



The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

June 7, 2007

Being A Now Christian

Being in our hospitals so much recently, I have had opportunities to listen and observe the multitude of people in the various waiting rooms. It struck me how often we say “no” in our conversations. Even among Christians “no” is often our first word to another or to a family member. There was one family discussing the fact that family meals were not occasions for celebrating the joys and successes of family members, but a time of “picking on one another” and dwelling on the negatives in each other’s lives. It reminded me of a quote by Wendy Steiner in the Times Literary Supplement that said “...the problem with criticism is it makes nothing happen”.

We are taught today not to be a “yes” person. Hearing criticism and learning how to dish it out are highly touted skills in our corporate world and educational arena. Many are taught in order to appear smart you have to say something critical, tear things down, nitpick and dissect. Being agreeable is thought to be reserved for those who really do not know or cannot understand the question at hand.

Despite the fact that Jesus repeatedly encountered negative energies and continually confronted his detractors head on, Jesus himself had an “affirming spirit”. How did Jesus affirm people? Romans 12:10 instructs us if we want to imitate Christ, we must “love one another with mutual affection, outdo one another in showing honor (respect)”. When Jesus showed honor, he picked out rather than picked on those most “put down” and those down and out; he honored people’s needs. Jesus would stop what he was doing and allow others to interrupt him. For Jesus, no importance was unimportant.

We look at Jesus to imitate one who showed honor to others by demonstrating and acknowledging his need of them: the disciples, Peter, and John (especially) and the Bethany family of Mary, Martha and Lazarus. He counted on people. Jesus showed we all need to be needed, to be counted on.

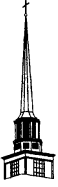
Christians should be persons who respond in love as now people. For example, if someone needs a coat - Jesus said give them your shirt also. Jesus says to act out in love without considering what may or may not be in it for yourself. We are to be Christian in action - not just in rumination, talk, investigative committees, or even long term studies. We just need to be a “now Christian”, not a maybe later fence sitter or an I’ll get around to it procrastinator. “Just do it!” Jesus promises “the measure you give will be the measure you get back”. Friends, pour it on every day and in every circumstance to reach out and to honor and to care for one another. And all God’s children said “YES”!

Grace and peace to you,
Charles

As we have only a few more weeks together, I look forward to every shared moment, especially in worship. See you Sunday!



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**Gift for the month of June for Crisis Control:
Hamburger Helper**

**LCAP gift for the month of June :
Sugar**



**Tuesday, June 12th, is the
deadline for news to be submit-
ted for the June 20th issue of
The Steeple.**

One group news & events

Sunday, June 3: Regular youth schedule
4:45-6:15 pm Junior and Senior High Youth
6:15-6:35 pm Dinner

Sunday, June 10: End of School Party at the house of Dan and Margaret Williams from 3:30-6:00 PM! Celebrate the beginning of summer with all your friends. There will be a cookout and a huge game of capture the flag, so come prepared! **Parents and siblings of youth are welcome to come too!** If you need directions, call Margaret at 945-7860 or ask Jesse.

Sunday, June 17: No UMYF due to Father's Day.

Sunday, June 17 – Saturday, June 23: Senior high youth at Carolina Cross Connection!

Sunday, June 24: Summer youth schedule – please make note of the time changes!
4:45-6:15 pm Junior and Senior High Youth
No dinner – enjoy a meal at home with your family!

Sunday, July 1: The youth will be having an Independence Day cookout – more details will be coming soon!

Just a reminder that the trip to Lake Junaluska is coming up soon – July 8-12!!

.Make sure to check out the youth library in the Senior High Sunday school room! There is a whole shelf full of Christian books just for youth! They can be checked out for free at any time – just make sure to sign them out on the signout sheet. Also, if you have any Christian books that you would like to give to be added to this collection, let Jesse know. Please take advantage of this opportunity to grow your faith!

