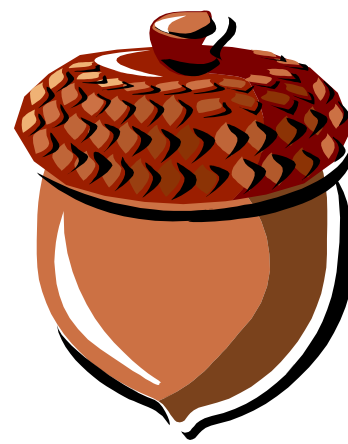


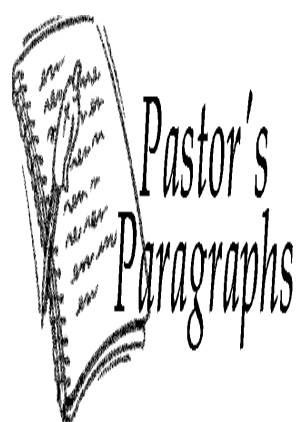
White Oak Baptist Church

The Acorn

May 2012 Newsletter



Happy Mother's Day



Pastor's Paragraphs—Pastor Carlton McDaniel

During the month of April I celebrated my second anniversary with you as your interim pastor. My call in April, 2010, was to serve as the intentional interim pastor, a specialist in working as pastor in a congregation undergoing pastoral change. Following the completion of intentional interim process, I was called to remain as the interim pastor until the call of a pastor.

At the present time the Pastor Search Committee is active in their work of interviewing possible pastoral candidates and periodic updates are being reported to the congregation by Sandy Pate, chair of the Pastor Search Committee.

Perhaps it would be beneficial to see again the “big picture”, the Eight Stages of the Interim Time, and see where we have been and what still lies ahead.

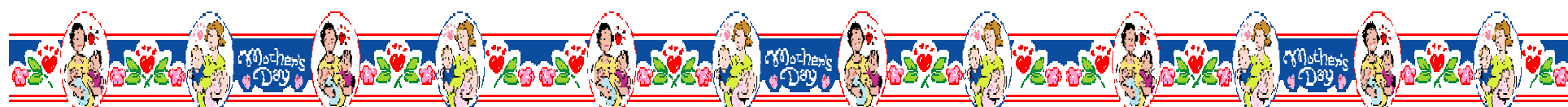
The Eight Stages of the Interim are:

- *CLOSURE: The leaving of the pastor.
- *DIRECTION FINDING: The congregation chose the direction of the intentional interim pastor rather than the traditional interim pastor or a supply pastor.
- *SELF-STUDY: The Transition Team led the church in a self-study of five focus points: History, Mission, Leadership, Connections and Future.
- *SEARCH: The Pastor Search Committee begins its work.
- *NEGOTIATION: The Pastor Search Committee settles on a candidate and begins negotiations in view of a call by the church.
- *CALL: The candidate is presented to the church and a call is extended.
- *INSTALLATION: The pastor and family are on the scene and acknowledged as the new pastor.
- *STARTUP: The early months of the new pastor are critical for the quality of the entire ministry.

The “wilderness journey” of the interim time is not over and there still remain critical decisions for the church to make. In the coming weeks as the “call stage” becomes apparent, I will have more to say in sermons about issues that can help provide a healthy transition for the congregation and the pastor.

Remember, a church will not be the only one making a decision in the call of a pastor. The pastoral candidate will also be making a decision about the church.

One thing, above all, is needed: PRAYER.



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Appreciation Dinner

An Appreciation Dinner for our Archer Lodge firefighters and elected Town officials was held Monday, April 16th in the church fellowship hall with approximately fifty guests in attendance. Those present included current Firemen, inactive and retired Firemen, Explorers (Jr. Firemen), our Archer Lodge Mayor, Town Council members, and our Town Clerk.

Joel Pace, Assistant Chief of the Archer Lodge Fire Department, welcomed everyone on behalf of White Oak Baptist Church. He introduced our pastor Rev. Carlton McDaniel, who gave the blessing.

