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CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WORSHIP PLANS – MAY, 2013

MAY 5, 2013

Scripture Lesson: John 14:23-29
Sermon: “Love Beyond Words”

May 19, 2013

Scripture Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
Sermon: “When the Winds Change”

MAY 12, 2013

Scripture Lesson: John 17:20-26
Sermon: “World Wide Witness”

May 26, 2013

Scripture Lesson: Romans 5:1-5
Sermon: “A Peace of Christ”



*Come & See our New Cross in the Back
of the Sanctuary*

Thank you to “Rick Mathews” and “Pastor Joe” for the beautiful new Cross in our Sanctuary. It looks great and we are so pleased to have it.

John 1:39

He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the tenth hour.

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2: 1 – 4)

As I think back to my days growing up in the church, I don't remember much being said about the Day of Pentecost. But every time I read Luke's account of the Day of Pentecost, I am struck by the spectacular scene he describes. Luke's account of the day of Pentecost is nothing less than spectacular. According to Acts 2: 1 – 13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. A power-the unseen power of God-moved among the disciples and gripped them. This amazing story of God equipping the church is an important day in the life of the church and needs to be celebrated as such. Thankfully, over the last number of years, there seem to be a renewed interest in claiming this part of our church's history.

On May 19 we will celebrate this event in the life of the church. In an attempt to enter into the spirit of the day I want to encourage everyone to WEAR RED! The liturgical color for Pentecost is red, which symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. Whether it is a dress, jacket, scarf, tie...or something else red...we encourage you to enter into the spirit of Pentecost and dress in red. If you simply do not have anything red, maybe a red ribbon could be worn. Our goal is to fill the sanctuary with a visible image of the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Another way we will be celebrating the giving of the Holy Spirit is through the reception of this year's Confirmation Class into our membership. Over the past several weeks these young men and women have been gathering on Monday evenings to study various topics related to what it means to be a Christian. It is truly an exciting time in the life of the church to see these youth coming forward to make their public profession of faith and, for some, to receive the sacrament of baptism. This should be an exciting service in the life of our church. I hope you plan on attending, and please go ahead and invite your friends and neighbors to come and celebrate with us the fulfillment of Jesus's promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit.

- Pastor Joe

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Kenneth Whitesell	01	Alston Willcox	11	Adrian Parsons	19
Taylor Smith	01	Mark Nuzzo	11	Darrell Cole	19
Betty Melvin	01	Alex Prince	13	Brian Gribben	19
Dwight Parsons	03	Anna Gallant	13	Richard Oldham	20
Bill Farmer	05	Ella Vest	14	Evan Rivas	21
Shirley Shields	06	Sydney Smith	14	Aidan Palmerton	22
Johnie Marion	06	JoAnn Cameron	14	Rick Mathews	22
Josh Aldridge	08	Emily Adams	15	Mike Marion	23
Lydia Caddell	08	Will Cuff	15	H.W. Frye	26
Diane Aldridge	09	Duncan Fowler	15	Stan Shields	26
Reece Parsons	09	Emily Craven	16	Matt Gribben	26
Dana Cox	09	Kathryn Fields	17	Ashley Jo Cameron	27
Jene Bowen	10	Griffin Clayton	18	Lauren Stone	28
Samuel Blue	10	Gail Farmer	18	Dennis Fortune	31
Rebecca Willcox	11				

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY

The Christian Education Ministry is currently planning and preparing for our 2013 Vacation Bible School, to be held June 16-21 (classes will be on the 16-20 with a hot dog meal prepared by the Presbyterian men on June 21).

The co-chairs are Connie Marion and Dianne VanWinkle. Classes will be held for all ages. Pastor Joe will be the teacher for the adult class. You may contact Connie or Dianne if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Please pray and ask the Lord to guide you in what you can do in serving in our VBS this year.

The Lord tells us “to train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it”. Proverbs 22:6

Camp Monroe dates will be coming up in June. If your child would like to attend, please contact the church office.

Thanks to everyone who brought candies and treats for the children’s Easter baskets. A SPECIAL thanks to Mark and Michelle Seawell, and the youth for doing such an excellent job in fixing all the decorative baskets and bags!!

God Bless.
Larry Furr, Chairman

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Duties for May: Nursery: Circle: 3 Flowers: Circle: Day Circle

If you would like to help out in the nursery one Sunday, Please check the nursery calendar and sign up for a Sunday.

Check out Darlene Valitutto's news on the Spring Gathering at Rose Hill.

