

# THE TORCH



Dear Tuckahoe Family,

Everyone knows that the “dog days of summer” occur during the hottest and muggiest part of the season. Webster defines “dog days” as... the period between early July and early September when the hot sultry weather of summer usually occurs in the northern hemisphere. But where does the term come from? Why do we call the hot, sultry days of summer “dog days?”

The brightest of the stars in Canis Major (the big dog) is Sirius, which also happens to be the brightest star in the night sky. In fact, it is so bright that the ancient Romans thought that the earth received heat from it. In the summer, however, Sirius, the “dog star,” rises and sets with the sun. During late July Sirius is in conjunction with the sun, and the ancients believed that its heat added to the heat of the sun, creating a stretch of hot and sultry weather. They named this period of time, “dog days” after the dog star.

So the month of August represents these hot, muggy “dog days” of summer. August also is the last month for a serious summer vacation before school and the fall calendar claim our attention. And August 2012 is Steven Good’s last month of ministry with our congregation. I know you have received Steven’s letter and registered the sad news that he will be leaving us to answer a call elsewhere.

I have had a bit of a head start on the grieving and saying goodbye process. Like you I have seen Steven’s ministry gifts and work ethic and warm heart and Christian character on a regular basis. Whenever I have traveled I have had complete confidence in his ability to handle the pastoral load in my absence. I will miss him as a colleague, friend, co-laborer and encouraging presence in our office and church. Steven is one of the very few ministerial colleagues I know that likes to read philosophy. We have enjoyed our discussions about epistemology! I’ll miss those chats for sure.

I do rejoice that this opportunity is a chance for Steven to grow in his ministry capacity. Serving in California also enables him to get nearer to family and his roots. We must let our sadness be tempered by appreciating that this is an opportunity for Steven and Jill to hear and heed God’s call upon their lives. And we must let our sense of thanksgiving for sharing this time with Steven and his family outrun our sense of loss.

I know you will join me in supporting Steven and Jill and Graham and MacKenzie with our prayers. They have lots of transition tasks ahead of them and we can support them and encourage them as we are able. Sometime this month we will hold a proper goodbye event to show them our love and appreciation.

God graciously called Steven to serve among us for five years. Now we wait upon God to send us new servants to lead and serve the Tuckahoe family. God is gracious and God is faithful. Let us trust Him today and tomorrow. To God be the glory. Especially during the dog days of summer.

Grace and Peace,

*Richard*

The monthly Newsletter of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church  
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# FROM STEVEN GOOD

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Curiosity. That was my first response when Jill and I began to feel that our time at Tuckahoe was coming to a close. Where would God lead us? When would we be called away? By now you have heard me talk about it during worship, received the congregational letter, read it on the web site or heard it from a friend.

Surprise. That was the feeling when it seemed like going back to California was becoming a possibility, and when the call came to join the pastoral staff of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (particularly after a catastrophic first interview).

Grief. Jill and I shed tears when we realized that we'd be leaving the place our children were born; the place where we've built a home, formed wonderful friendships, and been welcomed as family.

As the days have unfolded, a new word has been appearing with increasing frequency: transition. For Tuckahoe, for our family, for friendships, for me. There are a hundreds of details to attend to and decisions to make.

I've experienced a number of transitions in my life. The most significant took place in my 17th year, when I encountered God within the strange world of the bible, surrounded by the beauty and mystery of the Bitterroot Valley in Montana. I discovered in St. Matthew's gospel a Lord who challenged the conventions of the religious and who revealed the unfailing love of a God who so desperately wanted to be in relationship with us that he took on the limitations of flesh and blood. That summer, that encounter completely reoriented my life.

I transitioned from being single to being married, from teaching to being taught in seminary, from seminary to pastoral ministry, and from having no children to suddenly becoming a father. All of these transitions contained elements of fear, uncertainty, challenge, excitement, frustration, and deep joy. Throughout each I have noticed a couple of trends.

