

# BELL'S MESSENGER



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## Regular Scheduled Board Meeting

Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm in the Sanctuary.

## Randleman High School AP Test

Randleman Senior High School will be using our fellowship hall for AP test for a few days during the month of May. During that time, they will have signs up asking you to not enter. Please respect their request to not be disturbed during the test. The days and times are as follows:

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: 12p – 4p  
Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> 7:45a – 4p  
Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 7:45a – 1p  
Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 7:45a – 1p  
Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 7:45a – 1p  
Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:45 – 1p  
Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> 7:45 – 1p  
Thanks for your understanding.

## Country Breakfast

Country Breakfast will be Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 am until 10 am. Menu: Eggs, Country Ham, Bacon, Sausage, Gravy, Biscuits, Grits, Coffee, Milk, Orange Juice & Tea. \$8 for adults, \$4 kids 4-10 and 3 & under eat free. Take outs available. (No Drinks with Take outs.

## Graduation Sunday

Graduation Sunday this year will be Sunday, June 7 during Worship Service. There will be a Covered Dish Immediately Following Church in the Fellowship Hall.

This year our graduate is Nikki Hale.

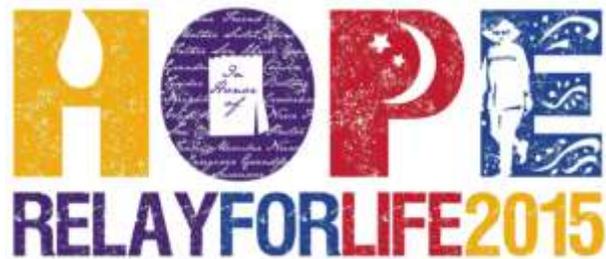
## Relay For Life

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Yard Sale and Hot Dogs on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. There was \$358.05 raised.

So Far this year there has been \$1,178.05 raised for Relay for Life. The church will match \$1000.00 of that.

Relay for Life this year is Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm until 11 pm and is back at South Asheboro Middle School which is at the corner of Hwy 64 and Park St. Physical Address is 523 West Walker Ave. Asheboro.

Scheduled Events are start of the event is at 4 pm, Live Auction starts at 8:30 pm, Luminary Service is at 10 pm and the Closing Ceremony is at 10:45 pm. Entertainment this year is Sounthbound 49, Full Surrender and Kaleb Hensley.



### **From Pastor Ed**

Most, if not all of us can remember those times in our lives when something totally unexpected happened. Those moments can bring times of great anxiety or they can take us to new heights where previously we hadn't traveled. Following those times of scaling the emotional mountains we experience or plummeting downward with everything crammed in between; the question then becomes---what now? When the extraordinary settles into the rhythm and rhyme of the ordinary, how do we handle life from day to day? I think it goes without saying that those moments in our lives work to transform us in many ways. As we are walking through these days of Easter, I think of those first century followers of Jesus Christ and the roller coaster ride of emotions that must have flooded their entire being following Jesus' resurrection from the dead. For three years Jesus' inner class of twelve had followed him listening intently to their Master Instructor as Jesus taught them about His heavenly Dad and the reasons for which he had been commissioned to come to Earth to reveal God's eternal plan for salvation. Toward the end of Jesus' life, it became very clear that those who made up our Lord's classroom (and many more) had not a clue about the core lesson plan he was sharing with them.

And then, tragedy struck. The voice that had called them from their daily labors to come and follow this Evangelist had been executed by way of capitol punishment at the hands of the Roman government. The only disciple who stayed by Jesus' side and as well his mother and the other women who accompanied her was John. Following his death, he was placed in a borrowed tomb and as far as everyone were concerned, that was that. The hope upon which their future hinged was gone! And then, it happened. Something totally unexpected took

place. Reports started coming their way that these same woman who had ventured out to the tomb of Jesus to finish the task of embalming his body was gone! How could this be? And then, on that same day, shocked men locked away behind closed doors witnessed first hand their Teacher alive and well as he stood before them and said-"Peace be with you." In the days that ensued, Jesus' previous teachings would become crystal clear to his students. As apostles, these men (and the women as well) understood the scope of his teachings and the implications contained for humanity. Before Jesus' ascension, he assured those closest to him that upon his return to his Father in heaven, he would not leave them abandoned. He would send the Comforter (His Holy Spirit) to lead and guide them throughout their lives.

