



The Courier

February 2012

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MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

WORSHIP

Understanding the Journey with Christ
Sundays at 5:45 PM starting Feb. 12

"While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them ..." *Luke 24:15*

Talk about "worship", and so often what we talk about are the songs that a church sings on Sunday morning, the instruments that are used, or the style of dress people are wearing in church. We tend to talk about what people do in a sanctuary on a Sunday morning or some other appointed hour when people gather together to "worship".

Most of what we talk about is what we do, where we are. However, do we ever concern ourselves with what God is doing? Do we ever concern ourselves with where God is?

Worship is the essence of the Christian

life. Scripture says that worship defines eternal life. Worship is, therefore, our journey with Christ. Sometimes worship is not always planned and prepared and scheduled. Sometimes, worship happens when we are busy "talking and discussing" and Christ decides to pull along side of us rather than waiting for us to come alongside him.

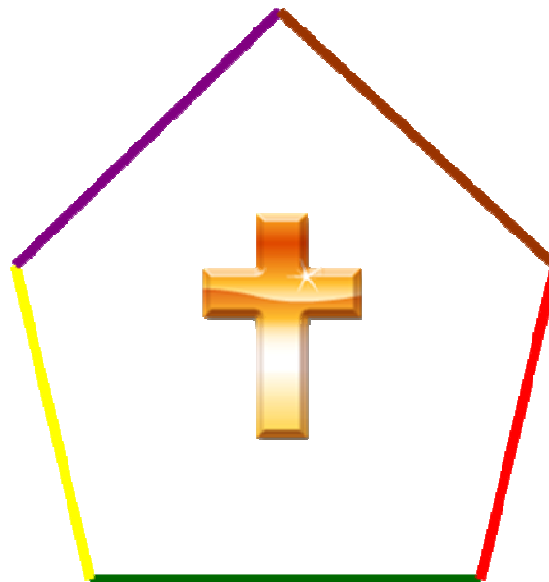
Come join in a conversation about our journey with Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Wednesdays at 6:45 PM
Thursdays at 11:30 AM

Starting in February, our mid-week prayer services will have a new focus.

Each service will continue to provide an opportunity to lift the needs of fellow church members, family members, and friends in prayer. However, we will also take time each week to focus on mission and ministry opportunities throughout our world.



As we continue to *Move Forward in Faith* toward the church God is calling us to be, one of the identifying marks of that church is a missional focus. A "missional" church is a community that seeks to be the presence of Christ not only within its walls and programs but also out in the

world in a way that allows the kingdom of God to truly change lives. As a part of this journey, we need to pray for fellow Christians who are serving in the streets of towns and villages here in Alamance County, North Carolina, the United States, and beyond our borders. As we pray for our brothers and sisters, we may find that God also opens doors of understanding about our own journey of faith.

Ministry Team News

Children's Team

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Winter Wonderland a success! We hope everyone had fun building snowmen, having fellowship with each other, and helping others in need.

Please prayerfully consider how you would like to help with Vacation Bible School this year. The dates are June 18-22. Our theme is "Sky - Everything is possible with God". Everyone can find a place to serve!



Family Team

Book Discussion Group

February 16, 2012

7:00 PM

Barnes & Noble Café

“From the Ground Up: Building and Selling the American Dream” by Tony Craver.
Tony will answer questions and talk about his book at the discussion.

Formations Team

Don't forget about The Center, a corporate time of prayer on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the sanctuary!

We would like to thank Janie Brown, Alec French, and Colleen Russell for their Sunday school study Fit 4 as it wraps up the second Sunday in February!

Coming soon: Gospel Perspectives on Jesus' Last Days as presented by David Durham on Sunday mornings at 9:45 beginning in March and leading up to Easter.

The quest of the silver piggy bank returns in February. After being Debt Free in '11 rather than '13, we will be collecting change to buy new air conditioning units. The Sunday school class with the most change collected each month will be the holder of the silver piggy bank!

Missions Team

Homeless Shelter – Responsible for the meal for the Homeless Shelter for Wednesday, Larry & Stacia Durham, Milt & Janet Lanphear, Bill & Earline Mann, Garland & Judy Tickle.

