



WINDERMERE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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FEBRUARY 2012
NEWSLETTER

Ramblings from Pastor Roland

The struggles that Windermere is now facing are not new, you could say they are as old as the hills. Well, maybe not that old but they go back for hundreds of years in the Presbyterian Church. At the heart of the issue is the authority of Scripture and the question, is the Word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit or is it just the work of man and therefore fallible?

This age old debate erupted in the 1920's as a result of the modernist preaching of Harry Emerson Fosdick in New York City. Due to advances in modern science Rev. Fosdick argued that many people found it impossible to believe in the virgin birth, the doctrine of substitutionary atonement and the literal second coming of Christ. Therefore, Fosdick argued for the acceptance of these heretical ideas. I always find it ironic how man seeks to use his limited knowledge of creation to judge the Creator. In this regard I love the verse from Proverbs 25: 2, "It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of nobles to search out a matter. God created science in the beginning and now it is being used against Him."

Sadly the continuing rejection of God's Word by the modernist has driven out the orthodox believers in a series of splits that created the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC) in 1936, the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) in 1973, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) in 1980 and most recently the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO for short).

I personally reject the belief that the Bible is contrary to Science. We have seen examples of how science has changed over time to actually affirm the Biblical teaching. For example, in the early days of science it was thought that the universe had no beginning but now they agree with the Bible that it began at a point in time. Therefore, who are we to judge God and reject the supernatural, miracles and prophecy? I love what God said through the prophet Isaiah in chapter 40: 25, "to whom then will you liken Me that I should be his equal? Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these stars." This is the crux of the matter, are we going to put ourselves above God and counter Scripture by saying, my ways are better than Your ways, my thoughts are better than Yours. If you wish to hear the good news and the truth in this matter see Isaiah 55: 8!

Finance Report for December 2011

Operating Fund (Budgeted Items)

	December	Year 2011
Beginning Balance	\$ (3,402.29)	\$ 2,320.31
Income	23,314.91	200,255.66
Expenses	(19,819.80)	(212,333.15)
Transfers	150.00	10,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 242.82	\$ 242.82

Elder on Duty for the Month of February—Karen Scheboth

February Ushers

Ted Kalnen, Becky Kalnen, Clara Wilson, Ron Stott, Sue Stott, Trudy Matthews

Acolyte for February

Gavin Maultsby and TBA

Elders for 2012

Clerk of Session: Ian Cook 791-5239

Christian Ed.: Pastor Roland (chair) 792-9622

Finance: Randy LaGrange (chair) 392-0292, Ellen Allen 392-1274,
Paul Albritton 799-4271

Property & Maintenance: Russ Barker (chair) 392-1376, Keith Register 793-4945,
Larry Sibbald 620-3111

Strengthening the Church: Karen Scheboth (chair) 524-8851,
Janet Coleman 262-3199

Mission and Service: Dennis Brandon (chair) 686-0365, Ian Cook 791-5239,
Jennie Galloway 313-0707

Worship: Becky Kalnen (chair) 799-9612

Elder Nominating Committee for 2012

Jennie Galloway (chair), Julia Huntley, Richard Carus, Tom Hebert, Jane Beck

Minister: Rev. Roland Banks, 791-5966, email: rsbanks@bizec.rr.com

Secretary: Fran King, 791-5966, email: windermere@bizec.rr.com

Music Director: Candace Williams, 791-5966, email: towermouse@bellsouth.net

Pre-School Director: JoAnn Anderton, 791-8290

Nursery: Donna Kaiser, 508-2296

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Children's Church Leaders - February 2012

Feb. 05 Diane Evers 791-6989

Feb. 12 Jeannette Ramsey 791-6071

Feb. 19 Sanica & Matthew Coleman 352-1334

Feb. 26 Kathy Oakes 547-5275

Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorinda Hartley—Campus Crusade, Wilmington

Andrew Givens—InterVarsity, Wilmington

Bret & Mindy Taylor-Wycliffe Bible Translators, Waxhaw

Sasan & Kenna Tavassoli—Outreach Foundation, Iran

MEALS ON WHEELS

February 25
Please sign up!



