

# WBPC Weekly Update ♦ April 9, 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: April 9 - April 16

<b>Sunday, April 9</b>	
Sunday School	9:30
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
@ The Table Rehearsal, FH	3:00
Biblical Justice Forum, L	3:30
Deacons, P	3:30
Youth class, YR	4:00
@ The Table Worship, FH	5:00
Confirmation Class, P	5:30
Session, P	6:30
<b>Monday, April 10</b>	
FAP, P	6:30
<b>Tuesday, April 11</b>	
Presbyterian Women, P	10:00
AWCM, downstairs	4:00
LGB, FH	7:00
<b>Wednesday, April 12</b>	
Prayer and Bible study, P	9:30
Chancel Choir, Rm 210	7:30
<b>Thursday, April 13</b>	
AWCM, downstairs	4:00
Evangelism, P	7:00
Maundy Thursday Service, S	7:00
<b>Sunday, April 16</b>	
Sunrise Service, Athens Dr. Baptist	6:30
Sunday School	9:30
Youth Fellowship meets downstairs	9:45
Worship, Sanctuary	10:30
@ The Table Rehearsal, FH	3:00
Biblical Justice Forum, L	3:30
Youth class, YR	4:00
@ The Table Worship, FH	5:00

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** Bonnie Carter, Gwen Orilio, Dot & Jimmie Smith, John & Mary Jane Roberts, Peggy Stevens, Burmester Family, Joyce Smith, Dottie Dubose-Blum, Edith Crawford

**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), Dick Clark (friend of Robert Owens), Nadine Smith (nursery staff)

**PRUITT HEALTHCARE:** Betsy Roberts

**BRIGHTON GARDENS:** Jo Gilmore

**SPRINGMOOR:** Dot Gebbie

**BARBOUR NURSING HOME, SMITHFIELD:** Joyce Barbour

**WOODLAND TERRACE:** Margaret Pittman

## Healing Prayer Service Tonight

@The Table will host a Healing Prayer Service tonight 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.

## Holy Week Calendar:

### Thursday April 13 - Maundy Thursday

Service at 7:00PM - Communion will be served

### Sunday April 16 - Easter Sunday

Sunrise service at Athens Drive Baptist at  
6:30 am with Bruce Grady preaching,  
1601 Athens Drive

WBPC Services at 10:30am and 5:00pm

**Easter Celebration** - Following Easter morning worship, please join us for refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt!

**Flowers for Easter Cross** - Please bring flowers to help celebrate Easter and decorate the cross outside the sanctuary.



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

<u>Today's Story</u> <i>Jesus's Last Passover</i>	<u>Next Week's Story</u>
Story: <i>Beth Milchuck</i> Greeter: <i>Colista Freeman</i>	No Chapel Easter Sunday

## Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service: April 13

Come experience the passion of Christ on this most holy Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The first part of the service will focus on Jesus' last supper with his disciples. Following communion, we will follow Jesus to the cross in a "tenebrae" experience. Tenebrae is the Latin word meaning "shadows." The sanctuary will be gradually darkened as candles are extinguished following scripture readings. At the end of the service, the sanctuary will be stripped as we await the return of the light, the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Day.



## 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: [www.thefooddrivekid.org](http://www.thefooddrivekid.org). 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.



## 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.

## Prayer Shawls NEEDED!

We have given out a lot of wonderful prayer shawls in the past few months, but our supply is woefully really low. Can you crochet or knit a prayer shawl for our Prayer Shawl Ministry? If you can, PLEASE use these dimensions: **At least 20 inches WIDE and 60 inches LONG. A few that are 24 inches WIDE and 72 inches LONG are also desired.** Please see the tub of yarn in the parlor closet that you are welcome to use if you are in need. Contact Yevonne Brannon, [ybrannon@gmail.com](mailto:ybrannon@gmail.com) with any questions.

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

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## Nicaragua Mission Trip Report Back #4:

We gathered this week, the four delegates that represented you in Nicaragua, to gather our thoughts about the trip and to share after being home for one month how this trip "affected" us. The four of us are so ever grateful for the experience--the people that touched our minds, hearts, and souls. We continue to be amazed at how a handful of people in 1993 (the CDCA founders) knew upon graduating from college that they would devote the rest of their lives to being among the poor --building God's church for God's people--never imposing "their" ideas or faith beliefs but listening to the needs, wants, and dreams of the people of Nueva Vida, Ciudad Sandino, Nicaragua. WOW! Is this what is meant when we say we are "walking the talk"? Not all of us can give "our all" in THIS way--many of us have lived most of our lives already! But we can, in our own "faith-filled" ways, and we DO every day--we truly do! As one of the delegates stated last night, " We should be open to the opportunities and let God do the work?" THAT is what "going on mission" means. It isn't just about "building" (yes, that is important), not just about making a financial "donation" (yes, that, too, is important), but about walking WITH our neighbors to see GOD and help do the work. Hearing from Nicaraguan's like Juan, Yesenia, Gerardo, Pedro, and so many others, the stories about politics and terror; about hunger and climate change; about women and men working together for a better future. That is what we are called to do as Christians--human-beings that share in this beautiful planet God created for us--all of us. *Please do come to fellowship after morning service and hear the stories on April 30th from Norma Marti, the last delegate to share her thoughts, and Sarah Junkin Woodard from the Jubilee House-CDCA. Come see the talents of the artisans, come smell the coffee from Porvenir, come help build those remaining clinic walls at Nueva Vida.* We hope some of you will be God's hands, eyes, and feet in 2019 when we plan to take a full delegation to continue building God's kingdom here on our Earth!

## Help Needed for the Preschool

The preschool needs your help! We are in need of several things...we are looking for substitutes to help in our classrooms when a teacher is out. We do pay our substitutes! If you are interested, please call Bobbi Cross at 919-233-9967 and leave a message or email her at [wbpdirector@gmail.com](mailto:wbpdirector@gmail.com). Also, the preschool needs store receipts. Last year, we collected receipts for a school app called Shoparoo and earned \$50 for our preschool. If you would like to help us, you can download the app Shoparoo and put your receipts in our you can give us your receipts and we will do it. They are not interested in your personal information, they do this to let stores know how the customer's shopping experience was. There will be an envelope on the preschool bulletin board where you can put your receipts. They have to be recent receipts - 14 days or less. Thank you for your help!

## 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 **applesauce and peanut butter**. Thank you for your giving hearts and generous spirits!



**Mark Your Calendars:** Youth Sunday on April 30th (both services).

## 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

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Jimmy Wade (Property)

Louis Alexander (Property)

Jenny Fleming (Fellowship)

Martha Barrick (Evangelism)

Chris Whitehurst (Worship)

Janet Rakes (Worship)

Liz Clay Bradley (FAP)

John Woodruff (FAP)

### Deacons:

Sally Curtis, Moderator

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