

To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Dear Friends,

Our long-awaited new Fellowship / Education Building is coming out of the ground! From the vantage point of this happening "in my own yard," it's exciting to see the changes everyday. Each time that I have to "navigate" the driveway on my way in and out, I remind myself of how long we've waited to see this all happen. The Lord is good and continues to bless us with new members along with new challenges for ministry.

I want to encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities our church has to offer in the area of Bible Study. We have dedicated and God-called teachers who are faithful to their preparation and teaching each Sunday. If you aren't currently involved in Bible study on Sunday mornings, start now! There is a class that can meet your current needs. Visit our website and consider the ways you can become involved. Come – grow with us!

Love,
Merle

Calendar of Events for May and June (In addition to Scheduled Weekly Services)

May 1-8:	Week of Prayer for North Carolina Baptist Hospital Offering
May 2 – Monday:	Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM
May 4 – Wednesday:	Stewardship Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
May 8 – Sunday:	Mother's Day – Breakfast 8:45 AM
May 10 – Tuesday:	WMU Meeting, Geraldine Elliott's, 2:00 PM
May 11 – Wednesday:	Family Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting 7:00 PM
May 14 – Saturday:	Baby Shower for Beth & Alan Cotney
May 26 – Thursday:	Senior Ladies & Gentlemen Fellowship 6:30 PM

June 6 – Monday:	Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM
June 8 – Wednesday:	Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:30 PM
June 14 – Tuesday:	WMU Meeting, Geraldine Elliott's, 2:00 PM
June 15 – Wednesday:	Family Night Fellowship & Supper 7:00 PM
June 25 – Saturday:	VBS Kick-off and Registration (Fun & Games for the kids)
June 26 – July 1:	VBS Week

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

Wednesday:

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

IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to **Bobby Moore**, on the death of his mother, **Mrs. Hazel Moore**; and to **Ed Barham** on the death of his mother, **Mrs. Helen Barham**

CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Jennifer Martin**, who was recently awarded by **Triangle United Way**, being named **Employee Campaign Manager of the Year**.
To **Pat King**, upon her graduation from **Mt. Olive College**, May 7. She earned BS in **Business Management and Organizational Development**.

Birthdays:

May 4 – Brenda Ray Barbee
 May 6 - George Ray, Jr
 May 8 - Ellen Berry
 May 11 - Minnie Benfield
 May 13 - Josh Tidwell
 May 14 - Bill Schmitt
 May 15 - Robbie Keith
 May 15 - John Nichols
 May 16 - Hannah Grace Austin
 May 20 - Beth Cotney
 May 25 - Tonya Barham

June 1 - Dean Foland
 June 2 - Morgan Whited
 June 4 - Kendal Wallace
 June 4 - Michael Boyce
 June 11 - Sheila Boyce
 June 13 - Ashley Ray
 June 13 - Jeffery Pollard
 June 14 - Beth Anne Martin
 June 17 - Rachel Goldston
 June 18 - Chuck Marsh
 June 20 - Ted Keith
 June 21 - Jeff Grainger
 June 24 - Kevin Estes
 June 29 - Eliza Rutter

Wedding Anniversaries:

May 4 - Bill & Sandra Schmitt
 May 24 - Robert & Kerry Tarpley
 May 25 - Mike & Sheila Boyce
 May 28 - Diane & Gary Wallace

June 12 - Brian & Kristen Bramson
 June 13 - Coit & Helen Ray
 June 24 - Stephan & Amanda Ray

Prayer Concerns

Carrie Arnold
 Carter Barham
 Minnie Benfield
 Lynda Bolzner
 The Bramson's
 Alexaner Craig
 Mary Edwards
 Sophie & Cliff Edwards
 Mary Edwards
 Geraldine Elliott
 Theodore Fipps
 Jimmy Goldston
 Rachel Goldston
 Violet Johnson
 Bobbie Lane
 Douglas Martin
 Edna Mitchell
 Bobby Moore
 Evelyn Newsome
 Bonnie Nichols
 Coit & Helen Ray
 Jesse Ray
 Ola Ray
 Pat Ray
 Ruth Ray
 Steve Ray
 Tom Reese
 Anita Schilling

Family Events:



Just a reminder to everyone about the two possible marriage retreats that we have to choose from. If you are interested in one of these retreats, please let me know so we can make plans to attend one of them.

-Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org)

Marriage Impact 2005 is the premier marriage event inviting couples to experience exciting outdoor adventures combined with powerful Bible-study and inspirational worship. Each morning, couples from across the country will enjoy fellowshiping together during a relaxing breakfast, followed by a short but meaningful time of Bible-study. Then, throw on your worn out khaki shorts and lace up your hiking boots. Couples can select from a fantastic list of recreational adventures, from whitewater rafting to scaling a 40-ft. climbing wall. There's plenty of more relaxing options as well, with canoeing, horseback riding, and mountain biking. And just wait until you see the hiking trails at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. Ridgecrest's thick mountain laurel cascades over parts of the trails forming a lush umbrella to walk under, while Rattlesnake Lookout offers a spectacular view of the North Carolina horizon. Marriage Impact offers even more options for those looking for a more leisurely weekend. The Asheville, NC area is known as one of the most popular tourist locations in the nation.