Mission Statement:

The mission of Windermere Presbyterian Church is to mutually nurture, support and encourage one another toward spiritual maturity while reaching out to the community in response to God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The night circle will meet on Monday, February 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Allison Sayer, 5134 Chaucer Rd. Janet Coleman will serve as hostess and will give devotions. Allison will lead the discussion of Chapter 8: The Samaritan Woman: Finding the water of life. If you need directions or a ride, please call Ellen Allen 392-1274.

The day circle will meet Tuesday, February 14th at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Elizabeth Albritton will give the devotions, and Janet Casey will lead the discussion of Lesson 5: Greatly Honored are those who show mercy! Scripture readings: Matthew 5:7; Luke 10: 25-37. Please plan to join us for lunch and fellowship after the meeting.

Members are reminded that we voted to support the C.U.R.E. MISSION PROJECT and your donations will be collected at the February meeting. For more information concerning this project, see article below.

We will be hosting the reception for the Boy Scouts on Sunday, February 12th. Please sign-up in the narthex to bring "goodies".

C.U.R.E. PROJECT - Project C.U.R.E. is a nonprofit organization that delivers donated medical supplies and equipment to underserved hospitals and clinics in developing countries, including Pakistan, India, Ukraine, Haiti, Panama, Congo, Ethiopia, and others. They send basic supplies like, band-aids, baby diapers, dressings, all the way up to specialty items like IV supplies, catheters and surgical specialties. Since its inception in 1987 the organization has delivered nearly \$450 million worth of medical relief to people in need in over 120 countries.

The Windermere PW have supported this project for the past two years and welcome anyone in the congregation that would like to donate to this project, to make a check to Windermere PW or put cash in a pew envelope and designate to the CURE project. We will be collecting through February.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PURPOSE — Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Pre-school News —



Our spaghetti dinner was a huge success with about 150 people attending. One of our Dads (Rick Martin) made the sauce, and the teachers, board members, and some parents did everything else. MaryAnn Wike and Holly Stevens coordinated the event along with board members, Diane Carey, Janet Casey and Sue Stott. If you would like to be on our board, please tell MaryAnn.

The dinner raised \$621.88 after paying expenses. It was a great evening and I thank everyone involved.

Remember to shop at Harris-Teeter, purchase Harris-Teeter products, and be sure to link with our number 8112.

Registration is starting for next Fall, so if you know a family with a 2, 3, or 4 year old, have them call soon.

Again, thanks for your continued support.

JoAnn Anderton, Director

News about the

Fellowship of Presbyterians Conference

After church on Sunday, January 29th Pastor Roland and Jan spoke about their recent trip to Orlando Florida and the Fellowship of Presbyterians Conference. At this conference were 2,150 Presbyterian representing 500 churches that have been adversely affected by the recent changes to our ordination standards. Below is a summary of the options that were presented to these churches:

1. Keep things exactly as they are, stay in the PCUSA
2. Join the Fellowship of Presbyterians (FOP) – a group of like-minded churches within the PCUSA that will be affiliated with the Evangelical Covenant Order (ECO) of Presbyterian (new denomination just established). This would provide some differentiation from the PCUSA while still allowing participation in the PCUSA.
3. Join the new denomination (ECO)
4. Become a Union Church with joint membership in PCUSA and ECO.
5. Join another denomination like the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

For further information on this matter please contact Pastor Roland or one of our elders.

Ladies' Lunch Bunch !

The 5th of February is the date and we will be going to the Olympia following the worship service. Please, sign up in the narthex. We would love to have you join us. Meet others attending in the narthex on the day of the luncheon. We are always happy to car pool. If you have questions, please, call Nancy Hoggard, 790-2168, or Joan Perry, 686-5793.





