



The Moravian Messenger

Rural Hall Moravian Church

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*Enter to Worship,
Exit to Serve*



MARCH 2009



From Our Pastor:

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. ²“Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.” Romans 12:2 (The Message)

A number of years ago, Matthew and I went to a folk school in the mountains of North Carolina to spend a week learning how to do blacksmithing. There is something fascinating about hot metal. Imagine taking a piece of steel which is rigid and hard, putting it in the fire, making it pliable and soft so that it can be shaped and pulled and stretched and hammered into a useful instrument. The steel doesn't have a choice about what happens to it. Steel is passive to the transformation that happens. It does not have the opportunity to surrender, the flames are forced upon it, the hammer and the anvil shape it according to the will of the blacksmith.

God wants to have a similar transformation take place in our lives, but since we are free moral agents, we have to surrender and agree to the process. Transformation is a painful thing at times. I often wish it would be easy, but if it were easy it would not be strong. God would desire us to surrender and be changed. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:2 NRSV)

In our normal state we are unwilling to go into the fire. We are unwilling to face the hammer and the anvil. We are content to live in the world according to its desires and standards. We can live our lives in the physical without developing the spiritual at all. We are content to be a lump of iron when God would have us be a fine instrument of surgical steel. When we place our ordinary lives before God, the Creator changes us in ways which we cannot imagine or foresee. By our lack of surrender:

We demand to be in on the design phase.

We wish we could become the new without changing the old and familiar.

As we allow God to shape us, we become aware of God's will for us as we see the heat, hammer and anvil make us into beautiful instruments of service.

During Lent the Church has built in a time of reflection for us to consider God's work in our lives. What is the forge in which you find yourself? What is God using as a hammer and as an anvil at this point in your life? What beautiful instrument of Grace does God want to make of our individual lives and our combined life as a congregation?

Pastor Steve

**Southern Province
2009 Days of Prayer**



- Sunday
March 1** **Christ Moravian Church**
The Rev. Douglas C. Rights, Speaker
4:00 PM Lovefeast
- Wednesday
March 4** **Trinity Moravian Church**
Mrs. Jane Carter Handly, Speaker
11:00 AM Worship
12:00 Noon Complimentary Luncheon
- Wednesday
March 11** **Ardmore Moravian Church**
The Rev. Matthew Allen, Speaker
9:45 AM Coffee Hour
10:45 AM Meditation / Music
11:00 AM Worship
- Wednesday
March 18** **Calvary Moravian Church**
The Rev. Linda Browne, Speaker
9:45 AM Coffee Hour
10:45 AM Meditation / Music
11:00 AM Worship
- Wednesday
March 25** **Fairview Moravian Church**
The Rt. Rev. Samuel J. Gray, Speaker
10:45 AM Music
11:00 AM Worship with Communion
12:00 Noon Complimentary Luncheon
- Wednesday
April 1** **Konnoak Hills Moravian Church**
The Rev. Q. Ray Burke, Speaker
11:00 AM Lovefeast

Nursery Provided For All Services

**Spring/Summer Children's
Clothing Exchange
April 24 & 25, 2009**

More information will be in April's newsletter or you may contact Molly Lorentz at 768-2616.

Committee Meetings

Missions & Evangelism Committee
Monday, March 2: 6:30 PM in the Library

Church Board
Sunday, March 8: 6:30 PM in the Library

Christian Education Committee
Thursday, March 19: 6:30 PM in the Library

Men's Fellowship
Sunday, March 22: 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall

**April Newsletter Articles Due
in the Church Office by 12
Noon on Monday, March 23.**

"IF I COULD MEET ANYBODY IN HISTORY"

Written by Zack Williams (age 10) for a 5th grade writing test

If I could meet anybody in history (dead or alive), I would like to meet Jesus. Here are my three reasons why. I would ask him if I could come and live in Heaven. I would hear his teaching. Finally, I would thank him for all the stuff he did for us.

My first reason is that I would live in heaven. If I live in heaven, I will have eternal life. There would be no sickness. No depression. Finally, I would get to meet my sister (Lorin).

My second reason is to hear his teachings. I would know what is the right thing to do. I can learn about God. Learn about Jesus. He will tell us what to do to make God happy with us. I will learn about everything the people in the Bible did for us.

