

The Announcer

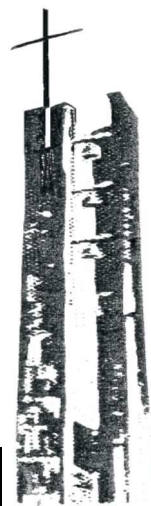
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The View from the Rafters

A Simple Gesture As I sat at Chick-fil-A early one morning, I sat, as I usually do, with my back to the wall, in order to see out into the restaurant. I didn't catch sight of the man as he walked by, but I noticed that he too sat by himself. He was slower than most, as he pulled the chair out feebly. He sat down with his back to me; the only distinguishing feature was the navy blue baseball cap that he had on, the one which featured where he served during WWII. He sat, quietly waiting for his tray to come with his food. Shortly a serviceperson delivered a biscuit and a cup of coffee to his table, then walked back to the front counter. The older man, who I was convinced was a WWII vet, took his hat off, bowed his head and then kept that position for a few minutes. I could tell he was praying. It was the simple gesture that acknowledged God and spoke of the man's deep gratitude.

10 Simple Gestures that Lead People to Feel Loved Not long ago, I came across an article that mentioned several small activities we could do that would make a large impact in someone's life. Here are several of those suggestions:

- Write a card or a note to express gratitude, encouragement, concern
- Pick up a person's favorite food or snack and share
- Tell someone how important they are to you
- Surprise them with a gift or act of service that's unique to them
- Listen intently about their day
- Say "I love you"
- Include them in the things that are important to you
- Cook for them
- Spend time with them
- Call to check on them

Simple Gestures Lead to Easter's Impact In my imagination as I read the gospel, I visualize the stories of Jesus, and I always see Jesus as a man of composure and grace, yet always willing to make a simple gesture to acknowledge God and care for others. ... going up a hill to pray ... opening his arms to the children ... calling up into the tree ... taking the bread and breaking it ... getting into a boat to teach ... speaking truth to power ... choosing love over enmity ... leading others to pray ... touching the sick ... going to the place of worship ... choosing service over being served ... washing feet ... walking through the Samaritan countryside ... taking on a new conversation ... expressing his love. All of these were simple gestures, each and every one!

Joy for the Journey,
Jay

Youth Happenings

Here are the plans for this Sunday, March 11

Sunday School at 9:45am – We will continue our look at Champions of Faith. Come join us!

Worship – 11:00am

Immediately after worship we're off to Winston-Salem to go **ICE SKATING!** Cost for the skating session and skate rental is \$10. We'll also stop for lunch on the way to Winston, so bring money for food. I would also suggest that you bring clothing for skating to change into after worship; remember it will be cold at the rink so plan accordingly. We should be back at the church around 5:00p. There will be no further youth activities in the afternoon. If you have not yet signed up but wish to go, contact me. We may still have room for YOU! It'll be fun!!

Sign-up has begun for our

Youth Spring Retreat to Fort Caswell

April 13-15

Cost - \$100.00

Sign-up Deadline is Sunday, March 25

IT'LL BE FUN – DON'T MISS IT!



Many thanks to Josh Martin, Brant Snow, Lone and Ben Cooke, Todd Tucker, and Lesa Hensley for their leadership with the Youth Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser this past Sunday. Thanks also to Brant Snow, Elaine Reales, and Taronia Hollingsworth for providing the Youth Snack Supper.

Called Church Conference

Wednesday, March 21, 6:30pm-Fellowship Hall



A called Church Conference will be held on Wednesday, March 21, to vote on:

1. The Nominating Committee's recommendation to fill a vacancy on the Finance Committee, and
2. Proposed changes to the Child Safety and Protection Policy and a volunteer form.

Please plan to attend this meeting.

CBFNC Youth Choir Festival

March 9-10

Public Concert, March 10, 2:00PM

Wingate University

Six of our youth will participate in the choir festival. Hope you can come support them in the closing concert!

A Note From the Personnel Committee

It has been our custom around this time of year to place a suggestion box in the breeze way to give every member of the congregation the opportunity to submit suggestions or concerns to the Personnel Committee. We will leave the suggestion box out for about six weeks. Please let this be an opportunity to not only voice suggestions or concerns but also to offer positive feedback and encouragement to any and all members of our ministerial and office staff. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff who work very hard to make our church, our worship, and our ministry the very best it can be as we all serve the Lord together. The scripture encourages us to be generous in supporting and uplifting our coworkers in the ministry of the church.

