



# The Pilgrim

## A Message from the Minister

Our “Fall Back into Church” service will be celebrated on September 11. Of course, anything scheduled on September 11 shares the date with “9-11.” The date is particularly poignant this year as it is the tenth anniversary.

On the day of the attack, my workplace turned on the TV, and like everybody else, we were glued to the news. We could barely breathe. We called family and friends just to hear the assurance of their voice. I remember walking out of the building and catching the eye of a co-worker, and in that brief glance, we shared the grief. We connected during that tragedy in a way that had not been accessible to us before.

That night, I went to church for a prayer service. We sang “O, God Our Help in Ages Past, Our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.” We prayed. We lit candles. We listened to our minister.

He was not long-winded, but at one point, he stepped out of the pulpit and walked into the congregation. He said, “There are more people gathered here tonight in prayer than those who carried out these attacks.”

I don’t know why those words stuck with me...except that they made me remember the strong gift of church. When such a tragedy struck, I had place to go. Not only did I have a place to go, I had familiar words to pray (because I sure did not have original words that day). I had a song to sing of a hope that was bigger than any devastation this world can produce. I had people – brothers and sisters with whom I gathered every week to pray and sing and worship... and when the heartbreak of 9-11 rolled in, we gathered again and we worshiped in the face of death. Church was the only place I wanted to be.

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### Worship Attendance

July 31 — 65  
August — 54  
August — 43  
August — 68  
August — 55

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

## Calling ALL Acolytes

On Wednesday night, September 21st, immediately following LOGOS, we will hold our annual acolyte training session in the sanctuary. All children from second through fifth grade who would like to be acolytes should attend this training session. This will also be a quick refresher for the children currently serving in this capacity. This brief session should take no longer than thirty minutes. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Lunch will be provided. Some items on the agenda include: Install gutters; fix minor repairs; paint fence; trim bushes and cut small limbs and other yard work; Bring your paint brushes or rollers (we’ll supply the paint), chain saws, hedge trimmers, hammers, drills, etc.

Please call Ginger Lee to let her know that you want to help. She will let the camp know how many WMCC workers we are bringing. Camp Caroline is such a large facility that we simply couldn't do it without you!

Your hard work is very much appreciated!

## Camp Caroline Work Days

October 29 & November 5  
9am - 3pm

## Message from the Minister (Cont'd from p.1)

It is true that church will always have issues and disagreements and unpleasant tasks and people having grumpy days. But, church is sacred. Where else do we get to give for something that

has to do with the things of God? Where else do we get to sing out loud, actually pray in public with NO limitations to what we can say, tell others our pains and joys and get responses that are loving

and caring? Where else can we light candles and sing at death?

**CHURCH.**

Fall back into it and see for yourself!

*Lea can be contacted via email: wilsonsmillscc@gmail.com.*

*We will be running a new 'corner' in the newsletter. Various members will answer the following question: What difference does WMCC make in your life? This month's response....*

As someone who loves to worship in our small beautiful sanctuary, I realize that what Wilson's Mills Christian Church means to me has absolutely nothing to do with the historic building. Church gives my life purpose and gives me a community of faith that surrounds me with unconditional love and support. To have a group of people that will pray for you, pick you up when you are struggling, and laugh with you until your side hurts is an absolute blessing.

WMCC gives me an opportunity to serve and to give back in as many ways as I feel called to do. I am able to share my love of cooking and have that love reach out into the community to feed people that are hungry. Church allows me the opportunity to try to make a difference in the lives of others outside of our historic walls.

To me, WMCC is a simple connection - a connection to God, a connection to our community and a connection to each other. What a blessing it is to be small. What a blessing it is to know each other so well. What a blessing it is to feel God's spirit shaping His church through all of us. I thank God for Wilson's Mills Christian Church and the wholeness it brings to my life. Janet Stephenson, Elder

## Fall Back Into Church!

If you've been in worship or reading your newsletter, you know that we are planning a "Fall Back into Church" celebration on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> as a way to bring us all together after the summer. If you've been away at the beach or the mountains or Bedside Baptist, this will be a great time to reconnect and recommit...to set your calendars back to church.

Our ministry committees will have informational displays about upcoming events and ways that YOU can participate. Our elders are preparing a treat for each family, and our deacons are engaging in a little friendly competition to see who can get the most people there. We will have door prizes at the luncheon, and the entire day will be geared toward remembering what a blessing it is to be a part of the church.

Speaking of the luncheon, it will be potluck so bring your favorite dish. **Dessert will be provided.** If you would like to help set up, serve, or clean-up, let Karen Klahre or Lea know and we will get you plugged in.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Anderson	Ricky House	Andy Parrish	Paul Sydow
Cheryl Bryant	Lara Kelly	Betty Parrish	Melanie Thompson
Dorothy Byers	Ina Mae Lee	Curtis Ray	Linda Uzzle
Lydia Byrd	Shareka McCrae	Chase Rudisill	Sidney Wellons
Annette Cobb	Ed Mulderrig	Lugene Slater	Jody Wiley
Christy Creech	Kathy Mulderrig	Emmit Sugg	Gilliam Wilson
Tyler Dunn	Peggy Norris	Patti Sydow	Pete Yauch
Brad Ferrell			

## A Note of Thanks

Dear WMCC family,

Jimmy and I would like to thank you all for your prayers, cards and calls of concern during my recent surgery and recovery, Jimmy's recovery from a heart catherization and for Jimmy's daughters during the loss of their Mother.

