

Wake Forest United Methodist Church
Reaching Out To All In The Name of Jesus Christ
November 16, 2008

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Acolytes	8:30 a.m.	<u>Today</u> John, Virginia	<u>November 23rd</u> Sam
	11:00 a.m.	Zachary, Trent, Rebekah	Shannon, Zachary, Hannah
Nursery		Angela Hoy	Need Volunteer
Kid's Kingdom	8:30 a.m.	Denelle Manley	Need Volunteer
	11:00 a.m.	Glenda Bragg, Need Volunteer	David Ballou
Flowers		The Fletcher Family	Jennifer Nyland
Sound	8:30 a.m.	Dave Wolfe	Bob Sakowski
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Dillard	Mike Johnson
Money Counters		John Clark, The Harpers	Gwen Pughes, Alex Snotherly
Visitation		Steve & Jewell Stallings	No Visitation
Greeters	8:30 a.m.	Loye Messina, Emily Gaydos	John & Barbara Lyon
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Powell, Barbara Holland	Truckenbrods, Candace Coghill
Ushers	8:30 a.m.	Linda & Bill Klose, Maggie & Derek Andersen	
	11:00 a.m.	Louis Freeman, Don Lewis, Cathy & Marcus Potter	
Weekly Lawn Crew		Balcony: Larry Magen, Alex Cosmidis, Marty Babinski	
		Ken Capps, Alex Snotherly, Richard Brown	

TODAY	
3:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
4:00 p.m.	Brass Group
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
6:00 p.m.	Programs/Youth
Monday	
9:15 a.m.	Parent's Morning Out
6:30 p.m.	SPRC
Tuesday	
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
7:00 p.m.	Finance Meeting
Wednesday	
9:15 a.m.	Parent's Morning Out
12:00 p.m.	Memory Makers
6:30 n.m.	SPRC

Thursday	
6:30 p.m.	Tenor/Bass
7:00 p.m.	Covenant Choir
Friday	
6:00 a.m.	Men of Faith
9:15 a.m.	Parents Morning Out
	UMM Chicken BBQ
Saturday	
9:00 a.m.	Children's Cantata Dress Rehearsal
12:00 p.m.	Adult Cantata Rehearsal
NEXT SUNDAY	
4:00 p.m.	Brass Group
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir
5:00 p.m.	Dinner
5:30 p.m.	Children's Choir
6:00 p.m.	Programs/Youth

<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>Zack Moser, Youth Director</i>	<i>Allen Bailey, Organist</i>
<i>Sharon Southard, Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>Nicole Bassett, Salena Handley, Kamila Rogers, Nursery</i>

Weekly Contributions as of 11/09/08	
Operating	\$ 9,027.80
Building	\$ 5,770.00
Designated	\$ <u>1,374.00</u>
Total	\$ 16,171.80

General Fund YTD	
Collected	\$411,326.79
Needed	<u>\$431,994.15</u>
Difference	\$ (20,667.36)
Percent +/-	-4.78

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship: 336; Sunday School: 180

Prelude

Great is Thy Faithfulness Raney
Lord I'm Coming Home (11:00)
 Larry Magen, Pete Radding and Dave King

Welcome and Announcements

***Introit**

Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son And now let the let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son And now let the let the weak say, "I am strong;" let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!

***Greeting**

Psalm 138:1-3

Leader: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart.
People: I bow down and give thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness,
Leader: for your name is exalted and your word is above everything.
People: On the day I called, you answered me and strengthened my life.

***Hymn of Praise**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 89

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Special Music

Long Black Train Josh Turner
 Larry Magen, Pete Radding and Dave King

Prayer

Benevolent God, we are recipients of your generosity. Through the gifts of family, friends, work, play, talents, abilities, and financial resources, you have entrusted us with so much. Make us wise stewards of your precious gifts so that others will know from whom they came. May we glorify you with our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian 402

Kid's Kingdom/Children's Church--A children's worship service for ages 4 years--3rd grade. The children will be escorted to the Chapel by an adult in the above hymn. The children can be picked up after Service in the Fellowship Hall.

Stewardship Moment

Brad Bofenkamp

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

Offering in Music *Consecration Medley* Adams 95

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

***Prayer of Devotion and Dedication**

Youth Ministry Moment

Community Prayer, Concerns and Joys

Call to Prayer *Seek Ye First* 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all the things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia. Ask and it shall be given unto; seek and ye shall find, knock and the door shall be opened unto. Allelu, alleluia.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Lord I'm Coming Home (8:30)
Larry Magen, Pete Radding and Dave King
Let Hope Spring Forth (11:00) M. Hayes
Covenant Choir

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30
L: This is the Word of the Lord.
P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"It Only Takes a Spark..."

