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Prayer for All Immigrants



God, we come before you in prayer affirming that ALL people are loved by you. Some of us in this country through many centuries come from native peoples whose history in this land has no recorded beginning.

God, be with your children.

Some of us in this country through many centuries come from Spanish, French, and English sailors who came to start a new world.

God, be with your children.

Some of us in this country through a couple of centuries come from Africans who were forced to come as slaves.

God, be with your children.

Some of us in this country through a couple of centuries come from Asians desperate for a way to earn a living.

God, be with your children.

Some of us in this country through this century come from Latin Americans fleeing oppression and seeking a way to feed their children.

God, we are all your children, because in and through Christ, you adopted us. Unite us into your loving family.

In Jesus' Name,
Amen.

(Adapted from Disciples Home Missions)

*Grace and Shalom through Jesus Christ,
Bruce T. Grady*

BJF Updates

From January 7 through February 4 the Biblical Justice Forum (BJF) will study the book "Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming," edited by Paul Hawken. Hawken and a team of hundreds of top scientists and climate experts compile research detailing 100 solutions that could get the world to the point where green-house gases in the atmosphere peak and even begin to decline. Each week BJF will look at a different category of solutions, covering the top 25, and consider what God is calling us to do as individuals to implement these solutions in our lives and communities. The schedule of topics is: January 7 – Materials; January 14 – Energy; January 21 – Food; January 28 – Land Use; February 4 – Women and Girls. Please plan to join us in January to see what God might be calling you to do to reverse global warming.



Save the Dates: Serving in the City

The 3rd Annual Serving in the City mission trip at home is planned for Monday, August 6-9. We will begin each day at WBPC, pack our lunches, and serve in a different way each day. This experience is for ages 10-90. If you are younger than high school you must attend with an adult (aunt, uncle, grandparent). Do good, help others, and sleep in your own bed!

Urban Ministries Food Bags

Each month the Wednesday morning prayer group assembles food bags and delivers them to Urban Ministries. Food bag lists for donations can be found in the narthex and on the table outside the fellowship hall. Please drop off donations in the church narthex or on the table outside of the kitchen in the education building. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous spirits!

Urban Ministries Food Bags

- 2 cans beans (any kind)
- 1 can carrots
- 1 can tomatoes
- 16 oz. jar applesauce *or* canned fruit
- 1 lb. grits (small bag)
- 1 lb. rice (small bag)
- 1 lb. dried beans (small bag)
- 2 boxes macaroni & cheese
- 2 envelopes powdered milk
- Tuna (or other canned meat)
- Peanut butter
- Box of cereal

Leave in church narthex or on table outside kitchen in education building.



Wednesday Night Live Schedule in February

Join your church family on Wednesdays in February!

-On **Feb. 7**, WNL will have their annual chili cook-off. Bring a pot of chili and join the competition. Even if you can't bring chili, please come and share the fun. A box or batch of cookies are always welcome. The program will be the Apex Guitar Band. Come and enjoy a friendly chili competition and a nice musical program.

-**Feb. 14** is Ash Wednesday. There will be a simple meal that evening of delicious soup. The Ash Wednesday service will begin at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Attend the Ash Wednesday service to help you prepare spiritually for remembering the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

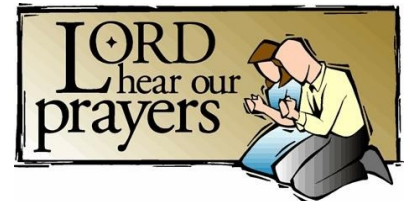
-On **Feb. 21**, Harris Cummings will present an outstanding program about his visit to Pakistan and to the churches where his grandparents served as missionaries. Don't miss this very special program. The meal that evening will be catered.

-On **Feb. 28** the Stephen Ministry group and someone from Family Promise will share information about these two programs. The meal that evening will be spaghetti, Texas toast and salad prepared by Ron Pittman and crew.

Meals are free but reservations are necessary. Please sign up in church or contact the Church office by Monday, noon. Meals begin at 5:45 pm. Programs begin at 6:30 and end at 7:30 pm. No reservations are needed for program only. Vegetarian options are available for all meals. Please bring food for the Urban Ministry Food bags or donate in the jar that is provided.

