



...The Rest of the Story



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Mission to D'Iberville, Mississippi

Last Sunday after a FRANTIC week of planning, the Mississippi Relief Team left for 2 weeks in D'Iberville. The team includes: **Paul Ransford, Chick & Dorene Palermo, John Eagen, Kenzie Brannon, Walt Beckwith, Kim Henry, Mike Rosenmarkle, Andrew Gaddis, Debbie Hatch, and Kevin Kelly.** They will be joined later by **Lori Pistor, Audrey Green, Harold Knight, Mary Berghaus, Patricia Bass, Rebecca Mattern-Mielcarek, and Mark Landis.** Please keep these folks in your prayers.

The purpose of this trip is to establish a tent city that will house approximately 120 relief workers under the auspices of Presbyterian Diaster Relief (PDA). To date, Westminster has raised over \$40,000 toward these efforts.

The successful planning and implementation of this trip could never have been accomplished without the help of many, many volunteers. These folks worked tirelessly last week to prepare for this trip. Our thanks and gratitude go to: **Dorene Palermo, Julie Beckwith, Claudia Draffin, Dana Lange, Helen Harrison, Helen Tharrington, Kathryn Bunch, Kim Henry, Larry Crocker, Marge Enberg, Norman Gaddis, Rebecca Mattern-Mielcarek, Sharon Barnes, Tom Shaffer, Kenzie Brannon, Susan Landis, Judy Everly, Bill & Dottie Bartholomay, Bill McAvoy, Sally Ransford, Nancy Chaffee, Chick Palermo, Walt Beckwith, Frances Anton, Bill Hatch, Bonnie Derr, Jeff Fendt, Mark Higgins, Muff Urbaniak, Jessie & Austin Tharrington, Andy Gaddis, Gabe Hatch, Graham Kelly, Grayson Schmidt, and Erynn Hatch.** The pace of our preparations were so hectic, we're sure we missed some names and, for that, we apologize.

As of Tuesday morning, we have the following update: They all arrived safely, unloaded the trucks, and have set up about 20 of the tent sites. They have electricity and water that can be used for washing (and maybe drinking later); they are making real showers out of the field showers. The "mess hall" is up and serving delicious meals. Spirits are high! Some other volunteers are joining them in a few days, and they are talking about building ANOTHER Tent City while they are down there if the funds continue to come in.

Perhaps by the time you read this, we will have some photos from Mississippi on our web site.



Important Congregational Luncheon

WHEN: Sunday, September 25th
(immediately following 11 a.m. worship)

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHAT: Yummy Catered Lunch

WHY: To complete the Church Assessment

Come enjoy good food and fellowship,
and take 20 minutes to complete
the Church Assessment questionnaire.*

*Church Assessment questionnaires will also be available after early worship.

Worship, Worship

1ST AND 2ND GRADERS, LEARN ABOUT WORSHIP AT WESTMINSTER!

WHEN: Beginning October 9th for four consecutive Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WHAT: A chance to experience parts of worship, to learn about prayer and praise through the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology, and to become familiar with the church's Sunday worship bulletin.

WHO: First & second graders and their parents

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

- + **Gary Carr's** sister, Shirley Watkins, died on September 11th.
- + **Sally Keener** asks for prayers for her brother's son-in-law, John, who has suffered a severe stroke at age 44.
- + Gene Staples, neighbor of **Ken & Kathy Lundstrom**, is in ICU at Duke Hospital.
- + A memorial service will be held for **Hal Muncaster** at Forest at Duke at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 23rd.
- + **Fred Schneider** is still in Duke Hospital.
- + **Marie Shackelford**, who moved to Chicago to live with her daughter, fell and broke her pelvis and leg.
- + **Faye Shaffer's** mother, Gladys Dystrop, died on September 11th.
- + **Alison Spransy's** mother, Anne McConnell, died on September 8th at Britthaven in Chapel Hill, after a lengthy illness. A memorial service will be planned later.
- + **Lucy Stokes' father**, Nick Gardner, is still in Duke Hospital.
- + **John & Martha Wily** request prayers for their friend, Jane Wicker, who continues her fight against cancer.

- + **Ann Wolf** asks for prayers for her aunt, Betty Sides, who had triple bypass surgery in Winston-Salem on September 19th.