Again, the question at hand, what now? The task before these disciples transformed into apostles would soon be made known to them. As the Apostle Paul would (in time) come and join in the ranks with the followers of Jesus, the arduous task of building the early church was before them. Pentecost would bring about a miraculous power among the people. Peter would preach two sermons scanning two days the end result of which was more than seven thousand people coming forward to serve the church of which this same resurrected Jesus was and is the Head. And after more than two thousand years, that same movement is still going forward. You and I now take our place among those working to build the church of today built upon those same biblical principles. Regardless of the unexpected things that come our way and the effect they may have upon our lives, then as now you and I are God's Easter people, a people of the Book, endeavoring to lay block upon block building the Kingdom of God. With all the distractions this world tosses our way, we must remember that paramount in our lives is the opportunity and weighty responsibility of wearing the same stole of servitude that the early sojourners of faith wore. May we all take seriously God's call upon our lives and work together to carry on

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that glorious tradition. May we as the people of the Church of Jesus Christ, a Church purchased with his blood at Calvary, be vigilant in sharing that opportunity with those around us.

God bless you all. Pastor Ed.



## Church Service Times

*Worship Service:*

9:30 am

*Sunday School:*

Immediately following Worship Service with 45 minutes of Sunday School Class time. After Class, we will meet back in the Sanctuary for a Sunday School closing assembly.

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## History of Old Union UMC

### Trivia Question

April's Question:

When and where was this picture taken?



Answer: This picture was taken in August 2010 at Fairfield UMC when Old Union played softball against Fairfield UMC.

June's Question:

When was this picture taken and what was the event?



(Answer will be in the May Bell's Messenger)

### **United Methodist Women**

The Old Union UMW met on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.

Several ladies brought snacks, etc. to send to Hospice of The Piedmont in High Point. Cindy Armfield will be delivering them.

Ladies were reminded that Kelli needed to know by Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> how many were going to the Prayer Breakfast on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you notes were read from Jennifer Davis for her wedding gift and from Hospice of Randolph County for snack items. Thanks were verbally sent from The Family Crisis Center for Easter baskets for the kids and from Edna Bame for household supplies she received.

Refreshments were furnished by Kelli Smith.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall and as always all ladies are encouraged to attend. Ruth Haynes will be the hostess.

### **United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men did not have an April meeting due to it was Easter Sunday.

We would like to thank everyone that helped in any way with the Pancake and Sausage Supper on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We raised \$676.00. We had enough Pancake mix left that we hope to have another Pancake Supper sometime this fall.

The next Country Breakfast will be Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone that can, please help.

The May meeting will be Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. Jeffrey Smith will be the host.

We do encourage all the men of the church to come out and join us the first Sunday of each month.

### **United Methodist Youth Ministry**

The United Methodist Youth Ministry met Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. We discussed our upcoming events we have.

We will be camping out at Seth and Kelli Smith's house from Friday evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup> until Saturday morning, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will also be going to Carowinds on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for the Rock the Park (Christian Rock Music Festival). The tickets, includes a ticket to the park and concert. The Youth Ministry will pay for half the ticket cost. They will need to bring spending money and money for food and drinks.

We are continuing to sell the Rada Knives etc. There are books on the desk of the Financial Secretary. If you would like to purchase see any of the Youth Ministry members or you can now order online and have it delivered to your home and the profits still go to the Youth Ministry. How to order online is on the back of the books.

### **Food Collection for Christian's United Outreach Center (CUOC)**

The Items to be collected for the next 2 months are:

May: Canned Green Peas and Canned Corn  
June: Macaroni & Cheese or Pasta Salad

High Demand Items needed at this time are: Field peas, green peas, corn, pintos, northern and navy beans (dried or canned), macaroni and cheese, green beans, canned fruit (no sugar added), hamburger helper, sloppy joe mix, breakfast cereal (no sugar added), oatmeal, grits, instant potatoes, ramen noodles, pasta, soup, spaghetti sauce, bath soap and laundry detergent.

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## **Questions on the Holy Bible**

### Flood

1. When God looked down from heaven what did he see?
2. When did Noah preach to the wicked people?
3. How were Noah and his family preserved?
4. What was the name of the son that God gave Adam in the place of Abel, whom Cain slew?

### Answers

1. The great wickedness of man. Genesis 6:5
2. While the ark was preparing. 1 Peter 3:20
3. In the ark, which Noah built at God's command.
4. Seth Genesis 4:25

### Noah

1. How long was the ark building?
2. How old were Noah and his sons when they went into the ark?
3. What went in the ark with them? (Besides their wives)
4. What was Noah's first act when he came forth from the ark?

