

# Chapel Chatter

Wide Open Hearts! Wide Open Doors!



## The Master's Men are coming

**September 10 @ 7:00 pm**

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises." (Psalm 98:4 NRSV)*

From the Master's Men's website: "The Master's Men is a male *a cappella* ensemble dedicated to providing inspirational music to the glory of God. Our goal is to spread the message of God's love in song in ways that will enhance Christian church worship services and other programs. Arrangements include hymns, spirituals, gospel, and other musical styles in four, five, and six part harmony for unaccompanied male voices. All of our members have considerable experience singing in quartets and/or choruses and choirs. The group was originally founded by the late Mr. Rudy Partin, who was a skilled and experienced director and arranger. Currently, The Master's Men is blessed to be directed by Mr. Robert Cox, a talented choral director, arranger and Christian music minister. Robert is assisted by Mr. Larry Triplett, one of the group's founding members and also a gifted choral director and arranger.

For 20 years, The Master's Men has performed for churches or other religious based gatherings in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. What started as a group of men singing just for pleasure has evolved into a collection of faithful Christians singing for the glory of God. We have grown in wisdom and faith, both individually and as a group, and along the way God has blessed our lives by using us to reach out and touch others through our music. We have personally experienced God's power and love and each of us has been truly blessed as we've brought our music ministry to others. We are very thankful!

The Master's Men does not charge any fees for appearances, nor do we expect any payments, for worship services. Our ministry survives on CD sales and voluntary 'love' offerings from the congregation at the time of our appearance."



### UMM

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



### UMW

Meetings resume in September - 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m.



### BASIC UMYF

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

## Table Talk

I grew up sitting at a dinner table with very lively table talk. We covered social issues, political issues, work issues, and sometimes even got to personal issues. Some discussions were rather heated. At other times, laughter rang out as my brother's sense of humor was outmatched by my fathers. I remember the dinner table and dinner time as a set apart time out of my day, a sacred ritual of food and fellowship.

Jesus spent a lot of time at tables and taught much about the abundance of God through the distribution of food. He talked much about stewardship and attachments to money. Table fellowship is where stewardship is taught. We learn that there is always enough for everyone and no one is excluded from God's generosity. We learn our opinions may differ but our love remains. At Jesus' last table fellowship before he died, he taught us not only a way to remember that sacrificial love, but also that we should serve others out of the love we have received. After his death there were more moments when he shared bread with his disciples. The walk to Emmaus that ended in the breaking of the bread and that breakfast on the shore where Peter was given his mission. Once again teaching that love remains and through that eternal love, lives are changed. Teaching there is always reason to hope because God's will will be done.

Just recently there was a night of dinner and dialog at Plank Chapel. A group gathered and shared their hopes for our future. The meal ended at the Lord's table. When asked for our next steps, the request was once again to have a dinner and dialog but this time, all members invited to share with one another hopes for the future. On September 24, we will gather in the remodeled kitchen to prepare a meal together, join in small groups at tables and talk. My prayer is that we will also listen, listen to each other and listen to the Holy Spirit that will be present with us.

One of the questions asked was, "If our doors were closed, would the absence of our church impact the community?" The answer I received was one of the many ministries that reach out into our community. This answer was one of hope and wonder.

My question as we move into a season of stewardship is this, "Does our stewardship of our resources express faith and hope in God?"

Stepping into wonder with you as we look to our future,

Pastor Carolyn



## Stewardship

*"Celebrating the offering is a spiritual act of worship every believer can actively participate in each week. Giving becomes a celebration when the believer discovers the joy of generosity, which grows out of God's grace."* — Melvin Amerson, Celebrating the Offering

**We Give** - To belong to our congregation is to be a steward. Some may say that “stewardship” is just a polite way of referring to financial giving to the church. But it’s far more than that. One character in some of Jesus’ parables is the steward — the servant charged by the master to care for the master’s property. It is the master, not the steward, who owns the property, but the steward is responsible for it and is accountable to the master. So it is, said Jesus, between God and us. As God’s stewards we have three responsibilities:

- **Receiving:** We receive with joyful thanksgiving the many gifts that God showers upon us — time, talent, treasure, our bodies, our friendships, natural resources, and the beauty around us.
- **Managing:** We take good care of what we have received. We manage these resources wisely — for our own good and the good of others.
- **Giving:** Out of our gratitude in receiving so abundantly, we want to share with others. Let’s look at four kinds of gifts that we receive, manage, and share:

**Our time** - We did nothing to earn the hours, the days, the weeks of our lives. Time is a gift of God. How we choose to use it is a matter of stewardship. Some people lead lives of frenetic activity, always over-extending themselves to the point of exhaustion, while others sit around in apathetic boredom. Some spend all their hours serving the needs of others at the expense of their own, while others live only for themselves. As Christian stewards we try to manage time wisely and in a balanced way. And we give our time gladly to family and friends, to strangers, to the community, the church, and to ourselves.

