

To Know Him & Make Him Known

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Alexandra Alicardi
Lauren Alicardi
Madison Alicardi
Lauren Gray
Logan Gray
Mindy Knight
Morgan Whited

Dear Friends,

This past Sunday, as Miss Carrie Arnold made her way into her pew, she said, "I sure do miss Jesse." We all do. In the years since the passing of his wife, Rachel, Mr. Jesse Ray had sat on the second pew most Sundays. He hardly ever missed Sunday School and Worship. In fact, his absence from church was the exception – so noticeable that on the occasional time he wasn't here, we knew he was either sick or away from home. What a wonderful example of dedication and commitment! What about you? Is your presence at church so steady and constant that it is immediately evident when you aren't here?

His place in the pew is empty now; his work and purpose on earth is finished, and he has gone to be with the Lord. "Well done, thy good and faithful servant!" I was privileged to be his pastor and friend.

Love,
Merle

Calendar of Events for July & August (In addition to Scheduled Weekly Services)

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| July 10 - Sunday: | Backyard Bible Club (children ages 5-12 * 5:00 – 6:30 PM) |
| July 11 – Monday: | Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM |
| July 12 – Tuesday | WMU Meeting, Geraldine Elliott's 2:00 PM |
| July 17 - Sunday: | Backyard Bible Club (children ages 5-12 * 5:00 – 6:30 PM) |
| July 20- Wednesday: | Fellowship Supper / Business Conference 7:00 PM |
| July 24 - Sunday: | Backyard Bible Club (children ages 5-12 * 5:00 – 6:30 PM) |
| Aug 1 – Monday: | Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM |
| Aug 9 – Tuesday | WMU Meeting, Geraldine Elliott's 2:00 PM |
| Aug 10 – Wednesday: | Family Night Fellowship & Supper 7:00 PM |
| Aug 12-14 – Weekend: | Marriage Impact 2005 (Marriage Retreat – Ridgecrest) |

Weekly Services:

Sundays:
9:45 AM Morning Bible Study
11:00 AM Worship Service
5:00 PM Turning Point Youth
5:30 PM Children's Choir Practice
6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice

Wednesdays:
6:30 PM Turning Point Youth
7:00 PM Adult Prayer Service
7:00 OM TeamKid (Children's Bible Study)

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Mr. Jesse K. Ray, who died on May 3, and Mr. Mark Ray, who died on June 17.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

Adam Adcock, Northern High School (Kathy Keith's Nephew)
Zack Conrad, Millbrook High School
Kristin Martin, Millbrook High School
Pat King, Mount Olive College
Michael Ray, UNC-Chapel Hill (Ola Ray's Grandson)
Beth Cotney, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We are grateful for the contributions made by the following in memory of Mr. Jesse K. Ray: Ellen Berry; Sarah and Scott Bryant; C.H. Coltrane; Richard and Cindy Daniel; Larry and Ann Estes; Jim and Agnes Goldston; Rusty and Lee Ann Kelley; Ted and Carol Keith and Family; Jennifer and Brock Lavrack; Alice Mitchell and Christian Friends Sunday School Class; Merle and Jennifer Martin; NC Farm Bureau; Ken Powell; Douglas, Carolyn, Scott, and Jeffrey Ray; Ruth Ray; Danny and Jean Richardson (Rutherfordton, NC); Mimi and Gene Richardson; Gordon and Karen Robertson; Ben and Kelly Singleton; Gary and Diane Wallace

Children's Worship Service

July

3 Jeff, Steven, & Perry
10 Kelly Singleton
17 Terry & Ashley Ray
24 Beth Anne
31 Volunteer Needed

August

7 Robert Tarpley
14 Terry Marsh
21 Beth Schmitt & Ashley Ray
28 Dale Austin

Worship Service Nursery

July

3 Robert Tarpley
10 Amanda Ray
17 Terry and Ashley Ray
24 Stephanie & Tony Hayden
31 Bill & Sandra Schmitt

August

7 Ben & Kelly Singleton
14 Ellen Berry
21 Jeff & Mary Grainger
28 Volunteer Needed

July Birthdays:

1 - Claire Tidwell
1 - Rebecca Ray
5 - Cindy Daniel
7 - Claudia Gattis
8 - Allison Conrad
8 - Kristine Bramson
10 - Peter Bramson
10 - Ben Singleton
13 - Renee Martin
13 - Zachary Marsh
15 - Kristin Martin
21 - Jennifer Martin
21 - Zachary Conrad
24 - Jennie Pollard
25 - Jim Shue
31 - Tony Hayden

