



WINDERMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

ramblings from pastor roland

Happy New Year!

How about this for a new year's resolution – spend 2010 finding out all you can about Heaven. After all, heaven is our ultimate destination, right? As J. C. Ryle, the 19th century English Anglican Bishop said, “The man who is about to sail for Australia as a settler, is naturally anxious to know something about his future home, its climate, its employments, its inhabitants, its ways, its customs... Now surely, if we hope to dwell forever in that better country, even a heavenly one, we ought to seek all the knowledge we can get about it.”

I have suggested this resolution because I have noticed that very few people talk about or even seem excited about heaven? Even the great theologian John Calvin was quiet on this subject and never wrote a commentary on the book of Revelation. When I think back to my seminary classes I can't recall any real meaningful theological discussion on heaven. In fact, it is hard to find a Biblically sound book on Heaven.

Why is this? Why are we Christians so hesitant to talk about our and get excited about our real home? As we are told in Philippians 3: 20 “*our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*”

Instead of people being excited about Heaven and longing for their future home it is as if they think Heaven is going to be boring or no fun. Heaven forbid, some may even think hell is preferable. All this has convinced me that there is a real ignorance among Christian as to what heaven is really like and how one gets there. Therefore, beginning January 13 the mid-week Bible study that Jan and I lead will be focused on the Biblical view of Heaven. If you are hungry to learn more about heaven then come and join us on Wednesdays at 11:00 in the Sanctuary meeting room. And if you can't make it to the class then come to worship where I will be preaching a sermon series on Heaven beginning January 17th. Won't you join us for these important messages!

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The Night Circle will meet on Monday evening, January 11th at 7pm at the home of Jenny King. Julia Huntley will lead the study of Chapter 15 and Jan Banks will serve as hostess. If you would like to carpool or need directions, please contact Ellen Allen at 392-1274 or Julia Huntley at 395-2366.

The Day Circle will meet Tuesday morning, January 12th at 10:30am in the church parlor. Randolyn Anderson will have the devotions and Doris Failing will lead the discussion of Lesson 6. If you do not have a study book, please read Luke 10:25-37 and Luke 17:11-19. We will have a soup lunch provided by council members in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks, crackers and dessert will also be provided.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE PRESENTS

TO WINDERMERE PRESBYTERIAN MEMEBERS AND GUESTS:

DR. CHIEF SILVERHEELS, A NATIVE AMERICAN, SON OF "TONTO"

"YOU CAN BE A SPECIAL PERSON"

Don't miss a chance to hear a dynamic Christian speaker!

Along with Franklin Williams, soloist.

Wednesday, JANUARY 6, 2010, Dinner at 6pm

\$4 per adult—\$2 per child

Menu: Delicious Homemade Soups, Grilled cheese, dessert and beverages

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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.

FROM THE PRESCHOOL:

A note of thanks to those of you who contributed to the preschool "wish list" through the Alternative Giving Program. The staff will be excited about having something new to expand the children's thought processes.

Last year the preschool had a spaghetti dinner fund raiser that was delicious and so much fun! The congregation and the preschool worked together and got to know each other. This year we are repeating the dinner on January 20th from 6-8pm. The meals will be \$6.50 for adults and \$5.00 for children. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex and we hope that all of you will plan to attend. Don't forget to link your Harris Teeter card to 8112.

Thank you for being such a caring congregation and may God continue to bless us all in 2010.

SPECIAL REQUEST OF CHURCH MEMBERS

Your help is needed! The 40th anniversary planning committee is developing a slide show to present the weekend of the 40th celebration in April 2010. We need photos and other memorabilia from church events to include in the show.

If you have materials that you have gathered over the years, would you mind sharing them? They will be scanned and returned to you. However, please identify them with your so they will be returned to the correct person.

You may put them Rhonda Diggs' box near the church office, or leave them with the church secretary, or give them to Rhonda in person. Thank you! Rhonda Diggs

Session News December 2009

- Approved Congregational Meeting and Corporation Meeting to take place on January 24th 2010
- Approved request for use of the Laura Coley room, Fellowship Hall and kitchen for the annual meeting of the Carolina Vocal Arts Ensemble on Friday February 5, 2010 from 8:30am – 5:00pm
- Approved Session retreat to be held on Saturday February 20, 2010 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Approved request from the Scouts for use of the Laura Coley room for Den leadership training on Saturday January 16, 2010 from 9:00am – 12:00pm
- Approved request from the Preschool for use of the Fellowship Hall for their annual Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday January 20, 2010 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Approved budget for 2010

January Birthdays

1/02—Randolyn Anderson
1/02—Beth Whitley
1/03—Estelle Link
1/04—Chris Butner
1/07—Doris Erkes
1/10—Sharon Harris
1/10—Bonnie Ricketts
1/12—Johnnye Hillard
1/12—Karen Scheboth
1/13—Jean Simmons
1/14—Rodney Oakes
1/15—Micayla Mathers
1/15—James Mathers
1/15—Bonnie Townsend
1/19—Pearl Cavanaugh
1/19—Susan Garris
1/19—Shawn Whitley
1/20—Courtney Scheboth
1/25—Ann Barker
1/26—Andrew LaGrange
1/27—Charlene Farrar
1/30—Casey Mathers

January Anniversaries

1/12—Kathy and Rodney Oakes



MEALS ON WHEELS

January 23

9:30AM

GOOD NEWS!

