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Give Me the Courage to Live

Give me the courage to live!
Really live— not merely exist.
Live dangerously,
Scorning risk!
Live honestly,
Daring the truth—
Particularly the truth of myself!
Live resiliently—
Ever changing, ever growing, ever adapting.
Enduring the pain of change
As though 'twere the travail of birth.
Give me the courage to live,
Give me the strength to be free
And endure the burden of freedom
And the loneliness of those without chains;
Let me not be trapped by success,
Nor by failure, not pleasure, nor grief,
Nor malice, nor praise, nor remorse!
Give me the courage to go on!
Facing all that waits on the trail—
Going eagerly, joyously on,
And paying my way as I go,
Without anger or fear or regret
Taking what life gives,
Spending myself to the full,
Dead high, spirit winged, like a god—
On... on... till the shadows draw close.
Then even when darkness shuts down,
And I go out alone as I came,
Naked and blind as I came—
Even then, gracious God, hear my prayer:
Give me the courage to live!
In the name of our Lord and Savior- Jesus Christ, Amen

—Howard Thurman





Summer@TheTable
Sundays at 5:00 p.m.
WBPC Fellowship Hall

Yes, you can still head to the beach or mountains for the weekend and make it back in time for worship! You'll enjoy the relaxed, casual, coffee-house atmosphere after that long drive home. Please join us every Sunday for @TheTable worship at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for this coffeehouse style worship.

Special Upcoming @TheTable Services:

July 28: Jazz Vespers—Where jazz meets the Spirit! A wonderfully eclectic mix of prayer, poetry, ambient art, and live jazz! Join us in this prayerful wondering about the mysteries of life and the love of God. Specialty coffees served.

August 4: A joyful feast of the people of God... Holy Communion celebrated amidst a covered-dish dinner (much like the way Jesus celebrated the sacrament with his disciples in the midst of a meal).

Luncheon Ladies Meet August 13

Luncheon Ladies will meet for fellowship and lunch at: **Briggs Restaurant** on Tryon Road by Walnut Street, on **Tuesday, August 13**. We'll meet at 11:00 a.m. before the heat and the crowds! No reservations required. All women welcomed!



Join A Choir This Fall!

Order Your Own Glory to God Hymnal

The Presbyterian church will have a new hymnal available this fall - *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal* is the latest in a long line of hymnals for our denomination. It contains over 800 hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs. (But it's the same size as our present hymnal and weighs a little less!) Over 50% of the music comes from our current Presbyterian hymnal, with the remaining selections coming from former Presbyterian hymnals, denominational songbooks, and individual composers and hymn writers. This has been a 5 year project.

There are no plans to purchase the hymnal for WBPC at this time. Our church will have its own hymnal committee evaluating this new publication when it becomes available in the fall.

Learn more about *Glory to God*, or order a personal copy at www.ThePresbyterianHymnal.org.

Rally Day - September 8

A new year of Christian Education at WBPC kicks off on Rally Day, September 8. Join us for a scrumptious hot breakfast cooked by our Men of the Church (time to be announced.) Following breakfast, much information will be shared regarding Sunday School classes, Wednesday Night Live, and much more. Mark your calendars and make plans to recharge your faith walk this Rally Day.

Wednesday Night Live Resumes Sept. 11

The fall 2013 session of WNL will begin September 11 with a family fun evening of *Pictionary* (fun for all ages)! Other programs will include *The Paco Band*, a night featuring our amazing youth, *Minute to Win It* games, a magician, and a WRAL weather forecaster. The plans are on our website now, where you can see dates, programs and menus for each night. Please plan to join your church family for food, fellowship and fun activities this fall!



Friday, August 16, 11:30 a.m.
D&S South Hills

Return Of The WBPC Movie Night

Friday, August 23

Back by popular demand, WBPC is having a summer movie night in the parking lot, **Friday, August 23**. Join us for popcorn and lemonade at 7:30PM followed by *The Lost Medallion* at 8:00PM. Join the fun - bring your kids and neighbors!



Seeds of Faith Community Garden

Our garden is quite prolific this year with all the rain! We celebrate that over 210 lbs of fresh vegetables have been delivered to the "Plant A Row" program at Logan's Garden Center, which is distributed to agencies that feed the hungry. It's not too late to become a garden member and enjoy delicious, fresh squash, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, and more. Please contact Henry Burke (burkehj@gmail.com) or Sally Curtis (genecurt@yahoo.com) for more details.



Peacemaking Commitment

At the July Session Meeting, the Session signed the Peacemaking Commitment, a program of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. By making a commitment to peacemaking, we are declaring that becoming a part of God's peace-giving is one of our mission priorities as well as challenging ourselves to grow in our peacemaking journey. It is a tool to help us engage individually and collectively in peacemaking ministries.

