



## 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.

### **Keep Up To Date:**

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### **Next Newsletter:**

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Dear Friends,

If you don't know yet, Merle has been out of commission during the last two weeks of December. Merle did go in to Duke/Raleigh hospital on Christmas Eve for gall bladder surgery. Our prayers are with Merle and Jennifer as Merle continues his recovery.

During this last week of December, our family finally made our way down to the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences to see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit. For those of you that are not familiar with the Dead Sea Scrolls, these are the greatest archaeological discoveries of our time. These scrolls were discovered near the Dead Sea around the Qumran settlement back in 1947 and the scrolls date back to the year 200 BC. All of the Old Testament books (with the exception of Esther) are found in these various scrolls. Along with the Biblical texts, there are other text about daily life and rules for conduct and governing a community of believers. If you and your family have not had the opportunity to visit this exhibit, I strongly suggest that you do. This exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls will soon be leaving the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and will probably be the last time many of us will have this opportunity to view parts of these actual scrolls.

In Christ,  
Dale Austin, Jr.

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## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

On Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> before the Sunday morning Bible Study begins, we will have a Church Council meeting.

The Church Council consists of the committee chairs for all the various church committees, all staff and ministry leaders, treasurer, and chairman of Deacons. The purpose of the Church Council is to support the work of ministry leaders in planning ministry events, special worship services as well as setting guidelines and approving events for the next six (6) months on the church calendar. The Church Council will review all events to make sure that the events support the mission of our church as well as enhance the Christian growth of our members.

All staff members and ministry leaders will need to bring a listing of all events and special worship services that they are planning for the next six (6) months.

If you have any questions about participating in this Church Council meeting, please contact Dale Austin ([dale@wakeminster.org](mailto:dale@wakeminster.org)).

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## **COOKBOOKS**

The church wide cookbooks have now arrived. Please contact Stephanie Hayden or Renee Martin if you would like to receive one (or more) of the cookbooks. Donations are being accepted for these cookbooks. All donations collected are for Vacation Bible School ministries this Summer.

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## **SUPERBOWL SUNDAY – Raleighwood Cinemas**

Superbowl Sunday will soon be here. Each year, a group of our men get together at Raleighwood Cinemas to watch the Superbowl together. If you are interested in joining us, we will be purchasing our tickets for entry into Raleighwood on Friday, January 9th. Please contact Dale Austin ([dale@wakeminster.org](mailto:dale@wakeminster.org)) if you are interested in joining us. All seating is by assigned seats and we will need to order all of our tickets at the same time in order to be grouped together for the game.

Superbowl Party Tickets are \$22.95 (plus tax). Enjoy the big game on the largest TV screen in NC and feast on the unlimited, all you can eat hot and cold buffet throughout the pregame show and the entire game. The 35 foot long buffet features award winning wings, pizza, hot dogs, meatball subs, gourmet sandwich platters, ultimate nachos, chili and cheese stations, numerous salads and much, much more.

Superbowl Sunday is February 1. At Raleighwood, the doors open at 5:00 PM. Kick-off is 6:30 PM – bring your entry ticket with you.

#### Anniversaries:

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

#### Birthdays:

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
Ainslee Hayden	Feb 5
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
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

#### Websites to Check Out:

For movie reviews from a Christian perspective, go to:  
[www.pluggedinonline.com](http://www.pluggedinonline.com).

For good advice on a variety of topics that affect family life, go to:  
[www.family.org](http://www.family.org)  
(Focus on the Family)

[www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com)  
(Family Life Today)

To look up scripture passages when a Bible may not be handy, visit [www.bible.com](http://www.bible.com).

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#### Daylight Savings Time:

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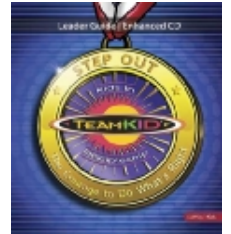
## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*"And He said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 18:3 (NIV)*

### TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship evenings) we have TeamKID (Kids In Discipleship) for children ages 4 to 11.

We will soon be starting our new TeamKID study titled "STEP OUT". In the STEP OUT study series, kids are encouraged to step out and do what is right in all parts of their lives. We will be studying the great stories and people in the Bible in chronological order to learn about issues ranging from the courage to make the right choices, to the courage to admit when they are wrong, to the courage to follow God's leadership.



