



# Insights

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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This is the third Advent and Christmas that our family has been privileged to be a part of the Duke Memorial community. The joy of being in ministry with you enlarges the joy of this blessed season. I have spent time these recent days thinking back over the ministry of this congregation during 1994 and I am encouraged by all that Christ has enabled us to do. We have faithfully pursued new visions of ministry with courage and with shared commitment. We seem to be willing to go where God would lead us. If, by God's grace, I could somehow help to create a ministry which was totally free of the worries of budgetary restraints, my joy would be complete. That requires a commitment by all of us and we are not there yet. But I pray some day.

I remember with fondness those of our community of faith who have died during this past year and who are no longer with us in the physical body. They are about thirty-two in number. We embrace their memory and give God thanks for their faithful service through Duke Memorial and their continued service in God's heavenly kingdom.

At the same time we rejoice in those who have joined our congregation to share with us in Christ's ministry in this place. In 1994 those who have joined are, in number, including their children (who are regarded by the United Methodist Church as preparatory members; although I would just as soon regard them as full members!). These persons have taken vows of church membership, like all of us, and have committed themselves to being a part of our common ministry. We all need to work hard to welcome them in our midst and to find places for their faithful service. There is much to do and there should be no one who feels as if they have nothing to do as part of the ministry of our congregation. If you ever feel that way, I wish you would immediately call me. We will find a place for your gifts to be used in Christ's ministry.

On the first Sunday of 1995, which is the same as the first day of 1995, we will share together in the Wesley Covenant Renewal as part of our service of worship. This is a service in which we all recommit ourselves to Christ's ministry, offering our gifts and our very selves to Christ's work in this place. We have been claimed as God's own. God is sovereign over our lives and we are all too often reluctant to acknowledge that truth. The words of covenant renewal in which we shall share include these: "Let me be your servant. . . I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to your will in all things. Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands. . . I freely and with a willing heart give all to your pleasure and disposal."

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1994**

**Christmas Day**

**"Christmas Around the World"**

9:15 a.m.	NO Early Worship
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship - Whitford Hall
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw
	Following Christ in a
	Consumer Society -
	Katie Johnson Room
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
	Children's classes will
	meet in Whitford Hall
10:15 a.m.	Sanctuary Choir -
	Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.	Ringing of the Tower Bells
10:45 a.m.	Special Music - Sanctuary
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service -
	Sanctuary
	NO JOYBells
	NO DMYP
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.
	Community Life Center
9:00 p.m.	Covenant Discipleship
<b>EARLY WORSHIP:</b>	NO Service
<b>SERMON:</b>	Mark W. Wethington
<b>SCRIPTURE:</b>	
Psalms 98	Isaiah 52: 7-10
Hebrews 1: 1-4 (5-12)	John 1: 1-14
<b>USHERS:</b> Youth	
<b>GREETERS:</b>	<b>S.S. GREETERS:</b>
Youth	Wesley Class
<b>ACOLYTES:</b>	<b>CROSS:</b>
TBA	TBA
<b>NO NURSERY</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>
	Linda Wilson
	Para Drake

## DURHAM DISTRICT CHRISTMAS OFFERING

This year our Christmas Offering will be used to help underwrite the cost of the Mission Saturation Event (April 28 - 30). Please give generously.

**CHURCH CALENDAR  
DECEMBER 26 - DECEMBER 31**

**MEMBER'S CORNER**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

OFFICE CLOSED  
NO Parents' Morning Out  
Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.  
Community Life Center

8:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

NO Tuesday Study Group  
Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.  
Community Life Center

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

NO Parents' Morning Out  
Parent Support Group  
Craft/Lunch Bunch  
NO C.D. Group  
NO Wonderful Wednesday

9:15 - 1:00 p.m.

9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

5:30 - 6:10 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

NO Men's Coffee  
Crafts of Hope - Whitford Hall  
NO Parents' Morning Out  
Disciple I - Parlor  
Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

NO Parent's Morning Out  
Al-Anon and A.A.  
Community Life Center

8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31**

No activities scheduled.

