

# The Cross and Flame

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## HIDING FROM GOD

A pastor phoned the home of some recent church visitors.

A voice answered with a whispered "Hello."

Pastor: "Who is this?"

Whisper: "Jimmy."

Pastor: "How old are you, Jimmy?"

Whisper: "Four."

"Jimmy, may I please speak to your mom?"

"She's busy."

"Then may I speak to your dad?"

"He's busy."

"Are there any other adults at your home?"

"The police."

"Then let me speak to one of the police officers."

"They're busy."

"Who else is there?"

"Firemen."

"Well, put one of the firemen on the phone."

"They're busy."

"Jimmy, what are they all busy doing?"

"They're looking for me."

Just like Jimmy, a lot of people are hiding, not only from parents and police, but from God. And there is nothing funny about hiding from the One who loves us most and the One we need the most.

**APRIL CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES**



| April 2010 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| S          | M  | T  | W  | T  | F  | S  |
|            |    |    |    | 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 |    |

**Each Sunday**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship

**Each Monday**

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Each Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. Hand Bell Practice  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

**Each Thursday**

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Companions in Christ Bible Study

|          |            |                                   |
|----------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| April 2  | 7:00 p.m.  | Good Friday Service               |
| April 3  | 2:00 p.m.  | Easter Egg Hunt                   |
|          | 4:00 p.m.  | PPR Committee                     |
| April 4  | 6:30 a.m.  | Easter Sunrise Service            |
|          | 7:00 a.m.  | Breakfast                         |
|          | 7:00 p.m.  | 24 Hours that Changed the World   |
| April 6  | 6:30 p.m.  | UMYF with Steve                   |
| April 7  | 7:00 p.m.  | Children's Council                |
| April 11 | 2:00 p.m.  | UMYF to The Elms                  |
| April 13 |            | <b>NO UMYF MEETING TONIGHT</b>    |
| April 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Sue Rollins Circle                |
| April 14 | 6:30 p.m.  | Before and After School Committee |
| April 15 | 7:00 p.m.  | Gertrude Alspaugh Circle          |
| April 16 | 9:00 a.m.  | Weekday School Clothing Sale      |
| April 17 | 9:00 a.m.  | Weekday School Clothing Sale      |
| April 18 | 6:30 p.m.  | Old Fashioned Gospel Sing         |
| April 20 |            | <b>NO UMYF MEETING TONIGHT</b>    |
| April 20 | 7:00 p.m.  | Finance Committee                 |
| April 21 | 10:00 a.m. | "Stitches with Love"              |
| April 21 | 7:00 p.m.  | Children's Council                |
| April 23 | 3:00 p.m.  | UMYF 30 Hour Famine               |
| April 27 | 6:30 p.m.  | UMYF Devotion and cook-out        |

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| April 1  | Jody Clark  |
| April 5  | Jim McGinnis<br>Randy Greenwood                               |
| April 6  | Billy Joyner<br>Brandi Hunter                                 |
| April 8  | Mark Joyner   |
| April 9  | Gladys V. Hockaday<br>Tim White                               |
| April 10 | Mike Fulk<br>Melissa Kite<br>Betsy Mitchell<br>Chad Young     |
| April 12 | Beckie Shutt<br>Donna DePietro Paolo                          |
| April 13 | Margaret McLeod   |
| April 15 | Ray Byrd<br>Denise Henry                                      |
| April 16 | Willie Perkins  |
| April 18 | Kris Abshire  |
| April 19 | Jamie Cox   |
| April 20 | Frankie Caudle  |
| April 23 | Vicki Fair<br>Abby Moran<br>Charles Bell                      |
| April 24 | Joe Boles   |
| April 25 | James Brannock<br>Mike Moran<br>Richard Shutt<br>Luke Genevie |
| April 26 | Mildred Holder  |
| April 28 | Murvin Moser  |
| April 28 | Brian Tolbert   |
| April 29 | Peggy Griffith  |
| April 30 | Karen Newsome   |

**TABASCO SAUCE**—J. H. Patterson used to tell of a minister who sat in a restaurant beside another minister, who sprinkled something on his food from a little bottle he carried in his pocket. The other asked what it was. He replied that it was Tabasco sauce, and offered him some to try. His rather liberal trial left him choking and crying. Finally he said, "I've heard of preachers preaching hell fire, but you're the first one I have ever found who carried a sample of it in his pocket."

