

# CHAPEL CHATTER



*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.*

## Thankfulness

October is my family reunion month. Family reunions are still fairly new in my family. We are still awkward in the planning and preparations, yet when the weekend comes, it just seems too short. Each year there are always some or like this year, many who cannot attend. As we sat around the tables and shared stories, I realized how precious is the time we get to spend together. I was thankful for every moment, even the uncomfortable, awkward ones. There was so much happening at one time that it took coming back to Kittrell for me to understand how God has blessed my family, which caused me to ponder how often we get too busy to be thankful for the blessings of God in our lives. Our table was covered with rich delicious food while other tables elsewhere had meager pickings. The home we stayed in was warm, dry, and comfortable during a thunder storm while others are homeless and seek out shelters in storms.

Thankfulness is what the Thanksgiving offering at Plank Chapel is about. Out of our abundance we share food, grateful to God for the abundance we have received. November is also when we begin sharing food with the men of the homeless shelter. This sharing is an act of worship as it is an outward expression of God's love through us.



Our family reunion destination decision brought us back to the places where our parents were born and raised. We met up with extended family, including two aunts. There are few still living in our parents' generation. This time drenched in memories filled me with gratitude even as I realized how many stories have been lost. I have been given so much from the saints who went before me. At the time I received those gifts, I was unaware of the blessings. With the distance of time and space my thankfulness for all they taught me continues to grow as well as my awareness of how much I still need to learn.

On the first of November our worship celebrates the saints of the church. The church of Jesus Christ grew from twelve disciples to a community of believers that span the globe. We do not



know all their stories, but we do know the stories of the saints who touched each of our lives. These men and women showed God's love to us in their lives and shared God's love with their words and deeds. Our lives are a testament of thankfulness to God and to these saints. How we choose to live, what we choose to say and do create a legacy of love.

It is important to share the stories of the saints of God so that the generations that follow us may know the love of God and the hope of the world, Jesus Christ. In the darkness of the world, the light of God's love flows through our thankfulness. Thankfulness is living life through an attitude of gratitude.

Praying with you,  
Pastor Carolyn



## Stewardship

What does it mean to be a good steward? In the book Soul Tending by Jennifer Youngman, she shares what she believes is good stewardship, "A good steward is one who takes special care to use all things wisely. One can be a steward of money and use it well in saving, spending, and giving. One is a good steward of the earth when one cares for all aspects of God's creation and uses natural resources responsibly. Stewardship of time involves how one approaches every moment of one's life." Historically, a steward was not the owner, but the caretaker of the property. God entrusted all creation to humankind, we are God's stewards. We are not the owners, God is. Our thankfulness for this trust is shown through our tithe. We return to God the first fruits of our harvest in gratitude for His faithfulness and love. On November 8, 2015 we will make a pledge of loyalty to God. Our pledge cards are an act of faith. We trust that God will provide and we demonstrate that trust by pledging our loyalty to God through our tithe. A tithe is a tenth of our income. This year may not be the year you can pledge a tithe, make a pledge anyway. Pledge out of your thankfulness to God and God will honor that pledge. Your pledge allows the leaders of the church to be good stewards of the funds entrusted to them as they budget and plan the ministry and outreach of Plank Chapel. Pledge what you are able to pledge.

## Worship in November

In November our worship is rich in tradition. We begin the month celebrating the Saints of God that have gone before us. The lights around the chancel area shining forth with the light of God's love. Then on the Sunday before Thanksgiving our altar is covered with the fresh vegetables and homemade breads. We give to the Lord from the bounty we have received! The last Sunday in November is the 1st Sunday in Advent. We will begin the advent season with a Hanging of the Greens song service. We gather to give God the glory and share the bounty of His love with others.



# BASIC UMYF

Our November schedule has us on the move with exciting opportunities for fellowship and discipleship.

November 1 - 4:00 pm meet at Plank Chapel UMC for BASIC - working on Pilgrimage Banner and finalizing all our pilgrimage plans.

Pilgrimage is November 13 - 15 and we will be spending our nights once again at Camp Dixie!

In December we will finalize our plans for the winter: lockins, ski trips, steak dinner, and a mission project for 2016.

Remember to check out the group page on Facebook for updates, posts of interest, and some great pictures of BASIC fun!