My final reason is that I will thank him and God for everything they did for us. I will thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. I will thank him for the Bible. I will thank God for making the Heaven, the Earth, all the animals, morning, night, all the people (my family) and all the angels.

In conclusion now you see why I want to meet Jesus. Because I want to go to Heaven. I want to hear his teachings. I want to thank him and God for all the stuff they did for us.



March Birthday's

- 2 - Ryan Bruce
- 3 - Valorie Longworth
- 4 - Beu Spain
- 7 - Clint Whitman
- 8 - Diane Arrowood
- 8 - Daniel Smith
- 10 - Donna Canella
- 10 - Robah Ogburn
- 12 - Jim Sellers
- 13 - Ronda Johnson
- 13 - Cindy Littell
- 15 - Lillian Brendle
- 18 - Michael Terry
- 19 - Candice Bowles
- 19 - Cindy Williams
- 20 - Jody Blanks
- 20 - Alison Coward
- 20 - Amy Whitman
- 22 - Adam Tucker
- 24 - John Mikol
- 26 - Ashley Smith Harrell
- 27 - Randy Brannock
- 27 - Zack Williams
- 28 - June Bruce
- 28 - Jim Helsabeck
- 29 - Mary Hawks

Happy Birthday!

ATTENDANCE RECORDS

	SUN. SCH.	WORSHIP
JANUARY 25	82	126
FEBRUARY 1	76	144
FEBRUARY 8	73	143
FEBRUARY 15	71	117
2009 Averages:	79	136

FLOWER CALENDAR

Sunday, May 24 and June 21 are available if you would like to place flowers in the church "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone or to the Glory of God. Write your name on the flower calendar posted on the large bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS



Flower Calendar: 1 – Communion
 8 – Jim & Linda Helsabeck
 15 – Bunny Phipps
 22 – Tim & Lori White
 29 – John & Pat Reich

Greeters: Sunday School: Jenny Craver; Worship: Bunny Phipps

Groundskeeper: Rob Holby

Nursery 1 – Tina Taylor, Kelly Whitman

Sunday School 8 – Danny & Anne Christian

Workers: 15 – Mercy Hawks, Pam Bruce
 22 – Ronye Blackburn, Myra Perryman
 29 – June Bruce, Page Mikol

Nursery 1 – Penny Bowman, Blair Duncan

Worship 8 – Michelle Bennett, Sue Disher

Workers: 15 – Vickie and Candace Smith
 22 – Molly Lorentz, June Bruce
 29 – Lori and Calvin White

Sound Operator: Danny Christian

Ushers: Logan Brendle, Bobby Duncan, John Tayloe, Tim Trollinger

Share God's Love With A Smile

You can share God's love by being a church greeter. Volunteers are needed to greet members and visitors before Sunday School and before the Worship service. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the hallway behind the sanctuary or you may call the church office (969-9488). This ministry is a wonderful way to reach out in love to our visitors and our own family of faith.

Church Directory Address Changes



Martha Ann Brown
 Durham Regent, Apt. 319
 3007 Pickett Road
 Durham, NC 27705
 919/237-1791

Sound Operators Needed

If you would like to run the sound system during a church service, please sign the list posted on the bulletin board. No experience needed — we will provide training!

Church League Basketball Schedule



Friday, March 6, 7:15 PM - YMCA

Office Angels Needed! March 9, 10, 11 & 12 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

If you can help in the office on any of the above dates and all or part of the hours, please contact Belinda at 969-9488 or email: secretary@rhmc.org. Light office work may need to be done — no computer skills needed!

MISSION NEEDS:

Hope Pregnancy Care Center:
 baby formula, diapers & wipes;
 & Crisis Control Ministry:
 laundry detergent

Collection boxes are in the elevator lobby.



Jr. High Youth Fellowship (Grades 6, 7, 8)

Sunday, March 1, 5:00 PM
Laurel Ridge Rally
Sunday, March 15, 5:00 PM

Sr. High Youth Fellowship (Grades 9-12)



Sunday, March 1: No Meeting
Sunday, March 8: 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 15: 5:00 PM
Sunday, March 22: 5:00 PM
Saturday, March 28: Youth Outing - TBA
Sunday, March 29: No Meeting

Lost & Found

The following items have been turned in to the church office since October 2008 and can be found on the table by the water fountain: 3 pair of glasses, cell phone, pink hair bow with black stars and a ring.

