



ORANGE CHAPEL

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From the Pastor

Can you believe it is January *again*? It is hard to believe that a new year is here already and that it's time once again to practice writing *correctly* the date of that *new* year on our documents. Doesn't it seem as if we did that yesterday?! The Advent/Christmas season for 2011 is past.

Let me pause here to say that the 2011 Advent season at OC UMC was one I will remember for a long time: the *always* inspirational Cantata, the beautiful atmosphere created by the poinsettias, and the children/youth Christmas presentation -- all of which set a new benchmark (*and maybe even a couple of stars were born*). I believe that the most rewarding part of the 2011 Christmas season was our participation in missions. Not only was there 'hands on' help to those in need, but there was also a great effort to provide necessities and treats, grant wishes and even fulfill a few dreams for several families. Thank you Orange Chapel, for your Christian witness within this community.

Now, we move into a *new* year! I have always held a bit of a fascination with a 'new' year. Technically, it marks the end of one year *and* the beginning of a new year of our earth's journey around the sun -- a journey that has been completed for eons plus some 2,011 years since the year Jesus was born (the year we historically accept). But it is more than another solar trip. It is a 'new' year -- a closing of the old and the dawning of a new. It provides an opportunity to put things behind us as well as a chance for new beginnings. From diet and exercise to classes and relationships, this time provides an opportunity, however artificial, to do what we may need or want in our life.

We may look forward to this 'new' year with anticipation and excitement, but we may also feel a bit of trepidation.

A new year may not necessarily bring *pleasant* changes and challenges. The year 2012 promises to be no different.

This year is also an election year. This year's election, in particular, will be pivotal in setting the direction of our country for many years to come. Programs and regulations seem to have a life all their own. Payment for current spending and expenses will be passed to future generations, and the appointment of judges will set the tone and direction for this country for years beyond just one administration. We are thankful that we have the freedom to vote, and our vote should always be made prayerfully.

Here at Orange Chapel, there is much to be optimistic and excited about. There are new mission opportunities on our horizon offering growth and fellowship as these programs take shape. The opportunities for 2012 which excites me most is the distinct probability that the much needed maintenance on our sanctuary and other facilities will happen in 2012. The Trustees have approved a broad and general plan to present to the Board and then to the congregation for consideration and refinement. In brief, this includes repair and refinishing of the pews and altar furnishings, repair of cracks, a new ceiling, paint, and trim around the windows and the ceiling. There are plans to improve and update our audiovisual capabilities, both in the sanctuary and a remote viewing area in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a plan to improve our landscaping to create a more inviting atmosphere on the outside of our facility. So, stay tuned and **please be in prayer** as we enter into a new year and all that awaits us.

Pastor Carl

OUR MISSION

The mission of Orange Chapel UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by reaching out, nurturing, and serving through the love, knowledge, and practice of the Christian faith.

Academics, Achievements, and Special Thanks

*Please take time to
CONGRATULATE and THANK THESE ...*

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT...

- Congratulations to **TAYLOR RAY** who made the Dean's List at ECU for the Fall Semester!!

SPECIAL THANKS...

- BIG thanks to **JUTTA KUENZLER** who came to the church faithfully every Thursday during the Advent season to care for and water the lovely poinsettias placed in the sanctuary by members to honor or remember a loved one.
- From Janet Gautier...

If you came to the Children's Christmas program on December 18, you may have noticed the fireplace prop used in ~~How~~ **The Grinch Stole Christmas**. I want to **thank the managers at Food Lion in Carrboro** for letting me borrow it for the play. Food Lion was using it as a display and after begging and pleading that it was for a youth Christmas play, they let me bring it home. It certainly added to the scene.

Again, I hope those who did attend the program enjoyed the speeches, songs, and play. For those who didn't come, you missed a spectacular event!

⇒ By far, the best line from the Christmas program: "Johnny, why did you do that?"

⇒ A close second, "Pooh Pooh to the Whos"

- From David Sturdivant - Finance Chair...

Church Van -- **A big thank-you to Carl** and all his helpers for the monthly Wednesday night meal, to the **Build-A- Basket Team** for their generous donation of \$2,700, and to the **volunteer's that mowed the church yard** that allowed us to transfer \$1,900 towards the van debt:

⇒ The debt has moved from \$26,566 in June to a little over \$14,000 at year's end.

From the feedback I hear, the van is a great asset, not only for our youth but other groups as well. Thanks to everyone for their support.