### Community in Prayer

For... Amy Beers, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch, Hilma Smith, David Driver, Faye Young, Frances Fuller, Bryson Jackson, Stephen Bowers, Geneva Hawley, Jane Owen, Gerald Woodlief  
 For...healing and reconciliation      For...those facing medical procedures      For...those grieving  
 For...those without food, jobs and shelter      For...the lost and afraid      For...Henderson, Vance County  
 For...Plank Chapel, our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers, our children, our youth, our aging  
 For...Our military, families, and veterans      For...all in harms way      For...peace in our nation  
 For...peace in the world

### Faith and Fitness - Yoga Nights

This November we will once again work to bring a time of meditation and stretching to our Sunday nights. Faith and Fitness Yoga will resume on November 8th at 7:00 pm. Stretch yourself and regain some flexibility!



### Senior Circle Road Trip

November 11. Meet at 10:00 am for a day in Clarksville, VA. The group will travel in two vans. If you want to sign up, talk to Pastor Carolyn.

# IN MISSION WITH

## Local Mission Opportunities

**Ruin Creek Animal Rescue Needs:** Cold weather is coming and the animals in the shelters will be cold and hungry. Consider donating nonclumping cat litter, blankets, towels, puppy pads. The shelter is always in need of volunteers. The Shelter is open 8:30-4 most weekdays. Funding for veterinarian visits for abandoned animals in need of care is always needed.

City Road UMC Tutoring Program: **Learning Together** meets Saturday mornings from 9:30 am until 11:30 am. Consider volunteering to tutor. Dates include: November 14, November 21, December 5, and December 12. Please contact City Road if you would like to sign up to volunteer. The “Learning Together – Aprendiendo Juntos” program will be held at City Road United Methodist Church, which is located at 903 N. Garnett ST, in Henderson, NC

**Zeb Vance Elementary School can also use lunch buddies and tutors**

**Greater Ransom Way of the Cross Temple Food Pantry:** Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Volunteers serve from 8 am - 12 pm.

**ACTS:** Open daily, serving mid day meal as well as a having a food pantry available

**Cokesbury UMC Food Pantry:** Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

**Community Partners of Hope:** Are looking for volunteers to serve as supervisors (2 different shifts, check in shift begins at 5:30 pm and runs until 9:30 pm and overnight shift from 9:30 pm until 7:30 am) as well as volunteers to prepare meals. Last year we prepared meals once a month for all 5 months. Contact Susan Sears if you would like to be part of the meal preparation and delivery.



**BBQ is coming...  
November 6...**

Need tickets?  
See John Abbott  
Getting hungry - buy your ticket today!

Meal Schedule for the Shelter this winter:  
Friday, November 6 - BBQ dinner plates  
Tuesday, December 22  
Tuesday, January 26  
Tuesday, February 23  
Tuesday, March 8

There are always more dates open if you want to do more! Contact Susan Sears.

**Change to Change the World - November's bucket money goes to purchase gift cards for wounded veterans and their families through Rolling Thunder North Carolina Chapter Seven in Franklinton, NC**

# IN HIS SERVICE

## November Ushers

Henry Finch, Freddie McGhee  
Bryant Bobbitt, Ben Brown

## Flowers

1 - All Saints Communion  
8 - Frances Beckham  
15 - Kasey Pegram  
22 - Carolyn Roy  
29 - Advent Angel

## Greeters

1 - Taylor Abbott  
8 - Daryl Spencer  
15 - Todd Wilson  
22 - Matthew Denton  
29 - Laurie Wilson



## Acolytes

1 - CT Thompson  
8 - Hannah Pegram  
15 - Austyn Abbott  
22 - Laci Oettinger  
29 - Chase Thompson

## November Altar Guild

Patricia Rogers and Kathy Rowland

## Lay Readers

1 - Janet Bobbitt - *Isaiah 25:6-9*  
8 - Chase Thompson - *Psalms 127*  
15 - Tim Smith - *1 Samuel 2:1-10*  
22 - Donald Rose McGhee - *Joel 2:21-27*  
29 - *Hanging of the Greens*

## Nursery Workers

1 - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
8 - Judy Eaves and Arianna Fuller Bell  
15 - Lora Young and Midge Smith  
22 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger  
29 - Roxie Kearney and Lizzie Driver

## Outreach Team

1 - Faye Woodlief and Judy Wilson  
8 - John and Patricia Rogers  
15 - Joe Weaver and Henry Finch  
22 - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill  
29 - Debra and Bruce Newman

4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop Wednesday November 4 10 am



Senior Circle Wednesday November 18 10 am

Choir practice is every Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Join in the fun as we sing to the Lord and lead the congregation in worship. New voices are always welcome.



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:30 AM Early Worship</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM Charge Conference</li> <li>4:00 PM Youth Council</li> <li>4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH</li> </ul> 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Worship committee</li> </ul>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM 4 Seasons Cafe and Gift Shop</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	<p>6</p> <p>BBQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM Community Partners of Hope Dinner</li> </ul> 	<p>7</p>
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