

# NC Presbyterian PILGRIMAGE NEWS

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## Presbyterian Pilgrimage #56 Set Feb. 12-15

### Team List

**Rector**—Russ Reighley

**Team Leader**—Terry Gilmore

**Asst. Team Leader**—Marcia Reighley

**Observing Rector**—Jennie Maness

**Pastors**—Genie Martin, *Head*

Ken Broman-Fulks

Curtis Patterson

Dari Rowen

**Speakers**—Robin Mouzon, *Ideals*

Bill Tilley, *Laity*

Laura Allred, *Piety*

Larry Hooker, *Study*

Jan Parker, *Action*

Teresa Neal, *Leaders*

Lori Blackley, *Environment*

Mid Middleton, *Christian Community*

### Escort Team

Rose Gaiser, *Leader*

Julia Middleton

Jim Deal

### Facilitator Team

Maria Hall

Teresa McGraw

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Debbie Foust

Carl Treleven

Nancy Coble

Susan Carr

Amanda Earp

### Chapel Team

Steve Miller, *Leader*

George Davidson

Maricka Mouzon

Woody Beck

M. J. Marks

### Palanca Team

Micki Rodriguez, *Leader*

Lauren Miller

Saundra McIver

Hilda Courter

Nan Padgett

### Special Team

Karlan Barker, *Leader*

Jim Mason

Christie Reighley

Gayle Davidson

Melissa Black

Mary Hamlin

K. D. Reighley

### Music Team

Bill Gilmore, *Leader*

Wayne Jenkins

Kristy Myers

Rhonda Dausman

David Matherly

Doug Brinkley

Lyn Myers

Susan Bays

### Meeting Room Team

Diane Jenkins, *Leader*

Linda Mason

Linda McCauley

Mary Beck

Jim Booe

Steve Earp

Tracy Roberson

Debbie Matherly

Janet Ward Black

Jeane Batten

Sue Todd

**Kitchen Team**—Sheri Cureton,  
*Leader*

Donna Earp

Kim Noble

Alison Barnes

Clark Morgan

Bobby Hodges

Cindi Hoffner

Clay Padgett

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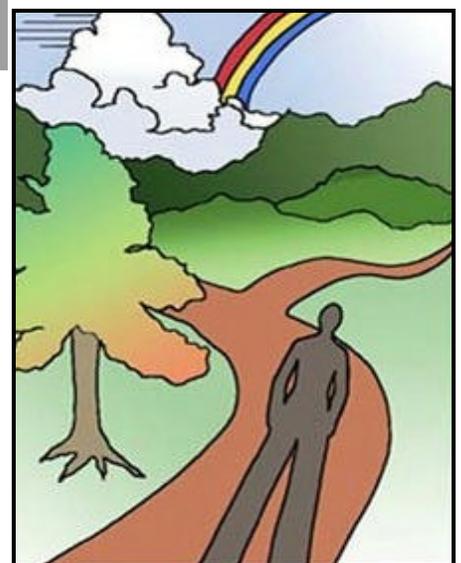
## From the Rector:

Dear Friends,

God is GOOD; all the time.

The scripture for weekend #56 is from Isaiah 30: 21c, "this is the way, walk in it." The Lord spoke these words, through Isaiah, to pilgrims on their journey to their new home in Jerusalem. The pilgrims were questioning where they were to go. Or what they would do when they got there. Why did they have to make the trip? These same questions seem to have lived in me more than once. The Lord gave Isaiah this wonderful message. "Fear not where you shall go. For a voice will come to you (continued to page 2)

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**"This is the way, walk  
in it." Isaiah 30: 21c**  
*NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage*  
February 12-15, 2004

