

To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Dear Friends,

We live in a "want-driven" society. We eat at places that have the food we want, shop at stores that have the things we want, and frequent places that have the entertainment we want. We want what we want and we want it now. This mind-set may even affect our prayer life. Our prayers can become "wish lists."

Jesus demonstrated the reality that everyone has wants, but we must first seek God's will. In Mark's account of Jesus in Gethsemane, he prayed: "Abba, Father...everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36) Jesus knew that with God everything is possible. He knew his Father could take away the suffering that was coming. He wanted this, but he knew his wants were second to God's will. He prayed, "Not my will, but your will."

Are our prayers based on our wants or His will? Jesus gives us the answer by his own example. Think about it.

Love,
Merle

EASTER SUNDAY:

Sunday, April 8th, is the Christian celebration of Resurrection Sunday. During this time, we remember the death of Jesus, the Messiah, which occurred over 2,000 years ago and his physical resurrection that Sunday morning three days after his crucifixion. The suffering and death of Jesus provides for the forgiveness of sins for those who call upon the name of the Lord. The resurrection of Jesus provides the proof of His conquering of death and also of the promise of our resurrection and eternal fellowship with God when we accept Jesus, the Messiah, as our Savior and Lord.



We invite you to join us on **Easter Sunday, April 8th**, for the following services:

7:00 AM – Early Morning Easter Service

8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast – Sponsored by the Senior Adult Men's Class

9:00 AM – Sunday Morning Bible Study Classes

10:00 AM – Morning Worship Service

Community Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 7th:



On Saturday, April 7th, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon we will be sponsoring a community Easter Egg Hunt at Boyce Farms located at 2813 Mt. Vernon Church Road. We will be having a community Easter Egg hunt, a reading of the Resurrection Story, snacks and games. Invite a friend and join us on Saturday morning.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Our sympathies and prayers go out Dena Whited for the loss of her mother in March.

We would like to welcome our new members:

* Nell Murray

* Fred and Sherred Williams

We continue to pray for Brian and Kristine Bramson and their family as Brian and Kristine serve in Malawi (on the African Continent).

Please pray for the upcoming VBS ministry this summer. VBS will be here before we know it. We had a great response last summer with the children from around the community joining us, and we ask that the church family continue to pray for this upcoming ministry opportunity.

Children's Church Schedule:

Dena/Morgan Whited Apr 1
 Lindsay Queen Apr 8
 Kelly Singleton Apr 15
 Diane/Mckenzie Wallace Apr 22
 Beth Schmitt Apr 29
 Dena/Morgan Whited May 6
 Lindsay Queen May 13
 Kelly Singleton May 20
 Diane/Mckenzie Wallace May 27
 Beth Schmitt Jun 3
 Dena/Morgan Whited Jun 10
 Lindsay Queen Jun 17
 Kelly Singleton Jun 24

Birthdays:

Gary Wallace Apr 4
 Claybon Ray Apr 4
 Stephanie Hayden Apr 5
 Steven Schmitt Apr 7
 Terry Marsh Apr 7
 Dena Whited Apr 10
 Perry Ray, Sr. Apr 12
 Mittie Moore Apr 13
 Elizabeth Musgrove Apr 20
 Lauren Gray Apr 25
 James Ray Apr 27
 Edna Mitchell Apr 28
 Dale Austin Apr 28
 Matthew Ray Apr 29
 Robert Tarpley Apr 30
 Brenda Ray Barbee May 4
 George Ray, Jr May 6
 Ellen Berry May 8
 Minnie Benfield Mat 11
 Josh Tidwell May 13
 Bill Schmitt May 14
 Robbie Keith May 15
 John Nichols May 15
 Hannah Grace Austin May 16
 Lisa Rees May 18
 Tonya Barham May 25
 Dean Foland Jun 1
 Morgan Whited Jun 2
 Kendal Wallace Jun 4
 Michael Boyce Jun 4
 Pat King Jun 10
 Sheila Boyce Jun 11
 Ashley Ray Jun 13
 Jeffery Pollard Jun 13
 Beth Anne Martin Jun 14
 Rachel Goldston Jun 17
 Chuck Marsh Jun 18
 Ted Keith Jun 20
 Jeff Grainger Jun 21
 Kevin Estes Jun 24
 Eliza Rutter Jun 29

Anniversaries:

Dean & Elizabeth Foland Apr 2
 Jimmy & Louise Goldston Apr 10
 John & Chris Gray Apr 12
 Bobby & Mittie Moore Apr 20
 Rusty & LeeAnn Kelley Apr 23
 Bill & Sandra Schmitt May 4
 Robert & Kerry Tarpley May 24
 Mike & Sheila Boyce May 25
 Diane & Gary Wallace May 28
 Stephan & Amanda Ray Jun 24
 Brian & Kristine Bramson Jun 12
 Ted & Carol Keith Jun 25

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, please email your name(s) and the birthday and/or anniversary dates to the Church's email at info@wakeminster.org.

