

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 AT BINKLEY CHURCH THIS WEEK: JAN 29-FEB 5

SUNDAY 1/29: 9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Worship, Dale Osborne preaching, Healing Service
5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Chin Worship, 17

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE NUSERY TODAY:

Jeanie Gangloff, Rachel Smithson (staff); Anna Kirby, Betsy Hughes (volunteers)

TUESDAY 1/31: 10:00 Staff Meeting, Library
1:00 pm Sermon-Shaping, Library

WEDNESDAY 2/1: 9:00 am Wednesday Morning Prayer, Chapel
5:45 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal and Dinner
5:45 pm Girls' Sharing Group, Minister's Office
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

THURSDAY 2/2: 2:00 Health Ministries, Library
6:00 pm Veni Spiritus Prayer Group, Chapel
7:00 pm Racial Reconciliation, Binkley

SATURDAY 2/4: 1:00 pm Awakening the Dreamer, Lounge

SUNDAY 2/5: 9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Worship, Communion, Peter Carman preaching
12:15 pm Church in Conference
4:00 pm Worship at Carol Woods, Dale Osborne
5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Chin Worship, 17
6:00 pm Youth Group, Super Bowl Party, Walters Home

CHURCH IN CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 5, 12:15 PM: Please plan to join us for a Church-in-Conference on Sunday, February 5, after worship, to vote on the following three items: 1. The 2012 church budget; 2. Charles Carver as Chair of the Fellowship Committee; 3. Recommended changes to the Binkley constitution that change the dates of the annual election of Deacons and Church Council members.

AWAKENING THE DREAMER: For Binkley members and friends: a symposium called "Awakening the Dreamer-Changing the Dream" on Saturday, Feb. 4 from 1:00 - 5:00 in the church lounge. The symposium is part of a worldwide initiative inspiring people to bring forth an environmentally sustainable, spiritually fulfilling and socially just human presence on this planet. We have local volunteers with the Pachamama Alliance (a non-profit organization) to lead the symposium. Our hope is that this symposium (which will include DVD and some commentary from the presenters) will awaken participants to new ways to look at how we live in this world as a human family and will inspire us to imagine a new vision founded in the desire we all share for justice and peace. The intent is not necessarily to leave the day with a "plan for action" but rather to see what stirs up within us in the days to come and notice where we feel called to action-both large and small. We would like for people to register to attend by calling or emailing Velma Ferrell, 493-2066 or velmamferrell@nc.rr.com by Wednesday, Feb. 1. The symposium is free; for those who are able, a \$10 donation would be helpful.

PRIMETIMERS, WEDNESDAY FEB 8, 12:30 PM: Join us for a pre-Valentine's Day lunch of chicken in mustard cream sauce, matchstick carrots with dill, rosemary roasted potatoes (rosemary from the Binkley garden!) and chocolate cupcakes (prepared by Duane and Mo), followed by Sheryl Scrimsher leading us in a rousing game of Trivial Pursuit. Lunch is \$8: sign up outside the CE office by Feb 1. See you then!

CHURCH FINANCES: Thanks to a generous response by the congregation, we have narrowed the gap in our financial needs. We did not reach our 2011 pledge goal, but because of exceeding the goal for non-pledged and building use income, along with an Affordable Care Act payment, and underspending in several categories, we ended 2011 with about \$10,000 in carryover funds. It is our intent to apply these funds toward the 2012 budget. We are still accepting contributions towards 2011 pledges which also will be applied toward the 2012 budget. **We are short of our 2012 Asking Budget goal by over \$50,000** and are working on a revised budget based on a continuation of spending at the 2011 levels. We hope to receive additional pledges in the next week that will enable us to present a balanced budget at the Feb 5 Church-in-Conference.

FLOWERS: Thanks to all who generously gave flowers for the sanctuary in 2011. Helping create a beautiful worship space is a great gift! Providing flowers is also an opportunity to honor a special person or occasion. If you would like to give flowers in 2012, please sign up on the flower sign up chart in the narthex. There are plenty of empty spaces for your name in January and February. *Gratefully, The Flower Committee*

BOUQUETS of thank-yous to Lillian Lee and Edith Wiggins for their tireless work in creating another tremendous event: The 27th Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet. Their spirit, professionalism and humor showed through. The brilliance of the keynote speaker, the inspiring awards given to students and community citizens, and the sort of music that stirs the soul. Lots of folks from Binkley meeting old and new friends. Leaving the banquet hall singing, "this little light of mine..." It could not have been a better evening. *Sheryl Scrimsher*

THIS SUNDAY'S IFC ITEM: powdered milk. **NEXT SUNDAY:** pasta/rice meals. All non-perishable donations are welcome.

