



CHURCH CHAT

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHINA GROVE, NORTH CAROLINA

JANUARY, 2012



NEW YEAR'S DAY-- 1/1/2012

B'DAY OBSERVED --1/16/12



HAGGAI: In the Old Testament book of Haggai, God speaks a simple reminder to His people then and to us now..."Consider your ways!" (Haggai 1:5)

The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to do just this. And to this end, here are some questions (in no special order) for each of you to ask prayerfully in the early days of 2012.

- What's one thing you could do this year to increase your enjoyment of God?
- What's the most "humanly" impossible thing you will ask God to do this year?
- What's the most important thing you could do to improve the quality of your family life this year?
- In which spiritual discipline do you most want to make progress this year, and what will you do about it?
- What is the single biggest time waster in your life, and what will you do about it this year?
- What is the most helpful way you could strengthen your church and its ministry?
- For whose salvation will you pray most fervently this year?
- What's the most important way you will, by God's grace, try to make this year different from last year?

George



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD: The Administrative Board met on November 21 for the annual Church Charge Conference. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Rankin, Salisbury District Superintendent, presided over the meeting. Members provided information of our church's accomplishments during 2011. Nancy applauded our accomplishments and was very pleased with all the many areas that our church was involved. The meeting gave her a chance to learn more about our church as well as a chance to see our facility. It also

There were two items that had to be approved at the Charge Conference which were:

- The slate of officers for 2012 for our Administrative Board
- George's salary as proposed by the Finance Committee.

Both were approved.

The Board did not meet in December. The next meeting of the Board will be on **January 8** at 7:00 PM in Langford Hall.



YOUNG AT HEART: This group will meet on **January 3** in Langford Hall at 10:00 AM. The group will hold a business meeting at which time programming, outings, etc for 2012 will be discussed. **Walter Meyers** and **Nora Eckard** will provide the refreshments. Walter will tell us about his Veterans' Day Flight of Honor to Washington DC

on November 11, 2011. An outing later in the month will be discussed at this meeting.

Information has been presented to each member about the possibility of going to the Barn Dinner Theater in Greensboro to attend a play entitled "Sing Hallelujah" on **February 28** for the matinee presentation. David Walters Travel has been notified, and the bus has been scheduled with 10 seats reserved for us. If more seats are needed, the travel agency must be notified. The cost per person will be \$67.00. Any body wishing to attend should notify Brenda Seamon at 704-857-6339.



STEWARDSHIP: We needed \$7,457 every week for our budgeted general fund expenses. Final 2011 numbers will be in the February *Church Chat*. Many thanks to those who serve in this manner. Remember:

- PLEASE USE YOUR PRINTED ENVELOPES. It helps the counters and recorders avoid mistakes. We have many similar and even identical names!
- If it doesn't cost you more, it helps the counters if you use separate checks for each major bank account (general, building, or transportation).
- It helps if you re-label and re-date your extra envelopes for other types of donations.



REPORTERS: We still need information for your *Church Chat*. Please appoint a "reporter" for your group and have them send information (what you have done, what you are doing, and even what you plan to do) to winecoff1971@carolina.rr.com by the 20th of each month (submit information for the February issue of *Church Chat* by **January 20**). Remember:

- If you are a little late, call **and** e-mail your info. If the newsletter is **not** finished, your info can usually be added.
- Church Chat is available in living color on-line. It is often available before you get your snail mail copy. See our web site www.chinagrovefumc.com.
- PLEASE E-MAIL YOUR INFORMATION in the text of an e-mail not as an attachment.
- As long as you tell us, we can hold information for weeks and repeat it for as long as you want.

"The correspondence committee will assist with the mailing of the newsletter and stapling of the Annual Report to congregational members."

"And we give thanks, O God, for the people of many cultures and and nations, for the young and old and muddle-aged."

from *Church Bulletin Bloopers*.

JANUARY CALENDAR (please confirm)

Monthly Schedule:

Tue, Jan 3: Young at Heart, 10 AM
 Sun, Jan 8: Administrative Board, 7 PM
 Mon, Jan 9: Mission Seekers, 7 PM
 Sat Jan 14: Bible Study, 5 PM
 Sun, Jan 15: Outreach Committee, 4 PM
 Mon, Jan 16: Wesleyan Friendship Circle, 7 PM
 Mon, Jan 16: Staff-Parish Rel. Committee, 7 PM
 Sun, Jan 29: District Leadership Conf., 2 PM

Weekly Schedule:

Mon: Cub Scouts, 6; Boy Scouts, 7 PM
 Tue: Bible Study, 10 AM (except Jan 2)
 Tue: Brownies, Girl Scouts, 6:30 PM
 Tue: Joyous Bells, 6:30; Celebration Ringers, 7 PM
 Tue: Yoga, 7 PM
 Wed: United Methodist Men, 7 AM

Wed: Women in Touch, 1 PM (except Jan 4)
 Wed: Little Wings of Grace, 4:30 PM (except Jan 4)
 Wed: Wings of Grace, 5 PM (except Jan 4)
 Wed: Puppet Ministry, 5:15 PM (except Jan 4)
 Wed: Sonshine Choir, 5:30 PM (except Jan 4)
 Wed: Supper (except Jan 4)
 Wed: Age Group Studies, 6:30 PM (except Jan 4)
 Wed: Praise Band, 6:30 PM
 Wed: Choir, 7:05 PM
 Thu: Nar-anon, 6 PM
 Thu: Bible Study, 7 PM (except Jan 5)
 Sun: Refuge Youth, 6 PM (except Jan 1)
 Sun: Services, 8:30 & 11 AM; School, 9:45 AM
 3rd Sun: Service, 10:30 AM; School, 9:15 AM

