

Wake Forest United Methodist Church

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	<u>Today</u>	<u>September 7th</u>
Acolytes	8:30 a.m. Sam W.	Sam, Meghan
Nursery	11:00 a.m. Taylor, Casey, Emily Stephens	Jack, Emily Stephens, Casey
Kid's Kingdom	11:00 a.m. Tricia Ellen	Angela Keith, Julia Fansler
Flowers	8:30 a.m. The Williams	No Kid's Kingdom
Sound	11:00 a.m. John & Sylvia Shepherd	Need Volunteer
Money Counters	8:30 a.m. Dave Wolfe	Dave Wolfe
Visitation	11:00 a.m. Tom Dillard	Tom Dillard
Greeters	8:30 a.m. Joan Freeman, Chris/Dave Harper	Jane Howle, Gene Dominique
Ushers	8:30 a.m. No Visitation	Laura Kilian, Ruby Sammons
	11:00 a.m. Gwen Pughes, Kathy Galde	Scott & Nell Yates
	8:30 a.m. Marty & Cathy Babinski	Martin & Jodie Perret-Gentil
	11:00 a.m. Linda Klose, Bill Klose, Derek Andersen, Maggie Andersen	Louis Freeman, Marcus Potter, Cathy Potter, Larry Magen
	8:30 a.m. Louis Freeman, Marcus Potter, Cathy Potter, Larry Magen	
	11:00 a.m. Balcony: Dan Miller, Alex Cosmidis	
	Weekly Lawn Crew Louis Freeman, Mark Gustafson, Bernie Hardy	

TODAY 10:00 a.m. Promotion Sunday 4:00 p.m. Brass Group	Thursday 9:30 a.m. Psalms 2:00 p.m. Stitches' Group 6:30 p.m. Special Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Covenant Choir
Monday Office Closed	Friday 6:00 a.m. Men of Faith
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. Prayer Group 6:45 p.m. United Methodist Men	Saturday Youth Duke Day
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. Parent's Morning Out 7:00 p.m. Table of Delight 7:00 p.m. Missions Meeting 7:00 p.m. Craft Night	NEXT SUNDAY 4:00 p.m. Evangelism 4:00 p.m. Brass Group 4:00 p.m. Children's Choir 5:00 p.m. CPR 6:00 p.m. Youth Kick-off

<i>Donald Warren, Pastor</i>	<i>Barina Blackwelder, Children & Youth Music Director</i>
<i>Helen Champion, Minister of Christian Education</i>	<i>Elsie Shuler, Music Director</i>
<i>Nicole Bassett, Salena Handley, Kamila Rogers, Nursery</i>	<i>Allen Bailey, Organist</i>
<i>Sharon Southard, Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Zack Moser, Youth Director</i>

Weekly Contributions as of 08/24/08

Operating	\$ 6,614.75
Building	\$ 2,785.00
Designated	\$ 430.00
Total	\$ 9,829.75

General Fund YTD

Collected	\$314,892.70
Needed	\$326,395.58
Difference	\$ (11,502.88)
Percent +/-	-3.52%

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship: 362; Sunday School: 206

16th Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2008

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Gather in Praise

Prelude

Announcements

***Introit**

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

(1) We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
(2) We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

***Greeting**

Zack Moser

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name!

People: Sing praises to him! Tell everyone about all the wonderful things he has done.

Leader: Rejoice! Everyone who seeks the Lord, rejoice.

People: Remember his strength and his miracles.

All: Praise the Lord!

-Based on Psalm 105:1-6

***Hymn of Praise**

Take My Life, and Let it Be

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***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Special Music

My Heart Ever Faithful

Caryn Marr, soloist

Bach

Prayer

Lord Jesus, in your resurrection you returned to us, you sought us out, spoke to us, and opened yourself up to us. You became for us a door, a gate to God. Give us the grace to enter that door, to move closer to the God who, in your love, has moved close to us. May we have the abundant life that only you can give. Amen.

***Hymn of Preparation**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

See Insert

Kid's Kingdom (11:00) - A children's worship service for ages 4 years - 1st grade. The children will be escorted to the 4 year old classroom by an adult during the above hymn.

Offering Ourselves (our time, talents, tithes/gifts and service)

Offering in Music

***Community Response** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* 95

***Prayer of Devotion and Dedication**

Community Prayer, Concerns, and Joys

Call to Prayer

Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you. You are the Potter, I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Sweet Sweet Spirit (8:30)

D. Akers

Caryn Marr, soloist

Wake Up Church, Wake Up (11:00)

P. Choplin

Covenant Choir

Scripture

Romans 12:9-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Living a Cruciform Life

***Hymn of Dedication**

Take Up Thy Cross

415

Dismissal with Blessing

***Choral Response**

Bind Us Together

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with chords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love. There is only one God, there is only one King; There is only one body, that is why we sing.