Answers will be in next month's Newsletter.

## **Country Breakfasts for 2015**

Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

## **Vacation Bible School** **"Celebrate God's Blessing"**

Our Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. If you are interested in helping with Vacation Bible School this year please let Linda Byrd or Beverly Spillman know as soon as possible.

The dates and times of Vacation Bible School this year is Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until 8 pm, Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 4 pm and Vacation Bible School program will be on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup> during Worship Service.

## **Rock the Park at Carowinds**

Rock the Park (Christian Rock Music Festival) will be at Carowinds on Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Groups who will be in concert are Casting Crowns, Skillet, Crowder, About the Mile, Blanca, and others to be announced.

We are getting a group to go to Carowinds that day. We will leave here from the church at 8 am and will return late that night. The price of tickets to go is a maximum of \$50 each, which includes park admission and the concert. Members of the Youth Ministry will only have to pay a maximum of \$25 each. If you are a Season Pass ticket holder tickets to the concert are \$25.99. Everyone will still need to bring spending money for souvenirs, food and drinks.

If you want to go all money needs to be turned in to Jeffrey by Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, so tickets can be purchased.

### **Thank You**

I want to thank all who participated in the Special Singing on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Thanks also to Burnett's Chapel for participating also. The Holy Spirit was present and the singing, playing, and testifying was soup for the soul. Thanks again until next time.

Gene Farlow

### **From District Superintendent**

**Nancy Rankin**

This was in the Northern Piedmont District Newsletter this month and I thought it would be good to include it in our Newsletter.

### **Top Ten List...with thoughts to ponder by RVDRNANA**

At the close of this appointment season I feel led to share with you some of the most requested characteristics church Pastor Parish Relations Committees share with me during our consultations, and my reflections upon those characteristics. At the heart of most conversations is the deep and good desire of most churches to be effective, to reach new people for Jesus, and to have a future for their grandchildren. But getting to those goals presents great challenges only the power of God's Holy Spirit joining with our obedience can meet.

Use these as conversation starters in your churches. Together, prayerfully, we can move closer to being the communities of faith God desires of us.

**10. We want to overcome our financial decline and have enough money to meet our obligations and help other people.** (But we refuse to have an emphasis on Biblical Stewardship and ask our people to make first fruit commitments of their financial gifts to the church even though it is a proven fact that churches who do that receive more money and

meet their financial obligations).

**9. We want our new pastor to bring in new people to our church and be active participants.** (But we have no evangelism strategy for reaching out to our neighbors or helping new people feel welcomed among us. We don't even know the people who live around our church).

**8. We want a pastor who is a strong preacher who preaches Biblically based sermons.** (But we are too busy to attend Bible Studies or do our own daily devotions so we can only guess if the preacher is actually preaching from the Bible).

**7. We need more young families to join our church. We miss having children among us.** (But we won't volunteer to keep the nursery because we did that when we were young and now it's someone else's turn. We haven't updated our nursery rooms in twenty years).

**6. We want our new pastor to be a strong leader and lead our church to grow.** (But we regularly vote, "no," on any new ideas because we don't like change).

**5. We want a young pastor with a family so they will attract other young families to our church.** (But it bothers us when the pastor's children are disruptive in the worship service. We like the peace and quiet of our sanctuary).

**4. We want a pastor who can relate well with our teenagers and be a role model for them.** (But we don't have the time to volunteer to help with our youth ministry. Some of us are only in church once or twice a month. We don't even know the names of our youth).

**3. We want our pastor to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout our community.** (But we have not learned how to share our own faith stories with others and are afraid to do so).

**2. We raised our children here and now they have moved away or choose not to attend. We are worried about our future.** (But we forgot to fall in love with other's peoples' children who have lived all around our church and we were so focused on ourselves we didn't see them...even now we still don't see them).

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1. **We are a friendly church; everyone here loves one another.** (But when a stranger comes among us we don't speak to them and wonder how they slipped in).

## Area Blood Drives in May

Anyone who is eligible is urged to schedule a time to give blood now. People with all blood types are needed, and donors with blood types O negative, O positive, A negative or B negative are especially encouraged to give at this time.