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

|          |                          |
|----------|--------------------------|
| April 7  | Jon and Melissa Kite     |
| April 17 | James and Jane Groce     |
| April 20 | Bobby and Peggy Sizemore |
| April 29 | Lee and Willie Perkins   |

**OUR VOLUNTEERS  
PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS**

- April 4 Peggy Williams
- April 11 Peggy Brewer
- April 18 Evelyn Groce
- April 25 Mary Council

**USHER SCHEDULE**

- April 4 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher  
Scott Pugh  
Eddie Scott  
John Fonda  
Calvin Tanner
- April 11 Roy Spach, Head Usher  
Chris Council  
Butch Hogue  
Dee Fair  
Brent Shutt
- April 18 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher  
Scott Pugh  
Eddie Scott  
John Fonda  
Calvin Tanner
- April 25 Roy Spach, Head Usher  
Chris Council  
Butch Hogue  
Dee Fair  
Brent Shutt

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- April 4 Denise Henry
- April 11 Heather Rorke
- April 18 Linda Houle
- April 25 Elizabeth Green

**SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT**

- April Richard and Shirley Shutt

**GREETERS FOR THE MONTH**

- April Discovery Class

**SECURITY CHECK**

- April Wesley Patchwork Class

**CRISIS CONTROL ITEM**

- April Apple Sauce

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE—April 26**

**DID YOU KNOW . .**

**BREAKFAST MEETING**—The United Methodist Men will hold their next breakfast and meeting on Sunday, April 11th. The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage, grits and biscuits. Guests are welcome. Donations to cover food costs and help with UMM projects will be accepted.

**STITCHES WITH LOVE**—Our group, “Stitches With Love” has made a prayer shawl for Evelyn Groce and it was presented to her in the Sunday Morning service. Our next meeting will be on April 21 at 10:00 a.m in the parlor.

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDY**

Sunday School classes meet every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. At the present time there are six Adult classes. The classes are listed below:

**Asbury Class** is studying the James Moore book on “If God had a refrigerator, Your picture would be on it..”

**Friendship, Discovery, and Willing Workers** are studying the Adult Bible Studies Series.

**Searchers** are studying “Encountering Jesus.”

**Wesley Patchwork Class** has begun a study of Hebrews.

Please choose a class and come join the fellowship.

We also have classes for the youth and Children.

# United Methodist Women

April, 2010

## Circle Meetings:

The Sue Rollins Circle will meet Wednesday morning, April 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Kathleen Sprinkle. Kathleen will host and have devotions, and Meredith Guyer will present the program, "Easter".

The Gertrude Alspaugh Circle will meet Thursday night, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. Denise Henry will host, and Peggy Williams will present the devotions and the program, "Easter".

Please plan on attending one of the circle meetings.

## Other Meetings:

April 20th UMW Executive Committee Meeting—7:00 p.m.

April 21st "Stitches With Love" - 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

May 15th District Prayer Breakfast—8:30 a.m. at Centenary United Methodist Church. The guest speaker will be Rev. Arnetta Beverly and the title of Program is "Are We Our Brother's Keeper". Our hands-On Mission project is to bring UMCOR Health Kits and/or UMCOR Birthing Kits.

June 16 Conference Spiritual Growth Retreat—Lake Junaluska

July 15 - 18 Conference School of Mission at Greensboro

## District Annual Meeting:

Pine Grove UMW have agreed to host the District Annual Meeting on August 10, 2010. We are now forming a committee to begin planning for this event. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Michele Roberts.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE REV . . .

I hope you have been as excited as I have been about all the good things that are happening around our church. It is indeed an exciting time and an exciting place.

During Lent we received nine people into the membership of our church and in early June (June 6) we will receive four more on profession of faith. That's exciting stuff. Thirteen new members are great. But we set a goal for ourselves to bring in 50 new members in 2010. **37 to go!!!** We all have been called as Christian people to bring people into the church. Let's get excited about our calling and ask God to help us meet the goal. When we do it is good for us all. Start fishing!!!

Over the past few months we have been in conversation with Eddie Scott about using a couple of the concession trailers stored at his work site. One we would like to use to sale hot dogs or hamburgers around town to raise money for debt retirement or mission or special projects. The second trailer Linda Houle suggested that we use as a mobile soup kitchen to feed the hungry. I'm not sure how that works in the summer months. But isn't this exciting that Eddie's business is willing to loan us these trailers for the work of the church? And isn't it exciting what we can do in ministry with this gift? WOW!