First - God will provide. Jill and I have leaped into a few situations where we knew scarcely a soul. God has provided us with a community: friends, a family (frequent stand in grandparents for Graham and MacKenzie) and wonderful colleagues. The Christian Education pioneer, Henrietta Mears was once asked what she'd do differently if she could live parts of her life over again. She responded with a simple: "Trust God more."

Second - every transition has presented rich opportunities for growth. I've learned a tremendous amount from my time at TPC and, along with our dedicated youth advisors, have helped to bring a new emphasis to Tuckahoe's ministry with young people. There are a lot of unknowns in every pastoral transition, but I am excited about the dedicated youth leaders at TPC - I've always thought that they are our greatest asset.

So we'll transition together. Tuckahoe will continue to lead mission trips, youth retreats, hear God's word proclaimed in scripture, sermon, and song, and seek to share the unfathomable love of God with a weary world. This is a community called by God to be the heart, voice, hands and feet of Christ where the Spirit leads. Some things never change, even in transition.

Peace and love,

*Steven*

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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## THANK YOU TO THE "DIVERS"!

Vacation Bible School 2012 - *Operation Overboard*- was a HUGE success! The amazing transformation of our rooms and hallways into an underwater world was completely alluring. The fun, smiles, and feeling of family - not to mention a friendly orange octopus, fish of every kind, and all things of the deep sea - were everywhere! The planning that began in early December resulted in a week of Ocean Insights, singing and dancing to oceanic songs of praise, and collecting Scripture Treasures to connect each day's Bible story to the children's diving experience in this underwater adventure of deep faith in God!



Next year's VBS theme will be  
"Everywhere Fun Fair - Where God's World Comes Together!"  
and will be held either July 15-19 or July 22-26. It's never too early to sign up to help! I hope to register our maximum of 65 children next year, so we need many helping hands!

Thank you so much to all who helped before and during *Operation Overboard*. Without you it would not be such a success!

**Teachers:** Jennifer Albertson, Marielle Pool, Meg Packard, Heather DeBolt, Meagan McGee, Hilary Robinson, Candace Martin, Pam Burch, Jim McLeskey, Tom Adair

**Activity Leaders:** Julie Guller, Mary Chris Werner, Dick Mateer, Sue Albaugh, Colin Hogg, Matthew Mahoney

**Assistants:** Dot Smith, Gail Miller, Angie Smith, Mickey Mateer, Anne Anderson, Elizabeth Williams, Ruth Anna Langdon, Barbara Maiden, Laura Brady, Karen Cooke

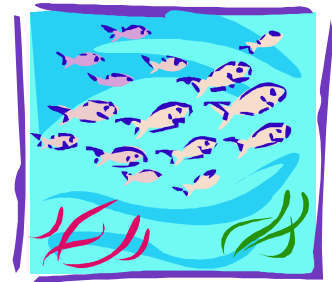
**Youth Helpers:** Marshall Cooke, Madi Blankenship, Grace Kane, Shannon Galt, Max Thompson, Rachel Burch, Kristen Bruce, Carter Blevins, Dylan Kane, Owen Ayers, Jack Fleming, Abigail Thompson, Langdon Martin, Corinne Burch, Paul Guller, Harrison Carr, Elizabeth Piwowarski, M.E. Horsley, Jay Guller, Sarah Galt, Sam Anderson, Claire Galvin, Daniel Kane, Kathryn Hutchins-Duda

**Decorating Lead and Team:** Jennifer Albertson, Elizabeth Williams, Angie Smith, Sarah Galt, Shannon Galt, Nancy Fabian, Anna Hingst, Angie Meadows, Colin Hogg, Cathy Moore

**Photographer:** Kathryn Hutchins-Duda

**Nursery Caregivers:** Jennifer Blankenship, Pat Miller, Martha Burgess, Kaye Keyes

**Snack Buyer/Servers:** Nancy Millsaps, Terry Brady, Kaye Keyes, Anna Hingst, Nancy Fabian



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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**Registration:** Angie Meadows