## NC Pilgrimage #56 Guest List

### From the Rector

Name	Church	Sponsor
Joe Andrews	Christ Cov. Pres., Matthews, NC	Joanne Andrews
Dave Andrus	Eastminster Pres., G. Rapids, MI	Gayle & George Davidson
Terry Babins	Eastminster Pres., G. Rapids, MI	Gayle & George Davidson
Kemp Baker	Main St. UMC, Kernersville, NC	Sam & Caroline Martin
Marilynn Baker	Main St. UMC, Kernersville, NC	Sam & Carolina Martin
Julia Barnes	Main St. UMC, Kernersville, NC	Lyn Myers
Margie Boyd	Guilford Park Pres., G'boro, NC	Teresa McGraw
Robbin Britt		Robin Mouzon
Tom Callicutt	1st Presbyterian, Reidsville, NC	Elizabeth Edwards
Julie Champion	1st Wesleyan, Cherryville, NC	Billy Lowe
Louann Clarke	1st Presbyterian, G'boro, NC	Tom Hamlin
Richard Deal	Community in Christ, G'boro, NC	Jim & Gail Deal
Brian Diekman	St. Andrews UMC, W. Layayette, IN	Amanda Earp
Helen Dowling	Montreat Pres, Montreat, NC	Doug Boyette
Kriston Gallop	Clifton Rd. Baptist, G'boro, NC	Christie Reighley
Jennie Hemrick	Hills & Pine Ridge Pres., Pilot Mt., NC	Doug Brinkley
Julie Hester	Huntersville Pres., Huntersville, NC	Rocky & Cindi Hoffner
Hal Hester	Huntersville Pres., Huntersville, NC	Rocky & Cindi Hoffner
Levina Kollar	Guilford Park Pres., G'boro, NC	Mary McNeal
Bob Kollar	Guilford Park Pres., G'boro, NC	Mary McNeal
Bev Leary	1st Presbyterian, G'boro, NC	Lou Hodges
Cindy Loggains	Liberty Friends Meeting, Liberty, NC	Jim & Gail Deal
Loie Matthews	Eastminster Pres., G. Rapids, MI	Gayle & George Davidson
Sharon Matthews	Jamestown Pres., Jamestown, NC	(TBA)
Brenda McCormick	Mt. Zion Baptist, G'boro, NC	Hal McElroy
Mandy O'Brien	Main St. UMC, Kernersville, NC	Lyn Myers
Kevin O'Brien	Main St. UMC, Kernersville, NC	Lyn Myers
Debbie Porter	EFCA Church, Charlotte, NC	Laura Allred
Bev Pugh	1st Reformed Ch. of Christ, Bur., NC	Leslie Johnson
Robin Rayfield	Main St. UMC, Kernersville, NC	Tracy Roberson
Steve Reid	Main St. UMC, Kernersville, NC	Sam Martin
Robby Reighley	Community in Christ, G'boro, NC	K.D. Reighley
Mary Beth Sharman	Jamestown Pres., Jamestown, NC	Steve Wall
Kristi Stratton	Westminster Pres., G'boro, NC	Donna Earp
Drew Troutman	Jamestown Pres., Jamestown, NC	David Farmer
Anita Trumpler-Rich	Fellowship Pres., G'boro, NC	Dorinda Simpson
Jean Webb	Shelby Presbyterian, Shelby, NC	Joyce & Doug Boyette
Carolyn Wharton	Eastminster Pres., G. Rapids, MI	Gayle & George Davidson
John Wright	Westminster Pres., G'boro, NC	Jean & Wilson Davis

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from behind indicating whether you shall turn right or left. It will say, this is the way, walk in it." It is so wonderful that our Lord will speak to us in so many ways from so many directions. Even from behind.

We are so excited for our guests. When Marsha Percival was the rector for #50, she adopted a sub theme: "meet the guests where they are." Thank you Marsha, and team #50. The Lord has assembled an unbelievable team for this weekend. They are coming from all over the state, plus we have several from Michigan.

It is impossible for me to properly thank all of you in the 4th Day community for this opportunity to be the rector for #56. As we gathered in the morning for our first team meeting on the 10th of January, I looked at the team and I loved what I saw. When we gathered in the afternoon to give thanks for, and end the day; I loved WHO I saw.

Thanks be to our awesome God for all of the gifts He gives us. Especially for all of you, and the greatest gift of all, our brother Jesus.

Peace and Love,

Russ Reighley

### Would You Like To Serve On A Pilgrimage Team?

If you would like to serve on a team, download the team application form from the NCPP web site, [www.ncpilgrimage.org](http://www.ncpilgrimage.org). Fill it out and send it to the rector of the weekend. On the form, you can indicate your preference for your role on the team. It is not always possible for rectors to find a spot for everyone who wishes to serve on a weekend, but they are particularly interested in having new members of the 4th Day Community serve on teams.

