

# The Cross and Flame

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## THE MYSTERY OF GOD

A man asked God how long a million years was to Him. God replied, "It's just like a single second of your time, my child." So the man asked, "And what about a million dollars?" The Lord replied, "To me, it's just like a single penny." So the man gathered himself up and said, "Well, Lord, could I have one of your pennies?" And God said, "Certainly, my child, just a second."

It's a humorous story but one that makes an important point. Our ways and our thoughts are not the same as God's ways and thoughts. Our measure of time is not God's measure of time. There is a holy mystery that surrounds God. Now most assuredly there are many things we can know about God. We can know his creative power as we behold the beauty all around us in the world. We can know his love for us as revealed to us in Jesus Christ and expressed in tangible ways through those who cross our paths. We can know his boundless grace shown to us in countless ways. We can know his abiding presence in all the circumstances of life. Yes, we can know much about God and yet we cannot know him fully. He is the great I AM, and in that statement is glory and power and holiness and sacred mystery.

Like all the saints who have gone before us we live with that tension, and, yes, sometimes we get impatient and frustrated because we don't understand. In the end, however, we trust that holy, sacred mystery because we know that God's intention for us is always good and his time is always the perfect time.

Grace & peace,

Pastor Sylvia

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## AUGUST CALENDAR OF OPPORTUNITIES

### 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

| August 2007 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 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 | 31 |    |

August 1 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Committee  
August 9 6:00 p.m. UMW Salad Bar Meal  
August 12 4:00 p.m. Prime Timers to Pirates Landing  
August 13 7:00 p.m. Nominations Committee  
August 15 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting  
August 21 7:00 p.m. Weekday School Committee  
August 21 7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group  
August 28 7:00 p.m. Staff Parish

### LOOKING AHEAD - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Administrative Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2, 2007

Charge Conference will be on Monday, October, 22, 2007

### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**ATTENTION:** The Lay Leadership (Nominations) Committee will soon begin their work of selecting people to serve in the various areas of ministry within the church. We are asking you to help in a couple of ways. First of all, if you would like to serve in a particular area we would like to know. Second, if you are no longer able to serve in a position you currently hold, we need to know that as well. Also, if you currently serve on a committee in the class of 2008 and 2009, please note that you will not receive a letter asking you to continue to serve but we will assume your willingness to do so unless otherwise indicated. You will find forms on the bulletin table in the narthex to fill out in regard to the above and then place the form in the box provided. We need this information by August 13. Thank you.

### HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1 Renee Aldridge  
Homer Craig  
Margie Weavil  
August 2 Joan Fulk  
Lisa Hale  
Clyde Holcomb  
August 3 Dennis Tesh  
August 4 Mary Bost  
Vivian Tanner  
August 5 Mattie Bondurant  
Catie Brogdon  
Sandra Jackson  
August 6 Colton Bodenhamer  
Evelyn Bodsford  
William Farmer  
Renee Howard  
August 7 Jacob Fuller  
Alton Jones  
August 8 Erica Abshire  
Tori Bodenhamer  
August 9 Hoyt Hughes  
August 10 Joyce Burnette  
August 11 Janice Foster  
August 13 Stephanie Kimel  
August 15 Chris Smith  
August 16 Sarah Smith  
August 17 Byron East  
August 18 Larry Hunter  
Claude Smith  
August 20 Todd Barbee  
Blake Mauney  
August 22 Don Swaim  
August 25 Jean Crutchfield  
Evelyn Groce  
August 27 Lauren Zimmerman  
August 30 Wilma Falls  
Carolyn Joyner  
Rennie Smith  
August 31 Eunice Blackburn  
Brenda Foster  
Ruby West  
Eddie Young

### GETTING IN FREE

A little boy came bouncing home holding an ice cream cone. "Where did you get that?" asked his mother. "I bought it with the money you gave me for Sunday School," he smilingly answered. "Why didn't you give it to the church?" she asked. "Because the minister met me at the door and got me in free," he answered.

