

# The Cross and Flame

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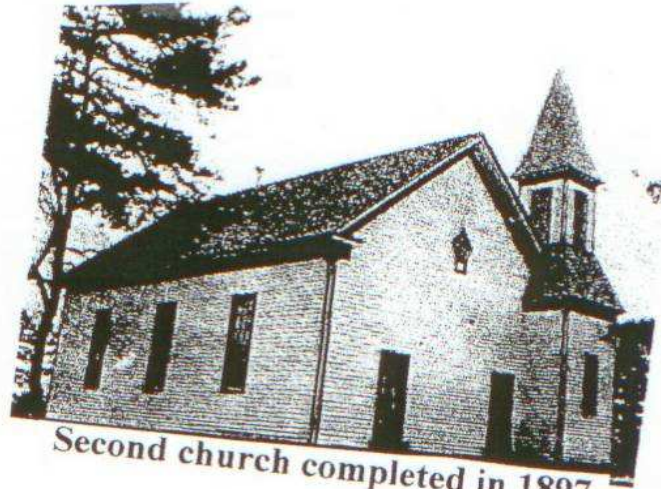
Photo of the first church taken in 1979



Joseph Martin, Composer  
Dr. Stephen Martin



Beverly Myers  
Joseph Martin, Composer



Second church completed in 1897



**BISHOP LARRY GOODPASTER**

**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

**Each Wednesday**

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir practice

August 2009						
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August 4 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council  
August 20 7:00 p.m. Communication Committee

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU**—A big thank you to all who participated in the successful blood drive. A special thanks to the donors. Thirty-one people presented to donate, twenty-six units were collected, and there were four first time donors. The Red Cross workers were pleased with the results and would welcome future drives.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to each person who had a part, however large or small, in the success of the **150th HOMECOMING CELEBRATION**. There are too many people to name each one and each person helped in their own way. The music was excellent, the sermon was wonderful and the food was amazing. We had 262 people in the worship service. The Concert in the afternoon was worth missing the Sunday afternoon nap.



August 4 Mark and Kathy Joyner  
August 6 Mike and Miriam Fuller  
August 10 Mike and Linda Kite  
August 11 James and Hilda Cox  
August 15 Greg and Joanne Hall  
August 21 Dennis and Melba Tesh  
Mark and Cindy Ellis  
August 27 Jim and Rebecca Meade  
August 31 T. L. and Peggy Griffith

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

August 1 Renee Aldridge  
Homer Craig  
Margie Weavil  
August 2 Joan Fulk  
Clyde Holcomb  
Lisa Hale  
August 3 Dennis Tesh  
August 4 Mary Bost  
Vivian Tanner  
August 5 Mattie Bondurant  
Sandra Shutt Jackson  
August 6 Colton Bodenhamer  
Evelyn Bodsford  
Renee Howard  
August 7 Alton Jones  
Jacob Fuller  
August 8 Erica Abshire  
Tori Bodenhamer  
August 9 Hoyt Hughes  
August 11 Janice Foster  
August 13 Stephanie Kimel  
August 14 Maude White  
August 15 Chris Smith  
Kathy Neace  
August 16 Sarah Smith  
Clark Pugh  
August 17 Byron East  
August 18 Larry Hunter  
Claude Smith  
Scott Pugh  
August 20 Blake Mauney  
August 22 Don O'Neill Swaim  
August 25 Jean Crutchfield  
Evelyn Groce  
August 27 Lauren Zimmerman  
August 30 Wilma Falls  
Carolyn Joyner  
Rennie Smith  
August 31 Eunice Blackburn  
Ruby West  
Eddie Young  
Brenda Foster

**OUR VOLUNTEERS  
PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS**

- August 2 Lisa Hale
- August 9 Sally Scott
- August 16 Peggy Williams
- August 23 Peggy Brewer
- August 30 Melanie Niblock

**USHER SCHEDULE**

- August 2 Roy Spach, Head Usher  
Chris Council  
Butch Hogue  
Dee Fair  
Brent Shutt
- August 9 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher  
Scott Pugh  
Eddie Scott  
John Fonda  
Calvin Tanner
- August 16 Roy Spach, Head Usher  
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**SANCTUARY ASSIGMENT**

