



# The Shallowford Steeple

Lewisville United Methodist Church, Lewisville, NC

July 2, 2008

## HAVE YOU INVITED SOMEONE TO CHURCH LATELY?

Study after study indicates that the number one most effective method for growing a church is simply one person inviting another to come to church with them. Invite someone this week, offer to pick them up, and even take them out to lunch.

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.*

## GOD'S BIG BACKYARD

**Where kids have a blast serving Jesus!**

And what a blast we did have! With our approximately 140 VBS participants and 60 volunteers, we had a hugely successful year learning that we can serve family, friends, neighbors, and community in our own "big backyard."

Special thanks to Margy Smith for leading us again this year. A special gift is given in honor of all our volunteers to this year's mission. Our total raised this year is approximately \$700. Way to go!



**FLOOD BUCKETS:** With the floods in the Midwest, please remember our on-going "Flood Bucket Fund." To contribute, make checks payable to Lewisville UMC and put "Flood Buckets" on the notation line.





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## Ministry and Staff of the Church

Resident Bishop  
*J. Lawrence McCleskey*  
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*Keith Bingham*  
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*June Hayes*  
Music Director  
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Missionary to Cambodia  
*Esther Gitobu*  
Chairperson of Administrative Board  
*John Wells*  
Chairperson of Council on Ministries  
*Margy Smith*  
Lay Leader  
*Jim Fridy*  
School Care Director  
*Kim Jackson*  
Preschool Director  
*Marcia Sexton*  
Secretary  
*Toni Jones*

**Gift for the month of July for Crisis Control:  
macaroni and cheese dinners**

**LCAP gift for the month of July:  
granola bars**



**Tuesday, July 8, is the deadline  
for news to be submitted for the  
July 16 issue of The Steeple.**

# Onegroup news & events

**Sunday, July 6:** LUMC Youth Summer Lock-in! Bring a friend and come on out for a night of fun as we have the lock-in at the church that you've been asking for! We'll have lots of fun games (including Sardines), a movie on the big screen, and even a trip to IHOP for a midnight snack. Youth should come to the church at 9:00 PM on Sunday night and be picked up by 8:00 AM Monday morning. Youth should bring a sleeping bag, pillow, and money for IHOP, as well as any games or video games they would like to play. All youth also need to bring a completed permission slip – see Jesse if you need an extra. Hope to see you and your friends there!

**Sunday, July 13:** No UMYF – Youth are at Lake Junaluska

**Sunday, July 20:** Summer UMYF – We'll be putting our faith in action by serving our church family. Don't miss this special day!

**Sunday, July 27:** No UMYF

**Sunday, August 3:** No UMYF

**Sunday, August 10:** Summer UMYF

**Sunday, August 17:** Emerald Pointe! More details soon.

**Sunday, August 24:** End of Summer Party

**Summer UMYF 2008 – Learn. Live. Love. Be.** This summer, we have some exciting things planned for UMYF. While we won't meet every Sunday, there will still be plenty to do. Make sure you're there for each of these fun days!

**June 22 – Learn:** Dinner, Movie, and a Discussion. See above for more details.

**July 6 – Live:** Lock-in at the church! See above for details.

**July 20 – Love:** This is a day to reach out and love our church family through our service. Put your faith in action!

**August 10 – Be:** We'll take a special trip this day to get away and spend some time alone with God.

## **Important Summer Dates:**

**June 29-July 5:** Carolina Cross Connection

**July 13-17:** Youth trip to Lake Junaluska

**July 26-August 1:** Mission trip to Costa Rica

# UMW NEWS

## UMW CIRCLE MEETINGS:

- ° **The Melba Forbis Friendship Circle** will meet on Tuesday, July 8, at 7 pm in the Yokefellow Class.
- ° **The UMW Morning Circle** will meet on Monday, July 14, at 10 am in the parlor. Following our regular meeting, we will go to Arbor Acres. Please bring shampoo for our school project.
- ° **UMW Circle 1** will meet on Monday, July 14, at 7 pm in the parlor.



