

APRIL 2017

North Spray News



A LINE FROM LEM

By Lem Hardison, Minister

HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?



I recently read a little paperback book about the prayers of the Bible. After reading it, I felt led to preach a series on some of those prayers. If God answered the petitions of Hannah, David, and Jacob, He might do the same for us—and He has.

Prayer is not telling God what to do and then expecting His immediate, positive response. Bob Russell, in his book, **When God Answers Prayer** says: "Prayer is cooperating with God so that He can release His power." Someone has said that God answers prayers, "Yes," "Wait," and "You gotta be kidding." Someone else said that if our request is wrong, God says, "No"; if our timing is wrong, God says, "Slow"; if we are wrong, God says, "Grow"; and if our request is right, our timing is right, and we are right, God says, "Go!" However God answers, we know that our heavenly Father knows what is best for us and what is best for others.

We have just started this new series and invite you to come and explore with us some of the great prayers of the Bible.

See You Sunday,
Lem

Special Happenings...

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

All of our elders are invited to come and join our pastor in prayer at **9:30 each Sunday morning** as we prepare for the day ahead.



Our annual Hotdog luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt will be on Palm Sunday, April 9. Make plans to be here for a meaningful service and good fellowship afterward.



Maundy Thursday
April 13
Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday
April 16



The **Church Office** will be **closed** on **Easter Monday, April 17**, in observance of the holiday.



Earth Day
Saturday, April 22

Earth Stewardship Sunday will be observed on April 23. We will have a **food drive** especially for CCM on that Sunday. Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable items and place them in the collection box at the door.



Administrative Professionals' Day
Wednesday, April 26

A shower was held on Sunday, February 26, in honor of **Kim and Mike Gray**. Kim and Mike were married in November. We wish them many happy years together.



Congratulations to Private 1st Class Jeremy T. Stewart on his graduation from boot camp at Parris Island, SC on Friday, March 3. Jeremy is the son of Cecil Stewart and Kristin Merritt.



Birthdays for April

Caleb Wakefield	2
Chase Stultz	4
April Stacey	6
Maelyn Goodman	9
Sylvia Brown	10
Felicia Heyward	11
Noah Dalton, Elizabeth Key	15
Ciarra Hernandez	19
Sara Hankins	24
Mason Davis	27
Tim Bailey, Angie Strader	30



Anniversaries for April

Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon	1
Clay & Mary Lee Perkins	3

Service for April

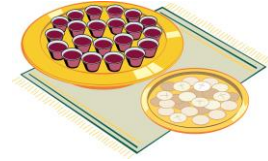
Communion

- 2 – Jo Dell Murphy/Maddie & Carley Reynolds
- 9 – Mary Barrett
- 16 – Jerry & Michelle Walker
- 23 – Paul & Annette White
- 30 – Stephanie Merrick & Hope Boothe

Note: You do not have to be here early to prepare communion. We have a volunteer who does that. You are only responsible for cleaning up after service.

Deacons

Peggy Bowers
Bill Koontz
Jerry Walker
Michelle Walker



Elders

Mary Barrett
Lucille Morris

Money Counters

Michelle Walker
Obera Harris

Greeters

2 – Obera Harris
9 – Charles & Louise Washburn
16 – Sam Robertson
23 – Bobbie Hill
30 – Sylvia Wilson



Worship Leader

2 – Annette White
9 – Marilyn Hardison
16 – Lem Hardison
23 – Frankie White
30 – Paul White



Children's Church

2 – Beth Lewis/Shane Strader
9 – Angie Strader/Courtney Campbell
16 – Jo Dell Murphy/Maddie Reynolds
23 – Mary Barrett/Ciarra Hernandez
30 – Debra Moore/Dabrasia Cummings
(See new guidelines below)

Youth Teachers

Younger Youth – Mary Barrett
Older Youth – Angie Strader
Pre-teen/Teens – Beth Lewis

Bulletin Board for March/April

Worship Committee

Note: If you are unable to be present on your designated Sunday for any of the above services, please call someone to fill in for you.

Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please call the church office and let our secretary know the date and all pertinent

information. (Please note that there are standing dates for Easter lilies and poinsettias at Christmas)

New Children's Church Guidelines

As of Sunday, March 5, these are the guidelines for Children's Church:

An assigned adult with 1 teen will take the small children out of worship after the Youth Sermon.

All children 2nd grade and up will stay in the sanctuary for the entire service. The only exception will be if you are the assigned teen helper for that Sunday. Helpers are 6th to 12th grade teens.