### Children Outing – Skating at JellyBeans

Our "after Christmas" party will be a trip over to JellyBeans (near the Kroger shopping center in Wakefield). We are planning on going the morning of Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Summer VBS

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. The VBS training that starts in the next few months will soon be announced. If you are interested in leading one of the VBS classes, assisting with crafts or providing snack supper, please contact either Dale Austin ([dale@wakeminster.org](mailto:dale@wakeminster.org)) or Stephanie Hayden.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." (God speaking to Moses) Leviticus 27:29 (NIV)*

This financial report was submitted during the Church Business Meeting on November 12, 2008.

### YTD Summary (as of October 31, 2008)

Undesignated offering receipts were less than actual expenses by **\$1,915.49** for the first two months of the 2008/2009 Church year.

### Bank Account Balances

Building Fund: \$ 28,461.53  
General Fund: \$ 15,084.98

- All mortgage payments paid from the Building Fund. YTD we have received \$1,839.54 less in Building Fund offerings (\$4,705.00 received) than has been paid (\$6,544.54 in mortgage payments).
- Parsonage Renovation: we have received \$2,889.57 less in offerings (\$3,900.00 received) than has been paid (\$6,789.57 in payments).

## YOUTH EVENTS

For information on any of our youth events or Bible Studies, please visit the Youth Section of our web site at [www.wakeminster.org](http://www.wakeminster.org).

- February 21<sup>st</sup> (Saturday) :: Roadside Clean Up from 10 AM – 12 Noon
- Planning for Youth Group Ski Trip
- Planning for Summer Youth Retreat – CentriFuge

## LADIES & GENTLEMEN LUNCHEON

The next Ladies and Gentlemen meeting will be a luncheon in February. More details about this upcoming luncheon will be announced later in January.

Visit our web site at [www.wakeminster.org](http://www.wakeminster.org) for additional information and date/time of this luncheon or contact Becky Shue for more information.

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### Bible Trivia:

A flogging was a punishment often given to those who committed crimes not worthy of death. The prisoner was stripped naked and tied, hands over head, to a post. The number of lashes depended on the severity of the crime. Under Hebrew law, the prisoner could receive up to forty lashes, the general practice was to stop at thirty-nine (39) just in case there had been a miscount.

### Weapons for flogging:

- \*Rod or Stick
- \*Whip – usually made of a long piece of braided leather attached to a handle.
- \*Cat of Nine Tails – a whip with several strips of leather bound to one handle.
- \* Whip of Scorpions – a cat of nine tails with bits of glass, broken pottery or metal embedded in the end of each strip.

Before His crucifixion, Jesus was ordered to be flogged by Pilate. By the time Jesus was led out to Golgotha he was so weak from that beating, he could not carry his own cross (Mark 15:15-22)

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.

### Daylight Savings Time:

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### JANUARY:

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> [6:30 PM]

-Last day to reserve a seat for Superbowl at Raleighwood  
-Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting

### FEBRUARY:

TBA [Luncheon]  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> [5:00 PM]  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> [10 AM-12 Noon]  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> [6:30 PM]  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> [10 AM-12 Noon]  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>

- Ladies' & Gentlemen's Luncheon  
-Men's Outing for Superbowl Sunday  
-Children's Skating Party at JellyBeans  
-Fellowship Supper  
-Roadside Cleanup  
-Ash Wednesday

### MARCH:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> [6:30 PM]  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

-Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting  
-Daylight Savings Time Begins (Turn clocks forward)

### Weekly Services:

#### Sunday:

9:45 AM Morning Bible Study  
11:00 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Youth Fellowship

#### Wednesday:

6:00-6:30 PM Snack Supper\*  
6:30 PM Youth Bible Study  
6:30 – 7:15 PM TeamKID for Children  
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.

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*"Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:27 (HCSB)*

### ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is collected during the Easter season to raise funds for North American Missions through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. See the article at the end of this newsletter to learn more about who Annie Armstrong was and why we collect a missions offering.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Thank you for your participation in Operation Christmas Child. We delivered 37 shoe boxes to the Raleigh drop off site. We would also like to thank Stephanie Hayden for coordinating this event.

