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INSIGHTS

INTO DISCIPLESHIP

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

This coming Sunday marks the beginning of our Stewardship Campaign, which is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our commitment of being good stewards of all God has given us. It is a time for us together to be in prayer about what we are offering back to God and God's church, and to make fresh commitments of our time, our talents, our gifts and our service. As we prepare for this season in the life of our church, hear this story concerning stewardship (story from *Christian Clippings*, November 1994).

"A pastor told the story of a little nine year old girl who had been crippled from birth. Each week she faithfully attended her Sunday School and church services. Many people spoke to her but few regarded her as someone who was able to contribute much to her church. She did not come from a household that was blessed by material resources. Most of her clothes were handed down from others and some displayed signs of being 'well worn.'

On Stewardship Sunday her pastor issued a challenge to the church to try being found faithful to God in stewardship and practice tithing for six months. As he concluded his sermon, he invited those who would accept the challenge to come forward and take a stand with him while everyone bowed their heads in prayer. To some it seemed like an eternity of silence before the tap, tapping of crutches could be heard in the quietness of the sanctuary.

When eyes were opened they all looked in astonishment as the little crippled nine year old laid her crutches on the altar. She said, 'I don't have any money to give, but I want to give that which is most important to me. I will crawl so that Jesus will have use of my crutches for these six months. He gave his life for me, I will give my crutches for him.'

To say the least, the front of the church filled rapidly with people."

We each have something to offer Jesus. What will you bring to the altar?

In Christ's Service,
Lisa

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:45 a.m.	Kick Off Breakfast for Leaders of Financial Campaign - Whitford Hall
8:45 - 9:25 a.m.	Early Worship - Bradshaw Room
9:30 a.m.	Celebration Singers - Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Logos Class - Bradshaw 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
12:00 noon	INSIGHTS Information Due (10/18-10/24) Church Secretary's Box
5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Ministry Worship Service - BR
5:30 p.m.	DMYF - Youth Rooms
8:00 p.m.	12 Step Al-Anon and A.A. - Community Life Center

SERMON: "Tipping and Tithing" Ruth Harper Stevens

ANTHEM: "Let All the People Praise Thee" - Ron Kauffmann
Sanctuary Choir
"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" - Temple / Holstein
Celebration Singers

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 66:8-20, Malachi 3:8-18, Luke 6:37-38

USHERS: Connie Chandler, Captain; Tom Adkinson, Sandra and John Biddle, Tom Chandler, Julie Ellis, Debbie and Jim Fedyshyn, Charles Medlin, Polly Mixon, Tim Nifong, Gayle Young.

GREETERS:

Steed Rollins
Louise Rollins

NURSERY:

Barbara & Tad DeBerry
Julie & Randy Ellis
Emily & Randy Few

ACOLYTES:

Ruth Mason
Audrey Fenske

CROSS:

John Boggs

ALTAR GUILD:

Martha Hawley
Maryellen Stone

REMEMBER THE EUCHARIST SERVICE
HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 8:45 A.M.
IN THE BRADSHAW ROOM
OCTOBER 11, 1998
EDGARDO COLÓN-EMERIC, PREACHING
CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 16, 1998

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Joy Class
5:30 p.m. Wesley Heritage Meeting - Whitford
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training-M.P. Gates
7:30 p.m. Finance - Bradshaw
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Ala-Teen and A.A. -
Community Life Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
7:30 p.m. COM - Open Door
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
Community Life Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Fold "INSIGHTS" - Whitford
10:00 - 1:00 p.m. Craft/Lunch Bunch - Whitford
11:30 - 1:30 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon - Whitford
5:30 p.m. **Wonderful Wednesday**
6:15 p.m. Carol Choir & Wesley Singers
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Bible Study - Bradshaw
7:30 p.m. Bethany Bells

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Step Forward - KJR
11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Thursday Study Group - Parlor
7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee - Bradshaw
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Choir Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Cov. Discipleship - Parlor
9:15 - 1:00 p.m. Parents' Morning Out - Nurseries
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Al-Anon and A.A. -
Community Life Center

MARY AND MARTHA CLASS

The Mary and Martha class continue their discussion of *When the Heart Waits* by Sue Monk Kidd. Listed below are the readings for the following Sundays:

October 11	pp. 32-43
October 18	pp. 45-54
October 25	pp. 55-64

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROUP

Do you know what **TSSG** is? Come this Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and find out. We will be studying The Workbook on the Christian Life by Maxie Dunnam. Come see what **TSSG** stands for.

SOJOURNERS CIRCLE

The Sojourners Circle will begin fall activities with a meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 13 at the home of Julie Allen. The program will be given by Midge Bowers. She will have slides and photographs from her recent Medical Mission to Honduras. All women of the church are invited. Call 493-7776 if you need directions.

"WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER" KICK-OFF

This Sunday, October 11, "We are the Church Together" Campaign will kick-off at 8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in Whitford Hall.

All neighborhood "starters", team leaders and campaign participants are invited to pick up your neighborhood envelopes and join us in the festive beginning of our 1999 Stewardship Campaign. Bagels, donuts, coffee and juice.

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Please call the office (683-3467) to make reservations for Wonderful Wednesday meals. Cost will be \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Please make reservations by noon on the Monday before the Wednesday meal. Menu: October 14 - Fried Chicken and Vegetables, Drinks, Cookies.

Programs (6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room):

October 14 & 21 Dr. Gail Felton from the Duke Divinity School will lead a Bible Study

October 28 Hymn Sing with some of your favorites based on the Psalms

Leader - Sarah McCracken, Pianist - Ruth Phelps

Alternative Program - Adult Craft group led by Angie Hutto

NEW STEP FORWARD CLASS

Beginning on Wednesday, October 21 a new Step Forward Class will be offered. Step Forward will meet in the Katie Johnson Room at 6:15 p.m. This group will be lead by Elisabeth Luck.

What is Step Forward? The brand new STEP FORWARD! program can teach us how to cast our cares on God rather than on the refrigerator. Through Bible study, prayer, sound nutritional information and a Christian 12-Step program to help you change one day at a time, you will have the opportunity to *shrink on the outside and grow -- spiritually and emotionally -- on the inside.*

The classes are arranged in 12-week sessions and the total cost is \$12.00 per person (which includes a workbook). If you have ever struggled to lose weight and keep it off... or if you are interested in a small, confidential group where you can pray, do Bible study, and find support for your efforts to keep your waistline from bulging... call today to register or get more information. Call Bob at 683-3467.

YAM JAM

Saturday, October 10, 1998

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

You can make a difference

(Almost 60,000 pounds gleaned in '97)

Glean sweet potatoes for the Hungry of North Carolina
You can make a difference in the fight against hunger
Help the **Society of St. Andrew** Gleaning Network and
Agencies in Central North Carolina

Give half a day to feed your brothers and sisters

Where: At a farm south of Raleigh.

Just come and help out, all supplies will be provided

Church Contact Person: Eilene Bisgrove

Call the church office if you are interested in car pooling.

Gleaning Network Contact: Rachel Radeline Gonia 683-3011

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Birthdays:

Oct. 11 Eilene Bisgrove	Lynn Fogleman
Freda Edge	Janet Leone
Oct. 12 Bessie Sue Harris	
Oct. 14 James Sasser	Kenton Summers
Oct. 16 Cole Weaver	

At the time INSIGHTS was put to press Alice Walker was hospitalized at Duke. Please remember in your prayers the following people who are at home:

Charlotte Allen	Tim Harrell
Mary Lee Bailey	Winfred Hawley
Helen Bowles	Joy Long
Sophie Cole	Virginia Massey
Jim Crawford	Andrew Price
Melanie Gray & Family	David Van Vleet

Congratulations to Tom Langford, former Provost and Dean of Duke Divinity School, who received the school's highest service award, The University Medal for Distinguished Meritorious Service, at the Founders' Day Service last Friday.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

We have made tremendous progress on our Methodist coalition Habitat house. It is hard to believe that it was just a foundation 4 weeks ago. Many thanks to those of you who volunteered over the last weeks. Obviously the house couldn't be built without folks like you who are willing to give of their time, not to mention the sweat! If you haven't seen our house yet you should! It is two blocks west of the intersection of E Main and Alston Ave. The houses (there are six being built at once) are on a cul-de-sac that backs up to E. Main. Coming on E Main (from Alston) you make a left onto Elm St. Left on Dale. Left on Edgemont. We are building lot #14.

Youth day is coming up on Saturday, October 17th. The youth from the six churches involved will be building the house on this day. But parents are welcome too. You only need to be 14 years or older. So how about it?

We are closing in on the half way point. If you are able to volunteer your time to build the house, please don't wait! You are needed. Really. Here is the latest on volunteers needed.

Date	Time	# of people
Sat. 10/17 "Youth Day"	8-12	10
Sat. 10/24	1-5 p.m.	10
Sat. 10/31	8-12 p.m.	10
Sat. 11/7	8-12 p.m.	10

Please call Tracey Whitehouse at 471-3413 to volunteer to build or bring refreshments.

SOUP / BAKE / CRAFT SALE

UMW will be having its Fall Sale on Sunday, October 18 after the 11:00 a.m. service. We will have soup for \$5.00 a quart or \$2.50 a pint. We will limit it two quarts/pints per family. There will also be a variety of Bake goods and Craft goods. Please plan to stop by Whitford Hall after the service.

Anyone wishing to help make soup or donate soup ingredients, please contact Ginny Clark. The money raised from our Soup Sale goes out to local missions.

SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

"Finding Balance in Our Lives"

Saturday, October 10

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Camp Chestnut Ridge

Led by Ruth Harper Stevens

In our time together, attention will be given to discovering the causes of our unbalanced lives. We will explore what balance is and what it is *not*. There will be times for small group discussion, and I promise it will be interesting with many stories and illustrative material. When the day is over you will have learned one PURPOSE, four PRINCIPLES, and one PRAYER. With these tools in your back pocket you will be sent home to build a more balanced life.

The van will leave the church no later than 9:30 a.m.

DID YOU KNOW?

The following comes from a study of American congregations by Bill Easum and Tom Bandy, in *Growing Spiritual Redwoods*, pg. 12-13. After intensive study of the basic characteristics of declining and thriving congregations, this is what they found:

Member of Declining Congregations are:

- Committed to Church
- Managing committees
- Holding offices
- Making decisions
- Trained for membership
- Serving at the church
- Preoccupied with raising money
- Doing church work
- Retiring from church work
- Surveying internal needs
- Eager to know everyone
- Loyal to one another
- Building faith on information
- Perpetuating a heritage

Members of Thriving Congregations are:

- Committed to Christ
- Deploying Missions
- Doing hands-on ministry
- Making disciples
- On a lifelong quest for quality
- Serving the world
- Preoccupied with rescuing people
- Finding personal fulfillment
- Pursuing constant personal growth
- Sensitizing themselves to community needs
- Eager for everyone to know God
- Drawn to the unchurched
- Building faith on experience with Christ
- Envisioning a future

Their conclusion? "Declining churches want to do everything on the right-hand side, without letting go of anything on the left-hand side. Thriving churches want wholeheartedly to do everything on the right-hand side and are prepared to let go of everything on the left-hand side."

OLDER ADULT LUNCHEON

The Older Adult Ministries Program begins at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 14 with a covered dish luncheon and celebration of October birthdays. The program at 12:15 will feature Dr. Robert Durden, history professor and leading authority on the Duke family. Bring friends and neighbors for an enlightening program and warm fellowship. For help with transportation, please call the church office or 382-2544.

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SINGLES EVENTS

Sunday, October 11 - Out to lunch after church @ Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, 1831 Martin Luther King Parkway (near South Square/Harris Teeter)
Contact People: Sue Woodward 489-3853
Ann Stallings 403-8236 (h) or 683-3467 (w)

Friday, October 16 - 7:00 p.m. - miniature golf on Roxboro Road.
Contact People: Tom McCauley 688-3698
Glenn Bookout 286-9738

October 16 - 18 - Singles Fall Fling at Camp Don Lee Retreat Center sponsored by the Singles Council of NC Conference Commission on Education.
Call Ann Stallings for details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1998

Attendance:

Sunday School	172
Worship 11:00 a.m.	308
Worship 8:45 a.m.	14

Record of Stewardship:

Received 10/4/98	\$ 6,579
Received Y-T-D	\$ 293,391
Needed Y-T-D	\$ 386,100

GREATER DURHAM CRUSADE FOR CHRIST!

You are invited to a Crusade to be held at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park on October 8, 9, and 10 at 7:00 p.m. each night. There will be a special youth rally on Saturday, October 10th at 5:00 p.m. Speakers include: Michael Fletcher, Garland Hunt, Larry Jackson, and Robert Brickey.

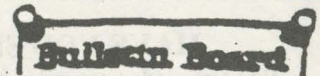
LOST AND FOUND

The following "found" items are in the church office:
Man's black felt hat, Lady's gold necklace, Teal Bible, and Black handkerchief holder & International Sunday School Book

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Recent additions to the church library include the Mitford series by Jan Karon: 1) At Home in Mitford, 2) A Light in the Window, 3) These High Green Hills, and 4) Out to Canaan. Large Print Books: Secrecy by Belva Plain, Trustee From the Toolroom by Nevil Shute, Two Bishops and Whistle and I'll Come to You by Agnes S. Turnbull.

YOUTH NEWS



October 11 - 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. "DMYF Around the Table" Topic: Communion, Supper Provided, Whitford

October 18 District Youth Rally
Meet at church at 2:30 p.m. - return 6:15 p.m.

October 25 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Whitford
Plan and prepare for Fall Festival

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18, 1998

Call the church office to speak to one of the pastors about joining either on Profession of Faith or by transfer.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF A C.D. GROUP?

A Covenant Discipleship Group (C.D. Group) that meets on Wednesday night from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. is looking for 3 or 4 people to join them. The Group members so far are: Tim and Jennifer Nifong, Cindy Legge and Billy Cole. If you have been in a C.D. Group before, or want to try one out for the first time, let us know. We meet in the church's parlor while children are in choirs. Come on Wednesday night or give Bill a call at 620-9254.

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS

The new Stephen Ministry class is meeting every Monday for our training program. Topics we are studying are: October 12 - The Art of Listening; and at the Retreat on Saturday, October 17 - The Art of Listening and Relationship Exercises.

Please pray for our new group of Stephen Ministers - Tom Adkinson, Jean Anlyan, Sharon Dorman, Lynn Guerrant, and Deanie Jorgensen, and leaders, Blaine Butterworth and Ann Stallings.