

Special Events: Often tied to seasonal occasions, Binkley has intergenerational fellowship, recreational and worship opportunities:

- Launch Sunday, September 12
- Gay Pride March on Saturday, September 25
- Alternative Gifts Fair following worship on Sunday, November 21
- Christmas Crafts, Vespers, Chili, and Caroling on Sunday, December 5
- Moravian Love Feast on Sunday evening, December 12
- Nativity Reenactment in worship on Sunday, December 19
- Christmas Eve services on Friday, December 24

If you have thoughts, questions, or suggestions about any of these opportunities, or want to become more involved in the educational program at Binkley Church, please contact a member of the Board of Christian Education:

- Stewart Bankhead, Member-at-Large
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BINKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

Fall 2010 Classes For Children, Youth and Adults

Church School For All Ages
Sundays, 9:30 am-10:30 am
Starting September 12

Fall 2010 Children and Youth Christian Education Programs

Binkley Baptist Church offers a *community* that nurtures growth in faith. Our church covenant reflects our commitment to be church together as we “express our faithfulness to Christ in love for one another and for the whole of God’s creation.” Our church programs flow from this desire to love God, each other, and our neighbors. In the coming year, we have a number of opportunities available for children and youth in Binkley Church’s programs:

Church School – Launch Sunday is September 12, when we resume our 9:30-10:30 a.m. Church School classes for all ages and shift worship to 11:00 a.m. Church School is a foundation for faith and community, as we learn stories and build relationships.

Church School Teachers

Toddlers and Twos: Pat McKenzie, Kay Pratt

Preschool: Nancy Cheek, Angela Snider, Jane Walters

K-1st: Roal Carlson, Lyn Lamont, Nina Stein, Linda Textoris, Elizabeth Thompson, Drew Baker, Mary Ann & Tim Bradshaw, Martha Green

2nd- 3rd: Laurie Heffner, Kathy Keyser, Jill Lowe, Ilona Page

4th - 5th: Michael Bean, Lori Cahill, Steve Jernigan

Middle School Youth: Dale Osborne, Susan Read

High School Youth: Allen Davidson, Mike Reed

Worship with Children: During the worship hour, we offer worship for children about three Sundays per month. Adults and youth lead this program, focusing on stories, discussion and spiritual growth. This program has a Montessori influence.



Nursery: Childcare is provided on Sunday mornings year-round for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Binkley employs several qualified caregivers, assisted by rotating volunteers from the congregation.

Worship: Each Sunday, we gather to be renewed for faithful living in the world (10:00 a.m. in the Summer; 11:00 a.m. in the school year). We celebrate the many ways children participate in Binkley worship:

-Serving as acolytes during the school year

-Singing in worship

-Leading as liturgists

-Presenting Bibles to 2nd graders each year

-Blessing and dedicating infants and children

-Participating in worship as part of the larger community



Heroines of Faith, Courage, and Compassion

Taught by Collins Kilburn – *Sunroom*

The focus will be on fascinating and inspiring women, moral and spiritual giants of the female gender – edifying examples of faith, courage, and compassion. The contemplation of such figures can provide encouragement and enrichment for men and women. Some of these heroines are not as famous as their male counterparts whom we have studied in recent years. They include:

The Grimke sisters – From a slaveholding family in South Carolina, they became pioneers in antislavery and women's rights in the 1830's.



Jane Addams – She was America's best known and most widely hailed female public figure in the 1930's for groundbreaking work in social welfare and peacemaking.



Frances Perkins – She became the first woman cabinet member as FDR's secretary of labor and was "the woman behind the New Deal."



Pauli Murray – Denied admission to UNC law school because of her race and Harvard because of her gender, she became a lawyer, educator, writer, poet, activist, and the first African American woman ordained a priest of the Episcopal Church.



Fannie Lou Hamer – From sharecropping in the cotton fields of Mississippi, she became a key civil rights leader known for electrifying oratory, raw courage, and religious zeal.



Sallie McFague – She is an eminent contemporary eco-feminist theologian.



ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

The Church, the Bible, and Social Justice: A Look at the Hebrew Prophets and Binkley Church for the 21st Century

Taught by Michael and Maria Palmer and Charles Coble – *Lounge*

Binkley Baptist Church was founded as a prophetic voice in the middle of the Civil Rights struggle. What does it mean to be a prophetic voice today? How can we energize our community, experience the awe of God's presence, and honestly deal with the pain of injustice in our broader community?



Together we will read Walter Brueggeman's book, *The Prophetic Imagination*. We will look at the history of our church and discuss the lives of Christian leaders like Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King, Jr., who saw their Christian faith as inseparable from the call of justice.

We will examine the biblical prophets as critics of the accepted religious and political voices of their time. Fundamentalist use of scripture has made many progressive Christians reluctant to talk about the Bible. We will address this issue squarely and propose a different way of reading that liberates scripture from conservative politics and gives it a welcomed place in our justice-centered community.

Coffee and Conversation

Facilitated by Marilyn Metcalf – *Room 17*

What does it mean to know and be known? What would it take to know and be known by others? Just as Parker Palmer challenged people of faith to wonder about these questions, this class asks participants to risk creating relationships based on knowing and being known. Using poetry, lectionary scriptures, artwork, stories from NPR, or the day-to-day challenges of living, participants in the class engage one another while sharing a cup of coffee. The class is open to anyone who wants to dip their toe in the waters of connection. Our reputation is raucous, but we promise not to bite—too hard! The class shares leadership among its members. Bring your coffee, or your coffee cup, and join us!

Giving: Binkley seeks to be a generous church in the care of one another, our facilities, and our wider mission in the world. Children may give an offering in VBS, church school, and worship. Children may bring non-perishable food to the narthex, which supports the local Inter-Faith Council (IFC). Children have participated in CROP and NAMI walks. Some have chosen to serve as church greeters, water a church plant, or bake bread for communion. Elementary children have service projects in the fall and the spring. The youth group offers expanded opportunities for service, such as gleaning sweet potatoes and collecting food for IFC, and working on Habitat for Humanity projects.



Youth Program: Opportunities for youth in grades 6-12 includes the following Sunday events:

Church School classes – 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Youth Choir – 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Youth Group – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sunday Youth Group meetings begin with supper and moves into a variety of games, discussions, and other activities.

Specific Dates: The youth will be gleaning sweet potatoes for those in need at the annual Yam Jam on Saturday, October 9, whitewater rafting on October 23-24, and leading the annual Moravian Love Feast on December 12. In the winter, spring, and summer, youth have traditionally participated in a ski trip, discipleship class, beach retreat, youth Sunday, Habitat for Humanity service trip, Baptist Youth Camp, and providing leadership for Vacation Bible School.



Around the Table with Your Community...

Do you want to better know your Binkley family?

Would you like to learn more about various parts of our life and ministry together?

Please join us on **Wednesday evenings, beginning September 15**, in the Fellowship Hall 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.

5:30 pm: Dinner begins, and continues into the discussion time for those arriving late. The menu will accommodate both meat lovers and vegetarians, and rotate between catered meals, potlucks, and those prepared by talented church members. Dinner costs (on non-potluck nights): \$6 for ages 10 & up, \$3 for ages 4-10, and free for under age 4, with a maximum of \$20 per household. If you prefer, feel free to bring your own dishes and flatware.

6:15 – 7:15 pm: Children's Choir: Children in Grades K-5, who can read and commit to come each week, gather in the choir room with Leandra and Bo. Children 0-4 years old gather in the nursery.

6:30 – 7:15 pm: **Everything You Wanted to Know About Binkley!** Youth and Adults gather together around the tables for lively conversation on a variety of topics led by different groups in the church, such as Peace & Justice Action, Earth Ministries and Worship with Children Leaders, as well as to enjoy an ancient Mediterranean meal, an evening with 4th & 5th graders, carol singing and many more.

Sign up to participate by adding your name to the list in the narthex, OR responding to the electronic invitation arriving by email OR calling the church office (942-4964). You may also sign up to prepare the Fellowship Hall for the evening or to clean up at the conclusion of the program. Look to the Friday email update and Sunday announcements for meal and program details.

7:15 pm: Break

7:30 pm: Chancel Choir rehearsal (childcare provided for those who make childcare reservations)