***Depart to Serve God and Neighbor**

***Postlude**

Keep in Prayer: Our Nation, the leaders, our service men & women; our home bound; Estelle Hill; Elaine Barbee; Joyce Jones, *Sharon O'Kelley's mother*; Willard Bailey; Howard & Pauline Mosier; Maddison Sargent; Ben Beasley, *Beth Dickerson's brother*; Martha Wolfe, *David Wolfe's mother*; Leland Carle, *Ken Carle's brother*; John Morris; Nancy & Lewis Gregory, *grandparents of William Leonard*; Alexander Massey, *Elizabeth Tippetts's father*; Larry Johnson, *Deana Ayers' father*; Susan Rogers; Karen Estes; Edward Kantner, *Cheri Gallagher's father*; Oneta Campbell, *Marilyn Bonnett's mother*; Lillian Davis; Irene Baker; Kristine Fletcher; Michele Nowak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors: Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! We hope you will have a friendly and meaningful experience. If you would like to receive more information about our church, please feel free to stop by our display stand in the Narthex for copies of our current newsletter, Sunday School and nursery information, as well as monthly devotional material. You may also contact Kathy Galde, Evangelism Chair, at 562-3318 or kgalde@aol.com.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Johnny Shepherd and Stephanie Britt's wedding on August 16th and John & Sylvia Shepherd's 44th anniversary on August 15th by John & Sylvia Shepherd.

The **Brass Group** will rehearse today from 4:00-5:00 in the Worship Center.

Sunday School Teachers Needed: Please contact Bonita Stayton, 528-9130 if you are interested in teaching K-1. We need one more teacher.

Youth News: On Saturday, September 6th, all youth are invited to attend **Youth Day at Duke**. There will be a concert by the Christian rock band Caedmon's Call, followed by the Duke/Northwestern football game. The event is \$15 per person. **Please let Zack know A.S.A.P.** Tickets will be ordered early this week. All youth need to have a health form on file. **Youth kick-off** is on September 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. Please bring a finger food to share. Parents bring your insurance information for health forms and calendar for dates. Contact Zack, Youth Director, if you have any questions.

The **Covenant Choir** will be singing the Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi in December. Please contact Elsie Shuler, Ken Carle or Allen Bailey if you are interested in joining the choir for this music celebration.

Missions: We have received a card from Mr. Elliott Reynolds, one of the gentlemen we had the pleasure of meeting and assisting during the youth/adult mission trip to Wilmington. "You may not know how much brighter the world is because of your kindhearted ways - but I do! Thanks so much, God bless. Thanks for a more fruitful life. Keep in touch. Elliott Reynolds, Sunshine and Shadow"

Heartlife Training (CPR): This class is for all volunteers at the church. This is to learn CPR and First Aid so you will be ready to help others in a medical emergency. Teachers, youth counselors and all volunteers working with children **are required** to take the training **as part of our Safe Sanctuaries policy**. Please sign up in the Narthex. The dates are **Sunday, September 7th at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 20th at 9:00 a.m.** This two hour training will be in the Fellowship Hall. The cost is \$25, please wear loose fitting clothes. If the dates don't work out for you, or you need a \$25 scholarship, please contact Helen Champion, 556-2239.

Youth Choir News... (Middle/High School) Youth Choir rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 4:15- 5:00 in the choir room. Schedules will be given out that day, as well. Watch the bulletins for news of a kick-off party once a date has been finalized. Please join me by welcoming **Karen Blakely** as our assistant director! We look forward to getting started soon!

Children's Choir News... (Ages 4-5th grade) Calling one and all!!!! We will begin rehearsals for our Christmas cantata on September 7, 2008 from 4:00-5:00 in the choir room. (Regular rehearsal times begin the following week from 5:30-6:30.) This first rehearsal will be EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, so please plan to attend—and bring your parents with you!! (Also, **please have your parents bring their checkbook so they can purchase your rehearsal CD. We will HAVE to order them immediately.**) I am so happy to welcome **Karen Blakely** on board as my rehearsal assistant!! Together, we have lots of plans in store for the choirs this fall in preparation for our cantata.