**Our abilities** - Do you remember Jesus’ parable of the three servants who received different amounts of money to manage while the master was away? We’ve each received from God distinctive gifts and talents. How we develop and use these talents is a matter of stewardship. Like two of the servants in Jesus’ story, we can invest them wisely — or like the third, out of fear we can hide them (Matthew 25:14-30). As stewards, we acknowledge the gifts we have without apology. We develop them further, practicing new skills and putting our talents to work in ministry.

**Our resources** - We may think that our financial resources are our own. But when we recall that the time, the energy, the good health, and the opportunities for employment behind these dollars are all gifts from God, we see that the funds belong to God too. We are the stewards; God is the owner. So questions about what we earn, how we earn it, how we save, spend, and give it away, are all questions of Christian stewardship. One vital aspect of our stewardship is our giving to Christ’s work in the world. We’ve learned that giving is most effective when we commit ourselves to give a definite proportion of our income through the church. For many, this proportion is one-tenth, or a tithe. Whatever the amount, we have discovered the joy in giving to God the “first fruits,” an amount “off the top” of our income, not what’s left over at the end of the month.

— Excerpt from The United Methodist Member’s Handbook Revised and Expanded, pgs. 20-21, George E. Koehler © 2006, Discipleship Resources.

## Giving Thanks for the ministry of Treasurer

Consider for a moment the responsibility the Treasurer of Plank Chapel carries for the ministry of our church. There have been many Treasurers over the years that have taken this office because of their love for God and their love for Plank Chapel. I, for one, am grateful for each one that has served. Our current Treasurer works to make sure each transaction is one that gives God glory and has the approval of our church council. In this month of stewardship, remember to thank our treasurer for his stewardship of our resources.



## Shift Small Group

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 3 @ 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to join us. We have done book studies as well as prayed and planned for a shift in our life of discipleship.

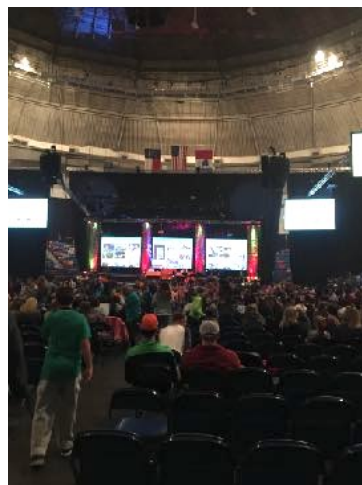
Our outreach project is a 5K Walk/Run for Community Partners of Hope! Plans are for October 14, location is Satterwhite Point, Kerr Lake State Park. Our goal is 250 runners. Our fund raising goal is \$5,000.00. We are seeking corporate sponsors and private donations. If you are interested in joining the planning team, contact Lori Litton! Get your walking shoes on! On line registration is now available at: <https://app.racereach.com/event/a-dash-of-hope-5k-run-walk/register>. You can make donations on line if you do not want to walk or run. We are also seeking volunteers for the day of the race!

## BASIC UMYF

The fall calendar begins on September 10. Meetings will be weekly beginning at 4:00 p.m. and conclude at 5:30 p.m. The first month will be at Cokesbury UMC. October the meetings will be led by Pastor Lee from Rehoboth. In November and December we will meet at Plank Chapel UMC. The fall season will end on December 10. Two major fall events include Pilgrimage from November 10-12 and a 30 Hour Famine Lock-in December 1-2. If you are looking for places to serve consider: Lay Reader, Usher, Sound System, slide projection, volunteering with A Dash of Hope 5K Run/Walk, volunteering with UMM BBQ. Cokesbury will be having their Fall Festival and need

volunteers, or cook for the Men's Shelter.

This winter as we look to special Plank Chapel times of worship consider how you can add to the time of worship with your gifts. In October there is World Communion Sunday. In November we will light the night sky for All Souls Night. The first Sunday of Advent is Hanging of the Greens.





## Robinson County Church and Community Center, (#791742)

<http://www.umcmision.org/Give-to-Mission/Search-for-Projects/Projects/791742>

We offer multiple programs and services. First is a 'Free Choice' Food Pantry which has several components and timelines for those who are hungry, homeless or in crisis. The Center offers Emergency Assistance to help many who are suffering a crisis with their utility bill with a payment to avoid disconnection or help with rent to prevent eviction. Additional assistance includes help with medicine, lodging and travel. Other assistance includes a 'Brighter Christmas' program to help families and children with gifts. We now have a 'Baby's Closet' to provide milk, special formula, pampers, and clothing. We have a medical equipment closet and supplies to help those who need walkers, bed pads, wheelchairs, etc. and toiletry/health kits for the homeless and others in need and. Also, we give out school kits and provide vouchers to those who are burned out, getting out of prison, homeless, victims of domestic violence or getting out of the hospital and building ramps for senior citizens.