**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| August 4  | Mark and Kathy Joyner                              |
| August 6  | Michael and Miriam Fuller                          |
| August 10 | Mike and Linda Kite                                |
| August 12 | James and Hilda Cox<br>Bill and Dee Anne Fortescue |
| August 15 | Greg and Joanne Hall                               |
| August 21 | Dennis and Melba Tesh<br>Mark and Cindy Ellis      |
| August 25 | Sheridan and Opalee Hall                           |
| August 27 | Jim and Becky Meade                                |
| August 31 | T. L. and Peggy Griffith                           |

**OUR VOLUNTEERS****PROVIDE BREAD FOR 1ST TIME VISITORS**

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| August 5  | Kim Alexander    |
| August 12 | Peggy Griffith   |
| August 19 | Jean Crutchfield |
| August 26 | Evelyn Groce     |

**VISIT FIRST TIME VISITORS**

|           |                              |
|-----------|------------------------------|
| August 5  | Charles and Dorothy Parker   |
| August 12 | Mary Council and Jean Darden |
| August 19 | Bobby and Peggy Sizemore     |
| August 26 | Bill and Dee Anne Fortescue  |

**USHER SCHEDULE**

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| August 5  | Roy Spach, Head Usher<br>Chris Council<br>Butch Hogue<br>John Fonda<br>Brent Shutt |
| August 12 | Tom Mahannah, Head Usher<br>David Alexander<br>Eddie Scott<br>Scott Pugh           |
| August 19 | Roy Spach, Head Usher<br>Chris Council<br>Butch Hogue<br>John Fonda<br>Brent Shutt |
| August 26 | Tom Mahannah, Head Usher<br>David Alexander<br>Scott Pugh<br>Eddie Scott           |

**SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT**

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| August | Bill and Dee Anne Fortescue |
|--------|-----------------------------|

**GREETERS FOR THE MONTH**

|        |                                     |
|--------|-------------------------------------|
| August | Willing Workers Sunday School Class |
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**CRISIS CONTROL ITEM FOR THE MONTH**

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|--------|-------------|
| August | Cooking Oil |
|--------|-------------|

**THE PRIME TIMERS.**

The **Prime Timers** advisory committee met recently to formulate bylaws for the club and to look at some new around-town events some of you might like to attend. Members of the club will be receiving the Prime Time Gazette as soon as the publisher can get it together. In the Gazette will be the proposed bylaws for the club. We will be voting on these at the September 9 meeting. Please read them over carefully so you can provide constructive input.

Polly Caudle would like to hear from those who wish to go to Pirate's Landing Restaurant in Elkin on August 12. She needs to make the reservation. Please let Polly know this week if you will be joining us for great food, fellowship, and atmosphere.

The train excursion to Raleigh has been canceled due to lack of interest.

The reservation for the trip to Bedford, VA. in October has been made. We can accommodate 10 more people so, invite a friend or two to join us.

A list of local concerts, plays, places of interest and outdoor events will also be in the newsletter. The list is intended for information only, but sometimes a place to meet (like under the big oak tree) will be mentioned for those who want to attend and meet with other members. One of these events is coming soon.

On Saturday, August 18, Music under the Stars at Shallowford Square in Lewisville, will feature the Big Band Sounds of the Andrew Thielen Orchestra. The concert is from 7:00—9:00 p.m. but if you want to sit with the group, come to the flag poles in the park at 5:30. You'll need to meet early to stake out your place in the grass. Don't forget to bring your chairs.

**Jesus Christ Superstar** is coming to Lewisville on August 31—September 2 and September 7-9. Be watching for more information

A bus has been reserved for Saturday, December 1 to go to the Billy Graham Library in Charlotte. The day's journey will include a holiday meal prior to seeing "The Real Christmas Story, a live Narro Way production. This trip is open to anyone who wishes to go. Cost is \$59.00

## NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

August, 2007




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**OUR PURPOSE:** The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through JESUS CHRIST; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church.

### CIRCLE MEETINGS

Both circles will meet together in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9 for the Salad Bar Dinner. The speaker will be Sandy Waldron on the topic of missions.

### NEW MEMBERS

We welcome two new members to the Gertrude Alspaugh Circle: Terry Newell and Vera Olds. We encourage all women to come to a meeting and join with us.

