

# North Carolina Presbyterian PILGRIMAGE NEWS

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September 24th-27th, 2009  
Camp Harrison—Boomer, NC**



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

## Letter from the Rector

My prayers for you are the same as Jesus expressed in John 13:34, 14:27, and 15:11 of love, peace, and joy. What an amazing experience it has been to see God's hand at work in the preparations for North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage #93! There are not enough superlatives in the dictionary to describe the experience of these past 15 months after being asked to serve as rector for this weekend. It's been an awe-inspiring privilege to be a part of such an enthusiastic and widespread team that includes people I've known all my life as well as people I met at the first team meeting. I've often reflected that a Pilgrimage weekend is the one place where I've seen every one of the Lord's servants ignore their own agendas, personal comfort, etc. so that our God and his guests can be well served. What always overwhelms me every weekend is how our AWESOME GOD can take such a mixture of people, experiences, spiritual gifts, and personalities, and meld us into the precise and unique Christian Community with a HUGE servant's heart he needs to carry out his plans.

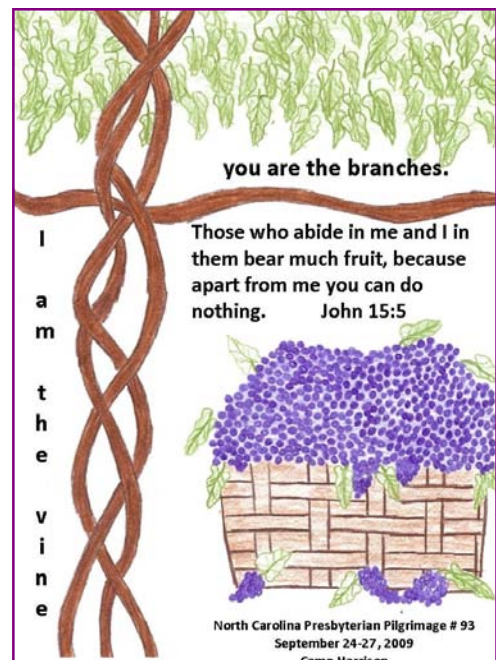
The scripture God helped me chose for this weekend is John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." The more I read & reflect on John 15:5, the more it speaks to me as guidance for my life. It explains our relationship to Jesus as the vine or source of sustenance and us as the branches or the users of that sustenance. It explains what our Father wants from us – to bear fruit, to be his Disciples, to bring others to him, to take care of His world and all those in it. This verse explains how close our relationship should be - a strong word "abide" in him - today, not in the future! And finally, John 15:5 states explicitly that apart from God, we can do nothing! Since John placed this verse in his gospel between the Last Supper and the Garden of Gethsemane, it is viewed as similar to a "deathbed" talk as Jesus gave final words of wisdom and encouragement to his Disciples walking with him and continues to give us today. I pray that this verse will come to mean as much to the guests and team as it has come to mean to me.

The logo for the weekend shows that vine made up of three parts to represent the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and a branch which completes the cross shape. The overflowing harvest of fruit represents the abundant love and grace we all hope to bear on NCPP #93 and in years to come.

My 4<sup>th</sup> Day Friends, you make these weekends possible with your love and support. We covet your prayers so please continue to pray for the guests and team members as we strive to carry out God's plans. I'm not anticipating but speaking for the entire team in saying we would all love to see your names on the prayer banner and on Palanca. We'd also love for you to be an active part of NCPP#93 by seeing your smiling faces at the Send-Off (9/24), Serenade (9/26), Closing Ceremony (9/27), and at the Ultreya (10/3/09) because...

GOD LOVES EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND SO DO !!

