



# THE WINDOW

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## ***Mother-In-Laws and Church***

As I write, my mother-in-law and father-in-law are in town visiting with us. It has been a lovely visit so far. Really! However, preparations had to be made for this important visit.

Last Saturday Lou Ann provided me with a to-do list in order to prepare for the arrival of her parents. I was to vacuum to upstairs of the house, flip the mattress on the bed, sweep of the deck, and a handful of other items. It was enjoyable day at home with Lou Ann, checking projects off my personalized to-do list. The last item on her list: other duties as assigned!

Around 11:15am, we took a break and headed to Subway for an early lunch. When we arrived, I shared with the familiar and friendly face behind the counter that we were working hard, making preparations for this visit from my in-laws. Another gentleman in line decided to enter the conversation. He said, "I live right next door to my mother-in-law." I joked, "Well, five hours separates me from my mother-in-law." He responded, "It's really not that bad, she is a good woman." I agreed, "Yes, my mother-in-law has a heart of gold." He then said to me, "There is only one problem." "What?" I inquired. He said, "Whenever we miss church, my mother-in-law let's us have it!"

The author of the letter (or, perhaps, sermon) to the Hebrews instructs (10:24-25): "and let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some. But encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Notice what happens when we gather together for worship and fellowship. When we gather we inspire one another to love our neighbor and we inspire one another to be faithful to the good news of



## **Worshiping Together**

**October 8, 2017**

***18th Sunday after Pentecost***

*High Expectations*

Isaiah 5:1-7

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam

Worship Choir: The Sanctuary Choir

Jesus the Christ. As the audience of Hebrews was facing physical persecution for their faith, they needed these words.

And so do we. When we neglect to gather with our church family for the worship of God in Christ, we become less sharp; we become flabby in relation to Christian discipleship. In my position as a pastor, I often hear confessions from folks who have not heeded the words of Hebrews 10:24-25. They tell me they need to get back to church. They know that, quite frankly, their current practice has them missing too much church. When we fall out of the habit of meeting consistently for the worship of God, we sense that we are not our best selves. In other words, we Christians *need* to be inspired to love one another and to be faithful to the gospel. Without this inspiration we become dull and we *feel* dull. It's a yucky feeling, really.

Of course, I did not share this with the man in the Subway line. As I was dressed in very casual attire for the day's activities, he would have been an unsuspecting target. He did not know my line of work! However, I did think to myself, "Yeah, if my mother-in-law ever thought we were missing a lot of church she would let us have it too." And she would be in the right, as mother-in-laws often are!

In Christ,  
Trey

## From the Associate Pastor

In the midst of trying, along with my brothers, to care for my father after his fall on September 15, it has become very real for me how valuable and meaningful routine can be. Last Wednesday, September 27, I was able to return to my place leading the Grades 1-6 Children's Music & Missions group, and the Sanctuary Choir and Vocal Ensemble rehearsals. And on Sunday, October 1, I was able to do the same with Chairo.

The loving, joy-filled community these groups are was and is a balm to my soul. When we're together we laugh a lot. And, of course, we sing a lot. We also pay attention to what's going on in each other's lives so we may pray for one another when we are together and when we are apart.

If you could use a little more community in your life...more joy and laughter, a bit of music-making, and a prayer-filled connection with another brother and sister in Christ, then we have a place for you in our music ministry ensembles.

Chairo meets on Sundays from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. It's an inter-generational group, pairing together older children and youth (grades 5-12) with adults of all ages. We sing music which is a hair easier than the Sanctuary Choir or Vocal Ensemble's music. And the music style is praise and worship.

The Sanctuary Choir sings traditional church music, and meets on Wednesdays from 7:00—8:00 pm. High school students through adults of all ages are welcome to join us. This group offers a great opportunity to "feed your spirit" mid-week.

Or perhaps you would like to sing in our Christmas Choir this year. This group rehearses every Wednesday from 7:00—7:30 pm, and on Sunday's from 5:00—6:00 pm. It is not necessary for you to be at both rehearsals. We will be presenting Hal Hopson's "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday evening, December 17 at 7:00.

Perhaps, like me, you are in need of a routine that soothes your soul and refreshes your spirit. Whether you find it in one of our music ministry ensembles or elsewhere, I pray that you find it.

Grace & peace,



## Senior Adult Ministry



### JOY Fellowship

resumes

Thursday, Oct. 12

Lunch at 12 noon

#### Menu

Baked Chicken, Rice & Gravy,  
Green Beans, and Sweet Potatoes

An informative program follows the meal. The fellowship is great and the food is delicious! Invite a friend, come enjoy this time together.

Sign-up is required by 9:00 am, Tuesday, Oct. 9.

**Sunday, October 15**

**11:00 am**

### *Service of Installation*

for

**Rev. Dr. Paul R. Gilliam (Trey)**

Rev. Dr. Larry Hovis, Executive Coordinator  
CBF of NC, Guest Preacher

Following worship there will be a  
**Churchwide Fellowship Meal**  
Each Family is asked to bring a dessert.  
Everything else will be provided.