**Signs:** Lucky Wroniewicz (banners), Laura Brady (playground signs)

**Assembly Leaders:** Jack Fleming, Corinne Burch, Mary Chris Werner

**Journals:** Jane Werner

**Prayer Cards:** Ruth Nauman

**Supply distribution:** Kathy Mahone

**Name tags:** Camellia Wroniewicz, Nancy

Fabian, Jessica Lurey,

Marielle Pool, Jennifer

Albertson, Hilary

Robinson

**Break Room help:** Ruth Ann

Hoge, Barbie Keatts, Ann

Watson and all who

"anonymously" donated food

**Our Associate Pastor:** Steven Good

All who donated / loaned food and items

**All 64 children who participated, and the parents  
and grandparents who brought them!**

*Becky Loggins, Director of VBS and Children's Ministries*

*Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we don't see.  
- Hebrews 11:1*

## HELP NEEDED IN 2012-2013 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Remember that serving in the Children's Sunday School does not mean you aren't attending a Sunday School class!

**Our former and current teachers, and assistants, will assure you that they learn something new every week! We strongly encourage those of you who are not parents of our Sunday School children to "take a turn".**

Please look over the opportunities on the next page and let Becky Loggins know where you can help, if you would like to "shadow" for a day, or if you have questions. Email [bg18@comcast.net](mailto:bg18@comcast.net) or phone 201-0571.

***Most urgent needs are listed first!***

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**ASSISTANT NEEDED IN 2 CLASSES FOR Sept 9 – Nov 4 :** 2-3 yr olds' class  
and 3RD- 5th grades class

**SNACK SEVER/BUYER FOR Sept 9 – Nov 4**

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED FOR Sept 23:** 2-3 yr olds' class

**ASSISTANT NEEDED IN ONE CLASS FOR Nov 11 – Dec 23 :** 2-3 yr olds'  
class

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER NEEDED FOR Nov 25**

**SUBSTITUTE ASSISTANT NEEDED FOR Nov 25**

**TEACHERS NEEDED IN 2 CLASSES FOR Jan 6 – Feb 10:** 2-3 year olds' class  
and 3rd – 5th grades class

**ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN 3 CLASSES FOR Jan 6 – Feb 10:** 2-3 yr olds' class,  
1st-2nd grades class, and 3rd - 5th grades class

**TEACHER NEEDED IN 1 CLASS FOR March 31 – May 26 :** 3rd-5th grades  
class

**ASSISTANTS NEEDED IN 3 CLASSES FOR March 31– May 26:** 2-3 yr olds'  
class, 1st – 2nd grades class, and 3rd -5th grades class



**It only takes one generation to make  
Christianity extinct.**

**Children's Ministries needs YOU!**

*-Becky Loggins,  
Director of Children's Ministries*

## THANK YOU M & M LEADERS!!

Many thanks to the youth helpers from this  
past year who helped make this  
Wednesday Night children's event such a  
success!

Leads: Mary Chris Werner and Rachel  
Burch.

Corinne Burch, Colin Hogg, Marshall  
Cooke, and Christian Hawke!



# AROUND THE CHURCH

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## GIVE FLOWERS TO REMEMBER OR HONOR LOVED ONES OR CELEBRATE A SPECIAL EVENT!

Did you know that you can contribute to the beauty of our worship service and celebrate someone or something special? A minimum donation of \$25.00 will provide flowers for a Sunday morning arrangement which will be lovingly and artistically arranged by our Flower Committee. There are numerous Sundays between now and the end of the year that you can sponsor. Just call the office (282-2860) and let Mary know which date you want to contribute. We will take care of purchasing flowers, preparing them for Sunday morning worship and acknowledging your dedication in the Bulletin.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SAVE THE DATE!

The Presbyterian Women will hold their annual fall luncheon on Tuesday, September 4. Circles will meet at 10:30, followed by a group meeting in the sanctuary at 11:00. Richard Haney will present the lesson. Lunch will be served at 11:45. All women are welcome. Cost is \$6.00. Please make reservations after worship on August 19th or 26th, or by contacting a circle leader.



