

NCPP #145
MARCH 23-26, 2017

NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage News

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REMINDERS

Send Off: March 23, 6:00 PM

Serenade: March 25, 5:30 PM

Closing: March 26, 4:00 PM

Ultreya: April 1, 5:30 PM

@ Huntersville Presbyterian

NC PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE

MARCH 2017

Letter from the Rector of NCPP #145

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My wife, Teresa and I attended North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage, # 84 in April of 2008. We were there having been told that this was a weekend that would strengthen our walk with Christ. Our sponsors were a couple that we worked with at an evening contemporary service at our church. Russ and Marcia Reighley were new friends to us, and we knew that they were special. They had offered to sponsor us before, but the timing was never quite right. But God made everything work so that we could attend that weekend. As I have heard this same story countless times before, and I am sure you will also identify, I had no idea what was about to happen. We did not have a relaxing weekend retreat. We did not have a religious get away. For everyone, the weekend is special and affects them in a positive way. But for us, it was a full-on encounter with Christ. And yes, it was life changing.

Our relationship with our living Lord was enhanced. Part of the way God accomplished this was by the blessing of the Fourth Day Community. Volumes would be needed to tell that story. These people have loved and supported us every day since. And so many of them are serving together with us this weekend all these years later. I have been covered in prayer and support. I have been encouraged and blessed in innumerable and immeasurable ways on this journey. I am grateful for every word, note, email and text that I have received. They usually arrived when I needed them the most.

The vision for the weekend is reflected in the scripture, Colossians 1: 16, which says all things have been created through Him and for Him. I have heard it said that it is all about the guests. I am not in total disagreement with that statement, but I now have a deeper understanding. If we put our focus on the One who created us and who it was created for, then the guest and the team will certainly be taken care of in the process. It's all about Him! And through Him, all the blessings that we have received will be carried forward to a new generation of pilgrims in wonderful and exciting ways.

Come be with us on this journey. Sign up for the Prayer Banner, come for the Serenade, or come serve as fourth day as we wrap up the weekend. Not only do we need you, but Christ wishes to bless you! Give him a chance.....

God loves you my Brothers and Sisters in Christ, and so do I!

-Gary



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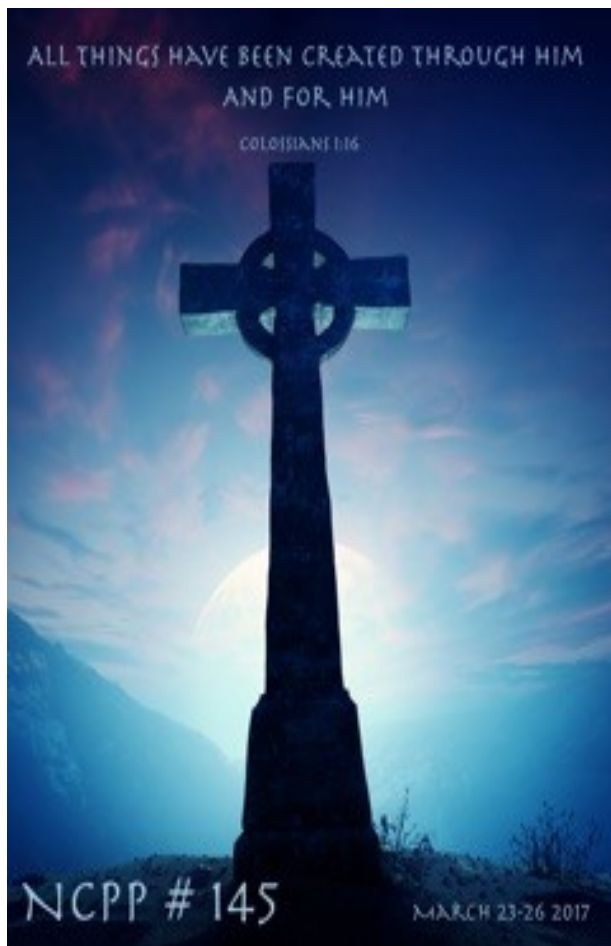
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Our Team - Weekend #145

