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A Blessing to You!

What excites you? Season tickets to NASCAR, the NFL or the NBA, a getaway excursion with your favorite friends, or a weekend on the town at somebody else's expense might be enough to measurably raise your enthusiasm. Either of these scenarios has the potential of bringing us closer to someone who we believe has made a significant impact on our world or who at least knows how to have a really good time. Similarly, Christian Education is a primary venue for disciples to shift from a dull, lethargic acquaintance with God to a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ!

On Sunday September 11, WBPC will provide a kick-off to enhancing your spiritual journey. It is our celebration of Rally Day and you don't want to miss it. It is the perfect time for making a new commitment to Christian Education as disciples of Christ. Even if your walk with God still has it's edge, there is always room to grow. If you're looking for a boost in your well-being, in your relationships, in your life, then I urge you to identify at least one WBPC Christian Education activity that you can regularly attend. It promises to be a blessing to you!

*Peace,
Bruce*

Fall Events You Won't Want to Miss!

Wednesday Night Live Begins September 14

Join in the fellowship, fun and good food...

Read inside and check our website for details about exciting fall programs!

Rally Day - September 11

9:00 a.m.—Scrumptious Hot Breakfast

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School Kick-Off

10:30 a.m.—Morning Worship

5:00 p.m.—@The Table Worship

6:15 p.m.—Youth Fellowship Kick-Off

Fall Bible Study Opportunities

Wednesday mornings - *Figures in the New Testament*

Thursday evenings - *Kerygma: Discovering the Bible*
(Facilitator: Robert Owens)

Wednesday nights in October - *How Christians Make Ethical Decisions* (Facilitator: Dr. Roger Crook)

Choirs Start Back

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin September 7.

Chancel Ringers rehearsals begin again on September 13.

Rally Day - September 11

A new year of Christian Education at WBPC kicks off on Rally Day, September 11. Join us at 9:00 a.m. for a scrumptious hot breakfast cooked by our Men of the Church. Following breakfast, much information will be shared regarding Sunday School classes (with exciting new plans for our children), a Thursday evening Kerygma Bible study class for adults, Wednesday Night Live, and much more. Mark your calendars and make plans to recharge your faith walk this Rally Day.

Kerygma Bible Study Starts Sept. 15

Once again, we will offer the *Kerygma Bible Study: Discovering the Bible*. This is a foundational course designed for people with limited knowledge of the Bible, but also enjoyable for those who are more experienced with the scriptures. The classes will be held each Thursday evening beginning September 15 and ending in April 2012.

Please call or email the church office to indicate your interest in participating so that a participant's manual may be ordered for you. There is a charge of \$30.00 for the manual, but you will find that it is well worth it to enjoy the course. Please don't let the \$30 fee for materials prohibit you from taking this course; church funds are available to cover the cost if necessary.

Please also indicate your preference of the following time options:

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The time most participants prefer will be selected. If you have any questions about *Kerygma: Discovering the Bible*, please contact Robert Owens by phone at 834-5491 or email: rowens75@nc.rr.com. We look forward to seeing you on September 15.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Fall Plans

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group is gearing up for our fall study session and would like to invite you to join us. Beginning September 7, we'll start a six part series on Figures in the New Testament. The characters we'll be studying include: Peter; Mary & Martha; James, Brother of Jesus; Priscilla; Lazarus; and Mary, Mother of Jesus. We meet on Wednesday mornings in the parlor. We split our time between prayer and study; from 9:30-10:15 a.m., we pray for those in need and from 10:15-11:30 a.m., we complete our study materials. We would love to have you join us!

Sunday School - September 4

9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Join us for informal intergenerational fellowship during a holiday weekend of relaxation. Come, relax, slow down, and enjoy the company of one another. Coffee, juice, and breakfast sweets will be served.





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.

Evangelism and Spiritual Renewal

Bruce Grady will be preaching a three-night revival at Westover United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m., September 25-27. This is a service of evangelism and spiritual renewal. Please come and bring a friend who is seeking God or just looking for hope. The church is located at 300 Powell Drive, Raleigh, 27606.

Choirs Begin Again

Choirs will be starting soon. If you've been wondering how and when to share your musical gifts, wait no longer! Join the other WBPC musicians in handbell and vocal choirs. We promise good music and good fellowship. The choirs listed below are for teens and adults. Contact Janet Cherry for more information: janet@wbpresbyterian.org or 851-4713 x16.

Chancel Choir:

Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 7

Chancel Ringers:

Tuesdays 7 – 8 p.m., beginning Sept. 13



Call for Handbell Ringers

Chancel Ringers are short a few players this year. Schedule conflicts have thinned us out. We need 2 or 3 more players this fall or our music will be seriously limited. Please consider if this might be a place where you can be of service at WBPC. Contact Janet Cherry if you would like to discuss your participation: janet@wbpresbyterian.org or 851-4713 x16.

