



**2011**

**PISGAH  
PRESS**

*Dear Pisgah Saints,*

*It has been said of me that I have the gift of organization. What that means I think is that I like to plan ahead. If you were able to take a look at my monthly calendar, you would see a lot of notes, drawings, colors, and all sorts of things I use to trigger my memory. It's silly really. But unless I have things written down, (in a myriad of places) then I begin to panic and be overwhelmed by all I have to do. So what I have isn't the gift of organization exactly, it's the gift of panic avoidance.*

*Unfortunately, this gift can only give me a sense of organization. You may have found this to be true for yourself. You have your day all planned out, then suddenly out of the blue you get a phone call, an e-mail, a summons to the boss' office, a text message or hear some news that completely changes your plans. It happens to me all the time. So, I have learned that to be organized, to believe you have things planned out, also requires a measure of faith and flexibility.*

*As you know, this past February members from Pisgah UMC participated in a Discerning and Visioning retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to establish a leadership environment of spiritual discernment*



*for a vision for the church. We came together to seek God and to discern where God wants Pisgah UMC to be in ministry over the next 5 to 10 years. The retreat was successful in that God revealed to those attending an exciting vision for our future.*

*On Saturday May 21, 2011, members and leaders were invited to come together for a Vision and Planning workshop. Sixteen persons attended, and of those there was a lively cross-section of the church membership. It was an exciting experience, because the enthusiasm that had been generated by our retreat was re-kindled. Now we are moving ahead to refine the vision of Pisgah UMC.*

*The mission of Pisgah UMC has been established for several years. The succinct, or shortened version is: Our mission is to win souls to Christ. The mission of the church is a general statement of what the church is up to.*

*It is general, not specific, not future-oriented. Vision is future-oriented. The vision of the church is how we expect to accomplish the church's mission in the future.*

*The process of refining the vision of the church is an important first step in planning for the future. As God guides us, a Vision and Planning group, folks who attended the workshop (and others who are interested in being a part of the process) will be gathering in a series of meetings for refining Pisgah's*

*vision and planning for ministry both in the short term and long term (5 to 10 years). Anyone who is interested in being a part of the process is welcome.*

*So it is with faith, with flexibility and in utmost confidence that God will lead us, that we move forward. I encourage you to come be a part of this process, pray for it, and celebrate the ministry that God has given us to be in together.*

*Blessed to be in ministry with you,*

*Pastor Judy*





### Missions Update—2011

January—Christian Ministry	\$377.00
February—Hesed House	\$276.00
March—March of Dimes	\$537.57
April—U M A R	\$211.00
May—Relay For Life	\$274.00

Our June offerings will go to Amy's House in Lincolnton. Amy's House is a part of the Lincoln County Coalition Against Domestic Abuse and provides the following services:

- ❖ 24 Hour Crisis Line
- ❖ Crisis Counseling
- ❖ Court Advocacy/Accompaniment
- ❖ Information and Referral
- ❖ Emergency Transportation
- ❖ Support Groups for Women
- ❖ Emergency Housing
- ❖ Direct Services
- ❖ Community Education
- ❖ Shelter

Amy's House is an invaluable resource in the constant struggle against domestic violence. We are very fortunate to have such a facility so nearby and we are happy to support their efforts.

As always, we appreciate your generosity toward our Missions Program.



## June 5

***From the Bishop: Mission Offering. Following the example cited throughout the early church, we are listening to the cries and needs from across the connection. All of the offerings at Annual Conference this year will be designated for the Central Conference Pension Initiative (CCPI), an effort on the part of our denomination to assist those pastors in other parts of the world (primarily Africa) with some income after they retire from years of service. I have asked every church to receive a special offering between now and Annual Conference, and then to have the Lay Member bring a check from the church to our Friday night mission offering. The goal is \$50,000. Information about CCPI will be available in the next week through the conference web site, the district offices, and the conference office.***

On June 5 we will take a [Special Conference Offering](#): The bishop asked us to bring a special offering for the conference, which is going to the Central Conference Pension Initiative. Richard Beeker will take a check from Pisgah to Annual Conference in June.



