



The Circuit Rider

January 2019

You are cordially invited to join us in all of our events and activities each and every week. Activities are open to all, not just members. Come on in, be with us, there's God's work to be done with your help.



Cadence of a Deep Call: a Call to Practice the Divine Forgiveness

Forgiveness is, I believe, the most frequent theme that I have studied about, written about, lectured about, or preached about on Sunday mornings or in small Bible study groups. It has also been a major theme of my pastoral counseling for those who have been deeply hurt, whose souls have been severely injured and whose lives are almost destroyed. I have often said, "Forgive them." But, I have to confess that even as I said these words, my heart remained angry or resentful toward those people who had hurt me. I still wanted to hear from those who had wronged me that I was quite right and they were absolutely wrong. I have still wanted to hear their heart-felt apologies in a deeply penitent voice. I still wanted the complete satisfaction that comes from unilateral confession and unilateral forgiveness.

Why do we do what we are not supposed to do and why do we not do what we are supposed to? Could it be that there is a big gap between what we say and what we practice? Could it be that there is good inside us as well as evil as strong and tenacious as a lion? Could it be that this is the first step to start a new, joy-filled life and to become like Jesus?

I have known many people who have remained in bitterness and resentment over the things that happened to them. Many of these people cannot let go and let God. They still hold grudges against those who have sinned against them. They are still angry, resentful and fearful. We cannot get closer to God because anger and friendship do not go together. As long as we hold grudges against those who have sinned against us, we cannot be friends with God because anger and friendship do not reconcile with each other. Genuine and authentic forgiveness is different.

God's forgiveness is unconditional; it does not seek any justice to have peace of mind. It does not demand any apologies from the wrong doers. It is a completely



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Sunday Services

8:30 AM Praise & Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Traditional

Camp United Methodist Church is a community of faith whose mission is to seek and to serve God by praying, preaching and teaching the Gospel, making disciples and serving others.

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self-emptying process. Divine forgiveness is a call to hurdle over the cultural belief that forgiveness is unhealthy, unwise and impractical. Divine forgiveness is a constant spiritual discipline that can be achieved through emptying ourselves of these feelings and filling ourselves with the spirit of humbleness. Divine forgiveness is to practice what Jesus practiced all his life, especially on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

In Jesus' name,

Preacher Won

New Year's Resolutions You'll Actually Want to Keep

1. Read Your Bible 20 Minutes a Day
2. Go to Church Every Week Without Fail
3. Set Aside 15 Minutes Each Day to Pray
4. Join a Bible Study
5. Try Fasting
6. Ask a Friend to Church
7. Begin Volunteering
8. Start Tithing
11. Forgive Past Grudges
12. Break an Addiction
15. Be Content With What You Have
16. Keep the Sabbath
17. Refuse to Gossip
19. Stop Complaining
20. Do Random Acts of Kindness
21. Compliment yourself (and one other person) each day
22. Try something new
23. Keep a gratitude list

(From *Equipping Godly Women*)

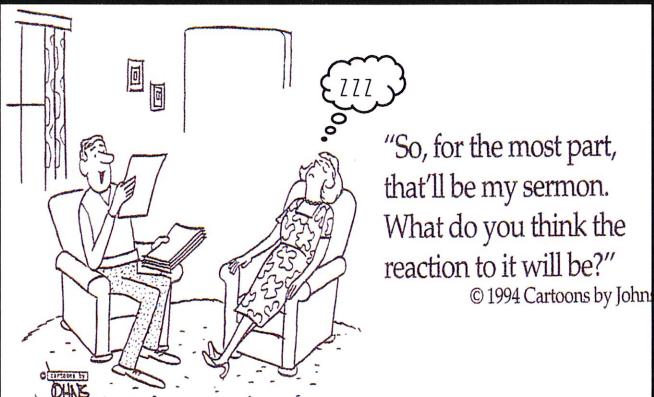
THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI: Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh

In addition to the honor and status implied by the value of the gifts of the magi, scholars think that these three were chosen for their special spiritual symbolism about Jesus himself: gold representing his kingship, frankincense a symbol of his priestly role, and myrrh a prefiguring of his death and embalming.

