



# ...The Rest of the Story



## Westminster Presbyterian Church

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### Stephen Ministers Needed!

We are currently in the process of recruiting folks to interview for our fall Stephen Ministry training class. Our Stephen Ministers serve a very important function in our church and community as they meet weekly with folks in crisis.

Out of the latest class of 9 Stephen Ministers, most will continue to serve care receivers into the fall, even though their 2-year commitment is up. (They do so voluntarily.) We also have 7 other active Stephen Ministers with care receivers right now, so we need more trained Stephen Ministers!

If you have ever considered this call, or have any questions please **contact Betty Berghaus (489-4974, ext. 108; [betty@wpcdurham.org](mailto:betty@wpcdurham.org))** or one of the other Stephen Leaders - **Susan Landis (641-0646), Ashley Everly (383-7197), or Eileen McAvoy (493-7547).**



2005 Summer Musical Production of

### Faith Hall of Fame



August 28th, WPC Fellowship Hall

Performances at 4:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Westminster, get ready for some glitz, glam and pig as the 2005 WPC Summer Musical performs "Faith Hall of Fame" on Sunday, August 28th. Never before have you seen so many famous "characters" in a show of Biblical proportions. So, join our intergenerational cast and crew, including WPC moms, dads, kids, teenagers, grannies and grampas, and bring your whole family for an unprecedented Oscar-style production. That's right, we'll be awarding "Crosscars" all evening, so come ready for celebrities, posing, and Paparazzi (in addition to our very own Sam Bryan)!

Performances are at 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with an all-church picnic in between. Childcare is available at the 4:00 p.m. show ONLY.

One lucky audience member at each performance will receive a "Crosscar" for the best ensemble, so come dressed for the occasion! Bring a friend! See you there!



### WPC Hosts IHN Sept. 4th - 11th



September 4th - 11th Westminster will host Interfaith Hospitality Network, housing up to 3 homeless families in our Sunday School classrooms for the week. During that time, we will take care of the needs of these families, including transportation, food, and other logistics.

If you would be willing to prepare a meal for these families, please contact Helen Harrison (489-0345 or [helen.harrison@sas.com](mailto:helen.harrison@sas.com)). If you can help with transportation for these families, please contact Carol Walker (489-8824 or [cwalker@da.org](mailto:cwalker@da.org)). If you would serve as an overnight host, please call Sara Pottenger ([stpott@aol.com](mailto:stpott@aol.com) or 493-5922) or Barb Vanden Broek (489-5614). We also need help with laundry after the guests depart. Please contact Sara Pottenger if you can help with this.

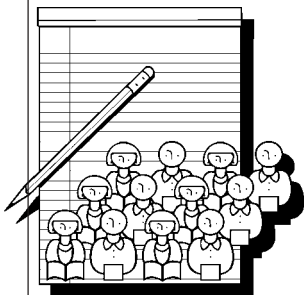
We are in need of some help especially on September 4th, to set up for the arrival of the guests. We will complete this job right after the 11 o'clock worship service. If you can help with that task, please contact Dave Calderwood ([dcalderwood@nc.rr.com](mailto:dcalderwood@nc.rr.com) or 942-0108).

Thank you for your faithful help in this ongoing ministry of our church to those in our community who are truly in need.

SARA Pottenger, WPC IHN coordinator

### Fall Inquirers' Classes

If you are interested in exploring membership at Westminster, you are invited to be part of a series of Sunday morning Inquirers' classes. **The one-hour classes will meet weekly at 9:45 a.m., from September 11th - October 16th.**



**Please contact Haywood, Betty, or Paul in the church office (489-4974) to receive more information, or call Gail (489-4974) to register for the classes.**

## Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

- + **Bess Bowditch** fell and broke her leg July 31st, requiring surgery.
- + **Jane Kaufman's** mother, Maxine Steinman, died on August 3rd in Kenton, Ohio.
- + **Kathleen Lapp's** grandmother, Carey Biber, died on July 29th after an extended illness.
- + **Susie & Ed Park** ask for continued prayers for Jean Marshall, mother of their daughter-in-law. Mrs. Marshall is very ill with lung cancer.
- + **Kim Scott's** grandmother, Caroline Krambeck, died recently at the age of 100.
- + **David Wilke** is recovering from a broken arm.
- + **Ellie Williams** asks for prayers for her sister, Ruth Hickey, who is very sick in Pennsylvania.