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:  
New Market Community Building  
Sponsored by: New Market Ladies Civitan  
4530 Nelson Park Road  
Sophia  
2 pm until 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>:  
Trinity Memorial UMC  
7140 NC Hwy 62  
Trinity  
2:30 pm until 7 pm

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:  
CommunityOne Bank  
10108 South Main St  
Archdale  
12 pm until 4:30 pm

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>:  
First UMC  
224 N. Fayetteville St  
Asheboro  
2 pm until 6:30 pm

Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
Randolph Mall  
345 Randolph Mall  
Asheboro  
10 am until 2:30 pm

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>:  
YMCA Asheboro-Randolph  
343 NC Hwy 42 North  
Asheboro  
2:30 pm until 7 pm

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:  
Mt. Vernon UMC  
9429 Archdale Road  
Trinity  
2:30 pm until 7 pm

First Presbyterian Church  
420 W. Walker Ave.  
Asheboro  
2 pm until 6:30 pm

Pleasant Garden UMC  
4834 Pleasant Garden Road  
Pleasant Garden  
3 pm until 7:30 pm

## Missing You Mission

Please remember that if there is any person that you have noticed that is not at church and would like a card sent to them, please write their name on paper provided in the pews and give them to Linda Byrd or place them in the offering plate.

**Dustin Spillman**

Dustin has been redeployed. Please remember him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Scheduled Board Meetings 2015**

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 pm

Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm

**Shut Ins Addresses**

Marjorie Adams  
6087 Old Walker Mill Road  
Randleman, NC 27317

Jack Stephens  
4248 Brown Loop Road  
Randleman, NC 27317

Edna Bame  
P.O. Box 1013  
Randleman, NC 27317

Garland Newby  
4471 Newb Hill Road  
Sophia, NC 27350

**Church Cleaning Schedule**

May: Clarence and Patty Knight

June: Terry Parrish

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Please forgive me if your Birthday or Anniversary has not been included in the Newsletter. I only publish the ones that I have been given. If you would like yours to be included please give all your family's birthdays and anniversary on an index card or piece of paper. Thanks.

**Birthdays**

May:

5/1: Ron Abee

5/2: Patty Knight

5/5: Anna Case

5/6: Doris Abee

5/11: Jennifer Hall

5/21: Jake Johnson

5/22: Judy Beeson

5/23: Crystal Swoope

June:

6/4: Ashley Case

6/13: Gene Farlow

6/19: Delbert Spillman

Ron Godbey

6/21: Cheryl Pegram

6/28: Jennie Frazier

6/29: Hunter Gladden

**Anniversaries**

May:

5/20: Jack & Lovier Stephens

5/23: Bill & Ashley Case

June:

6/2: Carsie & Debbie Hill

6/17: Darrell & Beverly Spillman

6/22: Clarence & Patty Knight

**Randleman FFA Spring Plant & Flowers Sale**

Randleman High School Announces Spring Plant Sale. The Greenhouses and Nurseries of Randleman High School Horticulture program is officially open for business. Regular sale hours are 1:30 - 6:00pm Monday thru Friday and 8:00am - 1:00pm on Saturdays. A healthy selection of over 130 varieties of annuals, perennials, shrubs, ornamental and fruit trees, fruit shrubs, vegetable plants, hanging baskets and planters are available and all competitively priced to sale. Plant material produced and maintained by our horticulture students with proceeds benefiting the educational endeavors of the Horticulture program and agriscience land lab. The Greenhouse and Nurseries are located behind Randleman High School off Tigers Den Road.

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## Newsletter Submissions

Please have all newsletter submissions for the June edition of the Bell's Messenger to me by Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Remember my email is [jws13@northstate.net](mailto:jws13@northstate.net).

## Easter Egg Hunt





**Pancake and Sausage Supper**

**Special Singing**



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## OLD UNION UMC UPCOMING EVENTS (as of Friday, May 1, 2015)

- Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: United Methodist Men at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Regularly Scheduled Board meeting at 2 pm
- Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: United Methodist Women at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>: Country Breakfast, 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Youth Ministry Campout at Seth & Kelli Smith's house
- Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>: United Methodist Women at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>: Graduation Sunday during Worship Service then Covered Dish after church in Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>: Rockthepark at Carowinds
- Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>: Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska
- Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>: "Celebrate God's Blessing" Vacation Bible School. VBS will be Friday night: 6 pm until 8 pm with Supper served from 5:30 pm until 6 pm, Saturday: 9 am until 4 pm with Breakfast served from 8:30 am until 9 am then Closing Program will be on Sunday during Worship Service.
- Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>: End of Summer Party. Time will be announced later.
- Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>: 229<sup>th</sup> Annual Homecoming
- Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>: Country Breakfast, 7 am until 10 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>: 12<sup>th</sup> Annual United Methodist Women Country Buffet and Auction Fund Raiser

