

Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors!



Graduation

“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make

disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:16-20

As we enter into the season of graduations and sending forth, I was reminded of a graduation on a mountain in Galilee. You might not see that moment on the mountaintop as a commencement ceremony as His speech did not go on and on and on as some commencement speakers are known to do. Consider with me what did happen up on that mountain. Jesus was now resurrected and soon would be ascending. His disciples were mixed about this transition in their lives. There was much they still had to learn and even more they did not understand. As the Gospel tells us, some doubted in the midst of their worship.

Jesus meets them in their doubts and has faith for their future. He gives them authority and a commission. Is that not what we do with our graduates? We send them out into the world whether to jobs or college or both and have faith in their ability to succeed. Jesus also reminds them that they will not travel these new roads alone. He will be with them.



UMM

Meet on third Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.



UMW

Meet on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m.



BASIC UMYF

Our youth have a flexible schedule - check the news section for this month's activities

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THE GATHERING PLACE

Meeting at 10:00 a.m.
for food, fun, and
fellowship - all ages

Our task as sent disciples is to make other disciples and send them out to make other disciples... until the world is saved.

The church is this unique organic body. It nurtures and teaches new disciples

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SENIOR CIRCLE

Join us at 10:00 a.m. for a light lunch and an informative program.

while sending out those ready to be launched. We celebrate the new disciples with confirmations and baptisms. We rejoice with our graduating seniors as we launch them into their future, with tears of joy, pride, and maybe a little grief that they have grown and are leaving us. In truth our doors are open wide for those coming in to be taught and nurtured as disciples and open wide for those we are sending out into the world. The world for some may be next door, for others the next place of learning, for still others across the sea to mission fields, and still others may travel to other states and work for Christ in the place to which they are sent.

Graduation is not only a pivotal moment for the one graduating but for the community out of which they graduate. We too are changed. We have been changed by the lives of the people who were with us for this season of learning and we will be changed by their absence. But the scripture does not end with the launching of the disciples, it ends with a promise. Jesus promises to be with us always. This promise goes with the ones we send as well. I am grateful for that promise, as this summer, I will pack my son's treasures in the parsonage and he will move to South Carolina to his first appointment as a licensed local pastor.

This promise is also for us who remain behind to train those who come through our open doors. We have opened our doors to Janice Hodges, our summer intern and for ten weeks we will invest our time and our presence so that God may use us to guide her journey and help her to clarify where she will be sent into the world for God's mission.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we do not know how far God's reach goes into the world from his training outpost in Bobbitt. We do know that we are a called people to make disciples for the transformation of the world. As we remain faithful to this calling, people will enter through our welcoming open doors and we will send them out through those same doors knowing God is with them. Praying that this summer we will all learn and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Praying with you,
Pastor Carolyn

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN - MISSION U

Mission u is a transformative education program of United Methodist Women that is implemented every year at Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC. Organized in our conference solely by NCC United Methodist Women, Mission u brings together women, men, and youth (clergy and laity) to explore the implications of our Christian faith in today's contexts and motivate participants for mission engagement. Everyone is welcome to come and spend a day learning together. Participants are not required to be United Methodists! We welcome learners from all areas.

The North Carolina Conference UMW Mission u offers three study topics each year. The areas of study are Spiritual Growth—Living in Covenant Community, Geographical—The Missionary Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the US, and Social Issue—Climate Justice.

A single class can be taken all in one day or split between two days. All studies are eight hours of class time led by a certified study leader. Mission u is a unique learning experience where attendees gain insight into local and global issues through engaging study, community building and dynamic worship. Find the registration form using this link: [Mission-u.-Registration-form.2017](#)

MEETINGS SCHEDULED THIS MONTH:

June 11: Lay Leadership, Inward Formation, Shift
June 19: PPRC

June 12: Cemetery
June 28: Trustees

MEN WITH A VISION

“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.” (Acts 2:17)

The United Methodist Men of Plank Chapel have a long history of service. They have been doing hands on ministry in the community since they began. They provide financial support to the ministries of the church as well as financial support to our neighbors in need. These men are cooks, carpenters, plumbers, electricians, and gardeners. Our paper and printing supplies come from their generosity. You will find them rolling up their sleeves and doing what needs to be done. Our youth program is supported by these men through scholarships for our seniors and assistance in the fundraising efforts of the youth - Steak Dinner and Fish Fry! They cook some awesome BBQ and engage the whole church in their annual BBQ in November. Powerful men of God! Grateful for all they do for Christ at Plank Chapel.

