

To Know Him & Make Him Known

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

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ann Estes
Phyllis Ray
Jan Alicardi
Charlie Alicardi

Dear Friends,

On Sunday afternoon, August 14, Mr. Coit Ray left us to be with the Lord. His passing left an ache in our hearts, but his Christian example is a wonderful and enduring legacy to all of us who knew and loved him. At 92, he was the oldest member of our church. Some time back, I affectionately began to refer to him as the Patriarch of our church family. That "title" was more indicative of our respect for his strong faith than of his age.

Our love and our prayers are with his dear wife, Helen, and his entire family.

Love,
Merle

Calendar of Events for September & October (In addition to Scheduled Weekly Services)

Sept. 12 - Monday:	Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM
Sept. 14 - Wednesday:	Church Business Conference
Oct. 2 - Sunday	Homecoming and New Building Dedication
Oct. 3 - Monday:	Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM
Oct. 9 - Sunday:	CROP Walk - 2:30 PM (Wake Forest / Tri-Area Ministry)
Oct. 11 - Tuesday:	WMU Meeting, Geraldine Elliott's, 2:00 PM
Oct. 12 - Wednesday:	Fellowship Supper
Oct. 29 - Saturday:	Trunk-or-Treat, Mike & Sheila Boyce's

Weekly Services:

Sundays:	Wednesdays:
9:45 AM Morning Bible Study	6:30 PM Turning Point Youth
11:00 AM Worship Service	7:00 PM Adult Prayer Service
5:00 PM Turning Point Youth	7:00 PM TeamKid (Children's Bible Study)
5:30 PM Children's Choir Practice	
6:30 PM Adult Choir Practice	

Wakeminster Baptist Church,

Sunday, August 14, 2005 at around 11:30 A.M. at Coit and Helen Ray's house, my family was privileged to see one of the greatest expressions of love we've ever seen: to look out and see one car full after another pull into the driveway and assemble for prayers, hymns, and goodbyes to our father. Daddy was aware of your visit and pleased to have one more chance to worship with his church family, whom he loved with all his heart. This day will remain in our memory and will always be looked back upon with great fondness.

Merle has been a great blessing to us through Daddy's illness and death, with his many visits to Raleigh and the home, bringing with him words of encouragement, comfort, prayers, a gentle touch, a smile even a song, and sometimes a tear.

"Love never dies" was the message delivered on the following Sunday in our Church in Stanley, North Carolina. Wakeminster and community can be proud of the way each of you love and lift God's name to others. We see great things to come from Wakeminster, including your new building addition and overall growth.

Mother and Daddy both love music and especially hymns. The hymn which I believe most nearly describes Daddy's view of things is "For the Beauty of the Earth". Please take the time to read those words once again.

Thanks and love to you.

Tommy Ray

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Christ our God, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Christ our God, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Christ our God, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
For thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love;
Christ our God, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
Amen.*

Children's Worship Service September

25 – Kelly Singleton

October

2 – Terry & Ashley Ray

9 – Beth Anne Martin

16 – Volunteer Needed

23 – Robert Tarpley

30 – Terry Marsh

Worship Service Nursery September

25 – Terry & Ashley Ray

October

2 – Stephanie & Tony Hayden

9 – Bill & Sandra Schmitt

16 – Ben & Kelly Singleton

23 – Ellen Berry

30 – Jeff & Mary Grainger

September Birthdays:

Mckenzie Wallace – Sept 4

DJ Foland – Sept 4

Emily Rees – Sept 7

Benjamin Bramson – Sept 8

Jimmy Goldston – Sept 8

Jessica Rees – Sept 10

Dawn Mitchell – Sept 12

Nancy Tidwell – Sept 13

Ola Ray – Sept 13

Denton Conrad – Sept 15

Preston Sheriff – Sept 15

Susan Ray – Sept 24

Jim Pollard – Sept 29

Kathy Pollard – Sept 29

October Birthdays:

Ashleigh Grainger – Oct 8

John Gray – Oct 11

Randal Tidwell – Oct 11

Brian Bramson – Oct 12

Brooke Tidwell – Oct 13

Cameron Kidd - Oct 16

Audrey Woolard – Oct 17

Diane Wallace – Oct 17

Sandra Schmitt – Oct 18

Bobby Moore – Oct 20

Ruth Ray – Oct 20

Elizabeth Singleton – Oct 21

Logan Gray – Oct 23

Leanne Keith – Oct 27

Pat Ray – Oct 28

Kathy Keith – Oct 28

Truett Ray – Oct 29

Pauline Rudd Glynn – Oct 31

Elizabeth Foland – Oct 31

Anniversaries:

Donald & Kathy Keith –Sept 4

Jerry & Joyce Grainger –Sept 6

Ben & Kelly Singleton –Sept 17

Jim & Kathy Polard –Sept 21

TeamKID and Children Happenings:



TeamKID Backyard Bible Club

I would like to thank all of the parents and kids who participated in our TeamKID Backyard Bible Club this Summer. We had a great turn-out for all of the sessions. I would also like to especially thank the following families for assisting us with snacks and/or hosting our meetings at their homes and letting us use their backyards and swimming pools.

John & Chris Gray
Bill & Sandra Schmitt
Charlie and Jan Alicardi
Ben & Kelly Singleton

TeamKID – Wednesday Evenings:

All children ages 4 to 11 are invited each Wednesday evening (except on Family Fellowship nights) to TeamKID. We have our weekly TeamKID meeting each Wednesday evening during the same time as the adults have their weekly prayer meeting and Bible study. If your child has not attended TeamKID before, I would like to invite you to let them join us. 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).