## Keeping Holy Time Bible Study

On September 7 at 1:30 p.m., the first letter to the Corinthians will be reopened and examined as this small group hears what Paul can say to us over the centuries. If you are able, join us in the Fellowship Hall, bring your Bible and bring a friend.

## United Methodist Men

You may think this group only eats breakfast and cooks BBQ. This group of disciples uses their resources to help the ministries of Plank Chapel. They are there for the youth at the Fish Fry. They can be counted on to help those in need with handicap ramps, plumbing problems, grass that needs mowing, or vehicles in need of repair. This year their plan is to be a resource for A Dash of Hope 5K and the annual ALZNC Walk/Run at JA Rogers Road. Join them on the 3rd Sunday in September and learn how you can serve. The BBQ has been scheduled for November 3rd.

## United Methodist Women

On September 17 the women will gather again to strategize how they can serve the larger community in the coming year! Any woman is eligible to be a United Methodist Woman. This past year they have supported the teachers of Zeb Vance, sponsored a family for Christmas through Zeb Vance, and have worked to be missional in the community and around the world. Each meeting includes a program to encourage our awareness of the missions we may serve.

## Choir

Music is a vital aspect of worship. The choir will be preparing for the Advent Season and Christmas programs. Join us on Wednesday evenings as we prepare to lead worship in music.

# August in Pictures

Vacation

Bible

School



**Sep 20**

**SENIOR CIRCLE**

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



The Gathering Place  
next gathering - Sep 4  
at Plank Chapel



Enfield Service Project



# IN HIS SERVICE

## **September Ushers**

John Rogers, Daryl Spencer  
James Medlin, David Miller

## **September Altar Guild**

Jackie and Ben Brown

## **September Greeters**

Bruce Newman

## **Flowers**

3 - Communion  
10 - Susan Sears  
17 - Beverly Thompson  
24 - Lorraine Abbott

## **Acolytes**

3 - Chase Thompson  
10 - Hannah Pegram  
17 - Patrick Medlin  
24 - CT Thompson

## **Lay Readers**

3 - Avery Thomas, *Romans 12:9-21*  
10 - Donald Rose McGhee, *Romans 13:8-14*  
17 - Pat Edwards, *Romans 14:1-12*  
24 - Tim Smith, *Philippians 1:21-30*

## **Nursery Workers**

3 - Kim and Laci Oettinger  
10 - Lora Young and Midge Smith  
17 - Joyce Edwards and Laci Oettinger  
24 - Roxie Kearney and Heather Medlin

## **The Work of the Trustees Kitchen Renovations**

The Trustees have been prayerfully working on a plan for the renovation of the kitchen. They took the needs of each group that uses the kitchen regularly into serious consideration. The design created meets these needs to the best that our space allows.



The work continues in the kitchen and should be completed before we know it. There will be refrigeration and preparation space available for use in the Fellowship Hall during these renovations. We can still gather and fellowship during this time without the use of our kitchen. Be creative in your planning and fun can still happen!

### *Community in Prayer*

For... Richard Coghill, Joe Weaver, Ann Finch, Janet Bobbitt, Mary Lynn, Peggy Hernandez, Kim Yates, Ruth Hailey, Hattie Ranes, Charles Thompson, Sr., Dave Driver, 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  
September 3 & 17

# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <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> </ul>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM KLM Meeting</li> </ul>	29	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> </ul>	31	1	2
3 <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>4:30 PM Shift Study Group</li> </ul> 	4 Labor Day	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM The Gathering Place</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	8	9
10 <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 BASIC Youth</li> <li>7:00 PM The Master's Men</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Finance Committee</li> </ul>	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	15	16
17 <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>4:00 PM BASIC Youth</li> </ul> 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Trustees Meeting</li> </ul>	19	20 <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> </ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> <li>6:00 PM Kittrell Community Watch</li> </ul>	22	23
24 <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 BASIC Youth</li> <li>6:00 PM Dinner and Dialog</li> </ul>	25	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1:30 PM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	29	30

A DASH OF HOPE  
 Oct 14  
 9:00 a.m.



register @ <https://app.racereach.com/event/a-dash-of-hope-5k-run-walk/register>

To guarantee your t-shirt size - register before Sep 7