PRAYER LIST— Members:

Charlene Farrar, Clair Holt, Nancy & Bob Thrift,
Jarna & Larry Culp, Randy LaGrange
Deenie & Bob Leech, David Hilliard, Jean Crawford,
Joan Sibbald, Elizabeth Albritton, Jeannette Ramsey,
Chris Ponton, John Williams, Pearl Cavenaugh and Her Family

Members' Families & Friends

Robert Aciego, Leola Askew, Kathy Belue Baldwin, Beth Brown,
Jones Carr, Sarah Cook, Robert Copeland, Phylliss Cook,
Ernest Coleman, Phil Chabot, Layne Clark, Shane David,
Brenda Dollars, Violet Denton, Jan Dudek, Jerry Devine,
Donna Kaiser, Joan Flewellin, Cindy Fentress, Franklin Floyd,
Dub Freshwater, Linda Heimbach, Anne Horne,
Shirley Henson, Linda Hernandez, Louise Gray, Melanie Harris,
Marge Herbick, Sara Hoops Ingram, Jim Johnson,
Donald Johnson, Frances Johnson, Warren Jackson,
Deborah Kalnen, John Love, Tracey Moore, Levi McCumbee,
Avia Oxendine, Pam Peterson, Peggy Richmond, Jessica Stone,
Amber Russell, Meg Sperry, Melinda Sumrall, James Spake,
Teresa Simmons, Regis Serene, Howard Todd, Kandy Veasy,
Mason Thompson, William Paco Stickland, Lynn Wolfcale,
Rachel Wendolph, Bobby Walker, Sorrel Brady-Roche,
Denise Minish Fiorillo, The Family of Mark Santilli,
Bonnie Rickett's Daughter, The Scarlett Family

February Anniversaries:

Doris & Robert Failing 02/22



February Birthdays:

Mary Cox 02/03
Walter Griffith 02/07
Nadine "Deenie" Leech 02/08
Noah Thomas 02/08
Nancy Thrift 02/08
Dennis Wood 02/09
Sanica Coleman 02/10
Mary Wike 02/10
Cecilia "Cely" LaGrange 02/11
Ed Casey 02/12
Trudy Matthews 02/13
Lynette Thomas 02/13
Ernest Daniel 02/17
Mary McLeod 02/17
Julia Huntley 02/20
Leon Fox 02/22
Carolyn McBride 02/24
Heather Cook 02/25
Lucas Sayer 02/25
Gloria Carus 02/26
Emma Coward 02/26
Betty Kenny 02/27



Service Men & Women

1st Lt. Dan Campbell, son of Roy and Vicky Campbell
Nicole Lessman, Richard Evers' cousin
Joshua Echols

The Men of the Church

The Men of the Church will meet at 6:00 p.m.
on Sunday, February 19th. The program will be
Session 5 of the Joe Gibbs Program for Life
Series.

Notice! Pastor Roland has a new cell #, it is 910 231-9306.

Assisted Living:

- Helen MacIver, Woodbury Wellness Center, 2778 Country Club Dr., Hampstead NC 28443
- Catherine Saylor, Pacifica Senior Living, Rm. # 212, 2744 S. 17th St., Wilmington, NC 28412, Phone 452-1114
- Nellie Baker, Autumn Care of Wilmington, 5725 Carolina Beach Rd., Wilmington, NC 28412
- Nancy Thrift, Huntington Health Care, 311 South Campbell St., Rm. # 414-B, Burgaw, NC 28425-5011
- Harry Wettig, Pacifica Senior Living, Rm. #100, 2744 S. 17th St., Wilmington, NC 28412
- Clair Holt, Cypress Point Healthcare, 2006 S. 16th St., Rm. # 21 Wilmington, NC 28401
- Doris Erkes, Brightmore of Wilmington, 2324 41st St., Apt. 230, Wilmington, NC, Tele. 792-0698