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY

There are a number of marriage retreats that are available for couples to attend during 2009. If you and your spouse like outdoor activities then the MARRIAGE IMPACT retreats may be the thing for you. In the Summer of 2009, there are three weekends at Ridgecrest Conference Center (near Asheville, NC) available for couples to attend together for worship, family workshops and various outdoor activities.

The FESTIVAL OF MARRIAGE retreats are offered in the fall at Ridgecrest Conference Center. The FESTIVAL OF MARRIAGE retreats offer more in-class seminars than the MARRIAGE IMPACT but there is still plenty of free time to spend with your spouse.

If you are interested in attending any of these marriage retreats, contact Dale Austin for additional information.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all of the wonderful Christmas gifts that you gave us. We have all enjoyed them immensely and appreciate your thoughtfulness. It is such a blessing to have friends like you.

Love in Christ,  
Dale, Terri, Hannah and Hope Austin

I wish to thank all those who helped with the Adult and Children's Christmas productions. It was my pleasure to work with all of you to the Glory of God. Merry Christmas. I always receive much more than I ever give on these occasions. Also, thank you to all who have transported me when I needed rides to chemotherapy. Thank you for all of your continued prayers. Your support has given me much strength. My church family is the greatest!

Yours in Christ  
Lois



### **MISSIONS: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American 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 Woman's Missionary Union, 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 God's 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.

All monies donated to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering go directly to the support of our Southern Baptist missionaries serving as North American missionaries.

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### **MUSIC NOTES**

*"They urged Him... 'Stay with us'" Luke 24:29 (NIV)*

#### **Chimes Choir**

I would like to know if anyone is interested in learning to play choir chimes and in participating in a chimes choir. Depending on the level of interest, we may begin with children, youth and adults all in the same choir. Music reading is helpful, but it is not necessary. It is a weekly commitment. Because of the nature of the choir, it is difficult to rehearse if all members are not present. The choir would be open to children grades 3 and up, youth, and adults. Please e-mail Terri Austin at [terri@wakeminsters.org](mailto:terri@wakeminsters.org) if you would be interested in participating.

#### **Adult Choir and Drama and Children's Choir**

As many of you know, the adult choir and drama team had quite an undertaking this year with the production of The Christmas Shoes. Thank you to all of the choir members and drama team members for their hard work and faithfulness at rehearsals. I would also like to thank the congregation for supporting us by coming to see the production.

The children's choir provided the entertainment following the December Fellowship Supper with Hark the Herald Angels Sing. I was so proud of the children! They worked really hard, and their efforts paid off. We have a wonderful group of singers, actors and actresses. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of working with them.

I want to offer a special thank you to Lois Braun, Ted Keith, Jennifer Martin, and John Nichols. Lois is so talented in drama, and we are blessed to have her. We needed someone to oversee the lighting during the adult drama, and Ted jumped right in and learned what to do. Jennifer and John filled in for me during rehearsals when I was out on maternity leave, sick or out of town. Jennifer also ran the sound for me during the children's musical, and John took care of the sound (which entails more than I will try to specify) during the adult drama as well as making sure that the children had microphones to use during their program.

#### **Abide with Me**

Henry Francis Lyte was advised by his physician to leave his beloved home of 23 years in Lower Brixham, Devonshire, England, and relocate to Italy, because of its drier climate. Lyte had learned to live with his frail health. On his last Sunday at his church in Lower Brixham, he administered Communion and preached as he always had. The lines of "Abide with Me" formed in his mind as he contemplated his life in England and his failing health. He passed the poem along to a friend and didn't think anymore about it. Lyte never made it to Italy. He died in Nice, France, on his journey.

The tune, "Eventide," was written a few years after Lyte's death by William H. Monk, who served as a church musician and composer in England.

The comforting words of this hymn are a balm in times of difficulty. On October 12, 1915, Edith Cavell, an English nurse, sang this hymn as she faced the firing squad. She had helped Allied soldiers escape from Belgium while it was occupied by Germany during World War I.

Reynolds, William J. (1990). *Songs of Glory*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Books.

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*