Misplaced: A large wooden serving tray with handles and paintings of Black Eyed Susan's. If found, please contact Judy Tayloe at 724-6714 or 407-7728.

Summary of 2009 Church Finances

Fund Name	Balance 1/1/09	Balance 1/31/09
General Fund	\$ 35,937.57	\$ 32,080.40
Building Fund	\$112,397.29	\$112,692.55
Second Mile	\$ 2,632.79	\$ 2,632.79
All Other Funds*	\$ <u>22,956.61</u>	\$ <u>25,515.41</u>
Total All Funds	\$173,924.26	\$172,921.15

*Includes all designated funds (Sunday School classes, Men's Fellowship, Sr. High Youth, etc.)

Total Income for January: \$19,006.15
Total Expenses for January: \$22,863.32
Shortfall for January: \$ 3,857.17



LENT: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

The Season

Easter is the oldest season of the Christian Church year. Lent appeared sometime later. We use ancient terms and symbols from time and cultures foreign to us during these seasons. But Lent and Easter are alive and well in the Church, because they focus on the center of our faith from which we draw our life in Christ.

Lent is a time of *preparation*. The observance of Lent during the 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter appeared in the early Christian church as an imitation of Jesus' 40 days of self-denial and prayer in the wilderness. New adult converts to Christianity practiced Lenten penance, personal asceticism and prayer. These prepared them to receive their Baptism, Confirmation and their first Lord's Supper in the Saturday evening vigil before Easter.

The Lord's Supper, Easter and Baptism are related to the Jewish Passover, as it commemorates the Old Testament Israelites' rescue from death (the Exodus) and their new life as God's chosen people.

Today Lent remains a time for us to examine our lives, preparing for Holy Week and Easter. On the day of Christ's resurrection we celebrate *our baptism*, for baptism joins all of God's people with the death and victorious resurrection of our Lord.

The Terms

Lent is an Anglo-Saxon word meaning "spring". The season lasts 40 days (not including Sundays) from Ash Wednesday until the Saturday before Easter. Sundays are not counted in Lent, since every Sunday is to be a celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Ash Wednesday is the day on which Lent begins, often observed in worship by receiving a cross of ashes on the forehead.

Holy Week includes the days from Palm Sunday through Easter.

Palm Sunday focuses on Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem (to waving palm branches).

Maundy Thursday gets its name from Jesus' new commandment (*mandatum* in Latin), to love one another which he spoke during the Passover meal when he washed his disciples' feet and instituted the Lord's Supper.

Good Friday marks the events of Jesus' trial, crucifixion, death and burial. The altar may be stripped of all decoration and the church darkened until Saturday's Easter Vigil.

Easter comes from the name of an ancient spring festival. Easter is the "great Sunday" after which each Sunday worship service is modeled.



The weekly worship services are now on the website. You can access sermons from the front page **Weekly Sermons** or by going to the **Minister's page** and click the **Hear the Sermon** navigation tab.

Go to **Church Member Login** at the top left of each page (**User name:** rhmc **Password:** moravian (use all lower case letters)) for:

- ▶ Listing of the Church Board Members & Officers, Committee Assignments, and Committee Members
- ▶ Prayer Concerns
- ▶ Church Directory (not complete-working on it)
- ▶ Church Forms
- ▶ Birthdays (send an email greeting from this page)

If you want to be on the church email list, please add your email at the bottom of the **Home** page under **Stay Informed**.

Missions & Evangelism Team

Moravian Youth Convo 2009

Since 1957 Moravian Youth across North America have been gathering for worship, learning, fellowship, and bridge-building. Relationships forged at each of these gatherings have been life changing and last forever. The next Convo will take place **July 5-11, 2009** on the campus of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. This Convo will be for youth who have completed grades 9 through 12. The theme is **"Follow Me"** with major presentations made by Rev. John Wallace, pastor of Waconia Moravian Church in Minnesota. The Convo experience will include personal exploration in following Christ, meeting new friends, local mission opportunities, a trip to "the mall," special music and worship. For more information, contact Brad Bennett at the Board of Christian Education (bbennett@mccsp.org) or visit the Convo page of www.moravianboardofce.org.

The Moravian Ministries Foundation Updated Their Website!

