

BINKLEY NEWSLETTER

MAY 28, 2008

A Permanent Outdoor Labyrinth at Binkley

If you have walked by the Binkley courtyard in recent weeks, you may have noticed string and ground-level stakes which outline a soon-to-be-completed outdoor labyrinth. For many of us, the beautifully constructed canvas labyrinth on our sanctuary floor during Holy Week provides a special opportunity for meditation and centering during that significant time in the church year. Yet we have also longed for easy access to a more permanent labyrinth and the kind of walking meditation that it makes possible. **The time has come:** at its March meeting, the Church Council approved the following recommendation from the Labyrinth Committee:

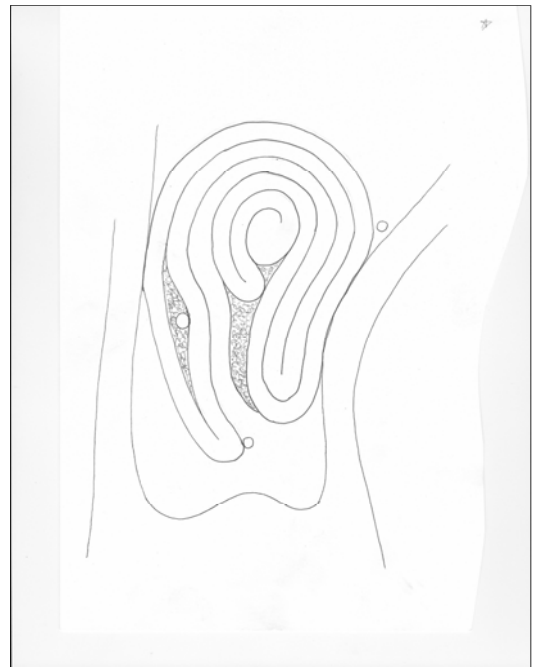
- In 2000, Gretchen Jordan, Minister of Christian Education at Binkley, gave money to establish a fund designated for the construction of a labyrinth at the church. After her initial gift, others were invited to contribute to the fund in appreciation for Gretchen's ministry at Binkley. Additional money was given. At the present time there is \$2,036 in the account.
- Over the past seven years, discussion about a Binkley labyrinth has taken place. At the time that the church was beginning its most recent construction, a decision was made by members interested in a labyrinth that the construction needed to be completed before plans for a labyrinth should proceed. This past fall, a new Labyrinth Committee was convened, with Suzy Osborne, Judy Eastman, Gretchen Jordan and Velma Ferrell.
- We have identified the wooded area in the courtyard as the most desirable place to locate a labyrinth. Our hope is to have a labyrinth which is created specifically for that space. We propose that rocks, laid on the sod and leaves, outline the design to guide walkers along the path. No trees or plants in the courtyard will be affected. We are especially aware of the recent work which Carol Hogue has completed in the Memorial Garden – bench and attractive plantings. We intend that the labyrinth be designed to complement that area, rather than interfere with it.

It is the committee's hope that a permanent labyrinth, easily accessible to those who choose to walk it, will be a significant addition to the spiritual life of this congregation and community.

We are grateful to Leandra Merea Strobe for her design of our unique Binkley labyrinth, one which honors both the shape of the space and the natural setting.

When it is time to lay the rocks along the paths, the committee would welcome volunteers to help with that task. Early summer is the targeted time. Please contact one of us if you would like to have a hand in this creation.