*Congratulations to Mitch Timmons and Brenda Parker who were married on May 28. Brenda is the daughter of the late Jane Whitesides Parker and a cousin to the George & Minnie Whitesides family.*

*We wish you all the best as you begin your new life together.*

# JUNE 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Nicole Avery Becky Hendrick Chris & Elaina Hovis (A) 6:30 - 7 p.m. <b>PRAYER TIME</b> 7p Vision Group			
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Kendall Shrum Amanda Watts 9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship 5p ARK/YOUTH 6:p Choir Practice	Nelson Barger Janna Bourbeau 6:30p UMW		MaKenzie Wright Eric & Heather Sandberg (A) 6:30 - 7 p.m. <b>PRAYER TIME</b>	Taylor Lawing	Bill Moore	
5	6	7	<b>Annual Conference Lake Junaluska</b>			11
Susie Iler Dean & Anita Houser (A) 7:30a UMM 9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship 5p YOUTH 6:p Choir Practice 7p Council	Rick Rhyne Aubrey Shahriari		6:30 - 7 p.m. <b>PRAYER TIME</b> 7p Vision Group	Juanita Seagle	Emma Grace Sandberg Elliott & Joann Whiteside(A)	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Randy & Libby Rumfelt(A) 9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship 5p YOUTH 6:p Choir Practice	Clay Cranford Gladys & Carl Rumfelt(A)		James Hoyle Rebekah & Gardner Deal(A) Tina & David Wright(A) Sandy & Donald White(A) 6:30 - 7 p.m. <b>PRAYER TIME</b>	Oliver Deal	Ricky Link David Ross David Thomas	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Jim Brown Andrew Smith 9:30a SS / 10:30a Worship 5p YOUTH 6:p Choir Practice	Jacob Bourbeau	Larry Hosier 6:30p Worship & Planning Committee	Thurman Huss Tina Philemon Thurman & Gail Huss(A) 6:30 - 7 p.m. <b>PRAYER TIME</b> 7p Vision Group	Ginger Collier Connor Crawley		
26	27	28	29	30	1	2



## A Message From Our Lay Leader

*When you are young, you tend to think that the world revolves around you. The only thing that is important is if and how events impact you. However, as I have gotten older it has become apparent to me that we are merely small fish in a very big pond. These are some observations from my life that I would like to share with you.*

*To the teller at the bank I'm just another check, while at the body shop I'm just another wreck.*

*To the doctor I'm just another ill, while to the pharmacist I'm just another pill.*

*At Holiday Inn I'm just another guest, while to the Orkin man I'm just another pest.*

*On the treadmill at the gym I'm another walker, while to the ladies at the track I'm just another stalker.*

*The chiropractor sees me as another pain, while to the plumber I'm just another drain.*

*To the barber I'm just another head of hair, while to the taxi driver I'm just another fare.*

*To the waitress at the diner I'm just another tip, while at the ice cream shop I'm just another dip.*

*On the interstate I'm just another car, while to Jiff Peanut Butter I'm just another jar.*

*To Colonel Sanders I'm just another chicken dinner, and I'll readily admit that I am just another sinner.*

*To Century 21 I'm just some real estate, while to my longtime spouse I'm her one big mistake.*

*To the lenders at the bank I'm just another loan, while to Verizon I'm just another phone.*

*To Mr. Webster I'm just another word, while to the sewage man I'm just another... (Well, I guess you can see where I'm going with this.)*

*We may feel insignificant at times and wonder if we have the means to make a difference in the world around us. When you have these feelings, remember that you not only have a caring church family all around you at Pisgah, but you also have a much bigger support group. James (chapter 2: verse 5) says, "Listen, my dear brothers (and sisters). Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom He promised to those who love Him?"*

*As a Christian, you come from a long line of those who have, at times, felt powerless and downtrodden. As James assured the early Christians, God loves you and He has big plans for you.*

*In God's eyes you are royalty in His kingdom, so does it really matter if you impress the doctor and the bank teller and the sewage man? I don't think so!*

Boy Scout Troop 28, based at Antioch Lutheran Church in Dallas, NC, recently participated in the Two Rivers District Camporee. Both **Kendall Shrum** (Star Scout) and **Matthew Baker** (Life Scout) are members of Troop 28.

