



## Methodist Men

Meet on the third Sunday of the month at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship, breakfast, and seek opportunities for mission work in the community.

## Methodist Women

Meet on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. from September thru June. The meetings include a program and missional planning. Zeb Vance Elementary School is one of their mission fields.

## Senior Circle

Meets on the third Wednesday of the month. The meetings include a program and a light lunch. Any community member over 50 years of age is welcome at Senior Circle.

## BASIC UMYF

BASIC stands for Brothers And Sisters In Christ and youth from Rehoboth UMC and Plank Chapel UMC gather to grow in discipleship. Meetings resume on September

## Apple Pies and Bonfires

One of my fondest memories of growing up in New England was apple season. The orchards predominantly grew McIntosh apple and we knew fall was here when the trees were heavy with the ripened fruit. Mom would go to her favorite orchard and buy them by the bushel. She made apple pies and apple sauce from the peels and cores. I would watch the pulp and seeds accumulate as I turn the crank on the food strainer, while biting into a crisp Mac and its juices dripping down my chin. The kitchen filled with the smell of apples and cinnamon and nutmeg. Mom's apple pies were golden brown. I still see her rolling the dough and crimping the crust.

Each season brings with it sights and sounds and aromas that capture our memories. The other fall memory of my youth includes bonfires set at homecoming games. Each year the fire blazed toward the heavens and we danced around it claiming victory over our rival team. It helped that I was dating the center of the football team, some how that just made the victory chant that much sweeter.

Stories and memories connect us, one to the other. Autumn now holds the sounds of music from the cake walk and the laughter of the children as they attempt to eat a donut on a string. My heart skips a beat at a bite of fresh coconut cake and the smell of hot dogs on the grill. My ears are tuned to Mac's call for us to prepare for the BBQ. One of my favorite pastimes is to listen to the stories of how God has been on the move through Plank Chapel. The women speak of preparing dinner for the United Methodist Men when they met at the community building. There are pictures in the Heritage Room of women harvesting cotton. I have pictures of the youth mucking out a basement during a 30 Hour Famine mission project. Communion bread not only tastes wonderful but it connects us to our past while offers hope for our future.

The autumn memories also include the changing of our lives as our

children return to school. We might not sense we have aged, but when we travel hundreds of miles to bring our little boy or little girl to college we have to acknowledge they are no longer children and we are not as young as we used to be.

Each moment, each memory reminds me that life is about change. The only thing that remains steady and constant is God's love for us. It is that love that empowers the change in our lives and brings about the transformation of the world when we let go of control and let God lead us. I am filled with hope when I think about how far I have come from those bonfires and apple pies. My mother's love remains with me and my high school love still walks beside me. Both taught me about Jesus and God's unconditional love.

Here at Plank Chapel United Methodist Church the opportunity is before us. We can be used by God and create memories for children that will sustain them as they grow. We can be used by God to offer hope, comfort, and support as we all grow in grace and age together. For some the only Bible they will read will be the story of our lives and the only Jesus they will meet will be us. It is in community that we live and grow and change. Praying as we grow into the church, the body of Christ we are called to be we do so with the hope that lies within us.

Praying with you,

Pastor Carolyn

Christopher Sanchez' Baptism



# MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

Charge Conference will be October 28 at 3:00 p.m. It is at this time that the leadership of Plank Chapel for 2019 will be voted on and recorded. The Book of Discipline (should have put it on the reading list), tells us how we are to organize and lead as United Methodists. It also provides a space for the unique character of each church to create its own missional leadership models. Some of you may have been asked to step into leadership and some may hear God's voice calling you into leadership. If you hear that voice and step away from it out of fear or uncertainty, God will not let it go, I know that from personal experience. When the call is upon you, speak to Pastor Carolyn or a member of the nominations team. We can find a way for you to serve. Missional work flows out of the organizational structure of God's church. It is a human structure and sometimes we get things wrong and the frustrations of working together get the best of us, I will not deny that. What I will say is this, I am grateful for each person who steps up into these positions, works through the issues together recognizing we will not all be in accord, and seeks to be part of Christ's mission of disciple making for the transformation of the world. This month Church Council will meet on September 9. This is an open meeting. All who come will have an opportunity for voice. Votes can only be cast by members of the

Church Council. This month we will be looking at our 2019 leadership and our 2019 budget. If you have a passion for where you would like to see Plank Chapel in mission, this is a place to share that vision.