Wednesday Night Live Returns September 14!

Make plans to be present on Wednesday evenings this fall for an exciting line-up of programs, and good fellowship and meals. WNL begins **September 14** with a special program by our **Haiti Mission Team**. Come be a part of this very special evening. An outstanding meal will be prepared by Ron Pittman with assistance from the Pittman Crew.

On Wednesday **September 21**, join your church family for a fun “**sing-a-long**”. Beth Ware is leading this program and plans to have special songs for children, youth and adults. Do you have a special song? Let Beth know. Are our children the most enthusiastic singers? Make plans to be present and participate in this fun evening. The Fellowship Committee with Ron and Andy will prepare a special meal for this evening.

On Wednesday **September 28**, Bill Grothmann will present a program on **How Protestants Came to Be**. Bill will talk about Martin Luther, his life, his attempt to reform the Catholic Church, and the formation of the Protestant Church in Germany. Bill grew up in Germany. Don't miss this interesting program. There will be another wonderful meal prepared by Ron Pittman and others. Special plans for children will be announced later.

Coming in **October** - Dr. Roger Crook (former Chair of the Meredith Religion Department) will be leading a four week Wednesday Night Live study on "**How Christians Make Ethical Decisions**".

Several Special events will occur in November. On **November 9**, we will honor those who have served our country in the military. We need for every veteran or their family member to complete a form. Please print out the form (below, or find forms in the Narthex and in the Fellowship Hall).

On **November 16**, WNL will close with a **Talent Show**. Make plans to share your talents with your church family. Each presentation needs to be limited to 5 minutes and can be readings, music, video or something unique. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.

The complete list of WNL programs and meals will be available on the web soon.

RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL MEALS. Meals begin at 5:45 p.m. and programs run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No reservations are needed if you only attend a program. Meals cost \$7.00 for all folks over 5 years. Children 5 and under are free.

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Honors Those Who Have Served Our Country

The WNL program on November 9 will be devoted to honoring WBPC members who have served our country in military service and the families that supported these service members. Please help with this effort by encouraging members and their families to report information on those who served. Please complete the information for yourself or someone you know and give to Church Office.

Use multiple lines or extra sheets if needed.

IN HONOR OF:

Name	Service Branch	Years	Rank	Conflict	Assignment	Phone/e-mail
ex: John Jones	Army	1942-1945	Sergeant	World War II	Fireman - USS North Carolina South Pacific	851-4930 jj@gmail.com

IN MEMORY OF:

Name	Service Branch	Years	Rank	Conflict	Assignment	Phone/e-mail

Reported by: _____ phone/e-mail: _____

Fall Games and Frogmore Stew

Saturday, October 22: 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for a special fun afternoon at WBPC. On Saturday October 22, the Fellowship Committee will sponsor an afternoon of fun and food. Please plan to be present and enjoy outdoor games and good food. In case of bad weather, games will be inside. This meal will be free but members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Frogmore Stew is potatoes, corn-on-cob, sausage and shrimp. Watch for more information in the October CONTACT.



More Lifesaver Training Opportunities!



Believe it or not, it has been over a year since Western Boulevard purchased an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to use in cardiac emergencies. We are blessed to have a number of members willing to be trained in CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and in the use of our AED. The American Heart Association has updated the guidelines for administration of CPR and it is time for all of us, myself included, to update and review our skills. We will begin training in July and all those who have trained in the past will need to attend class again. As in our previous classes, we are blessed to have a wonderful instructor, Linda Clayton, RN, as our CPR Instructor-Trainer. The classes are also open to new Lifesavers. The registration cost is \$30 per person. I have books available for you to borrow and return on class day. You may also choose to purchase a book for \$12 if you wish. Reminder: you must be physically able to perform CPR for two minutes to participate in the class. Please contact me at 816-9157 or at JoyceSmithNC@nc.rr.com for any questions and to register for class. I will provide you with your book upon your registration. I look forward to seeing you in class!

Class Dates and Times

Tuesday, September 27 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 8 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(All classes will be held in the WBPC parlor.)

If these dates do not meet your needs, but you would like to attend CPR training, please let Joyce know of your date and time preferences. —Joyce Smith

SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>JULY 2011</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 31,775.00	190,825.50
Open Offering	686.00	11,052.73
Church School	110.00	739.57
Total Offering	32,571.00	202,617.80
Prior Receipts		10,654.30
Expenses	<u>26,508.12</u>	<u>198,202.40</u>
Net Total	\$ 6,062.88	15,069.70



Youth Fellowship Kick-Off!

**Sept. 11, 6:15-8:00PM
in the fellowship hall**

All 6th –12th grade **Youth and Parents** please join us as we begin plans for an exciting new program year. Dinner will be served.



