

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

DUTIES: **Nursery:** Circle 2 **Flowers:** Circle 1

On March 17, we will be having "Local Mission" with a covered dish lunch after worship. A basket will be placed in the fellowship to place your donations. Our guest speaker will be Makenzie Bryson. She is the granddaughter of Linda and Lionel Bryson. Makenzie lives in Raleigh, and is a student at NCSU majoring in Food Science. Makenzie traveled to Burundi, Africa last year for 3 ½ months helping missionaries at their compound. She has many interesting stories, and pictures to share with us. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay.

On the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, is a thank you note from Church World Service for the hygiene kits from Culdee. A special thanks to June Steward for keeping this mission going each month. With all the recent disaster, Sandy and the recent blizzard, these kits help a lot of people, and are greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to Peggy Gibb's for the outstanding job with Blanket Plus. As always, Culdee is very generous in lending a helping hand to those in need. We all should be thankful that we are part of a caring church family, reaching out to help those in need.

The women's Spring Gathering is April 6 at Rose Hill Presbyterian Church, in Rose Hill, N. C. If anyone would like to go, please let me know, and if we have enough, we will take the van, if not you can ride with me.

PW Moderator

Jewell Vest,

BLANKET PLUS PROJECT

Thank you, church family for your wonderful cooperation and support of the **Blanket Plus Program** for 2013. You were so willing to help spread the information from *Church World Service*. I appreciate your time spent in reading the mission moments, and inserts in the bulletins throughout the month. I appreciate your attentiveness in listening as we shared so many worldwide problems and needs. All of us are grateful we were able to contribute \$2,515.00.

We are maintaining our banner church standing. More important than that, however, is the fact that our gifts will purchase more blankets, hoes, seeds, and wells for those who still are without. This is what it is all about, isn't it? Thanks, again!

Peggy Gibbs
Blanket Plus Chair

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be having an Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24, following the morning worship service for children through third grade. We will have a special event during Children's Church on this Sunday. Be sure to bring your Easter basket.

We are asking, if you can, to please bring wrapped candy donations to the church for the Easter egg hunt by March 17th. You may drop these off in the marked box in the sunroom. Thanks!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

The Christian Education Committee is continually planning and preparing for our Sunday School, Children's Church, and special events. If you are interested in the spiritual growth of our members, and/or have any new ideas we invite you to join us. We normally meet the last Sunday of each month.

Bible School is not far away, and lots of teachers, and assistants will be needed for this important week. It's not too early to let us know if you'll be willing to help.

Contact me at 673-7190 or 690-2624. God Bless and keep us in your prayers.

Larry Furr, Chairman

YOUTH NEWS

Another month has flown by. The youth have been extremely busy during February. We went ice skating, many of us for the first time. We shared lots of laughs out on the ice. The youth also had a lock-in here at the church to make preparations for the "souper" bowl lunch. It is never surprising that when we have a common goal, and vision, how we learn to work together. The youth would like to give a very special thank you to Sharon Cuff, and Carolyn Smith for helping us to prepare this meal.

On February 16th, the youth held a steak and chicken Valentines Banquet. The attendance was over, and beyond all expectations, especially due to the beautiful snow fall that blanketed the ground. We added a 50/50 drawing to the event this year. The youth gives a special thank you to Dana McKenzie for his donation of the 50/50 drawing winnings. We are so blessed to have an enormous volunteer force that always help to nurture and support our youth program here at Culdee. On this particular event, we had many new faces helping support us. Thank you.

Michelle and I give all praise to the Lord for blessing us in this ministry. There are many joys associated with this responsibility. It is especially heart warming and rewarding to watch each of the youth members continually mature and grow in their personal walk with the our Savior.

As always, we ask the congregation to cover us, the youth, their families and Culdee with prayer.

In Christ,
Mark and Michelle

CEMETERY COMMITTEE NEWS

Many of our loved ones buried in the cemetery did not have grave markers. We identified the graves from our Cemetery records, and had stones made, and placed on the graves.

To prepare for the Easter weekend, please remove all Christmas arrangements by March 16th. After that date, the committee will remove any remaining arrangements.

Please make sure you secure your beautiful spring arrangements on the grave. "It gets mighty windy up in the cemetery".

