



WINDERMERE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
104 WINDEMERE ROAD  
WILMINGTON, NC 28405

## JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

### Ramblings from Pastor Roland

My prayer for us in 2012 is that we would obtain true wisdom. For according to the Bible in Proverbs 3: 13-14, *blessed is the man/woman who finds wisdom, and the man/woman who gains understanding. For its profit is better than the profit of silver and its gain than fine gold.*

In this world we have so many choices, for example we can have whole milk, 2%, 1%, Skin milk, Soymilk, Rice milk or Almond milk on our cheerios. The same goes for wisdom; we can chose between secular wisdom, Christian Wisdom, Far Eastern wisdom, Jewish wisdom, Muslim wisdom, etc. But most of the people I know pick and chose from each source what they like, some from Christ, some from Buddha, some from the Dalai Lama, some from Oprah, and some from their favorite TV show, movie or book.

Even in the church I find the same combination, a mixed bag of different types of wisdom. For example, how many people in the church really subscribe to wisdom of Jesus in turning the other cheek, loving your enemies, doing good to those who hate us, blessing those who curse us, praying for those who mistreat us, and lending to others expecting nothing in return, denying ourselves and asserting the good of others? Or do we not rather subscribe to the secular wisdom that we must assert ourselves and fight back in order to get what we want and survive in this world to the point of hating our enemies, and protecting our possession at all cost?

Sadly, so many people get in trouble following the wisdom of this world, seeking after the elusive American dream. Take for example how a few years ago the conventional wisdom was to use other people's money to make money. In other words we were advised to obtain as much debt as we possibly could on our investments and then wait for them to appreciate and we would soon be rich. Well we all know what has happened since 2008 to all those who followed this kind of wisdom. While on the other hand Biblical wisdom tells us to stay out of debt for *the borrower becomes the lender's slave* (Proverbs 22: 7).

In conclusion I ask you how can we be Christians, followers of Christ, yet deny his teachings. In Colossians 2: 3, we are told that *in Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*. Isn't it time that we put false wisdom aside and seek after the true wisdom that comes from Christ. In Romans 11: 33 we are told *Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!*

## Finance Report for November 2011

### Operating Fund (budget):

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,149.57
Income	\$ 13,263.45
Expenses	\$ 18,815.31
Ending Balance	\$ (3,402.29)



### Non-budget contributions:

Men of the Church	\$ 630.00
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Expenses far exceeded income for the month of November and the trend has continued in December.

### **Elder on Duty for the Month of January—Keith Register**

#### **January Ushers**

Jane Beck, Jeff Townsend, Keith Register, Laurie register, Bonnie Ricketts, Ryan LaGrange

#### **Acolyte for January**

Matthew Townsend

#### **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

**Worship:** Becky Kalnen (chair) 799-9612, Jennie Galloway 313-0707

**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 - January 2012**

Jan. 01 Trudy Matthews 791-3103

Jan. 08 Laurie & Jacob Register 793-4945

Jan. 15 Janet Coleman 262-3199

Jan. 22 Desiree & Charles Horton 686-6199

Jan. 29 Allison Sayer 620-6603

### **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

### **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 January 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jenny King. Carol Weaver will be the hostess and Julia Huntley will be the study leader. Ellen Allen will lead the lesson, Chapter 7 "Anna the Faithful Witness".

The Day circle will meet on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Janet Casey will lead the devotions and members are asked to read Lesson 4 in their study book: Greatly Honored Are Those Who Are Famished and Parched for Justice! Scripture reading Matthew 5:6; Luke 21, 25; Psalm 107:1-9. After the meeting we will stay at the church for a home-made soup lunch served by several members. All members are encouraged to stay for this time of fellowship. We really enjoyed our Christmas lunch when 10 of us went out to eat.

Members are reminded that we will once again support the C.U.R.E. Foundation that sends medical supplies to countries in need. We ask that members give the amount you would spend on making health kits to this project. We will collect the contributions at our January and February meetings. Each \$25.00 we send will buy a box of medical supplies We have been able to send \$200. the past two years.

The Seamen's Center was very grateful for the items we delivered for their Christmas gift bags for seamen. They were out of items to wrap the day I delivered them.

Reminder: Save those Campbell, Swanson, Pepperidge Farm, Prego and V-8 labels. There is a basket on the table in the narthex for you to put them. These go to the Barium Springs Home for Children to help them receive educational items at no cost.