FLOWERS

Volunteers needed

The church **needs volunteers** to provide flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship service. There is a **FLOWER CALENDAR** in the foyer to sign up for available Sundays. If you would like to have flowers placed in the sanctuary to God's glory or to place flowers in honor or memory of someone, please call Brenda Tapp at 968-4102 so she can put your information in the Sunday bulletin. *Thank you, The Worship Committee*

CHURCH MINISTRIES

WOMEN'S GROUPS

The Circle of Friends meets the 3rd Monday of each month for devotions, fellowship and project planning for the church and community. We invite all our younger women to become involved in this busy mission group. For more information, contact Stephanie Stowd. **Our next meeting is January 16.**

The Friendship Ring meets Monday after the 4th Sunday for devotions, fellowship and project planning for the church and community. For more information contact Janice Smith. **Our next meeting is January 23.**

Outreach Group meets on the 2nd Monday of each month. The Outreach Group serves the community by visiting homebound persons and supporting various missions. For more information, contact Ellen Poe. **Our next meeting is January 9.**

MEN'S GROUPS

The Men's Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 PM for dinner, devotions and program in the Fellowship Hall. This group is also involved in local and national missions projects. If you are not already a part of this active group and would like to join, please feel free to drop by and join in our meetings. **Our next meeting is January 2.**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

The Children's Church meets every Sunday in the Children's Church Room in the Education Building. The children go to Children's Church area immediately following the Children's Sermon during regular worship. Ages 4-10.

CHILDREN'S GROUPS

Orange Chapel is looking for leaders or coordinators to work with the **Little Lambs & All-4-Him** children's groups (ages 3 to 2nd grade). These groups previously met on Sunday afternoon, but meeting dates and times can be changed. Also, the groups can meet separately, if enough children participate. **Please contact the church office to volunteer to work with these young children.**

YOUNGER YOUTH GROUPS***

Orange Chapel is looking for leaders or coordinators to work with the **Kids of the Cross** (KOC, grades 3-5). This group previously met on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the afternoon, but dates and times can be changed. **Please contact the church office to volunteer to work with our younger youth..**

YOUTH GROUPS

The United Methodist Youth (UMYF) is designed for youth in middle school and high school. Meetings are every Sunday, 4:00-6:00 pm. **Our next meetings are January 8, 15, 22, 29..**

CHOIRS

The Cherub Children's Choir sings on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This choir is for ages 4-2nd grade. Debbie Mason, Director. **Our next practice is to be announced.**

The Son-Shine Children's Choir sings on the 2nd Sunday of each month. This choir is for ages 3rd grade and up. Debbie Mason, Director. **Our next practice is to be announced.**

The Adult Choir -- Patt Sturdivant, Director. Practice is on Wednesday nights at 7 PM.



Love Grows Here

UPCOMING EVENTS



White Cross Fire Department

Brunswick Stew Fundraiser

January 21, 2012
\$7.50 per quart

Advanced ticket sales only
See Carl or Kevin to purchase in advance.

Country Breakfast and Bake Sale

Saturday, February 11
6:00—9:30 AM

Orange Chapel Fellowship Hall
Cost: By Donation

The New Disciples Sunday School Class will hold their annual **Country Breakfast and Bake Sale** on Saturday, February 12, 6:00—9:30.



Proceeds will help fund mission work of the New Disciples.

OUTREACH CLUB UPDATE

The Outreach Club traveled to Danville, Virginia, on December 12 to view the Crimsons Tree on display in the Ascension Lutheran Church. The Crimsons Tree originated in that church in 1957 through the efforts and creative talent of Frances Kipps Spencer. From that beginning the idea has spread to Christians all over the world. Their Crimsons Tree this year is 21 feet tall and it is filled with beautiful and meaningful Chrisman ornaments, all handmade by their church members. A member of their congregation interpreted the tree's symbols and explained the history of the Crimsons Tree during our visit. It was quite inspiring and enjoyed by all.

After our visit, we had lunch at the Brown Bean cafe located inside the Gingerbread House in Danville, which is filled with Christmas decorations, ribbons, flowers, gifts, etc.

The Club would like to **thank Terry Belcher** for driving the church van for our trip.

During the month of December, the Club members donated toys which were taken to Orange County Social Services to be distributed for Christmas. We also made a monetary donation to Hospice.

Our first meeting in 2012 is scheduled for Monday, January 13. We will be discussing plans for the Club for the upcoming year.