Grace and Peace,  
Cindi



**Our Guests—Weekend #93**

NAME	CHURCH	SPONSOR
Jackie Smith	Trinity United Methodist	Cindi Hoffner
Paula Labban	Green Street Baptist	Sharyn Andrews
John Labban	Green Street Baptist	Sharyn Andrews
Melissa Simmons Tamez	Philadelphia Presbyterian	Ed & Shirley Simmons
Terri Large	Matthews United Methodist	Missy Carlson
Chris Moore	Covenant Presbyterian	Michelle Askew
Mary Sue Moore	Covenant Presbyterian	Michelle Askew
Lennie Washington	Myers Park Baptist	Rocky Hoffner
Saundra Magee	Myers Park Methodist	Rocky Hoffner
Julie Holland	First Presbyterian—Concord	Donna & Gerry Knorr
Wade Holland	First Presbyterian—Concord	Donna & Gerry Knorr
Rex Inman		Jennie Hemrick
Mary Ann Johnson	First Presbyterian—Concord	Grace Davis
Judy Green	Covenant Presbyterian	Mike Coltrane
Christy Davis	Philadelphia Presbyterian	Doris Miller
Amy Hunter	Covenant Presbyterian	Wallace Davison
Angela Lane		Missy Carlson
Joann Rosinski	Huntersville Presbyterian	Jody Kerns
Mary Diehl	Covenant Presbyterian	Michelle Askew
Mark Diehl	Covenant Presbyterian	Michelle Askew
Greg Smith	First Presbyterian—Hickory	Teresa Oakley
Tammy Smith	First Presbyterian—Hickory	Teresa Oakley
Kathy Webb	Crown Point Covenant	Carl & Gaylene Scheide
Mignon Long	Crown Point Covenant	Carl & Gaylene Scheide
Carol Jessup	Pine Ridge Presbyterian	Doug Brinkley
Ben Huffman	Huntersville Presbyterian	Gail Bloxom
Denise Boatright	Elevation Church	Susie & David Fiske
David Johnson	Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic	Melissa Hoffner
Belinda Stevens	Huntersville Presbyterian	Erin & Brandon Bullis
T.J. Stevens	Huntersville Presbyterian	Erin & Brandon Bullis
Joel Voltz	Barkyville Church of God	Charity Saunders
Lee Anne Whitley	Covenant Presbyterian	Michelle Askew



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 Clay & Lyn Smith  
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**Our Team**

**Rector** - Cindi Hoffner

**Observing Rector**– Jim Morgan

**Head Cha**– Barry Long

**Pastors**

Head - Jennie Hemrick  
Doug Brinkley  
Vern Dodd

**Prayer Chas**

Head Cha– Clark Davenport  
Dan Oke  
Jody Kerns  
Judy Jones

**Kitchen Chas**

Head Cha– Charity Saunders  
Leslie Niven  
David Brown  
Donna Redmond  
Deb Kitty

Gene Taylor  
Patty Blount  
Donna Earp  
Susie Fiske

**Rollo Room Chas**

Head Cha– Jane Long  
Ann Hutton  
James Lang  
Doug Kerns  
Pat Taft  
George Blankenship  
Gaylene Scheide  
Mary Jane Morgan  
Bab Westall—Floater

**Speakers**

**Robert Cureton** Ideals  
**Mike Coltrane** Laity and the Church  
**Doris Miller** Piety  
**Carl Scheide** Christian Study  
**Doug Groce** Christian Action  
**Linda Gensheimer** Christian Leaders  
**Michelle McDevitt-Askew** Transformation of the Environment  
**Julie Hester** Christian Community in Action

**Outside Chas**

Head Cha– Tom Westall  
John Powell  
John Blount  
Gary Oakley  
Bob Black  
Loretta Fiacco  
Wallace Davison

**Palanca Chas**

Head Cha– Emily Davis  
Ed Simmons  
Sue Moore  
Kristy Cloninger

Joyce Bain  
David Persinger  
Becky Stevens

**Table Facilitators**

Rocky Hoffner  
Chip Todd  
Becky Oke  
Teresa Oakley

Bill Tilley  
Kristy Dodd  
Linda Davenport

**Chapel Chas**

Head Cha–John Southard  
Bob Evans  
Missy Carlson  
Mike Stevens  
Melissa Sealy  
Sue Black  
Linda Gensheimer

**Music Chas**

Head Cha– Phil Bennett  
Asst-Head- Bill Gilmore  
Lee Hilliard  
Jim Hutton  
Jennifer Hoffner

David Fiske  
Matt Duncan  
Linda Hilliard

Lori Johnson  
Ed Gibson

**Special**

Melissa Hoffner—Photo

**Palanca Needs**

- 1-Sign-up for prayer banner (at [ncpilgrimage.org](http://ncpilgrimage.org) or [prayerbanner.org](http://prayerbanner.org))
- 2-Table Palanca from reunion groups
- 3-Pillow Palanca from reunion groups.