**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.

### *Ladies' Lunch Bunch !*

**Double Alert!!** The Ladies Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in January! Instead we ask that you attend the birthday party following the worship service that will be held in the fellowship hall. Calendar confusion rests with the fact that I did not check the full year's calendar for 2011, and put Jan. 8th on the church's calendar. Therefore, Strengthening of the Church chose Jan. 8th for their event. I have already checked 2012, and we are in the clear for the first Sunday of each month.

## Pre-school News —

We return to school on January 2nd.

The Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the preschool will take place Wednesday evening, January 18th. Tickets will be available for purchase.

The Pre-school has one vacancy in each of the Two and Four year old classes. Tell your friends and neighbors there is still room.

JoAnn Anderton, Director



### MEALS ON WHEELS

January 28th



### 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.





**PRAYER LIST— Members:**

Charlene Farrar, Clair Holt, Gloria Carus,  
Betty Kenny, Nancy & Bob Thrift, Jarna & Larry Culp,  
Deenie & Bob Leech, David Hilliard, Jean Crawford,  
Joan Sibbald, Mike Packer, Jeannette Ramsey

**Members' Families & Friends**

Robert Aciego, Leola Askew, Beth Brown, Jones Carr,  
Sarah Cook, Robert Copeland, Phyllis Cook, Nicky Phillips,  
Robert Calhoun, Shane David, Brenda Dollars, Violet Denton,  
Jan Dudek, Jerry Devine, Joan Flewellin, Cindy Fentress,  
Louise Gray, Franklin Floyd, Dub Freshwater, Charlie Hunter,  
Melanie Harris, Linda Heimbach, Linda Hernandez,  
Sara Hoops Ingram, Sally Jenks, Fred Jones, Katie James,  
Frances Johnson, Bill Lamont, John Love, Tracey Moore,  
Levi McCumbee, James Ray Oxendine, Avia Oxendine,  
Pam Peterson, Shirley Henson, Peggy Richmond,  
Amber Russell, Meg Sperry, Melinda Sumrall, Travis Taylor,  
Lynn Wolfcale, Kathy Walker, Michael & Nancy Hissom,  
Kandy Veasy, Shirley Henson, Marge Herbick,  
Warren Jackson, Candy Williams, Memory Brandon,  
Teresa Simmons, William Paco Stickland, Donna Kaiser,  
Mason Thompson, Howard Todd, Deborah Kalnen,  
Rachel Wendolph, Charles & Sherry Hoskins,  
Family of John & Sandra Stone, Donald Johnson

**January Anniversaries:**

Kathy & Rodney Oakes 01/12  
Pearl & Orian (Pat) Cavanaugh 01/31



**January Birthdays:**

Randolyn Anderson 01/02  
Zachary Clemens 01/02  
Beth Whitley 01/02  
Estelle Link 01/03  
Chris Butner 01/04  
Doris Erkes 01/07  
Sharon Harris 01/10  
Bonnie Ricketts 01/10  
Jeffrey Townsend 01/11  
Johnnye Hilliard 01/12  
Karen Scheboth 01/12  
Rodney Oakes 01/14  
Micayla Mathers 01/15  
James Mathers 01/15  
Bonnie Townsend 01/15  
Pearl Cavanaugh 01/19  
Shawn Whitley 01/19  
Courtney Scheboth 01/20  
Ann Barker 01/25  
Charlene Farrar 01/27  
Casey Mathers 01/30



**Service Men & Women**

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

**A Congregational Meeting** will take place following the Sunday morning service on January 15th 2012. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2012 Elder Nominating Committee, to approve a set of By-Laws for the Congregation, and to vote on a change of call for the Pastor. The budget for 2012 will also be presented. Additionally the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held immediately following the Congregational Meeting.

**Assisted Living:**

- Helen MacIver, Woodbury Wellness Center, 2778 Country Club Dr., Hampstead NC 28443
- Catherine Saylor, Pacifica Senior Living, Rm. # 212, 2744 S. 17<sup>th</sup> 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



# January 2012

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship Wedding Guild	Church Office closed	9:15 am TOPS  7 pm Property Comm. 7 pm Bible Study	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
8 8:45 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship Birthday Lunch  2:30 pm Pacifica Service 6 pm Bible Study	9 7 pm Night Circle at Jenny King's Boy Scout T255 7 pm Bible Study	10 9:15 am TOPS 10:30 am Day Circle 2 pm Finance Comm. 6:30 pm Worship Comm. 7 pm Bible Study	11 11 am Bible Study  6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	12 12 noon Men's Bible Study  7 pm S T C Comm.	13	14 9:30-1 pm Music in Sanctuary 11 am Chime Choir
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**News from the  
Strengthening the Church Committee  
(STC)**

**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO THESE EVENTS!  
Please mark your calendar  
for the  
NEW YEAR - 2012!**



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.

