

The Good News Letter

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LIFE TOGETHER

The Congregational Care and Fellowship Committee presented to the session and had approved this list of fellowship plans for 2010.

- January 9 - Epiphany Dinner
- February 13 - Covered Dish Lunch
- March - Wednesday Night Supper
- April - Maundy Thursday Service
- May - PW's Birthday Covered Dish after worship
- June - Picnic
- July/August - Sandwich Supper and Ice Cream Social
- September - Rally Day Breakfast
- October - Wednesday Night Supper
- November - Thanksgiving covered Dish after worship
- December - Hanging of the Greens Hot Dogs and Hamburgers
- January '12 - Epiphany Dinner

Our FEBRUARY covered Dish LUNCH will feature Roxboro Chief of Police TODD BOYCHER who will speak to us on scams. Plan to come and participate week after next. And as always, friends and guests are welcomed.

KIDS NIGHT OUT

December 3, 2010



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Church School 9:45 a.m. – Worship 11:00 a.m. – Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. – choir rehearsal, Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Edward W. Donnell, minister – Nancy Dallas, clerk of session – Barbara Gentry, choir director – Bonnie Montague, organist



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Address Correction Requested



From Our

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Marilyn Chester, moderator

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE will begin meeting at 12 noon with its February 14, 2011 meeting in the community room. Come join us for Bible study, fellowship and bring a sandwich for your lunch. Dessert will be furnished.

BANDAGE ROLLING. The Presbyterian Women's annual bandage rolling will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room. (Snow date is February 15.) The bandages will be sent overseas to mission hospitals. Our goal is to roll more than 500 bandages. Hope you will come and join us for fellowship, hot dogs and fried pies.

CHRISTIAN HELP CENTER: Roxboro Presbyterian's day to provide and serve lunch at the CHC is the first Friday of each month. Out thanks to **PAT COBB** who continues to coordinate this and will appreciate all who can volunteer to either provide food, serve, or both. It usually takes about half an hour at the Center to serve. So give Pat a call and share.

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“Life”

Time passes so fast!
When we start out
things are simple.
We feel as if we
have forever to live.

But day after day passes
and we wonder where
the time has gone.
We realize that life is really short.

Oh, Lord we need you.
Help us to cope when
life shocks us and
life seems not worth living.

Help us to remember in all that we do.
The only thing that really matters is the
life we live for You.

By Jane Snipes

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your clerk of session for the past two years. I learned a lot and the opportunity strengthened me as a person in my faith. This experience has helped me in my daily life. I learned to be strong in God through His strength so I could continue on each day. I learned that prayer is a necessity not a luxury. I learned we can let things bother us or we can choose to do something about them that will change the situation. I thank each and every one that was supportive of me and showed me they cared about how I felt. I believe that God never let’s anything, anybody or any situation go to waste. He uses them all to His glory.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.”

“For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55: 8-9

To God be the glory always.
Sincerely,
Jane Snipes

FINANCE Committee

elder Henry Newell

Summary: as of January 31, 2011

Income \$ 10,995.

THANK YOU for your participation in the Community Thanksgiving Offering for the Christian Help Center which amounted to \$550.50.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS CALLED

The session has called the congregation to meet:

February 20, to vote to concur with Ed Donnell’s request to New Hope Presbytery to dissolve his pastoral relationship with Roxboro Presbyterian Church effective March 31, 2011, if the way be clear.

March 13 for the congregation to nominate and elect four members at large to the 2011 Office Nominating Committee who will serve with two elders appointed by the session, one of whom will serve as moderator.

If you have information for the bulletin insert or the newsletter, please place it in the box so labeled in the church office or email it to the church office, rpc@esinc.net. (A note of protocol: all inserts for distribution to the congregation should be approved by the session prior to their use.)

from the Pastor:

“Fish a little, play with my grandchildren and take long naps with my wife.” is the conclusion to a favorite story of mine. And it describes my some of my hopes for the next chapter in my life.