Royal Ambassadors Annual “Souper Bowl” Canned Food Drive - Place your cans in the baskets outside the RA room or in the Communications Center by Feb. 12. All food donated will go to the Allied Churches Soup Kitchen.



Senior Adult Team

The Senior Adult Team met during the month of February in preparation for our quarterly luncheon and discussion about upcoming Fun and Fellowship Trips. Our team was excited that Dr. Neal Dumayne would be able to come and share his expertise in February. The team is looking at calendars for shows at Elon University, Paramount Theater, and at the American Jubilee Musical in Selma. Dates for upcoming trips will be discussed at our February meeting.

"Circle of Friends" - Wednesday, February 1 9:30 am

Senior Adult Breakfast - Tuesday, February 7 8:30 am Ramada Inn

Senior Adult Team Meeting - Friday, February 10 10:00 am

Valentine's Senior Adult Luncheon - Tuesday, February 14 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Guest Speaker - Dr. Neal Dumayne, Chiropractor

Topic - "Staying Healthy as the Years Go By"

Menu - Lasagna, Salad, Bread, Dessert, and Drink

Cost - \$3/person

(PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A TO GO TRAY IF NEEDED)

February Birthday Luncheon - Wednesday, February 15 12:30 pm Ramada Inn

Elon Roundtable Meeting - Sunday, February 26 5:45 pm



Stewardship Team

The Stewardship Team would like to remind everyone about continuing to give half of your original "Debt Free in 13" pledge to the building fund and the other half towards the regular fund. Our church has been truly blessed to be able to start off the new year being debt free. In 2012, we would like to focus on meeting our regular budget and building up our contingency fund that has been recently depleted. The Stewardship Team will be providing additional details on the finances and upcoming building projects at the next Roundtable meeting on Feb. 26 at 5:45 pm. We would like to encourage everyone to attend.

Worship Team



February 5 - Communion

Please remember to bring canned food for Allied Churches.

This month we are entering the Lenten season.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday Feb. 22 .

Your Worship Team encourages you to make these weeks leading up to Easter a time of reflection and renewal in your prayer life.

Lord, give us repentant hearts as we prepare to travel the Lenten road your Son took to the cross for us.

This year there will be a Community Sunrise Service sponsored by the Elon churches that do the Thanksgiving service. It will be on April 8 at 6:30 AM. (The place will be announced next month.) A breakfast will follow in our Fellowship Hall. You are invited to start your Easter Celebration with this Sunrise service.

MUSIC NOTES

There are several times a year when it is a perfect time to participate in one of our music groups or choirs. NOW is a great time! We will be preparing music for the Easter season, as well as inspiring songs for all our worship services. If God has blessed you with the gift of music (vocal or instrumental) please share it with others.

Worship Choir - 7:30 pm Wed.

Happy Hearts- 10:00 1st & 3rd Tues. (Retirement center Ministry)

Elon Bronze - 7:00 pm Mon.

Joyful Ringers (Youth & Children) - 6:30 pm Mon.

SHINE! (Youth) - 4:00 pm Sun.

M&M's (Kids) - 5:30 pm Sun.

For more info call Margaret Miller at 584-2735.

FYL...



Youth Fundraiser Event - Blue Ribbon Dinner - Feb 21st, 5 pm - 10 pm

Come out and have a great meal at Blue Ribbon Dinner on S. Church Street and support our Youth Summer Mission Trip.

Gifts & Memorials...

The church appreciates the following gifts.

Building Fund:

Anne Uzzell In honor of our Church Families, February Birthdays & Anniversaries.

Youth Fund:

Ellen Disney In honor of Ivey Huey.

Dear FBC, Elon Family,

Thank you for all your support and love while I've been in Elon. Being accepted in your family has been a huge blessing to my college experience. Thank you for the tangible things – rides, and meals, and the intangibles – smiles, hugs, and prayers.

Please keep me in your prayers as I study in London for the spring semester. I will miss fellowshipping with you, but look forward to being with you again in the fall.

*In Christ,
Dorothy Noel*

Pack well

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

—Based on the "Journey to Hope" sermon series, www.rethinkchurch.org/lent

New Address for Anne Uzzell

**Lawyers Glen Retirement
Room 105
10830 Lawyers Rd.
Charlotte, NC 28227
Cell: 213-7205**

Youth News

Just a thought...