**PILGRIMAGE WEB  
ADDRESSES**  
[www.ncpilgrimage.org/](http://www.ncpilgrimage.org/)  
[www.nccp.net](http://www.nccp.net)

*Editor's Note: The above list includes guests who had registered for the Pilgrimage by Jan. 30.*

### Pilgrimage Newsletter Uses New On-Line Data Base for First Time

With this issue, the Pilgrimage newsletter has utilized the addresses in the NCPP's new on-line data base for the first time. The on-line directory gives pilgrims these options: (1) receive the newsletter by U. S. mail only; (2) receive it by e-mail only; and (3) receive the newsletter by U. S. mail and e-mail. In addition, about a week before the Pilgrimage begins, pilgrims who opted to receive the newsletter by U. S. mail and e-mail or by e-mail only will receive another e-mail newsletter with an updated guest list.

## ***NCPP Will Host March 26-27 Meet Of National Council Delegates In Gate City***

The National Council of Presbyterian Fourth Day Movements will meet at Greensboro's Westminster Presbyterian Church on March 26-27. The meeting will be hosted by the NCPP.

Jim Mason, chairman of the NCPP Executive Council, said approximately 30 delegates from 13 organized Fourth Day movements are expected to attend the meeting. The session will start at noon on March 26.

The NCPP will put on an *Ultreya/Serenade* for the delegates at the end of the first day's meetings, probably at about 5:30 p.m.

Mason said the delegates will be staying with local families who are members of the NCPP.

Saturday's session will begin with an 8 a.m. breakfast. The meetings are expected to end around 3 p.m. that afternoon.

## **Leadership Council Restructuring Effective January 1**

Last fall's action to restructure the NCPP Leadership Council became effective this January 1. Under the change, the Eastern and Piedmont Conferences each are headed by a moderator and will meet separately. The two conferences now report to the NCPP Executive Council, consisting of a chair, vice chair, treasurer and the two moderators.

Russ Reighley, who has ties to both Greensboro and Hickory, was named moderator of the Piedmont Conference, and Shields Harper of Fayetteville was chosen as moderator of the Eastern Conference. Each conference has its own set of officers. The restructuring is designed to strengthen the NCPP and make it easier to provide more support to the Pilgrimage weekends.

Jim Mason, who formerly served as president of the NCPP Leadership Council, is now chair of the NCPP Executive Council.

A regular schedule for meetings by the Piedmont Conference and Eastern Conference will be set at a later date.

### **2004 NCPP Executive Council**

Chair—Jim Mason

Vice Chair—TBA

Treasurer—Larry Hooker

Piedmont Con. Moderator—Russ Reighley

Eastern Con. Moderator—Shields Harper

## **Reunion Group Help Is Available**

If you need help finding a reunion group to join or if you need aid in forming a new one or re-energizing an existing group, such assistance is available.

You can contact Karlan Barker of Greensboro, reunion group chair for the Piedmont Conference or Kim Lloyd of Bowden, reunion group chair for the Eastern Conference. They can either point you in the right direction or help get you some assistance.

As examples of such help in the Piedmont, Karlan said, "We have volunteers who will attend reunion groups to help with start up and/or get folks back on track. We have reading material and devotions that can be used by groups as well.

"Sometimes a study with other folks can kick start the group. Another suggestion is to do a project together, such as volunteering at urban ministry, visiting a nursing home, tutoring kids, working a Pilgrimage weekend together or preparing palanca for a weekend."

If you need to reach Karlan, she can be contacted at karlanh@bellsouth.net or at 336-545-1858. Kim, who has just taken office as reunion group chair for the Eastern Conference, can be reached at 910-293-7228 or by mail at NC 1032 & US Hwy 117, Bowden, NC 28398.