An interpretation of this was made popular in the well-known Christmas carol "We Three Kings."

Still others have suggested that the gifts of the magi were a bit more practical - even medicinal in nature. Researchers at Cardiff University have demonstrated that frankincense has an active ingredient that can help relieve arthritis by inhibiting the inflammation that breaks down cartilage tissue and causes arthritis pain. The new study validates traditional uses of frankincense as an herbal remedy to treat arthritis in communities of North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula, where the trees that produce this aromatic resin grow. Did the magi "from the East" know of frankincense's healing properties when they presented it to young Jesus?

Based on Strata, "The Magi's Gifts - Tribute or Treatment?" *Biblical Archaeology Review*, January/February 2012.



MEMBER PROFILES

Jim & Chicky Wallace



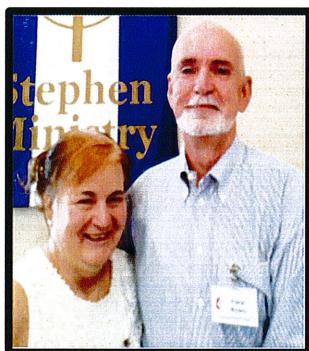
Many of you are already very familiar with the Wallaces. Chicky is John Donoghue's sister. Jim and Chicky vacationed in Ocean Isle for many years before finally moving here in 2015.

Jim has 4 siblings and Chicky is the youngest of 7. They both grew up in Joppatowne, MD and were high school sweethearts. They married on February 17, 1990, and are blessed with a son and a daughter.

Chicky received her degree as a paralegal while Jim pursued a degree in electronics. Chicky continues to do paralegal work via the internet. Jim has started a new company with his son, "GungHo Demolition and Environmental Services."

Since joining Camp in March, 2015, they are both very involved with the Youth Group. Chicky is also a Stephen Minister and Jim is a Trustee and drives the church bus when needed. Chicky says, "We didn't need to look for a church family when we moved here because Camp already felt like family."

Francis "Franz" and Jill Bryant



Franz was born and raised in Chadbourn, NC. He has 1 living brother (His other brother died serving our country.) and 1 sister. His mother taught all of her children the skills they would need to be independent after leaving home (e.g., cooking, cleaning, laundry). Franz says that he grew up cooking.

Franz graduated from North Carolina State with degrees in both history and education. For 35 years, he taught social studies in the Wake County High Schools - Millbrook, Leesville and Green Hope. After his retirement in 2012, he subbed for a time. He also worked for Kirkland, on a part-time basis, for 19 years.

Jill was born and raised in Concord, NC. She has 2 brothers. Her father owned a barbecue restaurant where she worked from age 11. She was a cashier, a waitress and a caterer. After high school, Jill went to Meredith College where she graduated with a double major: religion and middle school education. Jill taught middle school for Durham County and Franklin County Schools. After retiring in 2013, she went back to school to get certified to teach special education. For 4 1/2 years she taught special ed for Apex Middle School. Jill worked part-time for Kirkland for 17 years.

Franz and Jill met at a wedding in 1981. The groom was a childhood friend of Franz; the bride was a college friend of Jill's. Franz says for him "It was love at first sight". During the wedding reception, Jill caught the bridal bouquet and Franz caught the bride's garter. Later that year, at the homecoming game at NC State, Jill saw a banner in the end zone that read, "Jill, Will you marry me?". Jill said yes but made Franz take the banner down as there were lots of Jills at the game. They married in March 1982 - 9 months after they met.