Healing Prayer Service Offered @ The Table

Are you ready to break the chains that have held you back and have slowly eroded your faith? If so, then join us as we seek the Lord's healing through teaching, worship and prayer during the **HEALING PRAYER @ The Table on February 18, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. During this Service of Worship, Prayer and Healing, the person being prayed for is asked what they would like prayer for; permission to lay hands on their head, shoulders, knees and feet; and if they would like to be anointed. This person is also asked if they would feel comfortable standing or if they would prefer to stay seated. Invite your neighbors and your friends to **HEALING PRAYER @ The Table!**



Don't Miss the Showing of Screenagers on Sunday, March 4 at 7 pm

WBPC Youth Fellowship Program and CE Committee are co-hosting a viewing of the documentary, Screenagers, on Sunday, March 4 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Award-winning Screenagers probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. Following the movie (run time: 1hr7 min), we will have time for discussion and will have parent resources available. The film producers recommend this film for ages 10 and up. Please join us for this impactful event. [Notes: This event is being offered free of charge and is open to the community. Childcare will not be provided for this event.]



SAVE THE DATE! Rolling River Rampage VBS will be June 11-15th

Join us as we invite children on a white-water rafting adventure to experience the ride of a lifetime with God! Along the river, children discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise, and that they can trust God to be with them through anything. Relevant music, creative crafts, fun recreation, and memorable Bible stories will help kids know that God is always with them as they ride the rapids of amazing grace! As always, we need lots of volunteers to make this week a success! Let Blythe Clifford,



blytheclifford@gmail.com, or Allisen Fischer, lettography@gmail.com, know if you are interested in helping out!

February at Youth Fellowship!

- Saturday, Feb. 3:** 1st Annual Super Bowl Flag Football Game; 2:00-3:15 PM
- Feb. 4:** No youth group; Super Bowl Sunday
- Feb. 11:** Regular youth group. 6:30-8:00 PM
- Friday, Feb. 16:** Movie & Game Night. 6:00-9:00 PM
- Feb. 18:** @ the Table Prayer Service @ 5 PM. Dinner following. Pick up at 7 PM
- Feb. 25:** Regular youth group 6:30-8:00 PM (Montreat Registration Due today!!! \$400 and registration forms needed)

Donations Being Gathered

Raleigh/Wake County Chapter of Church Women United (CWU) will sponsor its Ecumenical Action for March asking member churches (WBPC is one) to provide much needed toiletries and clothing for the hundreds of H2A Visa farm workers that fill our NC farm lands beginning in April and work through October planting, tilling, and harvesting our state's many agricultural products.



The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry, in Dunn, responds to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families, and actively supports opportunities for them to become self-directive. Raleigh/Wake County CWU works through the staff at EFM to ensure the workers receive these items donated by over 20 churches in our Raleigh region. Please leave items in bins in the education building (by Pastor's office) labeled by items listed below. Please have items in bins no later than services on Sunday, February 25th. The Mission Outreach members will be organizing the toiletry bags (goal of 20+) the following Tuesday to deliver at the March 2nd Raleigh/Wake County-CWU meeting.

Juan Canabana, staff at EFM, will speak to us about the men coming this spring. Questions? Want to join us? Don't hesitate to contact Norma Marti at: marti.norma@gmail.com or call at 919.600.3307.

Here are some suggested items for donation:

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| -soap bar | -face masks (for outdoor use in fields) |
| -toothbrush/paste | -one face cloth & towel |
| -deodorant | -men's long sleeve cotton shirts |
| -sunscreen | -men's long work pants/jeans |
| -razors (disposable) | -t-shirts (any color; cotton) |
| -shaving cream | -underwear (briefs or boxers) & socks |

@ The Table Jazz Vespers Service



"Our Soul's Song: Poetry, Jazz & Praise; Expressions Issued From Life" - This service will take place on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 5 pm around the piano, creating a circle to facilitate unity and synergy with the piano vibrations and sound. The service will feature psalms, meditations, the poetry of Countee Cullen, James Weldon Johnson & Langston Hughes as well as piano compositions by Vanism Jazz (Van-Anthoney Hall, piano).