Hospital

Elizabeth Bookhout - Home  
Margaret Prince - Home  
Doris Forman - DRH 7105

Sympathy

To Tom McCauley upon the death of his aunt, Vera B. Cheek.

To the family of Mrs. Fannie Harris upon her death.

Baptized:

December 18, 1994  
Richard Kennedy Owen  
Parents: Richard and Karla Owen

Birthdays: December 25 - January 7

25 Chris Howlett  
26 Doris Bridges  
27 Matthew Celko Amy Johnson  
28 Margaret Prince  
30 Jeff Byers Daniel Guth  
    Jeanna Kaspar  
31 Lee Ann Gelinne

January:

01 Kathryn Howlett Juanita Stott  
02 Denise Baker  
03 Narda Croughwell  
04 Charles Browning, Jr.  
05 Emily Allen Jonathan Moore  
06 Becky Carver-McLain William King  
    Charlotte Kumm Jordan Searles  
07 Jansen Averett Anne Garrard

**MINISTER'S MESSAGE**

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Are we able to commit to this sovereignty of God? We can be so willing only when we recognize that such commitment requires trust not in our own strength and power, but in God's.

Bobbi, Caroline, Wesley, Rebekah and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and pray that God might fill all of your homes with the fullness of Christ's joy and peace. May we all enter this new year with the kind of commitment which is able to trust fully in God's sovereignty over our lives. Grace and peace to you all.

Mark

**WESLEY CLASS**

The WESLEY CLASS will not meet on Christmas or New Years. Classes will resume on January 8. We will then begin a Sunday morning version of the PARENTING SERIES which was previously presented on Sunday evening. We welcome all who are interested in learning more about being effective parents.

**THURSDAY DISCIPLE GROUP**

The Thursday Disciple group will have a SAL Party (Salad and Anti-Letdown Party) on Saturday, December 31, at 12:30 p.m. at Ann Stallings' home (#47 Stoneridge Road).

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

THE STEPHEN SERIES - a program for enabling people to do caring ministry, will begin this February. Is this for you? Do you care about people? Do you have a desire to pass on to others the love and care that God has shown to you? Do you want to learn to know yourself better? If you answered "yes" to these questions, then the Stephen Series is for you! Call Ann Stallings, 683-3467 or Sue Clifton, 596-0497 for more information.

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**NO EUCHARIST SERVICE**

There will be no early Eucharist service on December 25 or January 1. This service will resume on Sunday, January 8, 1995.

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# CHRISTMAS CAROLING AND VISITS

At Christmas we find that people and relationships are very important. We want to love others in Christ's name. Thank you to Fran Thomas, Susan Teer, and Alicia Beam who went with Ann on December 16th to bring cheer to homebound people.

Sunday, the 18th, many people from our church went out Christmas caroling. We appreciate all who sang, and especially thank the group leaders: Sue Clifton, Amy Kellum, E.R. Hare, Judy Coman, Nancy Stark, Sid Allen, and Lois and Laney Funderburk.

## Christmas Lunch:

Kay Herman and Polly Mixon were co-chairs of the delicious lunch, and the Wesley Class, Caroline Sasser, Ed Hammond, Tim Turkington, Betty and Chick Craig, and other members of the Administrative Board assisted.

Turkeys and hams were brought by the Funderburks, Tom and Linda Adkinson, Barry and Deborah Moore, Sid and Julie Allen, Ann Wilson, Polly Mixon, and Kay Herman. The festive food was enjoyed by all.

## TAPE MINISTRY

We wish to thank Sarah McCracken for her six years of organizing the tape ministry. This is a real blessing to our homebound members to be able to receive a tape of the worship service each week.

We are pleased to announce that Jean Weynand will head up the Tape Ministry in the new year.

Remember any church member can check out a tape from the church library if you miss a worship service.

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## CHILDCARE WORKERS

There will be a "Christmas in January" party for all church childcare workers Saturday, January 7th at 12:30 p.m. at Ann Stallings' home, #47 Stoneridge Road.