## **UMW READING GROUP August 19, 10 am in the parlor**

On Tuesday, August 19, the UMW is sponsoring a book discussion on *Enrique's Journey*, a book from our reading program list.

This is the story of a Honduran boy who braves hardship and peril to find his mother in North Carolina. This is the story of a family torn apart as a mother seeks to provide a better life for her children.

There is a copy of the book in the public library and one circulating among readers. To locate it, contact Harriet Binkley.

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SNACK, CRAFT, AND YAK IN JULY!  
See you in August.**

## **ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED**



The Leadership Development Committee of Lewisville UMC is looking for an Assistant Treasurer for our church. This person will train with our current Treasurer, Bill Smith, in 2008, and look to take over the position in 2009. Strong bookkeeping and computer skills with financial software and Excel are needed. Person will need to learn how to use our church's PowerChurch financial software. Also, a knowledge of payroll skills (W-2's, quarterly tax reports) is needed. Time commitment varies with the week, with some around 3 hours and others (end of month) about 6 hours. End and start of year requires more. We are asking for a minimum two-year commitment for this volunteer position.

This is a great opportunity to use your special skills to serve God and His Church. **Persons willing to consider this should contact Pastor Keith.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
Fall/Winter Clothing Exchange  
September 13 & 15**



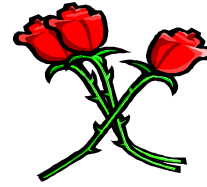
## **A GATHERING OF THE LAITY AT LAKE JUNALUSKA**

Each year the Council on Laity of the Western NC Conference offers "A Gathering of the Laity" at Lake Junaluska. This year the event will be August 15-17 and will feature Dr. John Ed Matheson, Dr. Maxie Dunnam and Rev. Angela Pleasants as keynote speakers. The Junaluska Singers will be providing the special music throughout the event. Cost is \$15 plus housing. Housing can be requested through the Council on Laity or made yourself. Copies of the registration brochure are available in the office.

# STEWARDSHIP

## RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

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

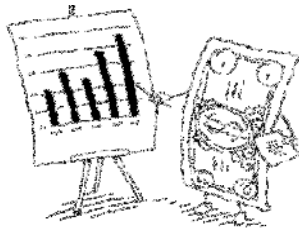


### Promises to Keep: Presence

June 22 Sunday School: 164  
Worship: 277  
June 29 Sunday School: 155  
Worship: 329

### Promises to Keep: Gifts

|         |                 |             |
|---------|-----------------|-------------|
| June 22 | General Budget  | \$ 6,174.92 |
|         | Hunger Fund     | \$ 10.00    |
|         | Van Fund        | \$ 50.00    |
|         | Flood Buckets   | \$ 195.00   |
|         | Parsonage Fund  | \$ 20.00    |
|         | Caring for Kara | \$ 25.00    |
| June 29 | General Budget  | \$ 9,800.54 |
|         | Hunger Fund     | \$ 5.00     |
|         | Van Fund        | \$ 50.00    |
|         | Music Fund      | \$ 25.00    |
|         | Flood Buckets   | \$ 105.00   |
|         | Children's Home | \$ 678.62   |



## Stewardship Update

### 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, Becky Bingham or Tom Lee.

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

#### General Budget Gifts:

In memory of **Betty Kelley** by Raymond and Dorcas Craft and Herman and Millie Orrell;

#### Building Fund Gifts:

In memory of **Betty Kelley** by Jo and Jack Gondring, the Staff of The Charlotte Symphony, and Mr. and Mrs. John Gehring;

In memory of **James Howard Nichols** by Helen H. Nichols and family;

In honor of **John Beck** by Herman and Una White;

In memory of **Buck Buchanan** by Valerie, Mark and Ross Alexander;

In honor of **Buck Johnson's birthday** by Herman and Millie Orrell;

#### Flood Bucket Fund Gift:

In honor of **Harriet Binkley** by Mike and Toni Jones;

#### Music Fund Gift:

In memory of **Jerry Slaughter**, Rob Slaughter's father, by the Chancel Choir;

#### Van Fund Gift:

In memory of **Betty Kelly** by Louise Reynolds.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Stewardship begins with gratitude - gratitude for who we are in Christ, gratitude for the salvation He has won for us on the cross, and gratitude for Who He is and all His gifts to us. As stewards, we recognize that we are completely dependent on God for all we have and need and that, as we offer thanks for God's gifts, we also strive to use them in ways that please Him.



