



# *CELEBRATING*

## *Our Partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ*



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Greetings, and may God's grace and peace be with you!

As I sit on the back deck of our home (with no meetings tonight) and write this month's newsletter message... I am deeply reminded of how much difference—a day can make!

I look around at the rich blue sky, a color I have often tried to match in my paintings...the various shades of green in the grass and different tree leaves, some of which are falling as I write...the brilliance of the sun as it shines through so brightly upon the deck, and soon upon me...in addition to the wonderful sounds of the variety of birds which visit my feeders daily...and let us not forget the "rivet" of the frogs in the creek running along our back yard.

Yesterday...well yesterday, we were experiencing the remnants of Tropical Storm Beryl. It was cloudy most of the day...raining off and on, sometimes very heavy. I wasn't sitting outside yesterday...and I didn't mind a bit! Yesterday I could not see a rich blue sky...the greens of the grass and tree leaves seemed darker...and though there were a couple birds and frogs making noise, it was nothing compared to this evening!

Yet I know from flying back to Missouri during rainy weather, the sun is still shining brightly in the midst of the rich blue sky above the storm clouds...and that gives me hope!

What a difference...a day can make!

Just like with our graduating seniors from high school and college! One day they are students going through the ritual of classes, reading books, preparing papers, studying for final exams...and suddenly the next day—a huge difference—they are now graduates...no longer high school or college students. They now begin facing the reality of their future—furthering their education...trying to get a job...learning to make financial ends meet...providing for a family...and the list goes on.

What a difference...a day makes! Our lives can change quickly...daily! Those of us who are more mature in our years can attest to that!

Yet as I sit here...pondering...I am also reminded that there is something (more correctly 'someone') that never changes—Jesus! Hebrews 13:8 reminds us that Jesus is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever! (NASB) And how cool is that...when a day can make such a difference in our lives...we have the security of knowing—God is and always will be—the same! What a foundation! What stability God brings to our daily human life...that in the midst of differences from one day to the next—Almighty God, our Creator...never changes!

May God's grace and peace be with you this summer, as you face differences in your life, from one day to another!

Take care....peace...

Pastor Bill



We rejoice today as we honor all of our graduates. We are proud of each one and celebrate this important event by giving thanks to God and asking His Blessings to be upon them and their families.

### **High School**

**Duke Edwards** graduated from Greenfield School. Duke is the son of Todd and Suzanne Edwards. He will attend NC State University. His course of study will be Animal Science and Agricultural Business.

**Chandler Henry** graduated from Parrott Academy. Chandler is the daughter of Doug and Lori Henry. She will attend the College of Charleston.

**Casey Johnson** graduated from Farmville Central High School. Casey is the daughter of Chuck and Pam Johnson. She will attend East Carolina University. Her course of study will be in nursing.

**Hannah Smith**, graduated from St. Mary's College. Hannah is the daughter of Henry and Tracey Smith. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Logan Sutton** graduated from Farmville Central High School. Logan is the daughter of Stacy and Janet Clontz and Mr. & Mrs. Chris Sutton. She will attend East Carolina University. Her course study will be Elementary Education.

**Luke Warren** graduated from Oakwood School. Luke is the son of Bert and Julie Warren. He will attend the University of North Carolina. His courser of study will be Biology with plans to study dentistry in the future.

**Stephen Allard** graduated from Farmville Central High School. He is the son of Robert and Julie Allard. He will attend Pitt Community College.

### **College/University**

**Jonathan Carraway** graduated from East Carolina University May 4, 2012 with a BA in Multidisciplinary Studies with a concentration in religious studies and a minor in psychology. Jonathan is the son of Chuck & Joy Fields and Dan Carraway.

**Amber Fields** graduated from East Carolina University May 4, 2012 with a Bachelors' degree in Criminal Justice. She is the daughter of Chuck and Joy Fields and Amanda Hamill Fields.

**Brett Erwin** graduated from East Carolina University May 4, 2012 with a Masters in Public Health. Brett is the son of Randy and Carolyn Erwin

**Alex Lang Smith** graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary May 19 , 2012. Alex is the son of Barbara Lang Halbrook and Wally Smith. He is the grandson of Nellie Lang and Roxie Smith.



**COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – June 11th – 15th** Community Vacation Bible School is

almost here. A lot of things need to be done. There will be another meeting this Sunday, June 3 from 3-4pm. Please contact Paul Grimes with questions or concerns and volunteer to help. 401-391-2175, [paul.grimes9@gmail.com](mailto:paul.grimes9@gmail.com), [pgrimes@kenney.com](mailto:pgrimes@kenney.com) Registration forms are on the credenza in the hall.