You may have already heard that I am retiring as of March 31. Cathy and I have come to this point only after long months of concern, prayer, and planning. So we do think that this is what God is calling us to do now as RPC prepares to move actively into its next chapter.

Even though you and I will conclude our relationship as pastor (and secretary, custodian, manager, plumber, editor and a few other part time hats) and congregation, you will remain a vibrant and essential part of my memory and prayers. The session is already thinking about how they will continue leading you forward and our brothers and sisters in New Hope Presbytery will be assisting all of you along the way.

For the present we plan to live in Mebane (with her father), in the mountains and have extended visits in Texas.

May God’s grace abound in you and may you always know God’s favor.

Shalom,

Ed

CONGREGATIONAL CARE and FELLOWSHIP Committee

elders Riley Oakley and Carolyn Rattican

ADDRESS CHANGES

Betsy Thomas is now living at her daughter’s, Pat Wilkins. Her new address is
1164 Holeman-Ashley Rd.
Timberlake 27583
Her phone number is the same

Randolph King is now a resident at the Roxboro Nursing Center

Sam and Georgia Donnell have a new address, putting them closer to Sam’s work:
2531 Texas State Hwy. 75 N
Huntsville TX 77320

Ed and Cathy’s address as of April 1 will be:
538 Shelter Rock Circle
Skyleaf A-1
Sugar Mountain, NC 28604

CONGRATULATIONS ...

- to Sam Wilson, II who as a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was elected secretary of the Interfraternity Greek Council at East Carolina University. Good job Sam!

- to Mary and Steve Harward on the birth of **Ausley Anne** on December 23 at 6:22 a.m., 6 lbs. and 13 oz. And to proud grandparents, members **Kim and Bill Rand** and aunts and uncles, Anne and Justin Bettendorf and Laura, Will and Maggie Rand and cousin, Aurora Bettendorf.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Heyward Collins and his family on the death of his wife of nearly 69 years, Hazel Collins, who died on January 28. Hazel was also the sister of Wilma Bridgeman.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mary and Randy Tucker joined RPC by reaffirmation of their faith on December 5, 2011. Randy is plant manager for ABB in So. Boston, VA and Mary is retired. Their address is 41 Captains Dr., Roxboro 27574 (599-3358). Mary has joined our choir and they both are attending the Challengers Church School Class. Randy and Mary have four adult children and nine grand children.
WELCOME Randy and Mary!

Edith and Ralph Clark transferred their membership to RPC on January 23 from the First Presbyterian Church, Kinston, NC. Ralph works for Power Services, Inc and Edith with J.P. Edwards, Inc. Currently they make their home at 413-C N. Main St., Roxboro (919-623-1298) but are looking for a more permanent home in the area. They have 2 adult daughters with families in North Carolina.
WELCOME Ralph and Edith!



WORSHIP Committee

elder Kay Lowrance



The sacrament of the Lord's Table (Communion) will be celebrated during morning worship February 6 and March 13. The session calls all members to prepare with prayer and worship for these celebrations.

DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET Available
 "These Days," a daily guide for personal worship and spiritual study is available in the entry of the sanctuary. Please help yourself to one and share another with a friend.

CLERK'S CORNER

elder Nancy Dallas, clerk

Greetings! My first session meeting as clerk was full to the brim of information for you, our congregation. First, The session received Ed's letter of resignation effective Mar. 31, 2011. Ed will be retiring and we wish him and his family well. We appreciate his dedication and ministry at RPC. Marilyn Hedgpeth, Presbytery's Committee on Ministry liaison for our church, was present to talk with us briefly as to how we shall proceed. Our first order is to meet with a member of the Committee on Ministry on Feb. 13, after our lunch, who will delve more into our procedures of selecting a moderator of the session, an interim minister, and ultimately a new minister. We ask for your prayers as we endeavor to fill this position and move on doing the work of The Lord.

