

# Mission Moments

Monthly Newsletter of Hope Lutheran Church



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*"The people of Hope Lutheran Church proclaim and live the Word and love of Christ."*



## Note from Pastor Wagner: "Shifting Gears!"

Dear Friends in Christ,

I remember well learning to drive a car with a stick shift back in 1961! There were few automatics then, so not only did I need to learn how to drive, but also to avoid the stalls and lurches that came with getting the clutch and gas pedal to work in tandem! Thank God for the brake! It took a while but once I got it, "shifting gears" became second nature in keeping the car on the road and moving forward.

As we begin our final two months together as pastor and people, it's time for me to begin "shifting gears," focusing on some of the typical "short-timer" tasks that go with leaving a church of Hope's size in good administrative order. There is a lot to get done and this will take a lot of office time, therefore most pastoral care needs will be coordinated through other pastoral staff moving forward. Though "shifting gears," I'm still available and excited about sharing the Word of God and administering the Sacraments with you in these coming weeks.

We will certainly have time to celebrate nearly 16 years of ministry together and I know there will be lots of mixed emotions as we get closer to my farewell weekend on June 23 & 24. But it's also important [and required] to establish a covenant that assists in a smooth transition of leadership, preparing the way for a new Senior Pastor to experience the joys and blessings of serving with you.

To that end, a copy of the *Senior Pastor Retirement Covenant* submitted to the Ministry Leadership Team is enclosed on the next page. I trust it provides clear communication about our mutual expectations as we bring to close our formal pastoral relationship.

I call you to faithfulness in worship and commitment in this important time of change and transition. Please continue to lift up the call process and keep all the senior pastor candidates in your prayers. Make sure you provide a positive voice through your participation and presence in the upcoming congregational meetings and Call Service.

What a joy and privilege it has been, and still is, to serve among you. We have such reason to celebrate God's blessings! As St. Paul wrote to the Philippians:

*"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy from the first day until now because of your partnership in the gospel, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

(Philippians 1:3-6)

**To God be the Glory! Great things He has done!**

*Park Wagner*

# Senior Pastor Retirement Covenant



I thank God for the joy and privilege of joining with you in mission, having served as Mission Developer, Pastor and Senior Pastor for Hope Lutheran Church since October 1, 1996. God is good and we have worked hard as His people, focused on our mission of *“proclaiming and living the Word and love of Christ.”* I am thankful that God has blessed our ministry together and I appreciate the love and support you have provided to me and Lana over these years.

In order to assist in a healthy transition from my ministry to your next Senior Pastor, and to allow the congregation time to work through this important change in a healthy and positive spirit, I commit myself to the following actions upon my retirement on June 30, 2012:

1. To pray for the ongoing mission of the congregation and for the new Senior pastor;
2. To support my successor and congregational leadership in every way;
3. To offer only positive comments and support, refraining from any language or behavior that could undermine the development of the relationship between the congregation and the new Senior Pastor (temporary or successor)
4. To refuse to give attention or advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement; nor do anything to undermine or reflect lack of support for the new Senior Pastor and congregational leadership;
5. To decline all requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, visitation or any related pastoral functions for at least one year, and in the future, only as invited by the new Senior Pastor;
6. To not be involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in this congregation for at least a period of one year, unless specifically requested by the new Senior Pastor and/or Ministry Leadership Team;

It is understood in this covenant that Lana and I desire to return as worshipping and serving members of the congregation after review and consultation with the new Senior Pastor and/or leadership of Hope. We covenant to be totally absent from congregational life for an initial period of at least three months beginning July 1, 2012, to be reviewed appropriate to the arrival and installation of the new Senior Pastor.

It is understood that this Covenant does not affect or require termination of our friendships with individuals who are members of this congregation, maintaining appropriate boundaries as it relates to pastoral functions.