NEW SMALL GROUPS:

- * **Movie-Night Group:** Join others to see a local film once a month, followed by conversation over coffee. Ashley Nissler is the contact, ranissler@mindspring.com, and even if you can only come occasionally, you are most welcome.
- * **Faith Issues Group:** Faith questions keep tugging at you? Looking for a place to talk about how your beliefs work in our complex world? Join us on February 12 after worship in the Lounge to discuss faith issues.
- * **Mostly Music:** Monthly, Billy and Anne Barnes, and Peter Carman will host a gathering to share songs, both sacred and secular. Bring an instrument if you have one. The group is open to newcomers. The next gathering is on Tuesday, February 28 at 7 pm in the Pocket Rooms near the Fellowship Hall.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES AT BINKLEY CHURCH:

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER & TALENT SHOW, FEB 21: The Binkley Youth look forward to hosting, entertaining and feeding you at this fabulous fellowship hall event. The Talent Sign-up sheet for all ages is located on Dale's bulletin board. If you can sing, juggle, tell jokes or conduct a science experiment please sign up. The event is a wonderful opportunity for you to have a lot of fun with a wide variety of Binkley members and friends. The cost for the meal (pancakes, sausage, beverages and fruit) is \$6.00 for 6th grade and above, \$5.00 for 5th grade and below with a \$25.00 household maximum. Net proceeds from the meal will support youth in need of scholarships for Baptist Youth Camp. The meal starts at 5:45 pm. Join us!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES FEB 22: On Ash Wednesday at Binkley we have two types of services where you may worship God and receive ashes on your hand or forehead. The first opportunity is an intimate gathering of two families at a time scheduled in fifteen minute segments in our Chapel beginning at 5:00 pm on February 22. Dale Osborne and Stephanie Ford lead the children and parents in dialogue, song, prayer and an explanation of ashes. Sign up on Dale's door by Tuesday night at the Pancake Supper. A more traditional service of ashes takes place in the sanctuary at 7:30 pm. Peter Carman and the Chancel Choir provide leadership for this worship time. Singing, scripture readings, prayer, special music and the placement of ashes are incorporated into the gathering. We encourage you to take part in one of these services as we prepare for the season of Lent.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS FOR BINKLEY YOUTH: This year's class will take place on six Tuesday nights from 5:45 - 7:15 pm, starting on February 28. All 7th-9th grade youth will receive a letter detailing the class structure. The class will begin with supper and move into questions about Christianity, joining a faith community like Binkley Baptist Church through baptism or confirmation, following the teachings of Jesus and building a stronger sense of support among your peers. We will finish the class in April. Contact Dale Osborne or Peter Carman to join.

LENTEN SUPPER SERIES: The Adult Education Team of the Christian Formation Committee will sponsor a Lenten Series, beginning Wednesday, February 29th and meeting weekly from 5:30-7:00 p.m. through March 28th. We'll gather for supper in the Fellowship Hall and then move to the Library for the presentation and discussion. The theme for these 5 weeks is Simplicity, a value deeply associated with Lent, as we seek to live out the Gospel message in a culture driven by consumption. A light soup supper will be served for \$4.00; childcare will be available from 6:00-7:00 pm. Join us for fellowship around the table and a dynamic conversation that gets at the heart of what it means to "walk the talk." - *Stephanie Ford*

BINKLEY-BARBEE'S CHAPEL 2012 YARD SALE: The tentative date for the 2012 Yard Sale is Saturday, August 18. The success of this much-anticipated community event will depend entirely on the congregations' willingness to volunteer their time and 'treasures.' The most immediate need is for volunteers to step forward to lead in organizing the yard sale. Joy Wood, Tom Fewel and Carole Stevens have prepared a very helpful guide to the entire process and have offered to assist the leader(s) of this year's yard sale in planning the event. So, we invite new and old members and attendees of Binkley to be a part of this great opportunity to serve the church and the entire community through the funds raised in the always-amazing Binkley Yard Sale! Call or e-mail Charles Coble at 919-619-0261, ccoble2@nc.rr.com or let any of the ministers know of your interest.

FEBRUARY 19 BARBEE'S CHAPEL JOINS US FOR WORSHIP AND LUNCH: Last year when they visited us, we had a wonderful variety of hearty foods. Let's do it again and make them welcome to "our house of worship". If you have questions, please call Lillian Lee, 942-6528, or Ann Brock, 401-5680.

FAITH CONNECTIONS Register NOW! Faith Connections on Mental Illness has planned another great seminar for **Friday, March 2**, at St. Thomas More Church. Healing Toward Wholeness: Our Faith Communities and Mental Illness features keynote speaker Rev. Craig Rennebohm who has worked for 20 years on the streets of Seattle with the homeless and mentally ill. Craig is the author of *Souls in the Hands of a Tender God* and *the Gentle Bible*. Dr. Michael A. Fuller, psychiatrist and professor from Galveston, Texas, will be our other guest speaker discussing such topics as the treatment of brain disorders and psychiatric interventions. This full day seminar will include 3 breakout groups addressing education, advocacy and support for those with mental illness and their families. Registration is limited so reserve your seat early. Breakout sessions, featured speakers, and lunch are included in the \$15 registration, which is due by Feb. 13; late registration is \$25. CEUs (4) are optional for an additional \$20 via Wake AHEC. To register, or for further information, go to www.wakeahec.org or call Jacqueline at 919-350-0461.

SIGN UP TO BE AN ACOLYTE NOW: If your child is in grade 1-5, and is interested in serving as an acolyte, you may sign them up on the form outside the Christian Ed office. Talk with Heather Rabalais for more information, 732-3244.

