

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 15-22

SUNDAY 1/15: 9:30 am Church School
11:00 am Worship, Peter Carman preaching
12:15 pm Christian Formation, Library
5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm Chin Worship, 17
6:00 pm Youth Group, Sunroom

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE NUSERY TODAY: Jeanine Gangloff, Shaina Draper (staff); Heather Rabalais, John Burton-Crutchfield (volunteers)

MONDAY 1/16: **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
4:00 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Church Council, Sunroom

TUESDAY 1/17: 10:00 Staff Meeting, Library
1:00 pm Sermon-Shaping, Library

WEDNESDAY 1/18: **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
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 1/19: 6:00 pm Veni Spiritus Prayer Group, Chapel
2:00 pm Worship at Carolina Meadows, Dale Osborne
7:30 pm Music Committee

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

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR 2011 PLEDGE? The end of 2011 is upon us, and we still have not received all of the money pledged for this year. We are in the negative for 2011 by more than \$45,000. If you made a pledge for calendar year 2011, and have not yet paid it in full, kindly do so as soon as possible. Checks dated "2011" will be credited as 2011 contributions. Checks dated "2012" will be credited as a 2011 contribution if so noted in the memo field. It would be great if we could finish out 2011 with 100% of our pledges received. For information about the status of your contributions, contact Duane Gilbert, Business Manager, 942-4964 x 23. And if you haven't yet pledged for 2012, you can do so online at www.binkleychurch.org

WE WELCOME ELIZABETH RAINES as our guest Chancel Choir conductor during Leandra Strobe's sabbatical. And we are grateful for Mary Ann Bradshaw, who has volunteered to lead the Youth and Children's Choirs during Leandra's absence. Please say thank you personally some time to both of them. - *Peter Carman*

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

NEW SMALL GROUPS: Sign up today! 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 communion around the table. Two groups are available 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? This Sunday after worship, folks interested in such a group may join Jan Clark and Peter Carman in the Lounge at 12:20 for appetizers and to learn more about this group.
- * **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 near the Fellowship Hall.
- * **Women's Spiritual Autobiography:** Meeting twice a month, beginning January 19, Stephanie Ford and Martha Hamilton will facilitate a six-session group to reflect on and share childhood memories, mentors, spiritual experiences, and transitions in our lives. We'll meet at Martha's home from 12:30-2 pm; for directions, email drmarthah@gmail.com or call or email Stephanie. The group will close on Jan. 19, so let us know.

Of course, there are small or medium-sized groups already flourishing in and around Binkley, such as the Wednesday morning prayer group, Veni Spiritus (on Thursday evenings), Sermon-Shaping on Tuesday afternoons, Prime Timers monthly, daytime and Friday evening book groups, Brainstormers, and Health Ministries. Please feel free to call and ask about any of these ongoing opportunities. If you have an idea for starting a group, we are eager to hear your vision. *Thanks, Stephanie Ford and the Christian Formation Committee*

THE EPIPHANY TREE OF WARMTH is located in the narthex. Over the next two Sundays you are encouraged to adorn the tree with warm gloves, hats, scarves and coats. These gifts of warmth will be shared with people in our community who are struggling against the cold. The Board of Outreach thanks you for helping.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: We have 5 days to make our goal: we're at \$584,596 **which is \$68,498 short of our goal of \$653,094.** The Council meets on January 16th to discuss the 2012 Program of Ministry budget and how best to use the resources we've been granted. Pray for success. Pray that each person who has yet to give does so in the next few days. Thank you to every person who has pledged to support Binkley's array of ministries. *Respectfully, Bill Peck, Stewardship Committee*

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.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE CROP WALK, March 25th. Starts at 2 pm. We need you to help end hunger.

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).

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 information, check the fliers at the church or contact Velma.

Prayer Concerns in the Church Family: Doug MacKinnon, June Bratcher, Jody Hite, Ginny Lansing, Elise Goldman, Mike Davis, 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 Ilicia 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).

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, Beth Jukes, Marj Boltz