I ask the congregation, in thanksgiving for what God has done through our mutual ministry and time together, to honor and respect this covenant by:

1. Praying for the ongoing mission of the congregation;
2. Praying for the staff, leaders and the new Senior Pastor;
3. Showing regard for the new Senior Pastor by supporting him in his pastoral leadership and service;
4. Refraining from asking your former pastor to perform pastoral services that are excluded in this covenant;
5. Praying for Lana and me and our families as we embrace this new time in our lives together;
6. Remaining active, supportive and faithful members of Hope Lutheran Church, embracing the ongoing mission to *“proclaim and live the Word and love of Christ.”*

With the signing of this covenant, I hereby request the members of Hope Lutheran Church to affirm this covenant and grant me a peaceful release from my call as Senior Pastor effective June 30, 2012.

## Welcome New Members!

Hope is blessed to welcome and receive the following new members:

Gerry & Shannon Arner

Richard & Kathleen  
Downs

Rob & Jill Ellison  
(Blake & Nathan)

Bob & Jackie Francisco  
(Isabelle & Robert)

Bob & Chandra George

Kaaren Kayser

Grace Kellum

David & Mollie Krehnke

Nick & Melanie Loeffler  
(Grayson)

Felix & Elizabeth Lopez  
(Jordan & Juliana)

Ethan & Jamie Luth

Jovanna McCaskill

Bob & Marie Moore

Julia Mulnick

Tonya Nease  
(Laren & Braden)

Jennifer Price

James & Mary Roberts  
(Alexis)

Mary Ann Stewart

Sandra Stokes

John Thomas

Dean & Darcy Thornell  
(Cameron & Collin)

David & Claudia  
Van Hook

Todd & Patricia Wohler  
(Ashley & Brittany)



## Small Group News

**PRIMETIMERS EVENT:** You're invited to a cookout at the Miksa's home on **May 6 at 1:30PM**. RSVP by May 1 by calling Carol Miksa at 919-529-2001. They will supply the meat and drinks, guests are asked to bring a dish to pass. Primetimers is a fellowship group for couples and singles that are in the "prime" of life (*as you define prime!*).

**BRIDGE CLUB UPDATE:** The bridge group will meet on **Monday, May 14th, at 1:00PM in Room 301**. We will NOT meet on the 28th, as that is the Memorial Day holiday. If you plan to play on the 14th please call Betty McAlear at 554-9081 or send a message to [bmcalear@nc.rr.com](mailto:bmcalear@nc.rr.com).

### SUPPORT OUR TROOPS TEAM NEEDS NEW LEADERSHIP

For many years, the Support Our Troops Team at Hope has worked to reduce the hardships encountered by currently active troops, the wounded/injured, and families. It is time for new leadership to revitalize this important ministry. If you are interested, contact Andy or Nancy Hoh at 919-562-9562 or [nmhoh1943@yahoo.com](mailto:nmhoh1943@yahoo.com).

### NEW - BANNERS FOR HOPE SMALL GROUP!

Explore the step-by-step process in making liturgical banners for Hope. To join this group, please contact Rose Spencer by telephone 919-269-0012 or email at [rosespencer99@hotmail.com](mailto:rosespencer99@hotmail.com).

There's a place  
for you!!



Check out the card rack  
in the café area if you  
are looking for a small  
group to join!

## Photo Directory Volunteers Needed

Plans are underway to develop a Hope Lutheran Photo Directory during the Fall season. Terry Ultis, Ministry Projects Coordinator, is in need of 5 volunteers for this project. Volunteers would be expected to attend 2-3 planning meetings between now and the end of June. If you are interested please contact Terry Ultis at 919-554-8109 or [tultis@earthlink.net](mailto:tultis@earthlink.net).

### ✠ Memorial Gifts ✠

Hope gratefully acknowledges a gift to the memorial fund in memory of *Paula Stresemann, Renee Pfendler's mother* by Beth Naegele.

# Associate Pastor Page

Take note of the following service and outreach opportunities...

## HopeChest



The HopeChest Ministry offers **free** clothing and small housewares to the community on a quarterly basis. Volunteer Help and Donations are needed!