Rector

Gary Oakley

Pastors

Head – Sam Warner
Russ Reighley
Sue Black
Charles McClendon

Rollo Room Chas

Head – Bob Black
Doug Groce
Emily Davis
Anne Cullinan
Nancy Watts
Diane Campbell-Beard
Jennifer Jones
Sheryl Midwinter

Chapel Chas

Head – Steve Green
Becky Persinger
Terry Gilmore
Martha Hill
Milos Jugovic
Mark Spencer
Chellie Gastreich
John Powell

Observing Rector

Kristy Cloninger

Head Cha

Trey Perry

Trainer

Cindi Hoffner

Speakers

Ideals – Katti Kerns
Laity – Greg Smith
Piety – David Prosser
Study – Kari Fisher
Action – Bab Westall
Leaders – Meg Bright
Environment – Josh Jones
Community-Sue Todd

Palanca Chas

Head – Angie Perry
Amy Green
Rebecca Hill
Bert Caraballo
Donna Groce
Jane Long
Doug Kerns

E-Chas

Photo-Teresa Oakley
Monitor-Anthony Sessoms
Sound-David Cloninger

Prayer Chas

Head – Chip Todd
Marcia Reighley
Jay Cullinan
Connie Engart
Doris Miller
Craig Sefa

Kitchen Chas

Head – Jake Postle
Lyn Smith
Beth Caraballo
Luke Hester
Fig Figueroa
Tom Westall
Debbie Matherly
Lauren Jugovic
Cathy Rubel

Outside Chas

Head – Mike Filip
David Persinger
Barbara Long
Jody Kerns
Jawon Harrington
Barry Long
Hank Engart
Jim Whaley
Mary Kate Postle
Pam Simmons

Table Facilitators

Holly Johnson
Jill Barbee
Rudy Turnage

Music Chas

Head – Devon Fisher, Mandy Hager, Ben Hill, Bill Gilmore, Cindy Kreis, David Matherly, Denise Filip, Joshua Kerns

Stay Connected!

How do I keep up with the NCPP happenings? www.ncpilgrimage.org

What information is on the website?

- Online directory of the entire NC 4th day including addresses and phone numbers
- Upcoming weekend dates, locations, and Rectors
- Newsletters from most weekends
- Logos from most weekends
- Current guest and sponsor applications
- A link to the prayer banner website
- A NCPP brochure for potential guests
- And much more.....

Please use this newsletter as your trigger to verify that YOUR contact information is still current in the online directory! Why? So your brothers, sisters, and future Rectors can contact you! Also, make sure your reunion sisters and brothers received their newsletter, if not ask them to update their e-mail address!

Registrar Trivia:

Question: What three items comprise an acceptable guest application?

Answer: A **complete** guest Application form (with Pastor Signature), a **complete** sponsor application form, and deposit – complete means every blank is filled in!

Question: What is required for the NCPP movement to thrive?

Answer: Guests

Question: You are thinking of sponsoring a guest – what should you do first?

Answer: Pray, pray, PRAY then read & meet the Guidelines for a Pilgrimage Sponsor.

Question: How do you know when the next weekend is and who is the Rector?

Answer: Go to www.ncpilgrimage.org, click on “weekend Information” and “Weekend Dates.”

Question: Should you share with your potential guests all they should expect on a weekend?

Answer: No, you should share generalities but do not reveal any special surprises.

Question: Is it alright to bring my guest and a completed application to surprise the team?

Answer: No, neither the Registrar nor the team like surprises!!!! You should provide the complete application to the Registrar by the guest deadline, usually 2 weeks before the weekend to allow yourself adequate time to collect special palanca.

Question: Can I use an application I found in a team manual from 5 years ago and where can I find the Registrar’s address?

Answer: No, you should always print a NEW application form from the www.ncpilgrimage.org website (under “Weekend Information” and “Forms”) to make sure you are meeting the latest requirements. The current Registrar’s address for each conference is on the bottom of the Sponsor’s application.