Thank you for your help in keeping Culdee's cemetery beautiful.

The Cemetery Committee

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

March 17th has been set aside for our "Mission" Sunday. We will have a baked spaghetti luncheon following the worship hour, and Makenzie Bryson, Lionel and Linda's granddaughter, will be sharing with us her trip to Africa last summer. Please see the sign-up sheets posted on the bulletin board and in the kitchen to help with baked spaghetti and desserts.

Janie Taylor, Chair

DORIS MOORE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The *Doris Moore Memorial Scholarship* benefits Culdee's active members, and dependent children of active members. Special offerings for this scholarship are taken in June and December. The applications are available now for pickup on the table outside the office. The deadline for returning them is April 30th. Contributions for this scholarship (in memory/honor of loved ones, etc) are welcomed throughout the year.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

				Chad Smith	22
Carson Dennis	01	Leigh McKenzie	12	Bailey Blue	22
Lydia Craven	02	Debby Fields	12	Greg Bohlander	23
Carolyn Smith	03	Morgan Jackson	13	Erica Tolbert	24
Parker McKenzie	03	Mitchell Whitesell	14	Debbie Halverstadt	24
McKenzie Cox	03	LeAnn Bailey	15	Scott Bullard	28
Haley Dick (Cuff)	04	Mary Ruth Whitaker	16	Beverly Furr	28
Vickie Blue	05	Sylvia Balboni	17	Gerri Abrahamsen	28
Amber Clayton	06	Carter Cuff	18	Georgia Blue	29
Steve Cox	07	Evelyn Caddell	19	Payton Savage	30
Ruth Fowler	09	Addie Bailey	20	Scotty Pate	30
Cathy McKenzie	10	Natalie Cox	21	Jonathan Craven	31
Carolyn McKenzie	12	Noreen Oakman	21	Riley Seawell	31

Getting to know our Church Family Featuring “Louise Blue”



Louise Muse Blue joined Culdee upon her marriage to Sam Blue in 1948. Previously a Methodist, Louise jumped right into service teaching Bible school and Sunday school, becoming a member of the Presbyterian Women, and serving as a Deacon and Elder. Vowing to her father, who was a farmer, that she would “never” marry a farmer, Louise quit her job as a secretary to work alongside her husband on the farm for over 40 years. Her time, when not farming, was spent volunteering in her community, supporting her three children in their school work, athletic events and extra-curricular activities, traveling with Sam and genealogy research on both the Muse and Blue families.

Now retired, Louise lives in the River Daniel Blue house owned by the Blues since 1804. Living with her are her **seven cats**: Miss Prissy, Little Blue, Puff Bunny, Stripes, Fluffy Tail, Blackie, and her newest addition, TaTa. These “family” members keep her busy as she tries to keep up with their whereabouts, who’s been fed, who knocked what off the shelf, etc. Thank goodness all of her children (Mary Ruth Whitaker, Patti Burke and John Blue) live close by and lend her a helping hand. Two special friends, Jill Black (also a member of Culdee) and Linda Whitman, help Louise with her cooking, housekeeping and pet sitting.

Not as active as she once was, Louise now enjoys visits from family and friends, reading the newspaper, receiving telephone calls and watching the news on T.V. She loves reading each Sunday’s bulletin, the newsletters and looks over the prayer list daily. She says she can no longer attend or serve, **but she can still pray.**



ELDER OF MONTH FOR MARCH – 2013

John Samuel Blue, Jr.

I have been at Culdee all my life, and was one of the first babies baptized in the new sanctuary. My parents, Sam and Louise Blue, have been active members for many, many years and loved Culdee. Dad passed away in June, 2006. Mom lives in the River Daniel house behind our house. She still loves the Culdee family, but is not able to attend church like she wishes.

I farmed with my dad until he retired. He shared a lot of farming experience with me, and still I miss that fountain of knowledge to help me in making decisions. I am the sixth generation to farm **Highlanders Farm**. I grow tobacco, strawberries, and various seasonal produce. During the last five years, I have tried to expand the farm into different avenues. We opened the produce stand on Highway 22 and began making homemade ice cream. I am also one of the growers for the Farm 2 Table Coop. I am experimenting with greenhouse production of tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers.