February 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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			11 am Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	12 noon Men's Bible Study 7 pm Mission & Service Comm.		9:30-1 pm Music in Sanctuary 11 am Chime Choir
5 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship Ladies' Lunch Bunch Souper Bowl of Caring 6 pm Bible Study	6 7 pm Boy Scout T255 7 pm Bible Study	7 9:15 am TOPS 7 pm Property Comm. 7 pm Bible Study	8 11 am Bible Study 6 pm Wednesday Night Live-Pot Luck Supper 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir 7 pm S T C Comm.	9 12 noon Men's Bible Study	10	11 9:30-1 pm Music in Sanctuary 11 am Chime Choir
12 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship 2:30 pm Pacifica Service 6 pm Bible Study	13 7 pm Night Circle 6 pm Wedding Rehearsal 7 pm Boy Scout T255 7 pm Bible Study	14 9:15 am TOPS 10:30 am Day Circle 2 pm Wedding 6:30 pm Worship Comm. 7 pm Bible Study	15 11 am Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	16 12 noon Men's Bible Study	17	18 9:30-1 pm Music in Sanctuary 11 am Chime Choir 9-12 Session Retreat
19 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship Scout Sunday 6 pm Men of the Church 6 pm Bible Study	20 7 pm Boy Scout T255 7 pm Bible Study	21 9:15 am TOPS 2 pm Finance 6:30 pm Prayer Shawl Mtg. 6 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner 7 pm Bible Study	22 11 am Bible Study 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	23 12 noon Men's Bible Study 7 pm Session	24	25 9:30-1 pm Music in Sanctuary 11 am Chime Choir 9:30 am MEALS ON WHEELS
26 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship 6 pm Bible Study	27 Boy Scout T255 7 pm Bible Study	28 9:15 am TOPS WIHN 7 pm Bible Study	29 11 am Bible Study Lenten Luncheon WIHN 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	WIHN		



**YOU ARE INVITED
TO THESE EVENTS!**

Please mark your calendar

**for the
NEW YEAR - 2012!**

**News from the
Strengthening the Church Committee
(STC)**

Many people have asked what happened to the monthly Wednesday Night Live programs. Below is a schedule of the fellowship events that the STC is planning for 2012 along with the other usual events like the Preschool fund raiser, Shrove Tuesday and Lenten luncheons. If you or your group would like to host a Wednesday night live program the STC would love to help you coordinate it.

2/8 Wednesday Night Live—Pot Luck Supper

2/21 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

2/29 Lenten Luncheon

3/7 Lenten Luncheon

3/14 Lenten Luncheon

3/21 Lenten Luncheon

3/28 Lenten Luncheon

5/2 Wednesday Night Live

9/5 Wednesday Night Live

10/20 or 27 Dinner Theater

12/2 Joy Gift

The Sam Mann Healing Partnership,

a program of the Presbyterian Counseling Center, is pleased to be offering a cancer support group. This is an opportunity for those facing cancer to get together for mutual support, comfort and friendship. The group meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month (excluding holidays) from 6 pm - 7:30 pm at the Presbyterian Counseling Center (4810 Wrightsville Avenue between S. College Road and MacMillan Avenue). There is no fee for group participants. If you or someone you know would like more information, please call Catherine Butler or Jennifer Phelps at (910) 452-7370.

Chipata Zambia

Mackenzie Morgan, daughter of Mark and Diane who attended here as a child, is raising funds to go on a mission trip to Zambia, Africa this summer. If you would like to help her raise the necessary \$2,800 you can mail your donation to Wilmington Christian Academy Mission Trip, 1401 North College Rd. Wilmington, NC 28405.

SESSION NEWS – December 2011

Examined and approved new ruling elders, Jennie Galloway and Larry Sibbald.

Ordination /Installation of new ruling elders is scheduled for January 8th, 2012.

Approved budget for 2012.

Approved bank signature authorizations for church and Preschool.

Approved holding a Wednesday Night Live program to highlight some of our budget issues.

Approved Financial Assistance forms, and Accident/Injury report form to be used by the Preschool.

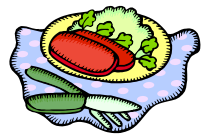
Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

is in dire need - of personal hygiene products, disposable dining ware, and baby care products. These items can be donated in the standard family size or individual sizes found complimentary in hotels, etc. Please know that one bar of soap is a luxury to a family in need!



We will honor our Boy Scout Troop #255 on Sunday, February 19th. A reception will be held after the church service. If you can help by bringing food items, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Wednesday Night Live Potluck Supper on February 8th at 6:00 p.m. is sponsored by the Finance Committee. The program will be a detailed discussion of the 2012 budget with the opportunity for questions, comments and suggestions. Please bring a dish and be prepared for an informative evening.



New Babies . . .

