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A Pair of Blessings ...

Blessed is the one whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
The Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the sojourners;
He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

—*Psalm 146:5-9 ESV*

May you live to see your world fulfilled.
May your destiny be for worlds still to come, and may you trust in generations yet to be.
May your heart be filled with intuition and your words be filled with insight.
May songs of praise ever be upon your tongue and your vision be a straight path before you.
May your eyes shine with the light of holy words and your face reflect the brightness of the heavens.
May your cherished hopes be fulfilled in your lifetime;
May you be worthy of life eternal;
And may your ideals persist throughout the generations;
May your heart be filled with understanding;
May your mouth speak wisdom;
And may your tongue give expression to song;
May your eyes direct you straight forward;
May they shine with the light of [Christ];
And may your countenance be as radiant as the bright firmament.
May your lips speak knowledge and righteousness;
And may your feet swiftly take you to places where the words of God are heard.

—*Bruce T. Grady Adopted from the Rabbi Ammi (Third Century, Tiberius) said this to his students*



Join Us for a Souper Bowl: Feb. 2

Sunday, February 2, is Super Bowl Sunday, but for us, we'll be celebrating SOUPER Bowl Sunday. After morning worship, please come to the Fellowship Hall for a hearty bowl of soup. Take out containers will be available. Proceeds will benefit Granny's Purse, which funds our youth mission trips.



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

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 coffee-house style worship.

@The Table will host a **Jazz Vespers** service on **Sunday, February 23, at 5:00 PM.** Our

theme is "Available To You" featuring music, poetry, psalms & meditations.

Don't Forget Breakfast: Sunday, Feb. 9!



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 9, and share the most important meal of the day! Thank you Men of the Church!

Gluten Free Bread Option

The Worship Committee will now offer gluten free bread as an option for communion. Each bread plate will have a cup cake paper in the center with gluten free bread. We hope this addition will help accommodate everyone.



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.

Opportunity for Gun Violence Discussion Sponsored by New Hope Presbytery

Saturday, February 1: St. Andrews Pres. Church
10:00AM-12:30PM

For more information contact:

Wes Hare - wabbit4pz@nc.rr.com

WIHN Week Coming Soon Help Needed

Our next WIHN week is fast approaching and will be the week of February 23—March 2, 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



A Community Response
for Homeless Families

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.

IF... You have a ready smile, like the idea of helping people, can arrive at 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings and are able to stay about 15 minutes after the end of the service one month a year, or one week every month and you would like to welcome visitors and members

THEN... We have a service task with which you could help your church. We need Name Tag Greeters to assist with greeting visitors and name tag distribution. The result of your service gift would be that visitors and members of the WBPC Family would become better acquainted. Christ expects the members of the Church to know one another and you could play a vital role in helping make that happen.

IF.... This sounds like a way you could serve

THEN.... Please call or text Shirley Griffith at 919-859-3077 for more information or to sign up to be a Name Tag Greeter.

Wednesday Night Live!

Dates: January 15-March 5

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 5: Travel to Peru—Randy and Christine Thomson; Children—Crafts / Activities
Dinner: Pittman-Chili Cook-Off! Bring a pot of chili and enter the competition if you want!

Wednesday, February 12: Guitar Band-Apex High
Dinner: Pittman-grilled chicken, steamed veggies, and salad

Wednesday, February 19: WBPC Youth Talent Show and Silent Auction — Dinner to be announced.

Wednesday, February 26: Puppet Show—North Raleigh UMC

Dinner: Pittman-beef brisket with veggies

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

Recently Your Session

- Approved Congregational Meeting for Dec 8 to elect church officers
- Approved Congregational Meeting for Jan 26 to approve Pastors Terms of Call
- Approved Presbytery Campus Ministry to lead us in morning worship on January 26
- Approved tellers for 2014
- Approved church budget for 2014

Session Budget Update

Many thanks for your generous pledges for 2014! In 2013, WBPC's actual expenses totaled \$377,491. Our proposed budget for 2014 was \$409,615. The pledges plus expected open offerings for 2014 only totaled \$376,992, leaving a shortfall of \$32,623. The Session met, prayerfully considered and approved a budget of \$377,067. Therefore, some of the proposed projects and ministries for 2014 have been temporarily postponed. The Session is committed to funding the projects and ministries we feel are important to the Congregation. The Session is grateful for the continued contributions of time and talent from the Congregation, and the Session will continue to prayerfully consider how to best use those contributions.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join us **March 5 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.



