

**Wake Forest United Methodist Church**  
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	<u>Today</u>	<u>August 31st</u>
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Meghan, John Alan	Meghan, Sam W.
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Trent, Shannon, Rebekah	Taylor, Casey, Emily Stephens
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Need Volunteer</b>	Tricia Ellen
<b>Kid's Kingdom</b>	David Ballou	The Williams
<b>Flowers</b>	Sharon O'Kelley	John & Sylvia Shepherd
<b>Sound</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Scott Harris	Dave Wolfe
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Dave Wolfe	Tom Dillard
<b>Money Counters</b>	Mark Gustafson, Gwen Pughes	Joan Freeman, Chris/Dave Harper
<b>Visitation</b>	Kathy Galde, Martha Loftin	No Visitation
<b>Greeters</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Deborah Fuller, Edna Powers	<b>Need Volunteer</b>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> John & Cheryl Clark	Marty & Cathy Babinski
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Linda Klose, Bill Klose, Derek Andresen, Maggie Andersen	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b> Louis Freeman, Marcus Potter, Cathy Potter, Larry Magen	
	Balcony: Dan Miller, Alex Cosmidis	
	Ken Capps, Alex Snotherly, Richard Brown	

**Weekly Lawn Crew**

<b>TODAY</b>	
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Blessing of the book bags
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	CPR
<b>Monday</b>	
<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	Parent's Morning Out
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Cracked Pots
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Prayer Group
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Administrative Board
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	Parent's Morning Out
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Craft Night

<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Stitchers' Group
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Tenor, Bass Sectional Rehearsal
<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	Covenant Choir
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Promotion Sunday

<i>Donald Warren, Pastor</i>	<i>Barina Blackwelder, Children &amp; 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 08/17/08**

Operating	\$ 7,860.10
Building	\$ 5,055.00
Designated	\$ 284.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,199.35</b>

**General Fund YTD**

Collected	\$308,277.95
Needed	\$316,795.71
Difference	\$ (8,517.76)
Percent +/-	-2.69%

**Attendance Last Sunday: Worship: 382; Sunday School: 169**

*15th Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 24, 2008**

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

**Gather in Praise**

**Prelude**

*The Solid Rock* (8:30) Althouse  
*Precious Lord, Take My Hand* (11:00) T. A. Dorsey  
 Jamie Ebner, soloist

**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) All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

**\*Greeting**

**Leader:** God is good, gracious, and worthy of our praise.  
**People:** **God is the giver of every good and perfect gift.**  
**Leader:** Let us render to God, all that we have and all that we are.  
**Leader:** **Let us praise the Lord with our lives;**  
**turning all our days into a living sacrifice to God.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*

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**\*Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Time**

11:00 Kate Jackson

**Special Music**

*The Unclouded Day*  
 Jamie Ebner, soloist

Rev. J. K. Alwood

**Prayer**

**Thank you, Lord, for all the gifts you have given us. Through your Spirit, empower us that we may give ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to you. May all that we do bring you glory, honor, and praise; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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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**

*Rock of Ages*

Bock

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

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\***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**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand (8:30)*

T. A. Dorsey

Jamie Ebner, soloist

*Pray for the People (11:00)*

P. Choplin

Covenant Choir

**Scripture**

*Romans 12:1-8*

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

*"A Living Sacrifice"*

\***Hymn of Dedication**

*Take My Life, and Let It Be*

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**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**

*Allegro*

Handel

**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 my grandson, Tyler's 2nd birthday by Sharon O'Kelley.*

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

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.

**Safe Sanctuaries** provides guidance for congregations that are committed to providing safe and nurturing ministries for children and youth. Training will be **Tuesday, September 2nd in the Seeker class at 7:00 p.m.** All adults and youth need to have this training before working with children or youth. Please contact Helen Champion, [hdchamp@nccumc.org](mailto:hdchamp@nccumc.org) or 556-2239.

UMM will be holding their next meeting and dinner on **Tuesday, September 2nd at 6:45pm.**

**Craft nights** for the bazaar are held every Wednesday night in the Family Life classroom starting at 7:00 p.m. You don't need to worry about being "crafty" - everyone is welcome! You can bring your own craft to work on if you like, or we will have one planned with all the materials provided. If you have questions or need a ride, call Julia Rockwell at 556-2359 or e-mail [julia.rockwell@gmail.com](mailto:julia.rockwell@gmail.com).

**Stitchers' Group** – Thursday's - 2-4 p.m. – Seekers Classroom: Knit, crochet, cross stitch, sew and quilt together. Work on personal projects as well as group charity projects. Relaxed and unstructured.

**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. (**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> is full**) The dates are **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Promotion Sunday** will be held August 31st at 10:00 a.m. in the Worship Center. All parents are invited to attend this celebration to see what their children have learned this year.

**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 4-5<sup>th</sup> 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 donation was made to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Peggy Allen by Laura Smith.*

*A donation was made to the Building Fund in thanksgiving to the members of the "Building on Faith" campaign and in honor of Jim Stephens the campaign chairperson by Bruce & Jennie Taylor.*

### **Other Bible Study Opportunities:**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Sunday Nights Starting September 14th**

**Dinner:** Sunday night dinners and programs start September 14<sup>th</sup>. Dinner from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. and programs start at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Mike Fletcher at ([Mike@Fletcher.net](mailto:Mike@Fletcher.net)) or Ed Haston at ([edward.haston@capgemini.com](mailto: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**

Children's programs are for 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. 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** "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.



### Kid's Kingdom

The Kid's Kingdom Team has a lot of GREAT ideas for the future, including expanding Kid's Kingdom to the 8:30 a.m. Service. We would also like to begin a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class that would meet during the 11:00 a.m. Service on the third Sunday of each month.

One of the changes within class is to start the Puppet Ministry back up. Once a month, we would recruit some 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders to help us produce a puppet show to go along with the lesson of the day.

In order to help us grow in our children's ministry, we need your help. In fact, we CANNOT do it without you. We are always looking for Parent volunteers to help during the classes. And, if you are interested in teaching once a month, any of the classes, please contact Vicki Lawrence at [vickijo3@gmail.com](mailto:vickijo3@gmail.com) or by phone at 919-341-3835.



## 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](mailto: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.

## YOUTH

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.