Wednesday, March 7

Menu: Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles, Mixed Vegetables, Roll, Salad

March Birthdays

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| 3/10 | William Judd |
| 3/10 | Nancy Twitty |
| 3/12 | Mark Rogers |
| 3/13 | Joe Hauser |
| 3/13 | Kevin Wilson |
| 3/14 | Tonita Greene |
| 3/16 | Donna Brannock |
| 3/18 | Betty Bledsoe |
| 3/19 | Bud Oliver |
| 3/22 | Trey Fussell |
| 3/24 | Jennifer Fussell |



Mary Rowe Missions Group

Sunday, March 11, 12:00pm, Fireside Room

The Mary Rowe Mission group will meet in the Fireside Room Sunday, March 11th immediately following worship to go to lunch and then to an off campus mission opportunity in Dobson.



Kevin Wilson!
Tuesday, March 13

Saying "Yes" to the Cross Fourth Sunday in Lent- March 11

This Sunday: The Placard
Scripture: John 3:14-21



Grace Notes

Kevin Wilson and I will be taking six youth to Wingate University Friday for the choir festival sponsored by CBFNC. The youth are: Mercer Meadows, Brooksie Lawson, Claire Hauser, Meredith Hensley, Peyton Harmon, and Simon Cawley. The choir will be directed this year by Dr. Kenny Potter, a nationally renowned choral director. He currently serves Wingate University as chair of the music department and director of choral activities. He brings tremendous energy and enthusiasm to choral music, and I am delighted that our youth have the opportunity to sing under his direction. They will rehearse Friday night and Saturday before presenting a concert and worship service at 2:00 to conclude the festival. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel.

Looking ahead to Sunday, two of the most-memorized verses in the Bible, John 3:16-17, will be sung by the Chancel Choir in John Stainer's famous setting of the verses. I learned the Stainer arrangement as a young choir member, and it is just as powerful to me today as it was then. We hope that this beautiful piece carries you into the narrative of God's great love.

Sing to the Lord!
Linda



Sunday School Catch the Excitement

We miss **YOU** when you aren't at Sunday School. Hope to see you this week!

Congratulations to the *Word and Song Class* for perfect attendance on March 4.



Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary

Easter Lilies in foil will be available to decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Price is \$12.50. Please place the order form in the offering plate or return to the church office by **Friday, March 23**, to reserve yours.

In memory of _____ or in honor of _____

Name _____

Given by _____



Daylight Savings Time



Don't forget to turn your clocks **forward** one hour on Sunday, March 11th

The Week Ahead

| SUNDAY, February 11 | Fourth Sunday in Lent |
|---------------------|---|
| 9:00am | Prayer Time-Prayer Room |
| 9:15am | Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room |
| 9:45am | Sunday School |
| 11:00am | **The Church at Worship & Praise |
| 12:00pm | Mary Rowe WMU-Fireside Room |
| | Youth Ice Skating |
| 4:00pm | Diaconate Meeting |
| 4:45pm | Children's Handbells |
| | NO Youth Choir |
| 5:00pm | Griefshare Class |
| 5:30pm | Granite City Ringers |
| MONDAY, March 12 | |
| 7:00pm | Church Council Meeting |
| TUESDAY, March 13 | |
| 7:00am | Baptist Men's Breakfast- Olympia |
| 10:00am | Hensley Mission Group-Ridgecrest |
| 7:00pm | Wilson-Newell Prayer Group-Becky Keesler |
| WEDNESDAY, March 14 | |
| 10:00am | Beth Moore-Rebekah Class |
| 4:30pm | Grades 1-5 Music |
| 5:00pm | Pre-School -Kindergarten Music & Missions |
| 5:15pm | Grades 1-5 Missions |
| 5:45pm | Family Night Meal |
| 6:30pm | Bible Study |
| 7:30pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| THURSDAY, March 15 | |
| 5:00pm | Primetimers Trip |
| 5:30pm | Feeding Friends Meal |
| 7:00pm | *Boy Scouts—Scout Hut |
| SUNDAY, March 18 | Fifth Sunday in Lent |
| 9:00am | Prayer Time-Prayer Room |
| 9:15am | Coffee Fellowship-Fireside Room |
| 9:45am | Sunday School |
| 11:00am | **The Church at Worship & Praise |
| 4:00pm | Children's Handbells |
| 4:45pm | Youth Choir |
| 5:00pm | Griefshare Class |
| 5:30pm | Granite City Ringers |
| 5:45pm | Youth Supper |
| 6:00pm | Youth Group Family Time |

*Community Ministry **Hearing Assists / Valet Parking available upon request. Wheelchair spaces are available in the sanctuary for the convenience of those who need to stay in their chairs.