Christie Ryan, granddaughter of Gloria and Dick Carus, graduated cum laude and with business honors from UNC-Charlotte on December 19, 2009. While in school she worked 20-30 hours a week as Administrative and Research Assistant for Dr. Steve Ott in the Center for Real Es-

PRAYER LIST

Members: Hank Matthews, Memory Brogden, William Loizias, Clair Holt, Barbara Bradshaw, Betty Jo Register, Robert Smith, Barbara Bradshaw, Nancy & Bob Thrift; Enid Johnson; Robert Stevens, Robert Smith, The Williams Family

Members' Families & Friends: Beth Brown, Kaki Peaslee, Heather McBride, Katie Howison requested by Joan Perry, Rose Marie Walker requested by Sylvia and Robert Smith, The Marshall Family, The Fowler Family, Emily Bridgers granddaughter of Estelle Link, Jane Guthrie, Danny White, Jeff Tubough, Nancy Venters, requested by Linda Kalnen and Becky Kalnen, Cyndee Basham; Leslie Phillips, Gene Reece, Terry Thomas' uncle, Katharine Wainwright, Eleanor & George Walker, brother & sister-in-law of Jane Beck, Jones Carr requested by Sue Stott, Fred Ormond, Ian & Heather Cook's daughter Sarah, The Boyle Family & the Kiger Family, requested by Traci Brewer, Gary Johnson, Jr. requested by Beth Hiatt, Rick Funai, Michele Beaufort, Carolyn McBride's granddaughter, Mequaela Kaufman, Helen & Bob Stansbury, requested by Joan Perry, Myra Mock, requested by Traci Brewer & Gaye Keller, Rob Harris, requested by Traci Brewer, Jim Johnson, Nancy Hoggard's nephew, Oma Brietbarth, mother of Monica Savage

Service Men & Women

2nd Lt. Dan Campbell, deployed in Iraq, son -in law of Fritz Rohde

Cpt. Kelley Kaltenbach, deployed in Iraq

Carl Johnson, Nancy Hoggard's grand-nephew

Nicole Lessman, Richard Ever's cousin

Joshua Echols, former student of Diane Evers

Robert & Nathan Williamson

Nathaniel deployed in Iran & Nathan deployed in South Korea, grandsons of Bess & Ron Dietrick

Our Missionaries

Shane Hartley, Campus Crusade for Christ

Matt Sidel, Intervarsity

Mindy & Bret Taylor, Wycliff Bible Translators

Sasan Tavassoli, Iranian House Churches

Assisted Living:

Robert Smith, Cornelia Nixon Davis Healthcare, 1011 Porters Neck Road, Rm E-28, Wilmington, NC 28411

Clair Holt, Silver Stream Rehabilitation Center, 2305 Silver Stream Lane, 2841

Helen Maclver, Woodbury Wellness Center, 2778 Country Club Dr., Hampstead NC

Catherine Saylor, Pacifica Senior Living, Room 212, 2741 S. 17th St., Wil, NC 28412; Phone 452-1114

Nellie Baker, Autumn Care of Wilmington, 5775 Carolina Beach Rd. Wil, NC 28412

Nancy Thrift, Woodbury Wellness Center, 2778 Country Club Dr., Hampstead, NC

CONGRATULATIONS

On the births of Benjamin Carr Morgan, the grandson of Phyllis Morgan and
Caden Huffman, the grandson of Linda Kalnen

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Presbyterian Counseling Center

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At the Center we see quite a number of clients who are in their 20's, many of them single. The task of developing self-reliance, in some aspect or another, comes up frequently in counseling as you women and men face the victories and defeats of early adulthood. This task is crucially important because it involves consciously shaping one's self by choosing and practicing individual values and life patterns.

Learning to set standards of excellence and integrity for oneself is a healthy way of claiming God's good purposes for one's life. Learning to grab hold of tough problems , for example, wrestling with those problems and resolving them, while resisting the temptation to dodge or over-delegate responsibility to others nurtures one's confidence. Letting go of the inclination to over rely on parents is not always easy, but is a sure step toward self-reliance. And practicing self-reliance in one's relations often leads toward making wise choices in finding a life partner. Marriage, after all, is best entered into when both partners have developed the esteem for themselves and for each other which accompanies self-reliance.

The Center's five therapists are available to work closely and sensitively with young adults who are navigating through this momentous third decade of life.

George R. Slaton