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Celebrating a Revised Mission/Vision for WBPC

After being prayed over, wrestled with, and thought hard about, for over a year, the session has recently completed an update of the Mission/Vision statement (first produced in 2007) that will guide our ministry for the next few years. This revised Mission/Vision was deeply shaped by input from the congregational listening sessions last fall, as well as a neighborhood survey.

These were the highest priorities for our future ministry that the session heard from you in the congregational listening sessions:

- Reach out to our community and neighborhood in a more proactive way
- Grow our local missions
- Grow Christian education for adults
- Help individuals develop a stronger prayer life
- Help individuals grow in their understanding of stewardship
- Grow in diversity
- Promote peacemaking and social justice

The revised Mission Statement (our reason for being) is a simplified version of our original statement, "In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit we are a caring faith community that exists to live and proclaim the reconciling love of God for ALL people."

Revised Mission Statement: *We live to share God's love for ALL.*

This is our reason for existence as a church and what drives everything we do: sharing God's love for ALL people.

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The Vision Statement is our end game, or what we hope will result from our doing the Mission day in and day out.

Revised Vision Statement:

A vibrant community church reflecting the Kingdom of God

This Vision Statement reflects our belief (and yours) that God is calling us to focus our energies on being a servant to our surrounding community. It is theologically grounded in the prophet Jeremiah's words to the Israelites: "*Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you...and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.*" [Jeremiah 29:7] Just as Jeremiah encouraged those in exile to seek the welfare of the place in which they were planted, WBPC is being called to seek the welfare of the surrounding community in which we have been planted - the AventWest neighborhood. Both Jeremiah and Jesus emphasized that we find life for ourselves when we give it away. It is in seeking our community's welfare and wholeness that we will find our own.

As we seek to be "a vibrant community church reflecting the Kingdom of God," the following are our *ministry priorities* for the next few years:

Build Relationships (within church and community) - ideas might be...increase our "Movies on the Lawn", publicize Wednesday Night Live throughout the community, better publicize and promote our community garden, provide community-wide recreation events and fellowship gatherings, etc.

Expand Education (to better equip all ages to navigate through a vastly changing world) - ideas might be... strengthen Christian Education for all ages, offer church & community classes on topics of interest (i.e. financial fitness, health & wellness, parenting, marriage enrichment), invite retired neighborhood professors to teach community classes, etc.

Provide Shelter - ideas might be...seek to become a designated emergency shelter following natural disasters, offer community-wide support groups, better publicize Stephen Ministry for our church & community, invite our neighbors to help with WIHN, etc.

Nurture Spirituality - ideas might be...develop an outdoor prayer labyrinth, create space in the church for a "prayer station," offer more sermons and classes on prayer, promote a better understanding of ourselves as stewards of God's gifts, etc.

This revised Mission/Vision of WBPC surely calls us to set aside our fear of not having enough money, our fear of not filling our pews, our fear of our limitations and lifespan as an aging congregation - *and to step out in faith in fearless service* - believing that we have been anointed to be bearers of good news in a world of need.

I'm excited about where God is leading us!

Blessings, Betty

Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, November 2, 11:45 a.m.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, November 2, at 11:45 a.m. for the purpose of electing the 2014-15 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will compile the list of officer nominees for congregational approval in early December.

Alternative Gift Fair: November 2 at Noon

Please plan on staying after morning worship or coming early to @ the Table, **Sunday, November 2**, and take advantage of non-traditional Christmas shopping options at our annual Alternative Gift Fair. Through donations and/or the purchase of fundraising premiums, you will have the opportunity to support causes your loved ones hold dear. These types of gifts allow the recipient to feel both happy and generous, and relieve the purchaser of any worry that he or she may have spent money on a present that won't be used. This year our fair will host: **WIHN, Aventura West Children's Mentoring, Yahve-Jire Orphanage in Haiti, Wheels for Hope, Boy and Girl Scouting, Urban Ministries Food Bag Program, Granny's Purse (our youth group), WBPC's Servant Fund** and our newest addition, **Milner Hispanic Ministries**.

