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### A Fresh Perspective...

Centuries prior to the Romans, the Greeks who ruled the world, divided society into two groups: the Greeks and the others. They referred to others as “barbarians,” simply because they did not understand their language. It sounded like meaningless babbling. From the perspective of a true Greek, the Romans were considered barbarians. But, the Apostle Paul writes his letter to the church of Rome from a different perspective. According to the Jews, society was divided into two groups: Jewish and the others. They spoke of the others as “the Gentiles” and sometimes “the Greeks” because as far as they were concerned, the rest of the world was speaking Greek.

The Apostle Paul addressed these notions when he wrote:

*I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous person shall live by faith.”* Romans 1:14-17 (NASB)

Through the gospel of Jesus Christ, everyone (Jews and Gentiles) graciously receives a new identity. There is no partiality. Therefore, the good news has implications upon the way in which Paul ministers to the nations. Although certain Jewish Christians may have been reluctant to serve “the others”, protecting their status with relatives and friends, Paul believed that the Lord extends salvation to *everyone who believes*. He was not ashamed of the gospel which placed him into the new covenant of Christian community with the misfits of society. This was a fresh perspective then and it is still a fresh perspective today!

*Shalom,  
Bruce*

*The introductory paragraph of this article is based upon N.T. Wright’s Study of the Book of Romans  
(InterVarsity Press, 2009)*

## Peace Discussions at WBPC Continue

Wednesdays, Beginning May 1, 6:30-7:30PM

Some of the attendees at Peace Discernment wanted to continue more conversation and peace study, so an informal group will be meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall to carry the conversation forward. No food will be planned, but you are welcome to bring your dinner or any snacks. If you have thoughts about conversations you'd like to have, bring those too!



## WIHN Week Has

### Moved To May 5-12!

Due to a fire at Apex UMC (an area of the church where WIHN families are housed), Apex can not accommodate guests the week of May 5, so WBPC is switching our June dates to May 5-12 in order to help! Through Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network, this is our opportunity to reach out to homeless families in our area and to provide them with overnight housing and evening meals. **Please consider helping out (this time especially, with the short notice).** WE NEED YOUR HELP 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



### 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.

## Breakfast Served on Sunday, May 12!



The Men of the Church serve breakfast once every month, on the second Sunday of the month. Breakfast begins at 8:45 a.m.! Join in the fun on Mother's Day, May 12, and share the most important meal of the day! Thank you Men of the Church!

## Mark Your Calendars

### Day At The Lake!



**Saturday June 22, 2013**

**Location: Falls Lake, Sandling Beach, Lot 6**

**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Fun for all ages!

Watch for more information in Weekly Updates and in the June Contact.

## Graduates in the House?



We're recognizing graduates in June. Please contact the church office by May 15, with information on those graduating from high school or college. Please include full name, school of graduation, degree, and future

## Pentecost is Sunday May 19

Pentecost Sunday is May 19. Come to worship on May 19 and celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church. Wear red!



## Pentecost Offering

The Pentecost Offering will be received on the day of Pentecost (May 19). This offering provides a direct way to meet the needs of children at risk, youth, and young adults.

Congregations are encouraged to keep 40 percent of the Offering to support ministry with children at risk in their communities. This offering provides leadership development opportunities for Presbyterian youth and young adults and supports children-at-risk programs at the national level.



**Friday, May 17 at 9:00AM**  
**Breakfast at Pam's**  
**on Western Boulevard**  
**Then a visit to the**  
**Raulston Arboretum on Beryl Road**

## Children's Chapel Schedule for May

**May 5**  
**(No Children's Chapel)**

**May 12**  
*The Good Shepherd and The Lord's Supper*  
Storyteller: Carol Parker Greeter: Sarah Odum

**May 19**  
*Peter, Follower of Jesus*  
Storyteller: Judy Shelton Greeter: Carloyn Esbenshade



## Western Boulevard Presbyterian Preschool News

The Western Boulevard Presbyterian Preschool is currently having a Joe Corbi's pizza/cookie dough fundraiser to buy new furniture for the preschool classrooms. Many of the bookcases and other furniture pieces are 30+ years old! Please consider supporting the preschool in

this fundraiser. The classrooms are used by the preschool, Sunday school and the Church's nursery. Updating the furniture and beautifying the rooms will benefit all. Pizza/cookie dough orders can be placed directly at <http://www.joecorbi.com/order/>. The On-line Group Code is 55WESBPP (please note there is no Seller ID required). Orders can also be placed by contacting Bobbi Cross at 919-233-9967 or [wbpdirector@gmail.com](mailto:wbpdirector@gmail.com). Thank you for your support!

WBPP is currently taking registrations for Summer Camp 2013. The camp is half-day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) for children 2-8 years old and is offered from June 24 through August 9. Registration fee is \$30 per child and tuition is \$15/day per child. Summer Camp activities include: summer time themes, games, music, cooking projects, art, crafts, messy art projects, water days, playground time, centers and stories. Registration forms are available on the Church's website at <http://wbpresbyterian.com/wbp-preschool/>. Attending Summer Camp is the perfect time for new preschool students to get used to teachers, classes and friends before the school year starts. Please tell your family and friends about our Summer Camp!

