

Welcome to Binkley! “Every Member A Minister!”

We extend a warm welcome to anyone who desires to unite with this church and share in its ministry and mission. We seek to honor the presence of God and follow the teachings of Christ as an inclusive Christian Community of Faith. Membership in Binkley is not dependent upon race, age, ability, gender, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, spiritual tradition, political affiliation or economic circumstance. Persons may join this church through profession of faith in Jesus Christ and the meaningful experience of baptism by immersion, by transfer from another Christian congregation respecting the mode of baptism by which one has symbolized faith, by reaffirmation of Christian faith, or by request for a watchcare relationship to this congregation while retaining one’s full membership elsewhere. Those who wish to join the church are invited to walk forward during the Hymn of Invitation at the end of morning worship. In a spirit of Christian love, we welcome you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT BINKLEY SEPT 5-12

SUNDAY 9/5: 10:00 am Worship, Dale Osborne
4:00 pm Worship at Carol Woods

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY: Meg Graham and Amy Jackson, Ellen, Gary and Drew Stutts. Betsy Hughes greets.

MONDAY 9/6: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY

TUESDAY 9/7: 10:00 am Staff Meeting, Library
12:30 pm Sermon Shaping, Library
7:00 pm Special Service: Rev. William Barber, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY 9/8: 9:30 am Job Networking, Library
12:30 pm Primetimers, Lounge
7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY 9/9: 6:00 pm Veni Spiritus, Prayer in the Chapel

FRIDAY 9/10: 7:30 pm Binkley Readers

SUNDAY 9/12: LAUNCH SUNDAY
9:30 am Church School Assembly for All Ages in the Sanctuary
9:50 am Children and Youth to classrooms; parents to children's classrooms; other Adults to the Lounge for coffee and fellowship
10:05 am Parents join other adults in the Lounge
10:30 am Coffee and fellowship continues in the Lounge
11:00 am Worship, Peter Carman; presentation of Bibles to Second Graders and dedication of Teachers and Learners
12:30 pm Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. All are encouraged to bring enough for your family plus 2 or 3 guests.
5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group Meeting and Kickoff Dinner

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE in the narthex. Kindly pick up.

SPECIAL SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:00 PM: Rev. William Barber, II will deliver a message entitled "The Call" in a special service at Binkley on September 7 at 7:00 pm. Dr. Barber is the pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, and serves as President of the NC NAACP. He is active on a number of community service boards and is a frequent speaker on social justice issues. Come hear a powerful prophetic voice for our times.

REGISTRATION FOR CHURCH SCHOOL: In an effort to ensure the safety of our children and youth during fall programs, parents are asked to fill out registration forms for each child. Forms that can be returned electronically are available on the church website at "Christian Education", and copies will be available in the Narthex on Sunday, and in the launch letter to parents in the mail now. Paper copies should be returned to the Christian Education office or to church school classes on Launch Sunday. Parents/guardians of children from infants to grade 5 will need to sign-in and sign-out children to church school and other programming. More details will be provided on Launch Sunday.

BINKLEY READERS will reconvene **September 10th** (the second Friday night of the month) at **7:30** at the home of Barbara Nettles-Carlson and Curt McLaughlin. The book to be discussed that evening is *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Bring suggestions for further books for discussion.

PLEASE COME TO THE LAUNCH SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH following the 11:00 am service on September 12. Please bring a main dish OR salad and bread OR a dessert (enough for your family and guests). Drinks provided. Bring food to the kitchen any time after 9am. Be sure to label any dishes or utensils you bring. Call Nan Pardington 967-7021.

YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES RESUME! Calling all 6th - 12th graders: join us in the Fellowship Hall on **September 12** with your entire family for our annual Youth Kick-off night. We will gather at 6:00 pm for supper and an overview of the coming semester. We especially look forward to greeting our new 6th graders: Margot Cook, Len Keller, Zoe Johnsen, Sophia Nissler, Jessica Rabalais and Linnea Van Manen.

AROUND THE TABLE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY...EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT BINKLEY: Do you want to better know your Binkley family? Would you like to learn more about various parts of our life together? Please join us **each Wednesday evening, beginning September 15**, for a hearty meal, children's choir, and conversation for youth and adults. Each week participants will have the opportunity to fellowship around the dinner tables while sampling many parts of our life and ministry together. **Meals begin at 5:30 p.m.** and will continue into the discussion time for those arriving late. **The program will take place from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.** The menu will rotate between catered meals, potlucks, and those prepared by talented church members. The cost for supper on non-potluck nights is \$6 for ages 10 & up, \$3 for ages 4-10, and free for those under age 4, with a maximum of \$20 per household. Sign up to participate by responding to the electronic invitation arriving in a separate email or by adding your name to the list in the Narthex. You may also sign up to prepare the Fellowship Hall for the evening or to clean up at the conclusion of the program.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP meets on **Tuesday Sept. 28th, in the library at Binkley, 10:30 am**, discussing *Picking Cotton* by Jennifer Thompson-Cannino and Ronald Cotton.

NEED GREETERS! Stuart and I have always appreciated being greeted so warmly at Binkley; so I hope you'll join us and all the other greeters in serving as a greeter for the coming year. If you would like to, please let me know: Stewart Bankhead bankhead@email.unc.edu stewart7593@att.net, 969.6804. Thanks!

