



Insights

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Do you keep your past "Insights", our weekly church newsletter, at least for a week or so? I hope so. If you do, I ask you to go back and reread the article which I wrote for last week's edition. To refresh your memory, I wrote about Covenant Discipleship, a method of "discipling" Christians which has been retraditioned from our Methodist heritage. About two year ago this method (which is one thing which makes us Methodists) was introduced to Duke Memorial as a way of encouraging spiritual formation among our members. Since that time some 70 members of our congregation have been involved in CD groups.

Not everyone finds Covenant Discipleship to be what they need at this time. But at different stages in one's faith journey Covenant Discipleship can be found to be a very helpful tool for enabling us to grow as Christian disciples. I have been involved in a Covenant Discipleship group for about four years now and I have found it to be extremely helpful to my own spiritual growth and formation. Covenant Discipleship has helped me to be more intentional about my prayer time, my reading and study of the Bible, as well as my engagement in issues of justice.

This past year, my CD group adopted as one of our covenant clauses to "express appreciation to at least one person every day." Until I worked harder at this, because of our accountability to one another, I had not realized how much more attention I needed to give in this area of my life, namely, the intentional expression of gratitude toward others. This has now become a much more concrete habit in my life. I have my Covenant Discipleship group to thank for that!

This Sunday you will be given the opportunity to become a part of a Covenant Discipleship group for 1995. These groups form and begin meet in early January. They are formed, about 6-8 in a group, based primarily on who can meet when. Each group draws up its own covenant. Those who have been active in CD groups in the past will be available to help new groups to get started. Your commitment is to meet for just one hour once a week to give account to one another and for other common concerns. It is a time of mutual support, fellowship and friendship. It is a way in which we "watch over one another in love."

Will you join a CD group? I hope you will prayerfully consider it. You will be given the opportunity to sign up during this Sunday's worship service or by calling the church office or by speaking with me. All are welcome to share in this methodical way of growing in discipleship. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1994

Third Sunday of Advent

8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw
9:15 a.m.	Fellowship - Whitford Hall
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Following Christ in a Consumer Society - Katie Johnson Room
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ring of the Tower Bells
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service
12:15 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting - Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	"INSIGHTS" information due (Dec. 18 - Dec. 24)
3:00 p.m.	Interns Meeting - Parlor
3:15 p.m.	Wesley Singers Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	White Christmas Program and Reception - Sanctuary/ Whitford Hall
5:30 p.m.	NO JOYBells
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	DMYF - Youth Lounge
8:00 p.m.	"Parenting For Life"
9:00 p.m.	Bradshaw Room
	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.
	Covenant Discipleship

SERMON:

Mark W. Wethington

SCRIPTURE:

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Isaiah 12: 2-6

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 7-18

ANTHEM:

Sanctuary Choir: "Deux Chansons" - Dede Duson

Carol Choir:

"Come Softly, Walk Gently" - Nylea Butler-Moore

Adult Sacred Dancers:

"Christmas Carol Fest" - Douglas Wagner

USHERS: Tom Hargitt (Captain), Herschel Caldwell, Jr., Bob Cox, George Davis, Holly Eggleston, Neal Grubbs, Ed Hammond, Chris Howlett, Bill Sewell, Tom Worsley, Vernon Averett, Arthur Whitehurst, Patsy Whitehurst, Bob Weynand.

GREETERS:

S.S. GREETERS:

Edith Johnson

Logos Class

Ruth Holsinger

ACOLYTES:

CROSS:

TBA

TBA

NURSERY:

ALTAR GUILD:

Julie Brown

Linda Wilson

Sue Clifton

Para Drake

MEMBER'S CORNER

Hospital

Jeanne Robbins - Duke N 9109
Barbara Mullis - Home
(Chris Allen's mother)
Sara Jeffreys - Wilmington

Sympathy

To the family of Rose Parrish upon her death.
To the family of Frances H. Harvey upon her death.
To Don and Marilyn Sellers upon the death of Elizabeth Sellers.

Wedding

December 3, 1994
Samantha Lynn Sellers
and Mathew Richard Stangman

Birthdays: December 11 - December 17

11 Joan Gray	Mildred Teer
12 Mark Coffman	Tim Nifong
13 Erin Carr	Trey Scott
14 Becky Ballard	Lottie Lawrence
15 Judelle Northcutt	
16 Alisa Cobb	Jordan Maunder

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY MEAL DECEMBER 14

Spaghetti, Salad, Bread and Desert.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

"How Can I Become A Stephen Minister?"

