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## JANUARY WORSHIP INFORMATION

### **JANUARY 3, 2016**

Ephesians 3:1-12

“It Is Now Revealed”

### **JANUARY 10, 2016**

Philippians 2:5-11

“The Incarnation of Jesus”

### **JANUARY 17, 2016**

Luke 2:21-35

“The Infancy Jesus”

### **JANUARY 24, 2016**

Matthew 3:13-17

“The Baptism of Jesus”

### **JANUARY 31, 2016**

John 7:10-18

“The Mission of Jesus”

CD's of the worship service are available on the table outside the office, or by contacting the church office.

## *From the Pastor's Desk...*

**January Sermons:** I suspect that just about everyone gets excited about Christmas...with all the gifts, parties, and time with family. And, of course, there is the most important thing of all...celebrating the birth of God's Son, Jesus Christ. The season of Advent gives us the opportunity to examine, and reflect on, the significance of Jesus' birth as well as his promised return. Now that we are entering January, I want us to take a few weeks and explore just what this birth means. For most of January we will be examining the incarnation of Jesus...his life on earth and how various events in his life impact and shape us. I encourage you to spend some time during each week reading, and on, the scripture passages for the coming Sunday's sermon.

**New Year's Resolutions:** One tradition that many people participate in as a part of the New Year's celebration is the making of New Year's Resolution. A resolution is defined as "a firm decision to do or not to do something." As we enter this new year I want to encourage you to consider a couple of New Year's Resolutions:

- Please prayerfully consider your support for the church in the coming year. This support can be in many different forms:
  - Time and commitment as a church volunteer;
  - Participation and attendance in worship, Sunday School, Bible Study, etc...
  - Financial support. And if your circumstances allow, please prayerfully consider increasing your financial support of the churches budget;
  - If you have not already picked yours up, remember that offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex of the sanctuary.
- Please be intentional about praying for the church, the staff, and the various ministries and programs we are involved with.

**Wednesday Night JAM/Recharge Bible Study:** This past fall we launched a revamped Wednesday night program....Wednesday Night JAM! JAM stands for "Jesus And Me" and is a program for the whole church family. We begin with a lite dinner beginning at 5:30. All programs and activities being at 6:00. Recharge Bible Study for adults meets in the Fellowship Hall; the Youth Bible Study meets in the Youth Sunday School room; and the elementary age children have music and a Bible lesson. We had a great fall and look forward to kicking off the new year.

Wednesday Night JAM will kick off once again on Wednesday, January 13. We look forward to your being with us!

**Newsletter Format:** Just a reminder that our Newsletter is available in two different formats: print and electronically. If you are one of those people who would prefer to receive your newsletter electronically please contact the church office (910-295-6685) and we will be happy to send you your newsletter as a PDF attachment in an e-mail rather than through the postal service.

Pastor Joe

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO COLE BULLARD!

Boy Scout Troop 449 honored Cole Bullard, 17, at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Tuesday, December 1, 2015, at 7:00pm in the sanctuary of New Hope Presbyterian Church in Orange County, North Carolina. Bullard is the son of Scott and Shannon Bullard of Eastwood and Lisa Herman of Chapel Hill. Also, he is the grandson of Paul and Patricia Bullard of Eastwood and of Ed and Nancy Herman of Southern Pines.

Only two percent of Scouts attain the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America. An Eagle Scout must have completed at least 21 merit badges and organized a service project that benefits his church, community, or school. Bullard led a crew that restored the fire pit benches at New Hope Camp and Conference Center operated by New Hope Presbyterian Church, the Troop 449 sponsor for more than fifty years.

Bullard began scouting as a member of Cub Scout Pack 438-Hillborough and earned their highest award, the Arrow of Light. He advanced to Troop 449-Chapel Hill and Hillsborough of the Shakori District of the Occoneechee Council. Bullard is also a member of the Order of the Arrow Occoneechee Lodge 104-Saponi Chapter.

Bullard, a junior at Cedar Ridge High School in Hillsborough, has been active in lacrosse, football and swimming. He is currently a starting defenseman on the Carolina Cannons Lacrosse Club travel program high school elite team and intends to play college lacrosse in the future.