A Table of Delight: Feasting with God in the Wilderness: A **Table of Delight** invites us to explore the wilderness places in our lives, both the unintended times of barrenness and the chosen “desert times,” as opportunities for holy encounter. We can learn to recognize grace-filled moments when God does provide sustenance in the wilderness of our lives. We will meet on **Wednesday's** starting September 3rd at 7:00 p.m. in the Renewal Classroom (*we will not meet on UMW night*). Please sign up in the Narthex. This class will be led by Helen Champion.

Thursday Morning Bible Study: Starting September 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Seekers classroom: Come and join us as we study the *Psalms*. Every participant will receive a detailed workbook. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Photography Sessions for the new directory will take place in September in the fellowship hall.

Sunday Nights Starting September 14th

Dinner: Sunday night dinners and programs start September 14th. Dinner from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. and programs at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Mike Fletcher at (Mike@Fletcher.net) or Ed Haston at (edward.haston@capgemini.com) if you would like to **help** in the kitchen on a rotating basis.

The Nursery will be available for babies & toddlers up to age 3 years old from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. The nursery is for parents who need child care while they are leading a program or attending a program or bible study.

Children's Program on Sunday Nights starting September

“Learning To Use My Bible” on Sunday Nights starting September: The ages are 4 years old through 5th grade. This lesson introduces the Bible as a treasure book. We will learn about the bible, play games, and of course have crafts. It should be a great deal of fun. Please contact Angela Hoy, our coordinator, at 556-5551 to sign your child up or sign up in the Narthex

Invitation To The Old Testament starting September 21st. “This study approaches the Hebrew Scriptures by inviting participants to hear the story of God and God’s calling of the people of Israel through the many “voices” of the biblical text. Narrative, poem, history, and prophetic utterance all have their own distinctive characteristics and purpose, arising out of a particular historical, social, and cultural setting.” If you are interested please call Ken at 453-2265 or sign up in the Narthex. This study will be held in the Seekers classroom from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Walking by Faith: “**Walking by Faith** contrasts the evidences of walking by faith and walking by sight and encourages participants to take risks, give God control, persevere through hardship, receive God's gifts, be guided by the Truth rather than feelings, and seek God.” This will be led by Nancy Smith in the Renewal class from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the Narthex or contact Nancy at 453-2705 for more information.

Gilligan's Island and The Seven Deadly Sins “To teach a lesson Jesus often used a parable, an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. By basing situations on real life, parables can reveal spiritual truth to listeners. Incredibly, parables compel sincere seekers to discover the truth, yet cloak that truth from those that would oppose its teaching.” This series will be led by Don Champion in the Family Life classroom from 6:00- 7:30 p.m., please contact Don for more information, 556-7156.

THE REX BLOODMOBILE will be at our church on Wed., Sept. 17 from 3-7pm. Rex Blood Services has helped keep the Rex Healthcare and other triangle area hospitals' blood supply at safe and healthy levels since 1962.

There is no substitute for blood. It cannot be manufactured. It truly is the **gift of life**, but only five percent of those eligible to donate blood actually do. Please consider being a donor. If you would like to make an appointment to donate Wednesday, please see Linda Klose before or after the service, or call her at 556-2293. **THANK YOU.**

The renewal class is grateful and especially privileged to work with wonderful volunteers when called upon. Thanks for your thoughtfulness and generosity at the piano dedication.

Wake Forest UMC will be sending a work team to **Mississippi** November 9th – 15th. If you are interested in more information or interested in signing up please contact Bob Nowoc at 554-4205.

A donation has been given to the Building Fund in honor of Allen Bailey by Charles & Julia Shearon.

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Men of Faith

The Men of Faith will start with the X-Trials Men's Group Study. X-Trials will stop you in your tracks and lead you to the extreme life God has planned for you. Living life as a Christ-follower in today's world requires extreme faith! Discover how you can bring your faith down from the rafters and into real life through this combination of group discussion and daily devotionals. Our first study will start with the book of James which takes a practical, in-depth look at questions like:

What does authentic faith really look like?

How do I find God's will for me?

How can I fight fairly?

Am I guilty of showing prejudice?

This six part study includes:

- 1- Formula of Faith
- 2- Hear It and Do It
- 3- Faith and Works
- 4- Developing Godly Wisdom
- 5- Finding God's Will
- 6- Divine Healing

Every man is invited. We meet here at Wake Forest United Methodist Church, 905 South Main Street, Wake Forest, NC (In the Narthex).

When? Begins September 5th, Friday at 6:00am and ends at 7:00am. How Often? Every Friday, same time, same place. Please sign-up for this study in the narthex or contact Bob at 630-1718 or email bobgallagher@nc.rr.com. Quick sign-up can be done through our website <http://www.wakeforestumc.org> by clicking on Men of Faith Bible Study.