

WBPC Weekly Update ♦ February 4, 2018

Welcome visitors! As Jesus Christ welcomes each one of us, we hope you sense the friendly welcome of this congregation of God's people. Let us know how we can be of assistance to you!

CALENDAR: February 4 - February 11

Sunday, February 4	
Sunday School	9:30
Joint Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
Annual Congregational Meeting, S	11:45
Biblical Justice Forum, P	3:30
Monday, February 5	
Property Committee, P	7:00
Tuesday, February 6	
AWCM, downstairs	4:00
Wednesday, February 7	
Prayer and Bible study, P	9:30
Sewing with Liz Clay Bradley, L	3:00
WNL, FH	5:45
Chancel Choir	7:30
Thursday, February 8	
AWCM, downstairs	4:00
Officer Exam, Session Meeting, P	7:00
Chancel Ringers	7:00
Evangelism Meeting, L	7:00
Sunday, February 11	
Sunday School	9:30
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
@The Table Rehearsal, FH	3:00
Biblical Justice Forum, P	3:30
Deacons, P	3:30
@The Table Worship, FH	5:00
Youth Fellowship, FH/downstairs	6:30
Session, P	6:30

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Gwen Orilio, Peggy Stevens, Burmester Family, Lorelei Partin, Julian Bradley, Joyce Emerson, Peggy Reese, Ruth Craven, Liz Clay Bradley

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Al Matthews (nephew of Barbara Tierney), Edward Thompson (son of Sarah and Jody), Melanie Goodwin (niece of Jimmy Wade), Betty Boone & Faison Smith (LouGene Hemphill's brother & sister-in-law), Jim Glasgow (Lori Grippo's brother)

HILLCREST REHABILITATION: Jimmie Smith

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

ARBOUR NURSING HOME, SMITHFIELD: Joyce Barbour

WOODLAND TERRACE: Margaret Pittman

Wednesday Night Live!

Dates: January 10 - March 7

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

No cost for dinner! Please bring applesauce and cereal for the Urban Ministries Food Bags

Join in the fellowship, fun and good food.

Sign up on the Sunday attendance form or call/email the church office by 1PM on Monday the week of the event. Please note there will be no child care provided during these sessions.

Wednesday's Dinner (2/7): Dust off your chili recipes and plan to be present for the rescheduled chili cook-off. If you are unable to make chili, a dessert would be welcomed.

Program: The program will be the Apex Guitar Band. Come and enjoy a friendly chili competition and a nice musical program.

Nursery - A nursery is provided for infants through three year olds during morning Sunday School & worship.

Children's Worship Kits, Bulletins and Story Bibles - Available in the narthex and fellowship hall.

Children's Chapel

All children in 4 year old preschool thru 2nd grade are invited to attend Children's Chapel (Room 211). An adult will meet the children in the narthex following the children's message to lead them to the chapel. Please pick up your child immediately following the service.

Children's Chapel Schedule

Today's Story

No chapel - we invite all to join in communion

Next Week's Story

Jesus Calls the Twelve Disciples

Greeter: *Carolyn Esbenshade*
Storyteller: *Allisen Fischer*

Time For Sunday School!

All classes meet at 9:30. Remember, there are lessons for all ages, preschool through adults. Our teachers are awesome and invite you to join them! We hope to see you on Sunday mornings. And you can have a cup of coffee beforehand - Walt has the coffee brewing in the kitchen!



Jazz Vespers Coming in February



"Our Soul's Song: Poetry, Jazz & Praise; Expressions Issued From Life" - This service will take place on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 5 pm around the piano, creating a circle to facilitate unity and synergy with the piano vibrations and sound. The service will feature psalms, meditations, the poetry of Countee Cullen, James Weldon Johnson & Langston Hughes as well as piano compositions by Vanism Jazz (Van-Anthony Hall, piano).

Annual Congregational Meeting, Today, 11:45 am



The Session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, Feb. 4th, at 11:45 AM in the sanctuary. At this meeting we will approve changes in the pastors' terms of call and receive the 2018 operating budget.

Documentary, Screenagers, To Be Shown in Sanctuary

WBPC Youth Fellowship Program and CE Committee are co-hosting a viewing of the documentary, Screenagers, on Sunday, March 4 at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Award-winning Screenagers probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including the director's own, and depicts messy struggles, over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction.



Through surprising insights from authors and brain scientists solutions emerge on how we can empower kids to best navigate the digital world. Following the movie (run time: 1 hr 7 min), we will have time for discussion and will have parent resources available. The film producers recommend this film for ages 10 and up. Please join us for this impactful event. [Notes: This event is being offered free of charge and is open to the community. Childcare will not be provided for this event.]

Urban Ministries Food Bags

Each month the Wednesday morning prayer group assembles food bags and delivers them to Urban Ministries. Food bag lists for donations can be found in the narthex and on the table outside fellowship hall. Please drop off donations in the church narthex or on the table outside of the kitchen in the education building. This week there is a great need for **applesauce and cereal**. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous spirits!