PrimeTimers Trip "Tunes & Tales" with David Holt and Josh Goforth Thursday, March 15

5:00pm: Van leaves the church
6:00pm: Dinner at K&W- 7:30pm: Concert

There is still room on the van if you want to join the PrimeTimers on Thursday, March 15, for dinner at K&W and Tune's & Tales concert with David Holt and Josh Goforth. Tickets are \$25. Call the church office to sign up.

Statistics

Date: 3-4-18

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|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Sunday School Attendance | 133 |
| Worship Attendance | 176 |
| <u>Tithes and Offerings</u> | <u>This Week</u> |
| Weekly Needs | \$10,683.00 |
| Budget Offering | \$12,644.00 |
| Weekly Surplus | \$1,961.00 |
| Designations (summarized below) | \$4,549.50 |
| Total Offering | \$17,193.50 |
| <u>Tithes and Offerings</u> | <u>Year To Date</u> |
| Yearly Needs | \$86,147.00 |
| Budget Offering | \$78,347.51 |
| YTD Deficit | (\$17,799.49) |
| Designations | \$19,309.51 |
| Total Offering | \$97,657.02 |
| <u>Weekly Designations</u> | |
| Building Fund | \$325.00 |
| Organ Fund Pledge | \$380.00 |
| Designated Missions | \$317.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$3,425.50 |
| Wednesday Night Meal | \$102.00 |
| Building Fund Bal to Date | \$27,390.98 |
| Organ Fund Bal to Date | \$34,707.48 |

Caring & Sharing in Our Church Family

Write a note, make a telephone call,
or pay a visit to

Hospital

Charlie Goins-Twelve Oaks
Sherry Blackmon-Home
Mildred Glenn-Hospice Home

College

Marleigh Meadows
NC School of Science and Math
Atten: Marleigh Meadows
Box L144

1219 Broad Street
Durham, NC 27705

Home or Retirement

Christine Shelton
1035 North Street
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Geraldine Slate
830 Rockford Street #324
Mount Airy, NC 27030

Ministry for Sunday: Rev. Jay Meadows ; **Scripture:** John 3:14-21 ; **Sunday School Greeters:** Jim & Joy McGehee ; **Deacon Greeters:** John & Bobbie Collins ; **Babies:** Lucas & Mary Kate Brewer ; **Toddlers:** Robin Draughn & Barbara Hill ; **Preschoolers:** Lone Cooke & Hanne Cooke ; **Kid's Korner:** Wendy Harmon & Peyton Harmon ; **Children's Sermon :** Cindy Wilson ; **Sound:** Ryan Parker, Cathy Parker, Wes Parker

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

CBF Missions

In memory of Margaret Taylor by:
Ron and Marie Niland

Friends Helping Seniors

In memory of Margaret Taylor by:
Larry and Barbara Blood

In memory of Margaret Taylor by:
Barbara Hill

General Fund

In honor of Jay and Marsha Meadows by:
Mark and Deidre Rogers

In memory of Margaret Taylor by:
Mark and Deidre Rogers

In memory of Margaret Taylor by:
Richard and Nancy Pyles

In memory of Henrietta Bingman by:
Susan Dott

In memory of Henrietta Bingman by:
Mary C. Harrison

In memory of Henrietta Bingman by:
George and Noreen Dott

Heck Jones Offering

In memory of Mrs. Brewington by:
J.T. and Gladys Henson

In memory of Ruth Stone by:
J.T. and Gladys Henson

In memory of Marie Ward by:
J.T. and Gladys Henson

In memory of Pauline Payne by:
J.T. and Gladys Henson

Organ Fund

In memory of Henrietta Bingman by:
Dr. Dean and Carole Simmons

In memory of Mrs. Brewington by:
Dr. Dean and Carole Simmons

In memory of Sis Hennis by:
Dr. Dean and Carole Simmons

In memory of Margaret Taylor by:
Dr. Dean and Carole Simmons

March is our month for emphasis on giving!



Senior Gathering, Monday, March 26

11:45am-Fellowship Hall

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