Treasurer's Report – 2nd QTR 2006 / 2007:

All information is as of Feb. 28, 2007, as presented during the March 14, 2007, business meeting.

YTD Summary – excluding New Building Mortgage. The new building mortgage is paid from the balance of the Building Fund. No Youth Fund Offerings are included in the Offering totals below.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb. 2007
Offerings	9,937.89	11,311.60	10,143.40	15,778.50	11,552.00	11,050.07
Expenses	10,416.37	11,978.44	12,804.91	11,465.35	13,716.76	12,277.56
Balance	-478.48	-666.84	-2,661.51	4,313.15	-2,164.76	-1,227.49

Second QTR Summary

Budget Item	2nd QTR 2006/2007	YTD 2006/2007
Total Expenditures	37,459.67	72,659.39
Undesignated Offerings	38,380.57	69,773.46
Youth Offerings	1,030.00	2,665.00
Total Offerings	39,410.57	72,438.46
Balance	1,950.90	-220.93

New Building Loan/Mortgage: \$351,877.85
 Balance in Building Fund: \$ 47,582.10 (monthly mortgage is about \$3,333)
 Balance in General Fund: \$ 20,952.07

Calendar Of Events (April, May & June):

APRIL:

Thursday 5th [7:00 PM] - Class: The Five Love Languages
 Friday 6th - Good Friday
 Saturday 7th [10:00 AM-12:00] - Easter Egg Hunt (Boyce Farms)
 Sunday 8th [7:00 AM – 11:00AM] - Easter Sunday Services (*Note time changes)
 Tuesday 10th [2:00 PM] - WMU Meeting
 Wednesday 11th [6:30 PM] - Family Night Supper
 Thursday 12th [7:00 PM] - Class: The Five Love Languages
 Sunday 29th - Children: Food Round-Up item are due

MAY:

Friday 4th - Youth: Disciple NOW Weekend Campout
 Saturday 5th - Youth: Disciple NOW Weekend Campout
 Sunday 6th - Youth: Disciple NOW Weekend Campout
 Tuesday 8th [2:00 PM] - WMU Meeting
 Sunday 13th [9:00 AM] - Mother's Day – Youth Cooking Fellowship Breakfast
 Wednesday 16th [6:30 PM] - Family Night Supper & Business Conference
 Monday 28th - Memorial Day

JUNE:

Tuesday 12th [2:00 PM] - WMU Meeting
 Wednesday 13th [7:00 PM] - Family Night Supper
 Saturday 16th [6:00 PM] - Family Outing – Carolina Mudcats Baseball Game
 Sunday 17th - Father's Day

Weekly Services:

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
	7:15 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal

* Monthly Wednesday Family Fellowship Meals/Business Conferences will begin at 6:30 PM.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES (April 8th):

7:00 AM – Early Morning Service
 8:00 AM – Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the Adult II Men's Class
 9:00 AM – Morning Bible Study Classes
 10:00 AM – Morning Worship Service (ending services around 11:00 AM)

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:

Events and information for the next newsletter (3rd QTR 2007) should be sent to Dale Austin by June 17th.

BIBLE FACTS:

Elohim, which originates from the Hebrew word *el*, is translated as "god". The Hebrew word *el* actually is used for reference to all general gods. Another title of God, *el elyon*, is also a derivation of this and means "the most high God" (see Gen. 14:18).

Yahweh is the only name for God that is personal in nature. A Hebrew word, it is commonly translated into English versions as "Jehovah" or "The Lord" (see Exodus 6:3).

For more interesting Bible facts that can change your life, join one of our Sunday morning Bible study classes. These classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 – 10:45.

MISSIONS:

Annie Armstrong Easter Mission Offering

Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for home missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Womans Missionary Union (WMU), for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.



Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share Gods love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

Wakeminster Baptist Church participates in collecting mission offerings for the Annie Armstrong Easter Mission Offering. All monies collected for this missions offering go to North American (Home) Missions.

Wakeminster Mission Project:

We are gathering a missions team to travel to Grifton, NC, to participate in a project sponsored by the NC Baptist Men. The cost is \$10 per person per day. We would be leaving on a Tuesday evening and returning on a Saturday evening. The nature of the work is primarily construction, which may include new construction, rebuilding, or renovating. Although we would love to have some experienced skilled workers (plumbers, electricians, carpenters, etc.), you do not have to be a skilled worker to participate. Those who are not skilled workers may be asked to help do clean up at the job sites or perform other jobs that do not require construction skills.

