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"Faith in the Fire: Wisdom for Life"

(an Excerpt from Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor's work)

Almost all of us have come to some hard and nigh-impossible hour, and we have called upon God and asked God to please deliver us... God would be our God and we would be God's children. That is the place of God, where God was real in our lives, where God spoke peace to our troubled spirits, where God claimed us for His own.

Sometimes it seems as if things are never going to work out. It appears that we will never have peace because we have wandered so far from God, that God does not seem real in our lives. We need to go back to the place where God spoke to us. But, we can recall the house where we learned of God, or go back in the Spirit and start over where we left God. We can thank God that when trouble is on our trail, we can say to it, "Wait here a while. Let me go back to the place where God can talk to me, where God will answer me, help me. Deliver me, guide me."

As God has blessed others so may we be blessed. Partly, we learn to trust God on the basis of what God has done for others. Do not look over your shoulder to compare yourself with others, but gain strength by knowing that as God has helped others as they passed through the dark, deep slippery places of life, God was giving illustration of God's power to save and bless us.

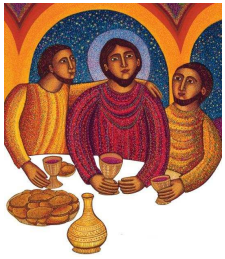
God means that we should give such strength of knowledge to each other. Therefore, let us face these tests of life with such faith and courage and integrity that some fainting souls will remember our example, go forward knowing that they can receive power from God to see it through.

*Shalom,
Bruce T. Grady*

Gardner C. Taylor, Excerpt from Chapter One, *On God*, "Faith in the Fire: Wisdom for Life", Edited by Edward Taylor (Smiley Books: New York, NY) 2011 pp. 8-10.

World Communion Sunday: October 6

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." -Matthew 5:9

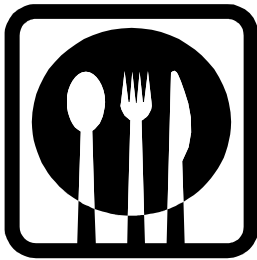


On World Communion Sunday we will receive the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. WBPC will keep 25% of the offering to support

AventWest Children's Mentoring, which provides individualized homework support for neighborhood students living in homes where homework support is not feasible, as well as a nutritious snack or meal for children whose families struggle to provide a nutritious diet. Another 25% will be used by the Presbytery of New Hope for its Peacemaking Program and the remaining 50% will go to the General Assembly to support the International Peacemakers Program, which brings Christian peacemakers from around the world to the U.S. to tell Presbyterians here about peacemaking ministries in their countries, and the Peacemaking Program's travel/study seminars, which take Presbyterians to other countries to learn about peace and justice issues from mission co-workers and church partner leaders.

New Prospective Members' Class

Prospective member classes will be offered Sunday mornings, **9:30-10:15, October 6, 13, and 20** in Room 211. These classes are for those curious to learn more about our church and/or those who are ready to join. The 3-week class will explore what it means to be a Christian, what it means to be a Presbyterian, and what it means to be a member of WBPC. This is a great way to meet others considering calling WBPC home. (Nursery & SS provided for children.) For more information, please contact Pastor Betty Connette at betty@wbpresbyterian.org.



Church-Wide Fellowship Lunch Coming October 20

Join your church family for lunch after morning church on October 20. You may leave food in Fellowship Hall as you go to morning worship.

Please bring enough food for your family and one more. Please bring salads or finger foods. Beverages will be provided. This will be a time of fellowship in the middle of fall. No program plans; just sharing time with your church family.

October Thursday Evening Series:

"Discovering Everyday Spirituality"

Would you like to find greater meaning and peace in your life? Join Betty Connette in the church parlor for this month-long series on "Discovering Everyday Spirituality." Together we will seek to reclaim and nurture the sacredness of everyday life. Portions of a video series by Thomas Moore (author of the best-selling book, Care of the Soul) will be viewed and discussed. The group will also review sections of Wayne Mullers' book, Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, & Delight In Our Busy Lives. Join us from **7:00-8:15 p.m.** on any or all of the 4 Thursdays: **October 3, 10, 17, & 24.**

Fall Wednesday Night Live!