The Bryants moved to Ocean Isle Beach from Cary, NC in 2017. While they lived in Cary, they went to Greenwood Forest Baptist Church. While there, Franz and Jill handled meal planning and preparation for church activities. **QUESTION:** What happened when Preacher Won heard this news?



MUSIC NOTES FROM WES & BETSY

What a blessing our choirs gave us when they led worship on December 2nd at the second service. From the beginning of the bells to the end of the powerful "Joy to the World," our choristers sang and rang from their hearts! What a gift that they brought to us on the first Sunday of Advent!! MANY THANKS to all the members of the choirs for their loyalty and dedication in preparing for this special Sunday and also, to the Adult Choir in preparing for the Moravian Love-feast on December 9th! We are SO blessed with the talent in our church!

JOIN OUR ADULT CHOIR IN JANUARY

So why are YOU waiting to join our choir at Camp?! We will welcome you with open arms and will promise you that you will even have FUN at choir practice. Can't beat that!! SO plan now to be at our first choir practice in 2019 which will be on Wednesday, January 9th at 5:55 p.m.



Choir at practice for Moravian Love Feast



On December 3rd, the Kid Singers performed "Knock, Knock, Knock" for the congregation.

HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR WITH CHRIST IN THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES!

To God Be the Glory!

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YOUTH MINISTRY

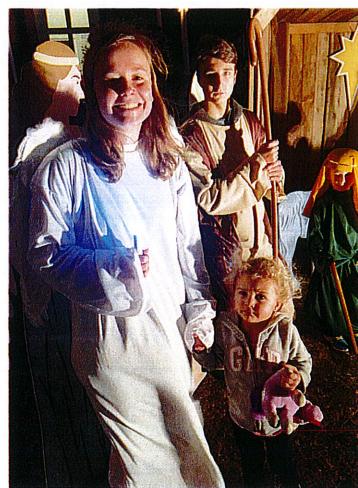
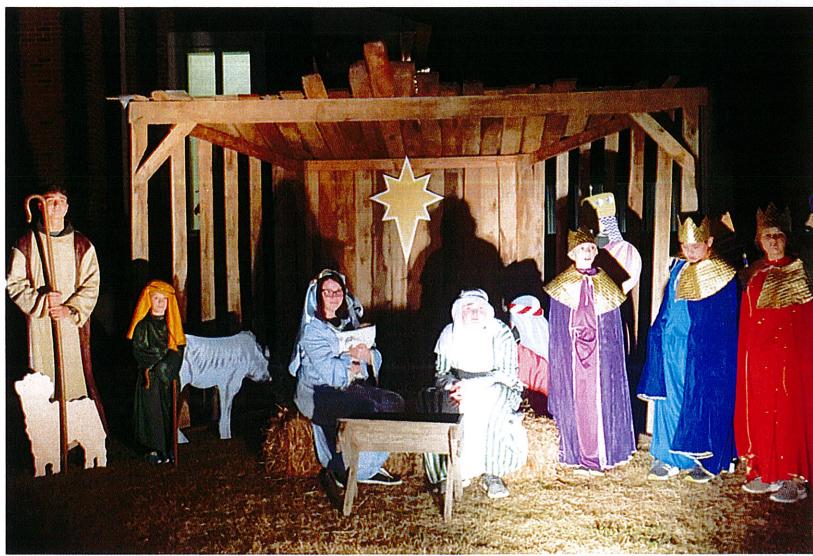


Camp Children and youth enjoyed representing our church in the Shallotte Christmas Parade on Dec. 1st.



The church nursery & children's group has grown so much! We are blessed to have these little ones each Sunday

The youth group had a fantastic time during the Live Nativity. We had two groups that dedicated their time to making it a blessed and memorable occasion.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Peace & Love, Pastor Sheena

Salt

Seasoned Adult Living Testimony

Our latest activity on December 17th featured a gourmet sampling of hors d'oeuvres which was followed by a concert by the Coastal Harmonizers. It was a great way to start the holiday season.



