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With Everything that We Have...

Moments after receiving the Ten Commandments, Moses hiked up Mount Sinai and received God's instructions to build the tabernacle. The Lord revealed the plan for constructing the tabernacle.

Then the LORD said to Moses, "See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts — to make artistic designs for work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship. Moreover, I have appointed Oholiab son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, to help him. Also I have given skill to all the craftsmen to make everything I have commanded you." Exodus 31:1-6

First, the Lord decides who will receive these gifts. In verses 1 and 2 the text states, "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'See I have chosen Bezalel, son of Uri, son of Hur of the tribe of Judah.'" Bezalel was chosen, commissioned to lead in the building of the tabernacle and God gave him special abilities to perform this task. In other words, the Lord decides who gets gifts and the measure of these gifts. In this respect, every person is uniquely equipped for service.

Secondly, the Holy Spirit is the source of knowledge, ability and skills. Time and time again, God's Spirit has demonstrated the power of creativity. Like a majestic Michael Angelo, God kneeled over a lump of clay, molded it into an earthen creature in God's image (Genesis 2:7). Similarly, the Spirit has given each member of the church gifts and He knows precisely how these gifts are to be used. Therefore, we must continue to worship, pray and seek God's will so that our labor will be aligned with God's plan. As we enter the first quarter of 2013, let's make a commitment to serve God with everything that we have!

Shalom,
Bruce T. Grady

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

February 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

"Ash Wednesday...and we are on our way to Your Way. O Lamb of God, have mercy upon us and keep us from all the smallness of our lives that would take precedence over kneeling in Jerusalem."—Ann Weems

Join us **February 13 at 6:30 p.m.** as we begin our Lenten journey with a Taize (contemplative) worship which includes the imposition of ashes and communion. **The Wednesday Night meal will be begin at 5:45 p.m. Reservations are needed for the meal.** We will serve lentil and vegetable soup free of charge.



Join Us @The Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of Java and feast with us in this coffeehouse style worship.

Jazz Vespers is returning to @TheTable on February 10. Don't miss it! This month will feature guest percussionist Mark McKnight (from Springfield Illinois), Brandon Vaughn on saxophone, and Daryl I. White on trumpet.

WIHN Week Coming Soon Help Needed

Our next WIHN week is fast approaching and will be the week of February 17—February 24, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Please consider helping as an evening host, overnight host, driver, meal preparer or set-up person during this week. We really need a male and female to be overnight hosts each night since we usually have a large number of guests. Please consider giving a little of your time, **YOU** will get more out of it than you give. You may sign up online at <http://wbpresbyterian.com> or on the sign up board which is located in the narthex.

—Mission Outreach Committee



A Community Response
for Homeless Families

Come Early for Coffee and Fellowship

Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the kitchen for coffee and fellowship. If you can come early and would enjoy chatting over a cup of coffee, please come! The coffee will be fair trade and if you want to take some home, we will be selling the fair trade brand for \$10/bag. That allows us to provide coffee for church functions and support the fair trade farmers with a fair price for their product.

Capital Campaign Update

The last year has brought a lot of changes to the education building and there are more changes to come in 2013. With your continued support of the capital campaign we have renovated the bathrooms, replaced exterior doors, upgraded lighting, and improved aesthetics in the education building as well as replaced the roof of the sanctuary. Many of these improvements are still underway with a few punchlist items to complete in the bathrooms and hallways.

Several of the projects performed in the last year did run over budget due to different circumstances. With uncertainty in the existing construction and the challenges of renovation, the bathroom projects ran almost \$20,000 over budget. Upon completion of the bathroom renovations, we now have accessible bathrooms on both floors that look great too. We were blessed with an insurance claim of over \$20,000 to cover hail damage to the sanctuary roof that required replacement of the roof by the end of 2012. As the existing shingles were torn off, the need to replace the plywood underlayment was much greater than previously estimated and an additional \$15,000 was required to complete that project. We now have a new shingle roof that should last 30 years and the steeple was even painted too.

In the last stewardship campaign, the congregation pledged an additional \$50,000 for the continuation of the capital campaign. With the overages from the 2012 campaign, nearly half of this \$50,000 pledge will cover the higher construction costs. With the remaining pledges the property committee plans to complete the last of the lighting upgrades as well as replace the flooring in the upstairs hallway and fellowship hall. These upgrades will be delayed by the need to build the balance of the pledges up after last years work. This means that the quicker the building fund pledges are paid, the earlier we will be able to replace the floors. The generous pledges will also allow us to replace the floors with a linoleum product that is much greener than the current material.