Phillip Driver, Chief of the Archer Lodge Fire Department and Mike Gordon, Mayor of Archer Lodge gave recognition to the people with whom they serve. Each thanked the White Oak family for the warm hospitality and delicious food.

Steve Holland sang a medley of songs. He also shared a personal story of his father, a forest ranger, who was badly burned at the age of 28. All were amazed at the courage and perseverance shown by the senior Mr. Holland and the wonderful example he set for his family and others.

George Smith, a member of the Gideon's, made a presentation of Bibles to the firemen and members of the rescue squad who were at the dinner. He explained that this was one of the goals of the Gideon's: placing Bibles with our firefighters and rescue teams who are called out in harm's way. Last year, he gave a leather Bible to the Fire Chief and one to the Mayor to be kept at the fire house and Town Hall respectively.

The Appreciation Dinner Committee consisting of Connie Mulhollem, Mary Lou Barnes, Virginia Jones, Sybol Daniel, Ann Wall, Janice Smith, Annie Ruth O'Neal and Christy Pace would like to thank everyone for your generous outpouring of support.



Community Garden—Lynda Holland

Our Community Garden is becoming a reality. We have been planting many delicious vegetables at Cecil Jones' and Russell Murray's. It was hard for us when we had to thin plants so they would do better. It just hurts pulling up healthy plants that you had planted. And then there were the birds. It seems they like corn so we had to do some replanting. I know that many of you who want to help work during the day, but in the future there will be evenings and weekend times for you. If you want to be added to the gardening list, please let me know.

Lynda Holland, Gardening Coordinator ~ lbholland@embarqmail.com



Community Local Missions

We will continue to have a collection box for food for Clayton Area Ministries near the door that leads to the gravel parking lot. We also have a collection box in the Fellowship Hall. When you come each Wednesday night for a yummy dinner, bring a little something to add to someone else's dinner table. We will deliver the donations to Clayton Area Ministries as the box fills up. So, next time you are at the grocery store grab an extra mac n cheese or can of green beans and help out our community!

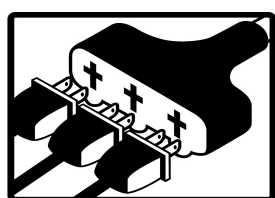


Golden Agers—Dan & Ann Wall and Tracy Farmer

Sixteen members and guests were present for the Golden Agers meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2011. Following the bountiful covered dish lunch, Tanya Roberts spoke to us about the need for Health Care Power of Attorney and Living Will/Advance Directive documents. She stated that this wasn't something for older people, but that any 18 or older should have these documents in place. An attorney is not required to prepare these. The Secretary of State's website has the forms available, but a notary needs to notarize your signature and that of two witnesses who are not related or benefit from your death.

Tanya is Jane and Randall Peacock's daughter and has a master's degree in social work from ECU. She is currently serving as President of the National Association of Social Workers -North Carolina Board of Directors and state liaison for National Healthcare Decisions Day which was April 16th.

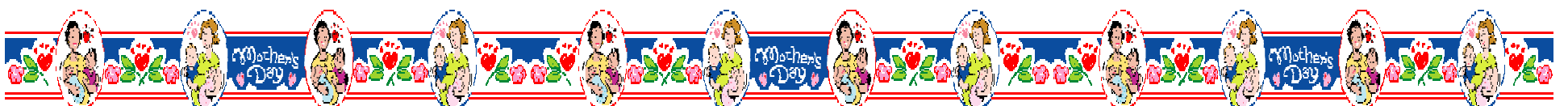
Our next meeting will be May 17 at the church. We will have covered dish lunch, fellowship and play Bingo.



Stay Connected!

White Oak offers an email mailing list open to all members and visitors. This list allows for quick communication of church information and prayer requests. If you would like to join or update your current information, please send an email to the Webmaster.

