
PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE NEWS

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PILGRIMAGE #76 CAMP DIXIE – March 15-18, 2007



Rector – Nikki Sessoms

Asst. Rector – Neill Legg

Observing Rector – Tim Young

Pastors

Head-Tom Dendy
David Ruth
Jack Crain

Pastor Emeritus

Bob Cleveland

Professors

Sheri Cureton-Ideals
John Matlack-Laity
Kim Lloyd-Piety
Daphne Manning-
Study
Nancy Haithcock-
Christian Action
David Boliek-Leaders
Nash Lindsey-
Environment
Stella McRainey-
Christian Community
Millie Keener-silent
Alicia Page-silent
Ray Manning-silent
Jim Keener-silent
Kim Askren-silent

Escort

Head-Eva Ruth
Brownie McLeod
Betty Ellsworth

Music

Head-Lewis Nance
Alicia Mansfield
Beth Birch
Scott Burluson
Mike Fowler

Chapel

Head-Brad Brown
Michelle Sessoms
Tom Lee
Fran Way
Carole Goforth

Rollo Room

Head-Pat Parrott
Wayne Sessoms
Johnny Legg
Penny Lindsey
Jack Ellsworth
Tim Page
Paula Horne
Nicole Sessoms
Brian Gore

Outside

Head-Debbie Brown
Jennifer Davis
Scott Sessoms
Valen Fowler
Walt Neal
Gardner Payne

Palanca

Head-Haden Boliek
Becky Lee
Carole Worthington
Natalie Sessoms
Fran Spangler

Kitchen

Head-Deanne
Wheeler
Jason McClelland
Chris Mintz
Su Johnson
Josh Nevitt
Charles Monroe
Alyson Nance
Todd Walker
Jennifer Matlack
Shirley Lee

E-Cha

Marcia Fort

4th Day Speakers

Mary & Woody
Beck

4th Day Assistance

June Marie Smith
Jim Nance
Bette Tisdale
Martha Ann
Harrell
Jenny Hornaday
Marcia Plyler
Peggy Grantonic

We Love, Because God First Loved Us
I John 4:19

Letter from the Rector

Company's Coming, and we are excited !!! The praying, planning, and preparation for NCPP #76 has begun. This beautiful team that God has called to serve, along with the guests, will feast at the banquet table of our Lord. We will drink in the taste of God's Grace. Ladle out lots of service to the guests. Savor all that we gain. Share in the sweet dessert of Love---enough to carry into the fourth day. Our prayer is that the guests will return home saying, "WOW, isn't God great." He is. God has given us the most precious gift of Love through His son Jesus. **We love, because God first loved us. I John 4:19** Love is a verb, a word of action. We must love with more than our talk; we must show our love through our deeds. We can't enjoy the Feast of the Lord if we keep it all for ourselves, we have to share... ..share God's Love. God and His only Son have invited us to come just the way we are, to join the feast. It is an invitation for each and every one of us to spend the rest of our lives enjoying the lives of grace and love that God intends for us to have. We ask for your prayers to cover all aspects of the weekend, especially the guests. Please join us. Share God's love with these guests though palanca, serenade, clausura, and of course ultreya. It will be wonderful to have a large group of 4th day Brothers and Sisters to welcome these new Pilgrims into the 4th Day.