- August Richard and Shirley Shutt

**GREETERS FOR THE MONTH**

- August Willing Workers Class

**CRISIS CONTROL ITEM**

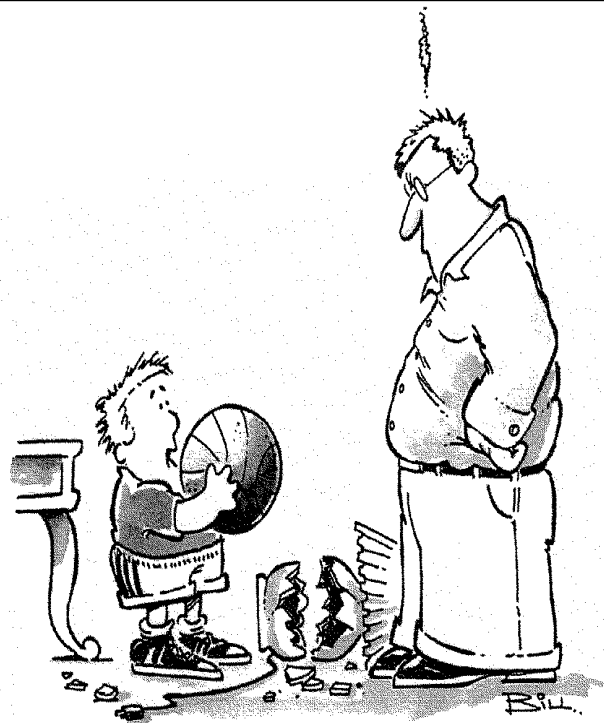
- August Grits or Oatmeal
- September Potato Flakes
- October Toilet Paper

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

- August 24 10:00 a.m..

**DISTRICT LAITY RALLY  
Sunday, August 30, 2009  
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
Maple Springs United Methodist Church**

- 5:00—6:00 p.m. BBQ & Chicken Tenders, sides  
Dessert and Beverage  
(Cost is \$7.00 & \$4.00)
- 6:00—6:30 p.m. Music provided by Bruce Moss  
And Chris Ralph of Central  
Terrace
- 6:30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Peter Graves,  
Senior Minister Centenary  
United Methodist Church



“Did you ever think you’re being tested on your message of last week, Dad? You know, ‘Love covers a multitude of sins?’”

## NEWS FROM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



August, 2009

**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

The **Sue Rollins Circle** and the **Gertrude Alspaugh Circle** will meet jointly on August 13. This will be a pot luck supper celebrating the culture and gifts of Native Americans. Please bring a pot of food that comes from your culture and heritage and bring the recipe card to share with others. Also bring your own (non-paper, non-foam) plate, silverware and glass to use as a way of valuing God's Creation. Young women of the Church will be our special guests. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**UMW DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING** – will be on August 11 at Mt. Tabor with dinner being served at 5:30 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$6.00. Amy Johnson, Western North Carolina Conference President will be the speaker. The mission project is school supplies: wide ruled loose leaf notebook paper, pencils, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, pens (blue or black), hand sanitizer (desk size or large refills), Kleenex. Please bring these to the Annual meeting or to the church before August 11<sup>th</sup>. Reservations should be made by August 1. You can reserve by calling Michele Roberts, 659-1917 or the church office at 765-2569.

**UMW ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be September 11 -13 at Lake Junaluska. Our theme is "Sisters with a Purpose" and Harriet Jane Olsen is the featured speaker. Catherine Riche Guess and Mark Barden will lead the music. Reservation forms are in the church office.

### JOIN US

All women of the church and community are invited to join the United Methodist Women. Both circles meet regularly each month.



**CALLED MEETING OF ADMINSTRATIVE COUNCIL  
JULY 20, 2009**

Seventeen council members attended a called meeting of The Administrative Council on July 20, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Jean Darden and Steve Martin opened with prayer.

- Item # 1      A motion for setting future meetings on the second Tuesday every two months was seconded and the vote was unanimous. The next meeting will be August 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Willing Workers Classroom. Chairpersons should inform Steve of usual times for committee meetings.
- Item # 2      Jim Mabry presented plans for the casual, more contemporary alternate service. It will be held on Monday nights, and Steve will lead the worship. This service is planned for the unchurched and for people who work on Sunday. Committee members who are planning this service will take responsibility for set-up, clean-up, security, and getting any collection Money to the treasurer. Jim made a motion to proceed with plans for this service. The motion was seconded and the vote to go forward with plans was unanimous. This service should begin in mid to late September.