MISSION PROJECTS:

CROP WALK – Help Stop Hunger

The CROP WALK to help stop hunger will be held on October 9th at 2:30PM in downtown Wake Forest at the Tri-Area Ministry building. Anyone who wishes to participate should contact Terri Austin (terri@wakeminster.org) so they can receive a CROPWALKER Envelope with instructions on how to designate funds and participate with our group from Wakeminster Baptist Church.

CROP WALKS are ecumenical, interfaith community events. Undesignated funds help support the worldwide programs of Church World Service. Funds may also be designated to a variety of Christian organizations including the Southern Baptist International Mission Board. The CROP WALKS funds assist in the support of self-help development, meeting of emergency needs, and addressing the root causes of poverty and powerlessness. If you wish for your donation to be designated to a particular ministry organization (like the Southern Baptist International Mission Board) you just need to note that on the donation form when you make your donation.

Tim & Leanne Keith –Oct 4
Renee & Doulgas Martin -Oct 14

Prayer Concerns

Peggy Allen
Carrie Arnold
Carter Barham
Minnie Benfield
Lynda Bolzner
The Bramson's
Billy & Nancy Campfield
Glen Dail
Sophie & Cliff Edwards
Geraldine Elliott
Rachel & J.J. Farrell
Theodore Fipps
Ellen Gecsey
Rachel Goldston
Bob Goddykoontz
Violet Johnson
Bobbie Lane
Linda & Michael Maillard
Douglas Martin
Evelyn Newsome
Bonnie Nichols
Helen Ray
Ola Ray
Pat Ray
Phyllis Ray
Ruth Ray
Bert Singleton
Hurricane Victims
Building Program
Sunday School

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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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Financial Report

The 2004/2005 church fiscal year ended August 31, 2005. The year overall was an exercise in balancing surplus and shortfall. Your stewardship committee worked diligently throughout the year to insure that the offerings we did receive were spent only on what was absolutely necessary.

Our original budget proved to be too large for us to fund fully and by mid year we had to submit a revised and significantly reduced budget for approval. By year end, we were short the needed resources to cover our actual expenses by \$5,041.05 - mainly due to a significant offerings shortfall in the fourth quarter (the summer months). Our financial records show that we have overspent our offerings for the past 3 years in a row. During that time, the general fund balance has fallen from about \$40,000 to below \$10,000. So far, we have had to use the Building Fund balance to pay our new building mortgage payment each time and we will continue this practice, as needed, to supplement any offering shortfalls that may occur in the coming months.

On the positive side, seven out of twelve months had offerings that exceeded expenses; and we paid all Cooperative Program and Association gifts for this church year (almost \$11,600). Our hope is that our offerings will be consistent and steady all through the coming year.

If anyone has questions about our finances, please feel free to contact Jim Pollard.

COIT D. RAY MEMORIALS

As of this Newsletter, the following have given to the Building Fund in memory of Mr. Coit:

Eugene and Frances Ray; Sheila and Carl Adams; Jeff and Adrienne Lahar; Heather and Randy Wright; Wayne and Teresa Bailey; John and Barbara Dunn; Andy and Mary Harwell; James and Amy Watts; CMN Builders, Inc; Henrietta Walker; Larry and Ann Estes; Merle and Jennifer Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maready; Brock and Jennifer Lavrack; Westfield Homes of the Carolinas; Doug and Renee Martin; Cindy and Richard Daniel; Julie Wright; Jim and Kathy Pollard; Swans Realty; Macy Keith; Ben and Kelly Singleton; Mike and Sheila Boyce; James and Elizabeth Wilson; Dorothy F. Freeman; Dale and Terri Austin; Ellen Berry; Ola Ray; Truett and Cindy Ray; Rusty and Lee Ann Kelley; Jean and David Hedge; Scott and Sarah Bryant; Otho and Daphine Cash; James and Tammy Janicki; Stancil and Doris Woodlief; Ruth Ray; Geraldine Elliott; Lee Ann Kelley; Mr. and Mrs. W.V. Green; Teresa Blackley; John and Louise Ove; Ted and Carol Keith and Family; Jeff and Mary Grainger (their gift was also made in honor of **Mrs. Helen Ray**)

MEMORIALS AND HONORS

The following have given to the Building Fund in honor or memory of:

Doug and Renee Martin, in honor of **Kristin Martin**; Ellen Berry, in memory of **Ed Berry**; Julie Wright, in honor of **The Bramson's**; Ellen Berry, in honor of **Jim and Becky Shue**; Jeff and Mary Grainger, in memory of **Jesse Ray**

Youth Notes:

School's back!!!! That may not sound like an exciting statement, but it means that the student attendance will be up at church. We're excited about the upcoming year with our youth and we want you to be involved. Stay tuned for more information on what you can do to help the spiritual and numerical growth of our youth group.

We love YOUth!!!

Alan

YOUTH EVENTS:

Youth Lock-in and Road Clean-up - September 23rd @ 7:00 pm.

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HOMECOMING AND NEW BUILDING DEDICATION OCTOBER 2

Worship Service begins at 11 O'Clock with former pastor, Ray Hamilton, as guest speaker. Covered Dish lunch and Building Dedication follows.

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