★ Celebrations! ★

- + Eric Pommerer, son of **Bob & Linda Pommerer**, and Mary Crowson have a new son, Charles Robert Pommerer, born on September 15th.

Moms In Touch International

Attention, Moms! Cover your children and their school in prayer. Join *Moms In Touch International*. Mothers of Durham Academy children (Pre-K - 12th grade) meet every Monday from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. at Westminster. For more information, call Lori Hey (929-1474). To find a *Moms In Touch* group at your school, call Paula Droege (382-0154).



Whadda buncho pebble dere on Sundaynite!!! A full complement of sponsors and a great turn out of yute. 2 many casts in evidence! Y'all be careful.

The cleanup u did of all the camping gear on Labor Day was so wonnerful that all of our stuff is getting donated to pebbles in Mississippi.

Rebecca is putting togedder a trip to Va. 4 sum senior highs who r leaders. Hmmm.

The Montreat houses r fillingup with early registrations. Great confirmation class lined up.

Margaret bought our samwiches last week. She likes u guys.

So cool to see your faces in the balcony on Sunday. U make us proud that u take your faith seriously.



On both September 14th and 15th the Westminster School Advisory Board hosted a **Parent Get-Acquainted Coffee Time**. Approximately 30 parents attended each morning, taking the opportunity to meet and talk with one another. Thank you to Drewry Mitchell for coordinating this event, and to our Advisory Board members for providing the delicious food!

Our first "**Celebration**" was held on Wednesday in the Sanctuary. The children enjoyed meeting Haywood, Nancy, and Monica. Nancy taught us a special greeting, Haywood told a story, and Monica led us in singing two songs. "Celebration" is held every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. Join us one day if you can!

If you are interested in having your young child attend Westminster School for Young Children in the future, be sure that you have put him or her on our **Waiting List**. Please call our office at 489-8432, and we will send you the necessary forms.

Choir Notes

CHOIR ROBES:

The Chancel Choir has new robes! Thanks to the generosity of Westminster's congregation, and due to the very hard work of Judy Lamon and her committee (Chuck Byrd, Barb Heagren, & Faye Shaffer), we have a new look that is both beautiful and educational. During the next few months, I'm sure you'll notice that the choir's stole colors change with the liturgical season. This honors our heritage and helps us all keep track of the events marked on the church calendar.

The liturgical colors of the church seasons are white, purple, red, and green. White is used for special days in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas and Easter. Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent. Red is the color for Pentecost and is often used for ordination services. Green is used for all other time periods not marked by a specific season (called Ordinary Time) to represent spiritual growth. We will use the colors with some flexibility (for ex., we will usually wear red on Communion Sundays), and we hope you will find their use meaningful.

THINK YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO JOIN THE CHOIR?

Think again . . . our flexibility will amaze you!

—**Don't want to give up Sunday School?** *You don't have to. Contrary to popular perception, you don't have to choose between joining the choir & attending Sunday School—you can do both! As long as you are able to rehearse with us on Thursday nights, you can skip most (or all) of the Sunday morning rehearsal. Really. Would we rather have everyone present on Thursdays and Sunday mornings? Of course. That's always been the ideal, & you can't blame us for trying. But we are determined. We are also realistic & even a bit sneaky at times. You may as well know that we will do just about anything to get you to sing with us. If you show up in the music room, we'll find a way to make it work.*

—**Afraid you're out of town too much, that your attendance would be too spotty?**

Many of our regulars have this problem too. Mostly, it's a non-issue. Westminster's singers are volunteers & they come & go as their schedules permit. Some are there every week, some are there every few weeks. We don't get upset. We deal with it.