In His Love,
Nikki Sessoms

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Marty & Tim Johnson

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GUESTS – WEEKEND #76

	NAME	CHURCH	SPONSOR
1.	Marian Adams	Highland Presbyterian, Fayetteville	Millie Keener
2.	Kelly Barr	Trinity UMC, Fairmont	Alicia Page
3.	Cindy Bruce	Rivers of Living Water, Fayetteville	Mike Fowler
4.	Betty Sue Carr	Highland Presbyterian, Fayetteville	Carole Goforth
5.	Beth Cleveland	Cary Presbyterian Church, Cary	Su Johnson
6.	Rachael Council	St. Pauls Presbyterian	Tim Young
7.	Bill Drewry	Snyder Memorial Baptist, Fayetteville	John and Jennifer Matlack
8.	Catie Drewry	Snyder Memorial Baptist, Fayetteville	John and Jen Matlack
9.	Laurin Dzan	Glad Tidings Nondenominational, Wilmington	Nicole Rollins
10.	Barbara D'zan-Terry	St. Thomas Moore Catholic, Chapel Hill	Nicole Rollins
11.	John Ellsworth	St. Anne Catholic, Fayetteville	Betty Ellsworth
12.	Becky Ensley	Highland Presbyterian, Fayetteville	Valen Fowler
13.	Dan Hamilton	Trinity Presbyterian, Laurinburg	Shelly and Janie Sutton
14.	Shannon Hamilton	Trinity Presbyterian, Laurinburg	Janie and Shelly Sutton
15.	Sarah Harris	Camp UMC, Shallotte	Neill Legg
16.	Jim Hodges	First Presbyterian, Nitro, West Virginia	Barb Nicholas
17.	Laura Hundley	Williamsburg Presbyterian, Kingstree, SC	Jean Nexsen
18.	Ross Hundley	Williamsburg Presbyterian, Kingstree, SC	Jean Nexsen
19.	Debby McDowall	Holland's UMC, Raleigh	Marcia Fort
20.	Diane McKethan	Highland Presbyterian, Fayetteville	Kaye Kinlaw/ Nancy Martin
21.	Doris McPhail- Williams	Snyder Memorial Baptist, Fayetteville	Carole Goforth
22.	John Nicholas	Yorkminster Presbyterian, Yorktown, Virginia	Barb Nicholas
23.	Bitzie Owens	Williamsburg Presbyterian, Kingstree, SC	Jean Nexsen
24.	Martin Pharr	Journeys	Gardner Payne
25.	Dickey Preacher	Williamsburg Presbyterian, Kingstree, SC	David and Eva Ruth
26.	Jenny Lynn Preacher	Williamsburg Presbyterian, Kingstree, SC	David and Eva Ruth
27.	Alison Ridenhour	First Presbyterian, Greensboro	Tim Young
28.	Parks Rogers	Haymount UMC, Fayetteville	Stella McRainey
29.	Brian Ryalls	Central Church of God, Charlotte	Tim Young
30.	Jessica Scott	Berea Baptist, Pembroke	Carlton Mansfield
31.	Anthony Sessoms	Myers Park Presbyterian, Charlotte	Nikki and Wayne Sessoms
32.	Brenda Teachey	Apex Baptist	Becky Lee
33.	Grady Teachey	Apex Baptist	Becky Lee
34.	Charlie White	Westminster Presbyterian, Fayetteville	Mr. and Mrs. David Spangler
35.	Cheryl White	Westminster Presbyterian, Fayetteville	Mr. and Mrs. David Spangler

Sign up for Prayer Banner

Call Barbara Carter 910-245-6525
or e-mail Barbara at tigger54@earthlink.net
or go to www.prayerbanner.org

Click on *view entire banner* or *choose a date*, fill out the form with as much information as you want. If you have any trouble, please e-mail or call me and I will help you.

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4th Day Retreat Set For March 29-April 1

The theme of the Spring 4th Day Retreat will be "Pray Without Ceasing." It will be a weekend of meditative music and centering prayer led by accomplished musician Jeff Olivette from Boston. The retreat will be held Thursday, March 29-Sunday, April 1 at Trinity Center at Salter Path, NC. Trinity Center is between the ocean and Bogue Sound near Atlantic Beach. (Trinity Center's website is www.trinitycenter.com)

Most attending the retreat will not have a musical background but for those who do, small group time with Olivette will be offered during the weekend. All inclusive cost per person for the weekend is \$230/triple, \$245/double, or \$295/single. Registration may be made online at www.4thdayjourney.org or by calling 1-866-797-0966 and leaving a message. Your call will be returned promptly. A song writer and musician, Olivette has led music for churches, retreats and conferences since the 1980s. He has an interest in bringing music and silence together as ways of praying.

Eastern Conference Leadership Council

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Dates and Times to Remember Pilgrimage #76

All Events at Camp Dixie

SEND-OFF March 15 6:30PM
SERENADE March 17 5:30PM
(Covered Dish - BYO serving spoons)
CLAUSURA March 18 4:00 pm

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	LEADER
Pilgrimage #76	March 15-18	Camp Dixie	Nikki Sessoms
4 th Day Retreat	March 29-April 1	Trinity Retreat Center-Salter Path, NC	Jeff Olivette
Pilgrimage #77	April 12-15	Camp Harrison	Clark Davenport
Pilgrimage #78	May 17-20	Camp Hanes	Mike Pendleton
Great Plains Pilgrimage #1	May 17-20	Camp Calvin Crest (Nebraska)	Russ Reighley
Arise #24	August 31-September 3	Camp Rockfish	Patrick Hunt & Becca King
Pilgrimage #79	September 13-16	Camp Harrison	Marcia Reighley
Pilgrimage #80	October 4-7	Camp Hanes	Mary Hamlin
Pilgrimage #81	November 1-4	Camp Dixie	Tim Young

Palanca Needs

The theme of weekend #76 at Camp Dixie is LOVE!! "We Love Because God First Loved Us" I John 4:19. In an effort to do our part to help make the guests for this weekend feel loved, I would like to ask reunion groups and/or individual Pilgrims to prayerfully consider providing some palanca for our guests.