Other:

Mon, Jan 23 & 30: Mission Seekers, 7 PM
 Sat-->, Jan 28-->: Hondouras Mission Trip



SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS



	Services	8:30	10:30	11:00
January 1	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery Fellowship	Brian Gray Jim & Butch Faggart ?? Pairs & Spares Class		Dawn Wilhite Dawn Wilhite ??
January 8	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery Fellowship	Dick Menius Tommie Basinger & Miranda Parker Josh & Kelley Vinson Heart & Soul Class		McGuire Caudill Gracie & Jennifer Warden Val & Tasha Sigmon
January 15 (3rd Sun)	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery Fellowship		Zetta Earnhardt Gary & Sue Wortman Thad & Julie Whicker	
January 22	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery Fellowship	Renaissance Class Tommie Basinger Nora Eckard Frank & Jennifer Caraccio Williams Class		Kaleigh Wilhite Gayle & Dale Keiger Jeff & Jennifer Ritchie
January 29	Lay Reader Greeter Nursery Fellowship	Zetta Earnhardt Hill & Patricia Jones Chin-Ying Swink Dale's Disciples Class		?? Dot Eller & Ruth Mash Devin & Jill DeBord

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ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**



Chairperson: Tom Easterling
 Vice Chairperson: Roger Withers
 Recording Secretary: Lynn Treece
 Delegate to Annual Conference: Terry Holt
 Reserve Delegate to Annual Conference: Eunice Holt
 Lay Leader: Frank Carracio
 Building Committee Chairperson: Dale Keiger
 Church Hostess: Gayle Keiger
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 Parsonage Chairperson: Ann Harrington
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 Endowment Committee Chairperson: Dick Menius
 Nurture Team Leader: Sue Williams
 Worship Team Leader: Rickie Faggart

Outreach Team Leader: Wanda Watts
 Witness Team Leader: Alan Jones
 Scouting Team Leader: Terry Holt
 Age Level Representatives
 Children/Youth: Hope Oliphant
 Young Adults: Erin Cubbert
 Older Adults: Jim Faggart
 Young at Heart President: Brenda Seamon
 United Methodist Men: Loren Parkinson
 United Methodist Women: Telisa Bamhardt
 Youth Representative:
 Sunday School Superintendent: Dale Keiger
 Assistant Sunday School Superintendent: Su Krotchko
 Construction Ministry Team Leader: Frank Greene
 District Mission society Representative: Wanda Watts
 Church Historian: Lee Ann Hauss
 Membership Secretary: Diane Deal

**2012
AT LARGE MEMBERS TO AdB**

Dorothy Parkinson
 Johnny Graham
 Herman Eagle

2013

Bryan Crews
 Tom Lentz
 Jason Warden

2014

Brian Gray
 Jennifer Ritchie
 Patricia Jones

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONSHIP

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Kevin Keiger
 Debbie Beaver
 Andy Caudill

Kelley Vinson
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 Charles Martell

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 Jason Warden
 Norma Burgess
 Lay Leader: Frank Carracio

Christy Barbee
 David Beck
 Sabrina Caudill

Elizabeth Gillis
 Ralph Luther
 Megan Parks

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Mike Burr (chairperson)
 Jamie Shue
 Julie Faggart

Harry Reese
 Frank Greene
 Marty Snow

Walter Moore
 Debbie Beaver
 Jeff Ritchie

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Jim Christy (chairperson)
 Todd Seamon
 Dawn Wilhite
 Delegate to Conference: Terry Holt

Craig Barbee
 Aprille Crews
 Butch Willett

Val Sigmon
 Herman Eagle
 Kristi Mitchem

NURTURE TEAM

Sue Williams (chairperson)
 Carrie Deal
 Kathy Meseke

Elizabeth Gillis
 Becky Withers

Gayle Keiger
 Heather Shue

WORSHIP TEAM

Rickie Faggart (chairperson)
 Nora Eckard
 Wanda Taylor

Butch Faggart
 Gayle Keiger
 Su Krotchko

Mary Bamhardt
 Lisa Troutman
 Natalie Gray

OUTREACH TEAM

Wanda Watts (chairperson)
 Katie Greene
 Doug Nation
 Nancy Yates

Frank Greene
 Darlene Nation
 Lee Ann Hauss

Dora Green
 Andy Parks
 Lee Ann Christy

WITNESS TEAM

Alan Jones (chairperson)
 Wanda Watts

Jim Faggart

Su Krotchko

PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Ann Harrington (chairperson)
 Walter Moore

Eloise Teeter
 Worley King

Gayle Keiger

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Tom Easterling (chairperson)
 Val Sigmon
 Kelly Stewart

Todd Seamon
 Tesha Sigmon
 Jacqueline Merwin (Director)

Wanda Watts
 Dora Greene



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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM Dawn Wilhite Kelly Stewart	Jennifer Warden Amy Stallings	Wendy Shell Julie Whicker
YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM Aprille Crews David Beck Debbie Teeter Natalie Gray	Bryan Crews Sharon Beck Jennifer Lambert Patsy Caudill	Kristi Mitchem Rose Cox Scott Grumbles
HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM Zetta Earnhardt Katie Greene	Shelley DiDonato Debbie Martin	Tina Koontz Rusty Watts
ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE Richard Menius (chairperson) Diane Deal	Winola Drye Craig Barbee	Reggie Saffrit Walter Myers
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE Tom Lentz Katie Greene	Gene Cable Danny Gillis	Harry Reese

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