All the programs this fall are designed to be inter-generational and interesting.

Plan to be present!

Dates: September 11-November 13

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

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

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.

October and November Programs:

October 2: Minute To Win It!

Amedeo's: Lasagna, Salad (Veggie Lasagna)

October 9: Haiti Mission Team

Taco Bar

October 16: WRAL Weather Meteorologist

Pork Tenderloin, Veggies (Veggie Casserole)

October 23: Magician—Jeff Jones

Coffee and Crepes (Veggie Crepes)

October 31: Thursday! Halloween Gathering

Pizza and Salad (Cheese Pizza)

November 6: Wounded Warrior Tribute / Little German Band

Pork Chops, Mushroom Sauce, Rice, Salad (Tofu)

November 13: Loyalty Night!

Grilled Chicken, Salmon, Veggies (Baked Potato)



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Check out our website
www.wbpresbyterian.org
to find updated information
about programs and meals.



Join our next delivery on Monday, September 30!

WBPC has participated in the Meals on Wheels since the mid seventies. Our church is assigned to deliver meals and cheerfulness one or two days each quarter to needy people in our community and area. We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels on the fifth Monday of the month of the calendar year with four delivery teams of two people each. The routes are well-mapped and the door-to-door meal deliveries take about an hour and a half of rewarding time. Please consider these dates for volunteering over the next year, and call or e-mail Marcia Bennett, 851-3992 or sen1969@hotmail.com:

- September 30, 2013
- December 30, 2013
- March 31, 2014
- June 30, 2014

Free Pizza and Costume Parade!



On Thursday, 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 you friends and neighbors for this 2nd Annual festive free fun!

405 lbs.!

That's right, 405 lbs. of produce from our Seeds of Faith Community Garden has been donated to the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry program for



2013. And we are not done yet! We still have lots of peppers and eggplant to harvest as well as our fall crops of broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, lettuces, and more. If you would like to help with the planning, planting, and watering, etc. of the garden, please contact Henry Burke, John Clapp, or Sally Curtis. The cost is \$10 plus 10 hours of work per family per year. If you are unable to participate in the work but would like to help in some way, please consider a monetary donation to help with garden expenses. We would greatly appreciate it. Please stop by and see God's Garden grow!

Our Amazing Youth

By now you've heard from our high school youth about their life-changing week at Montreat. And, we'll be hearing more from them as they share their stories throughout the year. We want all our kids to have opportunities for similar, fantastic experiences during their junior and senior high school years. Our amazing Youth Fellowship Co-Leaders, Mollie Tucker and Dave Grace, have fantastic plans for the year, and need our help to make those opportunities materialize. **If you feel called to donate to Granny's Purse, please note the fund name on your check memo line or offering envelope.** Thank you!

WIHN Week Help Needed!

We will be hosting our next WIHN guests November 24 - December 1. This means that we have the special honor of celebrating Thanksgiving with the families! Please consider ahead of time how your volunteering will fit into your holiday plans. Several families are already interested in providing a wonderful Thanksgiving meal and activities Thursday here at Western Boulevard! If you have meals that might freeze well would you be willing to provide an evening meal ahead of time? Please sign up early. The large sign up sheet and online chart will be posted in early October. Thank you for your continued support of this vital ministry.



WIHN Concert

The St. Francis Brass Band is hosting its annual concert to benefit Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network on Sunday, October 6, at 4:00 at St. Francis United Methodist Church, 2965 Kildaire Farm Road in Cary. Admission is free, a free nursery is provided, and tax-deductible donations will be accepted. Dennis Cash from the Carolina Sonshine band will be a special guest, playing acoustic guitar and autoharp. Please join us for great music for a great cause!



Don't Forget Breakfast: Sunday, Oct. 13!



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, October 13, and share the most important meal of the day! Thank you Men of the Church!

Affordable Care Act - Get Informed, Get Covered, Get your Questions Answered

Enrollment in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) begins October 1 for those who do not have health insurance. The NC Council of Churches and a variety of other organizations will be providing resources to help people get coverage. Go to www.ncchurches.org/2013/08/affordable-care-act-get-informed-get-covered/ for more resources or go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/> to visit the Health Care Marketplace.