Get Connected (webmaster@whiteoakchurch.us)





Caregivers Ministry—Mike & Connie Mulhollem and George & Janice Smith

The Caregivers Ministry Team had a beautiful quilt on display for all to enjoy at its April meeting. The "Around the World" quilt top was donated by Peggy Bunn. Ladies from our church and Clyde's Chapel Church held an old-fashioned quilting bee to get the quilt ready for a fundraising event which will take place in the Fall. The proceeds will be used to minister to our homebound and people in special care facilities.

We welcomed George Woodham, Peggy Williams, and Russell Murray to our meeting. Our group enjoyed wishing Pastor Carlton McDaniel a "Happy Birthday." This month also marks the second year he has been with us at White Oak. What a blessing he and his family have been to us. During this time we also announced that seven of our Caregivers attended a Surprise 90th Birthday Party for Mrs. Rosamond Allen. She and her family were happy to have us join in the celebration and sent their love and best wishes to their White Oak Family.

Jayne Eannarino coordinated our delicious meal which consisted of barbecued beef, slaw, potato salad, a bun and a homemade dessert. We delivered 57 hot lunches with twenty-four members and guests present for our lunch/meeting.

George Smith led our devotion by asking, "Why did God give us the Bible?" He used John 6:3 and 1John 5:13 as his text as he gave examples of people who begin each day studying their Bible and praying. He concluded that to know the Bible is to know God, ourselves and our destiny. He also shared information concerning his work with the Gideon's, which is known internationally for its effort to spread the good news of Christ.

Our next meeting is May 8, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Archer Lodge Community Center. You are invited to come join us.



Pastor Search Committee

We continue to seek God's will as we work to find a pastor. To date, we have conducted 3 face to face interviews and we have a fourth on the calendar for April 24. One of the people we interviewed has accepted a position in another agency and therefore withdrew his name. We will be going on May 20 to hear another of the original 3 deliver a sermon so we can see how he interacts with the congregation and hear his delivery style. Although progress is slow, we are making progress. Please continue to pray for us.



Vacation Bible School -Faith Driver, Cindy & Sherman Batten, Karen Holland

We are very excited for another Great VBS program at White Oak, so mark your calendars and get ready for a lot of fun, July 8th- July 12 from 6:00pm-8:30pm. Registration forms will be online soon, please try to get your kids registered early; we have so many wonderful surprises for them. We still need many volunteers to make this a great success; we are in need of the following:

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| 4th – 5th Grade Crew Leaders | Bible Story | Registration |
| Youth 6th-8th Grade Crew Leaders | Music | Outside Games |
| Nursery | Snacks | Crafts |

If you can help with any of these please let us know as soon as possible.

Dinner will be provided Monday thru Wednesday; 5:15-5:50. On Thursday the commencement dinner will be at 6:00 at the Archer Lodge Community Center with our closing program starting at 7:00 back at the church. If your Sunday School class would like to help out with one of the dinners please let Karen Holland know what night you would like and what you will be bringing!

Again thanks for all your support and help with this, the kids are already getting excited as we are dropping clues during RA/GA's on Wednesday nights.



**Women
in
Mission**

Women on Mission—Karen Holland and Jane Peacock

At our April meetings we had a great group to discuss missions in China. We are getting ready to wind down for the year with our last meetings next month. Don't let that stop you from coming! At those meetings we will be discussing continued mission opportunities throughout the summer, upcoming Wednesday night dinners to raise money for CBF Global Missions and ideas for next year. We welcome all ladies and girls to join us.

The Evening Stars meet next on May 14 at 7 p.m. and the Morning Glory Ladies will meet May 24 at 10 a.m. Both groups meet in the Martha Classroom. Please come and join us!





Nursery Schedule



Following is a calendar for nursery duty for the next quarter. Please note that we are trying something new. I have divided the help between Babies (under 2) and Preschoolers. We are doing this hoping to separate the babies and keep them safer. Also, we have some volunteers that prefer one age group over another. You are not limited to that age group. You can decide between you and the other helpers who does what age. Also, if there are only a few kids, it is fine to combine the groups as long as safety is noted.