August Birthdays:

4 - Cindy Ray
11 - Tim Keith
12 - Fal Bolzner
15 - Michelle Woolard
20 - Caroline Singleton
22 - Madalyn Layton
26 - Shelly King

Anniversaries:

July 5 – Ann & Larry Estes
July 25 – Perry & Terry Ray
July 27 – Chris & Jennifer
Wickline
Aug 17 – Jim & Betty Farrell
Aug 19 – Dale & Terri Austin
Aug 21 – Jim & Becky Shue
Aug 22 – Tony & Stephanie
Hayden

TeamKID and Children Happenings:



I would like to offer a special thanks to all of the parents and adults who volunteered their time and talents in assisting as teachers, assistants, meal providers and music/recreation leaders during this Summer's VBS (June 25 –30). See the church's web site for some of the pictures from our kick-off celebration on Saturday the 25th and other things during the week of VBS.

VBS Update

Backyard Bible Club:

As an extension of Vacation Bible School, we will soon be starting our Backyard Bible Club. During three (3) Sunday's in July, we will be meeting at different homes on these Sunday afternoons for Bible Study, snacks, games and water sports (weather permitting). All children ages 5 – 12 are invited to attend and bring a friend. Visit the Church's website as the dates get closer for a list of the homes that will be hosting our group and for directions.

Sunday: July 10th (5:00 – 6:30 PM)

Sunday: July 17th (5:00 – 6:30 PM)

Sunday: July 24th (5:00 – 6:30 PM)



TeamKID – Wednesday Evenings:

All children ages 4 to 11 are invited each Wednesday evening (except on Family Fellowship nights) to TeamKID.

TeamKID is for *Kids in Discipleship*. We spend time each Wednesday evening studying a specific Biblical subject and then have time for games and outdoor activities.

If you have any questions about any of the events or programs for the Children's ministry, please contact Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org).



Family Events:

Marriage Impact 2005 is the premier marriage event inviting couples to experience exciting outdoor adventures combined with powerful Bible-study and inspirational worship.

I have had a few couples contact me about attending the Marriage Impact 2005 on August 12-14. We have never attended this new marriage retreat offered by Lifeway and we are planning on going to "try this retreat out" instead of attending the Fall Festival of Marriage later in October.

If any couples are interested in attending, they can contact Ridgecrest Conference Center and reserve their place in this retreat. There is some additional information out on the Church's web site with prices and a schedule of events for the Marriage Impact 2005.

Reservations for this retreat can be made by calling the Ridgecrest Conference Center at 1-800-588-7222.

If you have any questions about this retreat, please contact Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org).

Prayer Concerns

Carrie Arnold
 Carter Barham
 Minnie Benfield
 Lynda Bolzner
 The Bramson's
 Alexander Craig
 Mary Edwards
 Sophie & Cliff Edwards
 Geraldine Elliott
 Rachel & J.J. Farrell
 Theodore Fipps
 Ellen Gecsey
 Jimmy Goldston
 Rachel Goldston
 J.W. Grainger
 Violet Johnson
 Bobbie Lane
 Douglas Martin
 Edna Mitchell
 Bobby Moore
 Evelyn Newsome
 Bonnie Nichols
 Tommy Payne
 Coit & Helen Ray
 Ola Ray
 Pat Ray
 Perry Ray, Jr.
 Phyllis Ray
 Ruth Ray
 Bert Singleton
 Our Nation
 Building Program
 Sunday School

Keep Up To Date

Visit our web site to keep up to date on our ongoing ministries and Church events/schedules.

www.wakeminster.org

New Building Updates:

Missed out on the construction of the new building? Visit the picture gallery section on our web site to catch up on special events and the construction progress of our new building.

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BUILDING FUND (As of June 26)

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| \$563,539 | Contract Price |
| +38,433 | Septic System & Change Orders |
| <u>+45,000</u> | Estimated Cost of Furnishings |
| \$646,970 | Total |
| <u>-345,639</u> | Already Paid to Builder |
| 301,331 | Owe to Builder |
| <u>- 113,839</u> | Current Building Fund Balance |
| \$187,492 | |
| + 152, 924 | Loan Balance to Date |
| \$ 340, 416 | Total Needed |

UNDESIGNATED OFFERINGS

May Offerings: \$16,039.75
 June Offerings: \$6,672.75

Youth Events:

What an exciting summer I have already experienced! Words cannot express what it has been like to have Will around the house. He is a blessing straight from God. Our church family is also a blessing. Beth and I cannot thank you enough for all that you have done for us during this time in our lives. We want to take this time to thank all of you that have prayed, given gifts and brought food to the house. We would be lost without you. We are forever indebted to you for your generosity.