The Camporee is a competition for the Troops and Patrols to gather and compete in Scout Skills such as camping, outdoor cooking, fire building, orienteering, pioneering, physical fitness, first aid, and many other events. During the competition, Troop 28 was awarded as the overall top Troop in the Two Rivers District.

**Kendall's** Patrol, the Panthers, won in the intermediate Patrol competition (by a hefty margin). All of the Troop 28 Patrols (the Eagle, Falcon, Panther, and Viking Patrols) scored in the Top 10, and **Matthew Baker** won the Senior Patrol Leader's competition (against scouts, many of which were 2 and 3 years older).

When you see **Kendall** and **Matthew**, please congratulate them for their efforts in demonstrating not only their skills, but living up to the ideals of the Scout Oath.



**BOY  
SCOUTS**  
In The News



**Kendall**



**Matthew**



Carl & Loretta Whitesides  
 Carl & Gladys Rumpfelt  
 Roscoe & Brenda Murray  
 June & JR Loftin  
 Juanita Seagle  
 Jewell Reinhardt  
 Anna Ross Family  
 Ann Goforth  
 Johnny Rollins  
 Libby Baker  
 Don Corriher  
 Kaylah Loftin  
 Steve Hoyle  
 Pastor John Mann & Family of  
 Mary Alice Armstrong

Larry & Hazeline Link  
 Bea & Ern Carpenter  
 Johnny & Janice Peeler  
 Dean & Claudette Crawley  
 Carol & Tommy Mason  
 Naomi Ramsey  
 Jackie Reep  
 James Hoyle  
 Mary Mozeley  
 Scott Friday  
 Vickie King  
 David Ross, Sr.  
 Judy Troutman  
 Helen Yarling



# Class of 2011

## High School

**Dakota Noland**—Southside Academy Christian School. Plans to pursue further training in the field of auto mechanical repair work.

**Tyler Lawing**—North Lincoln Senior High. Will be attending Wingate College in the fall.

## College

**Kristin Beeker**—Western Carolina University, Bachelor of Science in Chemistry with a minor in Biology. Will begin pursuit of a post-graduate degree in Pharmacy this fall at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

**Justin Pearson**—Gaston College; Degree in Business & Management

**Ashley Smith**—Medical University of South Carolina, master's Degree in Molecular Biology. Will pursue a career in research.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



# Well Done!



Our own Sheila Beeker was recently named 2011 Counselor of the Year for Lincoln County. Sheila's career includes 7 years teaching middle grades language arts and social studies, 21 years as a school counselor at the middle grades and secondary levels, and 3 years as a vocational evaluator with Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education from Appalachian State University, a Master of Arts in Education in School Counseling from East Carolina University, and a Master of Science in Rehabilitation Studies from East Carolina University. She is also National Board Certified in School Counseling.

Congratulations, Sheila!

# HAPPY TIMERS NEWS

The Happy Timers met in the Pisgah UMC Fellowship Hall on May 5, 2011 at 11 a.m. with 35 members and 2 visitors present.

Betty Jo Barger opened the meeting welcoming everyone and told about the outing at Camp Dogwood and that several of our Happy Timer members—Mae, Constance, and Ada—would be singing.

June Loftin had a devotion based on “Mothers” and their devotion to their family. She also read a poem about “Mothers.” JR Loftin will be responsible for devotions at our June meeting.

The minutes of our previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer’s report reflected a balance of \$486.56.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The trip to Spring Mountain has been cancelled.
- Kings Mountain Battleground May 10 – August 9; World War I Veterans Celebration Downtown Kings Mountain September 6 – November 12.
- Older Americans Fun Day at Betty Ross Park, May 19. Call 704-732-9053 for more information
- Steak Supper Landers Chapel UMC 5 p.m. on May 21.
- Daniel Boone Inn, Saturday-Sunday beginning May 23, \$8.95 cost of meal; higher rates starting in June, 2011. Shopping. More information next month.