They are your Foundation, and have redesigned and enhanced their website to better suit your needs. Drop by and visit, and let them know what you think. You will learn about the variety of ways they can help you, your church, or your ministry with the services they offer through: GiftLegacy, The Moravian Common Fund, and Morning Star Campaign Services.

Visit www.mmfa.info!

Laurel Ridge 2009 Summer Camp Schedule



(for children completing grades 1&2)

Pre-Junior 1: July 5-7; Pre-Junior 2: August 7-9

(for youth completing grades 3-5)

JR 1: June 14-20; JR 2: July 5-11; JR 3: August 9-15

(for youth completing grades 6-8)

Jr High 1: June 21-27; Jr High 2: July 12-18

(for youth completing grades 9-12)

Senior High: July 19-25

Mission Camp Schedule

(for youth completing grades 6-12)

Session 1: June 14-19 Session 3: July 5-10
Session 2: June 28-July 3 Session 4: July 12-17
Session 5: July 26-31

Camp brochures can be found on the website or on the table by the water fountain.

124 Pendry Drive www.laurelridge.org
Laurel Springs, NC 28644 1/888-831-5922

Turbulent Times in Old Salem

Johann Friedrich Peter is one of our great Moravian composers with anthems and concertos to his credit. But did you know he spent 10 years in Salem — 10 of the most exciting years we have ever had (two armies, a major battle nearby, a first Fourth of July, the Tavern burning, and the Sisters House built)? Learn all this and more when Philip Dunigan, retired flute professor of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and currently researcher for the Moravian Music Foundation, will present "Johann Friedrich Peter: The Salem Years" as the "Lunchtime Lecture" 12:15-12:45 PM, Thursday, March 12, at the Archie K. Davis Center in Old Salem.



The lecture is free and open to all, and you are invited to bring your lunch (it isn't provided). Parking is free in the Salem College Fine Arts Center parking lot off Salem Avenue. (Snow policy: Do not venture out unless you have phoned us (722-1742 or 725-0651) and we say driving is okay.)

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING

March 6 at 7:00 PM

Christ Moravian Church Fellowship Building

Mohamed and Safiatu Braima will be the guest speakers. The Braima's presentation is very informative and inspiring regarding the work that God is doing through them in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Warriors-Parlor 9:30 am: Band Practice 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Communion Service 3-6 pm: Candle Making-Cdle Rm 4:00 pm: Day of Prayer Lovefeast at Christ Moravian 5-8 pm: Laurel Ridge Rally: Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Candle Room Reserved All Day for Cleanup 6:30 pm: Missions & Evan. Comm. Mtg.-Library</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Candle Room Reserved until 3 PM for Cleanup 4:30 pm: Youth Choir 6:30 pm: Bethel Class - Candle Room 6:30 pm: Gemeinshaft - Jr & Sr High Rooms</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00 am: Day of Prayer Service at Trinity Moravian 6:00 pm: Lenten meal 6:45 pm: Lenten groups 7:30 pm: Choir Practice</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:15 pm: Basketball Game at YMCA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved All Day for Luncheon Preparations</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Warriors-Parlor 9:30 am: Band Practice 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship Service 12:15 pm: Congregation Luncheon for New Members 5:00 pm: Sr Hi Youth Fellowship 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 6:30 pm: Church Board Mt-Library</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30 pm: Youth Choir 6:30 pm: Bethel Class - Candle Room 6:30 pm: Gemeinshaft - Jr & Sr High Rooms</p>	<p>11</p> <p>11:00 am: Day of Prayer Service at Ardmore Moravian 6:00 pm: Lenten meal 6:45 pm: Lenten groups 7:30 pm: Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:15 pm: Lunchtime Lecture at Archie Davis Ctr</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved 8:00 am-8:00 pm: Confirmation Retreat</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Warriors-Parlor 9:30 am: Band Practice 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship Service 5:00 pm: Sr Hi Youth Fellowship 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 pm: Circle 2 - Parlor 7:00 pm: Circle 3 - Library</p>	<p>17</p> <p> St. Patrick's Day 4:30 pm: Youth Choir 6:30 pm: Bethel Class 6:30 pm: Gemeinshaft - Jr & Sr High Rooms</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:00 am: Day of Prayer Service at Calvary Moravian 6:00 pm: Lenten meal 6:45 pm: Lenten groups 7:30 pm: Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 pm: CEC - Library</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>First Day of Spring</i></p> 	<p>21</p> <p>Fellowship Hall Reserved 12-5 pm by Kelly Whitman</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:00 am: Men's Fell. Breakfast -Fellowship Hall 9:30 am: Prayer Warriors-Parlor 9:30 am: Band Practice 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship Service 5:00 pm: Sr Hi Youth Fellowship 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice</p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>April Newsletter Articles Due in Church Office By 12 Noon</i> 7:00 pm: RH Garden Club Meeting-Candle Room</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30 pm: Youth Choir 6:30 pm: Bethel Class 6:30 pm: Gemeinshaft - Jr & Sr High Rooms</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11:00 am: Day of Prayer Service at Fairview Mor. 6:00 pm: Lenten meal 6:45 pm: Lenten groups 7:30 pm: Choir Practice</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Sr. High Youth Outing: TBA</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:30 am: Prayer Warriors-Parlor 9:30 am: Band Practice 10:00 am: Sunday School 11:00 am: Worship Service</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>4:30 pm: Youth Choir 6:30 pm: Bethel Class - Candle Room 6:30 pm: Gemeinshaft - Jr & Sr High Rooms</p>	<h1>March 2009</h1>			