### OUR WORK

Our members have been working hard canning donated vegetables for sale at the Fall Bazaar. We have over 200 jars, both pints and quarts, of beans, tomatoes, pickles, and other surprises.

### NUTS

UMW members are currently selling nuts, for baking for the holidays and for eating. See any member to order.

### COMING EVENTS

District Annual Meeting will be August 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Maple Springs UMC. Speaker will be Evelyn Lemon from Faith UMC. The cost of the dinner is \$6. Reservations should be made with Peggy Sizemore as soon as possible.

The UMW Conference Annual Meeting will be September 7 – 9 at Lake Junaluska.

### PLEASE PARTICIPATE

UMW members are encouraged to participate in the Reading program. Many books are available in the Church Parlor, and we can order others as requested.

One of the new books in the reading program for this year is “Bethlehem Besieged” written by Rev. Mitri Raheb. He is a Christian minister living in Bethlehem and he talks in some detail of how he and his family have survived the attacks by the Israelis. It only has 157 pages and is easy to read.

## NEWS FROM THE BEFORE AND AFTER SHCOOL

### August Newsletter 2007

Dear Pine Grove Church:

Hello and Happy Summer! I really hope each and every one of you are having a great summer. I know that it is still the middle of summer, but it is time to start thinking about the first day of school. Pretty soon you should be preparing for school, by shopping for school clothes and school supplies. Going to open houses and meeting new teachers. I know that we will have a terrific new school year, because we have awesome children enrolled.

We will be having an open house on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:00pm. To better help Linda and me, help your children with homework, we will be discussing what you can expect from us, and what you would like your child to do during homework time, so that we are all on the same page. We are here to help you and your child get the most out of their education.

Since we are a church based program we will be getting back into our Bible stories, memory verses and learning more about becoming good followers of Jesus. I will be sending the stories home with verses on Fridays. I would ask that you go over them with your child and during that next week our activities will have to do with that story.

Finally it is time to ask for donations. If you are out school supply shopping and you would like to pick up a few items for the before & After School program that would be great. This year we are in the need of pencils, notebook paper, pencils, pens, rulers, highlighters and spiral notebook paper. If you have any questions please call me at the Before and After school program 336/765/9205 or email me at [moskerryan-nat37@bellsouth.net](mailto:moskerryan-nat37@bellsouth.net)

I can't wait to see you all on the first day of school. Enjoy the rest of the summer, keep safe and see you August 27<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you  
Kerry A Carroll  
Before & After School Director

**BIBLE STUDY**— If you are interested in taking a DISCIPLE Bible study course, please sign up on the sheet at the Communication Center in the Narthex. The deadline for signing up is August 19. Also, you may sign up if you are interested in a short term DISCIPLE class on the book of John. If you have any questions please call Pastor Sylvia.

**CUB SCOUT LEADERS NEEDED.** At least one additional Cub Scout Leader is needed for our Pack. Specifically Wolf, (2nd graders). If you or anyone you know might like to help, even on a part time basis please see Greg Hall, any Scout Leader or call the church office. Thanks

**E-NEWS IS FOR EVERYONE**— Everyone can subscribe to the conference e-news on the [wnccumc.org](http://wnccumc.org) website. Follow the instructions on the web-site or send an e-mail with your e-mail address to [webministry@wnccumc.org](mailto:webministry@wnccumc.org) and write “e-news subscribe” in the subject line. The district website is [winstonsalemDistrictumc.org](http://winstonsalemDistrictumc.org).

### OTHERS

Lord help me live from day to day  
In such a self-forgetful way  
That even when I kneel to pray,  
My prayer shall be for OTHERS.

Help me in all the work I do  
To ever be sincere and true  
And know that all I'd do for you  
Must needs be done for OTHERS.

Let “self” be crucified and slain.  
And buried deep and all in vain  
May efforts be to rise again  
Unless to live for OTHERS

And when my work on earth is done  
And my new work in heaven's begun,  
May I forget the crown I've won  
While thinking still of OTHERS.

Others, Lord, yes, others  
Let this my motto be.  
Help me to live for OTHERS  
That I may live like THEE.

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