Hors d'oeuvres



Harmonizers

Wonderful Wednesday

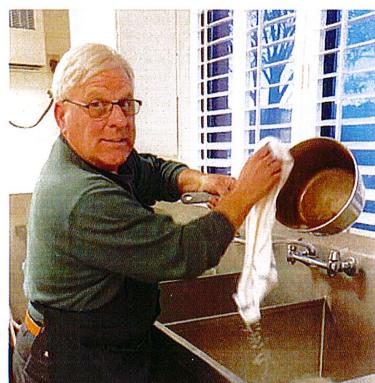


Michael McLamb teaching about St. Augustine's "City of God".

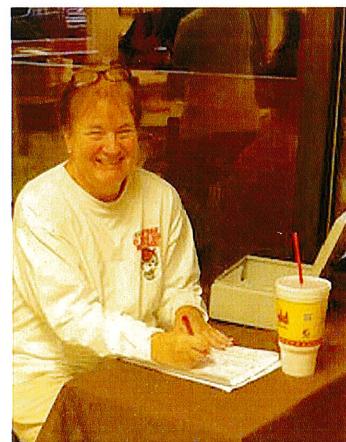
Preacher Won started this ministry in September 2017. The activity begins with a meal (served from 5-6) which is followed with Bible study or another type of spiritual growth program. Usually, Preacher Won does the study but, he has had a capable substitute in Michael McLamb who is the son of W.J & Sybil McLamb. The meal is planned and prepared by Franz and Jill Bryant, with assistance from their able helpers. The meal costs \$5.00 and is available to all whether they attend the study or not. Choir members eat before practice; children and youth eat before their activities. If you just want to come for the study or the meal, that is fine, too.



Sara McCullough, Mary Lee Nance & Franz Bryant

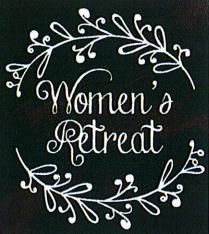


John Truesdale on KP duty



Jill Bryant checks people in.

NOTE: There are other volunteers involved in meal preparation, table setting, serving, and clean-up who weren't present for pictures. Some of these people are: Tamy Munns, Mee Young Namkoong, Geri Walker, Margaret Hardin, and Chicky Wallace



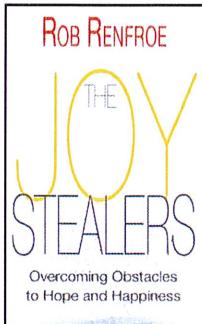
Hello Women at Camp UMC!

I am personally inviting you to our Camp UMC Women's Retreat! I hope you can come and I hope that we can make this an annual event! I would love to get to know you better and this is the perfect setting to do so! Please let me know if you can make it; we still have a few spaces available! Now open to your friends and family outside of the church!

I will be presenting from a rocking chair with a large scrapbook about Ruth, Naomi, Mary, Martha, Ester. No tests, quizzes or being put on the spot! Just a time to be yourself and enjoy other women in a sisterhood of sorts! Free time, lots of singing and laughing!

Mary and Martha, Ruth and Naomi, and Queen Esther are all amazing women in the Bible who loved God and said yes when God invited them to be part of what God was doing in the world. These women are amazing but not so different from women today. I wrote and copyrighted this retreat.

What: Make Me an Instrument: A Spiritual Retreat for Women
Who: Roberta Byram, Retreat Coordinator
When: February 8-10 2019 Weekend Retreat Fri-Sun
Where: Fort Caswell Oak Island
Cost: Weekend Cost is \$160....\$75.00 deposit (room for 40) due ASAP
Checks: Make checks out to Sue Madison
Contact: Tamy Munns
Roommates: Two per room
Need to Bring: \$5.00 gift for a special Sister in Christ, wrapped