### Vacation Bible School 2013

Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together!

VBS 2013: June 17-21, 9 a.m.—12 p.m.

Join us for Vacation Bible School 2013, June 17–21, from 9:00-12:00. Your fairgoers will discover how to love our neighbors near and far, in our own communities and around the world! This interactive and energizing Bible-based program will inspire your fairgoers to follow the example of Jesus to treat one another as they would like to be treated.

Please call Allisen Fischer (455-6147) or Blythe Clifford (244-6227) to volunteer. We will need many adult and youth "Friendtastic Faith Guides" to make this camp a success!



### VBS! "Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's World Comes Together!"

June 17-June 21, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

(Registration must be received in church office by June 3.)

Please fill out a separate form for each child;  
additional forms available in the narthex, fellowship hall, and ed. building.



**Children must have turned 4 years old by August 31, 2013!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ If in school, grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact and phone number (please give two)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Other allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs or information \_\_\_\_\_



## Car Wash!

May 18, 11AM-3PM

To raise money for WBPC high school youth to attend the Montreat conference this summer!

## Italian Dinner Fundraiser for 2013 Haiti Trip!

You won't want to miss, so put it on your calendar today!

Saturday, June 1, 2013

6:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

WBPC Fellowship Hall

Evening includes entertainment!



The 2013 Haiti Mission Team will be hosting an **Italian Dinner fundraiser**, so bring your sweetheart, your family and friends, and join us for pasta, salad, bread sticks and desert. Donations will be used for our team to host a Family Day Picnic for the children at the Yahve Jire Children's Foundation at a park in Croix des Bouquets, Haiti. Many of the children have not seen their family in 6-7 years. We will provide the picnic food, the cost of transportation for the family members, and pictures of the children with their family. Donation suggested: \$20.00/adult and \$10.00/child not participating in child care.

*Of special note: The WBPC Youth Group will be providing child care for infant to 10 years old for donations to the Granny's Purse fund for their trip to Montreat this summer. Pizza will be provided for these children. RSVP forms will be available in May in the weekly update or email Kathy Johnson at [wojo2006@nc.rr.com](mailto:wojo2006@nc.rr.com). We hope to see you there!*

## Yahve Jire Children's Foundation Supply Collection

Yahve Jire Supply Collection: It is finally time to start collecting. You've gotten all the clues and some of you have even guessed that, yes, we will be starting a small sewing co-op to help the older children at the orphanage learn to sew, so they will have a vocation when they age out of the home. We hope this will spread to some of the ladies in the neighborhood as well.

So come on WBPC we now need your help.

There are collection bins in both the narthex and in the Fellowship Hall.

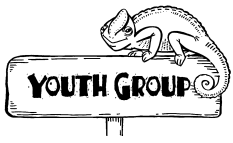
We are collecting various sewing supplies including the following:

- patterns for children's shorts, button down shirts, khaki pants, sundresses, skirts, church dresses
- adult patterns for ladies sundresses, skirts and tops
- lightweight material (remember it is a tropical country)
- sewing scissors
- thread of all colors
- pins, pin cushions, and sewing needles

In addition, we need to help bring new underclothing for all of the kids. They have grown so fast. These items are difficult to find in Haiti. So unpin an item to purchase and bring it back in for us to take. A full list of all the supplies is available near the collection bins. Thank you so much for your love and care. The United Church of Chapel Hill will be collecting over the counter and pharmacy supplies; Discovery Presbyterian Church in Clayton will be collecting clothing items for the children of Hope Village. *-Thank you from Mission/Outreach Committee*

## Congratulations to William Winslow...and Thanks to WBPC!

Because of William's heart for hungry children, and the generosity of friends and church family, William collected approximately 1400 lbs of food and \$305 cash for the "Backpack Buddies" program at Combs Elementary School. Typically, the students in the program take home a backpack each Friday. The school guidance counselor informed William that for the 2 weeks leading up to Spring Break, each child in the program, and their siblings, received a backpack of food daily so they could stock up for Spring Break. Because there was so much food (and money) donated, they were able to add 2 more children to be in the program for the rest of the school year! William's inspiration and the generosity of our loving community truly made a difference in the lives of some children in our community! "Well done, good and faithful servants!"



## Youth News

By the conclusion of Lent, the youth group had attended the Presbyterian Campus Ministry of Raleigh-led Campus and Community Service, discussed other denominations and religions, gone on a Spring Retreat in the form of a camping trip to Lake Jordan with beautiful weather, and facilitated the Easter-Egg hunt. The month of April was all about youth Sunday, which we started planning during a Lock-In on April 12. We would like you to participate in our fundraisers for the high-school trip to Montreat this summer. **Please come to our MAY 18 car wash! We will also be babysitting on June 1 for the dinner fundraiser for the Haiti trip.** June 9 marks our last meeting and we will celebrate with a potluck.

