

MISSION STATEMENT

Win, Nurture and Serve in Christ.

MEMORIALS

In memory of Patricia S. Windley & Elsie Shotton

For: Undesignated Memorials

Given by: Sid & Jean Thomas

HONORS

In honor of Wesley Friendship Sunday School Teachers

For: Building Fund

Given by: Wesley Class

In honor of Frances McLean

For: Building Fund

Given by: Hazel McPhatter

In honor of Beth Ray

For: Building Fund

Given by: Manna Sunday School Class

In honor of Emily Williams & Barnett Bass

For: Building Fund

Given by: Lula N. Williams

Attendance

Sunday, December 14

Sunday School 145

Morning Worship 216

Visitors

Sunday, December 14

Chris, Kathy, Abby & Hayley Frazier,
Rev. Maurice Mitchell, Thomas & Katie
Bowers

Please check the *monthly newsletter* for calendar of events and worship helpers!

Thank You!

Thank you so much for your prayers and words of encouragement during my recent illness. How awesome it is to feel such love from wonderful friends and family. Jason and the girls have been real 'troopers'. We are all getting VERY excited and eagerly awaiting Christmas. Again, thank you and Merry Christmas. In Christ love, Ann Dameron MacDonald.

Thank you!

Dear Chestnut Street Friends: Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous gift of \$1,207.00 given on December 11, 2008 in support of our mission to bridge cultural, economic and racial gaps in Robeson County. This will really make a difference in our "Christmas Store." - Jane Esdale, Executive Director, Robeson County Church & Community Center

REMINDER

The United Methodist Men's Christmas breakfast will be held in Asbury Hall on Sunday morning, December 21 at 8:15. Spouses and families are invited!

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED on Wednesday, Dec. 24; Thursday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25 & Friday, Dec. 26.

THE NUTSHELL

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*He shall
be great
and shall be
called the
Son of the
Highest.*

Luke 1:32

May your holiday season be filled with love, joy, peace and happiness.

The Staff

FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

I sincerely hope each of you will have a Merry Christmas this year. Each year we collect money from those who would like to make a donation for Christmas gifts for our staff. If each of you would consider making a donation, our wonderful staff would greatly appreciate it. Checks can be made out to the church. Please have your donations turned in by December 22.

I hope each of you will have a prosperous new year! Ken Windley, Chairperson, Staff Support Ministry

Prayer Concerns



Remember our Shut-ins

Charles Stansel, Lib Culbreth, Helen Sharpe, Sonny Duncan, Bobby Williams, Frances Byrd, Ruth Burch, Margaret B. White, Lynda Price, Marcus McKnight, Pete Cline, and David Thaggard. Call Helen Wehunt at (735-0924) if you have a prayer request or wish to add someone to the list.

Friends of the Church: Doris Plant (Dodie Taylor's mother), Karen Fisher, Robert Stone, Doris Bland, Sam Smith, Glenn Strickland, Vernon Cline, Frank Powers, Peggy Morris (Margaret White's friend).

Hermitage: Sara Stansel (Rm. 5 East)

Wesley Pines: Mary Fuller, Mary McLean, Rosa Hunnings, Lois Huggins (Room 410, Bed #1)

Cape Fear Rehab., Room #4-217, P. O. Box 2000, Fayetteville, NC 28302: Lynda Price

Carolina Rehab, 4600 Cumberland Rd., Room 804, Fayetteville, NC 28305: John McLellan

Missionaries: Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Zigbuo.

Military: Major George B. Brown III, HHC, DSTB, 1CD (CMD GRP), APO AE 09344; Raymond Martinez, HQ MNC-1, XVIII Airborne Corps, APO AE 09342.

Financial report as of Nov. 30, 2008

Revenues	\$66,049.12	\$438,726.40
Expenses	\$47,396.31	\$484,896.71
Over/under	\$18,652.81	- \$ 46,170.31



Faith-Nurturing Family Activities - Suggestion - No. 10

This week's tip: **Conflict Resolvers:** Sometimes siblings can get on each other's nerves. What better way to redirect tension than to think about the good qualities of one another. Whenever someone in the family is mean-spirited to another family member, the offender has to say or write four things he/she appreciates about the other person. This makes us thankful for one another and tenderhearted. It's also fun to watch the other person take in the compliments. Conclude with all sharing a good quality we appreciate!

Advent & Christmas Eve Events:

Mark the dates and times!

Sunday, Dec. 21: 8:30 a.m.

Angel Breakfast for Preschool - 1st Graders

Sunday, Dec. 21: 10:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday Jesus Party - Wesley Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 24:

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service -

"On the Spot Christmas Pageant"

11:00 p.m. Traditional Communion & Candlelight Christmas Eve Service



On The Spot Christmas Eve Pageant

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m., come to the "On the Spot Christmas Pageant." We invite you to participate in the Nativity scene during the worship time by wearing a costume of your choice. Costumes will be available in the church parlor prior to the service for you to select to wear. Holy communion and the lighting of the Advent wreath will be featured as part of this worship time.

Traditional Communion & Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

At 11:00 p.m. on Dec. 24 you are invited to worship. The service will conclude with Holy Communion and the traditional candlelight service.