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## ELEVATOR PROJECT UPDATE

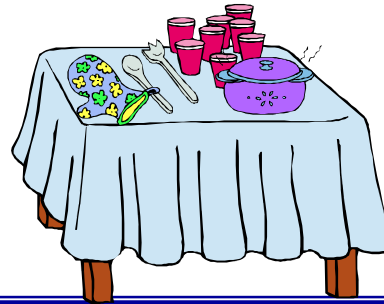
The Building Committee hopes to install an elevator in the shaft that currently exists. This is the final item on the list of projects to be addressed with funds derived from the 2008-2011 capital campaign. As of the end of May, the committee had \$33,375 available from a combination of capital campaign funds and the elevator fund. Since June 1 through July 9, members of our congregation have provided gifts for this project in the amount of \$7,255. **Our immediate goal is to raise an additional \$20,370 by September 15.** If we meet this goal, then we will receive a challenge gift of \$25,000 from our Endowment Fund provided by our Session. The total cost of the installation of the elevator is \$86,000.

If you have not considered providing a gift to the Elevator Project, the Building Committee hopes you will do so. While you may not have a need for an elevator at this point in your life, others in our church family do. We hope to provide access to all areas of church buildings for everyone.

# AROUND THE CHURCH

## MANY THANKS TO THE PROPERTY DIVISION!

Thank you, thank you to all members of the Property Division who helped to stay on top of the June 29–July 3 power outage. They were here at all hours of the day and night checking and monitoring the situation until power was restored. Many thanks, too, to the two good Samaritans who cleaned out the freezer and refrigerator of all the spoiled food.

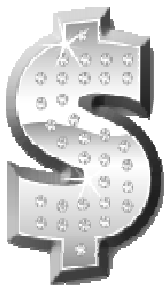
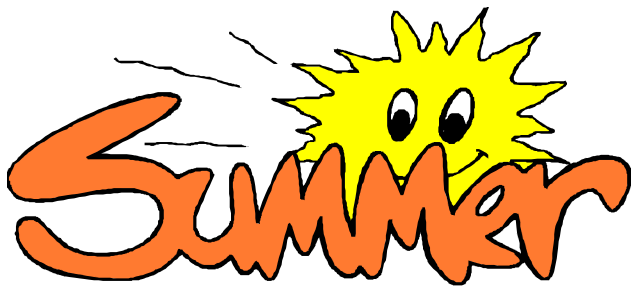


## JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH

On Monday, August 6 plan to join fellow members of Tuckahoe for lunch in Duntreath Hall. Call the church office to sign up or sign up on the friendship pad at worship.

Don't forget to bring your donation of non-perishable food for Lamb's Basket.

**Hunger takes no vacation in the summer!**



## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

As the treasurer of Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, I would like to encourage you to be current in your contributions toward the estimate of giving you declared for 2012. I realize that we, as a nation, find ourselves in a very slow growth economy. As a result, many families are still recovering from the great recession. Since I pay the bills for our church, I am in a position to be aware of our church's income and expenses on a monthly basis. When our projected income lags, our expenses exceed our income. In the vast majority of cases, we have little flexibility in our expenses since they are primarily personnel, basic utilities, and physical plant upkeep. We much prefer to not be in a deficit status for very long. As a result, we would appreciate your cooperating with this request to the extent that you are able to do so.

*Dick Mateer, TPC Treasurer*

# MISSION AND OUTREACH

## YARD SALE

Tuckahoe's Third Annual Yard Sale is almost here! The yard sale will be held **Saturday, September 8 from 7 am until 12:00 noon.** The money raised from the Yard Sale will help support Tuckahoe's mission trips.

### Here is what you can do to help:

Volunteer to help! We need volunteers to help with set-up beginning Wednesday, September 5 and with clean-up following the yard sale. Watch for sign up sheets posted on the Outreach bulletin board or in Duntreath Hall during the after-church fellowship hour.

Donate your "treasures" for the yard sale. We would appreciate it if your clothing donations (gently used please!!) are already on hangers. We will accept donations at the church the following days:

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 5</b>	<b>from 5 - 8 pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 6</b>	<b>from 8 am - 8 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 7</b>	<b>from 8 am - 5 pm</b>

If you need assistance in transporting your donations to the church, please call the church office or contact Nancy Millsaps ([nhmillsaps@gmail.com](mailto:nhmillsaps@gmail.com)) by Wednesday, August 29.