On October 6 at 6:15 p.m. in the parlor, our very own, Norma Marti will be presenting information for anyone having questions about the ACA. Norma is a professional advocate and educator for health care for children and she will share information to help you decipher the new health care law.

NC Presbyterian Historical Society

The NC Presbyterian Historical Society will meet on Saturday, October 12, at the First Presbyterian Church in Hickory, NC. We will hear about Presbyterians in the Catawba Valley and will also visit Northminster Presbyterian in Hickory. After lunch, we will have an opportunity to enjoy Hickory's Oktoberfest! For more information, please contact Program Chairman, Sam Martin at 910-428-4165, or check the website at www.ncphsociety.org.

Recently your Session

- Had Triennial Visit with Committee on Ministry from Presbytery
- Noted special thanks to Michell Odum for his service on Session prior to moving to Atlanta
- Approved removal of inactive members from rolls
- Heard report from commissioners to July 23rd Presbytery Meeting
- Discussed upcoming Congregational Listening Sessions
- Approved AWCM to hold sale of Christmas wreaths
- Approved commissioners to Oct 26th Presbytery Meeting
- Received new member - Holly Webster
- Approved signing application for Ed Johnson as Candidate for Ministry in Presbytery of New Hope and reference letter from church

Alternative Gift Fair: November 3 at Noon
"Gifts That Give!" A recent survey by the National non-profit, The Center for a New American Dream, revealed that 70% of Americans would welcome holidays with less emphasis on material gift giving and spending"! This year, why not try something different?!

Please join us November 3, after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall for an opportunity to get something for those on your list who already have everything that they need, while improving the lives of others that may not be on anyone's list! Our fair offers a meaningful alternative to conventional Christmas presents; one which celebrates personal charity, as well as community health and well-being. It enables you to visit with local organizations, hear about their work and challenges, and decide whether to make a donation toward a specific service, or to purchase tangible fundraising gifts in honor, or memory, of a friend, colleague, or loved one! Last year we raised \$3,175 in contributions to support Aventura West Children's Mentoring, WHIN, Yahve-Jire Orphanage in Haiti, Wheels for Hope, Scouting, Granny's Purse (our youth ministry), and Urban Ministries/Food Bag Program. This year we will be adding our Servant Fund (help for those among us in crisis) to the list of recipients!

Food Bag Ministry

Our Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study Group is responsible for providing 25 food bags a month to Urban Ministries. We shop for the food, pack the bags, and deliver them to Urban Ministries. Over the last several months our food donations have dwindled to the point that we are using a lot of our designated funds to buy the groceries. We are grateful for the food donations you have provided over the years and for the monetary donations you have dedicated to this ministry. Please accept this as a loving reminder to donate a full bag of the listed food whenever you can. If you can't provide a full bag, it will be helpful to just donate something off the food list regularly. Of course you can always donate money to the program. Food lists are available in the narthex and downstairs where the food bins are located.

Weekly Food Bag Challenge Items

Bring one item each week!

- October 6—powdered milk packets
- October 13—macaroni and cheese
- October 20—grits
- October 27—peanut butter



Free CPR Classes for Youth!



As Western Boulevard continues to expand its tree of CPR trained "Lifesavers", the Christian Education Committee is pleased to offer a special opportunity to our Youth. We have received Endowment Funds to cover the registration costs for eight Youth to

attend our American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR with AED Training. This is a valuable skill to have and our Youth are a group with diverse activities where these skills may be put to use. If you are a middle or high school student and interested in participating in CPR training, please contact Joyce Smith at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com or at 919-816-9157 as soon as possible. Our fall dates are:

Tuesday, October 1 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 12 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Sunday, October 27 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fall CPR/AED Classes

The first of our three fall CPR classes is less than a week away! Consider being a participant!

Tuesday, October 1 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Registration fee is only \$40 and a loaner book is available. To register for this class, please contact Joyce Smith at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com at 919-816-9157.

CPR/AED Classes beyond October 1

Saturday, October 12 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Sunday, October 27 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

No matter where you are, emergency preparedness should be at the top of your "To Do" list and we are making it easier for you. We're offering the American Heart Association's Heartsaver with AED Training courses during the month of October and look forward to your attendance.