The meeting was adjourned.

**DID YOU KNOW . . . .**

**NEW ADDRESS**— The new mailing address for Wendy Perkins is:  
7423 Fern Valley Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28412  
Telephone: 910-790-3936

The new mailing address for Lee Perkins is:  
Autumn Care of Myrtle, Room 501  
5725 Carolina Beach Road  
Wilmington, NC 28412

Lee will be in a rehabilitation facility for some time. Let's remember to show our Pine Grove love and concern as we send cards and letters to them. Let's fill Lee's room with cards and letters.

**COMMERATIVE ORNAMENT** – These ornaments are available to order for \$11.00 each. They are brass and the church and 150th Anniversary are on the ornaments. There are examples in the narthex on the communication center.

**SHADES FOR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL WINDOWS**— We have had requests for placing shades over the windows in the fellowship hall so we can show slides, pictures, etc. to large groups of people. The shades will have to be custom made and for all six windows the total cost will be \$2,693.00 or approximately \$449.00 per window. The Friendship Class has committed to purchasing a shade for one window and challenges the remaining Adult classes to do the same. Because the shades have to be custom made we have to have all monies in hand before ordering.

**FOND MEMORIES OF PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
AND  
PINE GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Members of the Woosley family have been active members of Pine Grove United Methodist Church from its beginning in 1858 when William Woosley was listed as a Charter Member. William Woosley grew up in Davidson County and moved to Forsyth where he bought 108 acres of land from Jacob Frye. He lived in a log cabin near a small stream not far from the church and he is buried in the family graveyard on Westchester Road with his two wives, Louisa and Susan.

Franklin Woosley, son of William and Louisa, was active in the M. E. Church where he was affectionately known as Uncle Frank. His obituary stated that he was the Superintendent of Sunday School at Pine Grove M. E. Church for ten years. The graves of Frank and his wife, Temperance Jane Jones, are at New Philadelphia Moravian Church on Country Club Road.

John Thomas Woosley, son of Frank and Tempy Jane, was an active life long member at Pine Grove. Known as J. T. Woosley, he and L. A. Reynolds were Executors of the Estate of N. W. Vest whose estate was left to Pine Grove Church. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees, he handled income and disbursements of the estate and made the Annual Reports to the Clerk of Court.

When the Forsyth County Board of Education auctioned the Pine Grove School property, J. T. Woosley bid the property for the church. In his Annual report of January 31, 1936—January 31, 1937, to the Clerk of Court, J. T. Woosley, listed a payment on August 27, 1936, to the Board of Education of Forsyth County a sum of \$300.00 for the purchase of house and one acre of land adjoining the Pine Grove M. E. Church property on the North side. Money in the Vest Estate was used to repair the house which was rented to Margaret Walker for \$5.00 a month.

According to stories told by the Woosley family, J. T. Woosley made the arrangements for the purchase of land adjoining the Cemetery from Joe Nifong in 1937. According to this story, Mr. Nifong was in declining health and needed money and the purchase of the land was a way to help Mr. Nifong.

Ada Woosley Foster and husband, Bynum, donated the pump organ in 1920 according to church history.

Carl Thomas Woosley did the electrical wiring for the first parsonage with the help of the preacher at that time.

The impressive iron gates and entrances to the Cemetery were donated by Mary Sink Woosley, wife of Charles Woosley.

Of all the children of J. T. Woosley and Mary Belinda Bodenhamer Woosley, Samuel and his wife, Mattie, were so very active and well known by many of the present membership at Pine Grove.

Cornelia Woosley Bailey was active in Pine Grove all her life and the church received \$50,000.00 from her estate. The family requested that \$25,000.00 go into the Endowment Fund and \$25,000.00 toward the purchase of the Hope House property. Cornelia was involved in the establishment of the Endowment Fund and encouraged others to make donations to the Fund.