In February, we are planning to begin Stephen Ministry Training. If you are interested in learning more about this one-to-one lay caring ministry here at Duke Memorial, please call Ann Stallings at 683-3467 or Sue Clifton at 596-0497 for more information.

WORSHIP EDUCATION CORNER

In all of life we rely on guides to help us. Each church has a different order of worship printed in a bulletin that serves as a guide.

The following may help to interpret music used in the order of worship:

Opening Voluntary - Music helps us prepare to worship God.

Processional Hymn - We praise God with a song as our acolytes, cross bearer, choir and worship leaders enter the sanctuary.

Anthem - We think praise to God as the choir sings, offering their praise to God.

Gloria Patri - We sing praise to God.

Offertory - A musical gift to God as we offer our gifts to God.

Doxology - We praise God for all things on the earth.

Closing Hymn - We sing a hymn tied in to worship themes as we are sent forth to do God's work.

Benediction Response - Our choir plants the seeds of what we have heard in worship to take with us.

Closing Voluntary - Music as we complete our worship together and leave to serve God.

1994 CONTRIBUTIONS

January 8, 1995 will be the last day we can accept contributions for 1994. Any funds received after that date will be applied to your 1995 contribution record.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE

A SHEPHERD

OR

A WISEMAN

OR

AN ANGEL

OR

A STAR?



**COME TO WHITE CHRISTMAS
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1994
4:00 P.M.**

AND BE A PART OF THE STORY OF BABY JESUS' BIRTH!

**WESLEY SINGERS, CAROL CHOIR, CHILDREN AND YOUTH
PARTICIPATE.**

CAROL SINGING FOR ALL

**BRING YOUR WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFT,
A NEW OR USED TOY FOR A CHILD
A POSTER, BOOK, OR TOILET ARTICLES, FOR A YOUTH
WRAPPED IN WHITE TISSUE PAPER**

**WHITE CHRISTMAS GIFTS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE MANGER
DURING THE PROGRAM IN SANCTUARY**

RECEPTION HELD IN WHITFORD HALL

BABYSITTING PROVIDED FOR SMALLEST CHILDREN

BRING FRIENDS AND CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY!

WHITE CHRISTMAS 1994

ATTACH THIS TO YOUR PRESENT
(MAYBE TO THE BOW SO WOMEN - IN - ACTION CAN REMOVE IT IF THEY WISH)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THIS PRESENT IS A _____
IT IS FOR A BOY _____ OR GIRL _____ OR YOUTH _____
AGED _____

**DORIS FORMAN AND KAY MAUNDER, CHILDREN'S COORDINATORS,
ARE ORGANIZING THE RECEPTION FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY ON
DECEMBER 11TH. WON'T YOU PLEASE HELP THEM BY SIGNING UP TO BRING
SOMETHING OR HELPING SET UP OR CLEAN UP?**

PLEASE CHECK THE FOLLOWING LIST AND GIVE TO DORIS, KAY, OR ANN
STALLINGS TODAY OR CALL DORIS FORMAN 477-5261 OR KAY MAUNDER 479-
0027 AND **SAY YOU CAN HELP. WE'RE EXPECTING 250 PEOPLE.**

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

I CAN BAKE TWO DOZEN OR MORE COOKIES OR MUFFINS _____
I CAN MAKE FINGER SANDWICHES--KIND _____ DOZEN _____
I CAN BRING A CHEESE TRAY _____ FRUIT TRAY _____
VEGETABLE TRAY AND DIP _____ PIGS IN BLANKETS _____
SAUSAGE BALLS _____ CHIPS AND DIP _____
I CAN HELP SET UP _____ SERVE _____ CLEAN UP _____

THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP!



O come let us adore Him.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Mission Committee will, as in the past years, offer the congregation a selection of alternatives for those seeking more meaningful gifts this Christmas Season. Leland Phelps will be in the central entrance near the offices before and after church each Sunday until Christmas with information and materials for the Heifer Project, Blanket Project, Mark's Peru Project and Habitat for Humanity.

CHRISTMAS DINNER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 WHITTFORD HALL

It's almost time for our traditional Christmas Dinner. On Sunday, December 18, we'll gather in Whitford Hall, after morning worship service. We hope you will bring your favorite dishes to accompany the turkey and ham, which will be provided. After a splendid meal, We'll go caroling at the homes of our homebound members. Babysitting will be provided, or you can take your children along. Most of our homebound people love to see children! Groups will be formed and directions provided for carolers to find houses. Come join us for a special way to reach out to others at Christmas!

DURHAM DISTRICT CHRISTMAS OFFERING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

This year our Christmas Offering will be used to help underwrite the cost of the Mission Saturation Event which will take place April 28-30, 1995 throughout our district. It is our hope that the money raised through the Saturation Event will enable us to provide a scholarship to a student at Africa University and to help build one or more churches in the mission fields of Africa. Due to the monetary exchange rate (Approximately 40: 1) a church can be built for only \$1,500. Please give generously.

The workers at Durham Mission Society are desperate for help. Our church is responsible for sending volunteers on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. or any fraction thereof.

Three of our volunteers cannot help on December 20. Please call Wil Drake, 490-1363, or just show up ready to dispense clothes and food. Bless you.

PROJECT AGAPE: JOINT MISSION TO ARMENIA North Carolina and Western North Carolina Annual Conferences

**January 8, 1996
Armenia Mission Offering**

Project AGAPE has as its task four initiatives. The first initiative is to help the Armenian Apostolic Church strengthen its ministry to and with the Armenian people. Efforts are being made to improve the pastoral skills of the clergy as well as their basic seminary education. Another initiative is to work with a limited number of public schools, including the School for the Blind, to share modern teaching methods and resources. A third initiative is to work with a limited number of hospitals to help provide much needed medicine and to share modern medical techniques. This has been the most dramatic area of work in the project. We have seen the "dead" restored to life with antibiotics contributed by North Carolina doctors and pharmacist. Four rural health care clinics have been established through Project AGAPE. The fourth initiative is to provide a weekly English language worship experience. These have been well attended and have served as a focal point for family life for American Embassy staff and their families.

Thank You! for your support of the Armenian people through this mission project. There is still much to be done and many opportunities to serve. Your ongoing help is very much needed. Please give generously on January 8.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 12 - DECEMBER 17

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	Weekday School Music - Whitford Hall
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting - JOY Class
12:00 p.m.	Circle 9 - at Lucille Cranford's - 1023 Southwood Drive
7:30 p.m.	Celebration Singers - Open Door
8:00 p.m.	Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Weekday School Board - JOY Class
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Tuesday Study Group - Joy Class
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
9:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Weekday School Parent's Council - Jr. Joy Class
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.	Parent Support Group - Rm. 241
10:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall
11:00 a.m.	Weekday School Play - Whitford Hall/ Stage
12:15 p.m.	Advent Devotion - Robert Edwards Bradshaw Room
12:45 p.m.	Advent Lunch - Whitford Hall
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	Fold 'Insights' - Whitford Hall
4:15 - 5:15 p.m.	C.D. Group - Parlor
5:30 - 6:10 p.m.	Wednesday Meal - Whitford Hall
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Wesley Singers Ice Cream Party - Whitford Hall
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Covenant Discipleship - Parlor
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.	Carol Choir - Aldersgate Room
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Wesley Singers - Handbell Room
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Youth Choir - Choir Room
6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	Covenant Discipleship - Open Door
6:15 - 7:30 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Disciple I - Katie Johnson Class
7:15 - 8:00 p.m.	Liturgical Dance - Bradshaw Room
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Bethany Bells - Handbell Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:15 - 8:15 a.m.	Men's Coffee - Parlor
8:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Weekday School - Christmas Celebration - Whitford Hall
9:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Crafts of Hope - Whitford Hall
9:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Disciple I - Parlor
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:15 - 1:00 p.m.	Parent's Morning Out - Nurseries
9:45 p.m.	Visitation (Bullock's)
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Al-Anon and A.A.
	Community Life Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

No activities scheduled.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:15 P.M.

SANCTUARY

All members of the Administrative Board, please note change in date and time of our next meeting.

WHITE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

DECEMBER 11

4:00 P.M.

SANCTUARY

Do you know what has a baby in Bethlehem, two parents proud, three fine kings, four prophets bold, five candles bright, six shepherds shouting, seven stars a-shining, eight doors a-slamming, nine gifts of glory, ten words of wisdom, eleven children singing, and twelve angels praising? Well, come to the annual White Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary to find out. Be sure to bring a gift wrapped in white tissue paper for a child. We will have a festive reception in Whitford Hall following the program.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

12:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 21

Please call the church office, 683-3467, to make reservations for the lunch following the devotions.