***Hymn of Dedication** *Pass It On* 572

Dismissal with Blessing

***Choral Response** *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

***Depart to Serve God and Neighbor**

***Postlude** *Fugue in F* Bach

Keep in Prayer: Our Nation, the leaders, our service men & women; Estelle Hill; Elaine Barbee; Willard Bailey; Howard & Pauline Mosier; Maddison Sargent; Ben Beasley, *Beth Dickerson's brother*; Alexander Massey, *Elizabeth Tippetts's father*; Karen Estes; Edward Kantner, *Cheri Gallagher's father*; Bones Jones; Joe & Alice Annadale, *Helen Champion's parents*; Irene Crews, *Edna Powers's sister-in-law*; Tom Baker; Gene & Bonnie Woltman, *Laura Gustafson's parents*; Herb Klose, *Bill Klose's father*; Ted Jones, *Marilyn Steigler's father*; Laura Steigler, *Ken Steigler's mother*; Jennifer Rupert, *Sharon O'Kelley's daughter*.

The flowers on the altar are in honor of the glory of God, and Mike Fletcher's 40th birthday and my Grandmother, Elsie Lawson's 85th birthday, both on November 20th -- by The Fletcher Family.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visitors: Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! 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.

Family Life Sunday School class would like to invite you to join their next study beginning TODAY. We will be viewing the latest book in DVD format by Pastor Rick Warren titled *The Purpose of Christmas*. If you are searching for a class on Sunday mornings, we would love for you to join us! Any questions? Please ask Courtney or Danny Roberts.

Chicken BBQ will be Friday November 21st. Put this on your calendar. Bring a friend and plan to attend. You will enjoy good friends and fellowship while you support the many missions of our church. We need to get the kitchen staff together so if you are interest in helping in the kitchen or are already planning to help to in the kitchen, please contact Louis or Joan Freeman at 562-2295. See you there!!

The **Stichers'** will not meet again until January 8th, please mark your calendars.

There are still tickets available for "**Christmas in Dixie**" on December 6th. If anyone is interested in attending please contact Barbara Holland at 426-3599.

Donations were given to the Building Fund in memory of Irene Baker by Bill Ratledge and Ralph & Hazel Stafford.

Christmas Gift Shop Sunday, December 7th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. sponsored by Children's Council and Youth group. The youth are collecting inexpensive items to sell in the Christmas gift shop. We will have a gift shop for children and shop for their family and friends. Please drop items off in Helen's office by December 7th. Come & celebrate the season with your church family.

Sunday Nights:

The Birth Narratives with Dr. James Efird "The virginal conception and birth of Jesus is the story upon which we found our faith and life as Christians. The account of Jesus' birth is told in two New Testament books, the Gospel of Luke and the Gospel of Matthew." The class starts TODAY at 6:00 p.m. in the Seekers class. This class will be led by Don Champion.

Mortgage Industry Insights (2 part program) will be presented on TODAY and Sunday, November 23, 2008 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the chapel. The program will be presented by Scott and Julia Iden. Scott brings 22 years of mortgage lending experience to the program and Julia worked with thousands of delinquent homeowners during her 21 years in the mortgage industry.



Orders are now being taken for white poinsettias to be placed in the chancel in honor of Jesus' birthday.

If you would like to recognize a loved one with a white poinsettia, please complete the information below – printing is appreciated! The cost of each poinsettia is \$8.00. The deadline for ordering is **TODAY!**

In Loving Memory:

In Loving Honor:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

By: _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$8.00 x plants ordered)

*Checks are to be made payable to Wake Forest UMC. Please note "poinsettias" on the memo line of your check. Orders can be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate, along with this form. Thank you.

ADVENT STUDY

MIRACLE

WHEN CHRIST TOUCHES OUR DEEPEST NEED

EVENINGS – 7:00 p.m.

Mondays - December 1, 8, 15

OR

MORNINGS – 9:30 a.m.

Thursdays - December 4, 11, 18

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation as we ready ourselves to welcome God's gift of love in Jesus Christ. Our Advent study will focus on the following:

- (1) The HEART that Hears Us
- (2) The HAND that Holds and Guides Us
- (3) The VOICE that Calms and Carries Us