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**JANUARY, 2017**

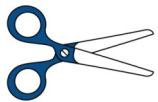
**“Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by nurturing the congregation, ministering to the community and around the world, and by providing a place for inspiring worship, study and authentic Christian fellowship.”**

**Happy New Year**



In the New Year, you will be tempted to make new year's resolutions. I would like to suggest that you skip those promises you don't plan to keep anyway. Instead, join me in reaffirming your covenant to follow Jesus whenever and wherever he leads. This prayer is an excellent way to remind yourself of God's call on your life in the year to come. Like last year, you could cut this prayer out and display it somewhere prominent so you will remember.

God Bless,  
Pastor Tim



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**The Wesley Covenant Prayer**

*I am no longer my own, but thine.*

*Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.*

*Put me to doing, put me to suffering.*

*Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.*

*Let me be full, let me be empty.*

*Let me have all things, let me have nothing.*

*I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine.*

*So be it.*

*And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven*

*Amen*

**Let us remember:**

- January: Bailey Doggett's graduation from NC State  
Baby Boy James Davis making Anne and George Thacker Great Grandparents.
- February: Valentine Day Cards for Vets., teddy bears and blankets.  
Baptism and reaffirmation service. UMAR Dance Pillowcase dresses
- March Easter Music Cantata "Champion of Love"  
Birthday month celebration  
Palm Sunday and Easter came early this year.
- April Missions prayer shawl ministry.  
Camp Carefree Chili cook-off.
- May Mother's Day  
New Bible Study on Wednesday nights "Covent"  
New Baldwin piano in Fellowship Center  
Summerfield Founder's Day
- June Father's Day  
Special Homecoming "Burn the Mortgage"
- July Vacation Bible School  
Mission Team support for St. Michaels Soldiers Pfeiffer University Youth Mission U
- August Collecting school supplies for Methodist Children's Home and Good Samaritans.
- September UMW Tabatha's Tea  
Presale orders for Brunswick stew
- October Toys for Henderson settlement  
Operation Christmas Child  
Meetings of all committees  
Trunk 'n Treat Halloween
- November Election Day  
UMW Bazaar  
Advent begins
- December Choir Christmas cantata :Come Let us Adore"  
Stokesdale Christmas parade

These are a few of the things but there is not enough room to list everything. We have not named all the births of babies nor have not recognized all new members, but that doesn't mean we don't welcome you into our fellowship. We "Thank" everyone for their love and encouragement from all our Flat Rock Family. We love you.

**Good Samaritan Food Pantry**

We don't know our food item for January, but watch the weekly bulletin for it. We cannot stress how much you have supported the Stokesdale Food Pantry each month, and Jackie will give the end of year report later. However, do you remember how each month we brought in cans of fruits, tomatoes, tuna, chicken, salmon and Spam, boxes of Mac and cheese, plus jars of jam and peanut butter. And this was every month that went into boxes to feed this area. Again, we can only say "Thanks" for your support.

Also, to our generous "shopper" Jackie, thank you for the many trips it took to fill the boxes. May God Bless you

**Philippians 3:13-14**

**<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**



**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Sissy Doggett	January 1	Randy Hanks	17
Janet Hanks	3	Tim Dunlap	18
Jackie Younts	3	Lane Rumley	22
Perry Strickland	4	Sarah Evenson	24
Jeff Wright	11	Cheyenne Hollifield	25
Johnnie Crumpler	16	Alex Flynt	29

Please let me know if I need to add your birthdays and anniversary to our list. I don't want to leave you off and have forgotten to ask some new members. Thank You.

**ANNIVERSARY**

Robert and Pam Strickland                      January 26

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	Liturgical Dance Team Practice
	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

**Worship Helpers for January**

Ushers: Lucie and Barry Joyner

DATE	NURSERY	CHILDREN'S CHURCH
Jan. 1	Lisa Hutchins & Janet Hanks	Emily Fields & Ethan Cox
Jan. 8	Priscilla Slate & Misti Ridenour	Charlie Fields & Faith Williams
Jan. 15	Bobbie Williams & Jerry Pegram	Jill Joyner & Ryan Fields
Jan. 22	Jackie Younts & Erik Cox	Wayne & Nancy Farrar
Jan. 29	TBA	TBA

**MISSIONS:**

No report from the Missions Committee, but watch for any notices for things to come.

**Corrections from December:**

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Walter and Effie Thomas from Gordon Thomas and Mr. & Mrs. Tom Sacrinty. I apologize for this mistake.

**Memorials:**

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Thomas Vernon, Ruby Vernon, Rebecca "Becky" Edwards, David "Bradley" Hohn, Ben Gann and Anna Gann from Cathy and Drew Eiker.

Also to Cemetery Fund in memory of Mrs. Ruby Murphy from her daughter, Faylene Bowman. To the Cemetery Fund and UMW in memory of Douglas and Mary Lou Wilson from Marie and Steve Wilson.

To the General Fund in memory of Nancy Hardy from Sissy and Mark Doggett.

A donation to the Cemetery Fund by Louise Styers in memory of Leonard Fields.

**United Methodist Women**

Welcome to 2017 United Methodist Women!

We began a New Year with a change in president. As you know I will be the incoming president.

I would like to invite all women to attend our meeting Saturday January 7, 2017 at the church fellowship hall. Jackie Younts, Bobbie Williams and Janet Hanks will host, bring devotions and the program.

We will collect for the following:

Dues: \$3.00

Prayer and Self-Denial and Pledge to Mission – what God is leading you to give.

Hope to see you on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Jill Joyner

Flat Rock UMW President

We say "Thank You" Margaret Norris for the many years you served as our President. Great Job!!



On the 16th of this month, Johnnie Crumpler will turn 99 years old. To me this deserves a special recognition, so I ask you to bring in (or mail directly) a Happy Birthday card. Emily will see that she gets them all and will read each and everyone to Johnnie. Don't you know how happy this will make her feel. Thanks.

UPCOMING EVENTS *mark your calendars		
January 1		New Year's Day
January 7	10:00 am	UMW Meeting
January 16		MLK Holiday
January 16		Johnnie Crumpler's 99th Birthday
January 22		4th Sunday Lunch
January 30	Noon	Newsletter deadline

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