Festival of Marriage 2005 is a Christ-centered enrichment weekend designed to help a husband and wife grow in their relationship with God and with each other, all in a special, great-escape location! Each Friday through Sunday getaway weekend is set in an exciting location in the mountains, at the beach, or at a popular resort location! And each offers

- 6 workshop sessions with multiple topics of interest to you and your spouse
- 3 general sessions with speakers, drama, and music
- Saturday afternoon free time — date time!
- Candlelight Renewal of Vows Ceremony
- Date time for you and your spouse

BUILDING FUND (As of April 30)

\$563,539	Contract Price
+28,774	Septic System & Change Orders
+45,000	Estimated Cost of Furnishings
\$637,313	Total
-49,957	Already Paid
<u>-253,668</u>	Current Building Fund Balance
\$333,688	Total Needed

UNDESIGNATED OFFERINGS

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 3,100.00
Average Weekly Offering:	\$ 2,951.61
April Offerings:	\$ 17,456.00
YTD (Since 9-1-04)	\$104,867.74

TeamKID / Children Happenings:



I would like to remind all parents that we have TeamKID each Wednesday evening (except on Family Fellowship nights). This is open to all children ages 4 to 11.

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.

Prayer Concerns

Our Nation
Building Program
Sunday School
Vacation Bible School

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS Will start at the end of June. Please make plans for you and your family to attend. On Saturday, June 25th we will have our VBS Kickoff with games and activities. VBS will be held from June 26 – July 1. Anyone willing to help with VBS can contact Stephanie Hayden for information on assisting.

If you have any questions about TeamKID or VBS, please feel free to contact me.

-Dale Austin
dale@wakeminster.org

Children's Worship Service

May

1 Terry & Ashley Ray
8 Beth Anne Martin
15 Volunteer Needed
22 Robert Tarpley
29 Terry Marsh

June

5 Beth S. & Ashley R.
12 Dale Austin
19 Stephanie & Tony H.
26 Diane Wallace

Worship Service Nursery

May

1 Amanda Ray
8 Terry & Ashley Ray
15 Stephanie & Tony H.
22 Bill & Sandra Schmitt
29 Ben & Kelly Singleton

June

5 Ellen Berry
12 Jeff & Mary Grainger
19 Volunteer Needed
26 Rusty & Lee Ann Kelley

Youth Happenings:

What an exciting time it has been for the youth of Wakeminster Baptist Church. We had a great time at Disciple Now and saw much fruit from this event. There were six salvation decisions and many more commitments. We want to thank all of those who participated and helped with this awesome weekend. If you were a host home or a food team or a prayer warrior we can never truly express our gratitude, but even when they don't know how to say it, the youth love you. Thank you again for all you do, and now we must begin planning our summer retreat/mission trip (more on this later).

I would like to invite any youth to attend our new Wednesday night Bible Studies. They will last through the month of May. One is for the girls (taught by Beth) and the other is for the guys (taught by me). This is an exciting time to learn more about who you are and what God intends for your life. Please don't miss this important time of Bible study.

There is also an important time of study on Sunday nights. We are still learning about the different world religions and this would be a good chance to learn how to witness to some of your friends that may not be Christians. As you can see in the calendar below we need all of our food slots to be filled, so if you are interested in any of these dates please let me know. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve. It is an honor to be your youth minister.

I love YOUth!
Alan

Youth Supper for May

May 1: Volunteer needed
May 8: Volunteer needed
May 15: Volunteer needed
May 22: Volunteer needed
May 29: Volunteer needed

Youth Supper for June

June 5: Volunteer needed
June 12: Volunteer needed
June 19: Volunteer needed
June 26: Volunteer needed

Mother's Day Breakfast:

All ladies (mothers, girls, and anyone else) are invited to a Sunday morning breakfast to honor all of the ladies and mothers of our church. Breakfast will be served at on Sunday, May 8 at 8:45 AM in the fellowship hall. Any men interested in helping prepare this breakfast are asked to contact Beth Cotney.

Baby Shower for Alan & Beth Cotney:

On Saturday, May 14, we will be having a baby shower for Alan & Beth Cotney. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact Sandra Schmitt or Kathy Pollard if you would like to assist with this baby shower.

Senior Ladies & Gentlemen Fellowship:

The Ladies and Gentlemen will be having Linda Kendall of Integrated Health Care speak at their fellowship/meal on Thursday evening May 26 at 6:30 PM. Anyone from the church and guests are invited to join us after our dinner for the program. If you have questions, please contact Becky Shue or visit the church's web site for additional information.

Keep Up To Date

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

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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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Armchair Travels with Ruth Ray

There have been the deaths of two world dignitaries, Pope John Paul II, and Prince Ranier, during April, which causes me to reminisce about visits to their countries. 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 ceremonies when the door was opened and closed in 2000.

Just as we were ready to leave, some world dignitary came for an audience with the Pope, and they had a lock down, closing all the windows and doors and not letting anyone in or out until the audience was over. They do not have air-conditioning, so we got very hot and uncomfortable.

If we had gone back to St. Peter's Square on Sunday, anything we wore or carried would have been blessed by the Pope when he came to his window. The buses do not operate on Sunday in Italy, nobody in our group was Catholic, so we did not make the trip back.

St. Peter's Basilica is decorated with many sculptures, statues, mosaics, but no paintings. It was built by hand on the gravesite of St. Peter, the first bishop of Rome, and is the world's largest church. Pope John Paul II was buried in the grotto beneath the high altar where most of the former popes are buried.

In the spring of 1987, Albert and I spent three weeks with Truett, Cindy, and Christopher in France. One day Cindy carried us to Monaco, where we visited Princess Grace's grave in the Monaco Cathedral where the former royals of Monaco are buried. Her grave had lots of flowers on it which had been left by tourists from the United States. – Ruth Ray