We have two new babies this year, Samantha Coleman, daughter of Matthew and Sanica, and Hudson Alexander, son of Matthew and Angela Allen and grandson of David and Ellen Allen.

Windermere Presbyterian Church—MUSIC

Windermere Presbyterian Church has an active, welcoming music program. Our **Adult Choir** of approximately 25 singers provides anthems and musical leadership for every worship service throughout the year. Two large choral works are prepared and offered at Christmas and Easter seasons, often using instrumental ensembles or small orchestras. As an added treat, we are looking forward to our sixth annual July 4th concert in 2012, performed with brass quintet of university faculty, timpani, guest singers and soloists. The adult choir is open to all adults and high school juniors, no audition necessary. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

A **Chime Choir** of adults and youth plays frequently for worship services. The group rehearses weekly on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m.

If you are interested in participating in music at Windermere, whether as an instrumentalist or singer, please contact Candy Williams, Music Director at towermouse@bellsouth.net.

Upcoming Items to put on your Calendar Now:

April 1, Palm Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Worship service. The adult choir with guest singers and soloists will present the cantata by Mary McDonald, **"The Way of The Cross Leads Home."**

July 4th - 4:00 p.m. Patriotic Concert with Cape Fear Brass Ensemble, Choir and Soloists

Thanks to Gayle and Dennis Brandon for the gift of new Choral Folders for the choir!



Warmth in the midst of Cold — An Opportunity To Warm Lives

Winter, the time of cold and in many ways coldness, brings us another opportunity to express our continuing love for Christ. We can help homeless families break out of their present situation into permanent housing as we participate again in the Wilmington InterFaith Hospitality Program, February 28th, 29th & March 1st.



WILMINGTON INTERFAITH
HOSPITALITY NETWORK

As a family graduates, they take with them the Christian warmth that Windermere and the other churches in the program provide. A sign-up chart is available in the narthex. Please remember to sign up next Sunday for something that you feel comfortable doing.

The number of families and persons in the program changes. As one family graduates into permanent housing, another family comes in. At any one time there is room for four families with a total of 14 persons. Occasionally, because of emergencies, it could be five families with a total of 15 persons. As in the past, Windermere people will provide food, serve the evening meals, be evening hosts, overnight hosts, and someone to drive the van in the morning and evening. There are brochures in the church narthex which describe some of the details of the various responsibilities. Please feel free to call Norma or Walt Griffith (392-3772) for answers to your questions about what is included in the various responsibilities.

WIHN is a ministry to provide temporary housing for families who are willing to meet the program's criteria and are willing to set goals to solve their housing needs. The program includes necessary counseling to help the families attain the goal of getting into their own housing. Since the beginning, over 75 percent of the families who have entered the program have graduated into permanent housing.

Windermere has been one of the churches who have supported this mission since it was started in Wilmington in 1996. All of us are glad to be a part of a ministry which has made a positive difference in the lives of the families who have come to WIHN for help. Last year approximately 53 persons from 43 families helped in one way or another. In addition others have supported our ministry with prayer. Our hearts have been encouraged by the reports of how people have been able to move forward because of the help we have given. Some guests have also been instrumental in getting the church they attend to become involved in WIHN.

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Presbyterian Counseling Center

CENTERPOINT

The child sexual abuse scandal at Penn State, a predominant news story in recent months, has sparked much outrage and discussion.

Child sexual abuse is a terrible crime that can cause lasting severe emotional distress to the victim. Sleep disturbance, withdrawal, low self-esteem, trust issues, anger, and depression are just a few examples of the potential effects of abuse.

The fact that the scandal has gotten people talking about sexual abuse of children and teenagers is a good thing. Talking openly about it raises awareness which is an important step towards prevention.

Parents often find it uncomfortable and awkward to talk with their children about sex. Creating an open environment where sensitive topics can be discussed freely is one of the best ways you can protect your children from sexual predators.

In the next Centerpoint article, we will discuss ways to talk to your children about sex and sexual abuse. The third article in this series will address how to recognize a potential predator.

The Presbyterian Counseling Center...hope and healing for all. Call at 910-452-7370
or visit us at presbyteriancounselingcenter.org

- Ann C. Thacker