## **Team Listing For #56**

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### **Kitchen Team** (continued)

Damon Blackley

Fran Lilley

### **Outside Team**

Lori Johnson & Robin Ludlow

*co-leaders*

Jane Edwards

Rocky Hoffner

Gaylene Scheide

Michelle Wilburn

Beth Tracey

Susan Miller

## **Eastern Conference Officers**

Moderator—Shields Harper

Vice Moderator—TBA

Fourth Day Chair—Sheri & Robert Cureton

Leaders Chair—Annette Burke

Music Chair—Marty Linn

Outreach/Newsletter Chair—Mary Beck

Operations Chair—Debbie Brown

Palanca Chair—Marcia Rauch

Pastors Chair—Rev. Sam Warner

Registrar—Becky Thompson

Reunion Chair—Kim Lloyd

Serenade Chair—Chris & Kathy Armstrong

Secretary—Chris Riley

Infor. Systems Chair—Becky Thompson

Historian—Marsha Percival

## **Piedmont Conference Officers**

Moderator—Russ Reighley

Vice Moderator—Chip Leonard

Secretary—Rose Gaiser

Fourth Day Chair—Fran Lilley

Leaders Chair—Lenwood Collins

Music Chair—Mandy Burns

Outreach/Newsletter Chair—Wilson Davis

Operations Chair—TBA

Palanca Chair—Mike & Alesia Pendleton

Pastors Chair—Rev. Jim Rissmiller

Registrar—Randy Welfare (until 6/1/04)

Registrar—Jennie Maness (after 6/1/04)

Reunion Chair—Karlan Barker

Serenade Chair—Hal McElroy

Infor. Systems Chair—Robin Britt Jr.

Historian—Laura Allred

## Strength for the Journey

By Karlan Barker

Reunion Group Chair, Piedmont Conference

*Matthew 18:19-20 (The Message)*

“When two of you get together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, my Father in heaven goes into action. And when two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I’ll be there.”

Christ calls us to be in community with fellow Christians. After spending time with us on earth, He knew how hard life was and that we could be better disciples by being together. It is a comfort knowing that we have companions on this journey. We have people traveling with us to help us understand or manage the bumps, potholes and intersections in the road that face us on a daily basis.

After attending a weekend, whether as a guest or coming back as a team member, we are often spiritually re-energized and eager to take on the world for Christ. It is a great feeling and a tough one to keep. So how do we maintain the energy, how do we stay motivated and not get bogged down in the world? One way is by participating in a reunion group. We can be part of a group that shares the same ideal and want to remain true to that ideal.

### All Groups Share a Love of God and the Gift of His Son

Each reunion group is as unique as the individuals. Female, male, mixed groups, singles groups, couples groups – there is not a “typical” group in the bunch. They are dynamic in nature not only due to changing or adding members, meeting locations and times, but also due to what goes on in the groups. Some reunion groups share devotion time, book studies, Bible studies, mission trips, mini retreats, sharing time of the roadblocks or joys, but all share a love of God and the gift of His son. And through the sharing of each other we share in the gift of love that God has given us through relationships with one another.

Our lives are busy with all sorts of activities; carpools, church meetings, work, families and on and on. Sometimes all this busyness can sidetrack us from our ideal. Meeting with a reunion group helps to keep us focused on living our lives with piety, study and action (remember that 3-legged stool?). Being in a reunion group can be that deep breath of fresh air that we need in order to keep our spiritual energy charged.

### We Share Our Joys and Concerns

In a reunion group, we share our joys, sadness, celebrations and concerns with a loving, caring, supportive group. We keep each other on track for our study and actions (the commitment card – take it out of that drawer!). By supporting each other in our small groups, we nurture each other and on a larger scale nurture the Pilgrimage movement through prayer, palanca, serenades or becoming a team member. We grow through our studies and grow by helping each other with all that “life” stuff. We are a reminder to each other that God loves us, each of us, just as we are.

Those of you who are members of reunion groups already know their value. In closing, let me urge any Pilgrims who are not in such a group to either join one or help form a new one. You will be glad you did! And in doing so, let us know if you need help from me or any member of our Leadership Council.