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.

Lighting up our World

Thanks to Bill & Peggy Smith, many of us had beautiful Christmas trees brightening our homes again this year, and the church has over \$1800 for funding church safety and exterior lighting projects!

WBPC December Financial Report

	<u>DECEMBER 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 33,772.00	342,900.57
Open	4,506.60	22,937.85
Church School	73.00	1396.60
Total Offering	38,351.60	367,235.02
Prior Receipts		10,221.52
Expenses	<u>40,415.94</u>	<u>377,350.36</u>
Net Total	\$ (2,064.34)	106.18

Dear God,

I used the rice, beans, canned tomatoes and canned corn to make dinner for my family last night. There was enough for me to eat tonight, not just the kids... Thank you God for the bag of groceries I received from Urban Ministries.

Help God answer a prayer of a hungry family right here in Wake County. Remember to bring your Urban Ministry Food Bag item to church with you.

Welcome New Church Officers

The church officers listed below were elected by the congregation in early December 2013, and will be ordained and installed into their respective offices in morning worship on February 16, 2014. We give thanks for the call God has placed upon their lives, and for their willingness to answer that call.

Elders

Art Chard has been a member of WBPC since 1985 joining the church just two days before his daughter was born. He previously served on the Session from 1994 to 1997 as Clerk. Art is married to Jean and both are the parents of Brad, living in Greenville, and Ashley, living in Charleston with her husband Jeff and bulldog Peyton. He is a landscape architect with GFBA for the past 28 years.

Ed Johnson has been a member of WBPC since 2006. Since this time, Ed has served our congregation in a number of ways. He has volunteered his time as Youth Fellowship Coordinator for one year, taught Sunday school classes, traveled to Haiti with the Mission team and assisted with worship in various capacities. Ed has recently completed his coursework for his Master of Divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Charlotte and looks forward to the opportunity to serve our church in this way. Ed is married to Kathy and is the parent of three grown children, Laine, Miranda, and Ned.

Millicent Shyllon is originally from Freetown, Sierra Leone West Africa. She obtained her BA degree in English from St. Augustines College in Raleigh, and a certificate in Medical Records Administration from American Records Association in Chicago. She worked at Rex Hospital as a Medical Records Administrator for eight years, then at Wake Mental Health Center for seventeen years. She now operates an Assisted Living facility in Angier. She has been a member of WBPC for two years, ushers frequently, and was instrumental in introducing the name badge as a member of the Evangelism Committee. She enjoys being around people especially at WBPC. She has two adult sons and three grandchildren. She lost her husband six years ago.

Sarah Wetherby has been a member of WBPC since 1992. She has served in many capacities: as a Youth Group Leader, a Sunday School teacher, a participant in the Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group, a Vacation Bible School Volunteer, acolyte coordinator, and other various jobs and activities. She is married to Tom Wetherby, is the mother of Rebecca, Frank, and Christopher Alcorn, and stepmother to Chelsea and Jackson Wetherby. Before moving to North Carolina, Sarah worked as a veterinarian, and now as her children are growing older, she is beginning a new career in the fitness industry. She is eager to serve Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church in this new capacity.

Bill Mitchell joined WBPC in 2009. He is originally from Chapel Hill, NC. He has lived in Raleigh since 1987, is married to Lynne and is the father of Andrew, 16 and Holly, 11. He is a neighbor to the Sheltons and the Parkers. Bill has helped in the garden and hopes to go to Haiti this summer. He grew up Lutheran but likes the feel of our neighborhood church.

