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“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”



¹³Then little children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them; ¹⁴but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” ¹⁵And he laid his hands on them and went on his way. ~Matthew 19: 13-15

⁶“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world because of stumbling blocks! Occasions for stumbling are bound to come, but woe to the one by whom the stumbling block comes! ~Matthew 18: 16,17

You may have heard that we have been sharing the church building with a bunch of rambunctious little children for VBS. This week is always a fun, exhausting time in which we as the body of Christ have the opportunity to represent Christ to some kids who may not hear about him week in and week out. I am always so very grateful for the layfolks from the congregation who give of their time to teach, play games, make crafts, or sing songs.

While you may not feel like what you do at VBS is all that impactful, it can really make a difference in the way a young girl or boy thinks about Jesus and the Church. You see, just the kindness, love and fun that you show these kids may be the seed that grows over time in their heart and eventually blossoms into saving faith in Jesus Christ! That is a wonderful opportunity that we get to have each year.

When you really get down to it, we have two different options when it comes to our life together with children; whether we are talking about VBS or every other week of the year. We can either be stumbling blocks or building blocks. Being a building block requires humility and patience over time, but it is lasting. Jesus was patient and loving with the children that were brought to him, and so should we be. Stumbling blocks, on the other hand, are loud and stand out on their own. Stumbling blocks cause pain and cause those looking for Jesus to fall. Building blocks allow growth and bring them closer to Christ.

– May we all be building blocks in the lives of the young people in our lives!

– God Bless, Pastor Tim

Titus 2:11-14 New International Version (NIV)

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Celebration Brings Forth Opportunities

During our Homecoming Service on Sunday, June 26th, another celebration also took place. We celebrated the final payment of our loan used to build the new Christian Fellowship Center (CFC) and other upgrades to the worship campus by “burning the mortgage”. We praise God and thank all that helped bring this project from a “flicker of a dream” to reality.

Many, many faithful from the Flat Rock community gave above their tithing (as well as friends of the church) to make this possible. We believe God is far from finished here at Flat Rock! This has put upon our hearts to advance God’s Kingdom by establishing a new giving opportunity at Flat Rock we are calling the *Christian Growth Fund*. The new fund will be devoted to increase missions and outreach as well as new programs and activities here at the church. This means we now have four dedicated giving options:

(1). our general fund which is used for the operating expenses of the church (utilities, insurances, salaries, apportionments, and etc from normal tithes) (2). The new *Christian Growth Fund* (3).The cemetery fund (4). The buildings fund (to be used for future needs, repairs, or expansion for both the worship campus and the parsonage. There is a small amount of funds remaining in the original Building Fund which will be used only for the CFC and worship campus so that we may honor the placement by those who gave these gifts. All future giving to the Buildings Fund will be use as stated in 4 above.

There is one other item concerning giving I wish to share with you. The church council has decided to put in place an e-Give program for anyone desiring to tithe or give to the church that way. It was felt that we have members who like to have funds automatically withdrawn from their bank accounts on a monthly basis. This would be a wonderful way for these folks to not forget giving if they miss several Sundays, are away on trips or vacations, or unable to physically get to church. There will be more information of this in the near future. I feel proud to be a part of this church and to present this information on behalf of the Admin. Council.

I pray for God’s guidance in all that we do.
John Gall, Admin. Council chairperson



Flat Rock VBS Praise Band—featuring Zac, Bill and Ryan

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kaitlin Wilson	Aug. 2	Tammy Cousino	21
Elie Bayless	3	Lisa Hutchens	25
Barry Joyner	4	Ray Strickland	25
Tyler Armfield	5	John Gall	29
Missie Joyner	6	Misty Joyner	29
Kristen Drum	12	Morgan Hendrix	30
MacKenzie Hendrix	12	Lucie Joyner	30
Bobby Joyner	13	Emma Newnam	30
Jeffrey Brown	15	Calab Clark	31
Cody Truitt	16	Dolly Strickland	31



