

Revelations at Concord The Small Church With a Big Heart

Enter To Worship

January 2011
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Depart to Serve

Jan. 1 Happy New Year

Jan. 4 7:00 UMW

Jan. 5 6:00 Family Nite Out

Jan. 9 Leadership Sunday
4:00 Confirmation at
Concord

Jan. 10 7:00 Bible Study
resumes at Concord

Jan. 12 7:00 Finance Comm.

Jan. 16 8:30 Men's
Breakfast
New Year
Communion Service
4:00 Confirmation at
Concord

Jan. 18 7:00 Outreach

Jan. 19 7:00 Ad Board

Jan. 23 4:00 Confirmation at
Concord

Jan. 25 7:00 PPRC at
Concord

Jan. 30 4:00 Confirmation at
Concord

Tom's Trinkets, Treasures and Trivia

I remember years ago, when I was a child, I thought something magical was going to happen when one year ended and another began. However, after all of the noise, the confetti and the toasts nothing seemed to have changed. It wasn't too many years ago that the whole world went through the same thing I did when I was a child. When we went from December 31, 1999 to January 1, 2000 people believed something magical, frightening or even apocalyptic was going to happen. It was amazing how many different and bazaar predictions were out there. But it all happened just like when I was six years old. Nothing seemed to have changed.

We just passed though another New Year's Eve that became another New Year's Day and nothing has seemed to change. There are countless New Year's resolutions that are lucky to make it a week. Why then all the commotion about the New Year? In my opinion it is what the transition represents. The New Year represents an opportunity to try to be a better person; to maybe read a little more, to spend more time with the family, to mend relationships that have been scarred, and oh yes, the perennial favorite to lose weight.

What we don't grasp is that we don't have to wait for that special first of January, the opportunity is there for us every day of our life. "This is the day the Lord has made..." we read in the Psalms. With every encounter with Jesus we see the opportunity for lives to be changed in both subtle and dramatic ways. For folks like Matthew, Peter, the woman at the well, Mary, Paul and so many others they took hold of the opportunity and had their lives changed in wonderful ways. However, folks like the rich young ruler, the high priest, Judas and others let the opportunity pass from them. It is not a new year that changes our lives it is the power of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Pastor Tom

What's inside this month

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Hear my voice, O God... Psalm64

Prayer Requests**Extended Care Facilities***Alma Lee Doub (Mallard Ridge)**Lucille Hill (Clemmons Village)**Margaret Harper (Clemmons Village)***Military***Carl Craft**John Friend**Scott Kysea**Sammy Edelman**Savanna Green**Kevin Tiddy**Christopher Ford**Jonathan Hinshaw**Jonathan Kiger***Long term***David & Loretta Binkley**Doskey Wilmoth (Charlene)**Larry Jones**Dolly Hunt**Mr. Young (Rheta)***Cancer***Joe Sleap (Ann)**Roger Fowler (Shelton)**Kevin Mallard (Ann)**Tammy Key (Ann)**Michelle Dearing (Rheta)**John Brier**Mr. Young (Rheta)**Dana Malaga (Larry)**Albert Miller**Vicky Seay (Susie)**Dean Overstreet (Rheta)**Karen Newcomb (Rheta)***Special Prayer***Shelton & Lib Barefoot**Albert Doub**Abbie Gountikas (Bill Beard)**Chris Fletcher's mother-in-law (Rheta)**Luwana Huffman**Phillip Jones**Jonathan Kiger (Rheta Monroe)**Naomi Norman (Billie)**June Pirolo**Linda Hayes (Ann)**Jackie Paul (Elaine)**Larry Tassainger (Steve)**Tom Teague (Steve)**Erika Brier (John Brier)**Margaret Taylor (Rheta)**Larry Freeman (Norma Willard)**Mike Suddarth**Ruth King (Nancy Suddarth)**Phyllis & Stefanie Jones**Steve Jones**Dwayne Moore (Ann)**Doris Patterson (Rheta Monroe)**Ashley Shaw (Wilma Jones)**Margaret Taylor (Rheta Monroe)**Ann Hunt**Travis Masters (Steve)**Margaret Brier (John Brier)*

Thanks for all that you do!!!

To all those who decorated our church for Christmas. It truly helps us to get into the mood.

To all who worked so hard on our annual Children's Christmas Eve Play and Service.

To all who bought Christmas gifts so that others might see and feel the real meaning of the season, giving of ourselves.

To all who helped with the Christmas Bar-B-Que to help Missions.

We would like to thank all of our Advent readers and what they added to our Christmas Services.

We want to thank the church again this year for our wonderful treat bags. They are delicious.

Happy Birthday to You

**Jan 1 Lib Barefoot
Betty Lou Hutchinson
T.J. Styers**

Jan 17 Nancy Cook

Jan 3 Margaret Harper

Jan 19 Juanita Franke

Jan 5 Lara Easley

Jan 20 Steve Jones

Jan 6 Katie Cook

Jan 22 Larry Melaga

Jan 10 Robin Miller

Jan 24 Ronald Simpson

Jan 14 Renata Horton

Jan 25 Cooper Southard

COMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

February 1 7:00	UMW	February 14		Valentine's Day
February 2 6:00	Family Nite Out	February 20	8:30	Men's Breakfast
February 8 7:00	Witness	February 22	7:00	Evangelism
February 9 7:00	Sunday School	February 23	7:00	Ad Board

CONCORD UMW NEWS

Concord UMW will be meeting on January 4th in the Family Life Center. All the women of the church are invited to meet. There are many programs with which the UMW are involved , so please come meet with us and see what program you may like.

MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS TO Concord United Methodist Church

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We hope you all have many, many, more birthdays to come!!!!

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CHURCH FUNDRAISERS \$\$\$\$\$ WE NEED YOUR HELP

CHICKEN PIES Our
United Methodist Women
are still selling chicken
pies. The pies are \$10.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Men's Breakfast will be at 8:30 on January 16th.

In the event of snow, bad weather or an emergency, check WXII television

Anyone interested in having flowers put in the church for worship should contact Mandy Johnson 617-0283.

If you need to initiate the prayer chain call Mandy Johnson 671-0283

The District is again sponsoring a Leadership Conference for January 24th from 2:30 to 5:30 pm. Contact Donna Cooke, District Education Consultant at 727-1222. The snow date is January 31st.

January 9th is Leadership Recognition Sunday. We will recognize that those who have served our Church this past year but also install those who will be our leaders for the next year.

January 16 will be our New Year Communion Service.

If all goes well our 2011 Directories will be out in January.

This year we will be having a Confirmation Class at Concord. It will be on Sunday afternoons in January, February and March at 4:00 and last about an hour. There isn't any homework for these classes so attendance is very important.

A very special thanks for all of our committees and work groups for the commitment and time they gave this year. Their hard work is shown in both the spiritual and numerical growth of our congregation.

MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS TO Concord United Methodist Church

A gift has been given to the glory of God in memory of Louise Miller and in honor of Albert Miller by Janet and Craig Ford.

I've Got Mail

Doing Your Best

Joel Stephen Williams

Many years ago in a textile factory there was a sign on the wall which read: "If your threads get tangled, send for the foreman." One woman who was fairly new was a diligent worker, but her threads got tangled one day. She tried to disentangle them, but her efforts only made matters worse. Finally she gave up and called the foreman. He came and looked for a few moments and then asked: "You have been trying to untangle them yourself, haven't you?" "Yes," she replied. "Why didn't you send for me, according to the instruction?" She shrugged her shoulders and said: "I did my best." With much tact, yet, with great insight, he quietly said: "Remember that doing your best is sending for me."

How often in life have we tried to straighten out our own messes, only to make things worse, and certainly not to solve things? We think that a little more human effort, a bit more human wisdom, and a touch of human ingenuity are the solution. But mankind in general and individuals in particular tend to make the same mistakes over and over again. Bad habits remain in place. Errors are repeated. We may even excuse our conduct by saying: "I did my best." Then God gently, yet firmly, reminds us: "Doing your best is calling for me."

Paul did the best that he could do, but it was not good enough. He mused: "I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate....I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do....Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?" (Rom. 7:15-24). But Paul had learned that to call on the name of Jesus was the best he could do and the solution to his problem (Rom. 10:9-13).

Those serving in our worship service in January

Scripture Readers

2 DAVID BINKLEY I JOHN 1: 1-4
 9 NONE LEADERSHIP SUNDAY
 16 NONE COMMUNION SUNDAY
 23 MATTHEW BENNET ACTS 2: 42-47
 30 THERESA BENNETT MICAH 6: 1-8

Guest Home Visitors

January April and Sam Whitehurst
 February Wilma Jones & Betty Lou
 Hutchinson
 March Steve and Charlene Teauge
 April Jim Friend
Substitute Rheta and David Monroe

Children's Church Schedule

2 Shannon Williams
 9 Billie Albert
 16 Shannon Williams
 23 Billie Albert
 30 Shannon Williams
**Substitutes-Sam Whitehurst and John
 Hickman**

Sunday School 3-6 yr olds

2- Elaine Binkley
 9- Elaine Binkley
 16- Elaine Binkley
 23- Elaine Binkley
 30-Elaine Binkley
Substitute-April Whitehurst

Sunday School 8 & up

2- Mandy Johnson
 9- Mandy Johnson
 16- Mandy Johnson
 23- Mandy Johnson
 30-Mandy Johnson
Substitute-Sam Whitehurst

Sunday School Nursery

2- Nancy Cook
 9- Denise Hickman
 16- Nancy Cook
 23- Shannon Williams
 30- Nancy Cook
Substitute-Wilma Jones

Church Nursery Schedule

2- Shannun Brier and Patty Dull
 9- Denise Hickman and Kimberly Cook
 16- Maggie Sparks and Patty Dull
 23- April Whitehurst and Kimberly Cook
 30- Billie Albert and Charlene Teague

See Nursery room for a list of Substitutes

"For the Father seeks such as these to worship him."

John 4:23

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January	Garrett Sparks & Larry Cool	Tanner Bennett
February	Bobby Black & Mike Williams	Isaac Hickman
March	Steve and Charlene Teague	Xander Williams