Coming up May 5th will be the Senior Recognition Luncheon. Beverly Furr is in charge of Senior Issues and will be hosting the luncheon. Take a minute to tell her how much we appreciate her doing this each year.

On April 28, we had 32 attend the PW Spring Celebration/Birthday Objective. Robin McKenzie and her committee...Mary Ruth Whitaker, Catherine Sears, Cathy Salargo, and Nancy Howle did an outstanding job in putting the program, entertainment and refreshment together. A "Special Thank You" to John and Vickie Blue for donating strawberries for our door prizes. Our special entertainment was Morgan Jackson, Ella Vest, and Maria Clouse.

Camp Monroe has asked Culdee to collect acrylic paint for their crafts at Camp Monroe this summer. A box is in the sunroom if you would like to make a donation.

Jewell Vest
PW Moderator

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 16 – 21
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.



25th Annual Coastal Carolina PW Spring Gathering

Four Culdee women attended the 25th Annual PW of Coastal Carolina Spring Gathering at Mount Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill N.C. on Saturday, April 6. Pearl Frye, Jewell Vest, Ann Savage and Darlene Valitutto attended the event along with 104 other women and 11 guests. The morning offering of \$589.80 was divided equally between PW Prison Ministry and Barium Springs. Brenda Brown, of the New Hope Presbytery was the morning speaker. She currently serves as the Moderator of PW in the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic. She spoke on Unity. The Memorial service honored 108 PW who passed away in 2012.

Recipients of the Lorna Clark Piner PW Scholarships were:

Ilyse Hines	Peace Presbyterian Church
Samantha Morgan	First Presbyterian Church, Sanford
Kody Kennedy	Calypso Presbyterian Church
Jourdan Priest	White Plains Presbyterian Church
Kimberly Cook	Shallotte Presbyterian Church
Joseph Sojka	Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

The following coordinating team members were installed:

Moderator	Ellen Newbold
Communicating Secretary	Helane Church
Moderator of Search	Roxanne Mills
Search Committee NC	Wiley Jordan
Search Committee NW	Lucille Canady
NE Region Communicator	Hilda Miller
NC Region Communicator	Karen Steele
Mission Communicator	Joyce Peay
Racial Ethnic Communicator	Rachel Belle Smith

All current CT members were re-installed. Brenda Brown conducted the installation service. One of the special guests was Lyndsey McCall, Monroe Camp Director.

During the meeting, Culdee PW were asked to host the 26th Annual (2014) PW Spring Gathering. We gladly accepted this invitation and look forward to seeing everyone here!

Hands and Heart for Haiti Meet and Greet

“Hands and Heart for Haiti Meet and Greet” was a blessing to many! Thanks to everyone who was able to come meet our guest speaker, Haitian Pastor Sidor and his wife Lillian on March 23, 2013. He spoke from his heart about the history and present needs of the two churches he is pastor of and the school of 110 students he directs in the mountains of Western Haiti. It was a great afternoon hearing about all God is doing in Montrouis, Haiti. Nelson and Sylvia Pusser shared stories and pictures about their recent trip to Pastor Sidor’s village. Other guest speakers were Darrell Cheek and Chris Thompson from Hands International. They shared the heart and vision for helping Pastor Sidor and this specific mission opportunity in the village of Montrouis, Haiti. There were around 100 in attendance with guests from 8 other churches.

After the session, everyone was invited to personally meet Pastor Sidor and move around to the different information stations that highlighted the specific needs for construction, education, farming, and miscellaneous areas in Pastor Sidor’s village.

A special thank you goes to the women of the church for providing and serving refreshments. Pastor Sidor asked that we share his thankfulness for opening our church and hearts to him while visiting Culdee. He also asked that we pray for his continued faithfulness and needed strength for all God is calling him to do in Haiti.

Check out the church bulletin board for a few pictures of our afternoon with Pastor Sidor.