**1/8 New Year/Birthday Luncheon**

Who has a birthday in your birthday month? Join us right after church for some homemade soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, followed by a brief program. The tables will be decorated according to your birthday month, and we ask that you help us mix it up a bit by sitting at your birthday table. This is a great time for some fun fellowship!

**1/18 Preschool Spaghetti Supper Fund Raiser**

**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**

**Wilmington Interfaith Network**

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. During 2011 eight (8) families have moved into housing of their own.



**WILMINGTON INTERFAITH  
HOSPITALITY NETWORK**

Windermere has been one of the supporting churches since this ministry was started in Wilmington. During 2011 at least 52 persons from 42 Windermere families have taken part helping on the days which have been our responsibility. We are glad that so many are part of a ministry which has made a positive difference in the lives of the families who have come to WIHN for help. Our hearts have been encouraged by the reports of how people have been able to move forward because of the help we have given.





## MUSIC NOTES

from Candy Williams, Music Director

**The Windermere Choir** welcomes two new singers this fall, Diane Evers and Larry Sibbald. Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:15 approximately. New singers and visitors are always welcome.

It's not too late to join the choir!

### Come Sing with Us



**Collecting all Gerber Baby Photo's** - That's right, we need your baby photos for our upcoming January Birthday New Year Lunch on January 8th after church. We will have some fun playing "Guess Who!" Please give all photos with your names on the back to Jan Banks. Jan will be sure to get these photos returned to you after the event. Let's all join in the fun! P.S. Good photo copies are welcomed.

### SPECIAL THANKS FROM THE WINDERMERE CHOIR

Windermere scored a "bonus" when Candy Williams was hired as our Music Director on November 1, 2005. Not only is she a talented organist and pianist, but her vision and aptitude for adding special exhibits in the church narthex to complement musical presentations at Windermere enhances the entire program, and includes participation of the congregation. In addition, she has developed the chime choir, which adds another level of talent to the music program. Candy is also active in musical events occurring in Wilmington and the outlying community.

With Candy came her husband, David, who has performed in concerts and operas world wide as a paid performer. David is not only active in the choir and sings on Sundays but he also presents solos free of charge quite frequently. In addition, he continually helps the choir in rehearsal sessions by teaching breathing exercises for breath control and conducts warm-ups at the beginning of rehearsals. When special presentations of the choir occur at the Easter and Christmas seasons, Candy also calls upon David to conduct, which frees her to concentrate on playing the music.

Candy and David are not members of Windermere since Candy is a paid staff member. However, their contributions to Windermere are numerous and we offer heartfelt thanks to God that they were led to Windermere.

### **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!



### **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.

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## Presbyterian Counseling Center

### **CENTERPOINT**

Last month I wrote about the popular phrase, “it is what it is.” Clients often seem to use the saying to express a feeling of passive hopelessness. The result is a mind trap of negativity.

I suggest adding three words, “it is what it is, ***while it is.***” Those three words could have beneficial effects for a range of difficulties from everyday stress to anxiety and depression. Here’s how... Negative thoughts induce negative feelings that become a mind trap. The thoughts are not facts, but the feelings are real. Telling yourself “it is what it is, while it is” pushed you back into the present moment and reminds you that the feelings are not forever.

Saying “it is what it is, while it is” gives you enough distance that you can choose a different response. As your mind gets triggered into the “what if” game in which you look at upcoming scenarios as catastrophes, saying “it is what it is, while it is” helps you realize your mind is playing the negativity game. You can begin to recognize that the anxiety has a life of its own, and that, like everything else, it comes and goes.

Saying “it is what it is, while it is,” is not a magical cure-all. You will need to integrate it into other helpful actions such as developing satisfying, nourishing activities, and finding supportive friends. Counseling is a way to reach deeper self-understanding and acceptance.

The Presbyterian Counseling Center...hope and healing for all. Call at 910-452-7370  
or visit us at [presbyteriancounselingcenter.org](http://presbyteriancounselingcenter.org)

- Jonathan R. Riley