

**SEPTEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

	<b>7th</b>	<b>14th</b>
Lay Reader	Sharry Davis	D avis Thompson
Infant Nursery	F. Ray & L. Allred	K. Swaim & S. Denny
SS	A. Stewart & E. Beeson	Jason Williamson & N. Lemons
Worship		
Children Worship	Jo Hunter & S. Best	Julie Williamson & C. Winfrey
Preschool		T. & S. Elder
School Age	B. & B. Patterson	Open
Flowers	T. Love & T. Minor	
	<b>21st</b>	<b>28th</b>
Lay Reader	Drew Davis	Tom Elder
Infant Nursery	R. Walker & M. Verdinek	L. Hansel & L. Winfrey
SS	J. & T. Cox	M. & P. Stone
Worship		
Children Worship	S. & D. Pappalardo	J. Estep & S. Moore
Preschool	K. Middleton & Emma Couch	M. & S. Moorefield
School Age	Open	
Flowers		Open

**Acolytes:** Rachel Kiger, Kelby Lemons, Matthew Love, Tanner Moore, William Swink

**Safe Sanctuary Monitoring:** Wesley Class

**Wild Cards:** Michelle Boak

**Luke's Group:** Sal & Deb Pappalardo

**Ushers:** Matt Estep, Josh Estep, Ben Hansel, Rheannan Hunter, Cameron McIntyre, Matthew Pegram, Ben Redmond, Josh Shumate, Pamela Sutphin, Brittany Winfrey, Matthew Winfrey

**Bereavement:** Linda Allred, Chair, Janet Andrews, Shannon Best, Rekiko Foust, Deb Pappalardo, Mary Lou Shouse, Jan Stewart, Jean Waters

<b>Record of Faithfulness</b>			
<b>Attendance:</b>	July 20 - 152	July 27 - 156	Aug. 3 - 162    Aug. 10 - 126
	<b>Giving</b>		<b>Expenses</b>
July	\$12,942		\$17,942
Year-To-Date	\$137,971		\$169,455
<b>Crisis Control Gift for September</b>			
Shampoo			
<b>Samaritan Ministries Gift for September</b>			
Apple & Orange and Disposable Razors			
<i>Please place items on the table downstairs.</i>			

**DO YOU GET IT!!!!** The Messenger, that is. We're trying to be sure that EVERY MEMBER of Kingswood gets it. Ask your friends who are members if they are getting it. If they're NOT, call Pam (969-5437). If you HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING IT, and you got THIS ONE, call Pam! We would like to know if we are doing something right! Thanks.

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# The Messenger

September 2008

Return Services Requested

## Kingswood Family News

Address changes for the church directory:

Matthew Pegram  
ASU Box 12260  
Boone, NC 28608

Bradley Walker  
1156 Oak Blossom Way  
Whitsett, NC 27377

Ben Redmond  
NCSU  
Avert Ferry Complex Room 371-F  
2112 Avert Ferry Road  
Raleigh, NC 27695

Brett & Kimberly Beardsley welcome the birth of their son Benjamin Charles Beardsley.

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### PlaySchool Corner

The new school year is off to a great start. Our classes are filling up but we have a few spaces left in some of our classes. Please spread the word we have spaces available in several classes.

Until next time,  
*LuAnn*

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### Youth News

We had a terrific trip to SpiritUs this year. We had 12 youth to attend. Andy Lambert delivered the message. The youth are excited as they explore their life in Christ.

Thank you for giving our youth this special opportunity.  
in Christ,  
*LuAnn*

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*Dear Kingswood Family,*

*Thank you very much for the meals, visits, prayers and cards during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated. I am truly blessed to be a member of the Kingswood Family.*  
*LaRee Hansel*

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### September Third Thursday to Feature Gerald Jones & Craft Making

For our Third Thursday program September 18, we'll continue our focus on Christian parenting with a session led by Gerald Jones, elementary school principal and minister, focusing on ways to help children live by Christian values at school and at play. We'll also begin offering the opportunity for craft-making in preparation for our fall bazaar.

The meal will be lasagna and salad. Please be sure to sign up using the insert in the worship bulletin, or call the church office.

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### Property Development Committee Congregational Report

The Development Committee is reporting the findings of the congregational survey as follows. We were asked to give priority to four areas and a fifth as possible other ideas mentioned.

	<u>1st Choice</u>	<u>2nd Choice</u>	<u>3rd - 5th Choice</u>	<u>Total Votes</u>
Family Life Center	63	21	21	105
Picnic Shelter	21	36	42	99
Retirement/Adult Living	18	16	57	91
Softball/Rec. Field	9	20	64	93
Other*			9	9

\*Choir room, walking trails, Columbarium, adult senior day care, garden, Cooperate with Town for indoor/outdoor community center, fitness center, memorial garden, church cemetery, leave land as God gave it to us. The committee is continuing this issue.

## District Laity Rally

Sunday, September 21

5:00-7:00 pm

Maple Springs UMC.

Please plan to join the laity of the district as we welcome our new Superintendent, Dr. Williams T. Medlin, III. Dr. Medlin will be our speaker and following the formal program, you will have the opportunity to greet Dr. Medlin individually. Tickets are \$6.00 person and the deadline is Sept. 10. For details and tickets, see Barbara Grubbs.

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### United Methodist Agency for the Retarded (UMAR)

Some facts about UMAR and the people they support . . .

