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MAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

MAY 3, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Sermon: "Set Free to Live"

MAY 10, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Luke 22:24-27

Sermon: "Set Free to Serve"

MAY 17, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Sermon: "Set Free to Transform the World"

MAY 24, 2015

Scripture Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Sermon: "Stop the Rattles!"

MAY 31, 2015

Scripture Lessons: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Sermon: "The 5 Solas: Sola Scriptura"

CD's of the worship service are available on the table outside the office
or by calling/e-mailing the church office.

From the Pastor's Desk...

- Every day every single one of us faces a variety of decisions. Some of these decisions are life changing and some are rather routine and mundane. When I graduated seminary there were several decisions I faced as I prepared to begin my first pastorate. At the forefront of these decisions was that I don't believe in keeping secrets... which means I seek to be pretty open about what I feel and think, when I've lost my train of thought while preaching, if I'm dizzy during worship, or what my opinion is on a whole host of topics.

Over this past month I spent several days dealing with some rumors that I feel need addressing so as to prevent them from becoming a distraction with the life and ministry of Culdee Presbyterian Church. When I have been asked about these directly by people I have sought to set the record straight. Given the nature of the rumors I have also had conversations with the chair of the West Community Committee on Ministry as well as appropriate staff at the Presbytery Office. It seems that rather than hoping these rumors quietly go away, it is best to address them directly with you so we can dispense of them so we may focus on our ministry.

The first rumor is that we, Culdee Presbyterian Church, are considering leaving the denomination. While we as a Session have expressed our displeasure with actions of the last General Assembly and made policy decisions in response to those actions, we have also been clear in stating that we have no desire...NO INTENTION...of taking steps to leave the denomination. I first heard this rumor last fall and hoped that it had faded into the background, but please know that all discussions in this matter within the Session have been clear that leaving is not an option we are considering.

The second rumor is a little more personal. It seems that some believe I have plans to leave Culdee and launch a new church in town...some even suggesting that I plan to use the REACH Service as the core of this new church. This is a baseless rumor. I still very much feel God's call to Culdee Presbyterian Church.

Now, do I disagree with some things within our denomination? Sure...that is no secret. I've sought to share those in appropriate ways with you as well as with folks on the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery staff. But my one desire is the same as when I accepted the call to come to Culdee...to proclaim and teach the Word of God and to walk together in the ways God leads us in our community and throughout the world.

Over the history of Culdee Presbyterian Church God has faithfully guided us...we have a history of ministry and witness that we should be proud of. And like the early founders of Culdee we continue to pray for God's guidance in our ministry today.

- Pastor Joe

Praying for Visitors: I want to share with you some thoughts from an article I recently read by Chris Walker. The article is entitled "10 Ways to Pray for Inviting Visitors to Church" and is found at www.evangelismcoach.org. Here are 10 very practical ways of praying to help you invite someone to church with you...

1. Pray for your potential Guests
2. Pray for the opportunity to arise to invite them to Church
3. Pray for awareness of their need
4. Pray for awareness of the opportunity
5. Pray for the courage to invite them to church.
6. Pray for favor that they would accept the invitation.
7. Pray they would follow through and come.
8. Pray that your church would welcome them.
9. Pray that the message and worship would be awe-inspiring
10. Pray that they would hear the message and grow one step closer to God.



Culdee Hosts Coastal Carolina Presbytery Meeting on June 11

On Thursday, June 11, 2015, Coastal Carolina Presbytery will hold its meeting here at Culdee. Beginning with registration and light refreshments at 8:30, through the catered lunch (Jordan's BBQ), until the meeting adjourns in the middle of the afternoon, such a big undertaking (250-300+ attendees) will provide lots of areas where you can volunteer! Beginning on May 10, sign-up sheets will be posted so you can select the area(s) where you are willing to serve. Below are the major areas that we ask you to prayerfully consider.

