

SIGNS OF GROWTH

Acts 9: 28-29a says: “So he went in and out among them at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the Name of the Lord.”



Paul was not trusted by the disciples in Jerusalem. He had been known and feared as a persecutor of the young Christian community. Then on the Damascus road the risen Lord Himself confronted Saul and he became Paul the apostle. But was the change real? Was it lasting? When he attempted to join the disciples in Jerusalem they were suspicious. Not until Barnabas spoke for him was Paul accepted. He had changed. The disciples saw signs of his conversion and growth.

We may not preach like Paul, as the old hymn has it. But what is the sign of newness in our lives? A former British Minister of Education has stated three acid tests of an “educated person”: Can you entertain a new idea? Can you entertain another person? Can you entertain yourself?

To grow as a Christian is not simple. It means to grow in our ability to accept God’s new life, to care for others, and to know by experience that we have been made new. We search for newness in ourselves, and sometimes find little evidence. May the Lord help us to grow and demonstrate the signs of growth.

Hope to see you in worship right here at Macedonia this coming Sunday! God bless you and yours always!!

In His love and peace,

Stephen C. Rust



Mother - Daughter Tea 2009



New Members The following families joined us on Sunday, May 3, 2009.

1. Mr. Joseph Hornaburger. Received by letter of transfer from Grace & Peace Church, Mebane, NC
Address: 313 East 6th St., Burlington, NC 27215. Phone: (336) 222-1812.
2. Mr. Reed & Mrs. Katy Laplante, daughter Avery. We received Reed by letter of transfer from St. Patrick Catholic Church, Malvern, PA, and Katy by letter of transfer from Trinity Lutheran, York, PA.
Address: 1849 Hanford Hills Road, Graham, NC 27253. Phone: (336) 222-8058.
3. Mr. Nathan Lenfert and Dr. Kelly Wester, daughter Keira. Received by letter of transfer from First Lutheran, Greensboro, NC. Address: 245 Herronwood Dr., Graham, NC 27253. Phone: (336) 226-8708.
4. Mr. Eryk Rippenhagen. Received by letter of transfer from St. Paul Lutheran, Durham, NC.
Address: 1528 S. Mebane St. #115, Burlington, NC 27215. Phone: (919) 452-0265.



Luther League Dates June

(Grades 6-12)

June 7 Movie Night @ the Menz's from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
** Please note change in time from our regular meetings

Possible trip June 17, 18 or July 1 or 2 to either Carowinds or Wet & Wild.

We are also looking at a possible lake trip in August.

Please let Michele Claypool or Tom Meisenbach know if you are interested in attending these activities or if you can chaperone and drive.

National Youth Gathering Bible Studies

We will gather on Sunday, June 7th at noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Board Room for our final lunch & Bible Study to get us ready for New Orleans! Our lunch provider will be the Johnson Family. Thanks to all the families who have helped.



Agapé Day Camp

This is a great Bible Camp experience for your children right here at Macedonia. We meet Monday—Friday, August 3—August 7, 2009 for six hours each day, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

We have four trained college summer counselors coming to us from Camp Agapé, Fuquay-Varina. Twin Lakes Community and their executive director, Charles Harris, is helping us house these young people all week.

This day camp is for campers who will be rising 1st—5th graders. Our campers will be involved in skits, games, songs, crafts, nature activities, BIBLE studies, and much more fun. The cost for the week per camper is \$85.00. If money is an issue for any family, contact Pastor Rust for camper scholarships. We want all children to be able to attend this wonderful Day Camp. We have room for 20 campers. Forms are available in the church office. Sign up now!



Attention Macedonians
Something special is coming,
and it's going to be **GREAT!**

July 13 - 17

from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day

Please save the date, for our:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2009

Adults and Teens - WE NEED YOU!

Please volunteer today to help with this fun and faith-filled week.

Some of the positions available are: Group leaders and assistants (*to supervise and escort groups of children to activities*), help with decorations, AND leaders and/or assistants for: Snacks, Games, Music, Crafts, Science, and Storytelling.

****Remember—Even if you're not available for the whole week, we'd still love to have your help!**

If you can help in any way or want more information, please contact Stephanie Braxton at 584-8951 or Amanda Cary at 229-0188.