A man, in his travels, once found a precious stone and kept it. One day he met a poor man and when he opened his bag to share his provisions, he saw the jewel and gave it to him. The poor man departed, overjoyed with the unexpected gift of the precious stone that was enough to give him wealth and security for the rest of his life. However, a few days later he came back in search of the man, found him, gave him back the stone, and entreated him, "Now, please give me something much more precious than this stone, valuable as it is. Give me that which enabled you to give it to me."

Little do we as Christians realize what a "gift" we have to offer. Knowing God personally through Jesus Christ and the abundant life that comes from that relationship is what those around us are seeking. We have the "gift," yet we don't give it away. People are looking for answers to the spiritual hunger they feel, the emptiness in their hearts, the struggle of life day to day. We have the answer; give it away.

Keith

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY.....**



**Congratulations to Cambria Collins and Brandon James** who were married on June 7. Cambria is the daughter of Mike and Julie Collins.



**Congratulations to Skipp and Kristen Crider** on the birth of a daughter, Kaylee Charlotte Crider, on June 22. Proud grandparents are Johnny and Teresa Crider.

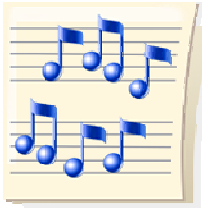
**Sympathy:** We express our Christian love and sympathy to Rob Slaughter and family in the death of his father, Jerry Slaughter, on June 26.

**LOOKING FOR DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY FACILITATORS**

We will be seeking to organize DISCIPLE Bible study groups in August, but now we need to know of those willing to facilitate or lead a group. The only requirement is that you must have taken a DISCIPLE Bible Study previously. If interested, see Keith or June.

**LET'S DO IT DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR!**

In years past, regular church giving has dropped significantly during the summer months. As we enjoy our summer months, LET'S DO IT DIFFERENTLY THIS YEAR. This year, remember that when we are away, the church's needs remain the same as the rest of the year. Most all of our church expenses are due monthly, so do your part and keep the church in mind this summer.



## **HYMNFEST: JULY 13 AT 11:00 AM SERVICE**

Something different for the summer, a "Hymnfest!" At the 11:00 am service we will enjoy many favorite hymns and learn the stories behind some great hymns like "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus," "A Mighty Fortress" and more. We will also feature a dramatized hymn story behind "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (The Doxology). Join us as we sing and be inspired by great hymns.

### **SHARING IN MINISTRY**

#### **GREETERS AND USHERS (8:30 AM SERVICE)**

July 6 Ronnie and Dawn Evans  
July 13 Rick and Karen Cole  
July 20 Sue Johnson and Sue Snyder  
July 27 Mitch and Terri Monroe

#### **WHO COMMITTEE**

##### **July WHO Committee**

**Chairs: Lizzie Mock and Betty Leslie**

|                   |              |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Toni Jones        | Greta Frye   |
| Sue Darby         | Elise Ward   |
| Lorraine Kirk     | Anne Kirkman |
| Cathy Shelor      | Emily Sturdy |
| Debbie Norman     | Lynn Skipper |
| Gail Bargoil      | Julie Morris |
| Patricia Earle    | Ginger Davis |
| Leigh Anne Miller | Mary Mullis  |

#### **WHY COMMITTEE**

##### **July WHY Committee**

**Chairs: Barry Brown and Ed Smith**

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Jon Reynolds | Ken Howard   |
| June Booe    | Dan Williams |
| Mark Davis   | Roy Sparks   |
| Roy Edwards  | Rick Leach   |
| Kevin Hayes  | Art Lyon     |
| Jeff Hice    | Randy Orr    |
| Jeff Ferner  |              |

#### **Children's Church Schedule (8:30 am Worship Service)**

July 6 Crystal Spicer and June Hayes  
July 13 Jeff and Sarah Watkins  
July 20 Marci and Jason Harvey  
July 27 Alex and Mariedith Appanaitis

