

WBPC Weekly Update ♦ March 19, 2017

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: March 19 - March 26

Sunday, March 19

Sunday School	9:30
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
@The Table Rehearsal, FH	3:00
Biblical Justice Workshop	3:30
Youth class, YR	4:00
@The Table Worship, FH	5:00
Confirmation Class, P	5:30

Tuesday, March 21

AWCM, downstairs	4:00
LGB, FH	7:00
Chancel Ringers	7:00

Wednesday, March 22

Prayer and Bible study, P	9:30
Mission Outreach Meeting, L	7:00
Chancel Choir, Rm 210	7:30

Thursday, March 23

AWCM, downstairs	4:00
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Sunday, March 26

Sunday School	9:30
Joint Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
Joint luncheon, FH	11:30
Biblical Justice Workshop	3:30
Youth class, YR	4:00
Confirmation Class, P	5:30
Worship Committee, P	6:30

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

Children's Worship Bags and Bulletins - 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

Jesus and the Children

Story: *Allisen Fischer*
Greeter: *Katherine Anh Clapp*

Next Week's Story

Jesus and Bartimaeus

Story: *Allisen Fischer*
Greeter: *Evan Barnette*

March Madness Food Bag Challenge

Yes, it is that time of year again! It is time to show our school loyalty and help those who are not as fortunate as we are. All of those who can are encouraged to pick up a food list in the narthex or outside the fellowship hall and fill a doubled bag full of the items on the list. Then you can decorate your bag in your school colors and bring it any time during the month of March and leave it in the narthex. We will have ribbon in the narthex if you need to decorate your bag at church. Please also put your school name on the outside of the bag as some schools, like Syracuse and Clemson, have the same color. At the end of the month we will deliver our bags to Urban Ministries where we already provide 25 bags every month as part of our Mission Outreach. If you are unable to bring a full bag, please bring one or more of the items on the list and put it in the basket in the narthex or in the food bins outside the fellowship hall. Let's make this the best March Madness Challenge ever!

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Bonnie Carter, Gwen Orilio, Dot & Jimmie Smith, John & Mary Jane Roberts, Peggy Stevens, Burmester Family, Ndepkeu family, Joyce Smith, Susan Cummings, Dottie Dubase-Blum

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Abram Brown (friend of the Littlefields), Al Matthews (nephew of Barbara Tierney), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of Lou Gene and Jim Hemphill), Noah Sugg (Father of Colista Freeman), Lee Anne Mcleod (niece of Sue & Steve McLaughlin), Leonard Sheppard (brother-in-law/son-in-law of Donna Herrin & Overcashes)

WAKE MED: Betsy Roberts

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

SPRINGMOOR: Dot Gebbie

BARBOUR NURSING HOME, SMITHFIELD: Joyce Barbour

WOODLAND TERRACE: Margaret Pittman

Next WIHN (Family Promise) Week Starts To-day!

More help greatly needed, please! We are in need of evening hosts (5:30 - 8:30 pm) on Sunday the 19th and Saturday the 25th. We are in need of female overnight hosts (8:30 pm - 7:00 am) Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please contact Frank Fleming ASAP to volunteer or for more information: ffleming2009@gmail.com.

5th Annual Weekend for Backpack Buddies

William Winslow is gearing up for his 5th Annual Weekend for Backpack Buddies on Saturday, April

22. He is looking for volunteers to help staff his food drive. You can

sign up for a 2 hour time slot on

April 22 through his website: [http://](http://www.thefooddrivekid.org/sign-up-to-help-with-the-2017-food-drive-now/)

[www.thefooddrivekid.org/sign-up-to-](http://www.thefooddrivekid.org/sign-up-to-help-with-the-2017-food-drive-now/)

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[now/](http://www.thefooddrivekid.org/sign-up-to-help-with-the-2017-food-drive-now/). For high school students,

volunteering at the food drive can

count towards your required service

hours. Please share William's sign up with anyone you know that may

be interested in helping on the 22nd.



Combined Worship Service and Potluck

On Sunday, March 26, we will have a combined worship service at 10:30 am in the main sanctuary. We will not gather at 5:00 pm for that Sunday. We are hosting a special guest, the Shaw University Choir. Also, join us for a potluck lunch following the 10:30 am combined worship service. Spend time eating and mingling with your church family and the members of the Shaw University Choir. We invite you to bring a dish to share and enjoy this time of fellowship. Don't miss it!!!!

A Brief Congregational Meeting has been called by the Session for Sunday, April 2, 11:45 AM, for the purpose of electing Betty Dean to serve as a Deacon, completing the unfinished term of John McClellan (April 2017-February 2018).



Biblical Justice for 2017

The Biblical Justice Forum (BJF) is having very thoughtful discussions of our culture's and churches' racism and white privilege. We are using the book Waking Up White by Debby Irving and other books/articles which give us disturbing examples of other racism acts. Hope to see you Sunday afternoons in the church library at 3:30 pm.

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

Nicaragua Mission Trip Report Back #1:

We thought we knew CDCA from the over 20 years of monetary support (& prayers) we have given during Sarah Junkin Woodard's yearly visits with stories. But as John Clapp said last Sunday, "stepping out of my box" opened for us (& you who sent us) a whole new perspective on life-ours and the people who touched us while at Ciudad Sandino (now we know who Sandino was; do you?), at the clinic in Nueva Vida (New Life) where mangos grow at arms reach where once nothing lived, at the coffee co-op in Porvenir (Yet to Come), where air pollution and global climate change has modified their organic beans to a size too small for the developed countries' markets to buy them.

So play a game of chess with us to have WBPC reach out yet again to our newest sisters & brothers...virtually. The chess board, hand carved with native woods, is being raffled off (\$5/ticket) to raise funds for all or any of the following: \$600 for solar wiring or \$18,000 for electric power station to be extended (Porvenir) OR \$18,000 for roof or \$50,000 to finish the dental clinic where we helped build a couple half walls (Nueva Vida). See Narthex for more details (or talk with Norma Martí). Let's fill that "God-shaped hole" within us by helping to better the lives of our neighbors in Nicaragua.

Healing Prayer Service

@The Table will host a Healing Prayer Service on Sunday, April 9 at 5:00 pm. On Palm Sunday 2017, we follow Jesus as he entered into Jerusalem on a donkey. Prayer requests should be printed on the cards and submitted during the @The Table services leading up to 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 the 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 **cereal and dry milk packets**. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous spirits!



Making a Difference in God's World

This month your Mission Outreach Committee offers these suggestions for making a difference:

Less than 5 minutes – select a new non perishable food item for donation to WBPC for the hungry.

5-10 minutes – walk outside, take a deep breath, and thank God for His creation while taking time to enjoy His handiwork.

30 minutes or more – be in prayer that you may seek new ways to be the Hands and Feet of Christ. If you are already working hard in that area, pray for a renewal of your spirit as you labor.

2017 Offering Envelopes are in the narthex ready for you to pick up. Thank you!

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Deacons:

Sally Curtis, Moderator

Libby Burton

Grace Odum

Larry Shelton

Holly Webster

Easter Lilies 2017

As we begin our planning and preparation for Easter, the Worship Committee would like to offer the congregation an opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one by putting a traditional lily in the sanctuary. The cost of a lily is \$12.00. Please complete the form below and put it in the collection plate with your payment or return it to the church office **no later than Monday, April 10**. Please indicate *Easter Lilies* on the memo line of your check.



Given by _____ Phone # _____

In Memory of (1) _____ (2) _____

In Honor of (1) _____ (2) _____

Number of Lilies requested: _____ x \$12.00 each = \$ _____

Paid by ___ check ___ cash