The dates we are requesting are either June 19th-June 23rd or June 26th-June 30th. Of course, we will not have an actual confirmed date until the NC Baptist Men give us this information. If they do not accept the requested dates, we will have to go back to the team to determine another date. If you are interested in joining us, please call or e-mail Kathy Pollard at 847-0931 or kathypollard@bellsouth.net.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS:

Here are the events in which the Youth will be participating over the next quarter. Contact Tony Hayden (tony@wakeminster.org) for additional information on how/when to sign-up for the Summer Camp.

- **Easter – Sunday, April 8th – 8 AM** - Youth will be serving during breakfast and helping with cleanup after breakfast.
- **Disciple Now – Friday, May 4th to Sunday, May 6th** – "All Out War: Preparing for Spiritual Warfare" – Youth will be camping at Rolling View Campground. Youth will leave the church at 5 PM on Friday, May 4th, and they will return to the church during the worship service on Sunday morning, May 6th.
- **Mother's Day – Sunday, May 13th – 9 AM** – Youth will be cooking breakfast.
- **Week of Hope Summer Camp – Sunday, July 8th to Friday, July 13th** – The Youth will spend the week doing missions work in Beaufort, SC. Youth will leave the church at 10 AM on Sunday, July 8th, and will return to the church on Friday evening, July 13th.

"Since my youth, O God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds." Psalms 71:17 NIV

BIBLE FACTS:

The Father is recognized as God. The New Testament reveals the numerous times and roles in which the Father is identified as God. "Paul, an apostle – not from men, not through man but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead" (Gal. 1:1). See also John 2:27 and Romans 1:7 for more information on The Father as God.

The Son is recognized as God. The doctrine of the deity of Christ is crucial to the Christian faith. "What think you of Christ?" is the paramount question of life (see Matt. 16:15; 22:42). Jesus Christ is the greatest of all men, but He is infinitely more than mere man. He is Immanuel, God with us. Matthew explicitly applies the passage from Isaiah 7:14 to Jesus (see Matt. 1:22-23).

The Holy Spirit is recognized as God. He is a divine person as can be shown by His attributes of deity: He is eternal (Heb. 9:14), omniscient (I Cor. 2:10-11), omnipotent (Luke 1:35), and omnipresent (Ps. 139:7-10). Works of deity are also ascribed to Him such as creation, regeneration, inspiration of the Scriptures, and raising of the dead.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Summer will soon be here as well as the start of our Summer VBS program. Mark your calendars for our VBS Kick-Off on Saturday, July 14th. We will have games, snacks and our VBS enrollment sign-up. VBS will begin on Sunday, July 15th, and finish on Friday, July 20th. If you are interested in volunteering for snack supper, teaching a class, helping or leading arts/crafts, or helping in recreation, please call Stephanie Hayden at 562-8424.



Backyard Bible Club

After Vacation Bible School, we will be having our Backyard Bible Club on Sunday afternoons for the three (3) Sundays following VBS. If you would like to sponsor one of these Backyard Bible Club meetings at your home, please call (570-5005) or e-mail Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org).

- Sunday, July 22nd
- Sunday, July 29th
- Sunday, August 5th

Baptist Children's Home Operation Food Round-Up

The Children will be collecting food and non-food items for the Raleigh Baptist Association to supply the pantries of the Baptist Children's Home. All food and non-food items need to be dropped off at the church no later than Sunday, April 29th. On Monday, April 30 we will be delivering the items to the Raleigh Baptist Association so they can ship all of the collections to the Baptist Children's Home. See the food & non-food listing on the Church's web site (<http://www.wakeminster.org>).

Family Outing – Carolina Mudcats Baseball

Any family that that is interested in a family outing to see the Carolina Mudcats in action may join us on Saturday, June 16th 6:00 PM at Five County Stadium. Just 40 minutes away via the newly opened I-540 to Hwy 64.

TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship evenings) we have TeamKID for children ages 4 to 11. We will soon be entering our Spring & Summer months and will be having many of our Bible Study lessons and activities outside. We invite you to join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:15.

MUSIC NOTES:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his ninety-five theses to the door of the Cathedral of Wittenberg, Germany. That date was sometimes called the "4th of July of Protestantism." It symbolized the start of the Protestant Reformation.

And the single most powerful hymn of the Protestant Reformation Movement was Luther's "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," based on Psalm 46. This hymn became the battle cry of the people, a great source of strength and inspiration even for those who were martyred for their convictions. Its majestic and thunderous proclamation of our faith is a singing symbol of the reformation.

Inspired by Psalm 46, Luther caught up in the hymn the very essence of faith, and the fervor and flavor of patriotism which he found in the Psalm.

This hymn has been translated into practically every known language and is regarded as one of the noblest and most classic examples of Christian hymnody.

The first line of this national hymn of Protestant Germany is fittingly inscribed on the tomb of the great reformer at Wittenberg,

Luther had strong convictions about the use and power of sacred music. Once he wrote, "I would allow no man to preach or teach God's people without a proper knowledge of the use and power of sacred song."

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not His equal.