Palanca suggestions:

- 1) Donations to various charities (local, national, or international) made in honor of the guests of #76
- 2) Candy/food
- 3) Bracelets, necklaces, key rings, picture frames, etc. (keepsakes of the weekend)
- 4) Letters
- 5) Any/all other creative ideas you may have

I want the guests to understand how supportive and special the Fourth Day Community is. Thank you for your help with this endeavor.

God Loves You and So Do I,
Haden Boliek
Head Palanca Cha #76

The Gift of Serenade

From NCPP team manual:

On Saturday night after dinner you will again receive a Serenade.

Some of you will see many familiar faces. Some will see just a few. Some of you will not recognize a single soul. Whether you know them or not, these are people who have sat where you sit now, who have made a weekend like you are working, who have also received the gift of song, a Serenade, from the body of Christ. You will sit with your table or your Cha group. It really takes a community effort to surprise the guests with this gift. The Outside Chas can use the help of other Chas who can keep the guests in their seats after the meal and away from the doors of the Dining Room. Team members should be seated around the edges of the tables to serve as a bit of a buffer between the Serenaders and the guests.

Watch the candles.

Do not attempt to touch the Serenaders so that the guests won't feel the need to do the same. If you are not hidden, you can encourage Serenaders to move quickly when it's time to exit.

Enjoy the gift!

Many of us need to read this information about Serenade to remind us what Serenade is supposed to be. We have gotten away from the original intent of the Serenade because of the recent trend to invite people to serenade, particularly children, who have not attended a Pilgrimage (or other 4th Day) weekend. The serenade is meant to be a time for the new Pilgrims to see how large and loving the body of Christ is. And yes, children are included in that body! But the announcement made at serenade is that "these people have sat where you sit, have been through what you're going through." That isn't true with children or others who haven't had a Fourth Day experience.

Remember that you do not come to serenade to sing only for the person you sponsored. You are singing for every single guest attending the weekend. The focus should be on the guests, and shouldn't be on all the precious little children running to those they know and love.

We'd like you to imagine yourself in several different situations. First, imagine you are a guest who has a young child. You really miss that little one. You ache to hold her and worry about how she's doing without you there. She comes into the room and the person bringing her breaks all rules and hands her to you. You get to cuddle her for only a moment, and then she is whisked away wailing. Now you worry that she'll be miserable for the rest of the time you are away. You have not enjoyed the beauty of the body of Christ singing to you like an angel choir. You have only seen one little angel who is now as miserable as you are.

Next, imagine yourself as a four-year-old who has been having fun at Aunt Sue's house. Then Aunt Sue takes you to a loud gym where you run around and have fun, then takes you into a room where you're supposed to sing. There are your mommy and daddy. You run to them and sit in their laps and play with their bubbles. Everyone around them concentrates on you. Then you are whisked away from them and you don't understand why they don't come with you and why you can't stay. You are miserable for the next several hours and cry yourself to sleep.

Thirdly, imagine that you are a guest who knows no one who has attended a Fourth Day weekend. You do not know a soul in the wonderful choir that surrounds you with beautiful song. Then several people around you have their kids come sit with them. Others get hugs from nearby serenaders. You suddenly begin to think that everyone but you has someone they know and love, probably lots of people they know and love, to come and sing to them while you have nobody. You feel alone and left out. However, if all the serenaders stay along the walls and don't touch any guests or team members, you never know who knows who. You just realize that the body of Christ is a large and happy family of which you are a part. What an inclusive and joyful feeling!

God Loves You and So Do We,
Eastern Conference Leadership Council

Funds Raised To Purchase Second Crucifix

Following a successful fund-raising initiative, funds have been donated to make possible the purchase of a second Crucifix for the N.C. Presbyterian Pilgrimage.

Tim Gupton of Winston-Salem, who spearheaded the fund-raising for the statewide Leadership Council, described his experience this way:

“When Jim Mason asked me to help the Pilgrimage raise some money to purchase a second Crucifix, I had no idea what a blessing it would be for me. The response to the request for financial support was huge, and we were able to receive pledges very quickly. So quickly, in fact, that several Pilgrims who returned my calls learned that we had already passed our goal of \$6,000, and

“The gifts were generous and the Crucifix has been ordered.”

—*Tim Gupton*

they pledged much needed funds to the general fund and for scholarships.