**Friday, September 16
11:30AM D&S South Hills**

Food Bag Challenge Items

Bring one item each week!

Sept. 4—canned meat

Sept. 11—powdered milk

Sept. 18—macaroni & cheese

Sept. 25—applesauce



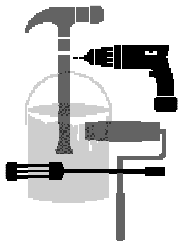
A Divine Dare:

"You give them something to eat" [Matt. 14:16] - The necessary gifts to feed a starving multitude are in our hands. All God asks is "bring it to me," and then believe in God's power to multiply what we bring to feed a hungry world. Thus, every family unit at WBPC is being challenged to bring in one Urban Ministries food bag a month (or if you can't afford to provide a whole bag, bring in one or two of the items listed below once a month). Thank you for your faithfulness!

**Urban Ministries
Food Bags**

- 2 cans or jars of applesauce (or other fruit)
- 2 cans tomatoes
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can carrots
- 1 jar of peanut butter
- 2 boxes of mac & cheese
- 1 lb. dried beans
- 1 lb. grits
- 1 lb. dry rice
- 1 box cereal
- 1 can meat (tuna or other meat)
- 1 box of powdered or boxed milk (equivalent to a quart)

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



Education Building Renovations

The property committee will be commencing renovation and upgrade projects in the education building hallways, bathrooms and fellowship hall throughout this coming year. There will be cosmetic changes, lighting upgrades, bathroom upgrades and expansions, flooring upgrades and other various improvements. This will be an exciting time as we work to renew a building that has served this congregation very well over the last 50 years. There will be areas that will be under construction at various times this year that will affect many different groups that use the space. Information about upcoming construction activities will be distributed to make sure everyone can make plans for any disruptions.

This process also provides a great opportunity for all of those in our congregation to give of our time and talents to give the building a face lift. There will be plenty of opportunities for painting, carpentry, tile work and cleaning. As we all come together with a goal of improving this meeting/learning/worship/fellowship space we can make an impact that will be enjoyed for years to come. Young and old, skilled or novice, are all encouraged to take part in this renovation effort. If you are at all interested in participating, contact Kevin Fischer at wkfischer1@att.net for more details.

Recently your Session

- Received new member Millie Shyllon by transfer from St. Marks Methodist in Raleigh, NC.
- Approved guest preacher Jennifer Miles for August 21st.
- Received letter from Presbytery acknowledging approval of rolls/registers for 2010.
- Heard report from our Presbytery Meeting Commissioners to the July meeting.
- Approved F.A.P. motion: "To approve borrowing out of Operating Reserve up to \$20,000 as well as extending the current Capital Campaign for an additional 1 to 2 years to the sum of \$100,000 to recover the cost of Phase I of the Educational Building Remodel and a new roof for the Sanctuary".

Growing Together

The Rev. Marcia Mount Shoop, author of Let the Bones Dance: Embodiment & The Body of Christ, will be the worship leader at this year's **Growing Together** educational event sponsored by the Presbytery of New Hope. Come spend the day in a workshop on *Sustainable Youth Ministry*, or learn how our churches minister in Haiti, or how to *Lead Like Jesus: Transformative Church Leadership*. Ladies can get started with this year's Bible study: *Confessing the Beatitudes*; or better yet learn about the Spirituality of Aging: *Not Retire, Re-Fire!* All for only \$20.00. Saturday, September 17, 9:00AM–3:30PM (lunch provided) at White Memorial Presbyterian Church. See an Elder for a registration brochure, or download a brochure at http://www.nhpresbytery.org/pdf/Final_GT_2011.pdf. Registration deadline is Sept. 8th.



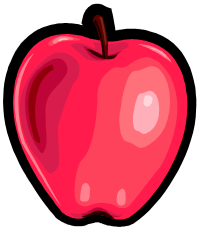
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PRESCHOOL
RALEIGH, NC

Openings

The Western Boulevard Presbyterian Preschool still has several openings in the 3 & 4 year old classes. If you know of someone who has a child and might be looking for a preschool, please let them know to contact Bobbi Cross at 233-9967 or by email at wbpdirector@gmail.com.

Yard Sale and Lemonade Stand

The Preschool is holding a yard sale/lemonade stand on September 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. The preschool will gladly accept gently used children's items such as books, clothes, toys and furniture. If you would like to donate any items for the yard sale, please also contact Bobbi Cross, preschool director, at 233-9967 or at wbpdirector@gmail.com. All proceeds from the yard sale/lemonade stand will go towards the preschool. Leftover items will be taken to a local charity, or will need to be picked up at noon on the day of the sale.



