

NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage News

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pilgrimage has been an important part of my life for the past 18 years and it is with great joy that I serve as your Rector for Pilgrimage #99. However, this has not always been my point of view. I remember well when I served on my first team in the fall of 1992 and experienced the inner workings of Pilgrimage (then Cursillo), I had this distinct thought. Participating in Pilgrimage is a real blessing but there are two things I would never want to do. I would never want to be a Kitchen Cha or a Rector. It's funny how your walk with Christ changes your point of view. It was a privilege to serve as Nancy Southard's Head Kitchen Cha on Pilgrimage #16 and I am now honored to serve as your Rector for Pilgrimage #99.

Our scripture for the weekend comes from the Gospel of Matthew 22:37-39. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and you shall love your neighbor as yourself." These verses are known as the Great Commandment. Jesus told the Pharisees and the Sadducees, this is all you need to do to fulfill your responsibilities to God. For several years I have been distressed by the lack of cooperation, the lack of civility and the lack of acceptance, understanding and compassion that exists in many areas of our society. I believe if we would follow the Great Commandment many of these issues would be solved. May it be so on Pilgrimage #99.

Our team has come together in a wonderful spirit of unity and love for each other and stands on tiptoe ready to serve our guests with enthusiasm and love. We ask for and welcome the support of the 4th Day Community as we move closer to May 13th. We hope to see many of you at the Send-off and will give thanks for your names on the Prayer Banner as a special gift of Grace Received. Your smiling faces and beautiful voices will enhance our Serenade and your presence at our Closing Ceremony will be gifts to the guests as they are welcomed into the 4th Day community.

Continue to pray for both the team and the guests and always remember: *Love God and Love Your Neighbor*. God loves you my brothers and sisters in Christ and so do I.

Blessings,

Jace Ralls



NCPP #99 May 13-16, 2010

NC Pilgrimage #99 List of Guests

Changes and Additions as of Saturday, May 1, 2010

Name	Church	Sponsor
Sharon Allan	Myers Park Methodist, Charlotte, NC	Judy Green
Nancy Angel	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Jace/Bene Ralls
Kathy Baker Smith	St. Timothy UMC, Jamestown, NC	Jennie Maness
Jim Brackett	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Russ McNeal
Anna Brown	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Peggy Brown
Kellie Browne	Oak Ridge Presbyterian, Oak Ridge, NC	Debbie Green
Kathy Burnette	Does not attend at this time	Cindy Gray
Leah Cockerham	Sojourn Community, Greensboro, NC	Ken Waegerle
Marc Cockerham	Sojourn Community, Greensboro, NC	Ken Waegerle
Mary Parrish Coley	Covenant Presbyterian, Charlotte, NC	Wallace Davison
David Duff	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Carl Phillips
Pamela Duff	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Jace Ralls
Joe Geniac	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Julia Geniac
David Gibson	Guilford Park Presbyterian, Greensboro, NC	Brian Fitts
Tom Heggie	First Presbyterian, Greensboro, NC	Mary Hamlin
David Millsaps	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Carl Phillips
Leslie Millsaps	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Bonnie Amos
Jill Parker	Jamestown Presbyterian, Jamestown, NC	Robin Gonsiewski
Vernice Parker	St. Timothy UMC, Jamestown, NC	Judy Piephoff
Monie Plueger	Oak Ridge Presbyterian, Oak Ridge, NC	Mary McNeal
Rich Rainey	St. Timothy UMC, Jamestown, NC	Judy Piephoff
Allen Ralls	Westover Church, Greensboro, NC	Anne Brackett/Jace Ralls
Tommy Ralls	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Anne Brackett
Tim Spangler	Christ UMC, Greensboro, NC	Carl Phillips
Ali Terry	Countryside Church of Christ, Edenton, NC	Karlan Barker
Susan Thomas	Guilford Park Presbyterian, Greensboro, NC	Donna Flynt
Ryann Warlick	Holy Trinity, Raleigh, NC	Norman/Anne/Dickie/Kim Warlick

