

Wake Forest United Methodist Church
Reaching Out To All In The Name of Jesus Christ
December 14, 2008

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	<u>Today</u>	<u>December 21st</u>
Acolytes	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	John, Virginia Meaghan Emily Stephens, Taylor, Emily Haston
Nursery		Need Volunteer
Kid's Kingdom	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Anna Elliot Need Volunteer Anne Russell Need Volunteer Deana Ayers Need Volunteer
Sound	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Dave Wolfe Bob Sakowski Scott Harris Mike Johnson
Money Counters		Jane Howle, Laura Smith Milton Alford, Mark Gustafson
Greeters	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Steve & Jewell Stallings Edna Powers, Deborah Fuller
Ushers	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Kim Haston, Lisa Hargesheimer Need Volunteers Chris Galde, Dan Linstruth, Dan Russell, Andreas Flach Greg Coghill, William Leonard, Don Lewis Balcony: Joe & Michele Nowak, Alex Snotherly

<u>TODAY</u>	
RETURN ANGEL TREE GIFTS	
11:00 a.m.	Choir Cantata
3:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
6:00 p.m.	Birth Narrative
<u>Monday</u>	
9:15 a.m.	Parent's Morning Out
7:00 p.m.	Advent Study
7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Class
<u>Tuesday</u>	
10:00 a.m.	Prayer Group
<u>Wednesday</u>	
9:15 a.m.	Parent's Morning Out
12:00 p.m.	Memory Makers

<u>Thursday</u>	
9:30 a.m.	Advent Study
6:30 p.m.	Christmas Choir Party
<u>Friday</u>	
6:00 a.m.	Men of Faith
9:15 a.m.	Parents Morning Out
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>	
8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service

<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 12/07/08	
Operating	\$ 11,564.07
Building	\$ 4,415.00
Designated	\$ 1,993.00
Total	\$ 17,972.07

General Fund YTD	
Collected	\$445,419.69
Needed	\$470,393.63
Difference	\$ (24,973.94)
Percent +/-	-5.31

Attendance Last Sunday: Worship: 479; Sunday School: 167

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Introit** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* 204
 Emmanuel, Emmanuel, his name is called Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us, his name is called Emmanuel.

***Lighting of the Advent Candle** Haston Family

Leader: If Jesus comes to us again this Christmas, and if Jesus dwells within each of us, shouldn't that make a difference in who we are and how we live our lives. As God's people, let us seek Jesus who is born in a manger.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Be at peace with one another.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Help the weak and the poor.

People : Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Hold fast to what is good.

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: In all circumstances, give thanks.

People: Come, Lord Jesus, come!

***Advent Hymn** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* 196

***Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Music *Sweet Little Jesus Boy* Robert Mac Gimsey
 Donna Cross, soloist

Prayer

Gracious God, send your Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice. We who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, seeking the light of Jesus Christ; who was, who is, and who is to come. Amen.

*Hymn	<i>What Child Is This</i>	219
Children's Church – A children's worship service for ages 4 years – 1 st grade. The children will be escorted to the Chapel by an adult in the above hymn and picked up after Service in the Fellowship Hall.		
*Offering Ourselves (our time, talents, tithes/gifts and service)		
Offering in Music		
*Community Response	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	95
*Prayer of Devotion and Dedication		
Community Prayer, Concerns and Joys		
After each petition and followed by these words, "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation will respond, Hear our prayer.		
Call to Prayer	<i>Away in a Manger</i> (3)	217
Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay, close by me forever, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.		
Anthem		Piano Solo by Allen Bailey
Scripture	<i>1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 & John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>	
	L: This is the Word of the Lord.	
	P: Thanks be to God.	
Sermon		
*Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	230
Benediction		
*Choral Response	<i>Let us Now Depart in Thy Peace</i>	668
Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus. Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts. Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties. Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord of thee.		
*Postlude		

Keep in Prayer: Our Nation, the leaders, our service men & women; Estelle Hill; Elaine Barbee; Willard Bailey; Howard & Pauline Mosier; Maddison Sargent; Alexander Massey, *Elizabeth Tippette's father*; Karen Estes; Edward Kantner, *Cheri Gallagher's father*; Joe & Alice Annadale, *Helen Champion's parents*; Tom Baker; Herb Klose, *Bill Klose's father*; Ted Jones, *Marilyn Steigler's father*; Laura Steigler, *Ken Steigler's mother*; Don Shafford, *Joyce & Gary Miller's nephew*; Joyce Jones, *Sharon O'Kelley's mother*; Dale Flint, *Melissa Flint's son*.

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.

The poster to sign up for flowers for next year is in the narthex (behind the Angel Tree). It will be in the narthex through the end of December. Please sign up now for your special date.

Memory Makers will meet Wednesday at 12:00 for lunch. Ham & Turkey will be provided, please bring a covered dish or dessert to go with the meat. Remember to bring a gift (not to exceed \$5.00) to exchange and canned goods. We will have games, fun and food for all.

Anyone interested in serving as an usher at the 8:30 a.m. service in 2009 should contact Chris Galde (562-3318 or cgalde@gateprecast.com) in the next couple weeks. The schedule will be prepared in January. Both men and women are welcome to volunteer! Thank you.

Family Christmas Eve Service – Wednesday, December 24th (6:00 p.m.)

Youth meetings have ended for the 2008 calendar year. Thank you to all the youth, parents and volunteers who have made this such a wonderful group. Youth meetings will begin again Sunday, January 11th.

Angel Tree If you have an Angel with one of the following numbers, and did not return your gift today, please call Cathy Potter at 554-4774 or send an email to her at cjopotter@embarqmail.com.

3A, 11C, 14C, 19A, 22B, 38A, 56B, 57B, 58B, 60B, 72C, 73C, 76C, 78C, 79B, 79C, 80B, 81C

Also, if you selected one of the grocery store gift certificates numbered 8, 10 20, 24, or 29 and did not return it today, please call Cathy.

A donation has been given to the Building Fund in honor of the Cracked Pots by Margaret Keith. A donation has been given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund by Boy Scout Troop 500.

Today at the 11:00 service the Covenant Choir will present their final performance of **Vivaldi's Gloria**. We invite you to join us as we sing this classic choral work from the Baroque Era.