2011 Committee Moderators:

Education	Angie Wilson
Congregational Care	Carolyn Rattican & Riley Oakley
Finance	Henry Newell
Property	Paul Williams
Worship	Kay Lowrance
Missions	Leigh Woodall
Special Committees:	
Columbarium	Eugene Leciejewski
Linda Slaughter Scholarship	Riley Oakley
Memorial	Alice Boyette
Personnel	Leigh Woodall
Presbyterian Women	Marilyn Chester

Because we've learned that Virginia Bullock Crisp has joined St. Michael's Church in Raleigh and Jimmy Barrett has joined another church in another county appropriate notes will be made for them in the rolls.

Session approved a request from Cathy Richmond for use of the Community Room Mar. 3-4 for A Job Skills Seminar.

Leigh Woodall will represent our church at the Presbytery meeting Feb. 19 in Wilson.

Flat River Steel is making iron railings for both sets of steps in the Sabbath Garden. Monies for this are coming from Memorial contributions for Bob Thomas and contributions from the Thomas Family. We greatly appreciate this family adding this to our garden area. Paul Williams and Randy King are working on a list of items that can be selected from by families of deceased persons who wish to designate when memorials are received by the church.

A request was received from the Presbyterian Women for additional lighting in the back parking area as well as the upper entrance to the fellowship hall. Paul and his committee are working on this as well.

\$100 will be given to the Berry's Grove Quartet who performed for us at the Epiphany Dinner. They have a mission project going and this will be used for that project.

There are plans for a Congregational Meeting Mar. 13 to elect 4 members from the congregation to the Officer Nominating Committee. These members will join a current session member, who is the moderator, and another elder at large appointed by the session.

Many thanks to Riley Oakley for serving as Clerk Pro Tempore until the position could be filled.

My thoughts are to conclude my comments with a favorite Bible verse. Psalms 19:14 "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, Oh Lord , my Strength and my Redeemer."

Nancy Dallas, Clerk

Worship Schedules

Acolyte

February 13 - Olivia Townsend
February 20 - Cole Dallas
February 27 - John Montague



March 6 - Cole Dallas
March 13 - communion
March 20 - John Montague
March 27 - Olivia Townsend
April 3 - Cole Dallas
April 10 - John Montague



Lay Readers

February 13 - Leigh Woodall
February 20 - Patty Boyette
February 27 - Pat Cobb

March 6 - Jodi DeVillier
March 13 - Jane Forton
March 20 - Barbara Gentry
March 27 - Ted Hale
April 3 - Nancy Dallas
April 10 - Eugene Leciejewski

Greeter-Ushers

February 13 - Jimmy Dallas and Paul Williams
February 20 - Delories and Richard Sherman
February 27 - Carolyn and Leigh Woodall



March 6 - Jodi and Jim DeVillier
March 13 - Marilyn Chester and Angie Wilson
March 20 - John and Ann Rimmington
March 27 - Hanky and Lynn MacFadyen
April 3 - Jimmy Dallas and Paul Williams
April 10 - Justin and Anne Bettendorf

Nursery

February 13 - Beth Townsend
February 20 - Kim Rand
February 27 - Sharon Gideon



March 6 - Laura Dallas
March 13 - Jane Forton
March 20 - Jodi DeVillier
March 27 - Angie Wilson
April 3 - Kim Rand
April 10 - Beth Townsend

Please help by calling a substitute if you cannot meet your spot on any of the above schedules.

February 1 - Charles Wright
- Carolyn Woodall
- Norman Boyette
- Caroline Forton
4 - Bonnie King
5 - Molly Brewer
6 - Will Rand
11 - Jamie Dallas
20 - Walt Rieb
22 - C. W. Boyette
24 - Olivia Townsend



March 7 - Jodi DeVillier
9 - Mary Mac Holler
10 - Lesley Cates
11 - Mabel Cleveland
15 - Roy Holler
- Beth Townsend
23 - Henry Newell
27 - Julie Fisher
28 - Edith Clark
29 - David Turner
31 - Erin Brewer

Dates to Remember

Bandage Rolling - February 8

Covered Dish Lunch - February 13

Ash Wednesday - March 9

Easter Sunday - April 24