MUSIC NOTES: (1) The **Youth Choir kicks off their year on Launch Sunday at 5:00** with an organizational meeting and rehearsal. Youth in 6th through 12th grades are invited to join us. We rehearse every Sunday at 5 pm and sing about once a month in worship. A commitment to regular weekly attendance is necessary for participation in this ensemble. (2) **The Children's Choir gathers for the first time on Wednesday, September 15.** Families are invited to come for supper at 5:30, and kids will leave for choir at 6:15. This ensemble is open to children in grades K-5 who read and who make a commitment to regular weekly attendance. Please contact Leandra leandra@binkleychurch.org with questions.

PRIMETIMERS meets on **Wednesday, September 8 at 12:30 pm** in the Lounge for a preview of the coming season. Sign up on the sheet posted across from the Christian Education office. Lunch is \$7.00; indicate if you do not wish to have lunch. Hope to see you there!

VENI SPIRITUS, meaning "Come, Spirit", meets **every Thursday at 6:00pm** in the Chapel. Please join us. For more information, call Susannah Smith, 960-3517, or email Carol Ripley-Moffitt cermon@earthlink.net.

NEED COUNTERS! We need a few more counters for Sunday mornings so we can have two groups, each working on alternate Sundays. Time involved is an hour right after the worship. For people with small children or impatient partners/spouses, that is a major impediment. If you are interested or want more information, contact Larry Nielsen 967-3572, Barbara Harris 542-1952, barbharris@nc.rr.com or Laurence Avery 942-6150, LRAvery@nc.rr.com.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER RESUMES SEPTEMBER 15: "Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship." (Thomas Keating) Beginning on September 15 a group will gather in the Chapel every Wednesday from **9:00-9:45 am** for Centering Prayer. The time begins with a reading from Scripture or other devotional material, followed by 20-30 minutes of silence. The final 15 minutes is a time for prayer, both spoken and silent, when participants bring their expressions of thanksgiving and concern before God. It also includes a reading of the names of Binkley members who are on the prayer list. A unison praying of the Lord's Prayer concludes the time. For details, contact Nancy Cheek, 967-4348, cheekn@earthlink.net, or Velma Ferrell, 493-2066, velmamferrell@nc.rr.com.

WHAT DO EYEGLASSES, SOUP LABELS AND SHAMPOO HAVE IN COMMON?

Binkley collects them in baskets above the coat rack near the narthex bathrooms. Eyeglasses go to the Lions International recycling program, and are repaired, graded, packaged and used for national and international vision clinics for the underserved. Soup and other labels are collected for the local schools. If you know which schools want which labels, let us know. Toiletries and personal hygiene items of all sorts (large and small) are needed by the IFC to distribute to the food pantry, men's shelter, and Homestart program. If you have any ideas about other "donation baskets" we might add, let me know. Marge Miles margesmile@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: BINKLEY GOLF OPEN: Tuesday, October 19. Details soon!

We remember with gratitude the life of Pauline Binkley, widow of Olin T. Binkley, following her death on August 28th, 2010, at the age of 101. A funeral service will be held at 11 am Saturday, September 11, at the Wake Forest Baptist church. Friends may visit with the family following the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wake Forest Baptist Church, 118 E. South Ave, Wake Forest, NC 27587 or the Wake Forest Birthplace Society P.O. Box 494, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

Prayer Concerns in the Church Family: Roy Brock, Tim Bradshaw, Elizabeth Stroop, Carolyn Kozelka, Katherine Golla, Billie Cox, Louise Baker, Alice Faulkner, Brennetta, Imani and Nia Simpson, Lew Miles, Nettie Wilburn, Jo Flair, Phillippi family, John Overton, Alice Glover, Aaron Shah, Claudia Cannady, Brooke Wheeler, Bob and Betsy Kreutzberg, Martha Henderson, members of Job Seekers, others seeking support.

Prayer Concerns in the Extended Family: Harry Roberts (Ernie Roberts' brother), Keith Bevan (family member of Doug and Susan MacKinnon), Pastor Waldir and Igreja Batista Esperança and Congregação Batista Esperança, in Salvador, Brazil, Melissa Groves and newborn triplets (Amy Jackson's sister), Linda Sisk (Mark Walters' mother), Geoff and Maria Frank (friends of Karen Long), Dot Peterson and family (Susan Resnik's aunt), Brenda Baker (Drew's mother), Kevin Roberts (Christine Jernigan's cousin), Elizabeth McLachlan (friend of Stacy Shelp), Gail Carson's sister, Tessa Benjamin's family in Haiti, Susan Campbell (Julie Kern's sister), Martha T. Smith (Allison Corum's mother), Sally Rockriver (David Resnik's sister), Bo Stevenson (Bonnie's father), David McIlwain (Ashley Nissler's uncle), Ram Thapa, Carol Salzgaber, Frances Daughtrey (Heather Rabalais & Nathan Daughtrey's grandmother), Marie Long (Karen's mother), Carley Pardington (Joe's mother), Henry Hall (Howard Lee's brother-in-law), Carol Richardson (Bonnie and Laura Rogers' mother), John Kent's father, Johnnie Johnson (friend of Lillian Lee), family of Thomas Barnett (Karen Long's friend), Tan and Scott Coats, Tara Hogan (Talmadge Walker's niece), the people of Pakistan.

We offer prayers of sympathy to Verla Insko on the recent death of her father-in-law.

Health Center Residents: Hilda Moffitt, Rusty Wagoner, Laurie Freeman, Joan Ewing, Carolyn Wallace, Beth Jukes, Marj Boltz.