The property committee would like to thank the congregation for your continued support through this challenging process. Many of you have volunteered to help in many different ways to make this project a success and your work has truly been appreciated. At the conclusion of this renovation process we should be able to enjoy a building that looks better, works better, and provides access for everyone. **We are currently planning on having a workday February 9, 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., to work mainly in the fellowship hall with painting and many other projects to complete.**

Wednesday Night Live!

Dates: January 16-March 6

Time: Dinner: 5:45~6:30; Classes 6:30~7:25

Cost for dinner: \$7 / \$5 ages 6-9 / 5 & under free

Join in the fellowship, fun and good food...

Sign up on the Sunday attendance form or call or email the church office by noon on Monday the week of the event.

February Programs

Wednesday, February 6: Randy and Christine Thomson will share with us pictures and impressions of their meaningful trip to Africa.

Dinner: Pittman Crew—beef brisket, salad, steamed cabbage, black eyed peas

Wednesday, February 13: Ash Wednesday Worship

Dinner: soup, salad, bread (no charge)

Wednesday, February 20: Three WBPC youth will share information about their special summer 2012 trips. Come and support these very special young people from our church and learn what is happening in some of the other countries in our world.

Dinner: Pittman Crew—taco bar with beef and turkey options, salad

Wednesday, February 27: The Tri-force Jump Rope Performance team will share a very special program. Both young and old will be impressed with the precision of these amazing young performers.

Dinner: Coffee and Crepes

Check our website: wbpresbyterian.org for updated information about WNL programs and menus.

Coming Soon: Dulcimer Dan Wednesday, March 6, 6:30p.m.



Don't miss a very special program by an outstanding musician from this area. Dulcimer Dan plays the hammered dulcimer and has had outstanding success. Dan is a registered nurse and heard the dulcimer on a hiking trip and determined to learn to play the instrument. So after learning the old time style and joining other musicians Dan had the idea of taking this group of back porch Carolina musicians into the recording studio and doing an album purely for the experience of saying that they had done it once. Bill Leslie heard this story about this registered nurse playing old time music with the locals and he thought it would make a good feature news story. So Bill featured Dan on a news feature called The Spirit of Carolina and at the end of the story Bill made this statement. "Dulcimer Dan, he is the spirit of Carolina."

Dulcimer Dan and the Blue Skies Band were selected to represent the state of North Carolina on the QVC shopping channel where they sold 12,000 CD's in less than five minutes. Their music is also the theme music for the six time Emmy award winning PBS gardening show 'Making It Grow' and their music was featured on the Billy Graham radio show. Their music was even used as wake up music for the NASA space shuttle astronauts.

Dan continues his work in the nursing field in Raleigh, North Carolina and plays hammered dulcimer for nursing homes and gives entrepreneurial workshops in North Carolina's prison system. He is also doing extensive work with the Raleigh Men's Shelter and is working on a book about physician abuses in the prescribing of pharmaceuticals.

Don't miss this very special program by a very special local person. The program begins at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Don't Forget Breakfast: Sunday, Feb. 10!



The Men of the Church will prepare and serve breakfast once every month, on the second Sunday of the month. Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m., join in the fun on Sunday, February 10, and share the most important meal of the day! Thank you Men of the Church!



**Friday, February 15
11:30AM
D&S South Hills**

Featuring a program
by Keith & Charlotte Cassel

Recently Your Session

- Received new members in December.
- Approved baptism of youth confirmands in December
- Approved Robert Owens to preach on Jan 6.
- Approved Congregational Meeting for election of officers.
- Approved Carl Horton to lead morning worship on Jan 27.
- Approved budget for 2013.
- Discussed encroachment of neighbors across property line near vesper area.
- Approved Annual Congregational meeting for Jan 27 to approve terms of call and receive budget.

Food Bag Challenge Items of the Week

(Can't bring a whole bag? Bring just one item each week in February!)

February 3 — canned meat

February 10 — macaroni & cheese

February 17 — boxed cereal

February 24 — applesauce



This year is going by so fast... it is now time to register for the next school year! Registration starts February 1 for those currently enrolled, February 15 for church members, and March 1 for the public. Registration forms can be picked up outside of the preschool office on the bulletin board.