UMW NEWS

UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, June 11, at 10 am in the fellowship hall for our annual picnic. Please bring a sandwich and a prize for the games. Also, bring wash cloths for the Speas School project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, June 11, at 7 pm in the **parlor**. (Please note change of meeting location.)
- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, June 12, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.

UMW BOOK DISCUSSION **Tuesday, June 19th** **10 am in the parlor**

A Song to Sing, A Life to Live
by Don Saliers and Emily Saliers

“Bridging two generations, this rich exploration of music interweaves the authors’ own stories with those of others to reflect on music as a key aspect of spirituality in our lives.”



Copies available from Harriet Binkley and from the public library.

SAYING GOODBYE!

On Sunday, June 24, there will be a potluck dinner held in the fellowship hall immediately following the 11:00 am service in honor of Rev. Charles and Connie Turner. This will be Charles’ last Sunday with us. Please bring a covered dish and join in expressing our love and gratitude to them both for their service to Lewisville United Methodist Church.

Staff-Parish Committee

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Casanova’s night! Look for another one coming soon!



Remember your loved ones...put flowers in the church in memory or in honor of someone. Celebrate a special occasion with flowers. Our standing order with Wilson’s Florist costs \$32.10 for 2 vases. You can

have them do a special arrangement if you prefer (with the cost depending on what you select) or you can order through any florist you choose. Call the church office (945-3203) to reserve a date.

LEWISVILLE IS A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

Stephen Ministers are trained lay care-givers who provide emotional and spiritual care to persons who are experiencing difficulties in their lives—hospitalization, loss of a loved one, loss of job, or any other crisis situation. This is care in addition to the care the pastor gives. If you are interested in having a Stephen Minister, fill out one of the slips in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate or hand it to the minister or one of the Stephen Leaders, Nancy Russell or Tom Lee.

FATHER’S DAY - June 17th - 11:00AM

Join us to baptize David Speckhart, the very wise beyond his years, son of Robin and Kurt Speckhart.

STEWARDSHIP

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

As members, we uphold the Church with our promise to give of our presence, gifts, prayers, and service.

Promises to Keep: Presence

May 20	Sunday School: 192
	Worship: 288
May 27	Sunday School: 161
	Worship: 259
June 3	Sunday School: 190
	Worship: 304

Promises to Keep: Gifts

May 20	General Budget	\$ 7,125.25
	Hunger Fund	\$ 7.00
	Cemetery Fund	\$ 10.00
May 27	General Budget	\$ 5,429.26
	Hunger Fund	\$ 8.00
June 3	General Budget	\$ 9,501.25
	Hunger Fund	\$ 9.00
	Youth Fund	\$ 540.00
	Africa University	\$ 160.25
	Flood Buckets	\$ 160.25

LUMC BUILDING FUND

<u>Contributions in May:</u>	\$7,623.41
<u>Loan Payment</u>	
Principal	\$ 3,000.00
Interest	\$ 3,064.83
Loan Balance	\$480,000.00
<u>Balance in MM Account:</u>	10,509.55

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Youth Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Lisa Hough** by Guy and Nancy Fisher, Jessie and Hunter Arnett, The Heyne Family, the May WHO Committee, Eleanor Thompson, Terri and Clay Vogler, Millie and Herman Orrell, Julie and Tim Rains, Helen Nichols, Brenda Fuste, Dorcas Craft, and Mike and Toni Jones;

In honor of **Dona Stilphen** by the May WHO Committee.

Cemetery Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Ursula Beck** by Patsy Reynolds.

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

(continued)

General Budget Gifts:

In honor of **Charles and Connie Turner** by Treva Robbins;

In memory of **Ursula Beck** by Wanda Moser, Ollie and Jackie Harrell, Ron and Sue Darby, Helen Nichols, Millie and Herman Orrell, Lorraine Kirk, Dean and Beverly Davis, Celeste Kirkman, Ruth Conrad, Jimmie and Phyllis Moore, Phil Ball, Floyd and Polly Craft, and Clay and Terri Vogler;

In memory of **Dr. Gordon Graham** (Beryl Moser's brother) by Wanda Moser and Helen Nichols;

In memory of **Roy Neatherly**, (Connie Turner's father), by Ollie and Jackie Harrell, Millie and Herman Orrell, Phil Ball, and Phyllis and Jimmie Moore;

In memory of **W. H. "Bill" Moser** by the Hilda Moser Family;

In memory of **James Hill, Jr.**, father of Jim Hill, by the May WHO Committee;

In memory of **Lisa Hough** by David and Susan Beckman.

Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Ursula Beck** by Mike and Toni Jones, Jimmy and Betty Leslie, Kay Schlagel, Harriet and Gilmer Binkley, Carol Coxe, Wayne and Betty Hall, and Jim and Martha Hampton, Henry and Jan Kopf, Fred Moser, LUMC Wesleyan Class, Bo and Beth Houff, Ruth Hartle, Guy and Nancy Fisher, Bob and Sara Orrell; and Don and Frances Schweighart.

In memory of **Buck Buchanan** on Father's Day by Doris, Valerie, Mark, Ross, Kevin, Connor and Eva.

In memory of **Voyle "Tunk" Conrad** by Mr. and Mrs. F. Eugene Rees, Jr. and F. Rees Company, Inc., Jon and Libby Reynolds, Dermont and Jo Setzer, B. A. and M. J. McClelland, Meadowlark Middle School Mavericks Service Club, Don and Frances Schweighart, Ms Vicki Fragakis and Miss Leni Fragakis;

In memory of **Clara Moser** by Performance Specialties.

In memory of **Roy Neatherly**, Connie Turner's father, by Jim and Martha Hampton, Edith Smith, Guy and Nancy Fisher, Bo and Beth Houff, and Ruth Hartle;

Music Fund Gift:

"This gift is in recognition of our love and appreciation of Debby and John Trivett for the long-term, patient, unselfish love and care which they lavished on her parents in their declining years. Debby and John, you are an inspiration to all of us.

With great love, Larry and Marie Elliott McClure"

PARENTS OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Stephen Ministry will be sponsoring a series of lectures and discussions on Sunday afternoons from 5:00-6:30 pm beginning on September 23rd and running through October 21st. We'll discuss the nature of teenagers and parenting teenagers.



AN INVITATION JUST FOR YOU

A new class is happening the month of June for college students or those having completed their freshman year beyond high school. We'll meet in the class across from the Discovery Classroom at 9:45 am. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy fellowship and learning together! Keith Greene will be leading our time together.



Children's Church Schedule 8:30 am Worship Service

June 10 Jeff and Shelly Ferner
June 17 Ken and Denise Criss
June 24 Will and Jenny Davis

Please note: Materials for Children's Church will be in the classroom for you to check out ahead of time as resources for Sunday morning activities. If unavailable to teach, please be responsible for finding your own substitute.

Remember: Children's Church is offered for 4-year-olds through 2nd graders.



8:20 am Nursery Schedule

June 10 Leigh Anne Miller and Amber Edwards
June 17 Jenny and Will Davis
June 24 Jeff Watkins and Sam Rains

11:00 am Nursery Schedule

June 10 Cheryl and Ginelle Gross
June 17 Tom and Paige Ballus
June 24 Jon and Beth Johnson

Congratulations to our newest members!

**Amber DeeAnn Edwards
Jennifer Lynn Howard
Sean Patrick Kelly
Duncan Patrick Trosan
Rebecca Elise Ward
Macey Nicole Wiseman**



Our confirmands joined on May 27th! Welcome! Welcome!



**“AROUND THE WORLD IN MISSION”
“Changing the World Two by Two”**

June 25-28

Vacation Bible School at LUMC will be an exploration into building our faith through singing, crafts, mission projects, and much more. Children will come to understand being a Christian calls them to be doers of the word.

This year the children will learn about Heifer International. This will lead our physical mission focus as Heifer Int. works with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Since 1944, Heifer has helped more than 7 million families in more than 125 countries. We are excited to teach the children about God’s work through Heifer.

