

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We warmly welcome Rev. Pat Rabun and his wife, Marcia. Pat is our guest preacher this morning and he is the pastor of Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, Wrightsville Beach, NC. We share in mission projects with this delightful congregation. Please stay for our Soup, Salad, and Dessert Luncheon and enjoy good food and fellowship. Pastor Kathy is preaching at Little Chapel on the Boardwalk this Sunday.

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.

Session will meet next Sunday, March 19, following worship and coffee fellowship.

Jack Walrath's Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 8, 1 p.m., in the church sanctuary. We will be celebrating his life and sharing our grief and gratitude for a man who touched us deeply.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Military Bible Sticks February Mission Project. We collected \$600 which will make it possible for 24 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!

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: 27

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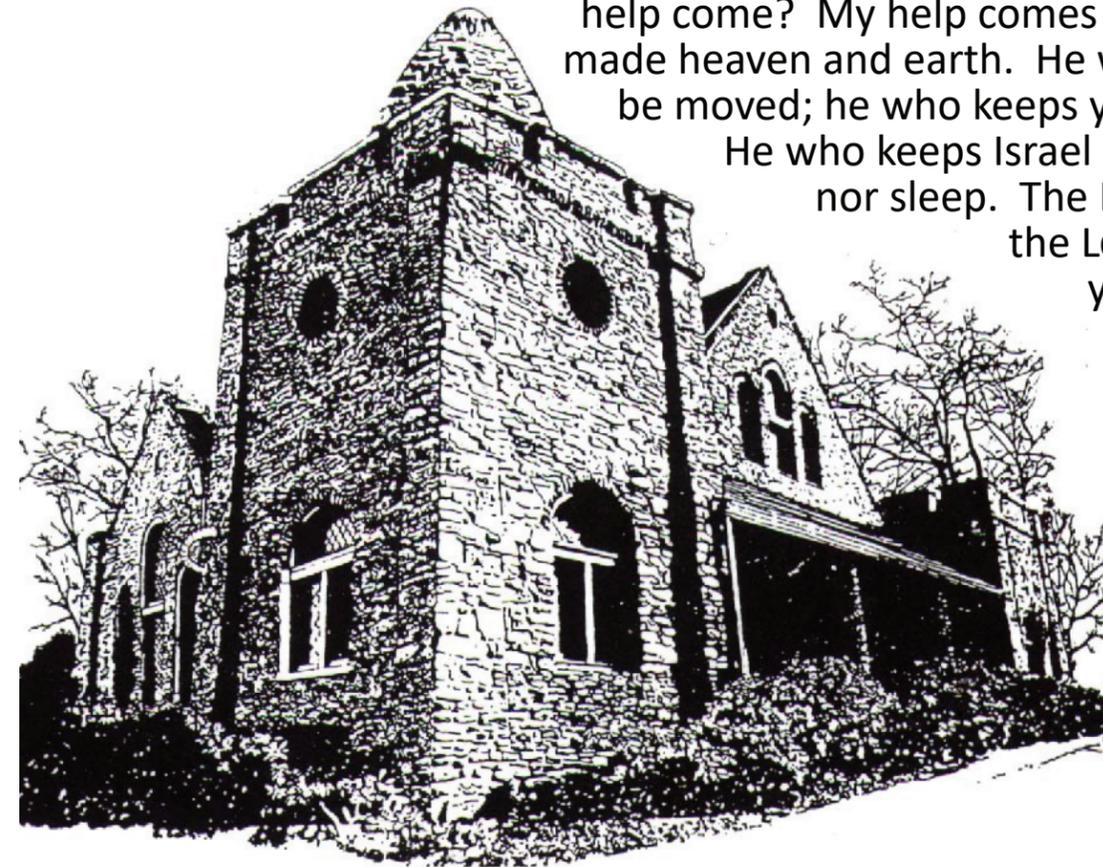
Prayers and Concerns

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 recovering well. His address is: P.O. Box 102, Jonas Ridge, NC 28641. ****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. ****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 Barnsanlaw 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. **Sherry Snodgrass**, a 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



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I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper;

the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The

sun shall not strike you by day, nor the

moon by night. The LORD will keep you

from all evil; he will keep your

life. The LORD will keep your go-

ing out and your coming in from

this time on and forevermore.

~Psalm 121



CROSSNORE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CROSSNORE, NORTH CAROLINA

REV. KATHY CAMPBELL, PASTOR

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 12, 2017

ELEVEN O'CLOCK A.M.

THE GATHERING

Prelude: *God So Loved the World*

from "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer
arr. by Steven Scott

**Chiming of the Hour
Welcome, Church Family News
The Passing of the Peace of Jesus Christ**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

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

LAFFERTY

***Call to Worship:**
Come, all who need help!
Our help comes from God, the one who made heaven and earth.
Come, all who desire blessing!
Our blessing comes from God, the God of Abraham, the God of the ages.
Come, all who long for salvation!
Our salvation comes from Jesus Christ, the one sent by God to save the world.

Ashlyn DeWitt

Hymn of Praise: # 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

Call to Confession:
When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow, calling us to set aside our foolish lives, for the grace-full ones which are offered to us. Let us confess how often we choose not to follow.

Unison Prayer of Confession:
God of salvation, you shower our lives and our world with love, yet we too often turn away from your blessing. It is just so easy to complain! There are little annoyances each day, but they pile up into a mountainous burden that becomes a curse on our lives. Free us from our unwise choices, O God. When we are distracted and confused, redirect our attention to the abundant opportunities to experience your love. During this Lenten journey, focus our hearts on you, that we may choose the blessing of salvation offered us each day (moment of silent confession) through Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:
God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn it, but that the world might be saved through him. Through the saving love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and blessed!

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

BAYLOR

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Our First Lesson: Psalm 121
I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Choir Anthem: *O, How He Loves You and Me*

text & music by Kurt Kaiser
arr. by Ken Barker

*Congregation stand as are able

Second Lesson: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Sermon: "A Message from God"

Rev. Pat Rabun

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of Meditation: # 18 *In Christ Alone (in Songs of Worship)

words and music by
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

based on tune by Fredrick C. Maker
arr. by Lari Goss

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

OLD HUNDRETH

***Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:**
God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

Closing Hymn: # 761 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude: *I Saw the Cross of Jesus

based on WHITEFIELD
from an anonymous source
arr. by Bob Borroughs

THOSE SERVING US TODAY
Guest Minister: Rev. Pat Rabun; Director of Music: Kathy Hutcheson; Liturgist: Ashlyn DeWitt