Sylvia Pusser

APOSTLES BUILD 2013 Habitat for Humanity

Culdee is joining other local congregations in supporting the 2013 Apostles Build project in Midway Gardens in Aberdeen. Culdee has signed up to provide a work crew (to join the regular volunteers) on Saturday, May 25 and Saturday, June 8. On those days we will also provide morning snack and lunch for the workers on the site. Please consider volunteering to be part of the work crew or to help prepare and serve the snacks and lunches. When you volunteer for the work crew, the construction leaders help you to do jobs that you are completely comfortable with doing. Before our work days, we will be notified what type of job(s) the work crews will be doing and just how many volunteers are expected to be on site. Judie Wiggins, who is head of volunteers, always needs help at the sign in table each work day and with extra hands on the site to do odd jobs. The snacks and lunches are simple... an example would be packs of crackers or snack bars for the morning snack and sandwiches, chips, and cookies for lunch. Crews eat lighter so they don’t get the after lunch “sluggish” feeling. If you feel like you would like to volunteer in some way on one date or both days, call the office, Pastor Joe, or me. Then follow this link <http://www.volunteerup.com/login.asp?w=l&o=158> to register with Habitat as a volunteer. Before our work days, we will make sure to get you a waiver form that everyone fills out and signs before going on the site. Look for other details on a display board in the fellowship hall.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH

USHERS FOR MAY, 2013

- 5TH - Tim Bailey Family
 12TH - Youth
 19TH - Steve Carrico Family
 26TH - Don Williamson Family

If you are unable to Usher the week assigned, please contact the Elder of the month.

Thank you....

Larry Furr

*Elder for the Month of May
 (Phone# 673-7190)*

Senior Recognition Day - Sunday - May 5th.

All adults, 60 years and older, and their spouses, are invited to a Luncheon following the Worship Hour. We look forward to all of you joining us in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks, Beverly Furr

Opportunities for you -----

Sunday School	-	9:45 a.m.
Church Worship	-	11:00 a.m.
Recharge-Wednesday	-	6:00 p.m.
Saturday Prayer Time	-	5:00 p.m.

Class of 2013

FOR OUR GRADUATES AND PARENTS
 Please notify the Church office if you will be graduating from High School or College. Contact us @ (910) 295-6685.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR MAY 2013

Post your articles by mail, email, phone or deliver to the Church Office by Thursday, May 23th.

Holy Land Tour - Have you ever thought about going to Israel? Pastor Joe and Angela are planning a trip to the Holy Land in November. They will leave on Friday, November 22nd and return Saturday, November 30th. If you would like a brochure, or have any questions, please speak with Pastor Joe.

No matter who you are...trust God!

Health Information

May is National Stroke Awareness month. (STROKE is an emergency---every minute counts)

The #1 cause of serious, long-term adult disability in the United States. Third leading cause of death after heart disease and cancer. Kills nearly 160,000 people per year. Every 45 seconds, someone in the U.S. will experience a stroke. This means that every year more than 700,000 Americans have a new or recurrent stroke. Over the course of a lifetime, four out of five American families will be touched by stroke. 4 million Americans are living with the effects of stroke, about 1/3 have mild impairments, 1/3 are moderately impaired and the remaining 1/3 are severely impaired. Written by Amanda Valitutto, MSN, RN, BC, CRRN.

If you don't have anything to pray about, thank God that you don't!

MOTHERS DAY - Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous; is not proud; is not conceited; does not act foolishly; is not selfish; is not easily provoked to anger; keeps no record of wrongs; takes no pleasure in unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth; love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. ~I Corinthians 13:4-7

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

"IF" you have a Flower Garden at your home and would like to share some of your flowers with the church, please call either the church office or one of the members to come and gather, and arrange for Sunday Worship Services.

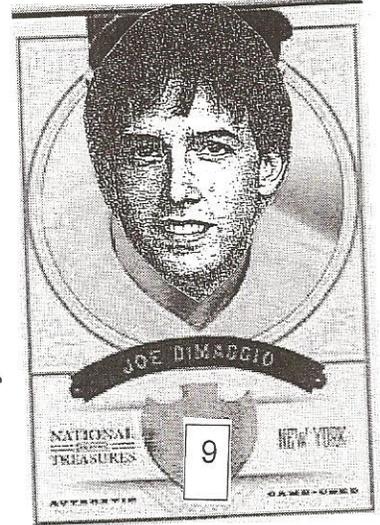
"Stand still and consider the wondrous works of God." - Job 37:14



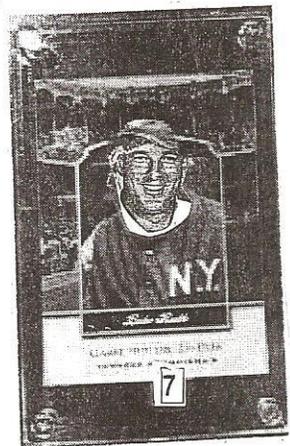
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Dennis Fortune- May - Dan Jordan -June, 2013
 Thank you for all your hard work. Great Job!

CULDEE'S FAMILY DAY @ THE CANNON PARK IN PINEHURST – SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2013 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.