ANNIVERSARY

Bobby and Margaret Norris	August 1
Leonard and Imogene Fields	2
James and Heidi Ritchie	12
Joey and Kaitlin Wilson	16

WEEKLY MINISTRIES		
Sun	8:30 am	Adult Choir Practice
	9:30 am	Coffee and Fellowship
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship (Communion on 1st Sundays)
	4:-5:00 pm	NO Liturgical Dance Team Practice (resume in September)
	5:15—6:30 pm	UMYF Meeting
Tues	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Countryside Village
Wed	9:00 am	Coffee and fellowship with Pastor Tim at BJ's
Wed	6:30 pm	“Covent” Bible Study

Please note that sometimes during the week this weekly schedule will be change. When we have to make these changes, we will do our best to notify you as well as put notice in our weekly bulletins. However if you need to check in with someone in your group, we want you to phone in so you'll know of these changes and not make unnecessary trips to church. THANKS.

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
August 7	Lisa Hutchens & Dakota Williams	Jill Joyner & Wayne Farrar
August 14	Mandy Williams & Ryan Fields	Emily Fields & Faith Williams
August 21	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Lisa Hutchens & Ethan Cox
August 28	Margaret Norris & Dakota Williams	Bobbie Williams & Charlie Fields

Worship Helpers for August

Jerry and Denise Pegram

The Youth will be meeting at Center UMC at 5pm with the Operation 336 churches on July 31st. Dinner will be provided, along with a lesson, some fun and games, and a movie at the end of the evening. We hope all the Youth will be able to attend.

In Memorial:

In memory of Jimmy Price by his parents, Thomas and Brenda Price to the Building Fund.



IT'S A BOY!

Congratulations to Barry and Lauran McClure on the birth of son, Miles Lewis, on June 28, weighing 8 lbs and 6 oz, and 21" long. The proud grandparents are Roger and Debbie McClure.

MISSIONS:

August 01-30 - Collecting school supplies for the Methodist Children's Home in Winston-Salem
 August 07 - Turn in school supplies for Good Samaritan's (ONLY - pencils, crayons, glue sticks, notebook paper and composition books.) They will be collecting again in December if you want to buy more of these items while things are on sale and save until then. Thanks for supporting our Missions.

United Methodist Women

There will be a meeting on Saturday, August 13, at 10:00 am in the Christian Fellowship Center. All ladies attending are to bring a breakfast item for refreshments. Helen Gall will be doing devotions and the program We are having a meeting in August and taking September as our vacation month because of the UMW Conference. Annual Meeting on September 9—11, 2016 at Lake Junaluska, NC.

Our District Annual Meeting and Walk for Mission will be September 24th Location to be announced later.

Margaret Norris, President UMW

Good Samaritan Food Pantry:

For July our church provided 150 cans of fruit and 150 cans of tomatoes for this pantry and we continue to THANK each one of you that helped, especially our smart shopper, Jackie. We are reminded that school begins soon and the stores have supplies out already, so lets begin bringing in those items needed: Pencils, crayons, glue sticks, notebook paper and composition books.

If you have clothing items to donate, please contact Danita Penry (336-972-2713) and make arrangement to drop them off. We will no longer collect clothing items for Armenia since we no longer have a way to get them to the distribution center. Remember: If you wish to purchase an entire box of food you can give \$25 to Jill Joyner and she will make sure to get to Bi-Rite to get your order fulfilled.

Thank You again for all the donations each month.

UPCOMING EVENTS		
August 2—5		Pastor Tim out of town for Continuing Education
August 1—30		Collect school supplies of Children's Home, Winston-Salem,
August 7		Bring school supplies, listed in bulletin for Good Samaritan
August 13	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
August 28		4th Sunday Lunch
August 29		Newsletter deadline
		Watch your weekly bulletins for more August Events.