The summer has been slow for the youth so far. I have been caught up with the new baby and helping Beth, some of the youth have been off on school trips, and others have been on vacation, but things are gradually getting back to normal. The summer may have started slow, but we want it to end with a bang! Our summer retreat is coming up this weekend. The youth will be gone to Summerton, SC from the 9th – 13th of July. This will be a great time of fun, worship, and teamwork. There are many of our youth that can't be there, but hopefully those that go will bring back what they learn for the benefit of the entire group.

August will be an exciting month for our youth. We are taking a trip to "King's Dominion" again for a day of roller coasters and other rides. We are also going to start a six-week study on student evangelism. This study is designed to help students reach their friends for Christ. This should boost us into a school year of outreach like we have never experienced before. There is a list of dates and events below to help you stay involved with more to come every week. Have a great summer and come see us when you get a chance!!

We Love YOUth!!!

Alan

Dates and Events

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| July 9 – 13 | Youth Retreat to Summerton, SC |
| July 29 | Midnight Bowling |
| August 3 | "Salt & Light" study begins (six-week long) |
| August 9 | Trip to King's Dominion |

Many people have responded to Mrs. Ruth Ray's contribution to the May-June Newsletter. Folks were glad to hear from her and to read her article. She produced the Wakeminstry each month for many years, bringing news and happenings to our members, former members, and friends. When her article was transcribed for publication in the May-June edition, an error was regrettably made. This is the corrected version:

"In June, 1975, Albert and I went with a tour group to England, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy. While in Italy we visited the Vatican. When we arrived at St. Peter's Basilica, they told us we were very privileged in that we were entering through a special door which was opened by the pope every twenty-five years on Christmas Eve and closed with a ceremony the next Christmas Eve. Catholics from all over the world made a special effort to come to the Vatican at this time. Albert and I stayed up until late to watch the ceremony and closing of the door Christmas Eve 1975. I watched the ceremonies when the door was opened and closed in 2000."

CHARTER MEMBERS

Recently I have been asked about the charter members of Wakeminster Baptist Church. Wakeminster was organized June 13, 1951, with 53 charter members. The charter membership was left open for 6 weeks. No one joined during that time. Today there are 17 living charter members as follows:

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| Carrie Arnold | Geraldine Carter Elliott | Rachel Goldston | Ruth Ray |
| Minnie Benfield | Wilmoth Holman Benfield | Donald Keith | Alma Lee Tabor |
| Cora Benfield O'Malley | Robert Benfield | Coit Ray | Jean Carol Harrison |
| J. P. Carter, Jr. | John Robert Dunn | Helen Ray | Callie Macon Sauls |
| | | | Helen Marie Ray Woodlief |

The following ten are members at this time:

Carrie, Minnie, J. P., Geraldine, Robert Dunn, Rachel, Donald, Coit, Helen, Ruth. The last charter members lost by death were Albert Ray, January 7, 1999; Rachel Robertson Ray, May 13, 1999; Leola Dunn, January 13, 2001; Jesse K. Ray, Jr., May, 2005. --Ruth Ray

JESSE KNOX RAY, JR.

Jesse K. Ray, Jr., was a charter member of Wakeminster. He was elected Superintendent of Sunday School and a Trustee the night the church was organized. In the fall of 1969, he was elected deacon.

There were some little pine trees on the property bought later for the church building. Since the pines would mature and be cut in later years, John Harris, a Forester with the State Extension Service, recommended that we plant some shade trees to be growing to take their place. Jesse bought and planted the trees along the driveway on the upper side of the church building.

Fifty-four years later the pines have matured and are being harvested. We should be thankful and think of Jesse when we see the trees he planted. --Ruth Ray

ROBERT HOWARD MILAM

Robert Howard Milam, 87, died April 19, 2005. A memorial service was held April 24, in the chapel of Bright Funeral Home. Mr. Milam was the father of Christine Milam who was called as our associate pastor in January, 1985. This was to give her experience so she could qualify for a military chaplain. Mr. Milam attended our services often.

--Ruth Ray

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