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## Calling ALL BARNABASes!!!!

Are you called to our Barnabas Ministry? If you find yourself answering the following questions in the affirmative, please consider being a part of our ministry team:

Do you enjoy visiting with people either in person or on the telephone?

Do you enjoy sending cards to people?

Do you find yourself encouraging others and in the process being encouraged?

Do you like meeting people and listening to others?

Do you constantly wonder how so and so is doing?

Do you want to help those who are lonely, discouraged, shut-in, in nursing care, or those who just need a good laugh?

Please join Frankie Zumbro in the church office on **Wednesday evening, April 21st at 5:00**. Bring a bag dinner and drink so we can discuss this ministry together.

**Burlington Boys Choir**  
**Spring Concert**  
**May 5, 2010 7 pm**  
**Macedonia Lutheran Church**  
421 W. Front Street  
Free admission

with donations accepted at the door.  
Sacred and Secular music  
Music & scenes from *Fiddler on the Roof*

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## Notes from the Pastor's Desk...

Since Earth Day is in April, the Church & Society Team is offering a devotional and practical application related to caring for our creation.

### The Absence of Life

(from Carla Barnhill's *The Green Bible Devotional*)

When he utters his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he makes the mist rise from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings for the rain, and he brings out the wind from his storehouses. Everyone is stupid and without knowledge; goldsmiths are all put to shame by their idols; for their images are false, and there is no breath in them. Jeremiah 10:13-14

This passage is striking not only for the ways in which Jeremiah uses nature to express God's power, but in the way he uses the life-breath of God as the distinguishing mark between what is real and what is false. There is life in the waters, life in the mists. There is power in the lightning, power in the wind. And yet the false gods have no power because they lack the breath of life. They lack the Spirit of God that flows from God's breath. In this sharp contrast, Jeremiah ties life, breath, power, and Spirit together as God's mark on creation. The world that God made stands in sharp contrast to the idols that human beings made. One is filled with God's goodness. The other, with human selfishness. If we want to live well with God, we must live well with the world God made.

*Prayer: Gracious God, we are so often blind to your Spirit, immune to your presence. Help us to be people who see the mark of your creation in the wind and in the rain, in the air and in the clouds, in the life and in the light that surrounds us.*

\*\* What's something I can start this week to help care for God's creation?

"Precycle" by buying minimally packaged goods and choosing reusable over disposable. (From Matthew Sleeth's *Serve God Save the Planet*)

# FRONTLINE

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### Prayers and Sympathy to:

**Carolyn McLamb** and family upon the death of her mother, **Nina Westbrook**, April 17.

**Mr. & Mrs. Ted (Teresa) Chandler** and family upon the death of her father, **Charles Griffith**, April 19, in Forest City, NC.

**Bill and Jewel Stanford** will celebrate their **70th wedding anniversary** on April 26th. Yes, you read right! 70th wedding anniversary! Let's celebrate with them and send them our best wishes! Their address is 1502 Jon Hus Court; Burlington, NC 27215-9304.

### Rides for Seniors

Community of Faith, we need some volunteers to give rides to some of our seniors who would love to come to church, but no longer can drive. We have some at Twin Lakes, Homeplace, and possibly others in their homes. Please contact Frankie Zumbro if you are able to serve in this manner. Thank you so very much!!

### Elon Cookie Walk May 12

We need your help to provide a yummy study break for Elon students cramming for exams. The Elon Cookie Walk is set for Wed., May 12. Please drop off cookies, brownies, chips, fruit or other fun snacks to the church kitchen by **5 p.m. on Wed., May 12.** (Items can be left the day before if you can't get there by 5 p.m.) The cookie walk is sponsored by Methodist Fellowship Elon (student club). At the Cookie Walk, students donate two canned goods or \$2 for the chance to fill their plates with the goodies provided by area Methodist churches. Call Donna Bearden, 538-1712, if you have any questions. Thanks!

### VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

**April 19-23 is National Volunteer Week** and we want to say **THANK YOU** to the many individuals who give so willingly and generously of their time and talents. The ministries of Front Street Church could not happen without you. You are an important part of the picture and a blessing to those around you.

*"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on a stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."* Matt. 5:14-16

### VIDEOS AND DVDs AVAILABLE TO CLASSES

Adult Sunday School classes are encouraged to check out some new videos and DVDs that we have available. You can check these out in Room 305.