We have talked from the very beginning of my ministry with you that we need to find a way to encourage people to feel connected with God, connected with us and connected with a place to serve God. We also talked about that sense of belonging happening through small groups. So, guess what, the new nurture committee is in the process of starting small groups that will bring people into groups from all across the church for nurture, fellowship and service. Soon you will be asked to become a part of a small group which will meet monthly. This will help us better care for each other and involve us all in the ministry of the church. WOW!

Stop Hunger Now is very much on our hearts and minds. We need to raise the money to be able to accomplish our goal of feeding at least 10,000 people. On May 8 we will gather in the fellowship hall to fill the packets of food to send to Haiti. Give generously. Spread the word about our mission. Get as involved as you can. The hungry of the world need your help.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> the Winston-Salem District will join in the conference-wide Community Impact Day. All of the churches in the district have people involved in ministry to the community. Some of the scheduled events are:

- Block Party for the Homeless and Their Neighbors
- Playground Build at Piedmont Park Housing Complex
- Thunder on Thurmond, a Community Day
- Children and Family Service Day
- Painting and Repair The Children's Home
- CLOSING CELEBRATION AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME

Individual volunteers are encouraged to sign up on line at [www.impactwinstonsalem.org](http://www.impactwinstonsalem.org), which will go live approximately the beginning of next week. Under each of these heading is a list of needs. Howard Henry, our coordinator of this event contacted me and suggested that we start collecting packs of hot dogs for the Thunder on Thurmond event and maybe others. So bring packages of hot dogs and we will store them in the freezer until they are needed. And thank you for helping in this way. I think I may also help with painting at the children's home. Find a place you can serve and enjoy the day.

Get in touch! Get involved! Get excited!

Steve

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**PINE GROVE** will be hosting an old fashioned Gospel Sing in the Sanctuary on April 18th at 6:30 p.m.. Our featured groups will be two from the High Point area called “Sheltered” and “His Choice” as well as a men’s quartet from our own choir. We will be taking a love offering to show our appreciation to our guest performers and to benefit STOP HUNGER NOW.

**THE YOUTH** will host a baked potato and salad bar to help raise money for STOP HUNGER NOW. This will be held on Sunday, May 2 following the worship service. The cost will be collecting donations at the door and all proceeds will go to the STOP HUNGER NOW fund. Please make a reservation by calling the church office at 765-2569. Thanks for your support.

**GOLF TOURNAMENT FOR OPEN ARMS**—Antioch UMC (Belews Creek) is again sponsoring and organizing a benefit golf tournament for Open Arms. All proceeds will go to Open Arms. The fee to enter is \$45.00 per player. To sponsor a hole is \$75.00. The tournament will be on April 24th. Tee off is at 1:00 p.m. It will be at Riverview Golf Course in Pie Hall. Turn onto Pine Hall road off 65 going north towards Stokes County. The golf course on the left just before you cross over the Dan River Bridge. For further information, contact Gary Elrod at 529-6478. This is the 5th year they have done this and have consistently raised a lot of money for Open Arms. Prizes are awarded for closest to the pin, as well as first and second place teams. You may bring your own teams.

**STOP HUNGER NOW**— On May 8th at 9:00 a.m. the packaging event for STOP HUNGER NOW will take place in the fellowship hall. We will be asking for volunteers to help with this event. Please reserve that morning now to help with this program that helps to feed children daily both here and abroad. This is not something that will help after a disaster but is being used every day. People of all ages and abilities are encouraged to come and take part in the fun.

**PINE GROVE T-SHIRTS**—As part of the campaign for STOP HUNGER NOW there was a contest to design a t-shirt to show what the “hands and feet of God” would look like. Garnett Bodsford, Andy Buchanan, Bella Kite, Charlotte Fonda and Pastor Steve submitted designs and congratulations go to Pastor Steve for the winning design. All of the entries are posted on the communication board in the narthex. Our theme, “If we are the hands and feet of God, what do we look like?” was well depicted by each one. We are taking orders for the shirts now and the cost is \$10.00 for small to XL and \$12.00 for XXL and larger. To place an order please see one of our youth or call the church office.

**THE STAFF PARISH COMMITTEE** is inviting everyone to participate in a Staff Appreciation Luncheon to be held after worship service on Sunday, June 6. We want to provide an opportunity for our church to honor and to show our appreciation to Steve, Beverly, Whitney, and Peggy for the wonderful service they provide us.

We would like each family to bring a dish to share for a potluck meal in the fellowship hall. More details will follow but please put this important date on your calendars.