Softball Game for all ages and other
Recreational Activities
and
Hot Dogs and all the fixing



Please see if you can recognize some of these guys who will be playing (Maybe).

- 1). Scotty Pate; 2). Mike & Johnnie Marion; 3). Luke Black; 4) Jim Stewart; 5). Babe Ruth; 6). Johnnie Marion; 7). Danny Jackson;
8). Jed Black; 9). Pastor Joe; 10). John Blue

GETTING TO KNOW OUR CHURCH FAMILY FEATURING --MELBA VEST



Melba Black Vest

Melba has lived in this community for all of her 89 years, and has been a member of Culdee Presbyterian Church most of those years. She and her twin sister Thelma were the oldest of nine children born to Everett and Myrtle Black of Eastwood.

She married Elmer Vest in 1941 and they had four children: Beverly Furr of West End, James Vest of Winter Garden, Florida, and Wesley and Elaine Vest, both deceased.

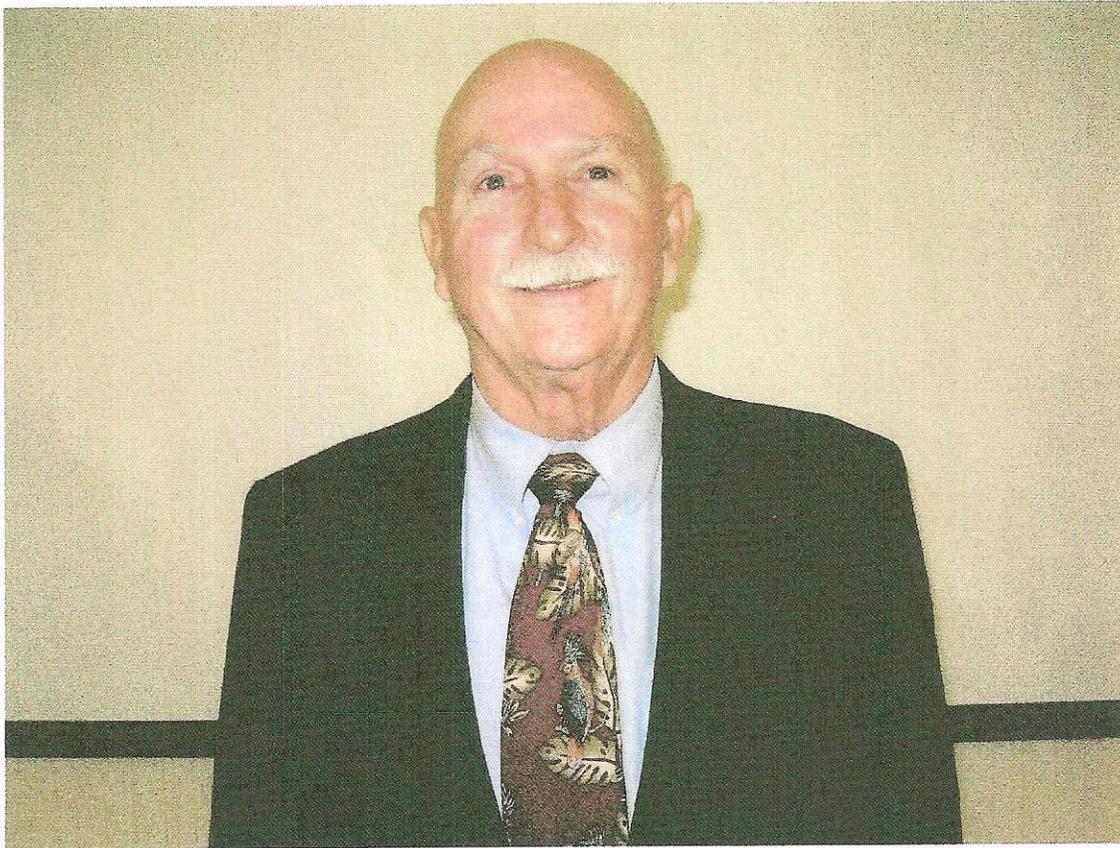
Besides being a mother and wife, she worked at J.P. Stevens for several years until her retirement.

Before she broke her hip in 2012, Melba enjoyed cooking for her neighbors and friends and was well known for her homemade fudge, cabbage and cornbread. She also enjoyed spending time with her friend Norman, working, and tending to her flowers and garden.

One of her favorite gifts is a beautiful lap quilt, made and given to her by the Culdee Quilters. It features her favorite colors – pink and lavender.