Question: What should I say if my guest says they cannot afford the weekend?

Answer: First ask your guest how much they could pay then speak to the Registrar about financial assistance.

Question: Is it ok to print a copy of the outlines for my guest to get ready for the weekend?

Answer: Please print only the NCPP Brochure from the www.ncpilgrimage.org website (under “4th Day Community”). Remember Pilgrimage will provide everything else they need for the weekend.

Question: Who is responsible for obtaining guest palanca?

Answer: You are as the sponsor. You may deliver it discretely to a team member at Send-Off, send it to camp with a team member, or deliver it to the baskets when you go for dinner prior to the Serenade.

Serenade:
 Saturday, March 25, 5:30 PM
 Covered Dish Supper.
Due to possible delays, please use a restroom prior to arriving at camp. Meet at the Pavilion (NOT the Chapel) to eat and practice serenade songs.
 Questions? Contact Gary & Teresa Oakley @ 828-212-0189



Packing Up Reminders for 4th Day

1. Pack up Chapel after the morning service on Sunday. Only leave out what is needed for Closures.
2. After lunch, pack up the kitchen.
3. After the outside team has removed guest luggage from the cabins, pick up toiletries and remove trash. Please check for trash in the team cabins.
4. After palanca bags are given to the guests, pack up the Palanca Room.
5. After rollos are finished, the entire team will help break down the Rollo Room.
6. After guests have the card dedication, the Knees Palanca Room can be packed up.
7. After Closures, the remainder of the Chapel will be packed up and chairs will be put in the closet.
8. Pack up remainder of Rollo Room

Members of the 4th Day Community wishing to stay after Serenade and help pack up on Sunday are welcome. Please remember to bring your bedding and a towel. Contact Trey Perry at 704-813-3404 to ensure there is a bed for you.

Directions to Camp Harrison

From Charlotte: (approx. 1.5 hours)

Take 77 North to 421 North
 Merge onto NC 16/18 toward Lenoir/Taylorsville
 Turn right onto NC18 and travel about 5 miles.
 Look for Herring Ridge Camp Harrison on the left.

From Greensboro: (approx. 1.5 hours)

Take 40 West to 421 North (Exit 286-A)
 Turn onto NC 16/18 South towards Lenoir.
 Turn right Taylorsville
 Drive 3 miles and turn right onto NC18 and travel 8.2 miles
 Look for Herring Ridge Camp Harrison on the left.

Emergency Contact Info:
 Hal & Julie Hester
 704-875-0241
 704-309-0921
 hwhjr55@gmail.com

Utreya Information: Saturday, April 1st @ Huntersville Presbyterian Church
201 South Old Statesville Road, Huntersville, NC 28078
Covered dish dinner starts @ 5:30 PM
Fellowship, Food and Music from 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Worship Service @ 7:30 PM
Come Join us in the 4th Day!
Childcare Provided

Directions to Huntersville Church

From Greensboro:

I-40 West to Exit 152-A & I-77 South.
On I-77 South, take Exit 23. At top of
ramp, turn left onto Gilead Road. Cross
over the bridge, then go 3 lights & turn
right onto Old Statesville Road. Church
is one block on left.

From Hickory:

I-40 East to Exit 152-A & I-77 South.
Follow directions above.

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Station & Town Hall are). Church is
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NCPP Western Conference Leaders

Moderator: David Cloninger

Vice Moderator: Martha Hill

Secretary: Mary Kate Postle

Leaders: Rocky Hoffner, David
Matherly & Terry Gilmore

Registrar: Tom & Bab Westall

Fourth Day: John Powell

Outreach: Steve & Amy Green

Trainer: Cindi Hoffner

Palanca: Kristy Cloninger

Newsletter: David Fiske

Serenade: Gary & Teresa Oakley

Operations: Doug Kerns &
Mike Filip

Pastor: Trey Perry

Reunion Groups: Connie & Hank
Engart

Historian: Julie Hester

Utreyas: Doug & Donna Groce