**COME SHOP !!! SEPTEMBER 8: 7 A.M.-12:00 NOON**

Wow! Words cannot express how grateful we are for all your love and support last May at the Moldova

Missions Car Wash. The youth were fantastic! They washed so many cars we lost count...their attitude and willing spirits were remarkable. And to all of you who brought dirty cars or sent donations...we cannot thank you enough. We raised over \$1,100 in just one afternoon! Because of all of you, Morgan was able to deliver personal TPC hugs to the orphans in Moldova this summer. It is just one more way that TPC extends its ministry of love to the world.

Blessings to all,  
Morgan Turner  
Roger, Cheryl and Garrett Turner

## Moldova Mission

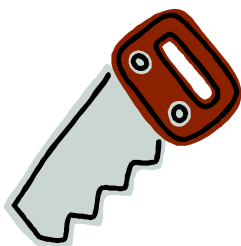




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## HELP NEEDED !!! LOCAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY



Members of our congregation will be working with the **Renew Crew of project:Homes** on August 16, 17 and 18 (Th-F-S).  
The only experience needed is a willingness to help.  
There will be onsite supervisors to direct you.



The **Renew Crew** works in the Greater Richmond area, assisting low-income, elderly and disabled people. The small, critical projects done with community volunteers help residents stay in their homes. Types of assistance include: painting, railing and porch repair, overgrown yard cleaning, outbuilding demolition, grab bar installation, and modular wheelchair ramp construction and installation.

### We can still use Volunteers to HELP with this project!!

You can sign up for 1, 2 or 3 days or even a portion of a day. Babysitting will be available at the church on Saturday, if needed. Make plans now to help our neighbors in need right here in the Richmond Area. To sign up contact Dot Smith at 282-3297 or [wpowellsmith@aol.com](mailto:wpowellsmith@aol.com).

## REFLECTIONS FROM SUNBRIGHT, TENNESSEE

The twenty-three members of the Tuckahoe Mission Team have returned from Sunbright, TN and their week's work with the **Appalachian Service Project**. Following are excerpts from reports given to the congregation on Sunday, July 15.

From Pam Burch: "The theme for the summer was "All for one" which is in reference to I Corinthians 12:4-6 which says: "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in men." We each had our own gifts to contribute - especially the youth...By the time we left Sunbright, much had been accomplished. Homes were repaired, families given hope, relationships established, bonds amongst the teams formed and strengthened and many lives transformed. It was my privilege to be a part of Tuckahoe touching lives with God's love through service to others. All for one we were the heart, voice, hands, and feet of Christ, and accomplished together what could not have been done alone.

From Mary Chris Werner: "There are many different levels of poverty in Appalachia and it takes people like us to help those people out so they can have a better home to live in. I feel like my team was called to help Christina in more ways than just fixing her home. God wanted us to be there as a worker and a friend."

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

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There are still a few days of summer fun left and cool things for the Youth Groups of Tuckahoe to participate in! Please see the calendar below for upcoming events through the end of August. Come and join the fun whenever you can!!

**SWAG TUESDAY**—SWAG (Super Wicked Awesome Game) Tuesdays are everything you hope they might be, and more. Indoor, Outdoor, Active, Inactive, we're going to hang out, have some snacks and just play. Bring yourselves, your friends, your X-Box joysticks, (we have an X-Box 360 w/ Kinect) your running shoes. It will be super wicked awesome! Meet in the Sr. High Room.

**ULTIMATE**—Quite possibly the official sport of Presbyterians worldwide, we'll get together at Bandy Field (Next to the Village Shopping Center on Three Chopt) and chase a 175g plastic disc (not to be confused with a Frisbee). Bring shoes or cleats and friends.

## **SUMMER YOUTH GROUP**—

If you thought a typical youth group night was laid-back, see what happens when we get into summer mode. We'll join together for some recreation, singing, and have a conversation about Jesus. Because that's what we do.

