



## RICH'S 'RITINGS

FEBRUARY 2016



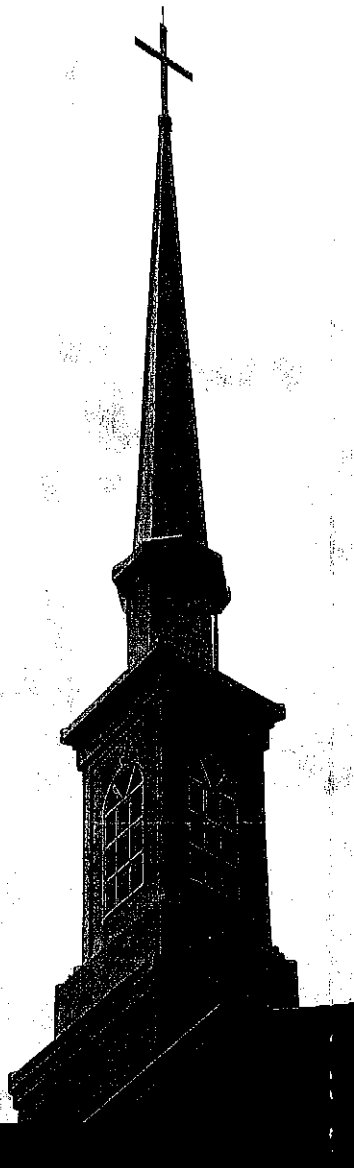
I am a football fan. From middle school up I love playing the game and now watching the game. As the NFL playoffs began I watched a couple of games with interest. I watched my Steelers play the Cincinnati Bengals in 40 degree weather in a driving rain storm and a stadium filled with 63,257 people. I also watched the Minnesota- Seattle game. Both from the point of who the Panthers might play and the weather conditions which stood at a - 6 degrees at kickoff with a wind chill of -25 degrees! Over 50,000 fans attended that game.

Now think about that for a minute. Over 113,300 people sat either in a cold driving rain for 4 hours, or they sat in a -25 freezer for 4 hours to watch a football game. Yet on a normal Sunday morning churches across our land cannot come close to filling up their pews or Sunday school classes in dry, heated/air-condition buildings, many with wonderful sound systems, choirs, teachers, and preachers. What is wrong with this picture?

The average price to attend an NFL playoff game is \$350.00. It costs you \$121 just to get in the game with no seat! Maybe churches should charge? We could charge more for the back pews and less as someone had to move forward. Front row seats would be the cheapest – kind of a reverse of football seating prices! I mean a football game offers great entertainment for 3 plus hours but a church...a church offers eternity! It offers grace and love. When something happens in our life that is not wonderful do we call "Ticketmaster" for a ball game ticket or do we call our church family and the church staff for prayers, love, support.

Earlier I asked "What is wrong with this picture?" We know the answer. In America, God and His church are second to sports. I love football, baseball, basketball and I have even grown to enjoy soccer, especially the world cup. However, I love the church and Jesus even more. And it troubles me that for most all of us sports is our God. Even our young/youth and their parents find that many of their sports teams now play (or practice) on a Sunday morning and they are forced to make difficult choices.


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# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BA—Basement BR—Bell Room CC—Circle Class CR—Choir Room CSR—Cornerstone Room CW—Children's Wing FH—Fellowship Hall LB—Library NB—New Building S—Sanctuary SC—Salmon Room SKC—Seekers Class YFC - Youth & Family Center	1 6:30 PM Witness YFC	2 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry FH 2:00 PM Baskets FH DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	3 8:30 AM Prayer Team CC 12:00 PM Staff Meeting—LB 1:00 PM Sewing FH 5:30 PM Youth NO CHOIRS	4 9:30 AM MOPS SC 5:30 PM Journey Groups Dinner FH	5 8:00 PM Youth Lock-In FH	6 10:00 AM - Noon Food Pantry FH/BA
7 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM SS-All Ages 11:00 AM Worship 	8 4:00 PM Program Staff Mtg CC 6:30 PM Circle of Joy SKC	9 10:00 AM UMW FH 2:00 PM Baskets FH 5:00 PM Shrove Pancake Dinner FH 6:30 PM SPRC SC DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN	10 8:30 AM Prayer Team CC 10:30 AM Journey Group CC 1:00 PM Sewing FH 5:30 PM Youth 5:55 PM Adult Choir 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM Handbells BR	11	12	13 10:00 AM - Noon Food Pantry FH/BA
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28 8:30 AM Worship 9:45 AM SS-All Ages 11:00 AM Worship	29					