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## TUESDAY STUDY GROUP

### COME JOIN US

TUESDAYS FROM 12:30 TO 1:30 OR 1:45.

CHILDCARE PROVIDED

January 10 - Program on "Setting goals for your life" by Ann Stallings

January 17 - "Christmas in January" Lunch - covered dish lunch at Ann Stallings' home - bring ideas and we'll choose a new study book.

# SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1995 COVENANT RENEWAL SERVICE

## Food Pantry: Dried Beans

9:15 a.m.	NO Early Worship
9:30 a.m.	Fellowship - Whitford Hall
9:45 - 10:45 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw
	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 -
	Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.	"INSIGHTS" information
	due (Jan. 8 - Jan. 14)
	NO JOYBells
6:00 p.m.	DMYF - Church
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A.
	Community Life Center

## EARLY WORSHIP: SERMON:

NO Service  
Mark W. Wethington

## SCRIPTURE:

Psalm 8	Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13
Revelation 21: 1-6a	Matthew 25: 31-46

USHERS: Wil Drake (Captain), Jeff Bailey, Randy Bollinger, Bill Bowles, J.H. Chappell, Bill Coman, Judy Coman, Richard Grogan, Leland Phelps, Bill Stone.

## GREETERS: TBA

S.S. GREETERS:  
Asbury Class

## ACOLYTES: TBA

CROSS:  
TBA

## NO NURSERY

ALTAR GUILD:  
TBA

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## DMYF JANUARY 1, 1995

DMYF meeting at 6:00 p.m. for an adventure. We will return to the church by 10 p.m.

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## 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.

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## CHURCH CALENDAR JANUARY 2 - JANUARY 7

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2

OFFICE CLOSED  
NO Parents' Morning Out  
Al-Anon, Ala-Preteen and A.A.  
Community Life Center

8:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Tuesday Study Group - Joy Class  
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A.  
Community Life Center

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Parent Support Group - Rm. 241  
10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford Hall  
4:15 - 5:15 p.m. C.D. Group - Parlor  
5:30 - 6:10 p.m. Wednesday Meal - Whitford Hall  
Love Feast - Whitford Hall

6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

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6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

7:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Covenant Discipleship - Parlor  
Covenant Discipleship - Open Door  
Disciple Bible Study  
Disciple I - Katie Johnson Class  
Liturgical Dance - Bradshaw Room  
NO Bethany Bells

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:15 - 8:15 a.m. Men's Coffee - Parlor  
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. Crafts of Hope - Whitford Hall  
9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries  
10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Fold "Insights" - Whitford Hall  
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Disciple I - Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Library  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room  
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Durham M.S. Society - CLC

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

No activities scheduled.

## COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP

Covenant Discipleship groups for 1995 will begin the week of January 8th. You are asked during the first several sessions to write your covenant for the new year. Many of our groups will be staying together. A couple of new groups will be forming and several new members will be joining existing groups. In all we have approximately 40 persons participating in a CD group. It is not too late to sign up, but you need to do so immediately by calling Mark Wethington at the church office.

## REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1995

On the second Sunday of 1995, which is recognized by the Christian church as the Sunday of the Baptism of our Lord, we will share together in the Reaffirmation of Baptism. There will be a time in this service when all who have been baptized into Christ's church will be invited to come forward to the baptismal font to "remember" your baptism. This reaffirmation is affirmed by one's touching of the water, including if you wish the marking of your forehead with the sign of the cross, or simply by coming and looking upon the water. In this act of reaffirmation we recall what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and we proclaim together the steadfastness of God's promise to us. The message on this Sunday will be brought by our Associate Pastor, Robert Edwards, who will offer the sermon as partial fulfillment of the requirements for ordination as an Elder in the United Methodist Church. We hope that you will come and share in this very meaningful service.

## NEW WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY CLASSES JANUARY 11, 1995

- 1) "Study on Creation" - led by Johannes Kuntz
- 2) "Working in Faith" - led by Meghan Froehlich
- 3) "Educators Anonymous" - led by Alicia Beam.