2017 Giving Statements Available

Please pick up your giving statement from 2017 in the narthex. Thank you!



Large print bulletins and hymnals, listening devices, and back pillows are available upon request from the ushers.

WBPC office hours M-F 9-1; phone: 919-851-4713; website: www.wbpresbyterian.org

BJF Updates

Through February 4 the Biblical Justice Forum (BJF) will study the book Draw-down: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming edited by Paul Hawken. Hawken and a team of hundreds of top scientists and climate experts compile research detailing 100 solutions that could get the world to the point where green-house gases in the atmosphere peak and even begin to decline. Each week BJF will look at a different category of solutions, covering the top 25, and consider what God is calling us to do as individuals to implement these solutions in our lives and communities. The schedule is: February 4 – Women and Girls. Please plan to join us to see what God might be calling you to do to reverse global warming. Hope to see you there!



50+ in February

50+ will convene Friday, 2/16, at our usual time and place: 11:30 at the D&S Cafeteria in South Hills. Keith and Charlotte will present the first part of their recent trip to Africa. Pith helmets are not required.



Save the Date! Interfaith Blood Drive February 17

New this year we are taking our blood donation on the road. The drive will be held in the parking lot of a new mosque named to honor the memory of the three Muslim young adults killed in Chapel Hill. Visit or click on the link below to register or call Becky Burmester, 919-395-1373, for assistance.

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/m/donor/schedules/available_drive_procedures/111721/02/17/2018



Donations Being Collected For NC Farmworkers

Please remember your donations for Church Women United's Ecumenical Action of providing toiletries and gently used clothing for farmworkers. Please leave items in labeled bins in the education building (by Pastor's office). Please have items in bins no later than services on Sunday, Feb. 25. Please contact the church office at 919-851-4713 or by email for list of suggested donation items.

Healing Prayer Service Offered @ The Table

Are you ready to break the chains that have held you back and have slowly eroded your faith? If so, then join us as we seek the Lord's healing through teaching, worship and prayer during the **HEALING PRAYER @ The Table on February 18, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall**. During this Service of Worship, Prayer and Healing, the person being prayed for is asked what they would like prayer for; permission to lay hands on their head, shoulders, knees and feet; and if they would like to be anointed. This person is also asked if they would feel comfortable standing or if they would prefer to stay seated. Invite your neighbors and your friends to **HEALING PRAYER@ The Table!**

Youth Fellowship This Week

Youth Fellowship will not be meeting today, Feb. 4. Enjoy watching the Super Bowl and rooting for your favorite team!



BJF Book Read in February

The Biblical Justice Forum (BJF) spent much of last year reading and learning about how race has shaped the history of our nation while recognizing our belief that we are all created in God's image. As a result of this study there is an interest in discussing how we are called to strengthen each other's humanity within the context of race, culture, and faith. BJF is encouraging all members to join us for a WBPC read! "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jessmyn Ward has been selected as February's reading selection. Read on your own in February and let's gather to discuss your favorite passage(s) from the novel, questions that arose during your reading, etc. Natarsha Sanders and Norma Marti will lead the discussion on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 3:30 - 5 pm in the parlor. Refreshments will be served.

Gently Used Van or SUV To Donate?

Do you have a gently used van or SUV you want to donate? Our support of the work done for our hemisphere's second poorest neighbors by the staff at Nicaragua's Center for Development in Central America (CDCA) is truly "God calling in the night." Sarah Junkin Woodard will be visiting WBPC in May to share the good news that the roof to the Nueva Vida's Dental Clinic is up and maybe doors, floors, interior walls and windows can be next! BUT her fundraising trip in spring is dependent on transportation. The old CDCA van she uses (housed in SC) to cart the beautiful crafts that help financially to support these efforts needs to be replaced. Anyone willing to make that dream come true? Both the fundraising and Sarah's safety while traveling across the state from March-May would be forever grateful! Contact Norma Marti at marti.norma@gmail.com or 919-600-3307.

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Deacons:

Sally Curtis, Moderator

Libby Burton

Betty Dean

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Larry Shelton

Holly Webster

Breakfast Served Next Sunday

Please join us next Sunday, Feb. 11, for breakfast at 8:45 - 9:20 am in the fellowship hall. Come and enjoy good food, friendship and wonderful fellowship.

Emailing Issues

Weekly congregational emails are sent out on Thursdays and we'd like to hear from you if you are not receiving emails from us. Please let the office know by calling 919-851-4713 or emailing amy@wbpresbyterian.org if you either do not receive emails or you'd like to be put on the emailing list.

In Case of Inclement Weather This Winter

Please check the WBPC website

(www.wbpresbyterian.org), WRAL

(www.wral.com), or WTVD (www.abc11.com)

for announcements regarding any cancellations or changes in our weekly schedule.

Giving Envelopes for 2018 Available

Please pick up your giving envelopes for 2018 in the narthex. Thank you!