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** If you have items you would like to submit for the Newsletter, please have them into the office by January 22. You may drop items off in the office or submit them electronically via e-mail at [Culdee@embarqmail.com](mailto:Culdee@embarqmail.com). Thank you.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Dan Johnson	03
Virginia Elder	04
Crystal Cox	04
Cody Thompson	05
Wyatt Bullard	06
Nelson Pusser	07
James McKenzie	08
Tony Cox	09
Edmund Valitutto	11
Josh Halverstadt	12
Hal Meeks	13
Lisa Patterson	13
Dianne VanWinkle	14
Catherine Sears	14
Clara Bailey	16
Jason Cole	17
John Blue	18
Randy Cox	18
Tori Lea	19
Cole Lea	19
Tyler Prince	20
Phillip Marion	21
Caleb Marion	22
Mason Cox	24
Derek Stewart	26
Breese Lilly	26
Florence Clapp	27
Matthew Clayton	29
Gretchen Carlyle	30

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The *Doris Moore Scholarship applications* are available for pick up on the table outside the office door. This scholarship has been established in memory of our own Doris Moore who was a missionary in Zaire for 20 years as an educational Evangelistic Missionary. A picture of "Dot" hangs in the narthex. These applications are for active members of Culdee, or for dependent children of active members. More about Doris can be read on a page attached to the application. **Please have these back to the office by April 28, 2016.**

## SERMONS & BIBLE STUDIES

Visit [www.timewithpj.blogspot.com](http://www.timewithpj.blogspot.com) for recordings of sermons, and Bible Studies, that you can listen to on-line or download to your computer to listen to later.

## PASTOR APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

On Sunday, January 17, following the morning worship service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Pastor Appreciation Covered Dish Luncheon. It will mark the beginning of Pastor Joe's fifth year of serving GOD here at Culdee.

Come and bring a friend! It will be a wonderful opportunity for good fellowship and food as we celebrate with Pastor Joe, Angela, Hannah, and Jacob!

Cards are welcome; some extras will be available on the table, should they be needed.



## FINANCE MINISTRY NEWS

The Culdee 2016 Budget was presented for information and the "Pastor Terms of Call for 2016" was approved by the congregation at the Sunday service on December 13, 2015. I would like to share how this process evolved.

We are very blessed to have the following members from our congregation volunteering their time: Tim Lea, Danny Aldridge, Bob Beddingfield, Jene Bowen, Lionel Bryson, Art McKenzie, Mark Thompson, Jim Dalton, Ann Savage, Jim Stewart and Pastor Joe Washburn. These individuals met monthly and reviewed the trends of the church's expenses and income. Most of these individuals bring an extensive background in finance while some of us have worked with budgets to a lesser degree in the past. As stated by Mark Thompson in last month's newsletter, The Finance Ministry has a very challenging task to come up with recommendations to keep our church on solid financial ground while looking to the future. As any of you that have budgeted, expenses and income vary year to year and it will continue to be challenging.

It has been very encouraging to see the increase in new members recently which indicates positive growth. We must continue this growth to keep our church viable. As the Finance Ministry, we realize that it is not in just the number of members of our congregation that is important but, also, how we handle our finances. The Finance Ministry can only make recommendations with the Session making the final decision on any proposed action. This is how the budget was created and then presented to the congregation for the final vote.

The Endowment Fund Committee has invested the funds below very conservatively while emphasizing these funds are very liquid:

- The Church CD and the Doris Moore Scholarship Fund were invested in Vanguard Treasuries.
- The contributions, designated for paving the parking lot area, were invested in the Vanguard Wellington Fund.
- The Harvest Festival monies were invested in the Vanguard Wellesley Fund.

This approach will provide a better return on monies than received previously for church investments.

Other items that have been reviewed this year are:

- 2014 church audit.
- Termite and Pest Control Contracts
- New HVAC service Contracts
- The fire alarm system.
- Re-paving of the church and cemetery roads.
- Implementation of Intuit Quick Books Pro Financial Software which will go live on January 1, 2016. Changes can be made to this accounting system as needed.
- Negotiation of new insurance policies to insure we have the best coverage for the money.
- North Carolina Sales Tax rebates recovery (thanks to Ann Savage)
- Upgrade to the church internet WI-FI.
- A bank safety deposit box was created off site for legal documents at no charge.

It has been a busy year for The Finance Ministry and it does not end after the budget was approved. We will meet monthly to review any changes and make recommendations as needed. Our goal is to keep the congregation informed and welcome any comments from members. Our meetings are open to any member of the congregation.

Bob Beddingfield, Finance Ministry

# January 2016

January 2016							February 2016						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21	22	23	24	25	26	
31							28	29				27	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 16	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Finance Ministry	9:00am Knitting	6:30pm Circle 3 Nancy Howle 6:30pm Handbells 7:00pm Circle 1, Church	10:00am Day Circle 7:00pm Choir Practice	9:00am Quilting 12:00pm Men Of God 7:00pm Circle 2 Church		2:00pm Baby Girl Shower for Celeste Marino
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