Set up- and Take Down:

(Tuesday/Wednesday, 9th or 10th and Thursday/ Friday, 11th or 12th)

Parking:

Registration:

We will have two tables (4 people) to register ministers; two tables (4 people) To register Elder Commissioners; 1 table (2 people) to register visitors; 1 table (1 person) to handle the meal tickets. Someone from the Presbytery will instruct the volunteers before registration begins.

Kitchen:

Light refreshments, coffee, juice, water (before the meeting begins)

Child Care:

Presbytery reports the number is usually 5 children or less.

Greeters:

Individuals to be stationed at various places in the fellowship hall and sanctuary to answer questions and give directions to attendees.

Ushers:

Seat attendees in the sanctuary for the meeting/worship service and take up the offering.

Pastor Sidor and Lilian, from Haiti, Visit Culdee

What a blessing we all were given when Pastor Sidor and his wife Lilian came to visit on March 21st. Moore County missionary, Jennifer Reynolds, that works alongside Pastor Sidor in Haiti was present, too. Also joining us for fellowship with Pastor Sidor were friends from 12 area churches within Moore County. God is working mightily in and through Pastor Sidor's ministry, Lahai-Roi, which means, You are the Living God who sees me.(Genesis 16:13). Pastor Sidor works with 155 students at the school, Lahai-Roi-DePiatre, and three churches in the surrounding area of Montrouis, Haiti. The five main goals of this ministry are the following:

1. Lifting up the name of our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Feeding the hungry
3. Reducing illiteracy through education
4. Giving hope to the hopeless
5. Making an eternal difference for HIS Kingdom



Special thanks to the many hands that provided desserts, music, technology assistance, set up, and clean up for the afternoon. Thanks also to Ted Jordan of Jordan Catering for donating our delicious meal.

Pastor Sidor asked us to keep him, Lilian, Jennifer, and the ministry in our daily prayers. If you would like to know more about the ministry please check out the website, www.haitianfolar.org.

Donations? 100% of all donated money goes directly to Pastor Sidor's ministry. All donations can be sent to "Hands International", 1477 Bullard Rd. Powder Springs, GA 30127. Tax deductible. Make checks out to Hands International and reference Pastor Sidor/Haiti in the memo line.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The Endowment Fund Committee held a dynamic and exciting quarterly meeting on March 29, 2015. Mr. Bill Eastman of Eastman Palmer & Davis Wealth Management, and also a member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, was the Committee guest speaker, and shared valuable information on operating a successful Endowment Fund.

Chairman Tim Lea opened the meeting, and members of the Committee had the opportunity to interview Mr. Eastman, and participate in a lively discussion about the vision for operating the Culdee Endowment Fund. Mr. Eastman was in the unique position to share his knowledge as a financial advisor, and also as an active participant and founder of the Endowment Fund at Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Southern Pines, a Church that has had a successful and profitable Endowment fund for over 15 years.

Mr. Eastman discussed with the Committee members that setting up the Endowment Fund with an investment firm of Culdee's choice would be relatively simple, and could be started with a small amount of funds. He also shared that most of the funding for his Church's Endowment Fund came from gifts to the Church, including testamentary gifts, and that some of the gifts were "restricted" (i.e. "to be used for Music programs). He noted all gifts were valued and appreciated, and layed out according to donor wishes. He further stated that the Brownson Church Endowment Fund successfully grew as an investment over the years, and it was used to assist with many Church programs and ministries.

Discussion also developed on ideas of how to best manage a successful Endowment Fund, and all agreed there should be a well written investment policy document for the Endowment Committee to follow for investment and managing procedures.

There was excitement in the room, as through listening about the growth and positive use of an Endowment Fund of a neighboring Church, it could be envisioned that the same success could be realized for the Culdee Endowment Fund.

The Committee members expressed dedication to continuing to serve and develop the Culdee Endowment Fund so that it would honor the Church, members of all generations, and its mission.

I personally, find the following Scripture in the Book of Joel meaningful to my small part in this endeavor:

"Tell it to your children and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation" Joel 1:3

If you have questions about giving to the Culdee Endowment Fund or its operations, please contact any of the Endowment Fund Committee Members, Teresa Cole, Jim Dalton, Cate Short Frederick, Dannie Jackson, Tim Lea, Ann Savage, Mark Thompson and Pastor Joseph Washburn who will be happy to direct you in the process.