— From Steven Good —

<b><u>SUMMER SCHEDULE</u></b>		
<b><u>DATES</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
JULY 31	1:30-4:00	SWAG TUESDAY
AUGUST 11	6:00-8:00	SUMMER YOUTH GROUP
AUGUST 13	10:00-12:00	ULTIMATE @ BANDY FIELD
AUGUST 20	1:30-4:00	SWAG TUESDAY

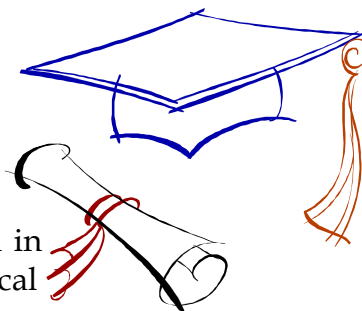


# ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

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## MORE CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER!

**Bryce Carlton Stallings**, son of Bill and Jackie Stallings, received a Master's Degree from Drexel University's Hahnemann Physician Assistant Program in Philadelphia in December, 2011. Bryce is now working as a neurosurgical P.A. in Columbia, S. C.



**Caitlin Suzanne Carr**, daughter of Curtis and Amanda Carr, received her Masters in Public Policy from the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy at the University of Virginia in May. She is the Policy and Advocacy Associate with InterAction in D.C.

**Thank You!**

**Al Honkala writes:** "Thank you Tuckahoe for the attention paid to me during my April and May illness and recovery. While in health care at Westminster for five weeks starting April 5, 2012 someone made a point of visiting me or keeping in touch in some way. I was grateful for the contacts. They made life so much better. I would like to thank the staff, Richard Haney and Steven Good, for their visits and prayers for my recovery and well being. My Care Share person, Barbara Maiden, did a great job of keeping up; thank you. Tim Beane kept me up on the Endowment Committee with visits. Tuckahoe members at Westminster stopped in often. If I have missed someone, and I know I possibly have, my thanks to all!"

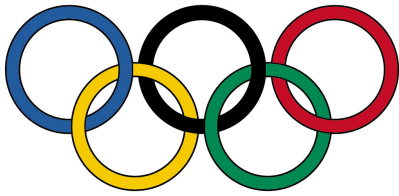
**Flossie Quensen writes:** "My Church People, Thanks each one for your calls and prayers. Special thanks to Richard and Steven for being there for me. Thank God for all of you.

**Tony DeLesDernier writes:** "The residents and staff of the Presbyterian Homes and Family Services unit at Zuni, Virginia expresses their thanks to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church members for their recent peanut orders. Your choosing Zuni peanuts provides them a safe, sheltered workshop and a sense of purpose in their day to day lives. Zuni peanuts are a gift from the heart!"

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## TYLER HARRIS COMPETES IN OLYMPIC TRIALS



Tyler Harris, 23 year old son of Chip and Bev Harris, has just completed a life-long goal of competing to make the 2012 Olympic Team. Although falling short of that goal, Tyler competed for a slot on the 2012 US Swim Team against super-stars Michael Phelps and Brian Lochte. Following is a synopsis of Tyler's stellar career as a competitive swimmer from The Steward School in Richmond to a scholarship swimmer at the University of North Carolina to the U S National Team.

### **Congratulations Tyler, Bev and Chip on your tremendous commitment and dedication to your goal and the sport of swimming!**

The University of North Carolina is traditionally known more for its hoops than pools, but that didn't stop Tyler Harris from coming on board. "The program is definitely on the rise since I have been at UNC," said Harris, who started swimming as an 8-year-old for his local summer league team. "It's an exciting time, and I have no doubt Rich (Coach Rich DeSelm) will have the team at the top of the ACC within the next few years. UNC offers so much to all of its athletes. I truly appreciated how the program allowed for an excellent balance of athletics, academics and life outside of those two areas. More than anything, I am proud of graduating with a degree from UNC. It's a challenging academic atmosphere but well worth the work."