Peter James Gunyan

graduates June 12th from Williams High School
will attend NC State University
major undecided

Grey Whittaker Hunley

graduates June 12th from Williams High School
undecided

Meghan Kathaleen McDermott

graduates June 12th from Williams High School
will attend Cape Fear Community College
major in Criminal Justice

Melissa Lynn Reeger

graduates June 12th from Williams High School
will attend NC State University
major in Business

Megan Lindsay Turner

graduates June 5th from Greensboro Day School
will attend Elon University
major undecided

Christopher Michael Campbell

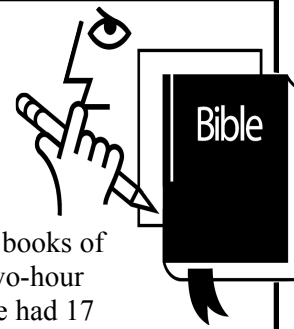
graduated May 30th with a BA in Architecture from
Savannah College of Art and Design
will pursue Master's in Architecture at the same school

Beth Lilienthal McGuire

graduated April 25th with Master of Science in
Accounting from Strayer University
currently works for local CPA firm and
plans to get her CPA

Don't forget! *The Fellowship Committee is hosting a breakfast to honor all high school graduates and college graduates (under grads and post grads). The breakfast will be at 9:00 in Luther Hall on Sunday, June 7, 2009.*

**Crossways
Bible Study Graduates**



Studying this course can change people's hearts and lives profoundly! These students studied in-depth all 66 books of the Bible, plus the Apocrypha in 61 two-hour sessions over two academic years. We had 17 people to sign up in September of 2007 and we finished on May 31, 2009. The following 12 students finished the course.

**Sheila Gibson
Bobbie Gregoris
Lori Helgeson
Maria Helgeson
Marge LeBarron
Wanda Moore**

**Debbie Riggs
Kristin Spencer
Wade Spencer
Julie Turner
Megan Turner
Ingie Warschkow**

Congratulations!

Living as Easter people

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. — Mark 16:8

The tomb is empty. Does that cause you anxiety or hope?

We go along through life, things seem to be going smoothly, and then rivers swell their banks, financial markets take a downturn and jobs are lost. Isn't that just how life is? In challenging times, the future we'd imagine for ourselves seems to disappear.

So how do we respond? It makes a difference. Sometimes, like the women at Christ's tomb, we are overcome by fear, uncertain which direction to move and, consequently, paralyzed. Or, we see ourselves as victims and want to blame someone else.

Alternatively, we can choose to recognize challenges as opportunities. Instead of dwelling on Christ's death, we can focus on the empty tomb. The resurrected Christ is our reason for hope, our promise of new life.

Amid the challenges, live with hope. Seek to live a centered life, relying on God's strength as you step out in faith. Year-round, celebrate and share the joy of the empty tomb.



That it may be well with you!

Tammy Devine, Diaconal Minister and
ELCA Wellness Manager

livewell@elcabop.org

The American Red Cross

Blood Drive

Blood DRIVE

at Macedonia on
Tuesday, June 17
2:00 - 6:30 p.m.
in Luther Hall

Macedonia Lutheran Church

goes to the ballgame!

Save Sunday, July 19th, as we will attend the

Burlington Royals baseball game.

We eat at 5:00 p.m. and the game starts at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$12.00 which includes food and your ticket for the game. Any questions or for tickets, call Barbara Lilienthal at (336)-229-0188.

We hope to see you there!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

held their May meeting on Tuesday May 12th. Eight members were present and we shared our completed projects and projects in progress. We are having a blessing at the 8:15 service on June 7th so make sure all completed projects are at the church before June 7th. We have tentatively agreed to suspend meetings for the summer due to vacations and plan to meet again on September 8th. We are, however, continuing to produce shawls as time permits and hopefully we will have at least one blessing through the summer. Many thanks to all who have participated in this ministry through donations of all kinds, offering prayers for our success, words of encouragement as well as the knitters and crocheters. Just because we are suspending meetings for the next 3 months doesn't mean anyone who is interested in joining our group cannot begin right away. Sandee Jackson can help you get started and provide you some yarn any time. Please give her a call at 329-8388 for any assistance you may need.

Did You Know?

There is an air conditioner in the kitchen! If you are there preparing for an event it will help to cool the kitchen. It is on the outside wall near the back door.