Respectfully submitted in Christ,

Cate Short Frederick

CULDEE FINANCE MINISTRY NEWS

This article summarizes most of the items discussed at our April 5, 2015 meeting. This information is being provided to you in order to increase the communication between the Finance Ministry Team and the Congregation.

Bobby Beddingfield and Mark Thompson will evaluate potential monthly on line draft bill payment. This would eliminate some of the monthly manual bill payment process along with any future late fee and finance charges.

Jim Dalton continues to research Insurance Rates for Church Policies with the help of Stuart Fields. Due to slow response by some of the companies, his report to this Ministry should be ready for the May meeting. Current Policy expires May 24, 2015.

Conversations with the County Fire Marshall continue concerning the different uses of Church property. An escape route along with an Automatic Fire Alarm System are being investigated. Cost associated with the recommendations of the Fire Marshall are being evaluated by the Finance Ministry and the Building and Grounds Ministry. Recommendations will then be presented to the Session for consideration and potential action.

Dannie Jackson and Tim Lea met with Classical Conversations home school group on April 14 for discussions on hoping their donations to the Church will increase. Donations now average approximately \$50.00 per session of Church use. Anyone not a member of Culdee is currently being charge \$350.00 per use under Church policy. Results from this meeting are forthcoming.

The internal audit/review has been completed. The necessary documentation was made available to Sandhills Accounting firm with a report expected in the near future.

Upon further review by the Buildings and Grounds Ministry, it was decided not to pursue the combining of the internet connection for the Church and Manse. The installation of a Church wide Wi-Fi system has been approved therefore allowing for better technology access on the Church property.

Sales Tax rebates are in process. Thanks to Ann Savage, a \$1,900.00 rebate on sales taxes from the HVAC and Roofing projects has been received with another \$1,900.00 rebate being processed.

Monthly Income through Tithes and Offerings for March 2015 was \$21,081.30 which leaves a Year to Date *deficit* versus the budget of (\$4,868.25).

We would like to reiterate that members of the Congregation are always welcome at our monthly meetings.

Please feel free to contact any of the following Finance Ministry Team for clarification of any questions you may have: Tim Lea, Chairman, Danny Aldridge, Vice Chairman, Bob Beddingfield, Gene Bowen, Lionel Bryson, Jim Dalton, Dan Johnson, Art McKenzie, Jim Stewart, Ann Savage, Mark Thompson, and Pastor Joe Washburn.

Danny Aldridge, Finance Ministry

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

Greeting to all my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Man it is hard to believe that it is May already. I would just like to remind you of some upcoming events in May and to bring you up to date on some things that Congregational Care Ministry has been doing. Congregational Care hopes by doing this you may feel called to come and join us in trying to do one of the great commandments to love our neighbors as our self. Matt. 22:38-39.

We would like to remind our church family to please submit the names of all upcoming High School and College graduates into the church office by May 1st. Then on May 31st the graduates will be recognized at our 11 a.m. service, along with our brothers and sisters receiving the Doris Moore Scholarship. This is a great season in our church family to see how our youth are growing and thriving in life. And we praise and thank our Lord for what He has done and will do in their lives.

Also, we had a great turn out, hand clapping and some singalong with the Southern Ridge Bluegrass band event. Congregation Care is trying to set up different kinds of activities in the months that have 5 Sundays so we can invite our family, friends and neighbors to come join us for some fun and fellowship. So May 31st will be our second month with five Sundays. We are planning on having a movie afternoon with popcorn and drinks. The movie *Strong of Heart* (Feature Films For Families) will start at 4 p.m. and last until around 6 p.m. We hope to see you at the movies.