VBS registration cards are available in the west end lobby, so sign your child up today! Children age 3 by October 15, 2007 through current 5th graders are welcome to attend. Registering now will enable us to be better prepared for VBS, so sign up now!

“Around the World in Mission” will be held at LUMC June 25-28 from 9:00 am until 12 noon.

As this VBS is very “hands-on,” we need all the extra hands we can get! So, please sign up as a volunteer now for as many days as you can. If you are interested in helping in one of the following ways, please call Margy Smith at 945-2710 or Marci Harvey at 766-7476, or drop this form in the offering plate.

I am willing to help with Vacation Bible School in the following ways:

Teacher/Assistant Teacher

Recreation

Music

Arts/Crafts

Refreshments

I will help where needed.



Name _____

E-mail _____

Summer Schedule for Wednesday Night Suppers



In August we will have a pot luck supper on the first Wednesday of the month. (Note: There will not be a meal in July as the first Wednesday falls on July 4th.)

Mark your calendars for August 1. Please bring food to share and join us for good food and fellowship at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

RECYCLING HELP NEEDED!

If you would be interested in helping George Stilphen with recycling at the church, please notify the church office, 945-3203.



Andy Burton Memorial Golf Tournament

It doesn't matter if you are a golfer or a hacker. It's all about having a blast at this annual tournament as we remember one of our own. Andy Burton loved golf and this tournament is a special way to pay tribute to an extraordinary young man. The event is Monday, July 16, at Bermuda Run West Golf Club and the cost is only \$75 for adults and \$50 for youth 18 and under. You can tee off at either 7:30 am or play in the afternoon at 1 pm. Lunch is included plus tons of other things.

Questions? Contact Steve Keaton in the Fusion Student Ministries Office at Mt. Tabor UMC at 765-5561 or via e-mail at Steve@MtTaborUMC.org.

Sponsorships are available.

FLOOD BUCKETS

Remember our on-going fund for flood buckets. When we collect \$1,000, we will fill some more buckets.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....

Sympathy: We express our Christian love and sympathy to.....

- ° Beryl Moser in the death of her brother, Dr. Gordon Graham, on May 17th;
- ° Jim Hill in the death of his father, James Hill, Jr., on May 24th;
- ° Dona Stilphen in the death of her sister, Lisa Hough, on May 25th;
- ° Herman White in the death of his brother, Oscar White, on May 19th.

Hospital: Geoff Rudy, Forsyth Medical Center.

Congratulations:

to Chris Bingham and Whitney Allen on the birth of a daughter, Lucinda Blakeman Bingham ("Lucy") on May 12th. Proud grandparents are Gordon and Cindy Bingham.

to Mark and Tracey Shanks on the birth of a son, Carter Aaron Shanks, on May 30th. Proud grandparents are David and Brenda Shanks.

"THANK YOU: For the lovely flowers in memory of my father, Roy L. Neatherly, and for the over one hundred notes and cards sent expressing your sympathy and support. I will cherish your friendship and the outpouring of love forever. My family and my sister, Dawn, shall remember with deep gratitude the comforting words of our staff and church family in our time of bereavement. Connie Turner"

"I wish to thank you in the congregation for your prayers and cards and telephone calls during Ursula's illness. For the service, I appreciate Debby and the choir and Charles for encouraging words and bits of humor he and Ursula shared. John Beck"

"I'd like to thank the church family and staff for the lovely flowers in memory of my brother, Oscar White. Thanks for the cards, calls, and food from the neighbors and a special thanks to Charles and Connie Turner. Herman and Una White"



Forbush High School

Jordan Ervin

Forsyth Country Day School

Leane Peddycord

Mt. Tabor High School

Sarah Lewis

North Forsyth High School

Joshua Pierce Swing

West Forsyth High School

Ryan Criner

Mary-Katherine Hartman

Holly Davis

Kyle Jarrett

Thomas Fitzgerald

Daniel Martin

Kristin Gee

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