We are already doing many of the items listed in the Peacemaking Commitment. Every Sunday we provide worship that expresses the reality of God's peace-giving when we talk about how Jesus reconciles us and gives us peace and we share the peace of Christ with others. We support human rights and economic justice in our world by serving fair trade coffee and making it available for members to purchase. We protect and preserve our environment by using recycled paper products and real dishes at church functions and through recycling as much of our waste as possible. We have received the Peacemaking Offering the first Sunday in October for almost two decades.

We are doing much more in the peacemaking arena and will continue to grow in our peacemaking journey. By signing the Peacemaking Commitment in July the Session acknowledged what we have already been doing and affirmed that peacemaking activities should continue to be a priority in our ministry. Soon the Peacemaking Commitment will be posted on the web page for you to review.

Recently your Session

- Approved Joe Ward to preach in morning worship, July 14
- Approved 2 commissioners to July Presbytery Meeting
- Approved Joette Steger to preach in morning worship on August 4
- Accepted resignation of Mitchell Odum from Session due to his moving out of town
- Approved signing of PCUSA *Commitment to Peacemaking*

Weekly Food Bag Challenge Items

- August 4—tuna or other canned meat
- August 11—peanut butter
- August 18—1 lb. grits (small bag)
- August 25—2 cans beans (any kind)



Outreach Ministries at WBPC

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church supports many outreach activities in our community and around the world. Each month we provide 25 basic food bags to the Urban Ministries Food Pantry in Raleigh. Every month we also send financial support to Mark Hare and Jenny Bent who serve the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., as missionaries in Haiti. For the past decade we have also supported our members attending seminary. In the fall we will be providing a matching grant to Duke Divinity School for Dave Grace, who has been working with our youth and will be starting seminary in the fall. These are only a few of the organizations, people, and activities supported by Western Boulevard. For more details see the thank you letters on the web page. You can find them under the heading "Thank You Messages" under Outreach Ministries on the left hand side of the page. Thank you for your generosity which makes all of our outreach possible!

Warriors in Distress

Suicide among our Soldiers at War and at Home

Suicide is the most frequent cause of death among Army forces, surpassing combat deaths and motor vehicle accidents. From 2004 to 2009 the suicide rate within the force doubled. Contributing factors vary from multiple deployments, drugs and alcohol, stressful family conditions and relationships, and gun control issues. In my therapy with veterans and their families, I have received training and information that I would like to pass along to you. The military has begun a program called **SAVE** to help friends/families of a veteran to act with care and compassion if you encounter a Veteran who may be at risk for suicide. The **SAVE** program includes the following components:

Signs of suicidal thinking (hopelessness, rage, or anger, withdrawal from family/friends);

Ask the question (Are you thinking of killing yourself?);

Validate the veteran's experience (listen and do not pass judgment);

Encourage treatment and **E**xpedite getting help.

There is also a **Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255, or text to 838255**. The service is free, confidential and staffed 24 hours a day (mostly by veterans who can refer the veteran or his/her family to counselors if needed). Please help decrease the further casualties of war by passing along this information. For more detailed information please contact me 919-274-5360 or dorcasmiller@embarqmail.com and I will be glad to help. Thanks for caring. —Dorcas (Cassie) Miller



Haiti Team Returns!

When all the planning is done and the trip is complete, we are left with our memories. For the 2013 Haiti Mission Team, we have incredible memories and a long list of accomplishments and experiences we can't wait to share. It doesn't seem possible that we did so much in such a short time and in the process exemplified again that with God's help all things are possible. We attended a small church started by a mission group from Kansas City. We had the privilege of participating in the Lord's Supper and singing several songs we knew in English.

The lunch we planned with the family members of the children at Yahve Jire orphanage was a success. Many of the family members traveled long distances to join us for lunch. We took some amazing pictures at the photo booth. It was such a blessing to see the smiles and the hugs as they hammed it up for the camera.

We traveled 4 ½ hours by bus to visit with Mark Hare, Presbyterian Missionary to Haiti, to learn about the 40 year old organization called MPP (similar to Agriculture Extension Services) and on to the EcoVillages. We had to travel along some pretty rocky roads and then finish by walking into the village. We saw firsthand the difference between "giving a person a fish and teaching them to fish." This Village took displaced people from the earthquake, brought them to the country side; provided them with a home; taught them to farm a small garden; and enabled them to create a small community together. We had a great lunch prepared by the villagers, complete with rice and beans, fresh beets and fried goat. We sang "Lord I lift Your name on high" in Creole and in English and then together. WOW.



We almost had to experience a night without electricity, water or bathroom facilities when our bus got stuck on a huge stump, thank God for our in-residence auto repairman – Ron Pittman, we got out before the rains came and we were able to get across the river before it flooded.



