

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Dedication for three Habitat Houses in Avery County this afternoon at 2 p.m. at the Gilmer Center. One of the houses is the Jones Family home. Our church along with 12 Presbyterian churches raised over \$36,000 and provided over 1,000 hours of labor to help complete the third Presbyterian Build home. Pastor Kathy will be representing our congregation at the dedication. Please join her if you are able to come.

The Wednesday Bible Study, 3-4:30 p.m., will be learning about Hinduism this week. So far, we have studied Judaism, Islam, and Buddhism. Please join us for this informative study and discussion.

Set your clocks forward one hour next Saturday night so you will be on time for choir practice, Sunday School, and Worship.

Our guest preacher for next Sunday, March 12, will be Rev. Pat Rabun, Pastor of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach, NC. We share in mission projects with this congregation. His wife, Marcia, will be joining him. Pastor Kathy will be preaching at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Military Bible Sticks February Mission Project. We collected \$550 which will make it possible for 22 service men and women to receive an MP3 player with the New Testament and the Psalms. Their families will also be eligible to receive a Bible Stick and a Children's Bible Stick. Thank you for caring for and sharing with our service men and women in such a special way!

Ruth Shirley, Principal of Crossnore Elementary School, sent us a thank you note for our \$5,000 donation to the After School Program made possible by one of the members of our church family:

"I have been trying to put in writing for two weeks now how to thank you for the gift to our school. I realized there are not enough words to thank you and there may never be enough words. Your gift will impact so many children in so many different ways that you could ever imagine.

I grew up in Avery County with two very wonderful and hardworking parents. They loved me unconditionally and I never doubted that love. Nevertheless, education was a struggle for them and consequently they struggled to help me after school due to their work. Today, I see students struggle in education for much different reasons. Poverty, of course, being one of those reasons. Today, we deal with drugs, alcohol, language barriers, and various other things that inhibit children in their education. Many of the children I serve today need after school help and summer remediation. They can no longer stay above the mark with the curriculum if they do not get this needed support.

Please be assured that your missions are helping the children of Crossnore succeed in education. Many of them come to school with various burdens but they do not have to worry about support for their education. You have made this possible with your donation. God bless you and again, I will be forever grateful."

OUR ELDERS: ; Class of 2017: Tommie Tennant, Jason DeWitt, Linda Berkley ; Class of 2018: Mimi Sloop, Charlotte Davila., Class of 2019: Barbara Ross (Clerk of Session), Charlie Sims
Ashlyn DeWitt, Administrative Assistant
Kathy Hutcheson, Director of Music
Barbara Ross, Volunteer Church Administrator
Attendance last Sunday: 23