CALLING ALL WOMEN OF CAMP

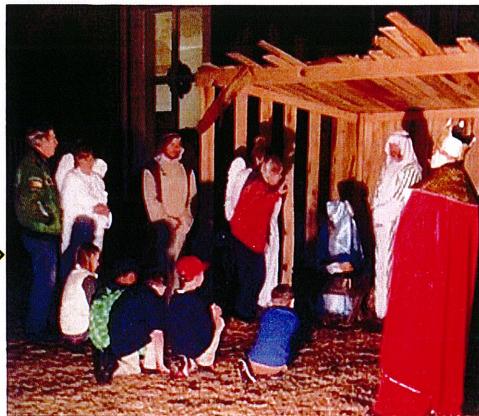
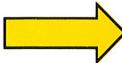
Our Monday morning Women's Bible Study will resume on January 7th using the book "The Joy Stealers". During this 6 week study we will discuss: Worry, Bitterness, Negativity, Busyness, & Guilt and how these things keep us from Living with Joy as it relates to our Christian life. We meet in the Salmon Classroom at 10 o'clock.

LIVE NATIVITY

Thank you to all the volunteers who participated as characters and helpers in the Live Nativity display. This was a way for Camp to remind the community of what Christmas is all about.

The picture on the left was taken at our Live Nativity a few years ago. Notice the spectators (children and adults) who were drawn close to the manger.

Debbie Donoghue



CAMP REORGANIZATION

In the 20th century, the majority of churches in the United Methodist Church (and the Methodist Church prior to 1968) had a worship attendance under 100. As we Methodists possess the propensity to organize (one of the geniuses of John Wesley), the powers that be in the general church declared that each of our churches should be governed similarly. However, they noted that churches with large congregations differed from the smaller ones in needs and leader/worker resources. This became a problem.

The problem was solved for the smaller churches as the general church allowed them to govern with fewer groupings of leadership. These groupings were categorized as nurture, witness, and outreach. Such reorganization was a breath of fresh air to these smaller churches as now they could find leaders and workers to populate their positions without so much redundancy. It was truly a blessing.

However, as some churches grew, these same categories became a burden as more ministries filled the broad groupings and leaders were overwhelmed by so much work. This is what happened to Camp Church as we were structured as a small church. These categories served Camp well for many years, and we had many capable leaders and workers who ignited our church growth. We are so thankful for their hard work for the Lord, as we now wear the well-earned reputation of being a mission-oriented church who serves the Lord so well in most aspects of ministry.

In an early 2018 Camp church meeting, a small group gathered to discuss a possible reorganization of our church. While there, I asked Cherie Compton to list the ministries under the category of Nurture, and she proceeded to quickly mention 25. Needless to say, I was taken aback. But then I asked Barbara Varnam to list the ministries under Outreach, and she cited a similar number. Immediately it was evident that our church required reorganization as we could not keep asking leaders for so much as they would face burnout. We owe Cherie, Barbara, other leaders, their predecessors, and many workers a heaping load of gratitude for their service and marvelous work!

With the obvious need to reorganize, we designed a plan that would break down the larger categories and add a few others which would make us more efficient and effective as we grow. We created new self-contained areas of ministry which we call "Teams." These Teams and their subgroups are:

Evangelism: Local witness, hospitality, visitation of prospects, new member orientation, assimilation

Mission: Local missions, national missions, international missions, disaster relief

Congregational Care: Stephen Ministry, lay visitation, shepherding, bereavement

Fellowship: Wednesday dinners, homecoming, any event with a meal

Adult Ministries: Small groups, Sunday School, discipleship, spiritual gifts

Youth/Children: Youth ministries, children ministries, nursery, Mother's morning out, VBS