- *Velma Ferrell*



Barbee's/Binkley Women's Fellowship Supper: Saturday, May 31; 6-9 pm; Binkley Fellowship Hall. Who's invited? Women from Binkley, Barbee's Chapel/Harvest Word, to eat supper, share Bible Study, and have fun! Nancie will be cooking Thai food for this dinner. Child care will be available. Contact Nancie McDermott; 933-8850; nanciemac@yahoo.com. *AND attendees can join Nancie McDermott and others heading over to the Bean and Barrel in Governor's Club right after this event at 9 pm to catch our own Caryl Thomason Price who will be performing there that evening!*

Photos! For the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Binkley Church we need photos of people and happenings at Binkley over the last 50 years. Photos will be returned! Put your name and phone number on the back of each one, and place them in the Fine Arts mail box in the office. Contact Rachel Avery at 942-6150. Thank you for helping us remember the past 50 years at Binkley.—*The 50th Anniversary Committee*

The Occasional Binkley Golf Open Report: The 2008 Spring Binkley Open Golf Tournament concluded recently on a gorgeous day as fifteen members and friends of Binkley Baptist Church competed in a friendly round at the Quaker Creek Golf Club just north of Mebane. Hosted by Nape Baker and Joe Clontz with assistance from Ed Davis and Bob Phillips, golfers were treated to a course that is both challenging and fun. Using the Captain's Choice format with unique rules and playing in three foursomes and one threesome, Nape Baker, Ed Davis and Kevin VanSant won first place in the friendly competition and took home specially crafted trophies from the workshop of Fred Schroeder. Ed Davis won longest drive for men under seventy-five years of age, Mike Berkut won for the longest drive for men over the age of seventy-five, while Sue Schroeder had the longest drive for women. The four par threes were no problem for Joe Clontz, Carl Henley, Tom Cook and Nape Baker who also had the longest made putt. A fall outing is already in the works with details coming in the next few months.

Proposed Amendments to the Church Constitution: The Church Council is proposing amendments to the church constitution to clarify the role of the Personnel Relations Committee and to add the chair of the Stewardship Committee to the list of members of the Church Council. These amendments will be voted upon at the Church in Conference immediately following worship on June 1st. The purpose of the modifications to the role of the PRC is to clarify that they are not involved in evaluating staff and setting salaries for staff as these would potentially interfere with their main role of supporting staff and facilitating relationships among staff and between staff and the congregation. The addition of the Stewardship Chair to the list of Council Members is to codify a long standing practice of this position being a part of the Council. These changes are not intended to make significant changes in the work of these groups but rather to clarify and formalize existing practices. Handouts with the current and proposed constitutional language will be available on June 1st.
- *Dick Clifford, Moderator*

Habitat Trip June 16-21: If you are 16 or older and would like to build a Habitat house in Richmond, VA next month then please sign up on Dale's office door. We will leave on a Monday after business hours and return by lunch on Saturday. No prior experience is necessary. We will sleep at a local church in Richmond. Join us in providing safe affordable housing for a family nearby.

Congratulations Graduate! Several members and friends of Binkley have recently graduated from college or a graduate school program. We are so *very proud* of your hard work, faith in yourself and perseverance. May God grant you wisdom in the choices you have to make concerning your future. Our recent graduates are:

- **Betsy Kreutzberg:** NC Central University Masters in Library Science
- **Angela Swanson:** St. Andrews Presbyterian College Bachelor of Arts
- **Kate Horton:** UNC Chapel Hill Bachelor of Arts
- **Rae Hutchins** (granddaughter of Millie Smith): NC State School of Veterinary Medicine
- **Susie Kemple:** Yale University Bachelor of Arts

If you or your relative has been inadvertently left off this list, please contact Dale in the church office. Next month we will highlight our High School graduate, as well as any heretofore unmentioned university graduates.

June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>1</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Church in Conference</p>	<p><i>2</i></p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Music Committee 7:30 PM You and Your Aging Parent</p>	<p><i>6</i></p>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>11:00 AM Barbee's Chapel Festival and Fundraiser 7:30 PM Another Night to Remember</p>
<p><i>8</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Board of Outreach 7:30 PM Minister Search Committee</p>	<p><i>10</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:30 PM Earth Ministry</p>	<p><i>11</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>12</i></p>	<p><i>13</i></p>	<p><i>14</i></p>
<p><i>15</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Habitat Trip (through June 21)</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>5:45 PM Summer Souper Supper 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><i>19</i></p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Binkley Readers "Suite Francais"</p>	<p><i>21</i></p>
<p><i>22</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM -4:00 PM Baby Shower for Beth Honeycutt and Brian Graves</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Minister Search Committee</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Staff Meeting 11:00 AM Security Meeting</p>	<p><i>25</i></p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir Binkley Cooks IFC Lunch and Dinner</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p>
<p><i>29</i></p> <p>10:00 AM Worship</p>	<p><i>30</i></p>					