Baked potato bar and live music will be provided!

Baked Potato Bar Youth Fundraiser

At The Alternative Gift Fair

Please be sure to join us for the Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser after morning worship during the Alternative Gift Fair on **Sunday, November 2**. Parents and youth, if anyone is available to help set up and clean up, please let Dave Grace know (3030.dave@gmail.com).

Sign Up Now for Dinner for 8

Sign up for our version of WBPC dinner club. The new cycle begins in November. The plan is to bring members together in an informal setting and help them get to know each other over dinner or another activity. The groups are designed to combine singles, and couples of all ages. We attempt to get the right mix for a great time of fellowship. Members of the group decide where to go for dinner. Sign up on clipboards in Narthex and Fellowship Hall on November 2 and 9, or call the church office and sign-up. Please sign up by November 9. Groups will be formed at the Pot-luck kick off on November 12. This dinner will be Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Free Pizza on October 31st!

On Friday, October 31, everyone is encouraged to come to the WBPC fellowship hall at 5:45 in your costumes for free pizza and salad before heading out to Trick or Treat! Invite your friends and neighbors for this festive free fun!

Celebrating Our Saints

November 2, 6:30 p.m.

Do You Know Any Saints? According to our Presbyterian faith, we are all saints, you, me and the grumpy person you dealt with earlier this week. Saints can be living or deceased, young or old, any race, any gender and any personality type. It is time to celebrate those folks/saints that have meant something to us that are no longer here and those who are still here with us guiding us, loving us, inspiring us or just being with us.

Come to "Celebrating Our Saints" on **Sunday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the WBPC Sanctuary**. Join in prayer, sing a song or two, place a flower and/or tell a short story about a saint that has passed on, or hand a flower to a saint, friend or loved one that is still living. Come Celebrate a Saint.



Final Fall Wednesday Night Live!

A vibrant young group of Scottish dancers will amaze and delight you with their skills! Don't miss the final Fall Wednesday Night Live, November 5!

Meal: Beef tips, rice, salad, bread, veggies.

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

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

Sign up on the Sunday attendance form or call or email the church office by noon on Monday, 11/3.



Save The Date:

Hanging of the Greens

December 7, 5:00 p.m.

Please join us **Sunday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.** as we celebrate the Advent season with a meaningful worship service, *Hanging of the Greens*. We will prepare the sanctuary and fellowship hall for this special season through music, readings, and placement of the greens and poinsettias. A reception in the fellowship hall will follow the service. Each family is asked to provide finger-food for the celebration. You may bring your food item to the kitchen before the service. Please invite your neighbors and friends to join us as we celebrate Advent!

Youth Ice Cream Party, Sat. November 1

THIS Saturday, November 1, 3:00-4:45 p.m. WBPC FH For youth from faith communities who want to plan and work on conservation projects. This collaborative network includes NC Interfaith Power and Light, New Hope Audubon Society, and youth of faith!

WIHN Week is November 30-December 7

Our next WIHN week is fast approaching and will be the week of November 30—December 7, 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 then you give. You may sign up online at <http://wbpresbyterian.com> or on the sign up board which is located in the narthex.

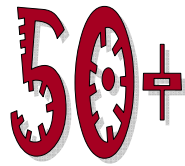
Recently Your Session

- Approved Joe Burmester and Robyn Reasor as Commissioners to the October 25 Stated Meeting of New Hope Presbytery.
- Approved calling a Congregational Meeting on November 2 for the purpose of electing the 2014-2015 Nominating Committee.
- Approved that the purple edition of the Glory to God hymnal be adopted by WBPC.
- Approved that the Operation Manual be adopted by WBPC.

Please contact an Elder with any questions.

Don't Forget Breakfast - November 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, November 9, and share the most important meal of the day! Thank you Men of the Church!



Friday, November 21
D&S Cafeteria, South Hills

11:30 a.m.