We are hoping that you will only have to serve once every 2 or 3 months. This is dependent upon whether we get the additional help we need. We are still looking for **3 additional adults** to help. If you are willing to help, please see Debra Moore.

Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

The CCM food pantry is located at the Leaksville Moravian Church. The food pantry is open 9:30-12:00 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. They are no longer taking calls before distributing food bags. Those in need should just go to the church and they will be assisted once a month.

We are asked to bring food on the **first Sunday of each month** and place it in the box in the hallway. There is always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits.**

You may also give monetary donations to help with medications, utilities, and purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931.

We thank you for the food you give each month. **Please continue to bring food items as often as you can. Thanks also to Barney & Lou Strutton for delivering our donations to the food closet each month.**

Salvation Army Service

We are serving meals at the **Salvation Army** on the 3rd and 5th Fridays each month. This month our date

will be **Friday, April 21.** Our thanks to those who serve so faithfully. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please see Bobbie Hill.

Youth Yak. . .

By Heather Wakefield

Our youth participated in a destination unknown trip to Winter Jam in Greensboro on Saturday, March 25. Watch for pictures from this trip in future publications and on social media.

Women at Work. . .

Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President



The CWF will host their annual **Family Cookout** at the **Wood's pond** on **Friday, April 28, beginning at 5:30 p.m.**, weather permitting. All you need to bring is your lawn chair and fishing equipment. This is for men,

women, and children. Children **must** be accompanied by a **responsible** adult! If you need transportation, call the church office or a member of CWF and arrangements will be made. **Come on out and join in the fun!**

The CWF has **boxed greeting cards** (priced on box), **lemon flavoring** (\$2.50 per bottle), and **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. These may be purchased from any member of the CWF. Money can be given to Michelle Walker or the church office. These items are in the closet just beyond the coat rack in the hallway. **Check out the new designs that have been ordered in the cards.**

Men at Work. . .

Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

By Charles Washburn, President



The **CMF** will meet again on **Monday, May 12, at 6:30 p.m. at Church Street Station.** All of our men

are encouraged to attend. Prayer meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

F.Y. I. (For Your Information)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

Attention Graduates! If you are graduating from high school or college this year, we need to hear from you. We will need the ***school you are graduating from and the date, any special honors or superlatives you have earned, your future plans, and a picture of you.*** For college graduates, we will also need to know the ***degree you have earned.*** Please email your information and picture to Thomas Knight at tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com, by **Sunday, May 14.**

Join us for our Fellowship Reception, each Sunday, 10:30-10:55 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Doughnuts, biscuits, and drinks are available, along with great fellowship before worshiping together.

Each Monday night some of our members are meeting at the church to pray for our church. We share prayer concerns, pray, and share communion beginning at **6:30 p.m. Come, join us!**

Paul White, one of our elders, is available each Sunday after worship service in the Searchers' classroom to pray with you or for you and any special needs you may have.

A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair

This Sunday, April 2, we will have a **parsonage clean-up after worship service.** We are hoping to have all the repair work done by then. Bring your work clothes to church to change into and join us! A light lunch will be provided.

In the event of inclement weather, please watch WXII News 12 or FOX 8 WGHP for closing information. You may also check your e-mail, the church website, or the church's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Leadership Class

Our leadership class began on Sunday, March 12. We are using the book, "The Healthy Elder: Vital Signs of a Strong Leader" as our text. The class will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. with the exception of May and August when it

has been moved back to the first Sunday due to conflicts.

The next **meeting of the board** will be on **Monday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m.** All committee chairs are encouraged to attend or send a report from your committee. Prayer meeting will be at 6:00 p.m.

The Thursday Bible Study group is meeting each week for Bible study, discussion, and prayer. We meet in the conference room every **Thursday at 11:00 a.m. Join us!**

If your group wants to use the **church bus** for transportation to an event, please fill out a Bus Usage Permission Form, located in the office, and give it to Thomas Knight or Heather Wakefield. A calendar that includes the dates the bus is scheduled to be used is available on our website at northspraychristianchurch.com/bus.