Congregation Care is going to buy two pie and layer cake cutters before the Harvest Festival in order to have the deserts cut more evenly. Mrs. Darlene F. Valitutto will help look over the dessert preparation, getting it ready for the Dinner. Mrs. Janie Taylor will be looking over the Auction items so if you need to put any of your gently used items in the storage trailer, please let Mrs Janie or me know and we will get the trailer doors open for you. So as you can see we are on a roll trying to get things started with the Harvest Festival along with other things. As I have mentioned, if our good Lord has laid it on your heart to help serve in this part of His ministry come to the next Congregation Care meeting on May 17 at 4 p.m. in the children's church room. May our Lord keep you safe until we meet again.

Chair: Karen F. McKenzie

BUILDING & GROUNDS

I am happy to report that the new irrigation system has been completed. We now have the capabilities to water the plant beds down both sides of the Sanctuary building, both plant beds in front of the Sanctuary, as well as the side of the Fellowship hall and the front of the Fellowship hall building. This system utilizes the water from the existing Church well that is no longer needed to service the Church buildings.

This was a team effort to bring this plan to completion. I would like to thank Mark Thompson for all the hard work he put into planning this system and all his efforts to make this happen. Thank you to Mark Cole and Rick Matthews who were very instrumental in completing the electrical wiring needed to get the system operational. Also thank you to Tim Bailey, Nelson Blue, John David Privott, and Alex Prevott for their efforts in completing the water connections and sprinkler head placement to supply each plant bed area.

Nelson Blue is already busy working his magic of installing flowers in these areas. We have further plans for more plantings to fill in these areas as time goes forward. I want to say thank you again to everyone that has had any involvement in this project.

With the upcoming Presbytery meeting scheduled to be a Culdee Church this June we are going to be busy making sure Culdee Church is ready to greet the many expected guest. I would like to ask all members of Culdee if you see or know of anything that you feel needs to be addressed to please let me or Scotty Pate know and we will add it to the Committees list.

We have quite a few plans already on the table for continuing to maintain the Church buildings and Grounds here at Culdee. We need all the help we can get. If you or anyone you know would like to be a part of this Ministry please let me know and always feel welcome to attend the Ministry Committee meetings held the last Sunday of each month at 6 pm.

Dannie Jackson, Chairman

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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



CULDEE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

On Sunday May 24, everyone is invited we will hold a service to honor our veterans. The service will begin after the 11:00 service of worship and will be held outside in front of the Veterans Monument.

If you have any questions about the cemetery, call Wade Garner 295-6990.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Remember...if you have items you would like to submit for the Newsletter you may drop items off in the office or e-mail it to Culdee@embarqmail.com. The deadline is **MAY 22!**

CULDEE PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S NEWS

Saturday May 16, from 8:00-10:30 am, we will have a Cemetery Work Day to clean up for Memorial Day Service which will be on Sunday May 24th.

- Wade Garner, President

SUNDAY, May 3 – Senior Recognition Day Luncheon. Please plan to join us for this special event. Senior, ages 60+ and their spouses are invited!

CHURCH FAMILY DAY AT THE PARK

On Sunday May 17, the Presbyterian Men want to invite everyone in the church to our annual "churchwide family day" at Cannon Park in Pinehurst. Games, softball, and fellowship begins at 2:00 pm. At 5:00 pm, Larry Furr will once again cook his famous hotdogs.

The Presbyterian Men will furnish the food and drinks, and we are asking the ladies to please bring "your delicious deserts".

Following dinner, the Session will hold their May meeting at the park. Please note that there will be NO Presbyterian Men's meeting in May at the church.

- Wade Garner, President

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May 2015

June 2015

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May 2015

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
8:20am Reach Service 9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 12:00pm Senior Adult 6pm Finance Ministry	9:00am Knitting	7:00pm Circle 1 --Donna Parsons 7:00pm Circle 3 -Lydia & Inglis-	10:00am Day Circle 6:00pm Bible Study 7:00pm Choir	9:00am Quilting 7:00pm Circle 2 Church, Becky Bowen Hostess	Names due of College & High School Graduates	4:00pm EVFD Annual BBQ Dinner 7:00pm EVFD Auction
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