## LETS PLAY BALL

(WELL MAYBE NOT PLAY BALL BUT SUPPORT OUR BALL TEAM)

### Schedule

| DATE     | TIME      | TEAMS PLAYING                       | LOCATION OF GAME    |
|----------|-----------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| April 5  | 7:30 p.m. | Pinedale Christian vs Pine Grove    | Washington Park # 4 |
| April 12 | 7:30 p.m. | Holy Family vs Pine Grove           | Hanes Hosierey      |
| April 12 | 8:30 p.m. | Pine Grove vs Highland Presbyterian | Hanes Hosierey      |
| April 19 | 7:30 p.m. | Temple Emanuel vs Pine Grove        | Parkland            |
| April 26 | 7:30 p.m. | Pine Grove vs St. John's Lutheran   | Blum                |
| April 26 | 8:30 p.m. | Ardmore Baptist red vs Pine Grove   | Blum                |
| May 3    | 6:30 p.m. | Pine Grove vs Trinity Moravian      | Washington Park # 2 |
| May 10   | 7:30 p.m. | Pine Grove vs Ardmore Baptist green | Washington Park # 2 |
| May 17   | 6:30 p.m. | Reynolda vs Pine Grove              | Washington Park # 4 |
| May 24   | 8:30 p.m. | Pine Grove vs Tree                  | Washington # 4      |
| June 7   | 6:30 p.m. | Mt. Tabor vs Pine Grove             | Blum                |
| June 14  | 6:30 p.m. | Pine Grove vs First Presbyterian    | Washington Park # 1 |
| June 21  | 7:30 p.m. | Pine Grove vs Burkhead              | Washington Park # 1 |

If you are interested in going to any of the games and would like a ride, we have someone who will drive the church bus or van. If you would like a ride please be in the church parking lot thirty (30) minutes before game time. Lets support our guys as they represent Pine Grove.

**OPEN INVITATION** to help victims of disaster by furnishing birthing kits and/or health kits. The UMW will be taking these kits to our District Prayer Breakfast on May 15 and we will take as many as we have ready. Below are the items needed in each kit and you may bring the completed kits to the church office or see any United Methodist Woman.

#### **BIRTHING KIT:**

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 hotel-size bar of soap (1 oz., And up)

1 pair of clean latex gloves

1 square yard of clear 4 mil plastic sheeting

3 pieces of clean string each 12" long

1 clean single use razor blade (carefully wrap the blade in paper or plastic to protect it and keep it from causing injury.)

2 flannelette receiving blankets, each 1 square yard.

#### **HEALTH KITS:**

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

1 hand towel (15: x 25" up to 17" X 27", no kitchen towels)

1 washcloth

1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket sized)

1 nail file or finger nail clippers ( no emery boards or toenail clippers)

1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)

1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)

6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

In a separate envelope, please include a check payable to UMCOR *Sager Brown* for at least \$2.00 per kit to help with the cost of buying one tube of toothpaste, and the costs of processing and shipping the kits around the world.

**Important Kit Assembly Information:** All items included in kits must be NEW items. All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items and **nothing more.**

**JESUS**

**LOVING**



**THROUGH ME!**

**Pine Grove UMC  
Winston Salem, NC**



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To: All Clergy in the Winston-Salem District

Dear Colleagues,

At a meeting of the District Mission Society earlier this week it became apparent that our "connectional" churches do not have a "connectional" way of helping one another with minor building repair and maintenance (e.g., plumbing, electrical, carpentry). Roy Mendenhall, lay person from Brookstown Church, called me the next day and asked if it might be possible for us to establish a **District Work Team** to help each other with repairs. I thought Roy had a wonderful idea and offered to write this letter asking you to give your lay people a chance to "sign on" as a member of the district team. Roy will give us guidance in the "what's" and "how's," but needs a team if we are to do anything meaningful.

Here is what I am asking of you:

1. Names, addresses and phone numbers of those who would like to participate
2. e-mail addresses (if there is one)
3. skill level and in what area or areas (we need gophers, too!!!)

Please put this request in your bulletins and newsletters. As you get responses please forward them to me! Roy will then take the list and get us organized. We will then be available to assist each other with in minimizing costly repair work. The "connection" could then help the "connected" in very practical ways. I look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes and blessings,



Greetings from your Weekday School!

What a glorious Spring it is! We've had lots of fun this month discussing the changes we see in our weather at this time of year that help to bring "new life" to our world. There have been lots of weather changes to talk about, too, since we've seen everything from freezing days to 70°+ temperatures during the month! The Spring season brings lots of fun opportunities our way, but first... a recap of March.