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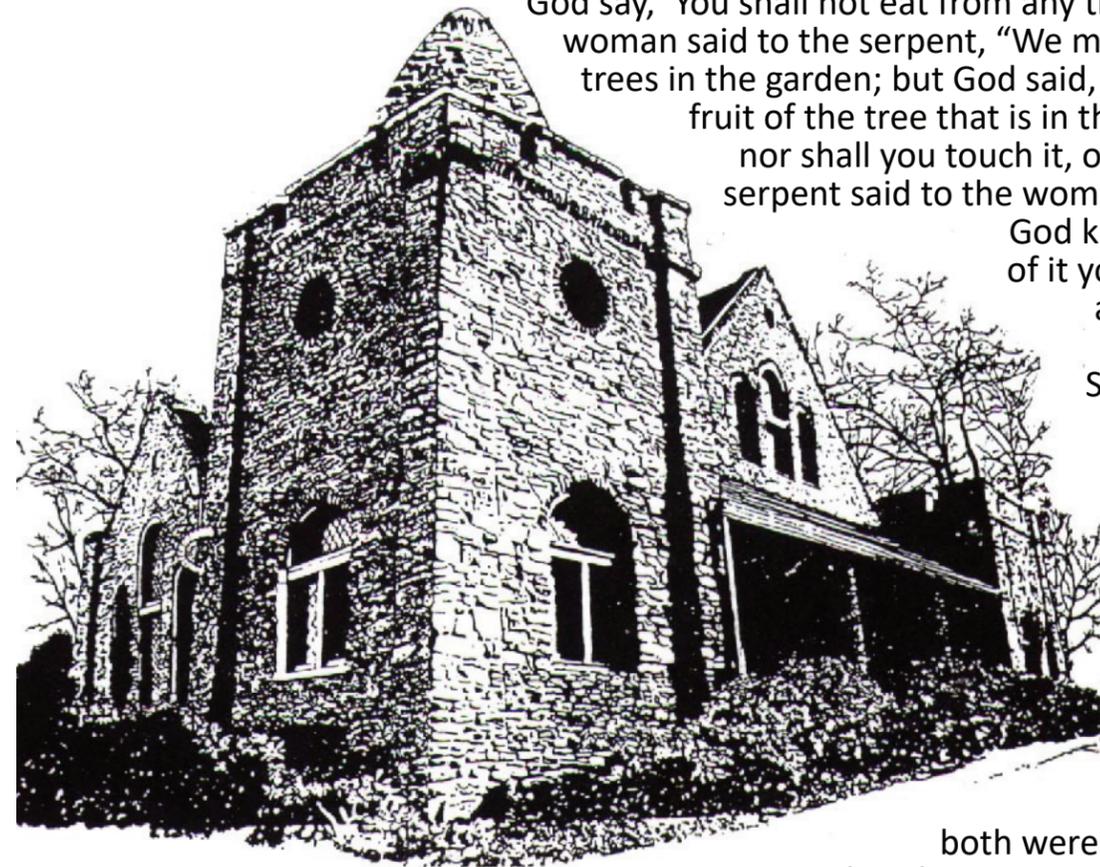
Prayers and Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week for healing and peace: ****Bobby Taylor** had a successful full hip replacement on February 28 and is at home recovering. His address is: P.O. Box 102, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****Jack Walrath** passed away peacefully at Cannon Hospital on March 1. His memorial service will be held later in the spring. ****Barbara Hrabal, Shellie Duncan's sister,** passed away from lung cancer on March 2. She was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer two weeks earlier. Please keep Barbara's four children and their families and Shellie and Frank Duncan in your prayers in this time of grief. Shellie's address is: 820 S. Oak Ave., Bartow, FL 33830-5749. ****Tasha Reid has had a relapse of her multiple sclerosis and would appreciate your prayers.** Her address is: 5608 Farley Drive, Raleigh, NC 27609. ****Amanda Frazier has stopped chemotherapy and is in home hospice care.** She and Ben are enjoying every day God gives them. Their address is: 3337 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Gary Sovel,** a friend of Pastor Kathy's, would appreciate prayers as he continues cancer treatments. ****Mary Ann Johnson,** Bonnie Vuolo's sister, has had a successful surgery and they do not believe she will need further treatment. Mary Ann's address is: 4326 Antietam Creek Trail, Leesburg, FL 34748. ****Shirley Price** fell and broke her back on December 16. She is at home and recovering very slowly. Her address is: P.O. Box 275, Linville, NC 28646. ****Bill Paul** is in the final leg of his journey on this earth. His wife, Juanita, his daughter, Pamela, and his granddaughter, Beta, are with him. Cards only, no phone calls. Their address is: 551 Cypress Way East, Naples, FL 34110. ****Carroll Berkley's brother, John Berkley,** is preparing for surgery on his esophagus and John's wife, **Kay Berkley,** was diagnosed with three brain tumors—two of which are inoperable. Their address is: 12905 Barnsaw Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613. ****Charles Berkley,** Carroll Berkley's uncle, is fighting pancreatic cancer. His address is: 270 Battlefield Dr., Dandridge, TN 37725. ****Karen Phillips,** Kathy's twin sister, is still struggling with pressure on the brain. There is no diagnosis as of yet. Her address is: 1816 N. 111th Street, Omaha, NE 68154. ****Deborah Garrison's father, Don Jendrey,** is struggling with liver disease. Her address is: P.O. Box 261, Crossnore, NC 28616. ****Dedie Andrews** is suffering from cancer and is in need of our prayers. ****Lorraine Alls** will be having surgery on her legs. No date has been set. Her address is: Apt. 208, 507 Linville St., Newland, NC 28657. ****Steve Padgett,** Beth and Greg Gacek's neighbor and friend, has completed his chemotherapy treatments and is doing well. **Sherry Snodgrass,** another neighbor and friend of the Gaceks, continues her chemotherapy for cancer. Beth and Greg's address is: 3223 Land Harbor, Newland, NC 28657. ****Dottie and Don Huston's daughter, Julie Ann Roche,** continues her battle with cancer.

Rev. Kathy Campbell may be reached at the church office: 828-733-1939; at home: 828-963-5190; cell phone: 828-260-2512. Her office hours are Tuesday - Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting. Please call to ensure Pastor Kathy will be there. Her e-mail is rev.kathy.campbell@gmail.com

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY



Historic Crossnore Presbyterian Church. Built 1924-26

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for

God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of

both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

~Genesis 3:1-7



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 5, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *I Love to Tell the Story*
Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ

arr. by Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Choral Call to Worship: # 175 *Seek Ye First*

LAFFERTY

***Call to Worship:**

Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more:

More food, more money, more power, more life!

“What could it hurt?” we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls:

More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.

So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of “more”:

And to celebrate that we do not need “more” when we have everything in Christ.

Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God’s Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn of Praise: # 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

Call to Confession:

We are easily seduced by the temptations all around us. But if we are willing to trust God and offer our confessions, God is quick to forgive us and fill us with hope. Join me, as we pray together.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of infinite patience and love, you ask us to embark with you on a Lenten journey but we are not sure if we are ready. It is easy for us to get caught up in our own needs and our own anxieties. We are a people of great “want,” and we need to become a people of great “faith.” Stop us from walking down the road of self-destruction. Place us on your track of hope and salvation. Forgive our stubbornness, and heal our sorrowful souls (moment of silent confession). For we ask this in Jesus’ Name.

Assurance of Pardon:

We are loved by God! And in that love rests all safety, security, comfort, and hope. Let us rest in God’s love. Let us prepare ourselves for service to God who is ever faithful to us. Amen.

Response to God’s Grace and Mercy: # 434 *Restore in Us, O God*

BAYLOR

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Genesis 3:1-7

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Choir Anthem: *Lamb of God*

text & music by Greg Nelson and Phil McHugh

*Congregation stand as are able

Second Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Sermon: “Wisdom in the Wilderness”

Rev. Kathy Campbell

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

arr. by Gail Smith

Doxology: # 607 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDRETH

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**

Too often, we give into the temptation to keep everything for ourselves. But you would have us notice those who hunger for hope, as well as bread; those who are caught in the injustices of the world; those who struggle to find themselves. And in noticing, you call us to be generous and loving, even as we have been graced by our Brother and Savior, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Meditation: # 498 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

BEACH SPRING

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Communion Music: *A Balm in Gilead*

arr. by Ross Anderson

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

arr. by Donald F. Marsh

This is the beginning of the Season of Lent—a time to walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, to the cross, and to the empty grave. This is a season of fasting, service, and prayer. A mailing was sent out this week which includes a Lenten Daily Devotional and a description of our Lenten Mission Project—raising funds for educational scholarships to keep 30 children in school past the third grade in Guatemala. For the past four years, we have been in partnership with Libano Presbyterian Church which administers the scholarships to the needy children in their village.

THOSE SERVING US TODAY

Minister: Rev. Kathy Campbell; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson