

YOUTH FUNDRAISER – CHARLESTON WRAP

Beginning on **Monday, September 20** our youth will be selling Charleston Wrap products as a fundraiser for youth missions. Order from a wide selection of wrapping paper,



accessories, personalizable gifts, exclusive kitchen and home items, tasty gourmet goodies, and so much more. Go ahead and get your Christmas shopping done early! To order, visit our table in the Welcome Center beginning September 26 or click on the link that will be posted in Chris' Corner

that week. All the funds we raise go to our Missions Fund for summer 2022. The fundraiser will run through **Sunday, October 17.**

RIGHTNOW MEDIA CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

We have partnered with RightNow Media to bring a mass of bible studies, parenting lessons, biblical life videos, and more to you. This service is an online database of over 20,000 video series that you can use in your Sunday School classes, small groups, family gatherings, or even on your own.

This service is set to go live on September 19th. Make sure that you keep up with upcoming emails and announcements about this wonderful learning tool, how you might use it, and even some training on how to use it effectively. For now, head over to rightnowmedia.org to learn more about what you can expect to see when it launches.

Until then, let this Psalm be a prayer for us on our journey of learning more about our Creator God:

Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long. – Psalm 25:5

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RIGHTNOW MEDIA

Just a few weeks ago we talked about the importance of learning in the discipleship. Certainly we are to learn more and more of what it means to be a disciple, but sometimes that goal can weigh us down. How can we learn to be a disciple? Who is the best model? Is there a degree for this? Maybe we get too caught up in our own actions in this learning process. Is it really up to us, our discipline in learning, to make us better disciples? I'll be honest, if I was left alone on that journey I would fail.

Thankfully it is never just us on this journey. The first place of solace we should look toward is in Jesus, the great teacher. Remember when He met the disciples for the first time in Matthew? He saw them fishing for fish, and after performing a miracle called them to follow Him with these words, "Follow me, and I will teach you to fish for men." Hear in these words a promise that God is with you on this journey of learning. Jesus is your teacher.

The truth that you are not alone does not stop there, though. All of us in the church are on this path together, learning and growing towards God. In fact, God gave us the church for this purpose—that we would come together in worship, service, and learning!

We are so blessed to have a body of Christ within our church that loves to learn, and the discipleship team wants to continue to seek new and exciting ways to support our goal of learning. That's why we have recently expanded our learning resources available for members of Front Street UMC.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

GROWING IN CHRIST

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Join the Men's Breakfast Bible Study for a new church year on **Tuesdays** at 9 a.m. via Zoom. Jim Pace will lead the Bible Study using the Lectionary Bible readings for the Sunday that follows that week's Bible Study.

Let the scriptures of the week speak to you and join a Bible study that encourages discussion and sharing of our understanding of scripture. All men of the church and others they invite are welcome to participate. If you want your



Men's Breakfast Bible Study Group

email added to the list receiving the Zoom link each week, contact the church office or Dex Peach directly at jdp838@aol.com. Last church year we had 25 plus persons on the list and averaged about 20 participants each week. Each week we also take time to share concerns and pray for each other and our church.

Current Covid conditions and related masking requirements influenced the group's collective decision to resume via Zoom. Normally, our group would meet each Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. in the Reading Area and share a breakfast of ham biscuits, with a cereal and banana alternative. The Bible study started at 7:30 a.m. and has evolved to a point where there is a lot of shared discussion. We plan to resume in person meetings when Covid restrictions are relaxed.

Each week participants will receive a Zoom link and a list of lectionary Bible readings by email. We believe you will enjoy the group and Jim's leadership.

SHARING CHRIST

AGAPE CHRISTMAS BOXES

It is time once again to begin filling Christmas boxes for refugee children in Armenia. For several years, the NC Conference has adopted Project AGAPE Christmas boxes as a conference-wide mission project. AGAPE Christmas boxes are one way Front Street UMC can share Christ's love with the children of Armenia.



This year there are separate packing lists for boys and girls. Copies of the packing lists and instructions are available in the Welcome Center.

Plastic shoe boxes are available in the Welcome Center for you to take and fill and return to the church **NO LATER THAN Sunday, September 26.**

BEAT THE HEAT

We are still collecting the following items to provide cooling care kits for our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness:

- Bottled water
- Sports drinks
- Healthy trail mix or nuts
- Dried fruit: apples, bananas, berries, etc.
- Peanut Butter On-the-Go packets
- Care packet items (e.g. travel wet wipes, travel hand sanitizer, travel sunscreen, travel deodorant)

Our goal is to collect enough items for 50 kits. Drop donations in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. Alternatively, make a monetary donation toward the purchase of fresh fruit and other items. Make checks payable to Front Street UMC with "beat the heat" in the memo line. Thank you for your support of this mission opportunity.



ALAMANCE COUNTY CROP WALK 2021

This year because of the pandemic we will have an Honor Walk, meaning that walkers can walk on their own, anywhere at any time and for any distance he or she chooses. The day for walkers to turn in all money donated is **Saturday, October 2** at Front Street UMC from 9-11 a.m. T-shirts may be picked up at this time. Come by the CROP table in the Welcome Center to pick up donation envelopes.



Any questions, please contact Jenna Johnson at haj30@bellsouth.net.

Prayers

- **George Fox and family** upon the death of his wife, Sally, on 9/9
- **Sandy Hooper** who is recovering from heart surgery
- **Elaine Williams** who is recovering from a broken pelvis

Thank You

Thanks to all for a successful blood drive! One first time donor and six doubles! We collected 39 pints total. Therefore 39 x 3 transfusion units per pint = 117 people were helped.

Thanks again,
Gene Fonville

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Wilder and Natalie Harvard** upon the birth of their son, Reynolds Turner, born on August 25. Proud grandparents are David and Becky Johnson.

Congratulations to **Teddy and Alex Fitzgibbons** upon the birth of their daughter, Eloise Gray "Loie," born on August 22. Proud grandparents are Robert and Jan Register.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE FOR 9/10/2021

YTD Actual Giving - \$740,519.04

YTD Budgeted Giving - \$944,365.32

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NEW STAFF MEMBERS AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Welcome New Staff Members

October Birthdays

DR. BRAD LOGAN, CHOIR DIRECTOR



Dr. Brad Logan has 42 years of conducting experience and 17 years as an adult church choir director. He has been a director at the following universities: California State University, Long Beach, University of Illinois, Louisiana College, University of Montevallo, and, most recently, Bemidji State University in Minnesota. Brad has conducted at Carnegie Hall on two occasions, conducted in 9 foreign countries, has been president of both the Louisiana and Alabama ACDA (American Choral Directors Association), and his choirs have sung at 3 regional and 2 national ACDA conventions. He has a doctorate from the University of Illinois. Presently, he sings in the Vocal Arts Ensemble of Durham (with Bob Bearden). To add to this, he is a really nice guy, and we are so excited that we found him (or he found us). Brad and his wife, Dawn, have been visiting Front Street on and off since 2019. When he retired from university teaching, he and his wife moved to North Carolina to be closer to their daughter and her family. They live in Mebane.

KATIE PORTER, AFTERSCHOOL/SUMMER DAY CAMP DIRECTOR

I am married to Dan, and we have a black lab named Remington, and no children, as of yet! We met in Colorado at Colorado State University and have lived in Burlington for the past four years. I grew up as an Army brat and because of such, I have lived all over the place! I spent eight years in Germany, and have lived in several places in both Colorado and California, and have also lived in Indiana, Maryland, Virginia, and Illinois.

Probably because I moved around a lot as a child, I LOVE to travel and explore new places. Some of my favorites have been Ocracoke, New Orleans, Iceland, and most recently Paros, Greece. Spain is currently at the top of my list to travel to next, but I'll pretty much go anywhere if I find a good deal! I also enjoy cooking and baking, especially when I have the opportunity to host our neighbors and friends. I will never pass up the opportunity for some street tacos, ice cream, or mac & cheese.

When I have some down time, you can find me with my nose in book, either a historical fiction or suspense thriller. Marvel movies are my favorite and I can talk superheroes with the best of them- perfect for all the boys (and girls!) in Afterschool.

I am very excited to be here and look forward to creating a safe place for the children of our community to come play and have fun, all while fostering their personalities, independence, and friendships.

