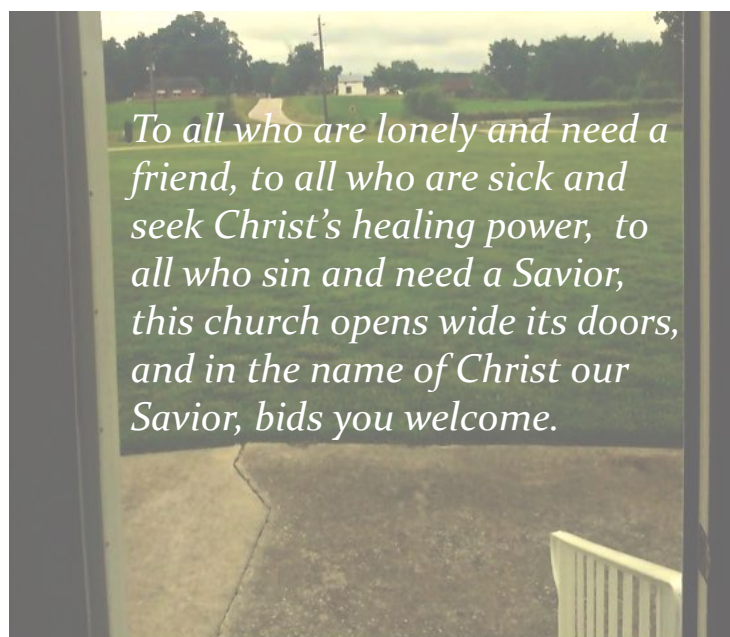


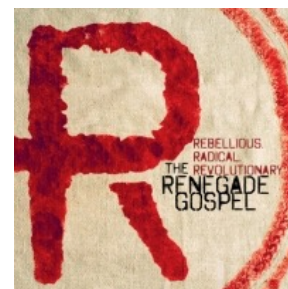
# CHAPEL CHATTER

## Wide open doors...wide open hearts!



### Are you a renegade?

At 4:00 pm on Saturday, February 21st in the Fellowship Hall of Plank Chapel we shall meet for six weeks and explore Mike Slaughter's understanding of Jesus as a rebel. The Renegade Gospel is our small group study for Lent. This study is open for all ages, young and old as we challenge one another on what it means to follow Jesus.



We will not find Lent in our Bibles. It is part of the Christian Calendar that helps us define ourselves as followers of Jesus. Laurence Stookey reminds us that "to be deeply Christian is to know and to live out the conviction that the whole human family dwells continuously at the intersection of time and eternity." In his book *Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church*, he goes on to say that the preoccupation with the pressures of our lives often blinds us to the eternal presence of God in our midst. Having a Christian calendar with time set apart to remember the eternal realigns our spirit with God and helps us to see God in the midst of our lives, even our mundane routines.

For me, no time helps me remember that better than the days of Lent. Though, it really starts for me on Transfiguration Sunday when Jesus is transfigured before his disciples and we know just like they know who He is. We travel down that mountain and we are confronted with our mortality on Ash Wednesday with ashes reminding us that from dust we were created and to dust we will return. Our forty days of Lent begin as we journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. How will we spend these forty days? Will we sacrifice our time for quiet time with God?

*"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing." (Joel 2:12-13)*

Will we give up eating various foods as a Lenten practice because of how that food is prepared or how it is grown or raised? Will we give up eating or drinking different menu items because of our relationship with them? What does that mean? Consider with me that our bodies are vessels of the Holy Spirit and what we put in them impacts our health and how we caring for that clay vessel. Use the spiritual discipline of fasting to change your relationship with God as well as with the world.

John Wesley also speaks of the need for study. How are you engaged in studying God's word in your life? Are you in a small group study with friends or at work? Are you attending church school on Sunday mornings? Are you available for the Bible Study that meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. and just haven't come? Consider coming during Lent. Renegade Gospel is another opportunity during Lent to begin the practice of study. Join us on Saturday afternoons and allow Mike Slaughter to challenge you on how you understand Jesus in the Gospels. Our youth will be studying with us and they may challenge us as well.



Ash Wednesday

The Scriptural Way of the Cross will be the Good Friday event that tells the story from the garden to the empty tomb. BASIC youth are very much part of this experience, but participation is not limited to youth. Children, adults young, not so young, and older still are welcome to participate. Join us in depicting this journey of Jesus. The next planning meeting is February 21st at 9:00 am.

*Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'" (Joel 2:15-17)*

John Wesley also encourages us to be in accountability groups, where the question could be posed "How is it with your soul?" Are you in one? Can you create one? This time of Lent may be a good time to start.

Acts of mercy and acts of justice are two other spiritual disciplines that are part of the Christian life. The following page provides local opportunities for mission.

Worship is the place where we celebrate God's love and grace. Make worship a habit. Come either at 8:30 or 11:00, but come and praise the Lord!

God's final word was Jesus. His birth, life, death, resurrection, and return is God's word of love and hope for God's created world. Our mission, to share the good news, the "Renegade Gospel" of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Carolyn

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# IN MISSION

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## Local Mission Opportunities

### City Road UMC - Tutoring Program "Learning Together - Aprendiendo Juntos"

**February - May: Starts February 7th**

Reading and Math tutors needed!!!!

Hours - 9-12 on Saturdays

Breakfast served

Lunch served

Donations of food items welcome

Financial donations welcome as well

### Ruin Creek Animal Rescue Needs:

nonclumping cat litter, blankets, towels, puppy pads, and volunteers. The Shelter is open 8:30-4 most weekdays. Funding for veterinarian visits for abandoned animals in need of care is always needed.

**Community Partners of Hope:** Volunteers for the months of February and March to supervise and to provide meals. The shelter is seeking donations of 10" plates, breakfast items that do not need cooking, and fruit. On Tuesday February 24 we will be providing the meal for 12. The menu is: Roast with Gravy (Gwen and Scott), Potatoes (Susan Sears), Corn (Patricia and John Rogers), Biscuits (Sarah Cruz)

Snaps

Dessert

1 gallon of milk

1 gallon of tea.

If you would like to provide one of these items or wish to volunteer, contact Susan Sears.

Hope House is the transitional home for those who are making progress as they transition back into a healthier lifestyle. The plan is to open in April. Current needs at Hope House: lockable storage cabinets (7), approximate cost each \$100, Folding tables and chairs for the dining area, and a vacuum cleaner. Also seeking volunteers and funding partners.

**Greater Ransom Way of the Cross Temple Food Pantry:** Open 1st and 3rd Saturdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Soup Kitchen to reopen this spring.

Food items: Peanut Butter, Dried Beans, Canned Vegetables, bread, Fresh fruits, vegetables. GRW also purchases food to supplement this pantry, so donations are received with gratitude. Volunteers serve from 8 am - 12 pm.

### Cokesbury UMC Food Pantry:

Open 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Food items: Peanut Butter, canned foods, canned meats, pasta sauce

We collect food for both these food pantries on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Please check your labels before donating food for their expiration date. We will not be taking expired food.

**ACTS:** Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

**Lifeline:** Women's Shelter and Thrift Shop

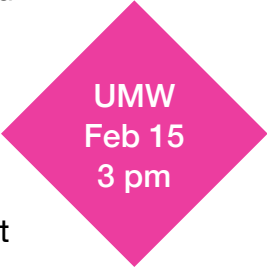
**Rebuilding Hope:** Seeks crews to work on repair projects in our local area. Homes eligible for repair must be owned by the residents.

### Finance

The counting committee is grateful for your care in your giving as you fill out the envelopes and place your unfolded giving within.

### Faith and Fitness

Remember to move! There is more benefit to your health to be active throughout the day than only being active



### BASIC YOUTH

This month we have three opportunities to serve, to grow, and to witness.

On February 7th we are serving our generous supporters a steak dinner. This fund raiser also includes the cake auction. Arrive at 4:00 pm to help set up the tables and prepare the food. On February 1st at BASIC's meeting we will go over details.

On February 14th we travel to Rocky Mount to package food for the Heritage District's Stop Hunger is 25,000 means as a raising accomplish this goal. Your pledge of \$800 adds to the \$6,146.50 already raised. Thank you for your generosity.



Youth Event of Now. The goal meals which district we are \$7,250 to

On February 21st at 4:00 pm, Renegade Gospel Lenten study will begin. Do you consider yourself a rebel? Do you consider Jesus a rebel? What does Mike Slaughter mean by a renegade gospel? Come find out. The study will be six weeks at 4:00 pm, hope to see you there!