Field Education Student

Hi! What a great day to be alive! I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who is our savior! I am Janice W. Hodges, and grew up in Hope Mills North Carolina, as a member of Mars Hills Presbyterian Church, most of my life. I was active as a youth in my church and became a youth deacon at 12. I sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and served as representative of the Synod of the Piedmont at 16, traveling the south eastern United States speaking and representing youth.

I serve the Lord with gladness and am honored to be called a child of God. My husband, Tom, and I are a couple in Christ who serve as Deacon and Deaconess, and co-Chairs of Vacation Bible School. We have two

children, Marcus, and Danielle, and one granddaughter, Karter, who are the apples of our eyes. We both



enjoy spending time with family, reading and studying God’s word. In my spare time, I enjoy watching Jeopardy, working crossword puzzles and reading. My favorite scripture is: Matt 6:33 (NLV) “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.” I look forward to meeting you and sharing God in the spirit of the Word!

Much peace and love,
Janice



Thank you so much for your thoughtful expression of sympathy. We saw God's grace in all the caring people like you that reached out to us. Thank you for the concerns and prayers for the family.

We would like to thank all the women of the church that furnished food for the house and the reception. We appreciate it and shows the love the church had for Jeanette.

Love, Fred and Jennifer McGhee

Shift Small Group

As this group meets we talk about the ways we can help focus the light that shines out of our community into the places of the most need. Our next meeting is Sunday, June 11 @ 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

Mission Opportunities

Food Pantry Sundays are: **June 4 and 18.** The nonperishable food we bring goes to Cokesbury UMC for their Food Pantry.

Want to work on a disaster recovery team? Speak with Lori Litton. We are working on getting a team together.



Places to Serve

We are always looking for other places to serve and people to serve beside us.

How can you serve? We are looking for lay readers, choir members, musicians, Sunday School teachers, children's ministry coordinators, tutors, cooks, nursery workers, greeters, and ushers. Lay Leadership and Nominations is meeting this month and we may be asking you to serve - consider prayerfully as we have prayed for you!

Gang Free, Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization that will Empower & Educate individuals to live a life liberated of crime through innovative programming & services. Gang Free Inc. takes a unique position in society, we believe in pro-activeness, intervention & after care for our at-risk youth & adults. We promote out of the box thinking to move at-risk youth and ex-offenders forward. We believe that all things work together to culminate the authenticity of an individual. **Join us as we endeavor to make an impact in our community, state, nation & world.** "The key to a society restored total authority is everyone participating, thriving and living a crime free life" Melissa Elliott, Founder Gang Free Inc.

Boys and Girls Clubs have two locations in Henderson, Aycock Center and Clark Street. Both are in need of volunteers, supplies, and other resources. During the summer the staff at these two sites will serve the children of our community meals and snacks. Consider how you can help.

ACTS seeks the willing hands of volunteers to help with their food ministry.

Community Partners of Hope is seeking willing volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors and as a mentor for the men entering Hope House.

Kerr Lake Ministries - Missional work in the local community!

Currently KLM is working on raising funds for Summer Camp. This one week day camp at Camp Kerr Lake will be on July 17-21. Youth Counselors will be trained on the weekend July 14-16. KLM is always seeking adult volunteers to partner with this ministry. Consider serving this growing ministry. <http://www.kerrlakeministries.org>

Living for Jesus

Each year Kerr Lake Ministries provides a Day Camp for those who are in grades K-Early College. Our theme for Day Camp 2017 is Living for Jesus. Each day attendees will be in a grade level Bible Class learning about the Life of Jesus, from His Birth in Bethlehem to His second coming. Each grade level will have a different area of study. Attendees will also have opportunities to canoe on Kerr Lake's beautiful shoreline, swim in a designated roped off area with a certified life guard keeping watch, make wonderful crafts that reinforce each day's Bible lesson, learn and sing songs that are themed with each grade level's area of study, walk a scripture trail while discovering God's beauty, have fun trying to hit the target with paint ball activities, and prepare for a closing program that will be based on the Life of Jesus and show that we are all capable of Living for Jesus. **It is time to register children for camp!!!!**

KLM
Change Bucket
for June



BASIC UMYF

Last lock-in of the year is June 2-3 at Plank Chapel. Planning on having S'Mores, movies on the lawn, midnight vespers, and board games. Arrive around 7:30 p.m. and we will need to be "out" by 9:00 a.m. so that the Young Family may come in and set up.