We have also mailed out a list of all nursery volunteers and their phone numbers so you will be able to contact someone to switch with you if you are unable to keep nursery on your scheduled date. If you are unable to find someone to cover you, please contact Jan Smith, Karen Holland or Brooke Casper as soon as you can so we can help find someone to cover. Please remember to **switch** with someone if you have a change so no one has to do double duty. Thanks for all your help.

May

June

May 6

Babies: Jody Castleberry
Jan Smith
Preschoolers: Matt & Amy Dean

June 3

Babies: Dennis & Melanie Durham
Preschoolers: Rob & Angie Taylor

May 13

Babies: Roger & Amy Thompson
Preschoolers: Christy & Joel Pace

June 10

Babies: Tim & Jamie Vrabel-Barber
Preschoolers: Jennifer Vrabel
Pam Driver

May 20

Babies: Mike & Mary Jane Sauls
Preschoolers: Marsha Langely
Sandy Glover

June 17

Babies: Matt & Brooke Mulhollem
Preschoolers: Scott & Tracy Farmer

May 27

Babies: Lee & Judy Kittredge
Preschoolers: Carmella Williams
Brooke Casper

June 24

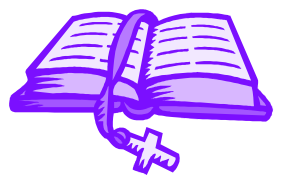
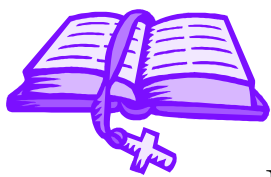
Babies: Paul & Hope Hatcher
Preschoolers: Tony & Jennifer Stoneking



Children's Sermon Leaders

May

June



May 6 Sharon Kristoff
May 13 Sharon Freeman
May 20 Sandy Pate
May 27 Karen Holland

June 3 Mike Sauls
June 10 Irvin Smith
June 17 Karen Holland
June 24 Mary Taylor Creech

*Your commitment and willingness is a gift to our children,
the parents and White Oak Baptist Church as we work
together to make a difference.*

Thank You For Your service.





Happy Birthday



"From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you." Psalm 71:6

May

- 1 Daniel Wall
- 1 Tom Eannarino
- 3 Doris Thompson
- 3 Harrison Smith
- 3 Pauline Barnes
- 4 Jean Nolley
- 4 Mattie Holland
- 6 Caroline Barber
- 9 Judy Kittredge
- 9 Christy Pace
- 9 Philip White
- 10 Jake Barnes
- 11 Billy Hilliard
- 13 Clyde Maybee
- 13 Norma Price
- 14 Emily Pate
- 14 Ryan Payton
- 15 Matrice Honeycutt
- 17 Jordan Boyette

- 17 Susan Harrison
- 18 Marie Lynch
- 21 Irvin (Smitty) Smith, Jr.
- 24 Dylan Carroll
- 24 Haleigh Thompson
- 25 John Marshall Jackson
- 25 James Gregory Walker
- 25 Brooke Casper
- 26 Ricky Barrow
- 26 Jane Peacock
- 27 Tracy Farmer
- 31 Amy Collins

June

- 1 Bailey Collins
- 1 Butler Collins
- 5 Christopher Stelzner
- 7 Ally Edwards
- 9 Abbie Byrd
- 9 Will Edwards
- 10 Scott Farmer
- 12 Kenneth Collins
- 17 Angie Taylor
- 17 Brandon Barrow
- 18 Jimmy Kennedy
- 23 Anton Stoneking
- 23 Adair Barnes
- 28 Mary Maybee
- 28 Valerie Grant
- 29 Gralin Byrd
- 30 Randall Peacock
- 30 Karen Holland



Happy Anniversary



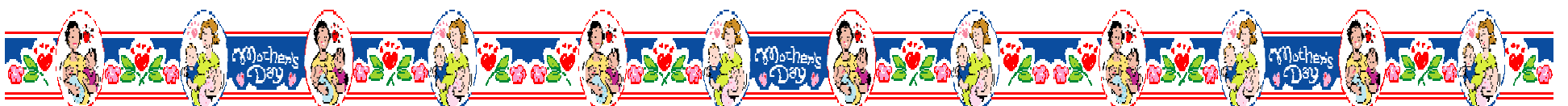
"Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." Mark 10:9