Donate Blood on Saturday, Feb. 17

Once again members of WBPC will join with members of the Muslim American Society to affirm life by donating blood in memory of 3 young Muslim young people gunned down before they were able to serve the world as they planned.



New this year WBPC is going on the road. Each year previously our Muslim neighbors have come to WBPC to donate. This year we will donate blood at the mosque named for the victims. Please mark your calendar now to donate blood at The Winners Madjid & RII located at 3209 Gresham Lake Rd. #131 in North Raleigh.

Signup will be available online: https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/m/donor/schedules/available_drive_procedures/111721/02/17/2018 Questions? Contact Becky Burmester at 919-395-1373 or becky.burmester@mindspring.com.

BJF Book Read Discussion February 25

The Biblical Justice Forum (BJF) spent much of last year reading and learning about how race has shaped the history of our nation while recognizing our belief that we are all created in God's image. As a result of this study there is an interest in discussing how we are called to strengthen each other's humanity within the context of race, culture, and faith. BJF is encouraging all members to join us for a WBPC read! "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward has been selected as February's reading selection. Read on your own in February and let's gather to discuss your favorite passage(s) from the novel, questions that arose during your reading, etc. Natarsha Sanders and Norma Marti will lead the discussion on Sunday, February 25th from 3:30-5pm. Refreshments will be served.



Any item for filling a toiletry bag has a goal of 10+.

Any gently used clothing (clean and Goodwill quality) sizes small (most needed), youth large, medium and large has a goal of 10 each.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Gwen Orilio, Peggy Stevens, Burmester Family, John & Mary Jane Roberts, Peggy Reese, Lorelei Partin, Julian Bradley, Joyce Emerson, Betty Dean, Ruth Craven, Liz Clay Bradley

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Al Matthews (nephew of Barbara Tierney), Edward Thompson (son of Sarah and Jody), Melanie Goodwin (niece of Jimmy Wade), Cliff Toler (Kathy Johnson's uncle), Laine Woodcock (Ed & Kathy Johnson's daughter)

HILLCREST REHAB: Jimmie Smith

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

BARBOUR NURSING HOME, SMITHFIELD: Joyce Barbour

WOODLAND TERRACE: Margaret Pittman

Recently, Your Session:

- * Received updates from Scout Pack 398. They have more than quadrupled in size and will require more space in the Education Building on Monday nights for their weekly meetings.
- * Approved the 2018 asking budget to bring before the congregation.
- * Reviewed further security measures to be put into place at our church.

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed



Please consider volunteering with Meals on Wheels any of the following dates in 2018. All happen on Mondays:

April 30 **October 29**
July 30 **December 31**

Please contact Marcia Bennett, sen1969@hotmail.com, for more information.

50+ In February

50+ will convene Friday, 2/19, at our usual time and place: 11:30 at the D&S Cafeteria in South Hills. Keith and Charlotte will present the first part of their recent trip to Africa. Pith helmets are not required.

Please Join Us for Hat Day

Sunday, Feb. 18 is hat day! Please join in the fun and wear your favorite hat to church.



A Word of Thanks

I am so thankful for all the support I've received during the recuperation from my arm injury. I deeply appreciate each one of the cards, telephone calls, e-mails, notes of concern, and offers of food. I am truly blessed, and very thankful, to be a member of such a warm, caring church family.

Thank you!
 Betty Dean

Blow out the candles,
 wish away,
 you are the
 superstar of the day.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thel Stevens	1
John Ndepeku	1
Evelyn Earnhardt	3
Joyce Emerson	4
Amy Allridge	5
Evan Barnette	6
Liz Clay Bradley	6
Bob Roach	7
Masih Sohail	7
Chris Alcorn	8
Robin Howell	10
Andrew Mitchell	10
Mary Todd Earnhardt	10
Katie Ware	11
Olivia Holt	12
Cookie Littlefield	13
Heidi Cleveland	20
Bill Clifford	20
George Barrick	21
Peggy Reese	22
Lori Grippo	23
Susan McLaughlin	23
Cindy Woodruff	23
Beverly Simpson	24
Paul Simpson	25
Lucy Dratman	26
Harris Cummings	26
Eric Baxter	27
James Lowery	28