

Revelations at Concord

The Small Church With a Big Heart

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In Good Company

A New Beginning

How many of us would like to have a new beginning? We may often dream about how we would do things differently if we had life to live over. We would want to make some crucial changes in hopes of a different life or a new beginning. As a matter of fact, this only happens in our dreams. Although it is impossible to live life over, you can have a new beginning. A new beginning is our only hope, for life moves forward even when we look backwards. It is not what has happened, but what is about to happen that is all-important.

A new beginning is discovered as we trust the plan of God. It is not always easy to follow God's plan. At times our lack of understanding and unanswered questions holds us back. The fear of not knowing how God is going to work things out holds us back. At these crucial times we must have faith in God's plan.

Will Rogers once said, "Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just stand there." As disciples, we experience renewal upon **following** God's plan. You can't go wrong if you seek to build your life upon his plans. It is his plans that give us a solid foundation upon which to build our lives. **Nothing happens by chance. It is crucial for us to believe that God has a plan and it will succeed.**

If we follow God's plan, he can enable us to fulfill his purpose according to his timetable. If we are not discovering renewal, maybe it is time to evaluate our plan in light of God's plan. Maybe that brick wall God has put in our way is trying to tell us something. When we are just spinning our wheels, maybe we need to reevaluate our strategies. **We need to wait and trust God's timing also.**

For many, waiting is a terrible thing. Most of us are not very good at waiting. We don't even like waiting in a fast food line at McDonalds. To most of us, time is of the essence. Yet, we have no special place to be.

Waiting upon God is much different. With God, a day can be like a thousand years and a thousand years is like a day. We may begin to think that the Lord is slack in his promises. Sometimes it is like this when we seek personal growth. We think that it will never come, it may take a lifetime. **Power comes to those who wait upon God's timing.** Only God knows what my tomorrow holds. He is already there working out the details of my life. Renewal comes when I begin to live in the reality of it all.

C. S. Lewis said: "There are better things ahead than any we leave behind."

Trusting in God's plan, trusting in God's timing and trusting in God through prayer are only possible when we know that apart from Jesus we can do nothing. It is only then that we can experience a new beginning.

Larry

Hear my voice, O God... Psalm 64

PRAYER REQUESTS

EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES:

Lucille Hill (Bermuda Commons)	Alma Lee Doub (Mallard Ridge)
Lewana Huffman (Bermuda Commons)	June Pirolo (Homestead Hills)

MILITARY:

Christopher Ford	Jonathan Hinshaw
Savanna Green	Scott Kyser
John Friend	Dieter Sickerott
Carl Craft	Sam McDuffee

CHURCH FAMILY:

Dollie Hunt	Ann Hunt
Larry Jones	Robert Ingram
John Breier	Jean Messick
Jim Messick	Margaret R. Boggs

CHURCH FRIENDS:

Albert Doub	Kathy Freeman (Donna)
Carol Jackson (Wilma)	Gerald Lee & family (Steve)
Marjorie Dawson (Wilma)	Kim Tetzlaff (Margaret)
Carlos Patino (Elaine)	Jane Browder (W.S.)

Prayer list additions may be called in or emailed to the church office or to the pastor or the name may be written down and placed in the offering plate. In order to keep our prayer list up to date, church family names will be listed for up to six months and church friend names may listed for up to three months. After that time, they will be removed unless requested to be continued.

MEMORIAL AND HONOR GIFTS

Gifts have been given to the glory of God and Concord UMC in memory of Stephen Phillip Jones by Ms. Sally Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Jones, Jr., Ila Frye, Mrs. Grace J. Jones, Miss Sarah Norman Jones and Mrs. Marjorie N. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Reed, Mrs. Anna Hooker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrett, Mr. Thomas Jones, Karl and Debra Bretz, and Ms. Evelyn Conrad.

A gift has been given to the glory of God and the Building Fund in memory of Stephen Phillip Jones by Mrs. Kay Windsor and David Binkley.

Gifts have been given to the glory of God and the Cemetery Fund in memory of Stephen Phillip Jones by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Krites, Ms. Stefanie Jones, Ms. Lynda Jones Swaim, and Ms. Lisa A. Bailey.

A gift has been given to the glory of God and the Family Life Center by Carla J. Westerman.

A gift has been given to the glory of God and the Building Fund – Principle in honor of Phillip and Wilma Jones' 62nd wedding anniversary by Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Barefoot.

A gift has been given in appreciation for George Doub's many services to Concord UMC by Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Barefoot.

A gift has been given in love and appreciation of Betty Lou Hutchinson by Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Barefoot.