May

- 6 Scott & Jennifer Galloway
- 14 Dan & Bev Musselwhite
- 15 Kenny & Debbie Moncol
- 17 Josh & Blair Barnes
- 19 Billy & Debbie Hilliard
- 23 Andy & Karen Holland
- 30 Ryan & Jenna Payton

June

- 2 Matt & Brooke Mulhollem
- 7 Steve & Lynda Holland
- 13 Bryant & Gennie Hamilton
- 15 Joe & Sybol Daniel
- 16 Tom & Linda Ward
- 18 Tommy & Sandy Glover
- 22 Irvin & Jan Smith
- 22 Carl & Lois Murphey
- 22 Travis & Brooke Casper
- 28 Mike & Mary Jane Sauls





Dear White Oak Church Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, calls and concerns during my stay in the hospital after my shoulder surgery. I am very blessed to have such a loving family.

Sincerely,
Mary Lou Gordon



A big thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, cards, food and expressions of concern during our recent hospital stay and continuing recovery from placing of a pacemaker.

We are grateful for such a loving church family.

Dan and Ann Wall



Dear White Oak Bereavement Committee

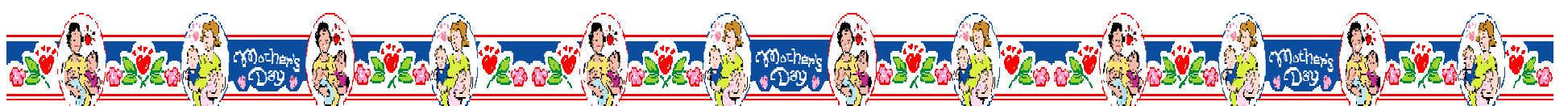
Thank you so much for the wonderful meal, prayers, and kind words you provided during our time of loss. Words cannot express how much we sincerely appreciate your outpouring of thoughtfulness toward our family. We are blessed to have been so warmly welcomed into such a loving and supportive church family.

In Christ's Love,
Chris, Amanda, Carleigh and Cody House



MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee House 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Choir	30 2:00 PM WNS-Reservations	1 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM Church Council 8:00 PM Finance Committee	2 2:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Activities	3	4 FH Reserved - Girl Scouts Set-Up	5 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM Girl Scouts - Mother's Tea (FH)
6 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee House 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM ALCC Senior Roast 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Choir	7 11:30 AM Worship Planning Team Meeting 2:00 PM WNS-Reservations	8 11:00 AM Caregivers 6:30 PM Cub Scouts 7:30 PM Deacon's Meeting	9 2:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Activities	10 7:00 PM Building & Grounds Committee Meeting	11	12
13 Mother's Day 8:30 AM Church-Wide Mother's Day Breakfast 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee House 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Choir	14 2:00 PM WNS-Reservations 7:00 PM The Evening Stars WOM	15 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	16 2:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Activities	17 11:30 AM Golden Agers Activities	18 Heart of NC Weekend (UME)	19 Heart of NC Weekend (UME)
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27 9:00 AM Fellowship Coffee House 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Children's Choir 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Youth Choir	28 Church Office Closed Memorial Day 2:00 PM WNS-Reservations 7:00 PM ALCC Meeting	29 3:00 PM Piano Recital - Dara Edwards 6:30 PM Cub Scouts	30 2:00 PM Bulletin Announcements Due 3:00 PM Piano Recital - Dara Edwards 6:00 PM Wednesday Night Supper 7:00 PM Wednesday Night Activities	31 3:00 PM Piano Recital - Dara Edwards	1 3:00 PM Piano Recital - Dara Edwards 5:00 PM Relay for Life Begins - Smithfield Selma High School	2 3:00 PM Piano Recital - Dara Edwards 5:00 PM Relay for Life Ends - Smithfield Selma High School





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