Barbee's Chapel Harvest Word Church Festival and Fund-Raiser: We're invited to join our partner-church Barbee's Chapel Harvest Word on Saturday, June 7, 11:00 am – 7pm, in the parking lot of Barbee's Chapel, for an afternoon of fun, food (fish/chicken dinners: \$6.50 each), fellowship and fund-raising, to benefit their education/tutoring center which will open this summer. Look for the North Carolina Central University Drum Corps to get things going in a big way. Save the date!

Do you ever feel like there isn't enough time for Fellowship on Sundays? Save the Date: Wednesday, **June 18, 2008, 5:45 pm.** Intergenerational Meal and Fellowship. Join us for a simple supper and time for fellowship afterwards. Sign up on Sundays in June or outside Beth's office. Cost: \$5. More details to come! Contact Nan Pardington for more information: 967-7021, nanpardington@bellsouth.net.

A Shower for Beth and Brian! All persons connected to Binkley are invited to a baby shower on **June 22** from 2:00-3:30 pm in the church lounge. The Board of Christian Education will be hosting this "drop-in" occasion with help from the staff and friends of Beth and Brian. Bring a smile, a blessing or a gift for the baby who is due to arrive in mid July.

Summer Worship with Children: We will have worship with children three times this summer: **June 8, June 15 and June 22.** This will be for ages 4 through third grade. We need adult and teen leaders for these days. Please sign up to help on the sheet located beside Beth's door.

Prayer Group: The Monday morning prayer group will resume after Launch Sunday. Know that all are welcome to continue to make use of the chapel for personal meditation and prayer.

Binkley Readers: Binkley Readers will meet on **Friday, June 20 at 7:30 pm** in the Binkley lounge to discuss "Suite Francais" by Irene Nemirovsky.

Vacation Bible School registration ends on **June 22.**

Yard Sale Opportunities! August 16 may seem like a long time away, but it's now time to organize for our 2008 Binkley/Barbee's Yard Sale! Enclosed is Yard Sale Volunteer Form. Please consider helping out, and o join in the work (and fun!), fill out a form, and leave it in the church office, or go to www.binkleychurch.org to submit our online volunteer form. Call Tom Fewel (929-3594), Ann Cockrell (383-4379) or Carole Stevens (967-6590) with questions. And of course, it's time for that spring cleaning and gathering of treasures for the sale!

Newsletter Summer Deadlines: As most of you know, we publish the newsletter only once a month during the summer, rather than our normal twice a month during the rest of the year. Following are the deadline and mail dates for the rest of the summer issues:

- **Deadline: Friday, June 20; mail date Wednesday June 25.**
- **Deadline: Friday, July 18; mail date Wednesday, July 23.**
- **Deadline: Friday, August 22; mail date Wednesday, August 27.**

Save the Date for Summer Congregational Listening Sessions! As the lazy days of summer approach and some aspects of Binkley church life take a slower pace, consider attending one or more Summer Conversation and Listening Sessions sponsored by the Diaconate. The Deacons are charged with supporting the spiritual welfare of the church, and would like to find out how Binkley members are feeling about the spiritual health of our community. You are invited to attend one or more of three Conversation and Listening sessions, **beginning at 11:15 am, after worship on Sundays, June 29, July 13, and July 27th.** We will plan to adjourn by 12:30pm so you can still make lunch! These gatherings will provide an informal, structured format for sharing hopes, fears, joys, and concerns about Binkley spiritual and congregational life. These will not be "task-oriented" events with specific plans for addressing issues, but rather opportunities for the staff, Diaconate, Council, Pastoral Search Committee, and wider congregation to hear how Binkley folks are feeling about how things are going. More details to follow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS		9	Lydia Chitwood	18	Kevin Horn, Tavione Sorrells
1	Guy Gracen	10	Barbara Harris, Collins Kilburn, Jamie Rogers-Cook	20	John Beeson, Tom Lindgren, Troy Page
2	Andrea Elliott	12	Laurie Freeman	21	Jacob Chitwood, Carol Ripley- Moffitt, Brennetta Simpson
3	Karl Reinhartsen	13	Patricia McKenzie, John Ramer, Jordan Woodson	23	Caroline Butler, Richard Clifford, Pearl Seymour
4	David Zimmerman	14	Chon Shoaf	24	Caryl Fulcher, Joel Johnston, Robin Palmer, Pamela Reed
5	Ellen Bradley, Brooke Wheeler	15	Linda Davis, Bill Harriss	26	Ann Cockrell, Jason Corum, Laura Corum, Thomas McCollough
6	Wanda Burton-Crutchfield, Velma Ferrell, Harry Jensen, Karen Long, Sharlene Meisner, Lucas Nelson, Lyn Pollard, Keith Ramer	16	Louise Baker, John Burton- Crutchfield, Jennifer Johnston, Nettie Wilburn, Jim Wise	28	Stuart Beeson, Roma Harris
8	Margie Billinger, Eva Clontz, Katherine Golla, Amy Fain Roseman, Diane Taylor	17	Katie Savelli	29	Rob King, Zach Stutts
BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT YEAR!				30	Mike Berkut, Buck Horton, Millie Smith, Nina Stein

HAPPY JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!	
1	Buck Horton and Sheryl Schrimsher 1980
2	Bob and June Bratcher 1944
3	Ruth Ann and Tim Ross 1981
6	Louise and Nape Baker 1961; Wally and Patricia Hill 2004; Heather and Ted Rabalais 1992
9	Biruta and Larry Nielsen 1962
10	Drew and Kara Baker 2000; Roy and Ann Brock; Barbara and Gove Elder 1961; Don and Norma Willhoit 1956
11	Bill and Susan Christopher 1988
12	David and Martha Green 1965; Caroline and Paul Lindsay 1954
13	Bill and Hilda Moffitt 1947
14	Melinda and Jim Wilde 1967
16	Gene and Lynne Johnston 1979; Charlie and Peggy Kinnaid
17	Robin and Richard Brice 1962
19	Dick and Ginger Clifford 1965; Karen and Don Reinfurt 1965
21	Barbara and Mike Davis 1968; Steve and Christine Jernigan 1995
22	James and Robin Brooks 1996; Kevin and Terry Horn 2002
23	Eric and Paula Butler 2003; Carolyn and Mark Morton 1984; Marian and Bob Mueller 1962; Pearl and Bob Seymour 1957
24	Brooks and MaryLou Smith 1967
25	Nan and Joe Pardington 1994; Caryl and Wayne Price 1983
27	Daniel and Linda Textoris 1959
28	Jim and Susan Pike 1969
29	Marty and Pat Moore 1963
30	Fred and Sue Schroeder 1963