Another form of missional leadership is in our volunteer presence in the community. Where might you serve? Zeb Vance Elementary School? ACTS? Rebuilding Hope? Community Partners of Hope? Vance County Animal Shelter? The Library? Hospice? Boys and Girls Club? Guardian Ad Litem? Vance County, Franklin County, Warren County feel the impact when we serve. Our hands and feet make a difference in the world. Your passion can become God's means of grace in the community.



## Children's Church

The Inward Formation Team met and discussed this opportunity that is before us. We have children in our sanctuary who are just beginning their faith journey. We are establishing a Children's Church which we pray will begin on October 2, if not sooner. Curriculum is being ordered. What we need are volunteers to lead this church. Our goal is to have 4 teams, each to lead church for a quarter: October-December, January - March, April - June, and July - September. Eligible children are those who are 3 years old - 1st grade. Our nursery will continue for our infants to toddler. We continue to need volunteers in the nursery as well. Both groups, those for nursery and those for Children's Church will be dismissed after the children's moment in worship. For more information, contact Pastor Carolyn.

## BASIC UMYF

B.A.S.I.C. UMYF gathers on September 9 at 4:00 p.m. for our first meeting of the 2018-2019 Fellowship year. This year's events will include Pilgrimage, Rise Against Hunger, Lock-ins, Vacation Bible School planning, games, study, prayer, worship, meals for the homeless shelter, and maybe a movie night or two. It is up to you what we do - some mission work is available through the Heritage District Hurricane Matthew Recovery. How will we be the church of today? No one is too young to serve the Lord.

Reading list: The Bible, Find a Real Friend in Jesus by Gary Zimak, Truth Unplugged, Own It by Marco and Hayley DiMarco

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As youth of Plank Chapel UMC where do you hear God calling you to serve?  
Acolyte? Usher? Greeter? Lay Reader? The following committees could use a  
youthful voice: Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Inward Formation Team,  
Outward Witness Team, Worship

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## What Are You Reading?

We grow as followers of Jesus Christ when we spend time learning together. Our adult Sunday School classes meet at 10:00 a.m. Join them as they study God's word and explore how it impacts their lives.

Another opportunity for study and learning is Keeping Holy Time Bible Study. We return from our summer break on Thursday, September 6. Currently we are studying the book of Luke. We meet weekly for an hour and a half beginning at 10:00 most Thursday mornings. Check with Pastor Carolyn or the online calendar to see if class is in session.

Books for the at home student:

Adam Hamilton: Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

Max Lucado: Unshakeable Hope

Michael Long: Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mr. Rogers

Christine Caine: Unexpected: Leave Fear Behind, Move Forward in Faith, Embrace the Adventure



**Gillburg  
United Methodist Church  
September 16  
6:30 p.m.**



For... Susan Babicz, Peggy Hernandez, Rose Tart, Elizabeth Moss Wilson, Brandi Dickerson, Jane Owen, Ruth Hailey, Tilly Hughes, Dave Driver, Kay House, Faye Young, Alice Finch, David Driver

- For...healing and reconciliation
- For...those facing medical procedures
- For...those grieving
- For...those without food, jobs, shelter
- For...the lost and afraid
- For...Plank Chapel
- For ...God's church
- For...Our local cities and counties
- For...Our military, families, and veterans
- For...all in harms way
- For...peace in our schools
- For...peace in our nation
- For...peace in the world





## FALL FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 29

This year the Fall Festival is on a Saturday, September 29. We are planning cake walks, apple bobbing, donut grabbing, relay racing, s'more making fun. Included in this event will be some Bingo and a silent auction. The proceeds for the silent auction will go to Kerr Lake Ministries for their continued work with children and offering a great summer day camp. Bring home made items, baked goods, and some heirloom treasures that need a new home. Items that do not receive bids go home with the one who donated them. Fall Festival will go from 4 pm - 6 pm. We will have food to eat, fellowship, and fun. It may be a good time to invite a friend or two. Sometimes it is easier to get to know a worshipping community through the social events that are on the grounds.



### Change to Change the world - Costa Rica Mission Projects - #S-00256

Contributions to the Costa Rica Mission Projects help the Bailey's sustain and grow this ministry. For more information on those projects: <http://costaricamissionprojects.com>.

Wil Bailey is a North Carolina Conference Missionary. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Duke University Divinity School in May of 2003 and has been commissioned as a United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Individual Volunteer. His wife, Yolanda, is an active, life-long member of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica.