Including the choir, musicians, and attendees, there were almost 240 people in our sanctuary Tuesday, May 12th, to hear the Alamance Chorale perform Mozart's Requiem K626. Yoko Moore, Debbie Riggs, and Sharon Walker from Macedonia are members of the Chorale. We are blessed to have a perfect place for concerts like this and are thankful to all who make it possible.

Due to a significant decrease in offerings this year, we were very close to not having enough funds to process payroll checks mid-May. It is a tough time for our nation, financially. We are starting to see the impact of the crisis at church.

The Chancel Choir takes a break in July. When they start back Wednesday, August 5th, at 7:30, it would be wonderful to have some new voices. You do not have to know how to read music. Please consider joining the choir.

According to the Administration on Aging (AoA), seniors are the fastest growing population in the world. Please communicate your faith-based needs, or any other needs, to someone at church. As a part of the Master Plan Steering Committee, there is a team focused on our adult members. Make your voice heard at Macedonia!

You can reduce your energy costs in the summer by running a ceiling fan to create a cooling breeze. To save energy, turn the fan off when you are not in the room. Ceiling fans cool people, not rooms!

If you have any ideas for this section of the newsletter, please contact the following members of the "Learn to Communicate Better" committee, Vern Misenheimer, Joan Tolley, Pastor Rust, or Yvonne White.

Pressure Washing Day

Come one come all. We meet the third Saturday of each month at 8:37 am. This month our date is June 20th. Bring water hoses, ladders and pressure washers if you have them. Please contact Clif, Lucy or Kyle at (336) 584-8502 if you can come or if you can provide equipment or manpower.



Boy Scout Troop 39 is selling pine needles as a fund raiser. They are very clean and good quality needles. The Troop is selling them for 4.50 a bale (They are available at South Church and Westbrook near Twin Lakes), or \$5.00 delivered to your home, and discounts are available for large orders. So if you still need to do some spring/early summer yard work, keep the troop in mind and call George Hill, Troop 39 treasurer, at 919-795-1951.

THE FLEA IS COMING!

Don't Miss the Largest
Charitable Flea Market Anywhere!
HOSPICE OF ALAMANCE-CASWELL
20th Annual Gigantic Flea

When: Friday	June 12	8:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 13	8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.
Sunday	June 14	Closed
Monday	June 15	8:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	June 16	Closed - restocking
Wednesday	June 17	Closed - restocking
Thursday	June 18	8:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	June 19 (new)	8:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday	June 20 (new)	8:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.

Where: The former NIKE II Building of the Western Electric Building, 204 Graham-Hopedale Rd., Burlington, NC 27215

Imagine 100,000 sq. ft. of merchandise - sorted, cleaned and all at bargain-basement prices!

Shop the flea to benefit
Hospice Home,
"The Home that Love Built"

Want to help at the flea - call (336) 229-0490
and volunteer!!

Memorials

Below are listed gifts received since April 2009.

Designated for the Organ Fund:

*In memory of Boyd Black by
Mrs. Betsy Black and family
Dr. and Mrs. Jack Boone
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ysteboe*

Designated for the Piano Fund:

*In memory of Ernest Allison by
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Patton
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones*

*In memory of Boyd Black by
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Copland
Mrs. Alda Hahn
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hambright
Mrs. Kathryn Terry
Mr. and Mrs. Terry Woodings*

*In memory of Bill Harrison by
Mrs. Alice Harrison*

*In memory of John Odee by
Mr. Glenn Ford
Mrs. Mary Graves
Mr. and Mrs. Don Honeycutt*

*In honor of Steve & Joy Rust
Jennifer, John & Joel Rust by
Mrs. Alice Harrison*

*In honor of Joy Rust by
Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Widerman*

Designated for the Pew Torch Fund:

*In memory of John Odee by
Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Bunetta, Jr.*

MACEDONIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

TREASURER'S REPORT

GENERAL FUND

April 30, 2009

	Current Month	Year To Date	Annual Budget	(Over) Under Budget
BEGINNING BALANCE	(14,989.34)	\$ 100.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,075.07	99,645.04	-	99,645.04
DISBURSEMENTS:				
Benovelence	2,775.91	9,937.71	30,000.00	20,062.29
Total Staff Salaries	18,166.53	71,547.70	212,052.00	140,504.30
Total Property & Managing	7,479.35	32,213.77	92,200.00	59,986.24
Total Social ministry	-	230.40	600.00	369.60
Total Worship and Music	534.31	3,913.88	18,850.00	14,936.12
Christian Education	438.04	879.36	6,300.00	5,420.64
Fellowship	-	61.55	500.00	438.45
Stewardship	-	415.56	1,450.00	1,034.44
Youth and Recreation	76.73	1,130.72	5,925.00	4,794.28
Evangelism	11.52	65.05	2,450.00	2,384.95
Total Unbudgeted Disbursements	(707.35)	(4,961.35)		
Total Disbursements	28,775.04	115,434.35	370,327.00	249,931.31
ENDING BALANCE	(15,689.31)	(15,689.31)		

School's out for summer!