## Tips Offered

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**Michelle Askew of Greensboro:**

“I am now in two groups, one involving three other women who attended the Pilgrimage and another group of women from work who have not yet been to Pilgrimage. I will focus this on the first group. We each attended a different Pilgrimage weekend. We each prayed (that is my first suggestion) to be a part of a reunion group and have no doubt that He is certainly why we are together. We have at times been book/study based and service oriented, but we are, I think, most definable by the prayers and concerns that we lift up for one another. Suggestion No.2 would be to have folks who are determined to meet. It’s great when one person doesn’t have to always be the organizer/leader. Also, we each have the same expectation of what our group should be. There’s a level of trust, of care, of confidentiality and support given. Both groups have blessed me immeasurably. It’s a wonderful thing to hear and see how God is at work in a friend’s life.”

**Kim Lloyd of Bowden:** “Keep the meetings under an hour. Try meeting during lunch hours for those who work. This seems to be helpful and breaks the day. Make sure there is one person to keep the group focused. It’s easy to get off on other subjects. Stick to the format; use the (card) questions. Remember that at some meetings, there may be individual needs of someone that take precedence. Pray, ask God to be with you during the meeting and guide the conversation. Above all, have fun! Worshipping God does not always have to be serious. Laughter is something that reminds us we are happy in the Lord.”

**Jace Ralls of Greensboro:** “It has been my privilege and blessing to be in a reunion group with 9 other men for the past 10 years. We meet each Tuesday morning at 7 a.m. for an hour. Afterwards, those who can go to breakfast together. It is my observation that there are three basic things that keep us strong: (1) We are committed to being there each week. (2) We are committed to each other. We share our joys and our sorrows. (3) We are committed to Christ and serve Him and our brothers and sisters as we are led.”

# Tips Offered To Reunion Groups

## *What tips do you have to help keep NCPP reunion groups strong and meaningful?*

That was the question we posed to a sampling of the NCPP's 4th Day Community. Here are highlights of their responses:

**Annette Burke of Lumberton:** "Over the last 10 years I have been in numerous reunion groups. Here are my thoughts: (1) Realize that reunion groups will always be changing. Schedules change, people move. If one group comes to an end, celebrate the life of that group and then join or create a new one. (2) Be inclusive. The reunions groups I have been in have almost always included someone who has not 'made a weekend.' This reminds us that God works in infinite ways, and helps avoid the dangerous thinking that some of us are 'in' and some are 'out.' (3) Keep starting again. When life gets crazy and the group doesn't meet for a while, don't give up—just start again. (4) Always respect confidentiality. (5) If a group gets too large, celebrate and form two groups. Smaller groups lead to more sharing."

**Sam Bays of Greensboro:** "I try to remember that my reunion group members are some of my closest contacts with Christ. My reunion group prays for me when I need it most, holds me accountable for the things I do not want to do, and forgives me for times that I am sinful; just like Christ would do. I see Christ clearly in them, and I hope they too, can see Christ in me. I have learned that each reunion group is different and has its own needs, but all of them share the fact that we are to be as Christ for one another."

**Lori Johnson of Greensboro:** "When asked the question on tips on how to keep reunion groups strong and meaningful, my heart was full. I love my TIG—"Together in Grace" sisters. I don't know what I would do without them; so my remark is more of a thanksgiving of what this bond is to me. Since making my Pilgrimage in February 1998, I have been so blessed to meet weekly with seven of the most amazing women. The love and closeness we have only comes from the grace God has given each one of us. A strong faith and commitment we have keeps us grounded in whatever life brings—the loss of employment, ailing parents, the death of a spouse, marriage separations and divorces, the children, never ending sagas of the children. There's nothing we can't go through, when we're a phone call or e-mail away from each other. Tears and laughter are just part of it. Both prayer and giving of yourself freely keeps our reunion group strong. We are so blessed."

**Bill Gilmore of Matthews:** "Commitment! To keep your group strong and meaningful you must all be committed to Christ, God's word and calling as well as committed to each other. Make it a priority! Hebrews 10: 25 says, 'Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.'"

**Caroline Martin of Kernersville:** "A very important tip to keep reunion groups strong and meaningful is commitment. Put reunion times on your calendar and make it a priority like an MD appointment. Find and participate in a reunion group that meets your schedule. Prayer, support, and communication for and with each other is a must to keep all involved and informed. Be willing to reach out and invite new people to be part of your group. Most of all, have fun together. Doing service projects and retreats helps bond you together. Always open and close in prayer and keep God in your center of the world."