**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.

#### **8:30 am Nursery Schedule**

July 6 Jennifer Buck and Barbara Bryant  
July 13 Angie and Dan Choplin  
July 20 Kim and Neal Roberts  
July 27 Clayton and Abby Allen

#### **11:00 am Nursery Schedule**

July 6 Ellen and Lee Ellen Farmer  
July 13 Silesia and Elissa Clark  
July 20 Shelly and Jeff Ferner  
July 27 Angie Pantazopoulos and Julie Owens

The following poem was written by our own Amber Edwards:

Short Time

The clouds are here,  
the sun is gone,  
but only for a short time.

The rain is here,  
falling out of the clouds,  
but only for a short time.

The sun is here,  
and the rain is gone,  
but only for a short time.

Life is like the weather,  
it is here for now,  
but only for a short time.

Amber DeeAnn Edwards

Poem published in Collected Whispers by The International Library of Poetry

## AUGUST IS CAMP MEETING MONTH (CASUAL MONTH)

The Camp Meeting is one of Methodism's most cherished and enthusiastic traditions. The old camp meeting was a time to enjoy one's faith, to invite friends and family members to share in worship, fellowship and the renewal of faith. Here at Lewisville, each Sunday in August we will be honoring this old tradition during the 11:00 am worship time. At "our" Camp Meeting, we won't have nearly as much preaching as they used to have (the sermon often lasted for hours, as one preached and another preacher slept and awoke to carry on), but we will have a more informal service where we will sing some of the old hymns. The choir and pastor will not wear robes and **you are invited to come to church dressed more casually** if you are comfortable doing so. Invite your family and friends to join us for Camp Meeting Month this August.

Pastor Keith will be preaching a sermon series on "The Church's Ministry of Healing." We will be looking at the subject of healing and those things in our lives that we need healing for. If you have ever had questions about healing ministry, this series will help you understand more.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Join us on August 6 for a Wednesday Night Pot-Luck Supper at 6:30 pm in the fellowship



hall. The food and fellowship are great fun, so be sure to include an LUMC evening in your plans!

### "Refresh Yourself!"

Join us again for refreshments and good times at CASANOVA'S Coffees and Fudge on Friday, August 8th, 6:30-8:30 pm.



Bring your favorite Christian CD's to share. Also, if you like, you can bring board games to play. We will be meeting on the covered porch and patio area. There is no cost other than the purchase of whatever refreshments you choose to buy. Tell your friends to join in on the fun! See you there! **It's a night for all ages to enjoy!**

## METHODIST MOTORSPORTS EVANGELISM

Methodist Motorsports Evangelism runs the race in a different way. If you are ever at Lowes Motor Speedway in Concord for one of the Summer Shootout races, you may notice 3 bright yellow cars that have the United Methodist cross and flame insignia on their sides. Your eyes are not deceiving you. They are part of Methodist Motorsports Evangelism supported by the Witness Commission of the Western NC Conference. Each Tuesday night from June 12 to Aug. 7, the SummerShoot Series features Legends Car, Bandolero and Thunder Roadster racing.

Our current drivers, Chris Morgan (car #7) and Charles Long, Jr. (car #72) drive Bandolero cars and Jimmy Sherri (car #41) drives a Legends car, all with the cross and flame. The United Methodist Church also provides a fan guide to race fans.

But having the cross and flame before the crowd is just part of this evangelism ministry. The drivers and crew have the opportunity to witness to other team members in the pits. Before each race, they have a prayer vigil open to anyone who would like to participate. And, they share their personal testimonies at Youth Night.

When Jesus said to take the Gospel to all the world, this ministry took it seriously. Since many North Carolinians are race fans, it seemed to be an untapped venue for evangelism. For 16 years, members of Methodist Motorsports Evangelism have witnessed to countless individuals inviting them to experience new life in Christ. To learn more about Methodist Motorsports Evangelism, go to [www.wnccumc.org/cgd/motorsponsevangelism.htm](http://www.wnccumc.org/cgd/motorsponsevangelism.htm)