Communications: Online ministries, media, intra-church ministries, directory

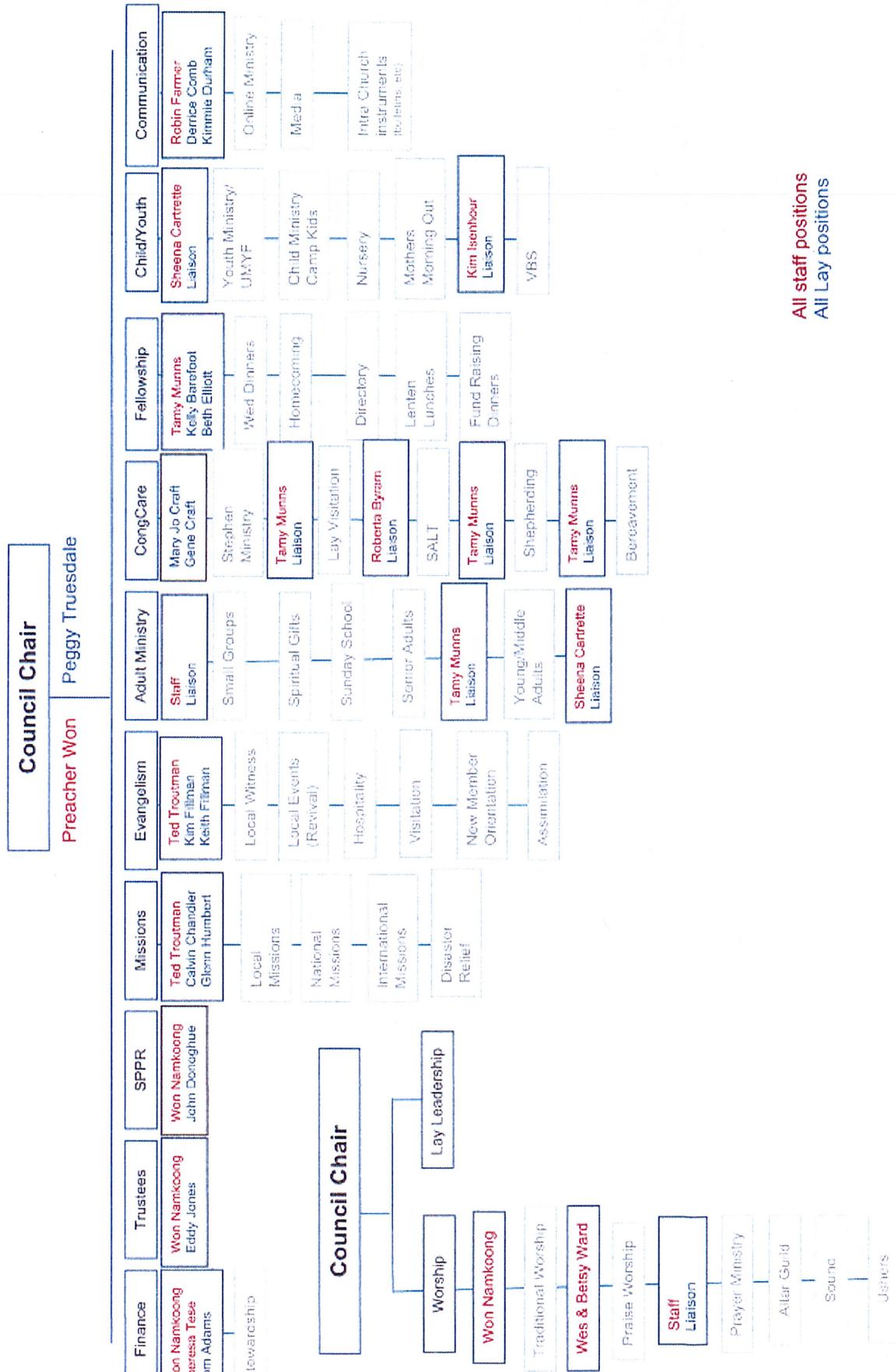
Worship: Traditional worship/music, praise worship/music, altar guild, worship logistics
(ushers, etc.), prayer ministry

We also have some interdisciplinary groupings, which don't fit just one category, such as our SALT ministry. Our senior adults will mix and work with, and within, the Teams. Each Team has either a leader or co-leaders. Additionally, each one has a staff liaison. Since these ministry categories are new, there will much tweaking and adjustment as we go through the year. The nature of the modern church demands that such adjustments will actually continue beyond 2019 as needs arise and change. At this time, all Team leader positions are filled except Adult Ministry. The Team Leaders are currently seeking people who wish to work in their areas.