Financial Facts: Jan./Feb. 2017

Balance on Hand Beg. Of Period \$9,892.24

Income/General Offering	14,127.20
Income/Special Offerings	1,283.00
Income/Faithraisers	704.00
Interest Income	1.74
Money Market Interest Inc.	.95
Income/Other Sources	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income for Period	\$16,116.89

Expenses from Budget	17,802.72
Expenses/Special Missions	354.00
Expenses/Special Funds	<u>65.00</u>
Total Expenses for Period	\$18,221.72

Balance at End of Period \$7,787.41

Other Fund Balances:

Money Market Balance	\$5,863.97
Van Fund Balance	9,464.02
Memorial Fund Balance	6,535.88
Bettie McBride Mem. Fund Bal.	23,983.74
Parsonage Maint. Fund Bal.	2,026.37
Cherway Camp Fund Bal.	1,859.25
AS DeHart Scholarship Fund Bal.	1,578.00

REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS: (*NSCC members)

Immediate Needs:

*Tim Bailey – PO Box 1004 (443 Washburn Ave.)
*Peggy Bowers – 170 Daisy Road
Roy Campbell – 726 Rhodes Road



Ben Davis – Friend of Larry Tolbert
 *Betty Eggleston, Rm. 191, MNC
 Carlton Estes – 5185 NC 700
 *June Gatewood – 517 Cedar Street
 *Marilyn Hardison – 200 Wilson Street
 Ron Hardison
 *Betty Hicks – 171 Windy Road
 *Bob Johnson – 140 W. W. Irvin Road, Stoneville in home Hospice care
 *Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive
 *Ralphine Light – 443 Lawrence Street
 *Pauline Litaker – Room 133, MNC
 *Lillie Meeks – Room 15, Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Hwy.
 Alan Pratt – 2065 Price Road – Betty Shively's son-in-law
 Eric Pratt – Betty Shively's grandson
 *Kena Sawyers – 411 Sherwood Court
 Arlene Shively – Betty's daughter –in-law
 Bobbie Shough – 236 Harrison Street
 *Van Shropshire – Room 501, Brian Center
 Jill Slaughter – Room 306, Brian Center
 *Charlie Smith – 230 Hidden Valley Dr., Apt. 113
 Bill Southard – Brenda's Husband – 1144 Ellett Ave.
 *John & *April Stacey – 1106 Harris Street
 Susan Talley – Friend of several church members – cancer – 213 Portsmouth Street
 Gary "Mullet" Warren – esophageal cancer – 675 Westerly Park Road
 *Charles & *Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148
 *Foot Washburn – 1229 Harris Street
 Joan Washburn – Charles' sister-in-law - Brian Center, 226 N. Oakland Ave.
 Joyce White – Frankie's mother/Nancy's sister – 120 Edgar Alan Drive, Stoneville, 27048
 Margaret Willard – Friend of Sylvia Brown – 501 Barnwell Street, Thomasville, NC 27360
 *Faye Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville, 27320

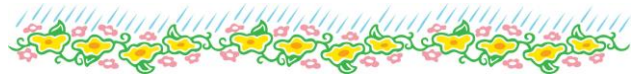
Ongoing Needs/Homebound:

Jean Anderson
 Alger Baker – Brenda Southard's uncle - 1210 Ellett Ave.
 *Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street
 Marjorie Carter – Highgrove Long Term Care, 2135 S. Scales St., Reidsville
 *Jewel Cooper – Room 103, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center, 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, NC 27025
 Lynda Cuthbertson – 404 Zigar Road, Ridgeway, VA 24148
 Tootsie Dyson – 714 Church Street
 Jim Goode – 526 N. Bridge Street
 *Mike Gray – 502 Carolyn Court, Unit B5

Shirley Gray – 651 Roberts Road – Mike's mother
 Gayle Hand – Chris' mother – Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Highway
 *Nancy Hankins – 402 The Boulevard
 *Marissa Hernandez – 914 Central Ave.
 *Diane Kennon – 340 Daniel Adkins Street
 Madeleine Lee – (Sylvia Brown's aunt) - Room 601B, Jacob's Creek Nursing Center, 1721 Bald Hill Loop, Madison, NC 27025
 Peggy Pendleton – Room 405, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville
 *Macon & *Marcy Reid Smith – 705 Yeoman Lane, Greensboro, 27409
 *Nathan Townsend – 657 County Line Rd., Reidsville

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Jerine Patterson at her death on Monday, March 13.

Our Christian Sympathy is also extended to Obera Harris and family at the death of her son, Danny, on Wednesday, March 15.



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Coming in May....

Sun., May 7 – Leadership Class, 4:00 p.m.

Sun., May 14 – Mother's Day

Mon., May 29 – Memorial Day – Office Closed





April 9, 2017

The Jelly Bean Prayer

RED is for the blood He gave.
 GREEN is for the grass He made.
 YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
 ORANGE is for the edge of night.
 BLUE is for the sins we made.
 WHITE is for the grace He gave.
 PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow.
 PINK is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet,
 is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.



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