The gifts were generous and the Crucifix has been ordered and set for delivery in about 90 days (early spring) from Italy. We were able to acquire it from the same company in Texas, the Sacco Company, which ordered it from the same source in Italy that carved the Crucifix we purchased 13 years ago.

The real blessing for me was to be able to hear what joy Pilgrimage has brought to the lives of those I called. Our conversations about money were

short, but our times of sharing Christian community experiences will live on for a long time to come. I give thanks to God for this opportunity to have my life enriched by the generosity of all who responded to the call.”

The need for a second Crucifix was brought on by the expansion of the Pilgrimage in North Carolina. The first Crucifix last year was used in 9 weekends, including those in the Eastern, Piedmont, and Western conferences, plus two Arise programs.

NCPP Treasurer Larry Hooker said the gifts over and above the cost of the Crucifix have been most helpful to the Pilgrimage budget, to help pay for scholarships and other increasing expenses. He said additional gifts are still needed to help boost the NCPP’s general fund.

Newsletters: A Note from the Leadership Council

Did you know that it costs over \$6,000 each year to print and mail our paper newsletters?

Did you know that:

- ❖ The newsletter is available to you by email?
- ❖ It may be downloaded from the www.ncpilgrimage.org web site?
- ❖ When you receive the newsletter by email that you will receive an updated version about a week or less before the weekend so that you will have the latest team and guest lists?
- ❖ The web version is updated with each change that is made to these lists?
- ❖ You can access a very great number of newsletters from past weekends on the web site?
- ❖ It costs over \$6,000 each year to print and mail our paper newsletters?
- ❖ \$6,000 per year would cover all of NCPP’s scholarship needs?
- ❖ \$6,000 would cover most of the cost of a (badly needed) second crucifix?
- ❖ Opportunities to establish new Pilgrimage communities in Nebraska and Oregon are very real and could be helped along by support from NCPP? (The Great Plains Presbyterian Pilgrimage #1 will be held in mid-May, 2007 with Russ Reighley as Rector)

The Leadership Council has decided that we must radically reduce the cost of mailing the newsletters in order to continue to offer NC Pilgrimage weekends at a reasonable cost since - other than donations - the weekend fees are the only source of income for our community. The council anticipates that nearly everyone who is active in some way in the NCPP community has email access or is in a reunion group with someone who does.

So, the current plan is this: it is anticipated that as soon as feasible but **no later than September 1, 2007, the only printed copies of the newsletter that will be distributed will be those sent to Pilgrims who have contacted the web site chairman, Jim Mason (masonjim@aol.com; 336-883-9902; 1509 Overbrook Court, High Point, NC 27262) and asked for the newsletter by regular mail. The council plans to eliminate the “both email and regular mail” option as soon as feasible.**

As soon as the database is reset with this new information, the option to receive the newsletter by regular mail may be exercised by using the web site to update your directory information or by contacting Jim, as above.

We believe that the Pilgrimage community will understand the need for this approach to newsletter distribution, and we believe that you will help us make this work. It is very important, as you can see, to reduce the cost of what has become a very expensive item in our annual budget.

ULTREYA

**Saturday –March 31
5:30 – 8:30PM
Highland Presbyterian
Church - Fayetteville**

From points north:

Take I-95 South to Fayetteville/Elizabethtown exit at Hwy 87 Proceed toward Fayetteville onto Hwy 87 (Martin Luther King Expressway) Follow to Hay Street exit. Turn left at stoplight at top of ramp. Highland Presbyterian is one block on your left. Turn left at light after front of church onto Highland Avenue.

From points south

Take I-95 North to Fayetteville/Elizabethtown exit at Hwy 87 Proceed toward Fayetteville onto Hwy 87 (Martin Luther King Expressway) Follow to Hay Street exit. Turn left at stoplight at top of ramp. Highland Presbyterian is one block on your left. Turn left at light after front of church onto Highland Avenue.

CAMP DIXIE

FROM POINT NORTH:

I-95 S to Hwy 87 (Exit 46)
Take Hwy 87 S towards Elizabethtown for 14 miles
Go approx 1 mile past the DuPont Plant entrance
Turn right onto Bladen Union Church Road
(the next paved right)
Camp Dixie will be on your left.

FROM POINTS SOUTH:

I-95 N to Hwy 20 E (St Pauls Exit)
Continue through St. Pauls, past the landfill and Rocco Farms Plant
Cross a little bridge at Gallberry Swamp and then cross the county line
Take the next left onto Pages Lake Road
Continue for approx 2 miles
Camp Dixie will be on the right.

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