During the first half of the month, our students and staff participated in the Crisis Control Food Pantry's "WeeCare" Cereal Drive. As usual, our families have been very generous with their donations to help needy families. What a wonderful group of caring folks we have at PGWS! "Fish the Magish" got our month off to a great start with his hilarious magical hijinks on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The boys and girls love "Fish" and his sidekick, Roscoe Rabbit! We had some "sleepy" mornings during our 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March as we all adjusted to Day-light Saving Time but, after a few days, we were all back to our normal rambunctious selves!☺ The "Creature Teacher" visited on the 15<sup>th</sup>, accompanied by her friend, "Bailey". Bailey is the softest, cutest bunny rabbit and, of course, the children thought she was wonderful! We can't wait to see which animal friend the "Creature Teacher" will bring along next month! PGWS celebrated St. Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> with "the wearing of the green" and continued the celebration with our annual "Welcome, Spring!" Party. It was "tons of fun" for all of us as we danced the morning away! Festooned in flower hats, necklaces, and corsages that the boys and girls had created in class, they had a great time celebrating the arrival of Spring. (We also enjoyed a special snack of Easter Cakes, Goldfish and punch!☺) A BIG "Thank You!" to "Miss" Lori, who played a great Leprechaun as she doled out special candy treats from her "pot of gold"! Last, but not least, the Easter Bunny, himself, (or, in our case, herself) joined us on the 26<sup>th</sup> for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The children had a great time searching for those elusive treat-filled eggs! After all this fun and excitement (and a little "spring fever" of our own!), our staff is really ready for our Spring Break that will take place March 29<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We'll "hit the floor running" when we return to school as we begin preparations for the Spring Children's Clothing/Toy Sale that will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. The phones have been "ringing off the hook" with calls from folks who are interested in participating in the Sale. Registration will begin on April 5<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in the Sale, just give us a call and we'll be glad to get a registration packet to you. This is a great way to recoup some of the money you have spent on your children's (or grandchildren's ☺) "gently-used" clothing/toys and help out your Weekday School at the same time. (Participants receive 60% of their total sales with 40% going to the school. Of course, we provide all the supplies and advertising.) Even if you don't have items to sell, be sure to visit us on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> for some great bargains on clothing & toys for all the children in your life. In conjunction with the Clothing/Toy Sale, PGWS will sponsor a Bake Sale to raise funds for the Stop Hunger Now event that Pine Grove UMC will sponsor in May. If any of you wonderful PGUMC cooks would like to contribute baked goods for the cause, they would be most appreciated! Please have all baked goods donations to the school by 8:30am on Friday morning (4/16). Even if you can't make a donation to the Sale, please consider stopping by to purchase some of our items. What a delicious way to help your church and Stop Hunger Now! We are all looking forward to our annual "Crazy Hat Day" that will be held on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. This is one of my favorite events each year as I am continually amazed at the fantastic hats the children and their parents create. It will be a morning of great fun topped off with a very special snack. Our 4s & Rs are in for a treat on the 30<sup>th</sup> as they travel once again to the Children's Theatre; this time for a production of If You Give a Pig a Pancake. This delightful children's story is sure to be a big hit with our little ones! (And, of course, there is always getting to ride on the BIG BUS!☺) What a treat!!

Special thanks have to go out this month to Jim Neace (who, by the way, has been on site almost every single day this month!) who is doing such a great job of keeping our building "ship-shape". And, let's not forget his faithful sidekick, Dewey Bodenhamer, who has been doing lots of little (and big!) odd jobs (out of the limelight) for our church. Be sure to give these fellows a big "pat on the back" when you have a chance!

As always, be sure to keep our important ministry in your prayers! Until next time...