Woosley descendents continue to support this church and among them are Dorothy Woosley Dickerson, Wanda Woosley Moser, Roma Lee Woosley, Pat Woosley Bodenhamer, husband, Dewey and daughters, Jill and Tori Bodenhamer and son Colton Bodenhamer.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE REV. . .

We are still living in the afterglow of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. There are still smiles on our faces and a warmth in our souls. It was really GREAT! I can't begin to thank all of you... and there were many... who worked so hard over the last two years to make this a special time.

Saturday, even though a little warm the breeze made it almost perfect. Food, drink, fun, fellowship – the inflatable slide and bouncey castle for the kids, games, watermelon and homemade ice cream was simply over the top. Watch for the pictures to show up on the web page and around the church – Kelly was busy getting some really good shots.

The Bishop, his wife, and Dr. Medlin feel like we are off to a good start and really enjoyed being part of this celebration. Imagine the Bishop actually writing a sermon about and for us and challenging us to grasp our future. I think you will agree with the rest of the people in the conference by saying that we are very fortunate to have this bishop at this point in the history of our church. His grace, wisdom, compassion and leadership will lead us to a more fruitful place as a church and as a conference.

What about the food F-O-O-O-O-O-O-D in the fellowship hall. I think we could have fed most of Winston. And what about having to bring out more tables because there were so many people???? WOW!

No small part was played (pun intended) by our Texas piano player; Joseph Mozart Martin. I think I saw the legs of that Baby Grand struggling under the intense expression of the powerful music being played on its keyboard. And what a wonderful use of a beautiful voice shared with us by Sue “The Little Mermaid” Martin. All I can say is WOW!!! WOW!!! DOUBLE WOW!!!

Stay in the glow and the warmth... keep on smiling... it was a wonderful celebration. The Bishop has promised to come back on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary if I will show up as well. I look forward to seeing him and Bill on Sunday, July 27, 2059.

Grace and Peace  
Steve

### UP-COMING SPECIAL EVENTS:

*None of the below items have been brought before the Administrative Council for consideration or approval. It has been discussed in the Staff Parish Relations Committee and gained approval there. The reason I want to get this out now is that you need to know what I am planning for our ministry and you need that information in time to digest it and buy into what we are seeking to accomplish – to come together as a family and move forward in ministry.*

#### ■ CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE ON MONDAY EVENINGS

- *Purpose is to reach persons who cannot come to church on Sunday mornings. We are NOT seeking to draw anyone away from the 11:00 Worship Service. We will be meeting in the fellowship hall seeking to craft a worship experience that connects persons with God and God with persons in an intimate and personal way. (Which, by the way, is exactly what we seek in the 11:00 service.)*
- *Why are we doing this now? Because we believe God is in this and we are simply seeking to be faithful to God's call for us to follow. As a by produce of this faithfulness we hope that our church will grow through this process and we will add to our numbers and to our spirit.*

#### ■ SUNDAY AFTERNOON WITH THE PASTOR (Sanctuary)

- Beginning on Sunday, September 20, 2009

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## THOUGHTS FROM THE REV. . . Continued from page 8

- To get to know each other and to be reminded about how we all want to reclaim our identity and rediscover how the Bible calls us to treat each other, and finally to write a covenant of how we will act in community with each other.
- Topic: **“Discussion of “Longing to Belong”**
  - Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing
  - Writing a Relational Covenant
- Beginning October 18 – Through November 15
- **Topic: Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations**
- *Our intention here is to preach on these five practices on Sunday mornings and discuss and vision about them that afternoon. The reason for this is to seek to find a way that we can make our church more fruitful in its ministry and more vital in its living. Each Sunday’s discussion notes will be sent to the committee which deals with Worship, Education, Missions, Evangelism or Hospitality, Finance and Stewardship to consider each article in the vision and how we can claim and own parts of these projections and what we can put into place as part and parcel of the ministry of our church.*
  - Oct. 18 – Radical Hospitality
  - Oct. 25 – Intentional Faith Development
  - Nov. 01 – Passionate Worship
  - Nov. 08 – Risk-Taking Mission and Service
  - Nov. 15 – Extravagant Generosity
- THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE – Nov. 22, 2009 7:00pm
- **BIBLE STUDY: “Companion’s In Christ” facilitated by the Pastor**
  - *A study on Spiritual Formation – The difference between Disciple and Companions is this: in Disciple we learn and study the facts of the Biblical Story which as Companions we seek to make that connection with God and see how God is being lived out in our life.*
  - 28 week study
  - **Thursdays – Beginning September 10**
  - Mornings: 10:00 – 12:00
  - Evenings 7:00-9:00
  - Signup sheets coming soon