We have found a wonderful family here at WMCC and are very thankful for all of you.

Please continue to pray for Jimmy as we approach the difficult time of preparing for his heart surgery.

Blessings for you all,  
Jimmy and Ginny Batten



Adult Bible Study

Whew! We have just finished a 16-session study on the Book of Revelation. Congrats to all of you who have stuck with it! We will take a few weeks off, and beginning on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, we will take on a six-week study of Adam Hamilton's "When Christians Get It Wrong." The topics addressed in this study include the following: 1) When Christians are unchristian; 2) Christians, Science and Politics; 3) When speaking of other religions; 4) When bad things happen; 5) In dealing with homosexuality; and 6) When Christians get it right. Come join us for spirited discussions and soul searching! Cost of the book is \$9 – let Lea know by September 15 if you would like to participate.

# Education News



It's official! LOGOS will be held on **Wednesdays** this year beginning on September 14! We are hoping this new night will allow more of our children to attend regularly and will present fewer conflicts than Thursdays!



LOGOS is for all children in our church and beyond! Please feel free to invite friends and neighbors who you feel would enjoy and benefit from this wonderful ministry! Lots of help will be needed for all aspects of LOGOS. We need a dinner dean, volunteers to run activity time (crafts, rec. play, etc), bible study teachers and assistants, table parents, dish washers, etc. Please see Carrie Ragland for more information on available jobs and how you can help!

**LOGOS Schedule:**

- 5:30 Activity Time for K-5, Bible Study starts for Middle and High School
- 6:00 Bible Study for all
- 6:30 Child/Youth-centered Worship Service for K-12 and Pre-k rec/play time
- 6:45-7:30 Dinner—Children who remain after dinner will help pack bags for Backpack Buddies

Date	Activity	Topic
September 14	Craft—Create a special craft for tables!	Esther
September 21	Rec./Play	Jesus and the children
September 28	Worship lesson	Missions!
October 5	Craft	A boy and his lunch
October 12	Rec./Play	Peter and John
October 19	Craft	Dorcas
October 26	Worship Lesson	Missions!
November 2	Rec./Play	Paul
November 9	Craft/Prepare for program	Lydia
November 16	"Heroes on Parade" We will present what we have learned this semester to our families and congregation! All are invited to attend. Details to come!	

# Women's Retreat News...

Twenty-two WMCC women (and or their friends and family) enjoyed two nights at Christmount for our **FOURTH** annual women's retreat. Our theme for 2011 was "Girls on the Loose." We studied four sets of women in the Bible: 1) nameless biblical women who were on the loose for God, 2) Sarah and Hagar (so NOT on the loose); 3) the "certain women" on the loose with Jesus; and 4) Mary and Elizabeth (how loose is done). We also learned a song in **FIVE PART** harmony and gave a command performance at a recent CWF meeting.

Lest you think we just sit in a room and talk about the Bible for two days, we had free time to shop, take a prayer walk, hike, eat, and visit while sitting in

those wonderful rocking chairs at Christmount.

Perhaps the best thing about the retreat is being able to talk with each other without our usual constraints of work, church and family responsibilities. We have uninterrupted conversations. We get to know each other better. Conversations are 'loose' and we laugh a lot.

That's all I can say, because as you know, "what happens at Christmount stays at Christmount." But, if you have never been on retreat (or you haven't been able to join us for a while), sign up for next year! Our theme will be

**"Something to Talk About."**



**CWF will meet at 6:30 on September 8th. It will be at Ginger Lee's house; bring a dish for the pot-luck dinner.**

# September Worship Service

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Church Appointments	Lauren and Jamie Ramsey, Linda and Larry Ramsey, and Kim and Jim Williams	Lauren and Jamie Ramsey, Linda and Larry Ramsey, and Kim and Jim Williams	Lauren and Jamie Ramsey, Linda and Larry Ramsey, and Kim and Jim Williams	Lauren and Jamie Ramsey, Linda and Larry Ramsey, and Kim and Jim Williams
Elder	Eileen Penny	Ginger Lee	Linda Ramsey	Kevin Daughtry
Deacons	Trudy Carter Peter Wilson	Joe Slaton Rose Thompson	Carrie Ragland Whitley Stephenson	Jason Lawhorn Armando Mejia
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Thomas Trogdon
Nursery	Carrie and Trey Ragland	Linda and Peter Wilson	Lauren and Thomas Trogdon	Sarah and Ron Foxworth
Acolytes	Emily Dumonceaux	Kaylen Mejia	Patrick McCarthy	Angel Sauls
Paraments	Green	Green	Green	Green



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5 Dawn Hodge	15 Chrissie Twisdale
7 Jon Strickland	16 Callie Stephenson
9 Trey Ragland	19 Sierra Kirk
14 Kenneth Jones	20 Adam Lee
14 Jacob Lee	21 Linda Uzzle
14 Carrie Ragland	23 Kari Esau



### BABY DEDICATION

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the dedication of Kathryn Ruth Lawhorn! Congratulations to Allison, Jason, and Jacob.



# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 By-Law Review Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	7 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	8 CWF 6:30 PM	9 Craft Night 5:00 PM	10
11	12	13	14 LOGOS 5:30 PM	15 Handbells 6:00 PM	16	17
18 Baby Dedication 12PM Board Meeting	19 CMF Meeting 6:30 PM	20	21 LOGOS 5:30 PM	22 Handbells 6:00 PM	23	24
25	26	27	28 LOGOS 5:30 PM	29 Handbells 6:00 PM	30	

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