### “God helps those who help themselves?”

“Three quarters of Americans believe the Bible teaches that ‘God helps those who help themselves.’ That is, three out of four Americans believe that this über-American idea, a notion at the core of our current individualist politics and culture, which was in fact uttered by Ben Franklin, actually appears in Holy Scripture. The thing is, not only is Franklin’s wisdom not biblical; it’s counter-biblical. Few ideas could be further from the gospel message, with its radical summons to love of neighbor.” - **Bill McKibben**, *Harper's Magazine* essay, “*The Christian Paradox*”



There will be some exciting changes taking place very soon on the Westminster playground! On Monday, August 22nd, the installation of several new pieces of equipment will begin. A new sandbox with a cover, a balance beam, and three “springer” riding toys (a hen, a daisy, and a firetruck) will be added. New sand and wood mulch will be put in place. Some terracing will also be done to help with the erosion that has been such a problem in recent years.

Many, many thanks to the church for partnering with the school to make these necessary improvements. The playground will soon be a much nicer place for all our children to enjoy!

## ★ Celebrations! ★

- + Last weekend, **John Atkins** received the Gold Medal Award from the North Carolina American Institute of Architects.
- + Last Thursday, **Kenzie & Gene Brannon** were flown to Washington for the National Conference on Volunteering and Service where Kenzie, along with 12 other people, received the National Spirit of Service Award for 2005.
- + **Nancye Bryan** was honored on July 25th by the Durham County Commission for the decades of work she has voluntarily done for the sake of the mentally ill in Durham.
- + **Bart Haynes** was recently named the Tar Heel of the Week by the *News and Observer* for his national leadership in efforts to prevent and cure AIDS.
- + **Richard Watson** is listed in the 2005-06 volume naming “The Best Lawyers in America.”

## Choir Notes

**SUMMER CHOIR STILL NEEDS YOU!** What a great way to serve your church during the summer months! Rehearsals are in the Music Room at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Even if you have never sung in a choir before, please give us a try. Participate every once in a while or every Sunday—it’s up to you.

Mark your calendars: **CHANCEL CHOIR** begins its new season with a rehearsal in the music room on Thurs., September 8th, 7:30 – 9:15 p.m. In addition to the choir’s weekly participation in worship, a number of special events are planned. These include the choir’s annual Christmas program (December 11th), a joint concert (with the choirs of Pilgrim & St. Paul’s) at the Forest at Duke on February 26th, & a spring concert (May 7th). The season’s repertoire is sure to include something for every taste. Make this the year you join the Chancel Choir—we promise you won’t regret it!

Questions? Call or e-mail Monica Rossman: 489-4974, ext. 113; [monica@wpcdurham.org](mailto:monica@wpcdurham.org).

**August 14th is the last day of  
Summer Sunday School.**



## Time to Register For Fall Mid-Week Bible Studies!

If you are interested in being part of any of these adventures, please contact the church office ([gail@wpcdurham.org](mailto:gail@wpcdurham.org) or 489-4974). Let us know whether you prefer morning or evening classes (where applicable). Sign-up sheets are located in the Mission Center lobby. Call Nancy Rozak (489-4974) with any questions.

### Jesus Through the Eyes of The Four Gospels

Teacher: Haywood Holderness

Sept. 6 – Dec. 13, 2005, Tues. mornings 9:15 - 11:30 a.m.  
or Tues. evenings 7:15 - 9:30 p.m.

Students will read all four of the New Testament Gospels along with some background materials about them. They will learn how the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus is told through four different sets of eyes. How are the accounts different and how are they alike? With this journey through the Gospels, it is hoped that each student will find a Jesus who speaks to him or her, and whom they can more faithfully follow.

### Disciple III – The Prophets and the Letters of Paul

Teachers: Nancy Rozak and Barbara Fletcher

Fall-Spring - Tues. mornings - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

This 32-week class will focus on the Prophets for the first half and the Letters of Paul for the second half. The prophets and the letters will be studied in their historical sequence rather than their biblical sequence, and the history will be important to understanding their messages.