This past month our youth group passed a wonderful moment that I think deserves recognition. While at a Third Day concert in 2004, our youth group was introduced to the mission organization World Vision. World Vision is a Christian mission world organization that assists people around the world with many different projects. One of World Vision's most appealing and successful programs is there adopt a child program. A volunteer chooses a child and commits to donating \$30 a month towards your child. These funds do a variety of things, including providing clothes for your child, school supplies for your child, assistance with wells and livestock in their community, and spreading the message of Jesus Christ in their region. After attending the concert in 2004, our youth group came together and wanted to adopt a child. That child was Theophile Bikorimana.

Theophile, as our youth group likes to call him, has become an important part of our group. We received annual photos along with quarterly pictures and updates from him to see how he has grown and how our donations are helping him. Theophile will be celebrating his 12th birthday May 27, 2012, in his home country of Rwanda. This birthday is a testimony to our youth group's donations, because many children Theophile's age in Rwanda do not get to see this birthday. Another number that we need to celebrate as a group is that with our donations at the end of December, our youth group has raised over \$2,000 for Theophile since 2004. Thank you for your donations and I hope you will continue to support Theophile this coming year and for years to come!

- David

Upcoming Youth Ministries...

MARCH MADNESS

4 Cystic Fibrosis!

****Support the FBC Elon Youth as they raise donations for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation! Support your favorite team by placing donations in the team bins in the foyer starting February 19 or donating to one of your team's players! Support your team and a great cause at the same time! Donations accepted through Saturday, March 10 when our team shootout will take place! Come support the youth!!!**

Youth Fundraiser Event Blue Ribbon Dinner

Feb 21st, 5 pm - 10 pm

February Youth Ministries

"The Breakfast Club"

Wednesday, February 1 and February 29
6:45 am

Winter Jam Concert!

Saturday, February 4
\$10 at the Door
*12:30 pm - Meet at FBC
**5:00 pm - Concert at Greensboro Coliseum

Emerge

Sunday, February 5, 12, 19, 26
9:45 am

Super Bowl Party @ The Briggs!

Sunday, February 5
5:00 pm until...

Consuming Fire!

Sunday, February 12, 19, 26
5:30 pm

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Task Force: Caring Kitchen

Saturday, February 18
8:00 - 11:30 am

Administration Team

Sunday, February 19
9:00 am

Fundraiser at Blue Ribbon Diner

Tuesday, February 21
5-10 pm

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...



Erin Leasure February 2
Emily Hinton February 5
Ryan Henry February 9
Lindsay Swing February 25

FEBRUARY

Ushers & Greeters: N.R. Franks, Alec French, Kevin Harrington, Mike Harrington, Paul Harris, Dale Harrison, John Jennings, Ronnie Ledbetter, Faye Naylor, Billy Thompson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																										
Sunday Worship Opportunities 9:20 AM Deacons Prayer 9:30 AM The Center (Sanctuary) 9:45 AM Sunday School 10:55 AM Morning Worship 4:00 PM SHINE! 5:00 PM Fellowship Supper 5:30 PM Youth - PraizKids & Missions 5:45 PM Adults 6:15 PM RA's & GA's			1 6:45 AM Break- fast Club 8:30-10 AM Career Net 9:30 AM "Circle of Friends" 6:45 PM Prayer & Praise 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 11:30 AM Prayer & Praise	3	4 12:30 pm Youth to Winter Jam Concert																																										
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Birthday's

1 st Jeff Prichard	7 th Marie Wills	14 th Stacia Durham
2 nd Ronnie Ledbetter	7 th Sarah Johnson	19 th Marie Allison
4 th Rob Johnson	9 th Marilyn Gailey	21 st Kristin Miller
5 th Emily Hinton	9 th Ryan Henry	22 nd Brad Brenner
5 th Debby Wall	10 th Dreama Howard	23 rd Adam Harrison
5 th Olivia Henry	12 th Roy Hicks	24 th Faye Naylor
6 th Allene Atwood	13 th Mary Rehrauer	25 th Lindsay Swing



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