After graduating in 2011, Tyler, a journalism and mass communication major, moved to Los Angeles, to train with the Trojan Swim Club while searching for a job in sports or entertainment media. Harris said it's important that he seek out opportunities in swimming and work now to give himself the best shot at living his dream: having a career in media and a fighting chance at a future Olympic team berth.

*Excerpted from article by MIKE WATKINS//CORRESPONDENT, UNC*

In August 2011 at the University Games in China Tyler finished third in the 400-meter individual medley and broke his own UNC record in the event.

*By [Kelly Parsons](#) | The Daily Tar Heel*

In Omaha, NE Tyler placed sixth in the men's 200-meter individual medley at the U.S. Swimming Olympic Trials finals Saturday evening. After finishing eighth in Friday's semifinals to qualify for finals, Harris moved up two spots to take sixth in a personal-best time of 2:00.73, which bettered Harris' own UNC long-course record in the event. This was the ninth top-20 finish for the current and former Tar Heel competing at the meet.

"Tyler had a great swim tonight in an exciting 200-individual medley final at the Olympic Trials," head coach Rich DeSelm said. "He finished the Trials with a lifetime best time, and we are certainly proud of Tyler for making two championship finals at the Olympic Trials. Release: 06/30/2012



# COMING THIS FALL

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER TO GET NEW FORMAT !!

Our Wednesday Night Suppers will take on a new format beginning in September. For seventeen years we have had Patricia Richards as our regular cook. She has been faithful in preparing our meals and we will miss her; but, this year we have decided to go in a different direction. **Each four weeks we will have two meals catered, one meal prepared by a cooking team made up of church members and one meal a covered dish supper.**

Prices will be as follows:

Adults: \$7 each for catered or cooking team meals

Children (8 and under): \$7 for catered meals and \$2 for meals prepared by cooking teams

Except for covered dish nights, there will be an alternative menu for children for \$2 each.

On covered dish nights there will be a basket for voluntary donations to help defray costs of bread, beverages and paper products.

*Please consider making Wednesday Night Suppers a part of your week!*

Remember that signing up each week on the Friendship Pads during worship or calling the church office is important to help us know how many people to prepare for.

Our first dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12th with your "church staff" doing the cooking!

[That's right, pastors, music directors, Christian educators and office staff can cook!]

If you haven't signed up to be on a cooking team, please let the church office know that you would like to participate. Anyone who doesn't want to be on a cooking team can volunteer to prepare dessert on a night that we have our catered meals. Let Gail Miller or Ruth Ann Hoge know that you can help out. See you in the fall!

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## TUCKLINGS BEGIN AGAIN SEPTEMBER 12

Mr. Mark is looking forward to starting the children's bell choir again this fall with the start of our Wednesday Night Supper program on September 12th. All children in grades 1–7 are invited to join Mr. Mark in the choir room at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

No music experience necessary! You will have a chance to learn all you need to know to make beautiful music together!

COME ONE AND ALL...  
LET'S MAKE SOME  
MUSIC!!



## M & M KIDS BACK THIS FALL

After enjoying a delectable dinner during our Wednesday night family suppers, all children are invited to participate in "Music and Movement" while your parents enjoy the program. We meet from 6:30–7:30 pm in Room 202 to start and then Room 105.

Come join the fun...get your voices ready and your "wiggle on"!



## DISCOVERY CLASS (ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS)

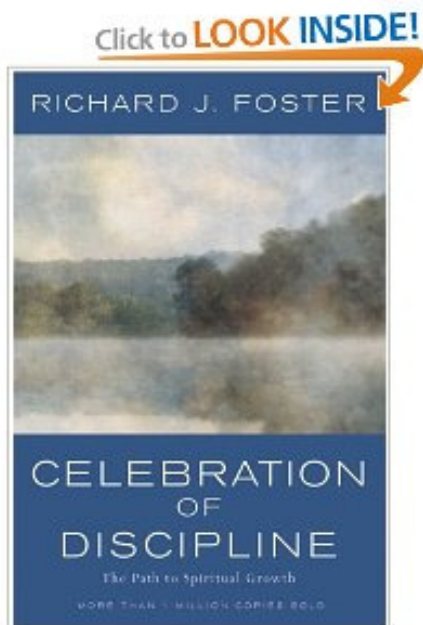
The Discovery Class is a Biblically-based discussion class that explores different ways of thinking about our Christian faith through the use of books and materials that are decided upon by the class members. The class is led by various members who volunteer (not required) to lead the discussion for a particular Sunday. We enjoy open discussions about our Christian faith, and with the help of class members, we discover how our faith can have a positive and meaningful impact on our daily lives. This is a great class for those who have other commitments during the Sunday school year and cannot attend every Sunday.

