

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 22-29

SUNDAY 1/22: 9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Worship, Mahan Siler preaching; installation: Stephanie Ford
12:15 pm Reception for Stephanie Ford, Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group, Sunroom

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE NUSERY TODAY:

Kim Greene, Rachel Smithson (staff);

Tom Fewel and Joy Wood (volunteers)

TUESDAY 1/24: 10:00 Staff Meeting, Minister's Office
1:00 pm Sermon-Shaping, Library
7:00 pm Mostly Music, Pocket Room

WEDNESDAY 1/25: NEWSLETTER MAILED
BINKLEY COOKS IFC LUNCH AND DINNER
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 1/26: 6:00 pm Veni Spiritus Prayer Group, Chapel
7:30 pm Music Committee

FRIDAY 1/27: 6:30 pm Intergenerational Game Night, Rooms 15 and 17

SATURDAY 1/28: Youth Group Day Hike, Hanging Rock Park

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

THIS SUNDAY'S IFC ITEM: canned meats and fish. **NEXT SUNDAY:** powdered milk. All non-perishable donations are welcome.

TODAY: Installation Service and Reception for Stephanie Ford: at 11 am we will formally install Stephanie as our Minister of Christian Education. Following worship will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall to give each of us an opportunity to welcome her personally. The guest at the 11 am worship service will be Mahan Siler, a distinguished preacher and important mentor to Stephanie. Be sure to join us for this time of celebration.

THIS FRIDAY INTERGENERATIONAL GAME NIGHT: Kids of all ages are invited to an evening of fellowship, playing games, and sharing dessert on Friday, January 27, from 6:30-8:00 pm in Rooms 15 and 17. Bring a favorite game from your shelf and a dessert to share. Let's have fun together on a winter's eve! - *Stephanie Ford and the Christian Formation Committee*

CHURCH IN CONFERENCE: Sunday Feb 5, 12:15 pm: there will be a CIC with three items of business: 1) adoption of the 2012 Operating Budget; 2) election of Charles Carver as Chair of the Fellowship Committee and; 3) consideration of a constitutional amendment to change the election cycles of the Diaconate and the Church Council. Save the date.

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, to be applied 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 three weeks 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*

POINSETTIAS NEED A HOME! The poinsettias have been beautiful this year but it is time for them to find another home. Would you take as many as you like home with you today? They will be waiting for you in the narthex!

NEW SMALL GROUPS: Sign up for a small group, or email stephanie@binkleychurch.org:

* **Dinner Groups:** Meeting monthly on a Friday or Saturday evening. Members take turns hosting the group for dinner, conversation and fellowship around the table. One group is open for singles, couples; two groups for singles, couples, and families with children.

* **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 in the Lounge to discuss faith issues.

* **Mostly Music:** Monthly, Billy and Ann Barnes and Peter Carman will host a gathering to share songs, both sacred and secular. Bring an instrument if you have one. The group will be open to newcomers. The first meeting will be 7 pm, Tuesday, January 24, in the Pocket Rooms.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOE TEMPLETON, recipient of the UNC General Alumni Association's 2012 Faculty Service Award. The award is given annually to a faculty member who has performed outstanding service for the University. Joe is a long-time Binkley member, and the Francis Preston Venable Professor of Chemistry at UNC.

COMING TO BINKLEY: *Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium.* Sponsored by Binkley groups Earth Ministries, Peace & Justice Action, and Spiritual Life. Saturday, February 4, 1-5 pm in the Lounge. The purpose of the symposium is to bring about a human presence on Earth that is environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling. Led by a local, 3-person team which has presented the symposium in other settings in our area and beyond. Register by Wednesday, February 1 by calling or emailing Velma Ferrell, velmamferrell@nc.rr.com, or 493-2066. Participation is free; if possible, a \$10 donation at the door will be appreciated. For more info, check the fliers at the church or contact Velma.

BINKLEY-BARBEE'S CHAPEL 2012 YARD SALE: The Church Council, at its December 16 meeting, approved a motion to conduct a yard sale in cooperation with Barbee's Chapel. The tentative date is set for 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.

FAITH CONNECTIONS Register NOW! Faith Connections on Mental Illness has planned another great seminar for Friday, March 2, at St. Thomas More Church, Chapel Hill, NC. 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. Visit www.wakeahec.org or call 350-0461.

DAYTIME BOOK GROUP will meet on Tuesday morning, January 24th, at 10:30 am in the library. We will watch the DVD of "Water for Elephants". All are welcome.

EMAIL CORRECTION: the current email address listed in the directory for Curt McLaughlin and Barbara Nettles-Carlson is incorrect. Their correct email address is: unikorn@bellsouth.net.

SERMON SHAPING: Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 1 pm in the library. All are welcome.

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 us end hunger.

Prayer Concerns in the Church Family: 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: 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 Groon, 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 in Thailand), 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