THE MENU

Eggs
Country Ham
Sausage
Gravy & Grits
Biscuits

FRESH PECANS FOR SALE

\$9 per pound

...fresh from Eleanor Ragan's pecan tree!!
Contact Eleanor if interested.

(...pecans ready after January 10)



Thank You!

3rd Annual Build-A-Basket

We did it again! The **Build-A-Basket** fund raiser on December 10 topped the previous two years in sales. We raised about **\$2,700** this year compared to \$2,600 (2010) and \$2,230 (2009). The team of elves thanks everyone who made the delicious goodies and creative gifts.



And thank you to **Terry's Toting Service** for donating his \$13 received in tips. We continue to be surprised at the success of this event.

All proceeds will benefit the church van.

How great that we attracted people from the surrounding community who were thrilled that Orange Chapel sponsored such a creative and unique opportunity for Christmas gifts. We had very positive remarks and feedback. We have heard that other churches are now doing this event as a fund raiser.

Plans are to continue this event next year. So, be on the lookout for baskets and decorations that you may find on sale or at yard sales.

Again, many thanks to all the cooks who baked and provided the goodies, to those who donated ribbon, empty baskets, and non-food items.

And to the organizers and helpers, **Brenda, Kay, Patt, Terry S, Terry B, Heather, Jill, Donna S., Denise, Maxine, Janet, Laura, Debbie, Shelby, Sheri, and Bess**.....thanks for your time and efforts.

Emails received: "You ladies out did yourself this year. I love my four baskets. What a wonderful job and all the hard work and time that you put into it. Give yourself a huge pat on the back."

—Laura Cooper

"Thanks for making my baskets look so good."

—Ken Sturdivant

CHRISTMAS 2011

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Hanging of the Greens Service.

Patt Sturdivant and the adult choir did a wonderful job this year with the annual Christmas cantata "Mary Did You Know." They all deserve a "patt" on the back for their contribution to the Christmas season. Orange Chapel is extremely blessed and fortunate to have our choir who provides beautiful music for us. **Patt** work hard to bring wonderful music into our lives. Music is such a special part of our daily lives especially at Christmas. Please thank a choir member when you see them!!

On December 18, everyone enjoyed the speeches and songs by **Ms. Kay and Ms. Janet's** Sunday School class. **Samantha Durham, Sarah Durham, Lauren Farrell, Mayson Parker, McKinley Braxton, Jason Russell, Lindsey Russell, and Breanna Barnes** made Ms Kay and Ms Janet very proud.

And most of all, a grinchy thanks to our youth for their performance of **How The Grinch Stole Christmas**. The play was a collaborative effort on the part of the Directors and the youth. They spent many hours practicing and rehearsing. Thanks to Kay and Janet for directing.

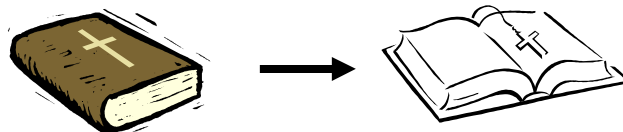
After the program, refreshments were enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall.

The Christmas celebration concluded on Christmas Eve with a candlelight communion service.

REMEMBER...

New Testament Reading Schedule

Read through the New Testament in three months! See attachment at end of this newsletter.



Outreach and Community

News from the Men's Club

Our next meeting is January 2 at 6:30 PM. Men of all ages are invited. If you have a son who would like to come, please feel free to bring him. Great meals and fellowship are always part of our meetings.

This news is not from the Men's Club exactly but from the church yard mowers: Thank you to this group for donating \$1,900 towards the church van.

The **CYM's** (Church Yard Mowers) would love to have other people step forward to help with this activity. Mowers work in teams and are responsible for mowing only 2-3 times a year. It takes about 1.5 to 2 hours to mow the church yard and parsonage yard.

Right now we have nine teams mowing and the more we get the less we have to mow. Contact **Ken Sturdivant** or **Joe Smith** if you would like to join the CYM's!! You do not have to be a male to participate either. We have had women help mow in the past and Brenda Wilson is on a team now. So come on ladies and step up!