GET READY FOR OUR CHURCH

★ **PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** ★

A new **Church Pictorial Directory** is in the works with plans for distribution in early 2018. Don Joyner will be taking pictures for the directory. Plan to have your or your family's picture taken either **November 5, 12 or 26**, prior to Sunday School or following the worship hour. We would like to have all families/individuals included so please make every effort to get your picture taken.

### ☞ **With Sympathy** ☞

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Hallet Daniels in his death on October 1; and to Debbie Magette & family in the death of her aunt, Grace W. Layton of Jacksonville.



## Trunk or Treat 2017

Sunday, October 29

6:00—6:45 pm

For Children Up to Grade 6

We are looking for 15 or more trunk decorators. Here's how it works: Choose a theme, decorate your open trunk or truck bed, and supply candy as the children trick or treat from trunk to trunk. We have carnival games available if anyone would like to use one in your trunk theme. Please speak with Anita if interested.

If you plan on decorating a trunk, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office.

## Church-wide Mission Project

to benefit

EasterSeals/UCP and Britton Ministries

Throughout October we will collect items needed by these two organizations. Please donate only the items listed below. Collection boxes will be located in the West St. hallway. Thank you for your participation.

- Big Jugs of Apple Juice
- Canned Tomatoes
- Construction Paper
- Canned Soups
- Washable Paint in tall Bottles
- Pork 'n Beans
- Individually Bagged Snacks
- Pasta Sauces
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Tissue



October 1, 2017

Weekly Need	\$	8,778.00
Weekly Offering	\$	24,351.00
Difference	\$	15,573.00
YTD Needs	\$	351,120.00
YTD Offerings	\$	319,582.94
YTD Difference	\$	-31,537.06
CBF Hurricane Relief	\$	3,025.00
<i>(Gifts are still being received.)</i>		
Baptist Retirement Homes	\$	315.00
World Hunger	\$	45.00

**Thank you for your generous gifts!**

## The Week Ahead



### Sunday, October 8

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship
- 4:00 pm Chairo Music Ensemble
- 5:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, October 9

- 1:30 pm Church Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, October 11

- 3:00 pm CWJC Board Meeting, FH
- 5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 pm Bible Study, FH
- 7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 12

- 12:00 n JOY Fellowship Lunch, FH

### Friday, October 13

- 9:00 am Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC)

### Sunday, October 15

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam; Dr. Larry Hovis preaching
- 12:00 n Church-wide Luncheon
- 4:00 pm Chairo Music Ensemble
- 5:00 pm No Christmas Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Music Ministry Trip to Greenville

### Monday, October 16

- 1:30 pm Church Staff Meeting
- 7:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee

### Tuesday, October 17

- 6:00 pm Missions Committee
- 7:00 pm Deacons' Meeting

### Wednesday, October 18

- 5:00 pm Children's Music & Missions
- 6:00 pm Bible Study, FH
- 7:00 pm Christmas Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal

## WCBA WMU Mission Project

The West Chowan WMU Mission Project for October is the Red Box Prison Ministry for women. We are collecting **TOOTHPASTE** tubes which **must be** 6-9 ounce size only, and left in the box it came in; please remove the price sticker. A collection box is in the West St hallway. Toothpaste is due Sunday, Oct. 15, and will be taken to the Mission Resource Center Monday, Oct. 16.

# SERVING IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST

## Week of October 8-14

### Minister on Call

Rev. Anita Thompson, 395-0061

### Deacons on Call

Debbie Magette, 209-7021

Justin Freeman, 287-9750

### Extended Session—October 8

Birth-Age 2: Sandra Pierce, Stephanie Rose,  
& Taylor F. Rose

Ages 3-5: Anna Pierce

### Ushers—October 8

Elijah Brown, Alan Myers, Pate Pierce,  
Lane Slachta, Lee Wilson, Justice Zoch;  
Balcony— Billy Greene & Dawson Rose

### Sound System—October 8

Walt Pierce

### Floral Offering—October 8

Family of Mary Frances Johnson

### Home Delivered Meals—October 9

Susan & Bill Earley

### Food Pantry—October 13

Rose Blowe & Virgia Nichols

### Sunday School at Creekside—October 8

Hannah Brown Class

## Week of October 15-21

### Minister on Call

Rev. Dr. Trey Gilliam, 398-7321

### Deacons on Call

James Early, 395-2163

Bryan Harrell, 370-8440

### Extended Session—October 15

Birth-Age 2: Jessica Brinkley, Melanie Byrum,  
& Debbie Magette

Ages 3-5: Harriet Byrum & Kari Pierce

### Ushers—October 15

Jamie Burns, J. C. Doughtie, Tim Frei,  
Mollee Frei Lamm, Frank Rose, Edgar Swain;  
Balcony— Charles & Patricia Hughes

### Sound System—October 15

Rick Burns

### Floral Offering—October 15

Bryan & Liz Harrell

### Home Delivered Meals—October 16

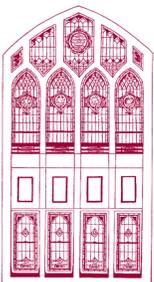
Jayne Frei & Margaret Winn

### Food Pantry—October 20

Vicky Overman & Melanie Byrum

### ☞ Thank You ☞

A note of thanks has been received from Chowan University for the Christian Service Association Scholarship Fund.



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