### Genesis and Revelation

Teachers: Betty Berghaus and Frances Anton

Fall-Spring - Tues. mornings - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Using the Kerygma Program, this class will focus in-depth on the first and last books of the Bible. The Kerygma Program emphasizes viewing the biblical text from many perspectives - historical, sociological, literary, and theological - to gain a deeper understanding.



Nancy Rozak and June Jones will lead a group of  *moms of young children*  in a morning of fellowship, nurture, and Bible study. The group will meet from 9:15 - 11:15 a.m. each Thursday. Child care will be provided.

*Call Nancy in the church office (489-4974) to register and indicate your need for childcare.*

- **Share: Fellowship with others**
- **See: How the Bible relates to our past heritage and fits into our present lives as well**
- **Bring: A friend or neighbor**

**Plan to be there – our first meeting is September 15th!**



### Teacher Training Workshop

**THEME:** Be God's Witness To All The World

**DATE:** Saturday, September 10th

**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Mission Center room 105

**This is a time to come together to reunite in fellowship, meet new Sunday School teachers, and learn about the Christian Education opportunities for 2005-2006.**

We will go over curriculum and be led by Haywood in a Bible study covering the fall lectionary Scriptures.

**\*Child care is available.**

**Please let Nancy (489-4974) know of your childcare needs by Sept. 5th.**

### The Heart of Christianity

Teacher: Paul Ransford

Fall - evenings - TBA

This class will be a discussion group of *The Heart of Christianity*, by world-renowned scholar Marcus J. Borg, author of *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. Borg writes about living "passionately as Christians in today's world by practicing the vital elements of Christian faith...exploring how prayer, worship, Sabbath, pilgrimage, and more can be experienced as authentically life-giving practices."



# Spotlight Missions



## For IHN

### School Supplies Needed

IHN is in need of school supplies for the children of some of their guests, who begin school in a few weeks.

The items most needed this year are:

- Backpacks - styles appropriate for elementary children / younger pre-K / K
- Trapper keepers
- Subject dividers
- Folders with pockets and prongs
- Multi subject spiral notebooks
- Pencil pouches (clear) that can be clipped into a notebook
- Pencil boxes
- Markers
- Pencils
- Pens
- Colored pencils
- Children's scissors
- Protractors and compasses
- Spiral notebooks (with perforation so pages can be removed)
- Notebook paper - wide ruled and college ruled
- Composition notebooks
- Glue sticks
- Pencil sharpeners
- Gift cards for Wal-Mart, Target, or Office Max, etc. are always welcome.
- Combination locks for lockers

**We do NOT need rulers, highlighters, or binders.**

Please place these NEW items in the *yellow* collection box in the hallway of the Mission Center during the month of August. Thank you for your support!

*August*

## Emanuel Hispanic Fellowship of Durham-Chapel Hill

The Hispanic congregation participated in Covenant Presbyterian Church's week-long family VBS program, which was a growthful, transforming experience for both groups. Our next special event is our first revival, with the collaboration of Jacob Santizo's church "Ríos de Agua Viva" in Seven Springs.

We still need your support, and invite you to participate in "Bilingual Talk Time", a monthly opportunity for English- and Spanish-speakers to socialize and learn each other's languages. The next session will be Friday, August 12th, from 7-9 pm.

Services at Northgate Presbyterian Church,  
2504 Roxboro Street:

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, Bible study  
Saturdays at 6:30 pm, worship service  
Sundays at 9:30 am, Sunday school

Rev. Julio Ramirez-Eve, Pastor (672-4333)

## Formal



Threshold is a Community Center providing folks with severe mental illness a place to work, play, and socialize. We host a special dinner each year, and many of our clients like to dress up for it. We are in need of donations of dressy clothing for this occasion. Please check your closets and consider donating: old bridesmaid's dresses, out of style suits, ties, and anything dressy that you no longer need. Please bring donations to the *green* collection box in the Mission Center on or before Labor Day Weekend. Your support will be greatly appreciated!

Questions? **Please call Tracey Holsinger (402-1478).**

## **Help Us Staff The Church Office** **August 29th - 31st**

Your church staff will be on retreat August 29th - 31st. While we are away, we need 3 - 4 volunteers per day to keep the church office open and to answer the phone. Gail will teach you all you need to know. Your help will be greatly appreciated!