Greenville

**UMW'S NEWS**

District UMW Celebration

The Greenville District will cease to exist on July 1st. Before we move to our new district, our Conference UMW has encouraged all Districts to have some event to celebrate the many years of service and accomplishments we have had within our District. The Greenville District UMW will hold an event on June 30th at First United Methodist Church in Washington, NC. Registration will begin at 9:30 and the program will be held from 10:00 – 1:00 and will include a covered dish lunch. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Please call your church office to pre-register by Monday, June 11th.



Annual Conference will be June 13-16 at the Raleigh Convention

Center. Our delegates are Bert and Diane Warren, and Pastor Bill will be attending also. Please keep them in your prayers.

**UMMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**



The UMM would again like to thank everyone who helped and patronized our Car Show last

month. We are very happy with our first attempt and grateful for your support. Vacation Bible School is being hosted by our church this year which will be in conflict with June's regular monthly meeting so we will meet on the third Monday in June which is the 18th. In regards to Vacation Bible School, any UMM members that can make some time to assist with decorating or set-up are encouraged to contact Paul Grimes to see where your service can be put to use. Vacation Bible School is a large undertaking and I'm sure any help will be appreciated. In Christ, Hugh Williams



**Day Camp for Kids**

The Refuge is offering an exciting, unique week of day camp for children who have completed first grade through 5th grade the week of July 9-13. The African Children's Choir, a group of 16 young people from Uganda and Kenya will lead the camp, full of music, arts, dance and learning. Each day your child will participate in the following activities as they gain a greater appreciation for the African culture:

- ❖ Rhythm games
- ❖ Drumming/song
- ❖ Dance
- ❖ History, culture & crafts

At the end of the week, parents will be able to experience all your child has learned at a final concert. For more information go to [thesonsetrefuge.org](http://thesonsetrefuge.org).

Our church has the opportunity to support this event in several ways:

- ❖ Pray
- ❖ Consider sending your child
- ❖ Adopt one day in support of the African children. This consists of material support for their food cost at the refuge – breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Contact Irene Pollard for more information.



Thank you to everyone who has provided refreshments for the 9:30 am Sunday Fellowship

time so far. We need people to sign up for the coming weeks. The calendar is beside the coffee pot, so if you are enjoying the refreshments please remember to take a turn and volunteer for a Sunday. If everyone takes a turn it doesn't come around so often for a few. Fellowship and food just seems to go together!



### Summer Worship Schedule

As a reminder, during June and August, FUMC will continue its normal worship service time at 8:30 and 11:00am, and Sunday School will continue as usual at 10:00am. During July only, we will hold one worship service at 10:00am, with no Sunday School classes, except for those who wish to continue to meet.

### JUNE, JULY, AUGUST



**Prayer Requests** FOR.....Tracey Smith, Horace Allen, Billy Baker, Richard Crossan, Rufus & Evangeline Cochran (health), Bill Monk (healing), Bobby Carraway (healing), Marilyn Ellis (healing), Kristen Parker & Carson, Leona Kilpatrick, Leonard "Flash" Arndt (healing, stepfather of Kirsti Benfield), Larry Woods (healing), Karen Campbell (healing,) Evelyn McDaniel, Lucille Waters (healing, mother of Polly Galloway), John Sherman (healing), Spencer Hampton (healing, friend of Brett Erwin), Kailey Lynne Eaton ( healing), Denise Stillwell (healing cancer), Edna Erwin (healing), Edna Hobgood (healing), Sam Register and family (comfort), Kristen Baker (healing, granddaughter of Billy & Gray Baker) unspoken request.



### CHURCH SOFTBALL STARTING SOON

Church softball is a co-ed league for players 13 and up. We need a minimum of 8 players and 3 must be women at any game to not forfeit. Players must attend or be members of the church they play for, which is defined as attending worship a minimum of twice/month. This way non-members can still play, and people outside the church can come to both play and pray with us. We do not have schedules yet. If you are interested in playing, please contact Hunter Walters.

**(In order for us to keep our prayer list current, your name or the names of your family and friends will be removed on June 4th unless you call the church office requesting that we continue to list your family and friends.**

### **ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION.....**

We warmly welcomed Bob Paul into the membership of our congregation at the 11:00am service May 27, 2012. He comes by transfer of his membership from Jarvis UMC in Greenville. Bob is married to Sue Hardy and they reside at 1978 Cornerstone Dr., Winterville, NC 28590



- June 1 – Kay Crossan, Paul Grimes
- June 2 – Jacob Parks
- June 10 – Ashley Sutton
- June 13 – Henry Smith, Nan Walston
- June 16 – Richard Crossan
- June 23 – Danny Lauderdale
- June 30 – Lindsay Annis

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