If you ask Melba what her hobbies are, she'd probably say "going and eating", and if you ask her how's she doing, her answer would be, "I'm kicking, but not very high".

Melba now lives at Tara Plantation and has adjusted well to her new home, friends, and caregivers. Continue to keep her in your prayers.



ELDER OF THE MONTH - MAY, 2013
LARRY FURR

I am one of four children born to Kathleen and Robert Furr of Sanford. My sisters Brenda, Kay, and Susan still reside in the Sanford area.

My wife Beverly and I have two sons –Scott, wife Katrina, two daughters, Katie and Allison live in Hickory, NC; and Derek, wife Grace, one son Drew, live in McKinney, Texas.

I joined Culdee in 1994 and presently serve as an Elder and Sunday School Teacher of an adult class.

After 31 years in the telephone industry in Sanford I retired in 2002. Some of my hobbies are spending time with family and friends, gardening, golfing, fishing, and cutting grass (have lots of it).

My wife and I also host “The Gathering” once a month in our home for seniors throughout the community. We always look forward to our time and fellowship together.

My hope for Culdee is that we will continually be a caring church, prayerfully seeking God’s guidance and leadership as we reach out to our neighbors and community.

Favorite Bible verses: John 3:16 & 17

For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

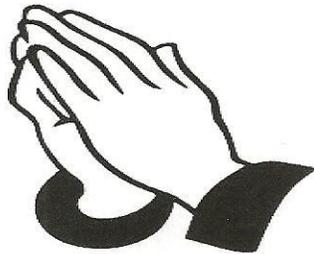
CHURCH FAMILY NEWS - April 24, 2013

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER!" - John 13:34

We all need support and love at one time or another in life's journey. There are many ways to show your loving support or attention.

Pray, Pray,

Visit, Call



Send a card or

note, take food

Prayer needs in our church family –

with us – Louise Blue, Don Altman, Magdaline McKenzie, Gussie Marion, Betty Black, James Clayton (Harold's Brother), Betty Stubbs, Pete & Pat Bullard, Florence Clapp, Jane Hodge, Oscar & Ruth Fowler, John Keister, Allie Blue, Neil & Betty Melvin, Richard & Vivian Blue, Evelyn Caddell, Melba McKenzie, Helen Wright, Willie Martin, Melba Vest, Mattie Swain, Richard Oldham, Pauline Ballard, and there are other church family in need of our prayers.

Members at home unable to be

Friends, Families of our Church Members – **John Thompson** @ Manor Care, Room 233, 205 Rattlesnake Trail, Pinehurst, NC 28374, (*Martha Matthews Father*); **Lois Stewart** (*Jim Stewart's Mother*), 1040 Palmer Lane, Winston Salem, NC 27107; **Jim & Lou Boyles** (*Lisa Huffines Parents*), Twin Lakes Nursing Facility, Room B301 A & B, 3701 Wade Coble Drive, Burlington, NC 27215; **Vic Howle** (*Tim Howle's Brother*), **Ralph Oldham** (*Richard Oldham's Brother*), **Jack McRae**, **Leona Patterson**, **Zander Harris**, **Chris Hodge**, **Ruby Enloe** (*Connie Marion's Sister-in-law*), **Linda King**, and others.

Our Heartfelt Prayers & Sympathy to – **Lionel Bryson** in loss of his mother, **Shirley Bryson**; **Johnny Harris** and **Norman Harris** in the loss of their brother **Ernest Harris**: family of **Grady Culler, Jr.** (*Pearl Frye's Cousin*).

If you have a family member, or love one that you would like to add to this list, please let the church know.

Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

----Thank you----



A HUGE thank you to the youth and everyone who helped with the Easter Baskets/Goodies for the kids.

Thanks to the Culdee's Presbyterian Mens Club for providing a wonderful Easter Sunrise Service Breakfast. The food was delicious. We appreciate all that you do!

♪♪ Thanks to Gail Meeks and our Choir for providing us each Sunday with your God given talent. You help make our Worship Service Special. ♪♪ Psalm 105:2 ² Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Thank you Pastor Joe for being our Pastor and our Preacher. You have made a difference at Culdee Presbyterian Church and we are so Thankful for you and your family.



1 Corinthians 1:4 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus.

CULDEE QUILTERS

Quilt, Pray, Love --- Our quilters have been busy making lap quilts, big quilts to raffle for Harvest Festival and Haiti, Altar Cloths, and a Cancer Ribbon Wall Hanging.



Great job ladies! -- Thank You