This class meets upstairs in the old education building (room 200). If you have any questions regarding this class, please contact Walter Smith, Phil Calhoun, Walter Hogan or Leslie Shimer.

## COMING THIS FALL

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### NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS A STUDY AND DISCUSSION OF THE BOOK “*CELEBRATION OF DISCIPLINE: THE PATH TO SPIRITUAL GROWTH*”



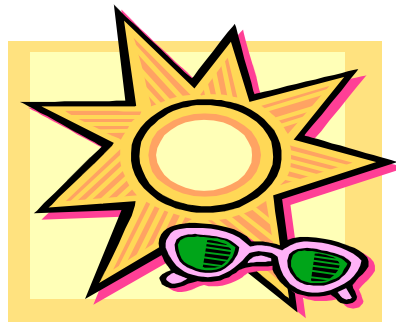
In the twenty years since its publication, *Celebration of Discipline* has helped over a million seekers discover a richer spiritual life infused with joy, peace, and a deeper understanding of God. Hailed by many as the best modern book on Christian spirituality, *Celebration of Discipline* explores the "classic Disciplines," or central spiritual practices, of the Christian faith.

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**This class will be lead by Will Roberts a graduate of Union Seminary.  
The location for this class is still to be advised. Please contact Matthew  
Mahoney with any questions about the class.**

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# CHURCH CALENDAR



# AUGUST 2012

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			<b>1</b> 9:15 am Staff Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 10:00 am Worship & Communion Fellowship Hour	<b>6</b> 9:30 am & 7:00 pm Stephen Ministry 3:00 pm Swing Band 7:00 pm PNC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:15 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Worship & Membership	<b>9</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:00 pm AA	<b>10</b> 10:30 am Meals on Wheels 4:00 pm Gerstenmaier Wedding	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:00 am Worship Freedom House Meals Fellowship Hour 6:00 pm Youth Group	<b>13</b> 3:00 pm Swing Band 7:00 pm Outreach 7:30 pm Christian Formation	<b>14</b> 10:00 am Ultimate @ Bandy Field 5:30 pm Emergency Shelter Meal 7:00 pm Stewardship	<b>15</b> 9:15 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Meals on Wheels 7:30 pm Diaconate	<b>16</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9:30 am Lamb's Basket 8:00 pm AA	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Meals on Wheels	<b>18</b> <b>TORCH DEADLINE</b> 11:00 Noel Wedding
<b>19</b> 10:00 am Worship Fellowship Hour	<b>20</b> 3:00 pm Swing Band 7:00 pm A & P 7:00 pm VA Kennel Club	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:15 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Session	<b>23</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 8:00 pm AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:00 am Worship Fellowship Hour 11:15 am Fellowship Committee	<b>27</b> 10:30 am Meals on Wheels 3:00 pm Swing Band	<b>28</b> 3:30 pm Hilliard House Meal	<b>29</b> 9:15 am Staff Meeting	<b>30</b> 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm AA	<b>31</b>	



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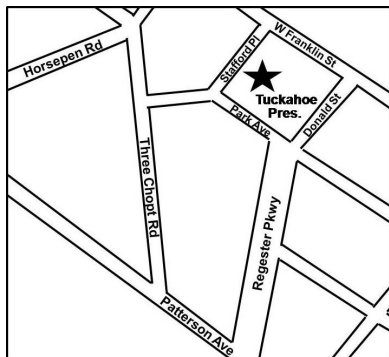
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