During the week we completed all of the projects we had scheduled including building 4 closets for the girl's dorm, digging 2 gray water ponds and lining them with stones, building an award winning chicken coop at the base of the water tower, and transporting concrete blocks and more concrete blocks from the block factory to the workmen raising the security wall around the perimeter of the complex.



The highlight of our week among others was bringing all the children out to their soon to be new home and making individual stepping stones with them. The children were ecstatic to be there and ran all over in so much joy.

We held our own *Stop Hunger Now* rice and bean packing party and gave 500 lbs of rice, 200 lbs of beans and 2 cases of cooking oil to the families at Hope Village next to the complex. We saw firsthand the leadership of the Voodoo Priestess as she organized the food distribution.



And if that wasn't enough we were treated to a special dinner at the orphanage that rivaled any banquet we had ever attended and a music and dance performance by the kids. An incredible blessing to see them so happy and so proud of themselves.

We arrived home physically tired and worn out but emotionally and spiritually on top of the world. An adventure we won't soon forget. *Lord I lift Your name on high, Lord I love to sing Your praises, I'm so glad You're in my life, I'm so glad You came to save us.*

Thank you again WBPC, Discovery Church and United Church of Chapel Hill for your financial assistance, your love and your prayers. We could not have done it without your blessings.

Happy Birthday

Sujin Matthews	1
Mike Thompson	4
Betsy Roberts	5
Matthew Fleming	9
Wesley Peede	9
Sarah Wetherby	10
Paul Herrin	10
Justin Orilio	11
John Pittman	14
Ron Pittman	14
Jenny Fleming	15
Barry Croom	15
Frank Alcorn	16
Kismet Hall	16
Jimmy Wade	17
Richard Lentz	17
Rebecca Alcorn	17
Janet Cherry	19
Sally Curtis	22
John Bayne	23
Betty Dean	24
Dot Gebbie	24
Barbara McIntire	24
Owen Clapp	26
Peggy Teel	27
Allisen Fischer	28

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, George Blum, Pat Byers, Kaye Byrd, Richard Lentz, Joe Matthews, John McClellan, Gene Reese, Mary Jane and John Roberts, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Nancy Wade, Tom Yorke

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Lauren Bridges (friend of Pat and Brenda Byers), Christopher Crowder (son of Mary Crowder), Thomas Crowder (son of Mary Crowder), Sandy Fisher (neighbor of the Lindsay's), Peggy Freeman (sister of Kaye Byrd), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Charles Madson (brother-in-law of Janis Guzzo), Sally Readinger (mother of Becky Burmester), Pat Reynolds (aunt of Lynn Bell), Hazel Smith (mother of Jimmie Smith), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Valeria Tyndall Taylor (cousin of Mary Williams-Kotnik), Grayson Vickers (great grandson of Daisy Lowery), Philip Woodruff (brother of John Woodruff)

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

DUKE RALEIGH HOSPITAL: Gene Reese

Sympathy extended to:

The Joe Matthews Family and Leslie Adams upon the death of Mark Matthews, on July 14.

Greg and Shirley Griffith upon the death of their nephew, Charles Douglas Griffith on July 16.

Nancy and Jimmy Wade and family upon the death of Nancy's sister, Patsy O'Brien on Thursday, July 25.

Exciting Lessons

for Summer Elementary Sunday School

Summer Sunday School for pre-school and elementary age children continues in August with a unique opportunity for them to learn about "mission work"! During four Sundays in August (4, 11, 18, and 25) our talented teachers will share their stories of mission work in their everyday lives. The teachers are Dorcas Miller (prison ministry), John Bayne (deacon ministry), Betty Connette (missions in our church) and Kathy Johnson (mission ministry in Haiti). Each lesson will focus on personal stories, Bible passages related to the mission, and a project to be shared with church family and beyond. What a wonderful time for your children to learn more about the work of people in our church! We hope you'll bring your children – and their friends – as often as possible!

During July, the focus of the lessons was an Old Testament story, Daniel and the Lions! After Rally Day, pre-school through second graders will continue to study Old Testament stories until Advent; third, fourth, and fifth graders will study the Bible with Yevonne Brannon.

Please know how much we look forward to seeing your children in Sunday School. We love them and want to share the love of Jesus with them!

Thank you!

Dear Office Angels,

Thank you to all the wonderful WBPC women who covered the office during my summer vacation. You are appreciated all the time for your assistance in the office, but especially when I am away and the coverage depends solely upon you! You are amazing, generous, and brilliant women! —*Šanti Matthews*

WBPC Financial Report

	<u>JUNE 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 31,399.00	170,690.70
Open	1,332.11	10,117.57
Church School	123.00	591.60
Total Offering	32,854.11	181,399.87
Prior Receipts		10,221.52
Expenses	<u>34,876.23</u>	<u>187,046.51</u>
Net Total	\$ (2,022.12)	4,574.88