# 2016

**February Anniversaries**

- 4 Morris and Hilda Hall (60)
- 6 Jack and Rosie Scarborough (51)
- 24 Fred and Shirley Eifert (61)
- 28 George and Louise Toepfer (63)
- 29 Orren (Jr) and Kitty Reedy (60)

**February Birthdays**

- 1 Jo Ann Greco
- 2 Lawrence Jackson
- 3 Bill Clegg
- 4 Gracie Griffin
- 5 Brighton Mintz
- 6 Don Eggert
- 8 Regan Chappell
- 10 Russ Johnson
- 11 Glenn Humbert
- 12 Carolyn Jones
- 13 John Adams
- 15 Tom Jessee
- 16 Debbie Rupp
- 17 Shirley Eifert
- 18 Barry Frink
- 19 Jackie Haddon
- 20 Barbara Varnam
- 21 Lynda Eagle
- 22 Amanda Stanley Tatum
- 23 Gladys Russ
- 24 Cindy Williams
- 25 John Priester
- 27 Michael Russ
- 28 Jimmy Register
- Bernie Babcock
- Brianna Mintz
- Carson Dowdy
- Frank Thompson
- Hackney Deans
- John Priester
- Michael Russ
- Carla Hill
- Jake Hewett
- Frank Williamson
- Robbie Vaughan
- Lisa Carr
- Velna Huffstetler
- Virginia Detrie
- Caroline Johnson
- Carla Hill
- Jake Hewett
- Frank Williamson
- Roger Cox
- Calvin Chandler
- Kerstin Creech
- Bill Martin
- Joey Galloway
- Tina Teipel
- Amelia Harrelson
- Matt Williamson
- Chris Lane
- Beth Michelakis
- Drew Mintz

*Birthdays  
and  
Anniversaries*



**SUMMARY OF DECEMBER YEAR-TO-DATE 2015 FINANCIAL RESULTS**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	\$574,900	\$565,900	\$9,000
Expense	\$573,000	\$565,900	(\$7,100)
Gain (Loss)	\$1,900	0	\$1,900

**Camp Family** – Thank you and congratulations!!! More importantly, praise the Lord!!! Due to your generous giving and the judicious stewardship, by the various Committees, of budgeted funds Camp was able to remit our entire 2015 Apportionment. This makes at least 50 consecutive years of 100% remittance.

The Conference requested an Apportionment amount of \$64,080. Due to anticipated 2015 financial constraints, only \$17,000 was included in the budget. As mentioned above, because of your giving and stewardship we were able to make up the difference.

Copies of the December YTD financial reports have been posted to the bulletin board in the hallway near the organ. If you would like more detailed explanation of our financial reports please contact our Treasurer, Theresa Tese.



# *Music Notes*

**A NEW YEAR AND A CHANCE FOR NEW COMMITMENT! COME AND JOIN ONE OF CAMP'S CHOIRS!** The start of a New Year seems to spur us to think of making a fresh start in one area of our lives or another, and many of us make resolutions or set goals for ourselves. This is the PERFECT time to join the Adult Choir or the Camp Bell Choir. Rehearsals have just resumed following the Christmas break, and we are beginning to work on Lenten and Easter music. We need people who want to sing to the glory of God and who can commit to regular practices. Remember, HE WHO SINGS, PRAYS TWICE! Please call Wes or Betsy or contact one of our present choir members if you have any questions. You will be blessed by this group of choristers, and in return, our choir will be blessed by your presence! Come Wednesday nights at 5:55 p.m. in the Salmon Room for the Adult Choir and Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Bell Room (old choir room) for the Camp Bell Choir.