WBPC December Financial Report

	<u>DECEMBER 2012</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 30,731.00	316,371.98
Open	6,568.87	39,671.16
Church School	85.00	855.01
Total Offering	37,384.87	356,898.15
Prior Receipts		7,040.06
Expenses	<u>33,344.57</u>	<u>353,753.59</u>
Net Total	\$ 4,040.30	10,221.52



Sunday Story Time

Want to have some fun? Let go of some stress? The Christian Education Committee has a wonderful opportunity for you! Our littlest worshippers in the nursery are starting to learn about the Bible and God's love through beginning Bible stories. We would love to have a variety of volunteers visit us and spend a few minutes sharing the stories with us. Don't worry; everything is prepared for you; we have a felt board to use to tell the story, nursery staff to facilitate the process and then coloring pages and crayons to reinforce your storytelling. The whole process lasts less than ten minutes! We would love to have volunteers for both morning and evening services. Although we appreciate the youth's willingness to serve, only adults are allowed in the nursery as per church policy. If you are interested in having some fun and spreading God's Word to a joyful and willing audience, contact Joyce Smith at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com or at 919-816-9157.

WBPC Youth News!

February's discussion topics will be focused on world religions and denominations as we understand our Presbyterian context as a faith among faiths. This February we will start a series of fundraisers for Youth retreats—particularly the High School Youth Conference at Montreat. This month we will be babysitting on Valentine's Day for any and all overburdened and underappreciated parents. Instead of the Thursday of Valentine's Day, the youth group will be babysitting on Friday night, February 15. Please email me at 3030.dave@gmail.com if you are interested in participating or would like to utilize our babysitting services. ATTENTION: The youth group is now seeking Spring Break retreat space at relevant beach locations. Please email me if you know of any beach house availability.

Meals Needed for Youth Fellowship

What makes a Youth Group meeting memorable? Fun, food and fellowship! We need help with the food aspect of that equation for our growing middle school thru high school youth fellowship. Please contact Sarah Wetherby by email at seswetherby@gmail.com if you'd be interested in helping prepare a quick, easy meal for the Youth on an upcoming Sunday evening. Or talk with Blythe Clifford or Kate Trimble. Thank you for your care and support of our incredible teens!



Be Heart Smart in 2013

Spring is right around the corner! Springtime means walks outside, trips to the zoo, the beach, playgrounds, bike riding and even rock climbing! The Christian Education Committee is planning its 2013 American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR with AED Training courses and we need your input. Our CPR classes are four hours long and open to all interested persons. Registration costs are approximately \$35 and books are available for loan. CPR is a life skill that benefits all. CPR training gives you the skills necessary to intervene in the event of an emergency and provide the early interventions that may save the life of an infant, child or adult. You may need to assist a choking victim, provide care to a child in a playground accident or assist a person with a heart issue through use of CPR and our AED. All these skills can be learned in four hours! What a bargain! Class is fun! Just ask the fifty some people who have attended our classes since we started our Lifesaver program. Current Lifesavers are reminded that renewal classes are needed every two years. If you're interested in participating, or have questions, please contact Joyce Smith at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com or at 919-816-9157. Please specify your preference for day of the week and time frame for training. Please reply as soon as possible for best choices!

Scout Sunday is Sunday, February 17

On Scout Sunday we celebrate the work of the scouts in our community and in our church. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character. The Scouts and adult leaders of our scouting program wish to thank WBPC for the 44 years that you have provided a place for the scouts to meet, learn valuable life skills, and, above all, a place to have fun. Thank you and we look forward to being a part of this church for many years to come.

February Children's Chapel Schedule

February 3 (No Children's Chapel)

February 10

Jesus in the Wilderness

Storyteller: Mitchell Odum / Greeter: Carolyn Esbenshade

February 17

Jesus Calls the Twelve Disciples

Storyteller: John Bayne / Greeter: Jacob Milchuck

February 24

The Synagogue and The Upper Room

Storyteller: Carol Parker / Greeter: Evan Barnette

CPR Opportunities Available for Youth

As Western Boulevard continues to expand its tree of CPR trained "Lifesavers", the Christian Education Committee is pleased to offer a special opportunity to our Youth. We have received Endowment Funds to cover the registration costs for eight Youth to attend our American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR with AED Training. This is a valuable skill to have and our Youth are a group with diverse activities where these skills may be put to use. If you are a middle or high school student and interested in participating in CPR training, please contact Joyce Smith at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com or at 919-816-9157 as soon as possible. We are currently planning our 2013 classes and would love your input to make the classes as convenient as possible. We hope to hear from you very soon!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thel Stevens	1
Evelyn Earnhardt	3
Joyce Emerson	4
Colin Tierney	4
Evan Barnette	6
Chris Alcorn	8
Macon Wessell	8
Michele Clark	10
Robin Howell	10
Mary Todd Earnhardt	10
Todd Earnhardt	10
Andrew Mitchell	10
Mitchell Odum	10
Daisy Lowery	11
Katie Ware	11
Cookie Littlefield	13
Maria Boshoff	18
Bill Clifford	20
George Barrick	21
Jackson Velez	21
Jacob Velez	21
Peggy Reese	22
Lori Grippo	23
Brandie Peede	23
Cindy Woodruff	23
Beverly Simpson	24
Paul Simpson	25
Charlotte Wessell	25
Harris Cummings	26
James Lowery	28

Welcome New Church Officers

The church officers listed at the right, were elected by the congregation in early December 2012, and will be ordained and installed into their respective offices in morning worship on February 10, 2013. We give thanks for the call God has placed upon their lives, and for their willingness to answer that call.

Gratitude to our Retiring Church Officers

The following church officers have served WBPC faithfully and sacrificially over the last three years. They have been stellar officers in every way and have greatly helped to advance the mission and ministries of our church. They will be deeply missed! Please take a moment to say thank you to the following servants:

Deacons: Martha Barrick, Betty Dean

Elders: Gene Curtis, Mavis Stott, Jimmy Wade, Beth Ware, and Jacob Milchuck (Youth Elder)

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, George Blum, Linda Bradley, Kaye Byrd, Dot Gebbie, Jean Godfrey, Gene Reese, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Peggy Stevens

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), Christopher Bednar (grandson of Peggy and Gene Reese), David Boland (cousin of Brenda Byers), Evelyn Byers, Bill Clark (husband of Daisy Lowery's niece), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Patsy O'Brien (sister of Nancy Wade), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Shirley Steger (mother of Joette Steger), Helen Yilling (mother of Mike McIntire)

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

MAYVIEW CONVALESCENT: Jean Perdue

REX REHAB: Bonnie Carter

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MORNINGSIDE: Brady Jefcoat

ACTIVE MILITARY (Afghanistan):

Cole Wertz (half brother of Miranda Clark)

Sympathy extended to:

The family of Ruth Hartsfield upon her death on December 26.

Barbara McIntire upon the death of her cousin.

Daisy Lowery upon the death of her sister-in-law, Faye Miller.

Margaret Cox upon the death of her sister-in-law, Frances Cox Troutman.

Bonnie Carter upon the death of her husband, Frank Carter, on January 26.

Elders

Eric Baxter has been a member of WBPC since October 2010. He is married to Anne Baxter, has 2 sons Nick and Luca, Godson Korree. He was born in Philadelphia, grew up in Germany, and is fluent in German. He likes to tinker with cars, motorcycles, and household appliances. He also enjoys singing with his wife, and juggling.

Blythe Clifford joined WBPC as a child. She was an active member of the Youth Group. She and Mac Winslow were married at WBPC in 2001 and they have two children, William and Alexander. Together with Mac, Blythe has been teaching the Youth Sunday School class for 10 years. She has also been a member of the CE Committee for the past few years, and has co-chaired VBS for the past 2 years. Blythe has her own law practice representing utility companies before the NC Utilities Commission.

Robyn Reasor joined Western Blvd in June 2010. She grew up in Ohio but has lived in North Carolina since 1986. She is a registered nurse and works for a Healthcare Quality Improvement organization as a clinical manager for a Medicaid contract. She has a 14 year old daughter, Sara, who was adopted from Guatemala at 7 months. She is divorced, but happily partnered for 4-1/2 years. She currently serves as the chair of the Worship Committee and is also active in Presbyterian Prison Ministry through First Presbyterian Church.

Charles Smith first attended WBPC as a four year old with his family. He attended kindergarten here and was confirmed in this Church. He rejoined in 2003 with his wife Suzanne. They have a seven year old daughter named Lydia. Charles has served as a youth leader and a member of the Christian Education Committee. Charles owns a local landscape company.