<b>Joseph - The Hard Life</b>	<b>Free Market Jesus</b> by Donald Miller
<b>Joshua - Be Strong and Courageous</b> teachings by <i>Todd Phillips</i>	<b>Dreams - Seize Your Divine Moments</b> by <i>Erwin McManus</i>
<b>Choices - Choose to Live</b> by Erin McManus	<b>Impact - Leave a Mark</b> by Erin McManus

Other videos for Small Groups include:

<b>Prescription for the Pain of Overloaded Lives</b>	<b>Roots to Grow - Wings to Fly - The Fundamentals of Christian Parenting</b>
<b>An Ounce of Prevention - Safeguarding Your Marriage</b>	<b>Life is No Picnic - Stress Survival Skills for the Family</b>
<b>Parenting with Values</b>	

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

Do you ever wonder what works in a successful marriage? Do you have questions that you'd love to ask a happily married couple but have never asked? Don't miss your chance! Have fun and learn how "Marriage Matters."

**Sunday, May 16th, 4 - 6:00pm**

Aldersgate Hall

Donations accepted to support the Wheelchair Ramp Ministry  
Please send questions to Betsy Huneycutt by email at [bhuneycutt@holtsublimation.com](mailto:bhuneycutt@holtsublimation.com) or by phone at 336.269.4086.  
Light refreshments will be served. Child care provided.

**PRAYER...FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS** is the theme for the National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 6, 2010. This annual event, established by Congress in 1952, urges Americans of all faiths to set aside time to pray, specifically for our nation and its leaders. Both our Chapel and Prayer Room will be open for anyone who would like to pray anytime throughout the day (8 am - 8 pm). We would like to have many people praying during the 12 hours, either at our church or in their homes. Materials will be available with names of our elected officials so we may pray for them.

Please plan to set aside time on May 6 to be a part of the National Day of Prayer. Sign up sheets will be available at the Prayer Room and Chapel or call the Church Office to sign up today.

### FINANCIAL REPORT - THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2010

	<u>Month to Date</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Beginning Balance	(\$ 42,685.01)	(\$ 58,487.05)
Receipts *	\$ 73,503.96	\$ 307,987.18
Disbursements	(\$ 115,249.86)	\$ 333,904.04
Month End Balance	(\$ 84,403.91)	(\$ 84,403.91)

### UMW MEETING

Frankie Zumbro, Front Street's Coordinator of Congregational Care, will be the featured speaker at the **May 3rd** meeting of the United Methodist Women. Join us at 10 a.m. in the Heritage Center for coffee and proceed into the Chapel to hear Frankie tell of her work. Following Frankie's presentation the annual Spring Luncheon will be hosted by Circle #2.

### PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES!

We are sure you have noticed individuals taking pictures at different events recently. These pictures will be used on our Web Site, in different publications of Front Street Church and displayed around the church only. Pictures are an excellent way to let others know about the different ministries and activities we offer at Front Street Church. No one in the pictures will be identified in any way and the pictures will not be shared with any other organization. If you would prefer that pictures of your family not be used on the web site or in any of the Front Street publications please let us know by contacting Cheryl ([cwhitlow@bellsouth.net](mailto:cwhitlow@bellsouth.net)) or Rexanne ([rexannemiles@bellsouth.net](mailto:rexannemiles@bellsouth.net))

### EARTH DAY SIMULCAST

As a part of commemorating Earth Day, Front Street will be joining hundreds of other churches internationally in a simulcast of "Hope for Creation". This will take place in **Aldersgate Hall on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:30 pm.** Here's a blurb about the event from the organizers ([www.blessedearth.org](http://www.blessedearth.org)): "Join the largest faith-based gathering ever assembled around Earth Day. Participate in the live international simulcast event on **Wednesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.** (EST). Experience special music and guests, an exclusive look at the new Blessed Earth video series, and engage others across the globe in an interactive setting. The Church united around a Biblical vision for care of the planet. The conversation begins with you." If you have questions, contact Tom Sineath ([tom@tsdesigns.com](mailto:tom@tsdesigns.com)) or Ben Alexander ([balexander@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:balexander@frontstreetumc.org)).