**SATURDAY EVENING**  
**September 26**

**Questions? Contact Grace**  
**@gmdavis@ctc.net**  
**Covered Dish Supper 5:30**

4th Day help in packing up will be greatly appreciated, but we have a FULL guest and team roster. We can guarantee only top bunks. Please call Barry Long at 704-573-1207 to reserve a top bunk for Saturday night.

**Don't forget bedding, pillow & towel!**



**Packing Up Reminders from Rocky**

1. Pack up whatever is not needed for Closura from Chapel after morning service.
2. After lunch, pack up kitchen.
3. After outside has removed guest luggage from cabins, pick up toiletries and remove trash. Please check for trash in team cabins.
4. After Palanca Bags are given to guests, pack up Palanca.
5. After Rollo's are finished, entire team will help break down Rollo Room.
6. After guests have card dedication, Knees Palanca can be packed up.
7. After Closura, remainder of Chapel can be packed up and chairs will be put in closet.
8. Then pack up remainder of Rollo Room items.

God Loves All Who Help to Pack Up and So Do I,  
Rocky



Grace Davis requests that Reunion Groups please send her updated information via her email: [gmdavis@ctc.net](mailto:gmdavis@ctc.net)



# ULTREYA

**Huntersville Presbyterian Church**

**201 North Old Statesville Road**

**Saturday, October 3rd**

**Starting at 5:30 PM**

**Covered dish, Fellowship and Music**

**from 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Worship Service at 7:30 PM**

**Come join us in the 4th Day!**

**Childcare provided**

From Greensboro:

I-40 to Exit 152A and 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 and turn right at the third one onto Old Statesville Road.

(where the police Station & Town Hall are). The church is one block down on the left..



From Charlotte:

77N to Exit 23

Turn right onto Gilead Road. Counting the traffic light at the top of the ramp, go to the third light and turn right on Old Statesville Road (where the Police Station and Town Hall are). The church is one block down on the left..



## Directions to YMCA Camp Harrison

(note that the stone sign along the road says "Herring Ridge" in larger letters with "Camp Harrison" in much smaller letters below that.)



**From Charlotte:**(approx. 1 ½ hours)

Take 77 North to 421 North.

Merge onto 16/18 toward Lenoir/Taylorsville onto NC18 and travel about 5 miles.

Turn right onto NC18 and travel about 5 miles.

Look for Herring Ridge/Camp Harrison on the left.

**From Greensboro:** (approx. 1 ½ hours)

Take 40 West to 421 North (Exit 286-A)

Turn onto NC 16/18 South toward Lenoir.

Turn Right Taylorsville.

Drive 3 miles and turn Right onto NC18 and travel about 8.2 miles.

Look for Herring Ridge/Camp Harrison on the left.

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FIRST CLASS



### NCPP—Western Conference Leaders

**Moderator:** Mary Jane Morgan

**Vice Moderator:** Cindi Hoffner

**Secretary:** Kristy Cloninger

**Leaders:** Clark Davenport, Terry Gilmore, Marcia Reighley

**Registrar:** Doug & Jody Kerns

**Fourth Day:** Grace Davis

**Outreach:** Tom & Bab Westall, Chip Todd, Doug Groce

**State Treasurer:** Larry Hooker

**Palanca:** Jennifer Hoffner

**Newsletter:** Beth Pitts

**Serenade:** Phil & Jean Bennett

**Operations:** Julie Hester, Luke Hester & Rocky Hoffner

**Pastor:** Billy Lowe

**Reunion Groups:** Julie Hester

**Historian:** Jane Long

**Ultreya:** Clay & Lynn Smith