—**Afraid it's just too big a commitment? Afraid that you'll be "signing your life away"?** *It doesn't have to be. . . and. . .you won't be. Yes, being a choir member requires commitment. In an ideal world a 100% commitment would be, well, ideal, but let's face it, our lives are fast-paced, even chaotic. Who needs one more rigid obligation? So, let's think outside the box on this: If you can give our choir even a **limited** commitment of any kind, we'll take it. Why? Because we want to get to know you. We want to sing with you. If you sing with us, our choir gets bigger, better, & more diverse. Everyone wins. So, give us a season (Advent/Christmas, for ex., or Lent), give us a month or 6 weeks, give us a particular concert you'll commit to, give us any amount of time you can spare. You name it, we'll take you up on it. Our goal is to have a vibrant, active choir, a community of caring musicians who serve God & their church by sharing their gifts in worship. There are many paths to that goal.*

—**Afraid we're too serious for you? Afraid those church music types don't have a sense of humor?** *Well, we could tell you those are myths, but why should you believe us? Besides, there's only one way to find out for yourself. Come sing with us & you'll discover one of our best-kept secrets: Choir is so much fun that people sometimes actually forget how serious the work is. They kid around a lot while learning music. Even the hard stuff. Really. And they often leave rehearsals smiling. You can't beat that.*

Call or e-mail Monica Rossman: 489-4974, ext. 113; monica@wpcdurham.org.



20th Anniversary House Party & Home Tour

Habitat of Durham is gearing up to celebrate 20 years of building home, hope, and community! Habitat's community of friends is invited to the party! The celebration is set for Sunday afternoon, October 2nd, 3 - 6 p.m., on Lindbergh St. in the Ellerbee St. neighborhood. The party features the dedication of the 20th Anniversary house, music by the Durham Jazz, and a bar-b-que dinner. Please join us. For directions and to RSVP: rhall@durhamhabitat.org or 682-0516 (ext. 113).



Global Missions News

As you read this article, WPC's Katrina Disaster Relief team is well into carrying out its mission in D'Iberville, Mississippi. Once again, WPC's congregational generosity, in terms of time and money, made it possible to launch this effort in record time.

PC-USA has a Peacemaking Program through which it participates every year in the **United Nations' International Day of Peace on September 21st**. This day is set aside as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence. When considering peace, it is impossible to predict how God might provide after a devastating loss—be it war, famine, storms; be it global, national, local, or personal. WPC's efforts are both a symbolic and concrete expression of God's promise through the prophet Isaiah, "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Your generosity is tangible witness of God's peace in times of disaster. Anyone wishing to make additional contributions to WPC's disaster relief fund for Katrina relief or other needs, may do so.

Sunday, October 2nd is World Communion Sunday.

Through the Peacemaking Program we share the Table with our brothers and sisters around the world. Our celebration of the Lord's Supper at WPC on this day is a good time to reflect on what it means to live in relationship with God and with one another.



This summer was the best we've seen in four years here at **New Hope Camp & Conference Center!** Our staff did an excellent job creating memorable experiences for our campers, many of whom were returning from years past. Our new Camp Rangers program, a leadership camp for 7th - 10th graders, was a great success.

Now that summer is over, there are no more songs and energizers, squealing campers, arts and crafts masterpieces, frogs to catch, or free-swim afternoons. Our campers have headed back for another school year, and we are diving into a busy weekend retreat season. Our energy has shifted from doling out cure-all band-aids to welcoming a variety of user groups through our gates.

As we continue to revise and update our programs, we are also updating our facilities. Many buildings have gotten a facelift as area churches have become more involved in the upkeep of our camp. A coat of paint, new windows and appliances, and the addition of rocking chairs, provided by New Hope Presbyterian, have added to the natural beauty of this place. Visit our website (www.newhopeccc.org) or come out for a tour and get acquainted with your local camp and conference center!

MP2 IS COLLECTING FOR DISASTER RELIEF

MP2 is collecting "Personal Health" kits and "Hope in a Box" kits for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Listed below are two ways you can help those who have suffered loss and damage in the Gulf Coast.

Please place your donations in the **yellow** donation box inside the Mission Center **by September 28th**. The adults of MP2 will see that the items are delivered to a designated drop off spot sponsored by PC-USA.

Personal Health Kit contents:

- 1 Bath towel
- 1 Hand towel
- 1 Wash cloth
- 1 Comb
- 1 Toothbrush
- Plastic toothbrush container
- 1 Tube of toothpaste
- 2 Bars of soap (bath size)
- Plastic bar soap container
- 1 Container (non-aerosol) deodorant
- 1 Container liquid hand sanitizer

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure and roll in the bath towel.

