



I am among you as one who serves

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church

A servant is not greater than his Master

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## Welcome New Administrative Assistant

We are thrilled to announce that Chris Taylor is extending his hours at WBPC to not only serve as our Youth Fellowship Coordinator, but to also serve as our Administrative Assistant. He is excited about adding these additional responsibilities to his ministry amongst us. Chris will begin work as Administrative Assistant on Monday, January 4th, and will work 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.



## Happy Birthday

Greg Griffith	1
Mac Winslow	2
Martha Barrick	3
Michele Grady	4
Shirley Overcash	4
Danny Townsend	4
Stephen Reese	5
Norma Marti	6
Geneva Thigpen	6
Will Padgett	7
William Winslow	8
Tony Littlefield	15
Eleanor Sykes	15
West Goodman	17
Mark Howell	17
Marjorie Honeycutt	18
John McClellan	20
Margaret Cox	22
Nancy Simpson	22
Jean Chard	25
Frank Milchuck	25
Karen Taylor	25
Alexander Winslow	25
Carlyle Craven	27

## Later (*Ann Weems, Kneeling in Bethlehem*)

Later  
after the angels,  
after the stable,  
after the Child,  
they went back...  
as we always must,  
back to the world that doesn't understand  
our talk of angels and stars  
and especially not the Child.  
We go back complaining that it doesn't last.  
They went back singing praises to God!  
We do have to go back,  
but we can still sing the alleluias!

## Chancel Ringer and Choir

Chancel Ringers will rehearse on Tuesday, January 5; however, Chancel Choir will not meet that week. They resume rehearsals on January 13.

*Happy  
New Year*

## New Year, New Heartsaver CPR/AED Classes

Happy New Year! Many people begin the New Year with a focus on improving their body, mind and spirit. Western Boulevard would like to give you an opportunity to add the ability to help give the gift of life to others through Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Training. Yes, our winter classes have arrived. These classes are open to new and renewing (every two years) students of Middle School age or way above (as long as you have the physical abilities to perform the skills demonstration piece of the class). This American Heart Association program teaches you to perform potentially lifesaving skills such as CPR, obstructed airway management and use of the AED on infants, children and adults within our four hour class. Registration is \$45 per person, a book loaner library is available and we have a super deal for the Youth of Western Boulevard. The Endowment Fund will cover the registration costs for the Middle and High School Youth to allow them the opportunity to further their skills. Our first class will be on Monday evening, January 25, 2016, from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The second class will be Saturday morning, February 6, 2016, from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon. Classes will be held in the church parlor. For questions or to register, please contact Joyce Smith at [JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com](mailto:JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com) or at 919-816-9157 (H) or 919-606-0982 (C). Further information will be provided following registration. Class size is limited so don't procrastinate! We look forward to you joining our Life-saving team!

### Wednesday Night Live Resumes January 13

With bingo and Coffee & Crepes providing the meal. Check out our website for more details.  
[www.wbpresbyterian.com](http://www.wbpresbyterian.com)

### *Thank you!*

Our children were so happy to celebrate Christmas at the AWCN winter celebration on December 10th. The kids look forward to the party all year and your generosity in taking care of our "angels" makes it possible. Thank you all for sharing your space with us for this event and every week. The congregation and church supports us in so many different ways, the children and myself feel your impact every single day!



Anne Neuenschwander

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Bonnie Carter, Margaret Cox, Edith Crawford, Bill Grothmann, James Lowery, Gwen Orilio, Mary Jane Roberts, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Mavis Stott, Geneva Thigpen, Lewis Ware

**FAMILY/FRIENDS:** Jeanne Alderson's mother, Norma Barnette (grandmother of Chad Barnette), Debra Falkner (cousin of Peggy Stevens), Joseph Fish (brother of Janis Guzzo), Ben Glasgow (brother of Lori Grippo), Terry Griffith (cousin of Greg Griffith), Blanche Jarrett (mother of Kathy Davis), Mason Joyce (cousin of Jane Whitehurst), Maurio (SFJ Pen pal), Chris Melde (John McClellan's brother in law), Edith Orellano (Norma Marti's sister), Harry Raynor (son of Hazel Raynor), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of Lou Gene and Jim Hemphill), Cinderella Sohail (friend of WBPC), Ernest Irving (son of Deane and Sandy Irving)

**ABBOTSWOOD:** Margaret Pittman

**UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS:** Betsy Roberts

**BRIGHTON GARDENS:** Jo Gilmore

**SPRINGMOOR:** Dot Gebbie

**PHOENIX ASSISTED CARE:** Joyce Barbour

*Sympathy extended to the family of **Kaye Byrd** upon her death on December 17, to **Bobbi Cross** (WBPC Pre-school Director) upon the death of her brother-in-law on December 9 and to **June Fulton** upon the death of her sister on December 4.*

### Understanding Islam

The Social Justice Forum (SJF) would like to invite anyone interested in learning more about Islam and Islamophobia to join us beginning January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3 PM for a two hour opportunity to learn more and to ask thoughtful questions. SJF meets in the Education Building. There will be signs indicating the meeting room. The Forum will be led by Manzoor Cheema a respected member of the Raleigh community. He was the N&O's Tar Heel of the Week Feb. 21, 2014 and winner of the 2014 International Human Rights Award given by The Human Rights Coalition of NC. Manzoor Cheema is a frequent speaker on social justices issues in our world. Beginning Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5 pm for 5 Weeks there will be an in depth study of Islam led by Mona Dhakouri and other members of the Muslim American Society. The 5 week study will focus on the Islamic Faith and Interfaith opportunities. This Forum Series promises to provide attendees with a framework within which to process the happenings in God's world and a way to seek common ground.