Youth Sunday is June 4. If you are graduating this year, please let PC know. On June 4 at 4:00 p.m. we will be celebrating our youth with an end of the year party at Sara and Norman Manning's farm.

Kerr Lake Ministries Day Camp needs youth volunteers - join in the fun in leading children and sharing Jesus with them. Camp Kerr Lake has paddle boards, paint ball, canoes, and more. Let Peggy Hernandez or Susan Sears know if you want to serve in this capacity.

Conference Events: Breakaway - June 26-July 1, Trail Hike - July 10-16, ACS - July 24-29. Sign up TODAY! Let PC know when you have signed up so she can get funds for your summer camp.

Scholarships are available for all conference youth events through YSF funds and BASIC UMYF participation. If you are planning to attend the website for registration is: <https://nccumc.org/youth/events/register/>

The Gathering Place

On Wednesday's Plank Chapel's fellowship hall has become a gathering place. Senior Circle meets there on 3rd Wednesday's for a program and a light meal.

This first Wednesday those gathering are going on a road trip to Cedar Creek Gallery. Join us at 10:00 a.m. We will stop for lunch along the way!

IN HIS SERVICE

June Ushers

Matthew Denton, Mac Wilson
Todd Wilson, Henry Finch

June Altar Guild

Pat Edwards

June Greeters

Mike and Darlene Ranes

Flowers

4 - Communion
11 - Michelle Denton
18 - United Methodist Women
25 - Sally Coghill

Acolytes

4 - Austyn Abbott
11 - Jasper Denton
18 - Chase Thompson
25 - Patrick Medlin

Lay Readers

4 - Youth - *Acts 2:1-21*
11 - Janice Hodges - *Genesis 1:1-2a*
18 - Avery Thomas - *Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19*
25 - Donald Rose McGhee - *Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17*

Nursery Workers

4 - Kim and Laci Oettinger
11 - Lora Young and Midge Smith
18 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger
25 - Roxie Kearney and Karin & Lizzie Driver



This year annual conference will be June 16-18 at the Greenville Convention Center. This change means that on June 18 the churches in our conference will be lay lead. What an exciting time in the life of the church.

Community in Prayer

For... Kim Yates, Hattie Ranes, Charles Thompson, Sr., Dave Driver, Stanley Wilson, Jr., Skeeter Pearce, Tilly Hughes, Jamie Kearney, Kay House, Faye Young, Brandi Dickerson, Alice Finch, David Driver, Frances Fuller, Jane Owen, George Heaton
For...healing and reconciliation
For...those facing medical procedures
For...those grieving
For...those without food, jobs, shelter
For...the lost and afraid
For...Our local cities and counties
For...Plank Chapel
For...Our military, families, and veterans
For...all in harms way
For...peace in our nation
For...peace in the world



Food Pantry Sundays
June 4 and 18

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:30 AM Early Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship 	29 Memorial Day	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:30 PM Lock-in 	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ... Lock-in
4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:30 AM Early Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 4:00 PM BASIC YOUTH 	5	6	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM The Gathering Place ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9:00 AM KLM Training
11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 8:30 AM Early Worship ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 12:00 PM Luncheon ■ 3:00 PM Lay leadership ■ 4:00 PM Inward Formation Team ■ 5:30 PM Shift Study Group 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM Cemetery Committee 	13	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Annual conference 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ... Annual conference
18 Father's Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ... Annual conference ■ 8:00 AM UMM ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 3:00 PM UMW 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 7:00 PM PPRC Meeting 	20	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 10:00 AM Senior Circle ■ 5:30 PM Faith and Fitness ■ 6:30 PM Choir Practice 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study 	23	24
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