*Chris*

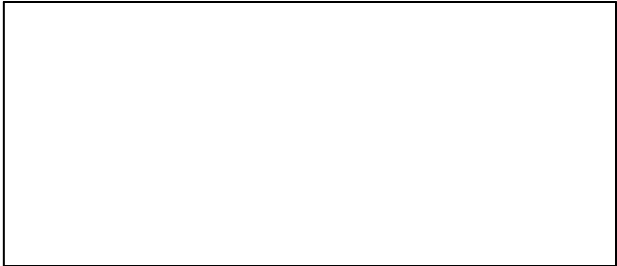
## The History Room of Pine Grove UMC

This month would have been my dad's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I have so many wonderful memories of my dad and his giving of his talents to Pine Grove United Methodist Church.. Dad said in the Pine Grove history book of families, that his parents brought him to church when he was twelve years old. He reminisced that at Christmas time the children were given treats. As he grew up, and married my mother, Nannie, he brought her to join his family's church. I am not sure of the year, but at some point in time he became the superintendent of Sunday School. At that time, the minister of the church, had two-four churches in his charge, so the superintendent, led the opening prior to Sunday School , helping the members to network with one another, and keep up with the events, and missions of the church. He also taught Sunday School for many years. He would begin his study in our den with his Sunday School quarterly and teacher guide, along with his Bible, and his many references he had at home, including the Interpreter's Bible set. Throughout the week, after dinner, I would see him study, and prepare his lesson, and then on Sunday morning review it once again. I did not appreciate the many hours of study, and preparation that he gave of his time in making sure he was ready for his class. I remember him telling me "I have read the Bible through," a goal that I thought was something everyone should do before they die! Dad was a quiet man, strong in his faith and beliefs, teaching me along with my mother, that the church was an important part of our lives. Dad also served as a trustee, and on the Building Committee. When Dad developed dementia, he continued to ask my mother to bring him to church, as that was one of the last outings of each week he continued to remember well and wanted to be a part of.

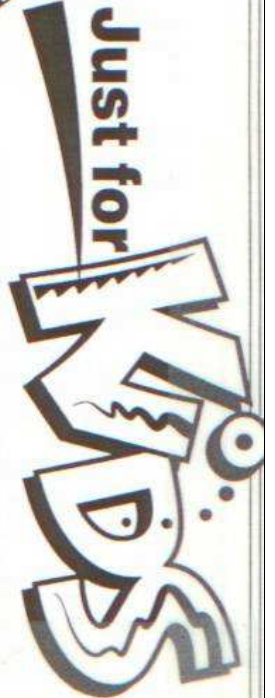
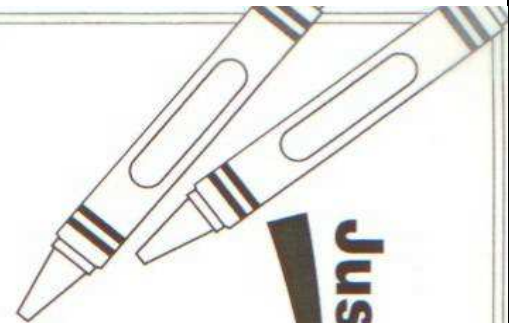
In thinking about my dad's birthday, I began questioning how the history room became dedicated in his honor, and when. I remembered my parents telling me about the event, but being young at the time, I did not fully appreciate what the dedication really meant to him. So I began a search in asking Peggy Williams, who led me to Polly Caudle, the maintainer of the history room now, who led me to talk with Carol Buchanan, and her sister Donna Cartner and Betsy Mitchell. Donna narrowed it down to sometime between '83 and '90. Betsy remembered helping to set the room up. Carol had memories of how she had helped to add to the room, and stated she remembered it being dedicated to him because of his service as Superintendent and Sunday School teacher for many years. I searched through many albums, finding minutes of meetings in my Dad's handwriting, which certainly brought back memories, but to date cannot find exactly the time it was dedicated in his honor. My Dad loved history and geneology, researching many hours at the library in Raleigh his own family's history.. The Pine Grove History Room offers many pictures, artifacts, and stories, of how our church began and has continued with its' many stories, happenings, growth, and events involving its' members over the years. So many of us have wonderful memories of our Sunday School teachers and other leaders, like my dad who gave of their time, and talents, in helping to prepare us to lead a Christian life. If you have not had an opportunity to visit the history room, take some time and tour the displays, look at the picture albums, and you will appreciate how Pine Grove has continued to be a strong influence in the community, led by many wonderful ministers, staff, and members. You will enjoy seeing its' members involved in many of the church's ministries, i.e. music, bazaars, mission work, etc. I want to thank the members of the church who chose to my honor, my dad, **Joseph Clifton Brewer**, in this special way and realized the service and dedication he gave to his church and church family.

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There are many special things that we think of in the spring. In the spaces, write a word to fit each definition. The arrows show that the letters are the same. Unscramble the letters in the circles to find a very important part of spring.

1. a caterpillar becomes one

2. a baby bird is born in

3. they grow from seeds

4. the beginning of morning

5. a small furry animal with long ears

6. Jesus died on this