- ◆ Nonprofit organization founded in 1983
- ◆ Currently operates 22 group homes across Western NC
- ◆ On average, group homes are approximately 3,000 square feet with 7 bedrooms and common living areas. Residents learn independence and enjoy a social environment that is not available in other long-term care settings.
- ◆ Operates eight apartments in Charlotte
- ◆ Serves over 200 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- ◆ Christ Church, Hall, Pitzer and Lincoln County homes each received zero deficiency during their annual review of the NC Department of Health
- ◆ Program services include supported employment, arts program, recreation activities, personal growth goals, advocacy, developmental therapies services and CAP services
- ◆ Residents vary in age from 18– 71, gender, race, religious and ethnic backgrounds
- ◆ Turnover rate for caregivers in 2006/07 was 19%. In April 2005 a University of Minnesota study reported the national turnover rate was 75%.
- ◆ 2006 overhead administrative expenses were only 12% of the annual expenses
- ◆ Mecklenburg County Area Authority Compliance Unit recently ranked UMAR's Charlotte homes #1 out of 57 providers in the country.
- ◆ There are approximately 200 individuals on a registry list specifically requesting UMAR's services, but we are unable to accommodate them at this time.

The services they provide would not be possible without the help of churches and individuals who provide financial support to us. Thanks for all you do.

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### Adult Bible Studies

- ◆ *Beginners New Testament.* Pastor Sid will teach this class on Sunday afternoons 4:00—5:00 pm beginning September 7.
- ◆ *Yes, Lord I've Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses* by Dr. James, Moore. Pastor Sid will teach this on Monday nights 7:00—8:00 beginning September 8.

Please sign-up on the sheets in the narthex.



## September Birthdays

1 Darrick Allen	13 Dale Holland	18 Mary Lou Shouse	27 Darle Shouse
5 Barbara Grubbs	13 Anna Coward	19 Gray Kiger	28 Kay Purcell
6 Sydney Patterson	14 Sabra Elder	19 Lisa Baker	28 Becky Patterson
7 Ken Smith	15 Scott Boak	20 Barbara Wilson	28 Jeremy Hansel
7 John Warren	16 Jo Winslow	20 Gary Thomas	20 Abbey Craven
8 Gretchen Marsden	16 Drew Davis	25 Emma Couch	30 Portia Dawson
10 Donnie Bullins	17 Ginger Swaim	25 Elizabeth Beeson	30 Tommy Griggs
12 Paula Parks	17 Jo Smitherman	26 Mary Kay Thomas	30 Ashley McLeese

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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

We are moving from one season to another. Summer is almost gone and fall is upon us. So many things are going to start once again in the fall. School will start, PlaySchool will start soon. Before we move too quickly, I want to thank all those who helped make the summer VBS, Spiritus, Terrific Thursdays such a great success. The summer has been full of a lot of wonderful life changing opportunities.

This fall we announce some new programs. October 4th at 11:00 am we will have a blessing of the animal's service on the front lawn of the church. You are encouraged to bring your pets and animals for this blessing service. We will continue our Terrific Thursday programs. Beginning Sunday, September 7th, at 4:00 pm we will start a new Bible study of the New Testament. I call it a beginning Bible series. We will start in Matthew and go through Revelation. Please bring your Bible to this study. Also on September 8th, at 7:00 pm we begin a study by James Moore titled, "Yes, Lord, I have Sinned But I Have Several Excellent Excuses." The authors asks why we try to justify anything and everything we want to do? This study encourages us to seek forgiveness.

Charge Conference, our yearly ministry report, will be on November 23 immediately following 11:00 am worship. Our DS will be leading us and he is asking us several good thought provoking questions. What are we doing to welcome visitors? What happens during worship? What are church members encouraged to do in order to grow their faith? Where is the local church willing to go in order to be in ministry with others and for others? Do folks give generously to the church?

We have already begun to intentionally answer some of these questions. So what are you going to do this fall? I have mentioned some times and opportunities for your Christian growth. There are several good times and opportunities at Kingswood UMC. "A time for every matter under heaven."

His Servant,  
*Pastor Sid*

### September Calendar

Sundays	9:45 am Sunday School weekly 11:00 am Worship weekly 4:00 pm Adult Bible Study 6:00 pm Youth
Mondays	7:00 pm Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 pm Beginners New Testament
Tuesdays	First & Third at 6:30 Girl Scouts
Wednesdays	Handbells 6:30 Choir 7:30
Tuesday, 2	11:30 Senior Citizens
Tuesday, 2	7:00 pm Church Council
Thursday, 4	PlaySchool Opens
Monday, 8	7:00 pm UMW
Tuesday, 9	7:00 pm PlaySchool Committee
Thursday, 18	5:30 pm Third Thursday
Friday, 19	Messenger Deadline
Sunday, 21	8:30 am UMM
Tuesday, 30	10:00 am Circle Meeting

### MEMORIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

#### Tom Ray

Wayne & Linda Allred  
Eddy & Janet Andrews  
Peggy Burke  
John & Jo Hunter  
Kemp & Maxine Kiger  
Darle & Mary Lou Shouse  
Gary & Mary Kay Thomas  
Harold & Kaye Threatt  
Ed & Judy Wall

#### Peggy Marion's Mother

Darle & Mary Lou Shouse  
Dora Lee Shouse

**Mark your calendar now for the  
Annual Fall Bazaar  
Saturday, November 22!**

### REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Carri Davis  
Bob Hutchinson  
Marian Sloan - Jean Water's sister  
Sylvia Neal  
Carol Whitaker

Sarah Carpenter Scott  
Gladys McGinnis - Dee Hutchinson's sister  
Edith Tuttle - Ruth Gentry's sister-in-law  
Bill Rosenbaum - Sharon Gentry's friend