**Rev. Jim Rissmiller of Greensboro:** "One very important way of keeping a reunion group strong and vital is prayer, daily prayer. The members of my reunion group are part of my daily devotion. I pray for each one of them, by name each day."

**Mary Nelle Smith of Greensboro:** "We always begin with the 'Come Holy Spirit' prayer and end with a closing prayer where we all contribute. We keep reminding ourselves to focus on where God has touched us in the past week, even though it's easy to spend the hour socializing! We often try for some sort of structure. We've used a Richard Foster format and simply read the questions on our Pilgrimage cards. Right now, we're taking turns doing a devotional. We've had prayer partners for each month. We've changed our date and time to meet the needs of the majority at least once per year. We try to do some sort of mission. For Christmas, rather than buying each other presents, we took the money we would have spent and brought a stove for a Christian mission in Bulgaria. We really enjoyed fixing lunch every other month at Higher Ground for a few years. We love each other even though we differ in our politics and theology."

**Lenwood Collins of Greensboro:** "First and foremost, people have to want to be in a reunion group; they have to want to be connected with other Christians in that manner; they have to want to keep the spirit of the weekend alive for themselves. While it is hard to understand why someone would not want all of that, we have to remember that we are all told when we are guests on a weekend that not everyone will gain the same experience. That is the beauty of our God, that He created each of us as individuals. How special is that! To stay connected with the spirit of the weekend, we must all make a conscious effort to join a reunion group and attend regularly. If you ever get out of the habit of going, it will be hard to start going back. For me, it was never a question of whether or not I would join a group. After I returned from #17, I started the very next weekend attending one with my sponsor. The group grew and shrank and grew again. After a few years, several of us split off and formed another group. Whenever I am in town, I know where I will be every Saturday morning at 7:30—enjoying Christian fellowship with a group of guys that I love as Brothers in Christ. *(continued to page 4)*"

## At Trinity Retreat Center in Salter Path

# NCPP's 4th Day Retreat Set For April 1-4

*Hospitality offers space where change can take place. Where we can enter and discover ourselves as created free; free to sing our own songs, speak our own language, dance our own dance; free also to leave and follow our own vocations. Hospitality is not a subtle invitation to adopt the lifestyle of the host, but the gift of a chance for the guests to find their own.*

*Paraphrased from Reaching Out, by Henri Nouwen)*

**What's the purpose of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat?** The purpose of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat is, in the words of Henri Nouwen, to offer space where change and growth can take place in our spiritual journeys. This "space" includes prayer, communion, joyful music, worship, silence, and ministry in the midst of Christian community. It is founded in "hospitality" in its deepest Christian meaning, which is so richly reflected in the Pilgrimage weekends. The space is a quiet space, bathed in prayer and infused with the beauty of the created world, where we can deepen our love affair with the Lord. This holy space will offer a brief respite from the intensity and busyness of our lives; an opportunity to stop, rest, and get reconnected in our spiritual journeys.

**What is the difference between the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat and a Pilgrimage weekend?** One difference is that all members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day are invited to attend (on a first come, first served basis). Another difference is that, while Pilgrimage weekends are powerfully structured around the guests, the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Retreat is structured around the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community. There are no Retreat "guests." In a real sense, the guests are the members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community who choose to come.

**What are the themes for the weekend?** The weekend is structured around five themes: *Inward Journey*, *Outward Journey*, *Community*, *Transformation*, and *Changing Kingdoms*. The first three themes represent elements of the Christian life that we can choose to pursue. *Inward Journey* is the development of our relationship with God and ourselves. *Outward Journey* is what we do in the world with the gifts God gives us and calls us to share. Finally, *Community* is the body of Christ that supports our inward and outward journeys. The last two themes represent what can happen to us when we choose to pursue the first three themes. As we hold ourselves open to the Spirit through inward journey, outward journey, and community, we are *Transformed* into entirely new creations. As transformed people, we *Change Kingdoms* by becoming more present in God's eternal kingdom.



**How is the weekend structured?** The weekend will run from Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon. Someone from the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community (plus one guest speaker) will speak on each theme. Small "Retreat Groups" will discuss each theme, plus share other aspects of the weekend. In addition, there will be large blocks of free and unstructured time for rest, reflection, silence, exercise, recreation, and fellowship. Music, prayer, communion, and worship will also be integral parts of the weekend.