Hope-in-a-Box Kit

The "Hope-in-a-Box" kit has been designed to help children who have been impacted by disaster. This is not a toy kit – it is a gift that will make a true difference in addressing immediate hygiene and emotional needs of traumatized children.

Hope-in-a-Box Kit contents:

- 1 Backpack
- 1 Small stuffed bear
- 1 Small soft ball
- 1 Harmonica or other small musical instrument
- 1 6"X 9" non-spiral bound pad of regular or construction paper (60-100 sheets)
- 1 Slinky® (metal or plastic)
- 1 Yo-Yo
- 1 7-foot child's jump rope
- 1 Comb
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Tube of toothpaste
- 1 Box of 24 crayons
- 1 Large eraser
- 6 New pencils with erasers
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 30-centimeter ruler (12")
- 1 Pair of blunt child's scissors

Place all items inside the backpack and secure it.

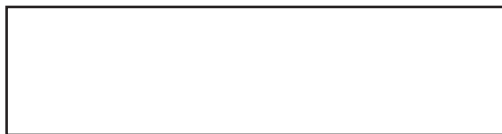
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September 25, 2005 - Birthday Sunday
Baptisms of Paige Dickey (11) & Logan McElroy (11)
Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Title: "What You Say...or...What You Do"
Text: Matthew 21:23-32

October 2, 2005 - World Communion Sunday
Preacher: Paul Ransford

October 9, 2005
Baptisms of Eleanor Hill (8:30) & Lily Donoway (11)
Preacher: Haywood Holderness
Title: "What You Wear"
Texts: Matthew 22:1-14

Mark your calendars now for Spiritual Enrichment Weekend with Tom Long - October 16th & 17th!
Tom will preach at both worship services on Sunday and will be here for a special luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on Monday.
Don't miss it!



"...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

There's still time to register for MP2 2005-06

A Program for Children Ages 4 through 5th Grade

Wednesday afternoons 3:45 - 5:10 p.m.

- Mid-week fellowship for children
- Mission opportunities
- Bible stories
- A variety of fun activities
- Crafts
- Worship skills

Registration forms are available on the information table in the Mission Center.

The fun has already begun, so come and bring a friend!!

Responsibilities for September 25 - October 2, 2005

ACOLYTES		NURSERY		USHERS	
09/25 Allie Ruffing & Kevin Scott	10/02 Ben Chesnut & Kevin Scott	September Nursery Coordinator - Vicki Skeen		09/25 8:30 - Bert Loro, Linda Barnett, and Verne & Dean Lanier	
LECTORS		October Nursery Coordinator - Margaret Falkovic		11:00 - Mike & Kay Rosenmarkle, Margaret & Frank Falkovic, and Jim Agnew	
09/25 8:30 - Pete McWilliams	11:00 - Kim Scott	09/25 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Alyson Bosworth & Charlotte Lombard		10/02 8:30 - Bill McAvoy, Thomas Hardison, Perry Tharrington, and Jerry Rozak	
10/02 8:30 - John Graham	11:00 - Blair Chesnut	2-5 - Barb Vanden Broek & Nancy Rozak		11:00 - John, Julia, Tanner Lockhead, Carol & Graham Kelly	
ELDER GREETERS		11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - Laura & James Chesnut		SOUND TECHNICIANS	
09/25 8:30 - Lucy Stokes	11:00 - Andy Jones	<i>Toddlers</i> - Blair & Ben Chesnut		09/25 8:30 - <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	
10/02 8:30 - Chuck Byrd	11:00 - Jack Walker	2-3 - John Cowan		11:00 - <i>Volunteer Needed</i>	
OFFERING COUNTERS		4-5 - Kevin & Michelle King		10/02 8:30 - Derek Leadbetter	
09/25 Dan & Martha Milam	10/02 Cindy & Jaco Mouton	<i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>		11:00 - Gary & Jay Lehew	
		10/02 8:30 - <i>Infants</i> - Barb Vanden Broek			
		2-5 - Mark Easley & Mary Grigg			
		11:00 - <i>Infants</i> - LuRuth Arena			
		<i>Toddlers</i> - Lisa Whitfield			
		2-3 - Kenzie Brannon & Olivia Cleary			
		4-5 - Sam & Katy Knoll			
		<i>Float - Volunteer Needed</i>			