## **BUCKETS FOR BUILDING**

THANK YOU, Camp Family, for your tremendous support in giving over \$1,100. on the third Sunday in January to help to reduce our present debt on our beautiful new sanctuary building. Please remember that on the third Sunday of each month, we will pass the buckets to help raise additional money to go directly on the principal of our loan. We hope that the kids will throw in their change and that you adults will put in LARGE bills and checks to help with this cause. Just think—if we collect \$1,000. each month for a year, this would equal \$12,000. in a year. And if we steadily collected this amount for 10 years, we will have collected \$120,000. That's a lot of (bucket) money to help with our present debt. Inch by inch and step by step, WE WILL PAY OFF THIS DEBT. Please keep this goal in your thoughts and prayers and give generously each third Sunday to support the BUCKETS FOR BUILDING project!

## **STEWARDSHIP RELECTIONS IN 2016**

With the start of a new year, we think of a time for new beginnings. For the Christian steward, the grace of being given another day, or God willing, a whole new year, stirs our deep gratitude. We practice good stewardship with a renewed outlook by:

- \*Praying about our regular giving to God's ministry and mission through Camp UMC
- \*Modeling humility and generosity as God calls us to model
- \*Setting up a schedule to meet our committed giving
- \*Giving of our TIME, TALENTS, TREASURES to further God's work in our community, country and throughout the world

## **LET'S MAKE STEWARDSHIP A MINDSET IN 2016 AT CAMP UMC!**

*TO GOD BE THE GLORY!*

*Wes & Betsy*

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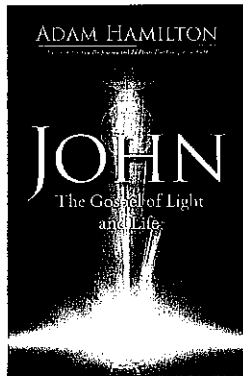
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Where is the church in your life today? Can we "change this picture?" Only you know. But I do know that this is a good church – not perfect – but a church that loves, gives, and prays. I know that we have everything a church needs – good Sunday school teachers, a fantastic choir, a decent preacher (J) and great lay leadership. Yet our Sunday school attendance could be better, especially in our children's area. Our worship attendance is remaining strong yet we have empty seats and could fill them if we would invite others. We have great journey groups but we could have more. We offer Bible studies and we are lucky to have 10 or so in the study. Considering that we have almost 900 members and an active attendance base of 500 that just isn't right. Over the next weeks the NFL world will show us passion and attendance that is very impressive. I wonder what God's church will show during that same time and throughout this year. What is wrong when 113,000 people will sit for hours in miserable conditions and cheer with passion and the church cannot get 5% of that number to gather for a couple of hours and praise God? We know but will we do anything about it?

Agape

Rev. Rich



### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY Selected Tuesday's in February/March Led by Rev. Rich Vaughan

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: "And the Word became flesh...", "For God so loved the world...", "You who are without sin cast the first stone...", "I am the resurrection and the life...", "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, but John notes that his aim in writing the gospel is that his readers will not only believe in Jesus Christ, but that they "may have life in his name."

This Lent, join Adam Hamilton and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal while reading the entire Gospel of John.

This study will be offered on selected Tuesday mornings in February/March at 10:00 a.m. in homes and/or selected Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in homes. Please check your preference and contact the church office at 910-754-4840.

**February 16, 23, March 1, 8, & 15**

10:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ in homes

**OR**

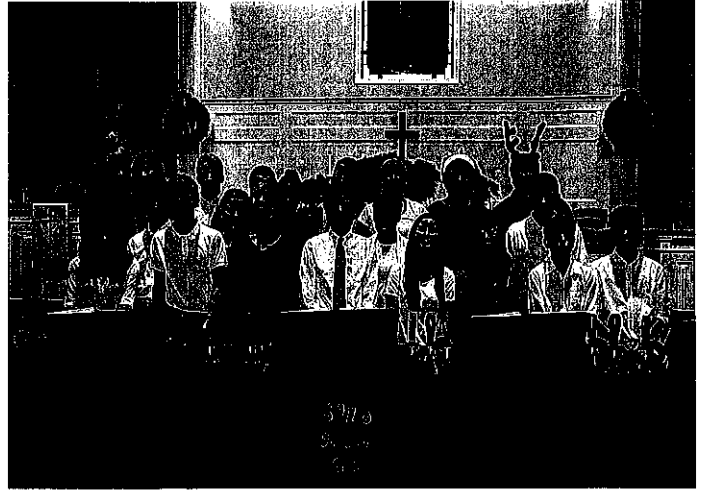
6:30 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ in homes