**What is the location, date, and cost of the Retreat?** The Retreat will be held at *Trinity Retreat Center on April 1-4, 2004*. Trinity is an extremely beautiful and comfortable facility on the coast of Salter Path, NC ([www.trinityctr.com](http://www.trinityctr.com)). The all-inclusive cost is \$150 per person for a triple (3 people in a hotel-style room) and \$190 per person for a double (2 people in a hotel-style room). Married couples are invited to stay together and each room has a private bath. Need-based scholarships are available. *Two Retreat Community sessions will be held prior to the Retreat on Feb. 28 and March 13.*

**What is the purpose of the Retreat Community Sessions?** All Retreat participants are invited to participate in a pre-Retreat preparation process involving prayer, reading, and writing/journaling. The Retreat Community Sessions will be important milestones along this process, and will help prepare us individually, as well as corporately, for the Retreat weekend.

**Who can participate on the Retreat and how do I get signed up?** Everyone from the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community is invited. You do not need to be in a Reunion Group to attend. To register or to get more information, visit [www.4thdayjourney.org](http://www.4thdayjourney.org) or leave a message at 1-800-464-6124 (your call will be returned).

# Palanca Needs

**Meeting Room– Diane Jenkins**

336-674-2790

**Items needed:** Reunion groups are requested to help provide some special food: such as apples, oranges, grapes, cakes, ice cream, vegetable snacks or anything that might be a little different from the usual candy.

**Kitchen-Sheri Cureton**

910-618-0980

No items needed.

**Palanca–Micki Rodriguez**

336-454-3648

**Items needed:** The most important palanca is your prayers. We ask that reunion groups pray for the team and guests. Be sure to get all of your letters to our guests to camp on time. Also, be sure to label all pillow & table palanca as to when and where you want it distributed. Also, see story below this listing for a special request.

**Chapel: Steve Miller**

No items needed.

## Check Out Guidelines Before Sponsoring a Guest

Sponsoring a guest to go to the Pilgrimage has many responsibilities. Choose your guests very carefully. Talk to the Lord about your guest before you talk to your guest about the Pilgrimage.

The new Pilgrimage brochure that can be downloaded from the Pilgrimage web site is very helpful to give to potential guests. Here are some other tips:

(1) When you are looking for guests for the Pilgrimage, bear in mind the influence they will have on others, not only for the good they will derive from the Pilgrimage for themselves.

(2) Pray for your guest often—before, during and after the Pilgrimage.

(3) Be sure the guest’s application is complete and turned in at least four weeks (if possible) before the Pilgrimage, along with the sponsor’s application. If you wait too late, the Pilgrimage could be full. Send the guest’s check with the application.

(4) Write a palanca letter for your guest and arrange for others to do so too.

(5) Bring your guest to the send-off and stay with them until their name is called to join the other guests. Meet them at the closing and drive them home.

(6) Help your guest find a reunion group and bring him/her to the first Ultreya after the Pilgrimage.

## Here Are Dates, Times For Pilgrimage # 56

Here are several key dates and times to remember in regard to Pilgrimage #56 at Camp Hanes, scheduled for Feb. 12-15.

**Send-off: Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Serenade: Feb. 14, 5:30 p.m.**  
 (covered dish)

**Closing: Feb. 15, 4:00 p.m.**

## PRAY

**For the Pilgrimage  
 Sign up for the Prayer  
 Banner**

**Call Mike & Alesia  
 Pendleton**

**(336) 454-3940  
 or mapen108@aol.com  
 or www.prayerbanner.org**

**to reserve your special time  
 on the prayer banner**

## Letters Solicited To Be Read To Guests Throughout #56

Reunion groups are urged to send short letters or notes indicating encouragement and prayer support that will be read to the guests attending Pilgrimage #56 throughout the weekend. Just send the notes or letters to Micki Rodriguez, Palanca team leader, along with any other palanca that you send to individual guests.

Micki will read the letters to those attending #56 at different intervals during the weekend.