PLEASE PRAY FOR...



The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results.
(James 5:16)

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: Bonnie Ashburn and Shelvia Whitman in the death of their brother-in-law, Clyde Freeman, on February 4. His funeral was held in Georgia on Saturday, February 7. John Mikol in the death of his father, Don Mikol, on February 17. Memorial service was held on Saturday, February 21 in Franklin, NC. Please remember these families in your prayers.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH—HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES: Gary Blanks-continues to recover at home; Joe Hoover-continues to recover at home; Marty Ridge-undergoing chemo treatments; John Lanier-on a kidney transplant list

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH—LONGTERM ILLNESS: Jerry Essic; Helen Johnson; Vickie Jones; Keith Perryman; John Tayloe

MEMBERS—HOME BOUND: Mildred Fulk, Ken Johnson, Sarah McCoy; Jackie Wilson

MEMBERS—RETIREMENT/NURSING CENTERS: Salemtowne: Johanne Stauber-room 311

MEMBERS' FAMILY—HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT: Mary Bowers (Lori White's mother)-undergoing chemo; Raymond Brown (Steve Craver's brother-in-law); Joe Coe (Carolyn Kiger's daughter's step-son) recovering at Walter Reed Hospital, Washington DC; John Harrold (Cathy Kippe's son); Helen Patterson (Bill Kiger's sister); Tannie Rutledge (Judy Joyce's mother)-cataract surgery; Agnes Sardler (Tina Taylor's mother); Rev. Carl Waidlech (John Mikol's uncle); Porter Westmoreland (Carolyn Hodge's brother)-undergoing radiation treatments; Ed Wheeling (Sarah McCoy's brother); Charles & Edna Williams (Larry Williams' parents) both in hospital being treated for heart attacks.

MEMBERS' FAMILY—LONG-TERM ILLNESS: David Bost (Susan Hunsucker & Alison Coward's brother); Mandi Collins (Jody Brendle's cousin); Everette Ellington (Kimberly Brendle's grandfather); William Kippe (John Kippe's father); Sam McNinch (Blair Duncan's father); Marena Mikol (John Mikol's mother); Art Patterson (Bill Kiger's brother-in-law); Carol Upton (Diane Lanier's sister); Brenda Wilson.

NON-MEMBERS—HOSPITALIZATIONS/SURGERIES/OUTPATIENT: Ronnie Banner (Michelle Bennett request)-prostate cancer surgery; Vincent Bray (Lisa Burchette request)-Baptist Hospital, ICU, injuries due to falling from a ladder; Bradley Edwards (Bunny Phipps' friend's son) needs a kidney transplant; Dan Hale; Stephanie Hedrick; McCoy Hill (friend of Susan Thomas)-Baptist Hospital-bone marrow transplant; Mackenzie Lee (John & Judy Tayloe host parents)-UNCSA student unable to return for spring semester; Dr. John Lee (Mackenzie Lee's father)-Michigan hospital with serious multiple traumas received in head on collision; Vicki Moorefield (Wilson Smith's friend)-dialysis; Harvey Moser (friend of Dorothy Mathews); Lucille Myers (Robah Ogburn's aunt); Daniel L. Smith, Sr. (Carolyn Kiger's friend's father)-heart problems; .