Please see the organization chart for Team Leader names. I thank so many people who have contributed to this effort, not the least of whom is Preacher Won who has encouraged this reorganization from the beginning.

May the Lord continue to bless us!

Grace and peace, Pastor Ted



2019 CHURCH OFFICERS

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

Church Council Chairperson-Peggy Truesdale
Church Council Vice-Chair-**Brenda Register**
Secretary to Church Council- Helen Bunch
Membership Secretary-Virginia Winfree
Lay Members of Annual Conference - **Glenn Humbert** - Alternate-Dean Dull

Church Treasurer – Theresa Tese
Lay Leader-**Howard Varnam**
Financial Secretary-Lora White

*Finance Committee Chair - Tom Adams

Trustee Rep. Jerry Thrift
Howard Varnam-Lay Leader
Doug Lutzy (19)
Sandy Braddy (20)
Dennis Leggett (21)

Theresa Tese-Treasurer
Financial Secretary-Lora White
Matt Mellis (19)
Irene Clessuras (21)

Rev. Won Namkoong
Judy Hart (20)
Jerry Thrift (20)
Greg Cole (21)

Peggy Truesdale-Church Council Chair SPRC Chair-**John Donoghue**
Glenn Humbert-Lay Member of Annual Conference

Angela Adams-Local Church Legacy Leader

*Pastor Parish/Staff Relations Committee Chair - John Donoghue

Katie Mae Garner (19)
Kristen Hooks (20)
Frank Williamson (21)

John Jones (19)
Diane Smith (20)
Zach McGougan (21)

Pam Femrite (20)
Jill Bryant (21)

Lay Leader (voting member)-**Howard Varnam** Lay Member-annual conference-**Glenn Humbert** - Alternate-Dean Dull

Trustees Committee Chair - Eddy Jones

Anthony Carr (19)
Ron Austin (21)
Alan Lewis (21)

Jerry Thrift (20)
Currie Bachelor (21)
Liz Boyd (20)

Jim Wallace (20)
Bob Winship (21)

*Committee on Lay Leadership Chair - Rev. Won Namkoong

Trisha Poulos (19)
Julie Harrelson (20)
Margret Hardin (21)
Lay Leader-**Howard Varnam**

Julie Chandler (19)
TJ Yoder (20)
Ramie Cushman (21)

Lynda Troutman (20)
Bobbie Williamson (21)
Glenn Humbert (21)

CHURCH PROGRAMMING

MMO Board: Kim Isenhour, Pastor Sheena Cartrette, Susanne Adams, Lisa Ward, Amanda Gibson, John Jones, Becky Hewett, Ramona Parker, SPRC Representative

At Large Members of the Church Council:

Calvin Chandler	Carol Grantham	Margaret Hardin
Ralph Kendall	Gene Craft	Doug Lutzy
Alan Lewis	Jane Evans	Jack Scarborough
Derrice Combs	D.B. Grantham	Tammie Lewis
Doug Brown	Dean Dull	Marlene Mellis
Keith Fillman	A.J. McCullough	Carol Kendall
Meleta Humbert	Matt Mellis	Mary Ann Wallace
Jay Combs	Jim Wallace	Larry Harrelson
Bob Fatzinger	Brenda Register	Keith Compton
Cherie Compton		

Honorary At-Large Members: Lena Mintz, Doris Pigott, Jane Nichols, Charlotte Pringle