Youth Elder

Owen Clapp has grown up in WBPC since 1998 with his dad John, and his late mother Rosanne. He is currently a member of the New Hope Presbytery Youth Council. He has helped with Vacation Bible School, worked with the AventWest Children's Mentoring Program for 2 years now as a volunteer, and is also a member of the Social Justice Forum. He was winner of the NC Peace Action 2012 Peace Maker Essay Contest. Owen regularly attends the @TheTable service and has been in the Sunday School programs and in the Youth Group. He's an Eagle Scout and is very active with Boy Scout Troop 398 at the church and Sea Scout Ship 244 in Cary. He is a sophomore at Athen's Drive High School where he is on the Wrestling Team.

Deacons

Donna Herrin has been a member of WBPC for more than 40 years. She helped with and co-directed VBS for several years. She also enjoyed many years in the handbell choir. She also has co-directed the Hanging of the Greens service for many years. Donna is a registered nurse at Rex Hospital and is married to David. She is the mother of Paul and Morgan. Donna looks forward to serving WBPC in a new role.

Mary Williams-Kotnik has been a member of WBPC since 1997. She is currently a member of the Chancel Choir, and until recently she helped to lead the Adult Forum Sunday School Class for several years. She also participated in the Haiti mission trip in July 2013 and has committed to return again in 2014. Mary, a Cary native and Meredith College graduate, is employed by the Social Security Administration and is the Assistant District Manager in Durham. Her family includes her husband Andy and her son Steven, who recently graduated from NCSU and now lives in Richmond, VA.

PRAYER CONCERNS



MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, George Barrick, Dottie Dubose-Blum, Kaye Byrd, Dot Gebbie, Miranda Johnson, Richard Lentz, Daisy Lowery, Gene Reese, Peggy Reese, Eva Reopelle, John and Mary Jane Roberts, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Peggy Stevens

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Lauren Bridges (friend of Pat and Brenda Byers), Fay Cherry (mother of Janet Cherry), Peggy Freeman (sister of Kaye Byrd), Grace Gilmore, Wendy Ratley (sister of Leslie Adams), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Joe Tognoli (cousin of Peggy Stevens), Geny Ware (mother of Lewis Ware), Rich Westin (friend of Steven Kotnik)

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

Sympathy extended to Art Chard and family upon the death of his mother, Christine Chard on January 16.

Chance of snow? Ice? School systems rightly go into a delay mode to protect the safety of children. It's an inconvenience for all. But for some, an inconvenience turns into a crisis. Through the ministry of Wheels4Hope, hard working, low-wage earners in our community are blessed with an affordable, reliable car. In 2013, Wheels4Hope changed the lives of 149 families.

Danisha was referred to Wheels4Hope through Interact; she is now a proud owner of a 2000 Oldsmobile Intrigue. "This vehicle from Wheels4Hope means to me reliability. I will be able to travel at safer and realistic times with my children instead of traveling at 4-5 AM to catch a 6 AM bus. This will be a blessing for my kids and I to get back and forth from work and school."

Wondering what to do with your old car? Donate it to Wheels4Hope and help change lives, one car at a time. For more information call 919-832-1941 or go to www.wheels4hope.org



Friday, February 28

11:30 a.m.

D&S South Hills

We have moved our next meeting to February 28. Keith and Charlotte will share with us some of the photos they took last year on their trip to Albania. Look forward to seeing everybody on the 4th Friday.

February Children's Chapel Schedule

February 2

(No Children's Chapel—Communion Sunday)

February 9

Jesus and the Paralytic

Storyteller: Beth Milchuck / Greeter: Grace Odum

February 16

Jesus and the Tax Collectors

Storyteller: John Bayne / Greeter: Noah Milchuck

February 24

Jesus and Bartimaeus

Storyteller: Judy Shelton / Greeter: Jill Parker

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
Daisy Lowery	11
Katie Ware	11
Cookie Littlefield	13
Maria Boshoff	18
Bill Clifford	20
George Barrick	21
Peggy Reese	22
Lori Grippo	23
Susan McLaughlin	23
Brandie Peede	23
Cindy Woodruff	23
Beverly Simpson	24
Paul Simpson	25
Charlotte Wessell	25
Harris Cummings	26
James Lowery	28