My wife, Vickie has taught kindergarten for 27 years. She now teaches in Lee County. Our son, Samuel is in the sixth grade at New Century. Samuel enjoys all sports and like to play football and basketball. Samuel is a big help on the farm.

I have two sisters; Mary Ruth who is married to Russell Whitaker and Patti is married to Wally Burke and they both are active in church. Mary Ruth and Patti are busy taking care of Mom these days. They do such a good job!

One funny memory I have from my younger years is related to Culdee. One day, Mr. Fitch

(one of Culdee's former pastors) came to visit us. I was in the backyard playing and I saw him pull up. I ran in the house to tell mom that "Jesus was out there". She looked funny and went to take a look. Til this day, I think Jesus might still drive a Buick.

My hope for Culdee's future is that our church family will prayerfully seek God's will and direction in being a light in our community as well as reaching out to other communities. I hope Culdee will continue to grow, not only in numbers, but also as a family in Christ.

A Bible verse that means a lot to me is **1 Corinthians 3:6** -- "I planted the seed. Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow."

A note from Samuel Blue

Culdee is a really special place to me. It is where my family has gone to church for many years. One of my favorite things about Culdee is the Harvest festival. I really like how everyone does something to make the whole thing come together. Another one of my favorite things about Culdee is our youth group. We have lots of fun doing work for the church and God. We really enjoy being together. Culdee is a really special place to me.

Samuel Blue

Important Stuff

*Every Sunday flowers grace our sanctuary. They are placed there to the glory of God and in honor or memory of loved ones. We have **A LOT** of **openings** on the 2013 flower calendar. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary one of the opening dates, please call the church office at (910) 295-6685. If you live out of the county, state and would like to put flowers in honor or memory of a love one, please contact the church office to check available dates.*

We have books available in the Church Office (Library) for you to check in/out. If you have any books that you would like to donate to the church, please bring by the office. We would love to receive more Christian type books for our Library collection.

Prayer Chain List (Who to Call)

The prayer chain strives to unite a number of voices, quietly raised to God on behalf of the needs of others and envisioning them in the light of God's caring love.

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

<u>Chain 1</u>	<u>Chain 2</u>
<u>Name :</u>	<u>Name :</u>
<u>Phone:</u>	<u>Phone:</u>
Ellen Black	Gussie Marion
295-3935	947-5189
Lillie Cagle	Becky Bowen
947-5101	949-3013
Deelie Whitesell	Betty Lois Frye
947-3866 Faye Ritter	947-5637
944-7919	Linda Bryson
Beverly Furr	673-0887
673-7190	Pearl Frye
Virginia Elder	947-5604
215-0718	June Stewart
Carolyn Lea	673-1839
295-2718	

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.



Remembering our Church Family in Military Service

Chris Wilcox
Ronald Bowen
Evan Rivas
Jared & Erin Rivas
Tony Cox
Skip Holman
Heather Hess

OUR CHURCH FAMILY @ OTHER FACILITIES

Pat Bullard - St. Joseph of Pines – Room 57
103 Gossman Dr., Southern Pines, NC 28387

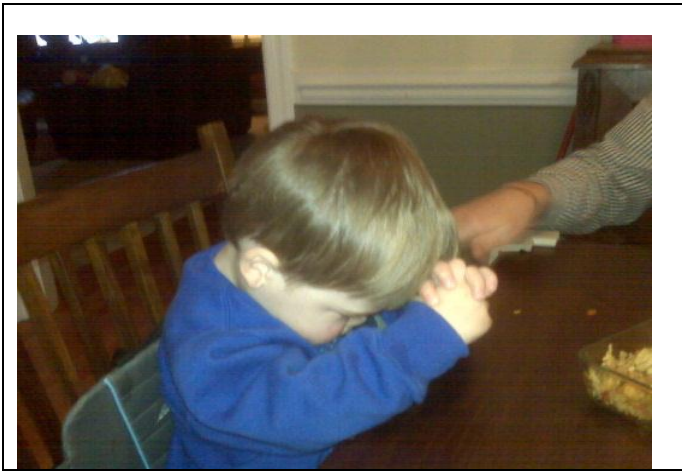
Helen Wright - Carillon Assisted
Living of Newton, 1088 Radio Station
Road, Newton, NC 28658

