellowship Hall in preparation for Sunday's services. Then they enjoyed a drink of water and a well-deserved rest.

Gwen Ritchey



BASIC YOUTH



Acolytes
 4th - Matthew Denton
 11th - Jasper Denton
 18th - Chase Thompson
 25th - C.T. Thompson



May Schedule

- ✦ 4th - 4:00 pm - Mtg at Plank Chapel
- ✦ 15-16 - Lock-in beginning Friday Night at 7:00 pm and ending at 9:00 am Saturday. Bring snacks to share and breakfast will be served!

Spring United Methodist Family Fun Days at Kings Dominion and Carowinds - \$31.99!! April 12-20, April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 25, 26, and 31 are designated as NC Conference United Methodist Family Fun Days at Kings Dominion and Carowinds theme parks.

Newsboys are coming to Kings Dominion in June! Ready for a road trip and camping on site?

Youth will lead worship on the 2nd Sunday in June! Bring your ideas to the lock-in as we plan this event!



IN HIS SERVICE



May Ushers

Ben Brown, Matthew Denton,
Ryan Rowland, Mike Ranes

Greeters

4th - Daryl Spencer
11th - Michelle Denton
18th - Judy Eaves
25th - Johnnie McGhee

May Altar Guild

Susan Sears and Christine Spencer

Nursery Workers

4th - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller
11th - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
18th - Midge Smith and Lizzie Driver
25th - Roxie Kearney and Jessica Lassiter

Flowers

4th - Jeannette Weaver & Ann
Finch
11th - United Methodist Men
18th - Kay Deans
25th - Angie Rowland



Outreach Team

4th - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards
11th - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson
18th - John and Patricia Rogers
25th - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch

Lay Readers

4th - Darlene Ranes
11th - Tim Smith
18th - Karin Driver
25th - Lorraine Abbott



Community in Prayer

For... Henry Brown, Molly Ann Hundley, Geneva Hawley, Ben Brown, Tilley Hughes, Fred Beckham, Skeeter Pearce, John Parks, James Rowland, Charles Parsons Smith, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen, Faye Young

For...those grieving,

For...those facing medical procedures this month,

For...healing and reconciliation,

For...the lost and afraid,

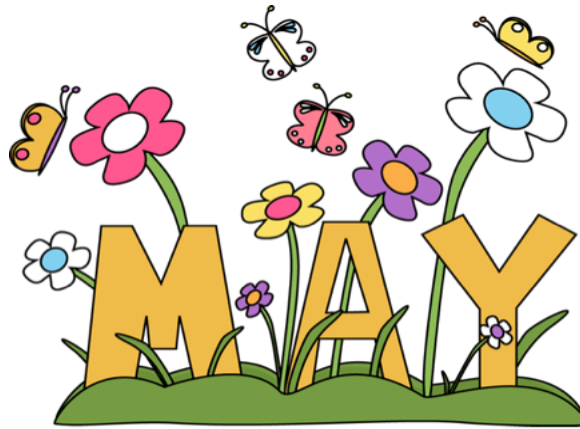
For...those without food, jobs and shelter,

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

For...Henderson, Vance County

For...Plank Chapel

Sunday
Worship Opportunities
8:30 am
11:00 am



Church
School
10:00 am
Sundays

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ROCKFISH OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, May 4th 1-7 pm • DON LEE OPEN HOUSE - Sunday, May 18th 2-7:30 pm • Father-Child Weekend at DON LEE May 2nd - 4th • Family Camp Weekend at ROCKFISH May 9th-11th - \$65/ person, \$15 ages 0-3 | | | | 1 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Special Offering - Native American Ministries 12:30 pm - Senior Appreciation 3:00 pm - Education Cmte 4:00 pm - BASIC Youth | 5 | 6 | 7 10:00 am - 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice | 8 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Special Offering - Methodist Retirement Homes  | 12 | 13 7:00 pm - Nominations Cmte | 14 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice | 15 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 16 | 17 BASIC Youth Lock-in 7:00 pm - 9:00 am |
| 18 No Early Worship 8:00 am - UMM 3:00 pm - UMW | 19 | 20 | 21 10:00 am - Senior Circle 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice | 22 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26  | 27 | 28 5:30 pm - Faith and Fitness 7:00 pm - Choir Practice | 29 1:30 pm - Keeping Holy Time Bible Study | 30 | 31  |