A gift has been given in love and appreciation of Doris Hauser by Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Barefoot.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE AND GIFTS - DECEMBER

Amount Needed per Week for General Budget: \$3,000

12/4/11	Attendance:	General Budget	\$2,781.29
		Building Fund	525.00
12/11/11	Attendance:	General Budget	\$ 1,700.14
		Building Fund	460.00
12/18/11	Attendance: 69	General Budget	\$1,235.00
		Building Fund	475.00
12/25/11	Attendance: 54	General Budget	\$1,195.00
		Building Fund	100.00

LCAP

We are seeking a church member to serve as Concord's representative with the Lewisville Community Assistance Program. You will be responsible for handling requests for assistance (food and monetary) and donated stocking items during one month of the year as well as attending one meeting, currently scheduled for January 8 at 3:00 p.m. at Lewisville UMC. Full training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the pastor or the church office.

LCAP items for January & February are syrup and sugar.

Bible study will resume on January 8 and will meet at Concord.



FAMILY NITE OUT January 4

Menu will include roast pork, collard greens, black-eyed peas, mashed potatoes, cornbread, dessert, and drinks. Be sure to attend and get your new year off to a good start!

In the event of snow, bad weather or an emergency, check WXII television or WSJS/WTQR radio for any announcements. We are listed as Union/Concord UMC

WS DISTRICT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Sunday, January 22
(Snow Date – January 29)
Worship at 2:30 p.m.
Classes begin at 3:00 p.m.
Mount Tabor UMC

The following classes will be offered:

- “Jump into Mission” with UMW
- What is General Conference and Why You Should Care
- Sharing the Easter Faith with Children
- VBS with Cokesbury
- Creative Worship Spaces
- Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
- Safe Sanctuary: Who, What, Where, When, Why, and How
- Basic Lay Speaker Training (must pre-register by 1/13; cost is \$11 – contact Amy Johnson at 725-4502 or ajohnson@wnccumc.org.)
- Missions – “Circles” (initiative for people to move out of poverty)
- 21st Century Stewardship and Financial Reporting
- Congregational Development: Seek Revitalization!

Church leaders are encouraged to attend the session in their area. Brochures are available in the narthex.



1	Lib Barefoot	11	Tanner Bennett
	Betty Lou Hutchinson	14	Renata Horton
	TJ Styers	17	Nancy Cook
5	Lara Teague Easley	22	Larry Melaga
10	Robin Miller	24	Ron Simpson

Those serving in our worship service in January

Sunday School 3-6 yr olds

Elaine Binkley
Substitute – April Whitehurst

Sunday School 7 & up

Mandy Johnson
Substitute – Shannon Williams

No Sunday School nursery

Church Nursery

1 No nursery
8 April Whitehurst and Patty Dull
15 Denise Hickman and Kimberly Cook
22 Charlene Teague and NEED HELP
29 Patty Dull and NEED HELP

See Nursery room for a list of Substitutes
Children ages 4-6 may go to nursery after Children's
Message.

“For the Father seeks such as these to worship him.”

John 4:23

MONTH	USHER	ACOLYTE	GUEST HOME VISITORS
January	Garrett Sparks and Larry Cook	Tanner Bennett	Sam and April Whitehurst
February	Bobby Black	Isaac Hickman	Wilma Jones and Betty Lou Hutchinson
March	Steve and Charlene Teague	Xander Williams	Steve and Charlene Teague
April	Martin and Kit Binkley	Duncan Hickman	Jim Friend

To the Congregation,

Thank you for the Christmas bonus. We appreciate your generosity!

Pastor Thompson, Bill and Angie



THANK YOU TO ...

- those who helped with the Missions Outreach BBQ and to everyone who ordered.
- all who helped with December FNO – always delicious and a great time!
- everyone who placed poinsettias in the sanctuary for Christmas – thank you for sharing their beauty.

CHICKEN PIES FOR SALE

UMW continue to sell chicken pies to benefit our building fund. Cost is \$12 each. Thank you to the UMW and all who help with this ongoing project.

January 2012 Concord/Union

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day SS/Worship	2	3 6:00 UMW - C 7:00 - Nurture - U	4 6:00 Family Nite Out - C 7:00 Choir - U	5 7:00 Choir - C	6	7
8 SS/Worship 6:00 Bible study	9	10 7:00 UMW - U	11 7:00 Finance - C 7:00 Choir - U	12 7:00 Choir - C 7:00 Adm. Brd - U	13	14
15 SS/Worship 6:00 Bible study	16 MLK Jr. Day	17 7:00 - Outreach - U	18 7:00 Adm. Brd - C 7:00 Choir - U	19 7:00 Choir - C 7:00 Finance - U	20	21
22 SS/Worship 2:30 District Leadership Conf. 6:00 Bible study	23	24 7:00 PPRC (charge)	25 Feb newsletter deadline 7:00 - Nurture - C 6:00 FNO - U 7:00 Choir - U	26 7:00 Choir - C	27	28
29 SS/Worship 6:00 Bible study	30	31				

The 2012 directory is available in the narthex for you to pick up as you leave the sanctuary. One per family please. Committee members, please make note of the new committee meeting schedule.



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