## June Birthdays

Bessie Mosteller	June 1
Bobbie Sullivan	June 1
Ada Derr	June 9
James Hoyle	June 22
Thurman Huss	June 29
Erlene Jenkins	June 23

## June Anniversaries

Carl & Gladys Rumfelt	June 20
Bobbi & Jim Lineberger	June 28
Gail & Thurman Huss	June 29
Martha & Perry Duncan	June 30

## June Hostesses

Nellie & Dick Mosteller, Willena Rhyne, Doris Richard, Constance Cooper.

## Prayer List

Jack & Ann Lineberger, Marie Smith, Ron Brome, Carla Derr, Rachel Sadler, Brenda Derr Clark Family, Steve & Nancy Hoyle, Joyce & Jack Hovis, the Truitt Family, Kaylah Loftin.








Date	Attendance		Offerings	
	SS	Worship	General Fund	Miscellaneous
May 1	49	100	\$2,426.50	\$20.00
May 8	50	120	\$4,278.86	\$1,279.50
May 15	51	90	\$2,943.00	\$110.00
May 22	44	108	\$2,576.00	\$274.00
May 29	35	89	\$1,697.00	
Monthly Totals			\$13,921.36	
<b>Weekly Budget: \$3,256.00    Monthly Budget: \$14,112.50</b>				
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT</b>				
Month	Budget Receipts		Surplus	Deficit
January	\$14,521.77			
February	\$11,581.50			
March	\$11,180.41			
April	\$11,502.47			
May	\$13,921.36			
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Year to Date Receipts	\$62,707.51		Annual Budget	\$169,350

**THOUGHTS ON TITHING**

***We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.  
To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of  
its own. Giving is true loving.***



Date		ACOLYTES 	
June 5	Millie Baker	Jade Clark Josh Duren	Steve Smith
June 12	Debbie Smith	Kaley Pearson Stacie Warren	Todd Philemon
June 19	Patsy Smith	Andrew Flowers Austin Flowers	Terry Smith
June 26	Cathy Thornburg	Matthew Baker Madison King	Terry Smith



**Kids & Youth Schedule**

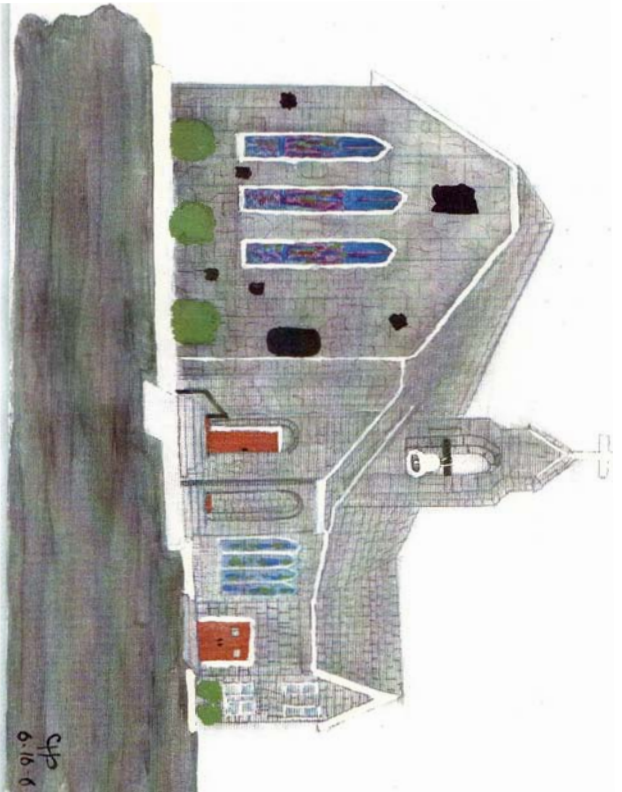


Age Levels	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
3 yr. 4 yr. K	Emily Clark Jaquetta King	Marsha Warren Jaquetta King	Kelli & Tracy Huss	Fellowship Hall AM—Missions PM—Music	TBA
Grades 1 & 2	Elaina Hovis Kim Fortenberry	Kim & Bill Fortenberry Jane Shrum	Janet Flowers Angie Warner		
Grades 3, 4, 5	Amy Crawley Kris Baker	Lisa & Adrian Barger	Stacy Bryant Kris Baker		

The Praise Team will rehearse each Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. Children and Youth will meet from 5 – 6:30 p.m.

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