Willie Martin – Elmcoft Senior Living, 101
Brucewood Rd, Room 205, Southern Pines,
NC 28387

Neil Melvin - St. Joseph of Pines – Room
853A , 103 Gossman Dr., Southern Pines

NC 28387

Corey M. Curlee - praying (1 ½ yrs. old)



Melba Vest – Tara Planation, Room
A113,
820 S McNeill St., Carthage, NC
28327

Mattie Swain – 12316 Vince Drive
Doylestown, Ohio 44230

Mark 9:23²³ And Jesus said to him, **“If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.”**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

“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

Send a



card or

Visit , Call

note , take food

Prayer needs in our church family

unable to be with us – Louise Blue, Gussie Marion, Betty Stubbs, Pete & Pat Bullard, Florence Clapp, Jane Hodge, Oscar & Ruth Fowler, John Keister, Allie Blue, Betty Melvin, Richard & Vivian Blue, Evelyn Caddell, Melba McKenzie, Harold Clayton, Lisa Huffines, Helen Wright, Willie Martin, Neil Melvin, Melba Vest, Mattie Swain, Bob Moore and there are others church family in need of our prayers.

– Members at home

Friends, Families of our Church Members – John Thompson (*Martha Matthews Father*) @ Tara Plantation, Room 143A, 850 S McNeill Street, Carthage, NC 28327; **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), **"Baby Levi"** (Carolyn & Jimmy Lea's Great Grand Baby), **Joe Pusser** (Nelson's Father).

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

Thank You Notes

We have received notes from.....

Dear Friends at Culdee,

Thanks you for all the cards, calls and prayers during Strad's Hospitalization and at our loss. He loved Culdee and its people with all his heart.

God bless you all.

Jean Snively

Culdee Presbyterian Church

Thank you so much for the Memorial gift made to FUMC in memory of Larry.

It was greatly appreciated

The Family of Larry W. Moon
(Carolyn McKenzie's Brother)

Culdee Presbyterian Church

Thank you for the memorial gift made to
Union Presbyterian Church in memory of
Mark Wadsworth.

Union Presbyterian Church
(Mitzi McKenzie's Brother)

“What has Chris Bobo been up to since retiring?”

I have been asked to let you know what I have been up to since I retired in January of 2010. It seems like a long time when I see it written like that, but not so long in my heart, probably because I have thought of you all so much since leaving Culdee. It has been great being able to worship with you the last couple of months. Of course, I have been able to preach at a number of different churches in these past three years in several different counties, but not a one has the feeling of warmth that Culdee has. Most of 2010 had me involved with a Presbytery Commission trying to help one of our churches through a very difficult time in their history.

Most of you know that throughout my life I have been involved in building full size homebuilt airplanes, and during my time there with you some of you got to see three of them. I'll never forget flying the first one that I finished in the manse basement quite low over the Church during the Harvest Festival auction. Since it was in my blood, it wasn't long after retiring that I got started on my fifth plane...actually not mine but I helped a friend in Candor build an all metal, two person, 140 MPH plane. He called me his “Chief Engineer” and after working at least two full days a week for over two years, the plane had its first flight about a month ago. I think that will be my last full sized plane, but I still enjoy building and flying the Radio Controlled planes which don't involve such a long commitment. Several good friends and I fly almost every Sunday afternoon and more often at a beautiful private flying field in Candor.

Lauren and I love our little house here in Seven Lakes, and I guess we have it just about the way we want it now. She has done wonderful things with beautiful plantings all over the property and I've added a few touches inside. I'm still an avid reader, thanks to the “Kindle” the church gave me one year. I also enjoy working in my shop, but unfortunately Lauren has not been able to keep up with her painting. She has dealt with a number of health problems, especially in the last year and a half. She has just this month recovered from the fall in November which put her in a third world hospital and stranded us both on a little island called Curacao in the Caribbean for five days. We appreciate so much those of you who were praying for us. (They worked good 'cause we're home and well again...Praise God!)

Our five kids are still scattered around the East coast, and we now have five grandchildren. We just found out yesterday that Ryan, our middle pilot son, has just returned from a one year deployment with the Navy in parts unknown. Because of the distances and Lauren's health, Lauren and I don't get to travel much, and don't see the kids much. But Lauren and I do love being with each other.

And we love being with you all again, Chris