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to host any of the above dates in your home? \_\_\_\_\_



Morris Hall assists John Donoghue as he donates a pint of blood to the Red Cross.

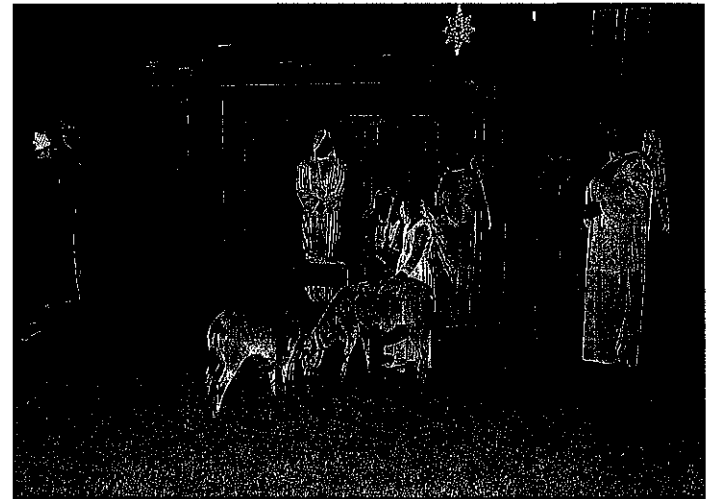


Shalotte Middle School advanced handbells perform at Camp

FEBRUARY

- 3rd-Youth
- 5th-Friday-Lock-in
- 9th-Shrove Pancake dinner
- 10th-Ash Wednesday service.
- 14th-Pam Stenzel at Ground Zero
- 17th-Youth
- 24th-Game Night

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Live Nativity at Camp UMC



Check out the Columbarium. The Niches are in and the pavers have been laid. Completion of Phase 1 is just around the corner.



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January 6, 2016

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Dear Members of Camp UMC:

On behalf of the *Mission of Hope: Rotifunk*, thank you for your generous donation of \$2,120.53. Your contribution makes it possible to save the lives of mothers and children in the area of Rotifunk, Sierra Leone.

The *Mission of Hope: Rotifunk*, is a partnership between the North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church and the Sierra Leone Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. The two conferences are working together to provide quality healthcare to the impoverished people of Sierra Leone – with a focus on those living in and around the town of Rotifunk. Efforts have been underway since December, 2013 and include refurbishment of Hatfield Archer Memorial Hospital in Rotifunk.

The recent Ebola outbreak in Sierra Leone left families, the health system, the economy, and social structures decimated. One of the worst areas in Sierra Leone is the Moyamba District where the World Health Organization reported in April 2015, "Many of the population health needs are almost entirely unmet." The hospital at Rotifunk once served this district before it was destroyed by a civil war.

Thanks to people like you, we can rebuild this hospital that will provide a positive impact on the health and economy of the people in this district. Most importantly, we can provide hope to the people of Sierra Leone.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Jane Leechford, Secretary  
Mission of Hope: Rotifunk



## April 24<sup>th</sup> - HOMECOMING 2016 - SAVE THE DATE!

On April 24, 2016, Camp United Methodist Church will have Homecoming. This is an opportunity to invite former members, inactive members and friends to our combined worship service and lunch on the grounds. It's a time to renew old friendships and make new friends! During the next weeks the Homecoming Committee will be asking each of you for the names and addresses of those whom you wish to invite. Please begin to put your list together for those whom we wish to "Welcome Home".

**Homecoming Committee Team: Helen Bunch, Tamy Munns, Margaret Hardin and Betsy Ward.**



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