I hope that you will see that my work with you is to bring us together as a family and help to equip us for the fruitful ministry of the church. Please join me as we stretch toward the high calling of God in Jesus Christ, which is discipleship. We have a wonderful church filled with great and good people... let us let others know that we love each other, we love Jesus, and there is room for them in our church family.



## THE LIBRARY REPORT

**BOOK CHAT—Our book of the month for August is *The Shack*. Check it out in our library now.**

**“It makes you think about your own relationship with the Trinity and how far you carry that relationship into your everyday life.”**  
**Sandy Waldron**

**“*The Shack* is a book that lends itself to more than one examination. I wanted to read it again and again. This book made me realize that God is there for us if we just open our eyes and look.**  
**Sue Morgan**

**T**he Shack is a book that seeks to provide answers to the always timely question “Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?”. It is a tale that revolves around Mack (Mackenzie) Philips. Four years before the story begins, Mack’s young daughter, Missy, was abducted during a family vacation. Though her body was never found, the police did find evidence in an abandoned shack to prove that she had been brutally murdered by a notorious serial killer who preyed on young girls. As the story begins, Mack, who has been living in the shadow of his *Great Sadness*, receives a note from God (known in this story as Papa). Papa invites Mack to return to this shack for a time together. Though uncertain of what to expect, Mack visits the scene of the crime and there experiences a

(though near the book’s end, because Mack requires father figure, she turns into a pony-tailed, grey-haired man). Jesus is a young to middle-aged man of Middle Eastern descent while the Holy Spirit is played by Sarayu (Sanskrit for *air* or *wind*), a small, delicate and eclectic woman of Asian descent. Mack also meets for time with Sophia, who, like Lady Wisdom in Proverbs, the personification of God’s wisdom.

The reader learns that Mack has been given the opportunity to meet with God so he could learn to deal with his *Great Sadness*—the overwhelming pain and anger resulting from the death of his daughter. There is very little action in *The Shack* and the bulk of the book is dialog. The majority of the dialog occurs as the members of the Trinity communicate with Mack, though

*with every page, the complicated do’s and don’t that distort a relationship into a religion were washed away as I understood Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for the first time in my life.”*

(Patrick M. Roddy, Emmy Award Winning Producer of ABC News)

weekend-long encounter with God, or, more properly, with the Godhead.

Each of the members of the Trinity is present and each appears in bodily form. Papa, whose actual name is Elousia (which is Greek for *tenderness*) appears in the form of a large, matronly African-American woman

occasionally the author offers glimpses into their unique relationships with one another.

As the weekend progresses Mack participates in lengthy and impactful discussions with each member of the Trinity

Topics range from the cross to the Trinity and from forgiveness to free will. He finds his understanding of God and his relationship with God radically and irrevocably altered. His faith is dismantled piece by piece and then put back together. As we might expect he leaves the cabin a changed man.

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**NEWS FROM OUR**

**Senior Adult  
Fellowship**

**PRIME TIMERS**

The Prime Timers will have their regular scheduled meeting on August 9 immediately following worship service. We will meet at Sagebrush in Clemmons and the room has already been reserved under "Duhon". Please be thinking about where you would like to go for our October meal and we would also welcome suggestions for a local outing in October or November. Bring your ideas to the meeting on August and we will schedule more Fun, Food and fellowship.

December 12 Trip to Lake Junaluska to attend the Appalachian Christmas Craft Show in the Harrell Center And to hear the Junaluska Singers with Appalachian Christmas Concert. We will leave Pine Grove at 7:30 a.m. and return around 8:00 p.m. Cost for transportation and concert will be \$48.00. Send money to Polly Caudle with check made out to Polly Caudle. This does not include lunch and dinner. We will have lunch at Lake Junaluska and stop on the way home for dinner. This will also be open to the whole church, but it is important to get tickets as soon as possible for both trips.