NON-MEMBERS—LONG-TERM ILLNESSES: Alexis (student of Blair Duncan)-spinal cord injury; H.M. Anderson-leukemia; Karly Bertram; Richard Chelton; Dawn Fordham (Holly Newsome's sister); Rick Fry; Al Gambill (friend of Sam Ashburn); Jack Garland (Hunter Duncan's friend's grandfather)-colon cancer; Linda Gates (Belinda Moore's aunt) stage 4 pancreatic cancer; Becky Holloway (friend of Randy Thomas); Billie Jean Kerr (friend of Wilson Smith); Shawn Lankford (Pam Bruce friend & coworker)-recently diagnosed with cancer; Kelly Hutcherson Moody; Antonette Papincak (friend of Donna Canella); Jeff Pendry; Sharon Poindexter (Marianne Fay)-cancer; Melinda Ring (friend of Blair Duncan)-breast cancer; Kedron Robertson (friend of Bobby Duncan)-neuroendocrine cancer; Sheila Thacker (friend of Bunny Phipps); Brenda Tucker (neighbor of Ashburns)-cancer; Mitchell Venable (Verona Hiatt request)-cancer; Audra White (Wayne White's wife from Robah Ogburn's Army Reserve unit).

NON-MEMBERS—HOMEBOUND: Jenny Hyatt (Randy Thomas' cousin); Minnie Jenkins (Jan Speas' step-grandmother); Jack Styron (Su Trollinger's uncle); Irene Tucker (Tom Tucker's mother)

NON-MEMBERS—NURSING CENTERS: Harry Carithers (Steve Carithers' father)-Brian Center; Max Cook (Pam Bruce's father)-Wintergreen Assisted Living, Marion,NC; Robert Helsabeck (Jim Helsabeck's father)-BrookRidge Retirement Center; Lucille King (Ronye Blackburn, Bunny Phipps' mother)-Oak Forrest; Ann Mikol (John Mikol's grandmother)-Assisted Living Facility; Dorothy Pollard (Pat Terry's mother)-Salemtowne; Helen Shaw (Su Rene Trollinger's mother)-Oak Forrest; Bob Wheeler (Barbara Wheeler's husband)-Oak Forrest.

MISSIONS: Richard Badgett Family (friends of Blair Duncan)-White River, Africa; Compassionate Heart International; Crisis Control Ministry; George Goff & Wings of Mercy Ministry; Habitat for Humanity; Hope Pregnancy Care Center; King Outreach Ministry; Oaks Indian Mission; Prison Ministry; Prodigals Community; Samaritan Ministries; Sunnyside Ministry

OTHER CONCERNS: Our Nation and Leaders.

THOSE SERVING IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY: Todd Coates (Kenny Johnson's cousin)-Ft. Bragg; Tyler Essic-National Guard; Lucas Medlin (A.G. & Juanita Carmichael's grandson-in-law)-Germany; Bruce Morton (Rob Holby met at Chicago airport)-Army, Bagdahd, Iraq; Grant Trivette (Matella Drum's nephew)-Iraq.

A PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

Heavenly Father, please protect our men and women in uniform as they face risks on our behalf. Guide them, strengthen them and draw them to Yourself. Comfort their families at home and speed their return. Bring a peace, which will make the world a better place for all. We thank you, Father, as we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Lenten Small Groups: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1

6:00 - 6:30 PM: Meal — 6:45 - 7:30 PM: Small Groups

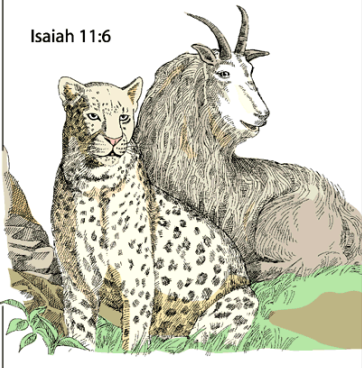


Everyone in our church family and visitors are invited to participate in our Lenten Small Groups on Wednesday evenings. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers up to age 2. Meals will be provided by Circle 1, Circle 2, Circle 3, Men's Fellowship and CEC/Church Board. Please come and join us!!

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"The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lay down with the goat,
the calf & the lion & the yearling together,
& a little child will lead them."

Isaiah 11:6



RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED