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"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6)

One of the great joys, and responsibilities, of Christians is to pray for others. What a privilege it is, first of all to commune with the Almighty God and secondly, to lift up others to His care. (And boy, don't we appreciate it when others pray for us!?)

As church members we are remiss if we are not currently in daily prayer for our Pastoral Search Committee and our church, as together we seek God's will regarding a new settled pastor for West Side Christian Church. Not only are we remiss, but we might be missing out on the power, direction, blessing and will of God in this process. Finding a minister—the right minister—is a difficult task. It takes the perfect combination of education, experience and vision, as well as personality. In addition to other things, the prospective minister and the congregation just have to click. The process is somewhat like finding the right mate! Our Pastoral Search Committee has a difficult job.

What can we as church members do to help them: First of all, we need to ask God to send us, in His own perfect time, His own perfect choice to be the settled minister. Secondly, we need to support the committee members with our prayers. They spend many hours working on behalf of the church and we need to ask God to strengthen them and give them wisdom for the task. And lastly, we need to

communicate with our committee. Share with the committee your thoughts, desires and recommendations. Make yourself a positive part of the process by giving the committee your input. On June 29th there will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the worship service. Please plan to attend and help the committee in their search for God's person to be the future spiritual leader of West Side Christian Church.

One last thing, just so there is no confusion, let me reiterate that I am serving as your interim minister. It is both my joy and pleasure, as well as I believe God's will, that I minister to and with you during this period; however, please remember I am not a candidate for the position of settled minister. Ethical guidelines forbid interim ministers from being considered for settled positions and I have agreed to those guidelines. While I greatly appreciate all the love and support you give me—please don't stop, remember I cannot be called to the settled position here at West Side. Let's enjoy our time together and use it productively for the glory of God.

And remember, *"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."* (James 5: 16)

In His service and with Christian love,
Jane

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WILL BE
MEETING IN CHARLOTTE, N.C. ON
OCTOBER 17-21
For more information contact Bobby Beal.

MARY'S WELLNESS CORNER

How have you spent your summer? I hope you have taken the time to relax, or to take a vacation, or just to spend time with family and friends.

Many of you may have spent more time outside gardening, swimming, or even camping. Summer is a great time for being outside and soaking up the beauty of God's creation and feeling His presence, but we need to be aware of the importance of protecting ourselves from heat injuries and insects. Prevent Heat injuries, such as Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion and Heat Stroke:

- Do your walking and gardening in the early morning or late evening and stay in the shade.
 - Wear a hat outdoors and use sunscreen.
 - Drink plenty of fluids—8 glasses of water a day. Juices and jello are great fluids to consume. Avoid dehydrating fluids such as alcohol and caffeine.
 - Use the air conditioner or a fan.
 - Take cool baths.
 - Wear cool, light colored clothing.
 - Eat light fare. Salads and fruit help to replenish body fluids and do not increase the body's metabolic rate as much as meat does.
 - SLOW DOWN! DON'T RUSH!
- Insects are necessary to the ecological balance of our earth and pollination by the bees provides us with fruit and vegetables. Tick and mosquito born diseases occur mainly in summer and fall so we must be vigilant about protecting ourselves from their bites. Here are some ways to do this:
- Use insect repellent containing DEET, on clothes and exposed skin.
 - Wear light-colored clothing covering as much skin as possible.
 - Keep your grass around your house short and bushes trimmed.
 - Do not have standing water around your yard. If you have birdbaths, clean them daily. You will please the birds and also keep the mosquitoes from breeding.
 - Enjoy hiding in the meadows or woods, but wear long pants and long sleeve shirts and do not forget your hat. It is a good idea to pull your socks over your pant legs and tape

the area where they meet.

- When hiking and camping, check each other daily for ticks.

Dusk and dawn are the mosquito's most active time, so plan your outings well.

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven . . ." Eccles. 3: 1

CONTINUE TO ENJOY YOUR SUMMER USING THESE PREVENTIVE MEASURES!

Mary Peris, Parish Nurse

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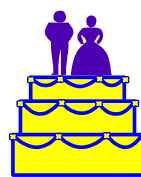
Aug. 3: II Samuel 11: 2--12; 13a; Psalm 51: 1-12; Ephesians 4: 1-16; John 6: 24-35

Aug. 10: II Samuel 18: 5-9, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4: 25--5: 2; John 6: 35, 41-51

Aug. 17: I Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5: 15-20; John 6: 51-58

Aug. 24: I Kings 8: (1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6: 10-20; John 6: 56-59

Aug. 31: Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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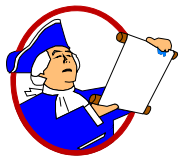
Cindy Hedgepeth and Allen Wallace on their recent marriage. Their address is 3036 Falmouth Dr., Chesapeake, 23323. Phone # is 484-2911

**ARTICLES FOR THE SEPTEMBER, 2003
NEWSLETTER WILL BE DUE
AUGUST 17!**

CWF NEWS

Rebekah Group had 7 members and 3 guests present. Offering was \$58.00. They read 6 books, 5 Daily Devotions, 2 Disciples, 3 Regional Papers, 1 teaching and 1 leading magazines and made 12 calls. August meeting will be with Barbara Herring.

Lydia Group had 8 present. Offering was \$46.00. They read 4 books, 3 Disciples, 4 Regional Papers, 5 Daily Devotions, 2 teaching, 1 leading and 1 craft magazines. They made 19 calls.



THANKS!

Have you noticed all the new signs around the church and

outside of the church directing you to various areas? These are the efforts of the INTERIOR DESIGN COMMITTEE which at the present time consists of Cheryl Jarvis and Sharon Jenson. Also, new, larger letters have been placed on the main outdoor sign. Their next project is to re-do the “gathering area” (which has already begun) and the infant to 24 months nursery.

OUR SHUT-INS: Hazel Jarvis, Sentara, Greenwood; Leona Brodie, The Heritage, 515 S. Warley, Florence, SC 29501; Mary Mingis, 4107 Heritage Rd., Richmond, 23227; Ruth Blackman, 1 Bon Secours Way, Cedar Pt. #241, (P); Hervy Gray, Sr., 111 Kansas Ave; Martha Gray, Maryview Care Center, (P); Oleta Cook, Maryview Rehab, room 177.

OTHERS ON OUR PRAYER LIST: Patsy Pearce; Kenneth Nelson; Sylvia Dickens (Autumn Care); John Riddick, Jr.; Javaid Reed; Sid Price; Norman Dickens.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

AUGUST

- 1 Brittany Gay
- 2 Jimmy Jarvis
- 3 John Wikoff, Brian Jarvis, Donna Nutting
- 6 Curtis Nelson, Jr.
- 7 Jimmy Dickens
- 9 Tim Wells, Sydney Oliver
- 10 Donna Owens, Sylvia Dickens
- 12 Dee Ann Phelps
- 13 Leona Brodie
- 14 Rachel Widener, Brent Milam
- 15 Judy Bryant
- 16 Mary Mingis, Cheryl Jarvis, Diana Davenport
- 18 Doris Tugwell, Jamie Johnson
- 20 Barbara White
- 24 Sean Knill
- 26 Melinda Knill
- 28 Linda Hayes
- 29 Lynne Thomas
- 31 Norman Dickens, Evelyn Brown

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IN THE MAIL:

My Friends:

Haven't got this in the mail yet so I thought I would include an experience that I had yesterday. We went up to Mosul to purchase supplies for the camp and when we stopped at this one spot, the children swarmed around us. They do this all the time trying to sell us stuff like cokes, knives, candy and the like. I felt a tap on my arm and when I looked down there was this little girl standing there with a big, bright smile. She looked up at me and said “I'm a Christian” and showed me this little cross around her neck. It really did me good to see that. In this part of the world where people are put in prison or worse for being a Christian, here was this small child boldly proclaiming her faith. I think we could all learn a lesson from her. The Bible says that God sends angels to watch over us, and I know

**that I met one yesterday. I just wanted to share
that with you. Please share this story with the rest
of the church.**

In Christian love, Mike Hunt

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