NC Pilgrimage #99 Team

Rector

Jace Ralls

Observing Rector

Pat Turner

Head Cha

Jennie Maness

Pastors

Head – Mary McNeal

Frank Dew

Jill Alventose-Brown

Doug Brinkley

Rollo Room Chas

Head – Susan Miller

Jerry Baker

Mattie Baker

Wallace Davison

Judy Green

Caroline Martin

Rick Purcell

Evelyn Nadler

Wayne Ford

Speakers

Ideals – Julia Geniac

Laity – Judy Piephoff

Piety – Greg Williams

Study – Nancy Southard

Action – Ann Hooker

Leaders – Tom Hamlin

Environ – Dick Swanson

CCIA – Brenda Madden

Palanca Chas

Head – Linda Fitts

Nancy Coble

Bene Ralls

Jennifer Gray

Music Chas

Head – Don Milholin

Kristy Myers

Louis Allen

Cathy Cochran

Cory Phillips

Wayne Young

Escort Chas*

Head – Larry Hooker

Anne Brackett

Rose Gaiser

Russ McNeal

Table Facilitators

Mac Stroupe

Wayne Robertson

Teresa McGraw

Mack Dagenhart

Steve Miller

Robin Gonsiewski

Chapel Chas*

Head – Don Royster

Dave Phelps

Al Madden

Alesia Pendleton

Mary Hamlin

Kitchen Chas*

Head – Carl Phillips

Connie Amos

Kaye Spaugh

Cindi Maynard

Tom Cooper

Mary Susan Miller

Drew Phelps

Anne Warlick

Norman Warlick

Outside Chas

Head – Mike Pendleton

David Amos

Lem Cox

Debbie Green

Donna Flynt

Kathy Hilton

Lynn Carey

Jim Reid

E-Cha

Lita Swanson

Prayer Cha

Mignon Balas

4th Day Coordinator

Michelle Wilburn

Pray
Without
Ceasing!

A Note From The Editor

North Carolina Mixed Cursillo Number 1 was held at YMCA Camp Weaver in Greensboro in May, 1990. **Fran Young** served as the Rector, and the team consisted of those from various communities who had attended Cursillo or 'Cursillo-like' weekends elsewhere and from a variety of denominations. It was termed a 'mixed' Cursillo to indicate that men and women attended the weekend at the same time, a departure from many Cursillo movements.

Lou East served as Rector for North Carolina Mixed Cursillo Number 2, which was held at Camp Hanes, near King, North Carolina in November 1990. Some of those who had been guests on Number 1 served as team on Number 2.

Weekend Numbers 2 through 8 were held at Camp Hanes. The Rollo Room was located either in the space below the dining hall or in the room at the end of the dining hall, and the Chapel was either in Cabin Number 1 (Arrowhead) or in the room at the end of the dining hall.

Michie Dew served as Rector for North Carolina Mixed Cursillo Number 9 in October 1993. The weekend was held at Camp Good Hope near Durham as we attempted to spread the movement beyond the Piedmont Triad area. A hurricane rendered the facility unusable for the next few years.

Woody Cummins served as Rector for North Carolina Mixed Cursillo Number 10 in February, 1994, at Camp Hanes. That weekend, and the following twenty-one weekends held at Camp Hanes, used the old 'canteen' (currently serves as our 'Chapel' on NCPP weekends) as the Rollo Room and the room off the end of the dining hall as the Chapel. The small gray house across the road from the 'canteen' served as the 'Knees Palanca Chapel'.

Brownie McLeod served as Rector in March 1996 for North Carolina Mixed Cursillo Number 17 held at Camp Dixie, located between Fayetteville and Lumberton, NC. This location continues to be used for weekends held in the 'east'.

Bill Tilley served as Rector in February, 1997, for North Carolina Mixed Cursillo Number 21 held at Camp Dogwood, near Charlotte, as we again attempted to spread the movement beyond the Piedmont Triad area.

In 1997, in choosing to remain an 'ecumenical' weekend, the North Carolina Presbyterian Mixed Cursillo (or North Carolina Presbyterian Cursillo) officially changed its name to North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage (NCPPI).

Over the next few years, new rollo outlines to guide the speakers with their talks were introduced, and the tri-fold 'Service Sheet' was replaced with the 'Commitment Card'. In 2000, the now familiar NCPPI Songbooks began to be used.

Lenwood Collins served as Rector for NCPPI Number 49 in October 2002, after YMCA Camp Hanes completed construction on the new building and gymnasium. Lenwood moved the Rollo Room to its
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present location, and the 'old Rollo Room' became what is currently used as the Chapel. The 'old Chapel' is now where Palanca normally sets up their weekend operations. The Knees Palanca Chapel moved to Cabin Number 5.

Caroline Martin served as Rector for NCPP Number 59 in September 2004 as NCPP held its first official 'west' weekend at Camp Dogwood.

A year later, in September 2005, **Mary Jane Morgan** served as Rector for NCPP Number 65 at Camp Harrison near Wilkesboro. This location continues to serve weekends held in the 'west'.

From 2007 through 2010, weekends held at Camp Hanes completed the transition from the use of candles at serenades and luminaria to the use of battery powered LEDs for fire safety purposes. In 2008, the updated (yellow cover) Pilgrim's Guide was introduced, and beginning in 2009, talk outlines no longer requested guests to "Please write this down". Guests now receive copies of the key points of each rollo and are encouraged to take additional notes. Revised and updated rollo outlines are gradually being introduced. A few of the original Spanish terms have disappeared.

