



The Pilgrim

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January 2012

A Message from the Minister

The new calendar year always feels like a new beginning—a time to live more faithfully and a time to recharge our commitment to live as God's people.

So, where do we start?

We could start with New Year's resolutions. Spiritual resolutions...things like resolving to be a part of a small group here at church like Sunday School or Bible/book studies; or resolving to serve a couple of times a month as a dishwasher or as a worker at a Camp Caroline clean-up day or even as a teacher at LOGOS or in Sunday School.

Those would be great resolutions! You would get to know your fellow church members better. You would hear how faith impacts their lives. You would learn new things about yourself and your own faith. Spiritual resolutions would be a wonderful addition to your life. But, quite often, resolutions morph into duties, and if

we do not fulfill them, we feel guilty. I'm not sure that guilt is a productive spiritual exercise for our discipleship in 2012.

But, that does not mean that we do nothing and just hope that God shows up. One very simple task that could impact the life of our church is a renewed effort in prayer. Above all else, we need to be a praying church. Prayer needs to soak through every decision that comes out of every committee. Prayer needs to undergird every worship experience and every Bible Study and every meeting that we have. Everything at the church should begin with prayer. Prayer is how we connect with God. We cannot expect to connect others with God if we, ourselves, are disconnected.

I ask you to pray with renewed efforts this year. If you are worried about what to say to God, don't say anything. Learn to listen. If you can't

sit still, and you absolutely must have something to say, pray that God will grant you a peek into what God has planned for our church. Pray that God will show you where he is already at work in your church and in your neighborhoods and in your communities. Pray that God will show you the needs that fall into your path every day. Pray for those who are visiting our church. Pray that our leadership will be guided by the Spirit. Pray that we will have the right attitude and disposition as we serve together. Pray that God will use us as witnesses to Christ's transforming Grace, to make a difference in the lives of others. That's a starting point.

God is listening for our voices. Let them ring out in 2012!

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SPRING LOGOS DATES

January 18	Feb. 22--No Logos	March 28
January 25	February 29	April 4--No Logos
February 1	March 7	April 11
February 8	March 14	April 18
February 15	March 21	April 25

CWF

will meet on January 12th at Janet Stephenson's home.

Dinner will be served at 6:30, and please invite your friends to come. Hard to believe it will be 2012! Come with ideas of what you would like our ministry to look like next year. I look forward to serving with each of you!

— Janet

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Advent and Christmas celebrations beautiful. Special thanks goes to the worship committee, Chris, and those with appointments in December (Those poinsettias don't water themselves!)

More Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for hosting the baby shower for us. We appreciate all the adorable, sweet baby gifts! Everything is much needed as we prepare for Rilynn's birth. We look forward to everyone meeting our new baby girl very soon.

With much love,
Rob, Kari,
Kenli, and Klara

Adult After Christmas Party—Home of Jimmy and Ginny Batten—January 6th, 6:30PM

Worship Attendance
December 4 — 54
December 11 — 62
December 18 — 71
December 24 — 140
December 25 — 52

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Donna Harless Jeff Trask
Ella Grace Johnson
Alixie Wilson

Remember, we are updating our prayer concerns list. Please fill out a prayer concern card on Sunday if you would like to add someone to our list.

9:45 A.M. Coffee
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship

January Worship Service

	January 1	January 8	January 15	January 22	January 29
Church Appointments	Eatmons, Foxworths, and Murrays	Eatmons, Foxworths, and Murrays	Eatmons, Foxworths, and Murrays	Eatmons, Foxworths, and Murrays	Eatmons, Foxworths, and Murrays
Elder	Eileen Penny	Ginger Lee	Linda Ramsey	Janet Stephenson	Kevin Daughtry
Deacons	Joe Slaton Peter Wilson	Sarah Foxworth Whitley Stephenson	Trudy Carter Rose Thompson	John Dumonceaux Jason Lawhorn	Peter Wilson Joe Slaton
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Thomas Trogdon	TBA
Acolytes	Duncan Wells	Klara Esau	Patrick McCarthy	Haden Hanes	Angel Sauls
Nursery	The Lawhorns	The Ramseys	The Raglands	TBA	TBA
Parameters	White	White	Green	Green	Green



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 Lila Trogdon | 14 Casey Jones |
| 3 Sarah Foxworth | 15 Jamie Wilson |
| 3 Amanda Murray | 20 Ginger Lee |
| 6 Marie Foxworth | 28 Thomas Trogdon |
| 11 Harry Wilson | 29 Elsworth Lee |
| 12 Patrick Penny | |



February Acolyte Schedule

- 5-- Kenli Esau
 12-- Emily Dumonceaux
 19-- Kaylen Mejia
 26-- Emily Ramsey

The acolyte schedule through September will be published in the 2012 Yearbook.

From M & E — Outreach

- Remaining Tithe Allocation:
- Hospice \$250
 - Reconciliation Ministry \$350
 - Community Action Alliance \$600
 - Smithfield Rescue Mission \$600
 - Council on Aging—Ramp \$750
 - Life Line \$385
 - Living Waters \$350
 - Global Ministries \$350
 - Regional Office \$250

Please join Candace and Patrick Penny as they renew their Wedding Vows at Wilson's Mills Christian Church on Saturday January 28th, 2012 at 2:00pm. Reception follows Ceremony in the Fellowship Hall. R.S.V.P by January 18, 2012. Contact Eileen Penny [919-351-0352](tel:919-351-0352) or [919-315-2022](tel:919-315-2022).

JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Happy New Year	2	3	4 Choir 5:15PM Handbells 6:15PM	5	6 Adult After Christmas Party 6:30PM@ Batters' Home Childcare provided at WMCC	7
8	9 CMF 6:30PM	10	11 Choir 5:15PM Handbells 6:15PM	12 CWF 6:30PM	13 Craft Night 5:00PM	14 Tom Meece and Tamara Surber Wedding 11AM
15	16	17	18 Logos Adult Choir 7:30PM	19 Handbells 6:00PM	20	21
22	23	24	25 Logos Adult Choir 7:30PM	26 Handbells 6:00PM	27	28 9AM Leadership Training 2PM Penny Wedding Vow Renewal
29	30	31	<p><u>Reminder from Lea:</u> I will be in school January 9 -13, but I will be back for Sunday service. You can reach me by leaving a voice-mail on my cell phone or through email. I am able to check both during breaks, and an encouraging word from a church member is always appreciated!</p>			

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