Wil and Yolanda believe that when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples, he taught us, in dramatic fashion, that if we claim to be His followers, we must be servants to one another. Christian service comes in many forms and they believe that they have been called to provide opportunities for churches in Costa Rica and churches from other countries to serve one another and explore what it means for us to be part of a body that extends far beyond the walls of our own individual churches. Their hope is that they might be able to help foster long lasting, fruitful relationships between the congregations who participate in this ministry. It is very important to them that they avoid establishing or reinforcing already existing relationships of dependency, but rather, that the churches involved will discover the benefits of interaction with one another. They understand the communion that takes place across borders, cultures and languages as a glimpse of God's Kingdom and as a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit among us.

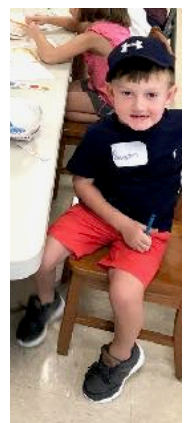
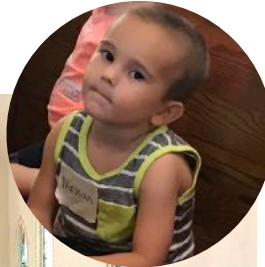


**October 20, 2018**  
**Race time: 9:00 a.m.**

**Kerr Lake State Park**  
**Satterwhite Point**  
[www.runnc.com](http://www.runnc.com)

<https://runnc.com/event/a-dash-of-hope/>

# Vacation Bible School - Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23



## In His Service

### Flowers

- 2 - Communion
- 9 - Laurie Miller
- 16 - Martha Rowland
- 23 - Lorraine Abbott
- 30 - Worship - Fall

### Altar Guild

Ben and Jackie Brown

### Ushers & Greeters

**Ushers:** John Rogers, Daryl Spencer, James Medlin, David Miller

**Greeter:** Matthew Denton

### Acolytes

- 2 - Laci Oettinger
- 9 - CT Thompson
- 16 - Chase Thompson
- 23 - Matthew Denton
- 30 - Austyn Abbott

### Lay Readers

- 2 - Tim Smith - James 1:17-27
- 9 - Darlene Ranes - James 2:1-17
- 16 - Gwen Ritchey - Mark 8:27-38
- 23 - Mike Ranes - Psalm 1
- 30 - Lorraine Abbott - Psalm 124

### Nursery Workers

- 2 - Danielle Nugent & Roxie Kearney
- 9 - Joyce Edwards & Laci Oettinger
- 16 - Lora Young & Judy Eaves
- 23 - Danielle Nugent & Roxie Kearney
- 30 - Joyce Edwards & Laci Oettinger



Eating Together Faithfully

The  
 Gathering Place  
 Wednesday  
 September 5  
 10 am

Celebrating  
 the wisdom of our elders  
 September 9, 2018

If you are over 70  
 You are invited to be our guest  
 for lunch  
 after worship

Senior Circle  
 September 19  
 10 am

## MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD

A CONCERT TO BENEFIT ACTS

McGregor Hall

September 15, 2018 @ 7pm

Tickets-\$8 Children 8 & Under Free

**SPECIAL GUESTS:**

**LYNN COOPER & WORK IN PROGRESS**

FEATURING GROUPS FROM:

- CLEARVIEW CHURCH
- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
- FREEDOM LIFE CHURCH OF GOD
- HARRIETT BAPTIST CHURCH
- SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH
- SOUTH HENDERSON PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH
- SPRING STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 <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>	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM KLM Meeting</li> </ul>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Eating Together</li> </ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	30	31	1
<b>Food Pantry Sundays</b> September 2 and 16						
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9 <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>12:00 PM Senior Appreciation Luncheon</li> <li>4:00 PM BASIC Youth mtg</li> <li>5:30 PM Shift Study Group</li> </ul>	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rosh Hashanah</li> <li>7:00 PM Church Council Meeting</li> </ul>	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Eating Together</li> </ul>	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	14	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family event</li> <li>7:00 PM ACTS Benefit Concert</li> </ul>
16 <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 mtg</li> <li>6:30 PM Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social @ Gillburg UMC</li> </ul>	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:30 PM Eating Together</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yom Kippur</li> <li>10:00 AM Senior Circle</li> <li>5:30 PM Faith and Fitness</li> <li>6:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ashura</li> <li>10:00 AM Keeping Holy Time Bible Study</li> </ul>	21	22
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**Special Events**

**Sep 9 - Senior Adult Appreciation Luncheon after worship**

**Sep 15 - 4:30 p.m. Fuller Chapel Chicken BBQ**  
**7:00 p.m. ACTS Benefit Concert**

**Sep 16 - 6:30 p.m. - Gillburg UMC Hymn Sing**

**Sep 29 - 4:00 p.m. - Fall Festival**