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The Culdee Connection

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2018 SESSION

Moderator

Rev. David Hudson

June Stewart...Clerk of Session

Class of 2018

Elaina Aponte...Christian Education
Robin McKenzie...Congregational Care
Mark Seawell...Outreach
Don Williamson...Outreach

Class of 2019

Ryan Bailey...Building and Grounds
Jim Dalton...Finance
Amber Clayton...Christian Education
Janie Taylor...Worship

Class of 2020

Mark Cole...Finance
Johnie Marion...Worship
Rick Mathews...Building and Grounds
Karon McKenzie...Congregational Care



VBS 2018

If You plan it....they will come.....Thank you Patti Burke for all of the vision you had for us this year. It was a wonderful ride! Every night began an adventure with Capt' Johnie aka. Johnie Marion and Romper the Otter aka. Mike Marion. They excited the kids with their stories of adventure on the rocky river. They had weather reports from "Windy Storm" aka. Amber Clayton who blew in when the kids called for her where she reported on the rocky weather the rafters were in for on their nightly journey. After the weather reports we were dancing and singing to some real catchy river tunes.

On Saturday June 10th the fellowship hall was transformed into a "Rolling River Rampage". It was complete with 15 foot trees, Kayaks, rolling waters, mountains, and lots more. It was a beautiful job created by Amber Clayton.

It was a wonderful, exciting time for the many participants of the "Rolling River Rampage" VBS. We averaged 130 every night with a record 150 in attendance on Monday night. The rafters were thrilled with all of the activities. Each class of rafters were guided through 4 different stations each night including Crafts, Science, recreation, and storytelling. The ages of rafters ranged from 18 months to 88 years old. Every age enjoyed all of the activities.

There were 25 youth helping "Granny Janie" aka Janie Taylor with Bible story time, acting out disciples, Jesus, and other Bible characters. The youth also helped in the science room and with recreation. "Daryl's Barrels" was a huge success! The only thing that stopped the train was a storm on Wednesday night....but as soon as the rain ceased....the whistle blew and the train was up and running. The rafters also enjoyed a bouncy house on the front lawn Wednesday and Thursday night. The rafters were treated to a light dinner each night. What a TREAT! We had gummy frogs and teddy grahams with smores as extra fun stuff. It was never a dull moment in the kitchen. Big Kuddos for the Womens circles for providing the meals for this event. What a blessing for everyone! It was delicious! On Thursday night the men of the church cooked hot dogs for the rafters and all of their families.

The session room was transformed into "Granny Janie's" Bible Story time. It was a journey back in time, where rafters could not only hear the story but they could see it acted out in period costuming with live actors (thank you Culdee Youth). Each story came alive right before your eyes. It was magical! The rafters were totally engaged and hanging on each word.

The Science room was very interesting for the rafters. "Dr." Tim Howle and all of his helpers amazed the rafters with experiments every night. There were lots of oooohs and ahhhhs coming from the Science room. Only "Dr." Tim could make snowballs when it's 102 degrees outside. Outstanding jobs guys!

The crafts were spectacular! The rafters enjoyed creating a different craft every night. They had beautiful things to take home and share with their families.

A Big Culdee thank you for everyone who participated in the "Rolling River Rampage". It was successful beyond our wildest dreams. What a blessing! Thank you everyone for everything you did to make it a success.

OUR CULDEE HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE 2018 GRADUATES
INCLUDES FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF CULDEE CHURCH MEMBERS!

Aemon Barber	Pinecrest High School
Emily Craven	Union Pines High School
Allison Lane Furr	Homeschooled/New Covenant School, Hickory, NC.
Kacie Horne	North Moore High School
Austin Howle	Pine Forrest High School
Fayetteville, NC	
Kaitlyn Spencer McKenzie	Ash County High School
Bethany Palmerton	Carter High School,
Winston Salem, NC	
Brent Thomas	Lee Christian
Kristin Lilly	Sandhills Community College
Reece Parsons	Montgomery Community College
Ethan Horne	Sandhills Community College

OUR DORIS MOORE RECIPIENTS

Josh Carrico
Taylor Seawell

SPECIAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON JULY 29TH

On Sunday July 29th, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, we will enjoy an afternoon of BINGO and ICE CREAM!
Please mark your calendars now and plan to come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship and
of course “something good to eat”!

FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone for the continuing encouragement and prayers as our search for an Interim continues. At this time, we do have Jim Morgan beginning on September 2 as a Stated Supply Pastor. According to policy from the Presbytery, he has not taken the Interim training courses, so he cannot be approved in an interim position.

Our Ministry Information Form (MIF) is activated on the Church Leadership Conference (CLC) website and we are receiving applications through their computer matching service, as well as self-referrals. We have interviewed other candidates and have additional Pastor Information Forms (PIFs) to review.

We will continue to work within the Presbyterian guidelines as we prayerfully seek the Interim God has prepared for us.

We know that we are working in His time frame, not ours.

Culdee Financial Ministry Report for June 2018

Highlights of the April Finance Report are:

The balance in the checking account as of May 31, 2018 was \$41,598.89.

Restricted Funds contained \$265,254.50 with interest being \$827.55 year to date.

The Vanguard investments contained \$79,960.39 with total gain being \$3,169.81 since inception.

Monthly expenditures were \$7,317.91 under budget in May

Income for the month was \$352.65 under budget.

Total expenses for the year are \$32,850.23 under budget.

Our year to date income as of May 31, 2018 is \$14,553.31 short of budgeted.

As of May 31, 2018, we have 5.76 months of total reserves monies for emergency situations, vs the reserves goal set by the Session of 6 months.

The Finance Committee continues to diligently and prayerfully seek to balance the fiduciary responsibilities mandated to them with the valid concerns of stakeholders. Of preeminent concern will always be the safety of funds.

Many thanks,

Jim Dalton

Brief Notes from the Stated Session Meeting of June 10, 2018

The meeting was held in Room A of the Fellowship Hall building with a quorum of Elders in attendance.

Moderator: Rev. David Hudson

Opening Devotion and Prayer: Robin McKenzie, Elder of the Month

Clerk's Report: Active Membership Roll is 277.

Stated Session meeting of May 17, 2018 were approved with corrections.

Unfinished Business:

- Janie Taylor gave a report from the Interim Pastor Committee.
- The Stated Session Meeting was temporarily suspended and a Board of Trustees meeting was convened. Karon McKenzie was approved as President and Mark Cole as Treasurer. That being the only business to be conducted, the Board of Trustee meeting was adjourned and the Stated Session meeting was reconvened.

New Business:

- Janie Taylor gave a brief report on the West Community Gathering that she attended as Elder Representative on June 9, 2018.

Reports were received from all the Session Ministries.

All Session approved minutes for each 2018 Stated Session, Called Session, or Congregational meetings may be found in a notebook in the Ladies Parlor.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Doug Sullivan	01	Kent Black	11	Tom Gribben	22
Benjamin Whitesell	02	Beverly Dunlop	11	Blair Moricle	24
Cooper Cox	03	Tim Adams	12	Wesley Cole	24
Rhonda Ritter	03	LeAnne Waschsen	13	Stuart Fields	24
Karen McKenzie	04	Jewell Vest	14	Mandy Dennis	26
Anna Rae Kemp	04	Anne Ferguson	14	Judy McKenzie	27
Elise Palmerton	05	Pierson Tolbert	17	Pauline Ballard	27
Sharon Moon	08	Rhonda Whitesell	18	Bill Bailey	30
Larry Black	08	Ashley Blue	21	Connie Marion	31
Mitch Cox	11	Owen Whitesell	22	Dannie Jackson	31



*"Rolling River Rampage"
VBS pictures*