Morgan Herrin (Youth Elder) grew up in the church and joined through Confirmation in 2008. She is the daughter of Donna and David Herrin. She is active in the Youth Group and has shared her musical talent many times at WBPC.

Brandie Peede (Youth Elder) grew up attending WBPC and has been a member since 2008. Since sixth grade, she has been very involved in Youth Group. In addition, she serves on the Evangelism Committee.

Deacons

Anne Baxter has been a member of WBPC since October 2010. She is married to Eric Baxter, and she has a son in Seattle, Washington, and a daughter in Valdez, Alaska. Anne sings in the choir and is a member of the Worship Committee.

Juliann Butcher has been a member of WBPC since 2008. She and her partner of over 20 years, Dorcas "Cassie" Miller, have two children; Katie, 23 years old who teaches kindergarten in Asheville and Cristian, 11, whom every one seems to know. Julie has worked at the church preschool and was involved in Brown Bag Ministry on behalf of WBPC. Julie is currently a Stephen Minister, attends Wednesday Morning Bible Study and Forum Sunday School, and is on the Mission Outreach Committee.

Faith In Action To Prevent Gun Violence

Resources to Guide Your Congregation Part I
Compiled by Lynne Marks, NHP Peacemaking Committee Member

The 219th PC(USA) General Assembly in 2010 approved the report "Gun Violence, Gospel Values: Mobilizing in Response to God's Call," and that's just what Presbyterians have been doing since then. In the past 2 years a movement has been building to not only awaken members and worshiping communities to the faith dimensions of this on-going tragedy, but also to assist them in initiatives to more effectively address the problem of gun violence. Read the full report at <http://www.pcusa.org/resource/gun-violence-gospel-values-mobilizing-response-god/>. It challenges our society's fatalism and numbness in accepting the highest gun death rates in the world, reviews past church positions, and proposes a new "spiritual awakening" approach.

If you're wondering where to start, a downloadable "Congregational Toolkit" called "Gun Violence Prevention" is now available to help congregations prevent gun violence. In addition, the PC(USA) has prepared downloadable "Gun Violence Prevention" curriculums for the following topics:

Gun Violence 101
Gun Violence and Suicide
Guns in the U.S. Today
Illegal Sales of Guns
Supporting Those Who Grieve
Theological Underpinnings, and
Worship Resources.

Find these resources at :

<http://www.pcusa.org/browse/resources-resource/tag/gun%20violence%20prevention/>



In Case of Inclement Weather:

Please check any of the following regarding changes to our schedule:

Our website: www.wbpresbyterian.org
WRAL-Channel 5 OR WTVD- Channel 11

Make a Difference

The attendees of the **WBPC Social Justice Forum** challenge you to join the New Hope Presbytery Presbyterian Women's "quarter drive for the poor." We are working to make a difference over a 100 day period. One quarter at a time can save lives. The quarters will be used to provide kits to midwives in poor countries. Kits will include sutures, gloves, gauze, stethoscope, thermometer, alcohol wipes, soaps, and more. This drive began on January 6 and will end April 7. Look for **Orange Banks** in the narthex, outside Betty's office, and @TheTable. Every little bit makes a difference. Please contact Sandy Irving with questions.

Social Justice Forum

Join us for our Social Justice Forum every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. (usually in the parlor). On February 3, we will finish our study of Sabbath Economics, a challenge to view our lives from a Biblical perspective, consider where our real treasure lies, and reconsider our relationship with our money.

The American Bible; Into the Heart of America's Culture Wars



On Monday, February 4 at 5:30pm Meredith College is hosting the Preston Lectures in Jones Chapel featuring one of the top American religion scholars in the country, Dr. Stephen Prothero. He has written many books including the New York Times bestseller *Religious Literacy: What Americans Need to Know*, and his most recent work, *The American Bible: How Our*

Words Unite, Divide, and Defend a Nation. Dr. Prothero's lecture is entitled, *The American Bible; into the Heart of America's Culture Wars*. Prothero has written numerous books, served as a guest on many television programs including "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart, "The Colbert Report," and "The Oprah Winfrey Show." A regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal and USA Today, he has also written for the New York Times, the Washington Post and in 2010 was invited to speak about religious literacy at the White House. Seating is first come first