

To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Would you like to receive "The Wakeminstry" by email?

If you would like to receive The Wakeminstry by email, please visit our website and choose to join our mailing list. We have a general mailing list as well as a Youth-oriented mailing list.

Dear Friends,

When I was a child, New Year's Eve meant a church service called a "Watch Night Service," which started about ten o'clock with fun and games and ended at midnight with the congregation standing in a circle and singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." We would go home to bed then and sleep late the first day of the New Year.

Now that I'm older, New Year's means another year of my life has gone by like a flood, stopping for nothing and no one. Each New Year I wonder what will happen in our world these next twelve months. God's Word, in Psalm 29, says "The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea the Lord sitteth King forever." This is a wonderful reminder that, no matter what comes, our Lord sits on the flood of life, and with divine wisdom, knows our days.

I have hopes for the coming year: I want to, like David, "fear no evil." Being mindful of Ephesians, I hope to be "kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving to others." Remembering Paul's admonishment in I Corinthians, I want to "stand fast in the faith."

I challenge us all to look to 2007 as a time of using our time and talents for God's glory and to look with joy for the coming of the Lord.

Jennifer and Beth Anne join me in thanking you for your many kindnesses and support this past year. May God continue to bless you all.

Love,
Merle

Music Notes:



Thank you all for your kind words regarding the Adult and Children's Christmas programs this year. We had a wonderful time and are so glad that you enjoyed them. The Children's Choir took their program on the road by singing at Carolina House in Wake Forest, and the Adult Choir sang for the Sunday morning worship service at Abbotswood in Raleigh.

We will resume adult and children's choir rehearsals in January. The adult choir will be working on new anthems for Easter in addition to the regular worship music. The children's choir will work on some songs to sing during the worship service at some time during the next few months. The chimes choir will begin meeting on Sunday evenings from 5 to 6 PM. If you have been thinking about joining one or more of the choirs, now is the perfect time. We are always looking for new members.

Music Trivia: Who is the most prolific hymnist?

Francis ("Fanny") Jane Crosby – she wrote over 8,000 hymns. Since the hymnal editors did not want to use so many hymns by the same writer, she was asked to use a pseudonym. She used over 200 pseudonyms over her lifetime. One other piece of trivia about Fanny Crosby – she was blind from 6 weeks of age due to an incompetent doctor.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our sympathies and prayers go out to the following families:

Claybon Ray and his family for the death his wife, Pat Ray, in December

Dena Whited for the loss of her sister, Rita Lawrence, in December.

Birthdays:

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| Betty Farrell | Jan 3 |
| Terry Ray | Jan 8 |
| Carter Barham | Jan 10 |
| Larry Estes | Jan 11 |
| Merle Martin | Jan 14 |
| Krista Foland | Jan 20 |
| Jim Farrell | Jan 30 |
| Lee Ann Kelley | Jan 30 |
| David Martin | Feb 3 |
| Minnie Ross | Feb 5 |
| Mary Candace Grainger | Feb 7 |
| Kelly Singleton | Feb 9 |
| Chris Gray | Feb 11 |
| Dorothy Conrad | Feb 14 |
| Corey Marsh | Feb 16 |
| Ellen Berry | Feb 17 |
| Charlie Ray | Feb 21 |
| Sarah Woolard | Feb 23 |
| Kerry Tarpley | Feb 24 |
| Ed Barham | Feb 26 |
| Mary Grainger | Feb 27 |
| Megan Kelley | Mar 1 |
| Morris Whited | Mar 2 |
| Jay Woolard | Mar 6 |
| Amanda Ray | Mar 8 |
| Carol Keith | Mar 9 |
| Charlotte Peedin | Mar 17 |
| Hunter Ray | Mar 21 |
| Brooke Hayden | Mar 23 |
| Matthew Knight | Mar 27 |
| Donald Keith | Mar 28 |
| Becky Shue | Mar 29 |
| Jim Peedin | Mar 29 |

Anniversaries:

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| Chuck & Terry Marsh | Jan 27 |
| Ace & Tita Robbins | Feb 20 |
| Randall & Nancy Tidwell | Mar 7 |
| Merle & Jennifer Martin | Mar 7 |
| Morris & Dena Whited | Mar 15 |

Keep Up To Date

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

Next Newsletter

Please send any articles or announcements that you would like included in the next newsletter to news@wakeminster.org.

The deadline for the next newsletter is Sunday, March 17th.

Youth Happenings:

Contact Tony Hayden (tony@wakeminster.org) for additional information about any of the youth events or mission activities that the youth participate in on a regular basis.

- Dec. 31–Jan. 1: Youth Lock-In – NEW YEAR
- Jan. 19-22: Annual Ski Retreat (Open to Everyone)
- March/April: Disciple NOW weekend retreat – more information coming soon

- Wednesday Evenings – Youth Fellowship & Bible Study (6:30 PM)
- Sunday Evenings – Youth Fellowship & Bible Study (4:00 PM)

Important Time Change Information:

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 AM. Make sure to turn your clocks ahead by one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10th.



Starting in 2007, Daylight Saving Time has changed. Most of the U.S. will begin Daylight Saving Time at 2:00 AM on the second Sunday in March and revert to standard time on the first Sunday in November.

Calendar Of Events (January, February & March):

JANUARY:

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| Monday 1st [10:00 AM] | - Youth Lock-In (Dec. 31 – Jan. 1) |
| Tuesday 11th [2:00 PM] | - WMU Meeting |
| Wednesday 17th [7:00 PM] | - Family Night Supper & Business Conference |
| Friday 19th – Monday 22nd | - Ski Retreat – See Tony Hayden for more details |

FEBRUARY:

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| Sunday 4th [2:00 PM] | - Superbowl At Raleighwood – See Dale for more info. |
| Tuesday 9th [2:00 PM] | - WMU Meeting |
| Saturday 17th [10:30 AM] | - Children's Skating Party |
| Wednesday 14th [7:00 PM] | - Valentine's Day & Family Night Supper |

MARCH:

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| Tuesday 8th [2:00 PM] | - WMU Meeting |
| Sunday 11th [2:00 AM] | - DLS Time Changes – Move clocks ahead 1 hour |
| Wednesday 14th [7:00 PM] | - Family Night Supper & Business Conference |
| Thursday 22nd [7:00 PM] | - Bible Study : The Five Love Languages |
| Thursday 29th [7:00 PM] | - Bible Study : The Five Love Languages |

Weekly Services:

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| Sunday: | | Wednesdays: | |
| 9:45 AM | Morning Bible Study | 6:00-6:30 PM | Snack Supper |
| 11:00 AM | Worship Service | 6:30 PM | Youth Bible Study |
| 4:00 PM | Youth Fellowship | 6:30 – 7:15 PM | Children's TeamKID |
| 4:00 PM | Children's Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 – 7:15 PM | Adult Prayer & Worship |
| 5:00 PM | Choir Chimes Rehearsal | 7:15 PM | Adult Choir Rehearsal |

Nursery & Children's Church

Sign-up for serving in Nursery and Children's Church for 2007 is currently going on.

If you are interested in serving once every two or three months during worship services, please contact the church at info@wakeminster.org or sign-up on one of the sign-up sheets posted around the church.

Starting in 2007 the Children's Church format will change slightly. Dale Austin will lead the Bible Study time during Children's Church and the weekly volunteers will provide assistance for any games, crafts and snacks.

BIBLE FACTS:

Seven Ways To Find A Wife

1. Have GOD create a wife for you while you sleep - Adam. (NOTE: this will cost you something [in this case a rib]) (Genesis 2:19-24)
- 2 Find a man with 7 daughters and impress him by watering his flock - Moses (Exodus 2:16-21)
3. Purchase a piece of property and get a woman as part of the deal - Boaz (Ruth 4:5-10)
4. Go to a party and hide outside. When the women come outside to dance, grab one and carry her off to be her husband - Benjamites (Judges 21:19-25)
5. Become the emperor of a huge nation and hold a beauty contest. Marry the winner - Xerxes (Esther 2:3-4)
6. Wait for your brother to die. Take his widow. (This one isn't just a good idea, it was the law.) (Deut. 25:5)
7. Find an attractive P.O.W., bring her home, shave her head, trim her nails, and give her new clothes - Israelites (Deuteronomy 21:11-13)

TeamKID & Children's Ministry:

The importance of a godly family for our children...

When Corrie ten Boom was a little girl, her father used to tuck her into bed at night. He talked and prayed with her, then laid his big hand on her little face. Later, when Corrie was imprisoned in a brutal Nazi concentration camp, she would ask God to tuck her in and lay His hand on her face just as her father had done. "That would bring me peace, and I would be able to sleep," Corrie wrote in her book, Each New Day.

One of our Lord's Names is Emmanuel, meaning "God with us." Our parents may no longer be around to tuck us into bed, but our Emmanuel never leaves us. The influence that fathers and mothers have with their children can be unimaginable – the spiritual impact of godly parents can have a lifelong impression on our children. There is no better time than now to be godly parents.

TeamKID – Wednesday Evenings:

We are currently in our TeamKID Bible study "Running The Race". This study is about how our faith in God affects our daily life as a child, youth and adult. 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 that 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 him or her join us. TeamKID is an acronym for *Kids in Discipleship*. We spend time each Wednesday evening studying a specific Biblical subject and then play games and do outdoor activities.



Family & Marriage Bible Study:

We are planning a Spring 2007 Marriage/Family Bible Study based on The Five Love Languages (Gary Chapman / Northfield Publishing). These are a set of studies based on the Five Love Languages for couples, children and believers toward God. If you are interested in joining us for our Spring 2007 Bible Study, please contact Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org).

This Bible study will start on Thursday, March 22 and lasts 4 weeks.

- Week 1: The Five Love Languages (for couples)
- Week 2: Growing In Love (for couples)
- Week 3: Love Languages of Children – Discover Your Child's Love Language
- Week 4: Utilizing The Love Languages In The Home (parents & children)

A Word of Thanks:

We would like to thank everyone at Wakeminster for your thoughts, prayers and gifts during this Christmas Season. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

In Christ's Love,
Dale, Terri & Hannah Austin