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### Save the Date!

- **Embracing the Sacred**, with Sheridan Bushnell and Brooks de Wetter Smith, January 24, 7:30pm
- **Shrove Tuesday** Pancake Dinner and Talent Show, Feb. 16
- **Ash Wednesday**, February 17
- **The Lenten Art Show** will feature The Last Supper throughout ages and diverse cultures
- **Taize Worship Service** with communion, March 7
- **CROP Walk**, March 21
- **Palm Sunday and Holy Week**, March 28-April 2:  
Community Labyrinth Walk (with a Labyrinth Workshop),  
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services
- **Easter Sunday**, April 4 (Sunrise Service, Breakfast,  
Worship)
- **NAMI Walk**, Saturday, May 1, 10:00 am
- **Music Celebration** Sunday, May 9
- **Christian Education** Celebration Sunday, May 23, with  
End-of-Year Picnic in the afternoon
- **Vacation Bible School**, June 21-25
- **Workshop with guest Dr. Reta Finger** is June 26; she will  
preach in worship June 27
- **Baptist Peace Fellowship** of North America Peace Camp:  
July 12-17, Keuka Park, NY
- **Alliance of Baptists** Convocation: Pacific Grove,  
California, July 29 - August 1.
- **Bi-Annual Yard Sale** in August, Date TBA

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# BINKLEY BAPTIST CHURCH

## Winter/Spring 2010 Classes For Children, Youth and Adults

*Church School For All Ages*

Sundays, 9:30 am-10:30 am

Starting January 3

Adults meet in the Lounge together Jan. 3

Adult classes begin Jan. 10

No Church School April 4;

come for Easter Breakfast!

### ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

#### Greening Binkley (Adults, Room 16)

One good semester deserves another! The fall "Doing Justice" class is eager to continue meeting to consider faith and justice concerns. The first portion of the semester will be "Greening Binkley," taking a close look at what other congregations and members of our community are doing to be greener. We will examine Binkley Church's infrastructure, energy use and waste generation to develop practical recommendations for reducing our environmental footprint through energy conservation and reduction of waste. **Bob Phillips and Josiah Knight** will facilitate. The subsequent weeks will be a continuation of selected faith and justice topics begun in the fall. Come join us as we seek to live our faith!

## *ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES, CONTINUED*

### **Intro to Christian Scriptures 101 (Adults, Lounge)**

The Coble-Palmer Class welcomes returning and new participants in a new semester! This is a participatory setting for engagement with scholarship and faith questions. We will start the Spring Semester with a five-week study of the Gospel of Luke. Other books to be studied in the Spring are Galatians, James and either the book of Ruth or the book of Esther. Join our class and learn about the history and literature of the Bible. With **Michael Palmer's** Biblical scholarship, **Maria Palmer's** pastoral experience, and **Charles Coble's** educational expertise, the class keeps you involved and learning.

### **How a Poem Means (Adults, Sun Room)**

We will read aloud and discuss a few poems each Sunday from texts provided by the leaders. Choice of poems will be eclectic from all eras. Early in the semester class members will be asked to suggest authors, titles, and topics to be included. Emphasis will be on those poems that make Biblical references, involve theological or moral issues, or relate to experiences of transcendence or the Holy. **Taught by Nancy Joyner and Laurence Avery.**

### **Coffee and Conversation (Adults, 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 a toe in the waters of connection. Our reputation is raucous, but we promise not to bite—too hard! **Wanda Burton-Crutchfield** and **Meg Graham** facilitate the class with additional leadership from all members.

**Worship:** Each Sunday, we gather to be renewed for faithful living in the world (10:00 in Summer; 11:00 during school year). We celebrate the many ways children participate in 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 with adult support (singing hymns, standing and sitting, passing the peace, praying the Lord's Prayer, signing and singing the Doxology, listening, praying, being present!)*

**Giving:** Binkley seeks to be a generous church in the care of one another, our property, and our wider mission in the world. Children may give an offering in VBS, church school and worship, and may bring non-perishable food to the narthex, which supports the local Inter-Faith Council. Children participate in CROP and NAMI walks. Some have served as church greeters, or watered a church plant, or baked bread for communion. The youth group offers other opportunities for service, like gleaning sweet potatoes and collecting food for IFC.

**Youth Program:** 6th-12th graders participate in Church School classes (Sundays 9:30 am), Youth Choir (Sundays, 5pm) and Youth Group (Sundays, 6pm), which begins with supper, and moves into a variety games, discussions, and other activities.