### Worship

On February 9th the Worship Committee will meet to plan worship events for the coming months. In February we will be part of a pulpit exchange with other United Methodist Pastors in the Vance County area, getting to know one another.

As we journey towards Jerusalem and the cross, what will your Lenten discipline look like? Will you give up things of this world for Lent? Will you add a new spiritual discipline during Lent? Ash Wednesday Worship, February 18 at 7:30 pm.



**Conference Youth Events Schedule for 2015**

- Global Vision** - "Peacekeeping at Home and Abroad" March 10-15 (Grades 10-12) \$550 Deadline: February 17th - Waiting list only
- Kalediscope** - "Not Ashamed" April 17-19 at Camp DonLee (Middle School Only) \$95 Deadline: April 3rd
- Breakaway** - "Fearlessly Faithful" June 14-20 at Louisburg College \$225
- Appalachian Trail Hike** - "Endurance" July 6-11 \$150 Deadline: June 22nd
- ACS** - "God's Declassified Life Survival Guide" July 13-18 at Methodist University (High School) \$250 Deadline: June 29th
- Pilgrimage** - "Have no Fear for God is Alive: November 13-15 at Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville \$25-\$30



# IN HIS SERVICE

### **February Usbers**

Bruce Newman, Ben Brown,  
Freddie McGhee, Mac Wilson

### **February Altar Guild**

Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller

### **Flowers**

1st - Debra Newman  
8th - Jackie Brown  
15th - Jeanette McGhee  
22nd - Kim Oettinger

Senior Circle  
Wednesday  
Feb 18  
10 am

### **Greeters**

1st - Bryant Bobbitt  
8th - Virgie Eaves  
15th - Susan Sears  
22nd - Freddie McGhee

4 Seasons Cafe  
and Gift Shop  
Wednesday  
Feb 4  
10 am

### **Acolytes**

1st - Laci Oettinger  
8th - Chase Thompson  
15th - Matthew Denton  
22nd - Chuck "CT" Thompson

### **Lay Readers**

1st - Jeanette McGhee: *Deut 18:15-20*  
8th - Taylor Abbott: *1 Cor 9:16-23*  
15th - Gwen Ritchey: *2 Cor 4:3-6*  
22nd - Mike Ranes: *Genesis 9:8-17*

### **Nursery Workers**

1st - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
8th - Lizzie Driver and Roxie Kearney  
15th - Judy Wilson and Laurie Miller  
22nd - Midge Smith and Roxie Kearney

### **Outreach Team**

1st - Mac Wilson and Richard Coghill  
8th - Debra and Bruce Newman  
15th - Karin Driver and Carolyn Roy  
22nd - Darlene Ranes and Joyce Edwards

Thank you for serving. If circumstances change and you cannot serve, please either notify the coordinator or find another to serve in your place.

The church cell phone: 252-430-4333 has been cancelled. You can reach the pastor at 252-438-6080.

### Community in Prayer

For...Gwen Ritchey, Rev. Bruce Cayton, Frances Fuller, Geneva Hawley, Stephen Bowers, Fred Beckham, Skeeter Pearce, James Rowland, Gerald Woodlief, Jane Owen

For...those grieving For...healing and reconciliation  
For...the lost and afraid For...Henderson, Vance County  
For...Plank Chapel For...Our children and youth  
For...our leaders, our teachers, our volunteers

For...those facing medical procedures  
For...those without food, jobs and shelter  
For...our aging and shut ins  
For...Our military, families, and veterans

For...all in harms way For...peace in our nation For...peace in the world



# FEBRUARY



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1 <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>4:00 PM Youth Council</li> <li>4:30 PM BASIC YOUTH</li> <li>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	2 	3	4 <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>	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4:00 PM Steak Dinner/ Cake Auction</li> </ul>
8 <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 Nominations and Leadership</li> <li>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Worship</li> </ul>	10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	13 <p>Valentine's Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM District youth event</li> </ul>
15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8:00 AM UMM</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> <li>3:00 PM UMW</li> <li>4:30 PM BASIC UMYF</li> <li>7:00 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	16 <p>Presidents'...n's Birthday</p>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Missions Team</li> </ul>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Senior Circle</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> <li>7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:00 AM Scriptural Way</li> <li>4:00 PM Rebel Jesus</li> </ul>
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**Committees meeting in February: Nominations, Worship, Missions, and Church Council  
check the website calendar for up-to-date schedule (including cancellations)**