### Exciting Volunteer Opportunity!

Several youth are headed to Montreat during the week of July 21-27, and we need a female chaperone to accompany them! Spending a week at Montreat is a wonderful experience, particularly if you are with a great group of young people! Please contact Blythe Clifford ([blytheclifford@gmail.com](mailto:blytheclifford@gmail.com) or 919-244-6227), if you are interested!



### Get Your Hearts Racing!

### Get Trained to Help Others!

**Tuesday, May 7 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. or  
Monday, May 20 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

We have openings available in these two remaining spring American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR with AED Training courses. **Register ASAP!** Registration is \$38 per person and you may contact Joyce Smith to register and to receive your loaner book: (919) 816-9157 or [JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com](mailto:JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com). Classes will be held in the parlor. Come join in the excitement! **Scholarships still available for WBPC Youth.**

### 100 Day Quarter Campaign

Thank you WBPC! The New Hope Presbytery Presbyterian Women's spring campaign supported the Direct Relief International 100 Day Quarter Campaign to promote safe births in the poorest of countries. More than \$1,300 was collected across the Presbytery and Western Blvd. contributed \$130.00. NHP will be supporting 54 safe births in developing countries through the purchase of much needed midwife supplies! Thank you from the Social Justice Forum and the PW Fellowship Circle, our sponsors for this campaign.

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Blythe Clifford (Worship)  
Shirley Griffith (Evangelism)  
Morgan Herrin (Christian Education)  
Kathy Johnson (Mission Outreach)  
Mitchell Odum (Finance/Admin/Personnel)  
Brandie Peede (Evangelism)  
Robyn Reasor (Worship)  
Charles Smith (Property)  
Joette Steger (Mission Outreach)  
Kate Trimble (Christian Education)  
Jane Whitehurst (Fellowship)

#### Deacons:

Anne Baxter  
John Bayne, Moderator  
Julie Butcher  
Linda Pressley  
Christine Thomson  
Nancy Wade

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Reese	1
Larry Shelton	3
Alex Cuninghame	4
Celeste Stuckey	5
Jim Totten	6
Becky Burmester	8
Ned Johnson	8
Joette Steger	9
Henry Whitehurst	9
Yevonne Brannon	11
Adam Cuninghame	11
John Emerson	12
Susan Smith	13
Christine Thomson	13
David Parker	17
Katherine Anh Clapp	19
Bill Stuckey	19
Steven Kotnik	21
Margo Totten	22
Peggy Holshouser	24
Chiluba Ngulube	25
John Bush	26
Katie Parker	26
Marcia Bennett	27
Mary Williams-Kotnik	27
Bonnie Carter	28
Jacob Clark	29
Roy Creighton	29
Ian Ware	29
Joseph Burmester	30

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Joyce Barbour, Kaye Byrd, Dot and Jimmie Smith

**FAMILY/FRIENDS:** Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), Thomas Crowder (son of Mary Crowder), Sandy Fisher (neighbor of the Lindsay's) Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Ruth Larew (aunt of Lewis Ware), Charles Madson (brother-in-law of Janis Guzzo), Patsy O'Brien (sister of Nancy Wade), Frankie D. Owens (first cousin of Robert Owens), Angela Pigott (daughter-in-law of Betty Dean), Fredia Rainey (sister of Pat Byers), 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), Helen Yilling (mother of Mike McIntire)

**UNIHEALTH:** George Blum

**REX REHAB:** John McClellan

**ABBOTSWOOD:** Margaret Pittman

**UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS:** Betsy Roberts

**THE COVINGTON:** Annie Woodruff

**BRIGHTON GARDENS:** Jo Gilmore

*Sympathy extended to;*

*The family and friends of **Brady Jefcoat** upon his death on April 11.*

***Ed Owens** upon the death of his wife, **Shirley Owens** on April 21.*

### WBPC Financial Report

	<u>MARCH 2013</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 30,703.00	82,569.50
Open	1,333.07	4,967.13
Church School	189.10	331.60
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>32,225.17</b>	<b>87,868.23</b>
Prior Receipts		10,221.52
Expenses	<u>31,814.44</u>	<u>94,273.21</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 410.73</b>	<b>3,816.54</b>

### March Madness Food Bag Drive

We have a winner: Urban Ministries and those they serve! The total number of bags collected in our March Madness Food Bag Drive was 47. The best we can tell is that there were 5 Duke bags, 4 UNC bags, 1 University of Tennessee bag, and 37 NC State bags. Thank you to all who participated!

—Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

### Food Bag Challenge Items of the Week

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



May 5 — macaroni and cheese

May 12 — tuna or other canned meat

May 19 — powdered milk packets

May 26 — 1 lb. grits (small bag)

### Recently Your Session.

- Received new members
- Approved baptism of granddaughter or Jim and Margo Totten
- Discussed property encroachment of neighbors near vesper area
- Reviewed security concerns and locking of doors
- Heard deacons report of health concerns for many of our members and the death of Brady Jefcoat