SUMMER NURSERY DUTY (GREETER IN BOLD)	
June 1	Eric & Paula Butler; Carol Vander Zwaag & Lin Crockett; Linda Vaughn. TBA
June 8	Elizabeth Thompson, John Weathers & Janie Benson, Don Willhoit, Betsey Wu. Angela Snider
June 15	Lynn York, Joy Wood & Tom Fewel, Kimberly, Franklin, Hartford and Chandler Zirkle. Kara Richards-Baker
June 22	Katherine & Talmadge Walker, Lynn Lamont, Tracy Berger, Laurence & Rachel Avery. Tamara Dempsey-Tanner
June 29	Billy & Anne Barnes, Donald Beeson, Alice Glover, Stuart & John Beeson, David Zimmerman. Angela Snider
July 6	Jim, Linda & Amelia Hill-Wise, Nancy Berson, Ellen Bradley, Ann Brock. TBA
July 13	John Brandon, Kim Brewer & April Kemper, John & Wanda Burton-Crutchfield. Angela Snider
July 20	Neal Cheek, Bill & Susan Christopher, Ginger & Dick Clifford. Kara Richards-Baker
July 27	Eva Clontz, Ann Cockrell, Kit Conway, Lisa Costner, Diana Divine. Tamara Dempsey-Tanner
Aug 3	Ed & Sherri Davis, Abbie & Bill Dickinson, Mary Alice Dorton. TBA
Aug 10	Gladess Crisp, Bill Eastman. Nancy Ehle & Warren Nord, Lyman Ferrell. Angela Snider
Aug 17	Claudia & Joe Templeton, Jane & Allison Walters, Barbara & Gove Elder. Kara Richards-Baker
Aug 24	Anne Fishel, Caryl, Emily & Sarah Fulcher. Tamara Dempsey-Tanner
Aug 31	Meg Graham & Amy Jackson, Don Hamm, Trudier Harris, Pat Harris. Angela Snider

Prayer Concerns in the Church Family: Billy Cox, Jeff Land, Laurie Freeman, Martha Henderson, Allen Smith, Stacy Shelp, Elley Shelp-Peck, Merrie Shelp, Norma Willhoit, Julie Kern, Chris McDougald, Martha Tate, Robert Hughes, Jane Hill, Gladys Matthewson, Lyn and Nash Pollard, Gretchen Aylsworth, Bess Bailey, Sarah Buren, Joan Ewing, Roma Harris, Phillippi family, Bill and Ryan Peck, Coye Rogers, Dean Smith, Millie Smith, Pam Swanson-Boyd and the Minister Search Committee.

Prayer Concerns in the Extended Family: Henry Hall (Howard Lee's brother-in-law), Jon Siu, Arthur Johnson (Carl Johnson's father), Caroline Henley, Andrew Henley, Alan Bibb (Barbara Nettles-Carlson's son), Tom Kern (Julie Kern's father), Fred and Dot Byrd (Chris McDougald's parents), Carol Richardson (Bonnie and Laura Rogers' mother), Chris Todderoski (friend of Kent Coyle), Sally Resnik Rockriver (David Resnik's sister), Michelle Cootis, Briuna Richardson, Virginia Coyle (Kent Coyle's mother), Tony Lamont (Lyn Lamont's son), Landon Mazer (Van Tanner's friend), Yvonne Chapman (Barbee's Chapel), Boyd Switzer (Katherine Walker's father), John Kent's father, Tim Buckley (Geraldine King's friend), Kim Archer and David Bouldin (friends of Allen and Millie Smith), Marge Butera Sedlak (Karen Long's friend), Johnnie Johnson, (friend of Lillian Lee), Hope Conway (Kit Conway's mother), Karen Brock (Ann and Roy Brock's daughter-in-law), family of Thomas Barnett (Karen Long's friend), Joyce Bradley (Kent Coyle's friend), Tan and Scott Coats, Richard Cole (Kent Coyle's uncle), Tara Hogan (Talmadge Walker's niece), Gayle Gordon (Ruth Nagle's sister), Christine Hopkins (Anne Fishel's mother), Verla Insko's mother, Jessica Mosqueda (Jo Flair's granddaughter), Dan Peck (Bill Peck's brother), Rebecca Rogers (Susan's mother), Sebene Selassie (Bereket's daughter), Don & Sally Weil (Doug and Susan MacKinnon's friends), Health Center Residents.

In The Military: Todd Thomas (son of Libba Wells' cousin, in Iraq).

We offer Christian sympathy to Laurie Freeman and family, on the death on her daughter, Margie DeWoskin, on May 16.

Congratulations to repeat grandmother Margie Billinger whose son Eric and his wife Theresa welcomed Olive Christine Billinger into the world on 5/5/2008, and to new parents Betsy and Joe Holsopple, and new grandparents Collins Kilburn and Martha Hamilton, on the recent (May 24) arrival of Rachel Anne Holsopple.

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