Correction to December Newsletter

In the December newsletter, an article was submitted by **Delos O'Daniel**. The article contained editorial corrections by Brenda Tapp which were not pre-approved by Delos and she sincerely apologizes. Delos asked that the article be resubmitted exactly as he wrote it *without corrections and edits*. His article is resubmitted below:

Statement of Appreciation

I urge each church member to, if they see Greg Tilley, the owner of Greg Tilley's Pressure Cleaning, to express your appreciation for his contribution to our church, by discounting \$1550.00 from the total invoice of \$3550.00 for pressure cleaning all tombstone's and footstone's in our cemetary. If, you have a need for any type of pressure cleaning, home, outbuilding's, brick, stucco, cement, or any type of roofing, I highly reccomend Greg Tilley. His work is thorough and well done, very professional. For example, high pressure chemical for wood, stucco, brick, cement, etc., to low pressure chemical to remove mold, mildew, moss etc. from roofing without harming the shingle's

—Delos O'Daniel

Words to Live By

Health:

1. Make time to pray.
2. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a beggar.
3. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured.
4. Live with the 3 E's - Energy, Enthusiasm & Empathy.
5. Drink plenty of water.
6. Play more games.
7. Read more books than you did in 2011.
8. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
9. Sleep for 7 hours.
10. Take a 10-30 minute walk daily and while you walk, smile.

Personality:

11. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
12. Don't have negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead, invest your energy in the positive present moment.
13. Don't overdo. Keep your limits.
14. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
15. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip.
16. Dream more while you are awake.
17. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
18. Forget issues of the past. Don't remind your spouse of his/her mistakes of the past. That will ruin your present happiness.
19. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Don't hate others.
20. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
21. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
22. Realize that life is a school and you are here to learn. Problems are simply part of the curriculum that appear and fade away like algebra class but the lessons you learn will last a lifetime.
23. Smile and laugh more.
24. You don't have to win every argument.

Society:

25. Call your family often.
26. Each day give something good to others.
27. Forgive everyone for everything.
28. Spend time with people over the age of 70 & under the age of 6.
29. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
30. What other people think of you is none of your business.
31. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your family and friends will. Stay in touch.

Life:

32. Do the right thing!
33. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
34. GOD heals everything.
35. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
36. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
37. When you awake alive in the morning, thank GOD for it.
38. The best is yet to come.

Lord, as we enter 2012, may our first thoughts be of you, may our hearts always be filled with your eternal love and may our eyes and ears be open to your spiritual discernment and grace. Lead us, we pray, unto the path of righteousness. Amen



If you look for Me at Christmas

If you look for Me at Christmas
 you won't need a special star --
 I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
 I'm right there where you are.
 You may not be aware of Me
 Amid the celebrations --
 You'll have to look beyond the stores
 And all the decorations.
 But if you take a moment
 From your list of things to do
 And listen to your heart, you'll find
 I'm waiting there for you.
 You're the one I want to be with,
 You're the reason that I came.
 And you'll find Me in the stillness
 As I'm whispering your name.
 Love,
 Jesus

Prayer Requests*

(contact name)

FAMILY OF:

Kyle Martin

IMMEDIATE:

Alice Mooney (Rosalie Edwards)
 Barry & Anne Burns (Rosalie Edwards)
 Bob Eldridge
 Buck Rose (Brenda Tapp)
 Cal Jordan (Ken Sturdivant)
 Cecelia Harris (Eleanor Ragan)
 Charles & Peggy Brown (Rosalie Edwards)
 Donna Elkins (Antioch)
 Frank Smith
 G. J. Holman (Tracy Burnette)
 Howard Crawford
 Janet Wood (Jean Lloyd)
 John Crawford
 John Terry (Kimberly Durham)
 June Womble (Rosalie Edwards)
 Lexie Hinsdale (Donna Suttles)
 Louis & Joyce Luxton (Jean Lloyd)
 Mason Thompson
 Nicole Robertson (Ken Sturdivant)
 Rachel Edwards
 Ronnie Mason
 Richard Hinson (Shelli Smith)
 Tyson Clayton (Ken Sturdivant)
 Virginia Davis
 Winfred Braxton

ON-GOING:

Alan & Janet Dale (Terry Belcher)
 Barbara Rovetto (Janice Smith)
 B.L. and Lib Mason (Patt Sturdivant)
 Bookie Williams (Sandi Crawford)
 Carol Ray
 Carson Lloyd
 Christine Herndon (Kay Pickard)
 Clarene Rogers
 Emma Braxton
 Graham & Barbara Smith (Carol Ray)
 Holli Butler
 James G. Smith (Kimberly Durham)
 James G. Smith, Jr. (Kimberly Durham)
 Jane Edwards (Clover Garden)
 Joyce Bradshaw (Clover Garden)
 Kenneth Strowd
 Mabel Lloyd
 Maxine Talbert
 Minerva Whitfield (Rosalie Edwards)
 Mary Etta Mann (Ava Thompson)
 Morris Thompson (Eleanor Ragan)
 Renee McFarling (Ava Thompson)
 Rev. Rex Brooks & Carolyn Brooks
 Victoria Terry (Kimberly Durham)



Nursing Homes: Louise Durham

Others: Church/denominational leaders; military personnel *and* their families

Orange Chapel UMC students, and College and graduate students

MILITARY
 SSgt. Timothy R. Eldredge
 Sgt. Chris Riley

JANUARY SERVERS



Nursery Helpers

- 1.....Ken & Charlotte Cheek
- 8.....Katelyn Ray & Shelby Kremer
- 15.....David & Betsy Sturdivant
- 22.....Darian Sturdivant & Debbie Edwards
- 29.....Barry & Clegg Williams

Children's Church Helpers

- 1.....Kim Durham
- 8.....David & Betsy Sturdivant
- 15.....Cindy Rovetto & Holli Butler
- 22.....Amanda & Gelly Lieth
- 29.....Donna & Katelyn Ray

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- Jan 1.....Terry Belcher
- Jan 2Tre Jacobs
Melanie Lloyd
Don & Laura Cooper (A)
- Jan 3Danny Kremer
- Jan 4Clayton Lloyd
- Jan 5Jeanette Edwards
- Jan 8Debbie Braxton
- Jan 12.....Jeremy Talbert
Crystal Overcash
- Jan 16.....Milton Durham
- Jan 18.....Angelica Lieth
- Jan 21.....Donna Crawford
Adrienne Crawford
- Jan 22.....Rodney Lloyd
Zachary Crawford
- Jan 25.....Gary Thornburg
- Jan 28.....Frank Craig
Justin Sturdivant

Servers



- Acolytes**..... Fahryn Tripp
Hannah Butler
- Ushers**..... Danny Kremer
Darian Sturdivant
- Greeters**..... Betsy Sturdivant
(Alternate: Rayvon Sturdivant)
- Sunday School Superintendent**.. Terry Sturdivant
- Tape Ministry**..... Joe Smith

Newsletter DEADLINE:



20th of each month *or earlier*

Please contact JANET GAUTIER

Phone: 942-1602 (after 6:00 PM)
Email: gautier@email.unc.edu

OCIM

Please continue to collect items for OCIM (Orange Congregations in Mission) in your Sunday School classes.



Food items for JANUARY
Beef Stew; Chicken and Dumplings

<i>January 2012</i>						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

SUN 1 **New Year's Day**
 9:45 AM, Sunday School
 11 AM, Worship Service¹ / *Communion*
 No UMYF
Mon 2 6:30 PM, Men's Group
Tue 3 11 AM, Bible Study / canceled
(will resume 1/17/12)
Wed 4 5:30-7 PM, Monthly Supper
(Pinto Bean Supper)
 6/6:30 PM, Children's choirs practice
 7 PM, Adult Choir practice

SUN 22 9:45 AM, Sunday School
 11 AM, Worship Service¹
 4 PM, UMYF
Mon 23 7 PM, Friendship Ring
Tue 24 11 AM, Bible Study / *Matthew*
Wed 25 7 PM, Adult Choir practice

SUN 8 9:45 AM, Sunday School
 11 AM, Worship Service¹ / *Children sing*
 No UMYF
Mon 9 9 AM, Outreach
Tue 10 11 AM, Bible Study / canceled
(will resume 1/17/12)
Wed 11 7 PM, Adult Choir practice

SUN 29 9:45 AM, Sunday School
 11 AM, Worship Service¹
 4 PM, UMYF
Mon 30 7 PM, Circle of Friends
Tue 31 11 AM, Bible Study / *Matthew*

SUN 15 9:45 AM, Sunday School
 11 AM, Worship Service¹ / *Children sing*
 4 PM, UMYF
Mon 16 7 PM, Circle of Friends
Tue 17 11 AM, Bible Study / *Matthew*
Wed 18 7 PM, Adult Choir practice

Information is current as of date published (for more current information, please see the calendar link on our website at www.orangechapel.org, or the Sunday bulletin insert).