

# Good Tidings

April 24, 2019

*From the pastors' Heart & Soul*

## COMING UP

### Mondays and Thursdays

Senior Adult Exercise  
9:00a

### April 24

Last Spring Wednesday Night Dinner and Program

The children will sing before they pack backpack snacks, and the Refugee Support Services will present the adult program.

### May 16-18

Park Road hosts the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America Board Meeting.

### May 16

Celebration Dinner honors LeDayne McLeese Polaski.  
(See back page for reservations.)

### May 18

Women's Fellowship and Fun Home of Karen Burgess  
4:00-7:00p

### Friends at Home

Shirley Murdock  
1501 Zion Church Rd. E.  
Room 103  
Concord, NC 28025

**Sympathy extended to**  
the Family of Harriet Bryant who died last week.



Didn't summer used to last forever? I guess it lasted the same number of days back then, but when I was a kid it seemed like an eternity. I could not wait for school to let out, but by the time summer was over I could hardly wait to hit the books again!

In the words of one of those 1980s rock groups, I had

Too much time on my hands...  
Ticking away with my sanity  
I've got too much time on my hands  
It's hard to believe such a calamity  
I've got too much time on my hands  
And it's ticking away - ticking away from me.

But, that is no longer the case -- not for kids, not for their parents, and not for pastors. No one has too much time on their hands these days. Most of us don't really have our hands on the time we have! Where does it go?

We all run too fast, and it is probably, literally, killing us. It's hard to know how to slow down this pace. Technology just seems to push us faster and faster – when everything is right at our fingertips, we go into every endeavor at the speed of instant gratification.

However, I'm not preaching because I certainly have no answers to this dilemma of our frantic world. I sort of wake up each morning running! No, far be it from me to encourage anyone to slow down!

Yet, we do need to try to pay attention, be alert, be aware. Maybe we can't stop and smell the roses, but I think we can learn to notice them, even catch a little whiff as we pass them by!

And... it is here, again.

## SUMMERTIME IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

The summer schedule is upon us, so try to take in some of its goodness. Our children will spend a week at Camp Prism. Also our young people will spend one week on their mission trip and another at Unidiversity. Our senior high youth will travel to Cuba for a week. We will have a slightly different schedule for summer worship. And there will be some additional opportunities for fellowship and service. Keep tuned to the newsletter, and we'll send phone messages as reminders.

And you will have family vacations and get-togethers, and before you know it... summer will be gone. When we return to the regular schedule that school sets for us – we will be together in a brand new sanctuary!

So, even if you cannot slow down, roll down the windows so you can catch a whiff of God's goodness as summer flies by.

## Here's What's Happening Around Park Road This Summer!

(Coffee and Kibitz Bible Study 1st and 3rd Tuesdays throughout the Summer)

June 2-6—Charlotte Family Housing

June 8—Men's Shelter Lunch

June 14—Fun Food Friday to Cowpens Battleground and Lunch at Strawberry Hill

June 16-21—All Youth Mission Trip, Raleigh, NC

June 19—Take Me Out to the Ballgame

June 23-29—High School Cuba Mission Trip

July 11-14—Camp Prism (for children completed 3rd-5th grades)

July 21—Hope Chapel

July 22-27—Unidiversity Youth Camp, Maryville College, Maryville, TN

August 6—Children's Pool Party 1:00-4:00p—Come and go or stay the whole time - fun snacks included.  
(For children infant-fifth grade)

August 10—Men's Shelter Lunch

August 25—Kick-Off Sunday and Potluck  
Youth Pool Party at the Deans in the Evening



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### Celebrating our Child Development Center—50 years!

On April 14, 1969, our Child Development Center began. Two weeks ago we enjoyed cake after worship to celebrate 50 years of mission and ministry with children and families. The children range in age from 3 months through an elementary after-school class.

We have 137 children enrolled which includes 18 NC Pre-K children in a program to ready them for kindergarten. The CDC is able to help 22 subsidized families with scholarships totaling about \$12,000 a year. Yearly our CDC is selected as a lab site for CPCC students. We never have to worry about advertising—it's only word of mouth with several hundred on our waiting list.



Heather Gaskins has served as Director for 11 years; Tammy Watkins has been employed for 13 years, 10 of which as Assistant Director.



### Youth Group Fundraiser

Instead of a one day event, our youth will be found each week, before and after worship, overseeing Silent Auction items and fun raffle baskets.

The auction will begin Easter Sunday and run through June 2. Some of the items available for bid include:

- Art works by David French and Ron Pelt
- A pool party at the Dean's
- Dinners for 6-8 people hosted at various member homes
- Services provided by Youth Group members
- House Concert with Brandon Williams and friends
- Wine and Cheese at Debbie & Dona's
- A massage by Megan Oakley
- Plus many more items!



A REWIREMENT CELEBRATION  
On Thursday, May 16 at 6p, you are invited to a milestone celebration for Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski, who is not retiring, but instead "rewiring" in service to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

RSVP by May 2 to Allison Paksoy at [allison@bpfna.org](mailto:allison@bpfna.org).

### Women—Save the Date!

Karen Burgess will host our next women's event on May 18 from 4:00-7:00p with an informal time of fellowship and fun.

Everyone is invited!



### A Note about Russ and Amy's Sabbatical

After the last few weeks of dotting i's and crossing t's, we have now officially begun enjoying the wonderful gift of Sabbatical. We are so grateful for this time. The camper is hooked up behind the truck. Our stacks of reading are high. Our laptops are ready for some writing projects. Our hiking shoes are packed, as are our bikes and our motorcycle. My knitting will be close by at all times. A college graduation party is in the works for Jackson in the middle of our time away. And a lot of baseball is yet to be enjoyed. Over these many years, we have missed so many games as baseball and church work are not good partners. It will be wonderful to finish up this part of our lives getting to see the last 20 or so games of the PC Blue Hose. I already feel sorry for those poor umps that are going to have to listen to me at every game question their judgment!

Time is one of the best gifts of all. Our hope is to rest and renew. We will return in time to celebrate our high school seniors at our Baccalaureate Service on June 2. We will carry you in our hearts and in our prayers. — Amy

### Newsletter Schedule for May

During Amy and Russ's sabbatical, we will have an abbreviated newsletter publication schedule. During May, we will only publish newsletters on May 8 and May 22. We will return to our normal weekly schedule beginning June 5.