If you are available on these dates for 2 - 3 hours, **please call Gail (489-4974) today to volunteer.**

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**August 14, 2005 - National Homelessness & Affordable Housing Sunday**

**Preacher:** Terry Allebaugh, Executive Director of Housing for New Hope  
**Title:** "Life Under the Big Tent"  
**Text:** Matthew 15:21-28

**August 21, 2005**

**Preacher:** Haywood Holderness  
**Title:** "The Courage to Risk"  
**Texts:** Exodus 1:8-21; Matthew 16:21-26

**August 28, 2005 - Birthday Sunday Ordination & Installation of New Officers @ 8:30 & 11 Summer Musical Performances & Picnic**

**Preacher:** Haywood Holderness  
**Title:** "The Courage to Serve"  
**Texts:** Exodus 3:1-12; Matthew 16:21-26

**Family camping at Presbyterian Point Labor Day weekend** is being planned. Mark your calendars. Please remember that the camp is now run by the YMCA, and the rules for camping have changed. Those folks planning to go will receive a copy of the YMCA's policies. **Contact Elena Cleary (theclearys5@aol.com) or Bill Scott (scottfamily@nc.rr.com) for more information.**



"...and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"  
Micah 6:8



Westminster is blessed to have a very dedicated group of volunteers who come to the church office every other Wednesday to prepare your newsletters for mailing. The newsletters are sent by bulk (business) mail which means we cut our postage costs by more than half, because we presort the mail before it goes to the post office. An average newsletter mailing contains 550 pieces of mail. As you can imagine, this would be a big job for one or two people. Thankfully, we have a group to handle this!

We are looking for few more Saints to join this team. **Please contact Gail (489-4974 or gail@wpcdurham.org) to volunteer.** We will provide on-the-job-training and you will receive the benefit of socializing with other WPC members while you work.

Please volunteer today!  
The next newsletter mailing is:  
August 24th.



**Responsibilities for August 14 - August 21, 2005**

ACOLYTES	NURSERY	USHERS
<b>08/14</b> Kodjo Kumi <b>08/21</b> <i>Volunteers Needed</i>	<b>August Nursery Coordinator -</b> Barb Vanden Broek <b>08/14</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Lynn Schmalzer & Tom Morris 2-5 - Kenzie Brannon & Suzanne Graham 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Carolyn Holmes & Jennifer Whitman <i>Toddlers</i> - Robin Brown 2-3 - Kelly & Adam Keadey 4-5 - Tracy & Jim Joseph <i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i> <b>08/21</b> 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Cathy Smith 2-5 - Eric, Anne, & Natalie Wolf 11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Tom & Terri Tolley <i>Toddlers</i> - John & Sarah High 2-3 - Rich & Jane DeGiacomo 4-5 - Kim, Kevin, & Kyle Scott <i>Float</i> - Angela & Shayne Ruffing	<b>08/14</b> 8:30 - Don & Shirley Rufty, and Bill & Judy Thompson 11:00 - Chip & Kaleigh Roe, Judy & Ashley Everly, Sally Keener, and Fritz Simonson <b>08/21</b> 8:30 - Sue & Don Hallen, Betsy Ahern, and Bobby Bosworth 11:00 - Susan Couch, Darcy Turner, Carol Mansfield, Jack Mountain, Barbara Rynerson, and John Cowan
LECTORS		SOUND TECHNICIANS
<b>08/14</b> 8:30 - Rebecca Mattern-Mielcarek 11:00 - Lucy Stokes <b>08/21</b> 8:30 - Ashley Everly 11:00 - Sam Knoll		<b>08/14</b> 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Frank Stallings <b>08/21</b> 8:30 - Doug Wellemeyer 11:00 - Frank Stallings
ELDER GREETERS		
<b>08/14</b> 8:30 - Andy Collins 11:00 - Mary Todd Peters <b>08/21</b> 8:30 - Mickey Henriquez 11:00 - Peggy Pedersen		
OFFERING COUNTERS		
<b>08/14</b> Blair & Laura Chesnut <b>08/21</b> Kevin & Lori Rosemond		