In September 2010, **Gail Gaddy** will serve as Rector for NCPP Number 100 at Camp Harrison.

Other changes have occurred in the Piedmont over the years as well. We have gone from 'snail mail' printed newsletters to mainly electronic distribution. The 'Prayer Banner' has taken on a new look, far from the earlier hand-printed, fan-fold sprocket-drive computer-paper version. A second crucifix was purchased to ease the shipment strain on the single crucifix that had served all three locations for a number of years. Early use of a bus to transport weekend guests from the 'Send-off' at a church in Winston-Salem to Camp Hanes was discontinued.

A North Carolina state-wide NCPP council was formed, and it in turn became a member of the National Council of Fourth Day Movements. **Charles Monroe** currently serves as our state council president and **Jim Mason** serves as the NCFDM president.

Two Pilgrimage movements beyond North Carolina were seeded by NCPP; the Michigan Presbyterian Pilgrimage and the Great Plains Presbyterian Pilgrimage in Omaha, Nebraska. Michigan will be holding weekend #13 April 29 through May 2, 2010. Great Plains will hold weekend #7 April 22 through 25, 2010.

Twenty years have passed since that first weekend; soon the one hundredth NCPP weekend will be held in North Carolina. To date, over thirty-one hundred guests have attended NCPP weekends.

Bill Wardlaw

Piedmont Conference

Your Fourth Day in NCPP

Do you remember the statement in the Rector's rollo where it is said...." If this weekend is only a pleasant memory, it will do little to advance the kingdom, either in yourself or in the world. This is a new beginning!" And that is what the weekend should be... just a beginning! An awakening, if you will, of a deep relationship with our God. And it is not intended that this new dimension to your spirituality just lead to your helping to put on other weekends for new Pilgrims. While serving on teams, going to serenades and doing other activities that focus on the Weekend, NCPP is not primarily concerned with doing spiritual retreats for their own sake.

It is about an ever growing deepening of your personal relationship with God, and transforming our environments in the world so that others may do the same. The main instrument for this is the Reunion Group. Reunion Groups are the "Heart" of Pilgrimage. It is through them that we really grow... inwardly and outwardly, and come into true Christian community. They are the way that we find best to "Stay on track." And they provide a very real caring group for mutual support, whatever the need.

Are you in a Reunion Group? If not, why not? I would like to know. There is such richness to be had there for the investment of one hour each week! If you are not in a Reunion Group, let me know. I will help you get into an existing one or start a new one. Email me at masonjim@aol.com. I really will help you!

God loves you, and so do I,
Jim Mason
Reunion – NCPP Piedmont Conference

Coming Events

Event	Date	Location	Rector - Leader/s
Pilgrimage #99	May 13-16, 2010	Camp Hanes	Jace Ralls
Torch #4	May 21-23, 2010	Butner, NC	Mark Gustason
Arise #31	September 3-6, 2010	Camp Rockfish	Seth O'Dell and Tim Young
Arise #32	September 3-6, 2010	South Mountain. Christian Camp	Sheri Cureton and Melissa Hoffner Johnson
Pilgrimage #100	September 23-26, 2010	Camp Harrison	Gail Gaddy
Pilgrimage #101	October 7-10, 2010	Camp Hanes	Pat Turner
Torch #5	October 15-17, 2010	Butner, NC	Scott Ruppert
Hesed	October 7-9, 2010	Camp Royall	Judy Keyes
Kairos	Various		

JUNE 5, 2010
5:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Christ UMC
410 North Holden Ave.
Greensboro, NC

Everyone is invited to come and welcome the new Pilgrims from NCPP # 99. Bring a covered dish to share at this great opportunity to meet these latest additions to our Fourth Day Community and hear about their weekend, sing, be with friends, re-new old friendships, make new friends and see folks you haven't seen for a while then finish the evening with a worship service!

Map to Camp Hanes

YMCA Camp Hanes Road Map

Driving Direction to Camp Hanes

Take US 52 North out of Winston- Salem, North Carolina to the King/Tobaccoville Exit (Exit 123).

At the top of the ramp, turn right toward King.

Go 2.1 miles to Brown Road. Look for the green YMCA Camp Hanes sign. Turn left onto Brown Road and go 2.2 miles until it ends.

Turn right onto Chestnut Grove Road. Go 0.6 miles and turn left onto YMCA Camp Hanes Road. Once again, look for the green Camp Hanes sign.

Stay on YMCA Road for 3.6 miles.

Camp Hanes Road will be on your left just past the lighted Camp Hanes sign. Turn onto Camp Hanes Road and follow it into camp.

Welcome to YMCA Camp Hanes
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