Fearless Generosity

Your Part is Indispensable! If you have not already submitted a pledge card for our 2015 general budget, we pray you will do so very soon; you make a world of difference! Summary on General Pledges received thus far: \$243,563 or 62.29% of budget pledge goal.

Just the Details

Urban Ministry needs help to supply food to hungry people. You have the ability to help. Remember to bring your food items to WBPC. List available in the Narthex and outside the Fellowship Hall. Drop off the food items the same places you picked up the list. Please and thank you!



Order your Christmas Tree from WBPC by November 9

WBPC is holding a fundraiser to upgrade our safety by improving our lighting around our property. Place your order now for a heavy density Fraser fir Christmas tree. Please complete this order form and place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, November 9** to reserve your tree(s). We will only have enough trees for those who pre-order. **Payment will be due at time of pick-up.** The trees will be purchased off the truck, wrapped and tagged. We will help you get your tree in the car; however, the trees will not be opened for preview. We anticipate availability on December 5th and 6th. The trees have been donated to the church for the sale. Proceeds from the sale of the trees will be used for church outdoor lighting. For more information, contact: Jimmy Wade 851-7438.

Name _____ Phone # _____

Tree Size and Price

5-6 ft. tree: \$25

6-7 ft. tree: \$30

Quantity to Order

5-6 ft. trees: _____

6-7 ft. trees: _____

Happy Birthday

Kenlee Fischer	1
William Fischer	3
Mary Parker	5
Jacob Milchuck	6
Chris Tierney	8
Lydia Smith	9
Howard Holshouser	13
Kathy Johnson	14
Nita Brinkley	15
Bill Mitchell	15
Joyce Barbour	18
Jane Hamner	18
Betty Connette	19
Gene Curtis	23
Gina Guzzo	23
Graham Howell	24
Evie Goodman	28

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, Louise Beck, Kaye Byrd, Mary Crowder, Mark Freeman, Daisy Lowery, Sujin Matthews, Eva Reopelle, Susie Reynolds, John and Mary Jane Roberts, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Geneva Thigpen, the Westerman family

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Alton Emanuel (cousin of Robert Owens), Ben Glasgow (brother of Lori Grippo), Ruthanne Munro, Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill)

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

SUNRISE REHAB: Dot Gebbie, Richard Lentz

Sympathy extended to:

Mary Crowder upon the death of her son, Thomas Crowder, on October 14.

*The family of **Brenda Davis** (former member) upon her death on October 20.*

Wheels4Hope December Challenge: 31 Cars, 31 "Holy Days", 31 Donors

Imagine your life without a reliable car. How would you get to work, school, church? Many hard-working, low-wage earners in our community struggle. Waiting two hours in the rain for a bus, just to get their kids to school, to after-school activities or to the doctor. Getting into debt to repair a clunker car that's always breaking down. Begging friends and relatives for rides, again and again. Wheels4Hope solves the transportation problem by repairing donated cars and placing them with working families committed to self-sufficiency. The 31-31-31 December "Holy-Days" Challenge is almost here. Act now so we can bless 31 cars with 31 families in the 31 days of December. Please donate your old car, and tell family and friends about the 31-31-31 "Holy-Days" challenge via Facebook, email, phone, over coffee, at the gym, while shopping... any way you can think of! Will you help us find 31 cars for our 31-31-31 challenge? www.wheels4hope.org (919) 832-1941



WBPC Poinsettia Order Form

You may make a donation of \$10.00 to request a Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Gifts of Poinsettias will be recognized in a December worship bulletin. If you would like to remember or honor a special friend or relative, please complete this form (please print neatly) and return it with your donation to the church office by **Sunday, November 23**. Make checks payable to WBPC. Please write *Poinsettia* in the check memo line.

Given by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of (1) _____ (2) _____

In Honor of (1) _____ (2) _____

Number of poinsettias requested: _____ x \$10.00 each = \$ _____

Paid by ___ check ___ cash