



# The Pilgrim

## A Message from the Minister

So, it looks like our family will have a new addition in a few weeks!

Someone showed up at the church after LOGOS with 2 orphaned kittens. She was trying to get the kittens to the shelter (apparently, something happened to their mother and they appeared in her yard), and she wanted one of us to take them. Well, we took them, all right, but not to the shelter. Their eyes were not even open, and the consensus was that they would not survive the night if we left them in their box outside at the shelter door. So, they temporarily went to a home and were wrapped in warm towels with a warm water bottle and fed with a kitten formula from a recipe found on-line.

I took them to the veterinarian the next day, because one had a puncture wound. He was put on antibiotics, and then they went to stay with a nice lady, and they are thriving!

The vet said they were only 7-10 days old, so I was not sure they would survive, but they are eating...playing a little...and their eyes are opening up! The little boy is coming to live with us but if you'd like his sweet sister, let me know!

While all of this has been going on, I've also been watching 3 baby finches and their mama in a nest on my front porch...

And, the Easter season is here and new life is popping up all over. But, those kittens and those birds reminded me that new life is often a free gift, yet it does not come without responsibility. Kittens must be fed (and all kinds of other things that are gross if you don't do well with bodily functions). Baby birds must be protected...new life means that we have to do our part.

We get new life every day, and we have the responsibility to tend to those who are dying. We talk about the bread of life

every Sunday, and we have the responsibility to feed the hungry. We have relationships that make our lives rich, and we have the responsibility to share those riches with the lonely...

New life enables us to love and give and know compassion, but it comes with responsibility. It is my prayer that we (including me) learn to eat, drink, and live responsibly...I think lots of joy is coming.

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<b>Worship Attendance</b>	
April 3	— 71
April 10	— 58
April 17	— 56
April 24	— 73

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<b>9:45 A.M. Coffee</b>
<b>10:00 A.M. Sunday School</b>
<b>11:00 A.M. Worship</b>

## Craft Night Out (in June), Smart Spending In

Are you interested in saving money? Do you struggle with organizing and using your coupons? The monthly Craft Night group can help you! Instead of crafting, we will be sponsoring a Smart Spending workshop on Friday, June 10 from 6:30-9:00pm. It will be led by Faye Prosser, WRAL Smart Shopper and Owner of Smart Spending Resources.

The workshop teaches all the techniques for cutting your grocery bills in half (and more). Participants will discover how to:

- Buy free food, bath & body products every week
- Effectively use coupons for items you already buy
- Use weekly sales fliers in conjunction with coupons
- Understand store coupon and sale policies for area stores

- Develop an easy to follow weekly meal plan your whole family will love
- Master many other techniques that will help you save significant amounts of money

The cost for the workshop is \$15 per person and you must pre-register by May 31st. Each person receives a handout, resource directory, and pen. There are freebies and door prizes as well as a tremendous amount of information. Feel free to invite a friend!

Don't let this great opportunity pass you by! Sign up now on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please make checks payable to Smart Spending Resources and give them to Sarah Barnhart.

Check out [www.smartspendingresources.com](http://www.smartspendingresources.com) to preview Kaye's resources.

## Our Babies Need Your Help

If you would be willing to be a 'stand by' nursery worker on Sundays, please let Carrie Ragland know. We have tried to have the same people working on a rotation in the nursery so that the children easily become familiar with them. But, some Sundays, we have a TON of little ones and we need additional help so that our new parents do not end up staying in the nursery every week. If you would be willing to check in on a Sunday morning to see if help is needed, let Carrie know!

**Children's Sunday  
School Teacher  
WANTED!!!**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Zilphia Bailey	Lara Kelly	Lugene Slater	Tracy Ulcickas
Cheryl Bryant	Ina Mae Lee	Hannah Smith	Sidney Wellons
Lydia Byrd	Sandy and Doug Lockney	Emmit Sugg	Jody Wiley
Annette Cobb	Kathy Mulderrig	Patti Sydow	Anna Jean Wilson
Christy Creech	Andy Parrish	Paul Sydow	Gilliam Wilson
Tyler Dunn	Chase Rudisill	Melanie Thompson	

## LOGOS

If you have volunteered to help with LOGOS this past semester, please join us for dinner and a brainstorming session on Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. We will talk about what went well this semester and also look at ways to improve our program for the fall. Dinner will be provided by the Education Committee. If you are unable to attend but have ideas you would like to share, please email or call Carrie Ragland. We would love any and all input to make this program the best it can be for our children!

## Adult Bible Study

Adult Bible Study will take on Revelation this summer! We will use the study by Dr. Mickey Efird (since we enjoyed his study on Acts so much). We will meet on Wednesdays at 7 PM starting June 1. Let Lea know by May 16th if you would would like to participate. Workbooks are \$12.

## WHERE CAN YOU GO FOR CINCO DE MAYO?

CWF will meet at Janet Stephenson's house on May 5th at 6:30pm. Dinner will be provided.

**GIRLS ON THE LOOSE...  
WOMENS' SUMMER RETREAT  
AT CHRISTMOUNT — JULY 28-30**

# LET'S CELEBRATE!!!

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**LADIES OF THE CHURCH**  
 You're invited to a Bridal Shower  
 In Celebration of the Marriage of  
*Patrick and Candace (Mills) Penny*  
 Bring your favorite dish to share.  
 Dessert will be provided.  
 May 15, 2011  
 12:00PM  
 The couple is registered at BELKS  
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Congratulations to our high school graduates, Kari Creech and Hannah Hanes! On June 5th, we will be celebrating with Kari, Hannah and their families. We will gather in the fellowship hall after the service for a potluck lunch. Desserts will be provide. Please join us in celebration of this milestone for Hannah and Kari!!!



# FAMILY DAY AT CAMP CAROLINE

BYOPL—Bring your own picnic lunch and join other families at Camp Caroline on May 21 from 9am-5pm. In appreciation for everyone's support throughout the year, we will open the gate as we invite everyone to come and enjoy a fun-filled day at camp. Bring your bathing suit, a towel, and plenty of sunscreen. There is no fee for participating in Family Day. Pack a lunch and load the mini-

vans! We'll provide the ants (just kidding), sailboats, canoes, and pool. The canteen will be open as well. Worship at 10am will include a thanksgiving for all of the recent projects undertaken at Camp Caroline and recognition of the many donors who have made them possible. You will also meet Jimmy Elks, our new Associate for Youth and Camping Ministries.

**MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**

When the Board met in April, members voted on preparing the out-building for a youth space and replacing the air unit for the sanctuary. The Board thanked the M and E committee for helping disburse \$8,000 in outreach. Soon, a committee will begin reviewing the bylaws to our constitution. Each committee at WMCC works hard to meet the needs of our congregation. If you are interested in getting more involved, contact a committee chairperson. Committee chairpersons' names are listed in the church directory. WMCC Board Meeting Notes can also be found on the church's website ([www.wilsonsmillsc.org](http://www.wilsonsmillsc.org)).

The Children's Sunday School class needs a teacher for one Sunday a month. This is a sweet group of children! It is a wonderful opportunity to spend time ministering to our youngest members! Please let Carrie Ragland know if you would be willing to take on this ministry (if only for a few months!). Thanks!

# May Worship Service

	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
Church Appointments	The Depoys, the Mejias, and The Raglands	The Depoys, the Mejias, and The Raglands	The Depoys, the Mejias, and The Raglands	The Depoys, the Mejias, and The Raglands	The Depoys, the Mejias, and The Raglands
Elder	Eileen Penny	Ginger Lee	Linda Ramsey	Kevin Daughtry	Janet Stephenson
Deacons	Trudy Carter Peter Wilson	Joe Slaton Rose Thompson	Carrie Ragland Whitley Stephen- son	Jason Lawhorn Armando Mejia	TBD
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Thomas Trogdon	Allison Lawhorn
Nursery	Lauren and Arianna Ramsey	Sarah and Ron Foxworth	Lauren and Thomas Trogdon	Linda and Peter Wilson	Louise Dumonceaux and Nora McCarthy
Acolytes	Kenli Esau	Patrick McCarthy	Kaylen Mejia	Angel Sauls	Emily Dumonceaux
Paraments	White	White	White	White	White

Happy Birthday 2 U...Happy Birthday 2 U

5/1 Hadan Hanes	5/8 Chris Long	5/14 Gilliam Wilson	5/24 Pam Ryan
5/1 Jennifer Shavers	5/8 Ben Yansom	5/16 Foy Lee	5/27 Luke Daughtry
5/1 Jerry Shavers	5/10 Louis Caddell	5/19 Ronnie Carter	5/27 Brenna Hodge
5/4 David Ennis	5/11 Ann Wilson	5/20 Ken Bennett	5/29 Lily Parrish-
5/5 Clay Foxworth	5/11 Katie Youngblood	5/22 Amber Byrd	5/31 John Dumonceaux
5/6 Allison Lawhorn	5/12 Ryan Shavers	5/23 Matthew	

## Tithes and Offerings

	Pledged	Pledges Rec.	Difference	Donations
April	\$9,914	\$9,122	-\$792	\$510
Totals	\$39,658	\$36,491	-\$3,167	\$1,994

# MAY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Handbells 6:00 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM	5 CWF Dinner and Meeting at Janet Ste- phenson's 6:30 PM	6	7
8	9 CMF Dinner and Meeting 6:30 PM	10	11 Education Committee 7:00 PM	12	13 Craft Night 5:00 PM	14
15 Shower for Candace and Patrick Penny 12 PM	16	17	18 Handbells 6:00 PM	19	20	21 Spring Cling Fling
22	23	24	25 Handbells 6:00 PM	26	27	28
29	30	31	<b>Graduation Sunday is on June 5th!!!</b>			

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