We will all be off to the beaches, amusement parks, and resorts.

What does this mean for Church? Well, Sunday School ends until school starts back. Every Sunday in the summer is the "nth" Sunday after Pentecost and the altar paraments will be green all summer. There are no Festival Sundays until Christ the King, November 21st. The Melody Choir, the Cherub Choir, the Reformation Ringers, and the Macedonia Ringers will take the summer off. The Chancel Choir will be on break in July. So, there won't even be wonderful anthems and hand bell preludes to liven us up!

As usual, we look forward to a very successful week of Vacation Bible School! Thanks to our wonderful Education Committee for making it possible.

What summer also means is that offering levels decline.

We can't let church be boring just because it's summer. We can't stop teaching our children just because it's summer. We can't stop giving just because it's summer. Why do we stop or decrease giving just because school is out? God doesn't take a break from caring for us. In fact, it's when we need Him the most. We pray for wonderful weather for our outdoor events, safe travels, beautiful summer weddings, and all the many things we think we need from Him. Why do we abandon Him just because it's summer time?

Please prayerfully consider maintaining your level of giving. God doesn't take a break and neither should we!

Paul Cobb, Jim Copland, Charles DeBoard, Dale Greeson, Charles Harris, Don Matkins, Ruth Matkins, Bob Miller, Frank Rhue, and Yvonne White



*The Evangelism Committee asks
Macedonia members to remember the
following people and their
care-givers in their prayers.*

Nursing or Assisted Living Facilities Members:

<i>Evelyn Apple</i>	Room 331	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Charlotte Bivens</i>	Room 214	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Margaret Foster</i>	Room 306B	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Nancy Fowler</i>		Edgewood Place
<i>Helen Hollingsworth</i>	Room 276	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Lewis Holt</i>		Home bound
<i>Lib Jones</i>	Room 228	Cedar Ridge Senior Living
<i>Maurice Peace</i>	Room 258	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Elizabeth Pickard</i>		Blakey Hall
<i>Virginia Simpson</i>	Room 222	Twin Lakes Health Care
<i>Howard Waters</i>	Room 212	Twin Lakes Memory Care

Friends:

Jodie Cook Room 306A Twin Lakes Health Care

Visits would be enjoyed by many of these, but please check before visiting.

If you know of those whose names should be added to this list, please call the church office at 227-5554. Your help would be appreciated.

Dear Macedonians,

THANK YOU to everyone who has offered encouragement during my recuperation period following foot surgery. I appreciated the good wishes and prayers, the cards, food, "cadillac" (what I named my walker-- thank you, Ruth Matkins, for allowing me to use it) -- so many things from so many people! Thank you! I will hopefully be able to run a race by July (well, maybe not a race, but run!).

Thank you,
Joy Rust

Our deepest thank you to Pastor Rust and Joy for a beautiful memorial service and music for our beloved husband, father and grandfather, John Odee. Also much thanks to the Men-In-Mission Group who put out a wonderful luncheon for all our friends and family.

Thanks you all,
The Odee Family

Thank you Circle# 6 for the strawberries! It was so thoughtful to think of me and I really appreciate it so much. They were delicious!

Jane Cleary

June Birthdays



- 6/01 Dale Meisenbach
- 6/02 Monica Nicola
Ashley Reeger
- 6/03 Virginia Bossons
Melinda Menz
- 6/04 Margaret Patton
- 6/05 Lizzy Graves
- 6/06 Evelyn Apple
Gordon Nygren
- 6/07 Jimmy Cook
Jim Copland
Lisa Thigpen
- 6/12 Emily Adkins
Macray Braxton
Margaret Edwards
Sadie Hatley
Sarah Lynch
- 6/16 Eloise Bryan
- 6/17 Phyllis Allison
Bob Miller
- 6/18 Randi Dunn
Grey Hunley
- 6/21 John Greeson
Suzanne Perry
- 6/24 Maddie Bass
Clyde Christmas
- 6/25 Nancy Hemric
Rich Semmel
- 6/26 Terry Woodings
Debbie Reeger
Ronnie Swearingen
Robert Watson
Robin Willis
- 6/28 Sarah Bass
Bret Cobb
Allison Harris