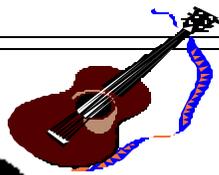
## Emergency Contact

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 336-454-3940**

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Leader</i>
<b>Pilgrimage #56</b>	<b>Feb. 12-15</b>	<b>Camp Hanes</b>	<b>Russ Reighley</b>
<b>Pilgrimage #57</b>	<b>March 18-21</b>	<b>Camp Dixie</b>	<b>Lauren Harper</b>
<b>Pilgrimage #58</b>	<b>May 13-16</b>	<b>Camp Hanes</b>	<b>Jennie Maness</b>
<b>Arise #18</b>	<b>Sept. 4-6</b>	<b>Camp Rockfish</b>	<b>Lenwood Collins &amp; Kendal Johnson</b>
<b>Pilgrimage #59</b>	<b>Sept. 16-19</b>	<b>Camp Dogwood</b>	<b>Caroline Martin</b>
<b>Pilgrimage #60</b>	<b>Oct. 14-17</b>	<b>Camp Hanes</b>	<b>Dick Swanson</b>
<b>Pilgrimage #61</b>	<b>Nov. 4-7</b>	<b>Camp Dixie</b>	<b>Steve Taylor</b>
<b>Arise #19</b>	<b>Jan. 15-17</b>	<b>Camp Carefree</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Pilgrimage #62</b>	<b>Feb. 10-13</b>	<b>Camp Hanes</b>	<b>TBA</b>

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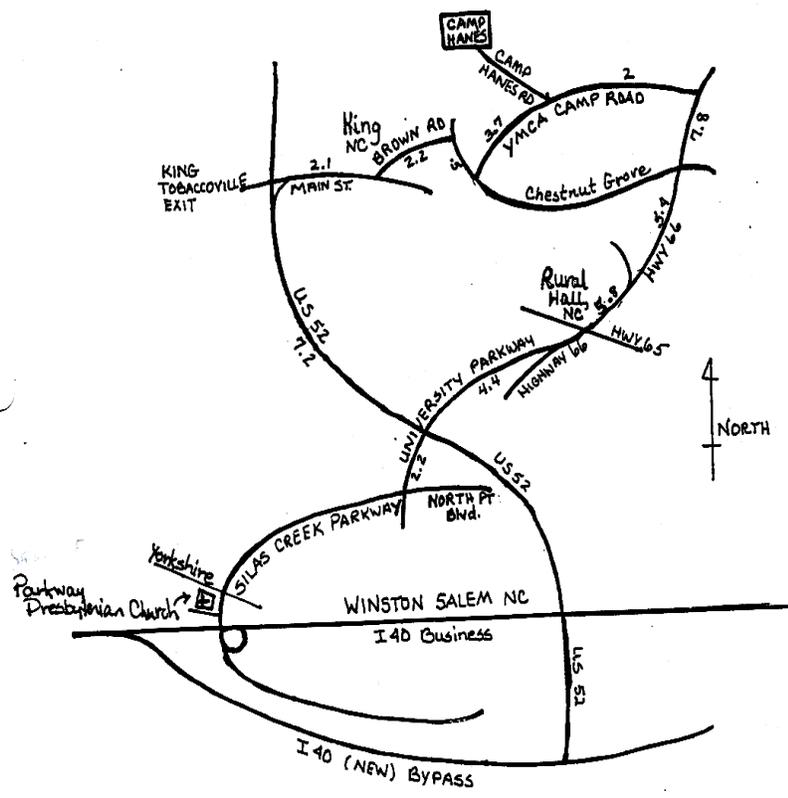


**First Presbyterian Church** in High Point  
**Saturday, February 28, starting at 5:30 p.m.**  
**918 N. Main St.**  
**High Point, NC 27262**

**Directions: From Winston-Salem:** Go east on I-40 from W-S. Turn right on Highway 311 south to High Point. Highway 311 runs into North Main St. The church is located on the left at 918 N. Main St. Parking lot is behind the church.

**From Charlotte:** Go east on I-85 to High Point. Take Highway 311 into High Point. Highway 311 becomes South Main St. Drive through the city to North Main St. The church is located on the right at 918 N. Main St. Parking lot is behind the church.

## Map to Camp Hanes



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