SERMON SHAPING: Lectionary Bible Study meets on Tuesdays at 1 pm in the library.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER: We gather in the Chapel each Wednesday from 9:00-9:45 am for Centering Prayer. Contact Nancy Cheek, 967-4348, cheekn@earthlink.net or Velma Ferrell, 493-2066, velmamferrell@nc.rr.com.

VENI SPIRITUS: Join us from 6:00-6:30pm on Thursdays in the Chapel. Information: Carol Ripley-Moffitt, 933-5400. Email sr-smith@mindspring.com.

ONGOING WEEKLY VIGILS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE: 4:30-5:30 pm every Friday at the corner of East Franklin Street and Elliott Road (near Whole Foods).

SAVE THE DATE CROP WALK, March 25th. Starts at 2 pm. Help end hunger!

Prayer Concerns in the Church Family: Doug MacKinnon, Carol Rhodes, Dot Simpson, Doug MacKinnon, June Bratcher, Jody Hite, Ginny Lansing, Elise Goldman, Claudia Cannady, Gladess Crisp, Jacob Osborne, Bradshaw family, Willard Hamrick, Aaron Shah and family, Martha Henderson, others seeking support.

Prayer Concerns in the Extended Family: Beatrice Nelson (friend of Lyn Lamont), Darryl Kirkendall (friend of Textoris'), Herman and Vikki McElveen (Mary Ann Bradshaw's brother and sister-in-law), Norma McKenzie (Pat's mother), Randy Garland (family member of the Lindsays), Brooks Best (friend of the Lindsays), Terri Robinson (friend of Billie Cox), Barbara and Ron Upshaw (family of Jo Lea), Steve Emrich (friend of Joe and Nan Pardington), Jessica Webb (Jo Flair's granddaughter), Will Grossman (friend of Sibyl Wagner), Virginia Freeman and Charlene Scarborough (mother and sister of Sonnie VanSant), Jackson Grove (Amy Jackson's infant nephew), Steve Elliott (Andy's brother), Althea Brock (Roy and Ann's sister-in-law), Tony Darr (Mel Andersen's brother-in-law), Christopher Burk (nephew of Marcella Burk Groom, recently injured in Afghanistan), Marvin and Ruby Switzer (Katherine Walker's grandparents), Andrew Henley (Carl's son), Mary Jane Burns (friend of Susan and Doug MacKinnon), Jeremiah Mabry and Iliecia Matos (son and granddaughter of Gwen and Michele Mabry), Malone and Betty Thomason (Caryl Price's parents), Curtis Harper (friend of Billy and Ann Barnes and Frank B. Smith), Pastor Waldir and Igreja Batista Esperança and Congregação Batista Esperança, in Salvador, Brazil, Linda Sisk (Mark Walters' mother), Dot Peterson and family (Susan Resnik's aunt), David McIlwain (Ashley Nissler's uncle), Carley Pardington (Joe's mother), Tan and Scott Coats (missionaries), Tara Hogan (Talmadge Walker's niece).

We offer prayers of sympathy to the family of Beth Jukes, who died on January 15. A memorial service for Beth will take place on Saturday, February 11, at 2 pm, in the Assembly Hall of Carol Woods, 750 Weaver Dairy Road in Chapel Hill.

Friends and Family Serving in the Armed Forces: Dave Andrews (Wallace cousin), and Forrest Wallace (Eastman-Zirkle cousin), both currently in Afghanistan.

Health Center/Hospital Residents: Don Westbrook, Bob Kreutzberg, Jean Breckenridge, Hilda Moffitt, Rusty Wagoner, Laurie Freeman, Joan Ewing, Carolyn Wallace, Marj Boltz

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ARTICLE IX NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The church in conference shall elect deacons and fill other elective offices in the following manner.

Section A. Nomination of Deacons

Church members shall nominate deacons by written ballot, from a list of members who are eligible to hold that office, who have not removed their name from that list. Twice the number of deacons to be elected shall be nominated. Persons who receive the greatest number of votes and consent to serve, if elected, shall constitute the nominees. Only one member of each family shall be listed on the ballot.

Section B. Election of Deacons

1. Elections shall take place annually in ~~AMarch~~**April**.
2. Nominees receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to full Diaconate terms. Nominees receiving the next greatest number of votes shall be elected to serve the balance of any partial term.
3. Deacons-elect shall assume office at the first meeting of the Diaconate following elections.

Section C. Nomination of the Church Council and Other Church Officers

1. The Diaconate shall present to the church in conference **during the first two weeks of March** nominees for members of the Church Council and other church officers to be elected.
2. The congregation may nominate other candidates for these offices.
3. Consent of each prospective nominee shall be a prerequisite to nomination.
4. The slate of nominees presented by the Diaconate shall be distributed to members of the church at least one week prior to the election.

Section D. Election of the Church Council and other Church Officers

1. General elections shall take place annually in ~~MApril~~**March**. Special elections to fill vacancies shall take place as needed.
2. Election to office shall be by majority vote.
3. Council members-elect shall assume office at the first meeting of the Church Council following elections.