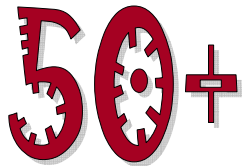
This four hour program prepares you to intervene in the event of a cardiac emergency for adults, children and infants. You will also learn how to operate an Automated External Defibrillator (otherwise known as the big neon green box outside Betty's office), which is used to "reboot" the heart, if needed, into a survivable rhythm.

Friday, October 18

11:30 a.m.

D&S Cafeteria

Come and enjoy part II of the Cassels' photo tour of eastern Europe.



WBPC Christmas Trees: Complete Order Form by November 10

Place your order now for a heavy density Fraser fir Christmas tree and support the WBPC fundraiser to upgrade our safety by improving our lighting around our property. Please complete this order form and place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, November 10** to reserve your tree(s). **Payment will be due at time of pick-up.**

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: _____

Payment is not due until time of pick up.

This form is for the purpose of ordering and reserving your tree

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Bobby Simpson	5
Jacob Milchuck	6
Alexa Grady	7
Rachel Head	8
Romario Smith	8
Janice Aldridge	11
Robyn Townsend	11
John Roberts	12
Judy Shelton	13
Madison Barnette	13
Phil Westerman	13
Caroline Tucker	16
Jeanne Hill	17
Ollie Wessell	17
Lynne Mitchell	18
Mavis Stott	21
Ed Johnson	22
Beth Ware	24
Walt Clapp	27
Donna Herrin	28
Ken Stott	29
Edna Earle Sturdivant	30
Zachary Howell	31

Welcome Ms. Evans!

Our Little Ones Welcome Ms. Evan to the Nurseries! The Christian Education Committee, along with Miss Nadine, Miss Julie, Miss Joyce and our littlest worshippers, are delighted to welcome Evan Barnette to our nursery staff. YEAH! Evan will be working with our infants and young children through age five on Sunday evenings along with Miss Julie. However, you may see her on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings as we work to find the right combination of worshippers and care providers! Evan is a long time member of Western Boulevard; she is the daughter of Judy and Larry Shelton, is married to Chad, and they have two fantastic children: Madison and Crosby. Please join us in welcoming Evan to our care giving team! Miss Nadine will continue to work with our little ones on Sunday mornings and as always, we need congregational volunteers to assist in meeting the needs of our children. Please give of your time; I promise you the joy you receive will be God's blessing to you!

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, Pat Byers, Kaye Byrd, Lori Grippo, Miranda Johnson, Richard Lentz, Mary Jane Roberts, Peggy Stevens, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Tom Yorke

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Lauren Bridges (friend of Pat and Brenda Byers), Peggy Freeman (sister of Kaye Byrd), Pat Reynolds (aunt of Lynn Bell), Ann Marsh Rutledge (niece of JohnAnn and Todd Earnhardt), Hazel Smith (mother of Jimmie Smith), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Valeria Tyndall Taylor (cousin of Mary Williams-Kotnik), Philip Woodruff (brother of John Woodruff)

REX HOSPITAL: George Blum

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

Mark Your Calendars for
Loyalty Night, November 13!
Dedication Sunday, November 17!

Children's Music Activities

Children's music has begun and there is still time for your child to join! This fall, we'll sing and play handbells, percussion and Orff instruments. We'll sing old favorites and hymns, and learn great new songs. There will be Bible stories and a little bit of theatre.

11:50 a.m. - 12:05 p.m. Grades K-1

11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Grades 2-5

Prayer for our World

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given us. We thank you this day, for the gift of this Earth we live on. Help us to take care of this precious gift. Make us ever mindful that we are stewards of this gift. Lead us to work to bring the world together. Help us realize that you love everyone the same, regardless of where we live or the color of our skin, for we are all your children. May we work for peace for all. Remind us often, of just how small this world really is. We know you have the whole, vast world in your hands. Amen. —WBPC Stephen Ministry Team

(This prayer is one of a series of prayers written at a recent WBPC Stephen Ministry meeting. We hope to share one each month for several months.)