AventWest Children's Mentoring

AWCM Announces 2011-2012 Program

The AventWest Children's Mentoring (AWCM) at Western Blvd. Presbyterian Church is excited to announce another year of tutoring, mentoring and enrichment activities for students in Kindergarten through grade 4 beginning Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The program meets on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 4:45-6:45 p.m. in the WBPC fellowship hall.

Ms. Eveline Muela returns as the site coordinator for the AWCM program at WBPC. She welcomes volunteers to assist with homework, reading and basic skills activities for the students. Please consider volunteering just one hour a week to help the students in our community.

The Jr. League of Raleigh's "Team AWCM" is planning bi-monthly, enrichment activities for our students again this year. Through our partnership with the Jr. League, we are able to provide arts and cultural activities as well as science and safety programs for the elementary students.

We sincerely appreciate the ongoing support of the Western Blvd. Presbyterian Church congregation as we begin our 12th school year of providing tutoring and mentoring services to the children of the AventWest community. Thank you for all that you do for our program.

Tutoring Begins: Tuesday, September 6, 5:30 - 6:30pm

Volunteers are needed to: tutor students in Kindergarten through 4th grade

For information: please contact Susan Bell 332-8720 / awcmdirector@nc.rr.com or visit our website at www.aventwest.com/awcm

Junior Girl Scout Troop 630



We are Junior Girl Scout Troop 630. This picture was taken at the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge. **Kelsey Peede** and **Cali Howell** from WBPC can be seen. While in Savannah, our activities included a ghost tour of downtown after dark with a guide, the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (complete with alligator!), an entire day at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace (she's the founder of Girl Scouts), an environmental workshop plus recreational time at Tybee Island Beach, a walk-about of the Savannah waterfront, and a fun night of desserts at the Pirate House Restaurant. The dates were July 18-22, 2011. The trip was funded by Girl Scout cookie sales.

Happy Birthday

Kevin Simpson	2
Kevin Fischer	4
Janis Guzzo	4
Tommy Goldston	9
Isaiah Grady	9
Douglas Bell	10
Taylor Cleveland	11
Phyllis Westerman	13
Tom Yorke	13
Samantha Boshoff	14
Peggy Smith	14
Jonathan Taylor	14
Jessup Whitehurst	14
Jonah Milchuck	15
Stephen Cummings	16
Morgan Padgett	16
Blythe Clifford	17
Bruce Grady	18
Lou Gene Hemphill	18
Ashley Chard	19
Les Parnell	23
Anna Boshoff	24
Jean Godfrey	25
Bill Hamner	25
Bobbie Reese	27
Susan Bennett	28
John Clapp	30
Alaina Craven	30

Thank you!



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and emails these past few months. A special thank you to Betty for the many visits and prayers. Also to the deacons and my circle. What a blessing having loving and caring friends like you! May God bless each of you.

My love and prayers,
—Daisy Lowery

Dear WBPC,

We appreciate very much your prayers, visits, cards (many!), calls, food, and thoughts during Mom's illness. We were all blessed by the love, care, and concern from your wonderful members.

—Beverly and Bobbi (daughters of Margaret Pittman)

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Louise Beck, George Blum, Kaye Byrd, Alaina Craven, Darlyne Larson, Daisy Lowery, John McClellan, Ed & Shirley Owens, Jean Perdue, Dot & Jimmie Smith

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), Patrick Carlson (son of Bob and Deb Carlson), Karen Estes (niece of Lou Gene Hemphill), Dorothy Glasgow (mother of Lori Grippo), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Douglas Griffith (nephew of Greg and Shirley Griffith), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Marilyn Reese (daughter-in-law of Peggy and Gene Reese), Sarah Reese (granddaughter of Peggy and Gene Reese), Mary Reynolds (mother of Bob Reynolds), Ron Rice (brother-in-law of John Clapp), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Caitlyn Zabko (great granddaughter of Louise Beck)

UNIHEALTH / THE OAKS: Carlyle Craven, Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MORNINGSIDE: Brady Jefcoat, Eleanor Sykes

ACTIVE MILITARY: (Iraq): Tyler Rice (nephew of John Clapp)

Sympathy extended to Nancy Young Bartlett of Burlington (long time former member) upon the death of her husband, George Bartlett.

Congratulations to Jack Reynolds for receiving a scholarship award from the Swift Creek Township Exchange Club.

Addresses for Ed and Shirley Owens

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Champions @Porters Neck
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Wilmington, NC 28411
910-681-3520

College Student Addresses

The Fellowship Circle would like the addresses of all college students at WBPC who are living in the dorm or a college apartment this semester. We would like to have them in our prayers and to drop them a line from time to time. If you are a college student or parent/guardian of a college student and don't mind sharing this information, please email Kathy Johnson at wo-jo2006@nc.rr.com.