SERVICE SCHEDULES FOR JUNE

Acolytes

6/07	Rachel Spencer	Kari Spencer
6/14	Emily Adkins	Zander Peter
6/21	Kyle Rippenhagen	Hannah Thigpen
6/28	Maren McDermott	Will Owen

Communion Assistants (8:15)

6/07	Frank Rhue
6/14	Sandee Jackson
6/21	Vera Barker
6/28	Estelle Petersen

Communion Preparers & Assistants (10:30)

6/07	Frank Rhue	LeeAnn Neal
6/21	Dan Voelkert	Diane Robinson

Crucifers

6/07	Paige Claypool
6/14	Jeffrey Walker
6/21	Maddie Johnson
6/28	Marisa Gibson

Dust Covers

6/07 & 6/14	Millie Miller	Jane Moore
6/21 & 6/28	Julie Myers	Robin Huffman

Greeters

6/07	Danielle Baker, Ellen Greeson, Danny & Max Van Fleet	
6/14	Barbara Lilienthal, Beverly Hiller, Wanda Moore, Estelle Garrison	
6/21	John Gee, Xylida Gee, Frank & LaVonne Rhue	
6/28	Aaron & Sue Page, Bill & Nancy Apple	

Lay Readers 8:15

6/07	Don West	Shelia Gibson
6/14	Cheryl English	Colleen Macklin
6/21	Vera Barker	Bruce Moore
6/28	Karen Dosier	Marinelle Peery

10:30

Nursery

6/07	Kim Black	Hannah Black
6/14	Beth Van Fleet	Megan McDermott
6/21	Julie Russell	Paige Claypool
6/28	Ruth Matkins	Marisa Gibson

Sound System

6/07 & 6/14	Randi Dunn
6/21 & 6/28	Randy Hunley

Ushers

Don Matkins - *Chief*, Jim Graves - *Assistant Chief*,
Fred Black, Robert Miller, Grover Moore, Pat Murphy,
Bryan Pennington, Wayne Bozeman

Community Lutheran Church, Summerfield, NC

"Help Us Build a Tabitha House"

June 27th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Food, Music, Raffle, Auction, Activities, Bake Sale, Fun Activities

Funds raised will be donated to Tabitha Ministry in Summerfield, NC. This ministry is building a 2nd house for women who are leaving prison, the streets and/or drugs. A Tabitha House provides a Christian Program and a safe place to live as their residences work toward reclaiming their lives. Please save the date and come help us build this house!

June Activities

★ *Loaves and Fishes* - For the month of June bring canned fruit, instant potatoes, powdered milk and raisins.

♂♂♂ **Men of Macedonia, Men in Mission** will meet on Thursday, June 4, at 6:00 p.m. at Mayflower Seafood Restaurant.

✂ The N&N's will meet on Wednesday, June 17, at 8:00 a.m. at Grill Worx (1223 W. Webb Ave.) for breakfast.

🕒 **The Young - In - Heart** will not meet again until September 2009. Contact Bill Myers at 585-0918 for further information.

🚗 Macedonia's turn for the Alamance County **Meals-on-Wheels** is June 8 - 12.



Circle #1 - will meet at Occasions Tuesday, June 2, at 11:30 a.m..

Circle #2 - will resume activities September 10.

Circle #3 - will meet at the Terrace Restaurant on the campus of Twin Lakes Community, Wednesday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch.

Circle #4 - will resume activities September 14.

Circle #6 - will meet on Sunday, June 7, at 8:00 p.m. at University Grill.

Circle #7 - will meet on Sunday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m. at Sal's. Summer meeting, no business conducted.

The **WELCA Bible Study** will meet on Tuesday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m.

The **WELCA Board** will not meet again until August 18.



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Associate Pastor—Rev. Dr. Dianne Dietz

Twin Lakes Center

Executive Director—Mr. Charles Harris
Dir., Pastoral Services—Rev. Craven Ford

JUNE, 2009

Deadline for July 2009

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is available 24 hours/day, 7 days/week by
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Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Dianne Dietz (436-0104)
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