#### **Specific dates for Youth to keep in mind include:**

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| February 6     | Ski Trip              |
| March          | Discipleship Class    |
| April 11       | Baptism Sunday        |
| April 23-25    | Beach Retreat         |
| May 2          | Youth Sunday          |
| June 21-25     | Vacation Bible School |
| June 27-July 2 | Baptist Youth Camp    |

**The Fun Stuff!** Binkley is a second home for many of our congregants. First and foremost in this are the relationships we have with one another. Other things that children—of all ages—*love* include our playgrounds, gardens, outdoor labyrinth, climbing trees, chapel, baptistry, pianos, fellowship hall (especially the stage!), foosball and ping pong tables, water fountains, library, and colorful hallway flooring.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAMS

January—May 2010

Binkley Baptist Church offers a *community* in which to grow in faith. We regularly renew our promises to be church together when we recite our church covenant as we pledge “*to 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, a number of opportunities are available for children and youth in Binkley Church’s programs:

**Church School** is a foundation for faith, as we learn stories and build relationships.

Church School Teachers:

- Toddler-Two: Pat McKenzie, Kathy Keyser, Kay Pratt
- Preschool: Jane Walters, Nancy Cheek, Angela Snider
- K-1: Linda Textoris, Roal Carlson, Nina Stein, Lyn Lamont, Ilona and Troy Page
- 2nd-3rd: Jim, Chris and Amelia Wise, Beth Honeycutt, Ellen Bradley
- 4th-5th: Lori Cahill, Steven Jernigan, Michael Bean
- Youth: Chris Copeland, Brian Graves and Dale Osborne

**Worship with Children:** During the worship hour, we occasionally offer worship groups for children. Youth and adults lead this program. The younger group (4-1st) will work on stories of Jesus this spring; the older group’s (2nd-5th) sessions will include Baptist education.

**Nursery:** Child care is provided on Sunday mornings year round. We offer care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Binkley employs several qualified caregivers, assisted by rotating volunteers from the congregation. Caregivers are Stephanie Hawkins, Erica Davis and Melanie Perry .



## ***ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS BEYOND CHURCH SCHOOL ...***

### **Sermon Shaping**

A Bible study is held every **Tuesday at 12:30 in the library**. All are welcome! The Bible passages we discuss will be for the coming Sunday, and are drawn from the Revised Common Lectionary. Feel free to bring your lunch along.

### **Prayer Group**

Each Wednesday September through May, there is a time of contemplative prayer in the church Chapel. The 9:00-9:45 period includes both an extended time for silence and a time for spoken prayers. Regular and occasional participants are welcome.

### **PrimeTimers**

PrimeTimers meet the second Tuesday of each month thru May for lunch and discussion of *The Making of an Elder Culture*.

### **Women’s Retreat**

The women’s retreat will be April 16-18, 2010, at Trinity Center in Salter Path, NC (the beach!). Watch for registration info.

### **Chapel, Labyrinth, Library**

The church **Chapel** is available for personal meditation and prayers. A number of Binkley folks come for this purpose throughout the week. The Fine Arts Committee has worked to make the space welcoming and inviting. The Chapel is located beyond the Narthex; follow the walkway as it narrows around to the right. We have a permanent **labyrinth** outdoors here at Binkley, located in the courtyard, surrounded by the building, sanctuary and playground. People walk a labyrinth to pray and to meditate; simply follow the path outlined by the rocks. The labyrinth is unique in all seasons! The church **library** is located near the fellowship hall. With resources for all ages, it is a comfortable place to relax and catch your breath.

**Continue reading to learn about Wednesday night opportunities and initial plans for Lent/Easter 2010!**

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT BINKLEY CHURCH: IT'S THE ONLY PLACE TO BE!

Look in the narthex soon to sign up to help prepare dinner!

Here's the Weekly Schedule (beginning January 13; keep watch for more information about program times during the Shrove Tuesday/Ash Wednesday week, and Holy Week):

**4:30** Children begin on the playground for kid's programming—art, singing, learning about worship, games, and sharing

**5:30** Dinner and coming together in the fellowship hall AND...to help us “keep green”, Bring Your Own Dishes! Dinner costs: \$4 for adults \$3 for children 12 and under; add a dollar per person to use the church's supplies.

**6:15-** Children grades K-5 *who can read and commit to come each week* gather in the choir room with

**7:15** Leandra and Bo for Children's Choir; other children go to child care in room 6

Youth and Adults will have programmed and *un*programmed opportunities after dinner.

One Wednesday before Lent, we hope to enjoy a return visit from Turkish Muslims from the Divan Center in Durham.

For five Wednesdays in Lent, 3 classes will be offered:

—Bible Study led by Brian Graves: “Pausing on the Road to Jerusalem: A Lenten Study”

—Spirituality and Art

—Living Our Values as Parents, with presentations from Sibyl Wagner (handling transitions in family life), Kay Pratt (nutrition), Maureen Rosen (helping kids deal with money), and more!

Other Wednesday nights will be *un*programmed, giving folks an opportunity to talk with one another or even hold a committee meeting while children are in choir or child care.