Local Church Representative for Native American Ministries - Pat Purvis Brown

Memorial Committee Chair - Jean Miller

Roy Mintz Mike Sidelinger Al Parker Tom Adams, Finance Chair r

Food Pantry Coordinators (not church office positions): Marlene Mellis, Carol Kendall

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

John & Angela	02 (16)
Jay & Derrice Combs	02 (49)
Jerry & Patsy Thrift	3 (22)
Michael & A.J. McCullough	4 (33)
Ted & Lynda Troutman	05 (39)
John & Debbie Donoghue	10 (32)
Don & Lynda Eagle	11 (60)
Larry & Julie Harrelson	11 (33)
Alan & Peggy Russ	31 (55)



1	Beth Hunter	11	Margaret Hardin	24	Bia Medley
1	Phil Inman	12	Mary Morgan Inions	24	Cheryl Mills
2	Thomas Adams	12	Tammie Lewis	25	Libby Leggett
3	Rita Bennett	12	Bob Winship	25	David Williams
3	Kristen Hooks	13	Chris Hunter	26	Ruth Hierman
3	Sam Sellers	15	Dale Calhoon	26	Karen St. John
4	Lou Bell	16	Nathan Hobgood	26	Laura Winship
4	Tony Smith	16	Parker Pickard	27	Diana Oliver
4	Jim Wallace	17	Beth Baker	27	Diane Sowder
5	Tom Arnette	17	Eileen Markum	27	Steve Sowder
5	Gene Craft	17	Kurt Meissner	27	Maggie Stephens
5	Kate Inman	17	Trisha Poulos	29	Victoria Nelson
6	Judy Arnold	18	Barbara Kellett	30	Cindy Black
6	Barbara Babcock	18	Cherie Snyder	30	Debbie Donoghue
6	Laura Freeman	18	Felicia White	30	Hayley Garst
6	John Jones	19	Poli Barefoot	31	Sue Lide
6	Ron Poston	21	Tom Evans	31	Lisa Mintz
10	Harold Bland	21	Patsy Thrift	31	Jerry Thrift
10	Barry Dodson	22	Sarah Roemmelt	31	Nancy Williams
10	Ray Nichols	23	Jeanne Frederick	32	Sondra McDaniel
11	Cindy Champion	23	Greg Rupp		

DATES TO REMEMBER IN JANUARY

January 3rd	Healing Oils of the Bible	5:30 PM
January 10th	Blood Drive	1:30 PM
January 10th	Watoto Children's Choir	6:00 PM
January 21st	SALT Activity	5:00 PM

Each day is God's gift to you, make it blossom and grow into a thing of beauty.

JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 Praise & Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship 3:00 Jail Ministry		Bulletin Deadline 9:30 Prayer Shawl/FH 2:00 Baskets/FH/K 5:30 Band/S 6:30 Heroin Addiction/RC	8:30 Prayer Team/L 5:00 Wonderful Wed. 5:30 Youth & Kids 5:55 Adult Choir 6:00 Bible Study		4:00-7:00 Soup Kitchen/FH	10:00 Food Pantry/FH/BA

Additional Events Listed Below

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
				5:30 Healing Oils/FH		
6 COMMUNION NEW MEMBERS	7	8 No Prayer Shawl 10:00 Susannah Wesley/FH 6:30 Witness/YFC	9 6:00 Trustees/BR	10 1:30 Blood Drive/YFH 4:00 Stephen Ministry/FH 6:00 Watoto Choir	11	12
13	14 4:00 SALT Mtg/YFC 6:00 Joy Circle/FH	15 6:00 SPPR/SC 6:30 Outreach	16	17	18 5:00 Hospice Meal	19
20	21 Newsletter Deadline 4:00 SALT Activity/FH 5:45 Finance &	22 6:00 SPPR/SC	23	24 6:30 Church Council FH	25	26
27	28 6:30 UMM Dinner FH/K/YFC	29	30	31		