

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 *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* 349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Those Who Love Him* (8:30) P. Drennan
Sara Lynn Bloodworth and Elsie Shuler

Kyrie (11:00) J. Armstrong
Covenant Choir
Translation of Latin text: *O Lord have mercy, O Christ have mercy.*

Scripture *Matthew 18:21-35*
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
P: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "As Much As It Takes"

***Hymn of Dedication** *Freely, Freely* 389

Dismissal with Blessing

***Choral Response** *Gift of Love* (vs. 3) 408
Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

***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*; Karen Estes; Edward Kantner, *Cheri Gallagher's father*; Oneta Campbell, *Marilyn Bonnett's mother*; Irene Baker; Michele Nowak; Bones Jones; Bernie Hardy, John Shepherd in the passing of his brother in-law; Cathy and Marty Babinski, Cathy's parents Walt and Eva Berry; Cathy's sisters, Janie and Vicki, and their families.

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 honor of Joseph's 10th birthday and Emily's 12th birthday by Ed & Kim Haston.

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship: 430; Sunday School: 183

Weekly Contributions as of 09/07/08

Operating	\$ 14,432.16
Building	\$ 4,060.00
Designated	\$ 318.00
Total	\$ 18,810.16

General Fund YTD

Collected	\$337,525.51
Needed	<u>\$345,595.32</u>
Difference	\$ (8,069.81)
Percent +/-	-2.34%

There are a few CD's still available from Allen's concert in the narthex today between services and immediately following the 11:00 service. If you would like to make a donation, it would be greatly appreciated. See Sue Zaruba.

Youth Choir News... (Middle/High School) Youth Choir rehearsals will begin on TODAY 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!

Memory Makers will meet on September 17th at 12:00 p.m. in the worship center. Everyone please bring a covered dish and/or dessert to go with homemade ice cream. Don't forget to bring your canned goods for Tri-area ministry. Everyone 55 and over are invited to attend.

There will no **Covenant Choir** rehearsal on Thursday, September 18.

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED or WFUMC Blood Drive, Wed. Sept 17 from 3-7pm.

Every 3 seconds someone needs blood. Approximately 60% of our population is eligible to give blood, and only 5% actually do. Rex Blood Services is a not-for-profit community blood bank providing blood to patients at several area hospitals and Fort Bragg. Your one donation can make a difference in the lives of up to three patients. Please consider donating.

Linda Klose will be in the narthex before each service to sign you up for an appointment to donate, or you can call her at home at 556-2293. Thank you in advance.

Thank you to all the volunteers and patrons who came out to support the UMM Fish Fry and helped in any way to make the fish fry a success. We appreciate your time and effort. A special thank you is extended to James at Holding Gas for providing propane for the fish fry.

Sunday Nights Starting TODAY

Dinner will be from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. and programs will start 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.

Children's Program on Sunday Nights "Learning To Use My Bible": This program is for ages are 4 years old through 5th grade. Please sign your child up in the Narthex

Invitation To The Old Testament *starting September 21st* If you are interested please call Ken Carle at 453-2265. This study will be held in the Seekers classroom from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Walking by Faith: 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 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.

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.

Mission Quake

Sat & Sun, September 27th—28th
"And The Walls Came Tumblin' Down"

Let's break down the walls and join with many other Churches in Wake Forest for a wonderful weekend Mission focus. Mission Quake '08 provides tremendous opportunities for families and individuals to become involved in meaningful local projects that have a far reach in alleviating human suffering both here and abroad. Here's what's available:

1. **"Stop Hunger Now"** - The SHN program allows for individuals and families to gather and pack dehydrated food products that will provide direct relief to people who are hungry TODAY! The bag you fill will be held by a hungry person in another country who will be able to live another day because of your kindness. This is a GREAT hands- on mission opportunity for everyone! Shifts run from 9:00 am - 2:30pm on Saturday, September 27th at the Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club. SHN asks that each participant be able to contribute \$5.00 for the production of the meals if

possible.

2. **"The Pint-Sized Paint Project"**—The PSPP is an effort to come along side elderly homeowners in the Wake Forest area who desperately need some paint and caulking to provide protection against the elements. This project will allow the participant to join with a couple hundred other WF residents to paint an entire house. Each person will paint a small 3x3 section of a small home. By the end of the day, the homeowner has a new coat of paint. Great fun, great project! Shifts run from 9:00 am – 4:00pm on Saturday, September 27th. Meet at the Alston-Massenburg Center, 416 North Taylor Street, Wake Forest. The houses to be painted are within walking distance of the center. Each participant is asked to bring a 2"-4" soft bristle paint brush.

3. **"Crop Walk"** - CW has a long standing history of providing food relief around the world, but they also help with digging wells and crop cultivation. Did you know that? Also, did you know that 25% of all money raised stays right here in Wake Forest to help local helping agencies? Meet in the vacant lot across from Tri-Area Ministries on Holding Ave., in Wake Forest on Sunday, September 28th at 2:30 pm. Please sign up sponsors if possible. If not gathering sponsors, please walk and consider a \$20 contribution.

4. **"Letters from Home"**- Stop by the Boys and Girls Club of Wake Forest and take a moment or two to write notes of encouragement to our brave soldiers who are deployed overseas. People of all ages, toddlers to teens to senior citizens, are welcomed to participate during the hours of 9:00 am – 2:30 pm on Saturday, September 27. If you have a soldier's address to share, please contact Mission Quake at the email or number below.

If you interested in signing up or have any questions regarding the weekend or any of the projects, please call 556-5418 and ask for Mission Quake information or send an e-mail to missionquake08@earthlink.net. Please place your donations for "Stop Hunger Now" and "Crop Walk" in the offering plate and clearly mark for which project the donation is intended.