### Collection of Donations:

- **Saturday, June 2** before/after 5:30PM Worship Service
- **Sunday, June 3** before the 8:30AM service until after the 11:00AM service

### Sorting/Displaying:

- **Wednesday, June 6** at 5:00PM

### Shop Dates:

- **Friday, June 8** from 9:00AM-3:00PM
- **Saturday, February 9** from 9:00AM-Noon

Please sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) or in the Narthex. Contact Shannon Janosko at [sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:sjanosko@hopelutheranwf.org) or 554-8109.

## Habitat for Humanity

May 26, 2012  
8:30AM - 4:00PM

Thanks to a great turnout in March, the Habitat Ministry has scheduled another workday in May. This will be a *DeConstruction project* with the site still yet to be determined.

As is usually the case with Habitat builds, parking is at a minimum. Please carpool as much as possible. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for anyone interested.

More details and instructions will be provided after you sign up. Contact Matt Lancaster with additional questions, [mrlancaster75@gmail.com](mailto:mrlancaster75@gmail.com).



Free Clinic to the Community  
November 3, 2012

The first coordinator meeting will be **May 3 at 7:00PM** for all Coordinators.

Here is a testimony from one of the recipients of last year's event:

*"With grateful hearts I want to thank you for the Touched By Hope Clinic 2011 and especially my advocates, Paige Dussault and Logan. They were extremely helpful, supportive and patient with keeping my 4 children occupied while I participated in the medical screenings.*

*It has been a difficult year for my family with only one unsteady income. It is comforting to know that people do care in the community. The members of the church were very warm and welcoming at the tables and the meals were delicious.*

*Even though I didn't get a chance to take advantage of the other venues due to the limited times and lines, I heard that the spas etc. added a special touch of love. Your kindness and thoughtfulness for the needs of the community was truly a blessing. May God continue to bless you for your generosity."*

If you'd like to learn more about Touched by Hope, visit the website [www.touchedbyhope.org](http://www.touchedbyhope.org) or contact Mike Ponsolle at 919-562-6977 or email him at [mikeponsolle@gmail.com](mailto:mikeponsolle@gmail.com).

## Helping Those in Need

**The Feeding the Faith Small Group** is collecting *boxed cereal* and/or *canned goods* for May that will be shared with Tri-Area Ministry.

**Brown Bag Ministry** is in need of *brown paper bags, plastic sandwich bags, granola bars and chips*. Please consider making a financial contribution to this ministry. Each month, 450 lunches are distributed at a cost of about \$1.50/lunch. Don't forget if you are in a group and they are looking for a service project, the first Saturday of each month is set aside for groups to make and distribute lunches.

### Habitat Mission Team

Please pray for those attending the Habitat Mission Trip in the mountains of NC on May 8-12. They are: *Doug and Carol Hoy, Rob and Bonnie Petersilge, Allen Moss, John Thomas, David Zick, Jim Hamel, Don Yakopcic, Kelly Slaybaugh, Pastor Cosgrove, Todd and Kim Koehler, and Cindy Dussault*. Pray for their safety and that God will use their time and talents for the benefit of the kingdom!

### Adopt-A-Highway

**Saturday May 12 at 9:00AM**

Meet at church and wear long pants and long sleeves. Vests, gloves and water will be provided. Youth 12 or older are invited. Contact

Jeff Vukovich at [vukovich@baronams.com](mailto:vukovich@baronams.com) or 919-556-9174. Rain date is June 9th.

# Events & Happenings

Mark your calendar for these great events going on at Hope and in the community!



## Falls Lake Christian Stewardship Symposium

May 6-7, 2012

North Wake Church, 1212 S. Main St, Wake Forest

Pastor Wagner participated with eight other local pastors in providing theological input and reflection on Christian stewardship to the symposium sponsors.

This conference has brought together theologians and natural resource experts to discuss ecological challenges to Falls Lake to protect Wake County's drinking water supply. **See the bulletin board next to the café for details and times or go online to <http://falls-lake-christian-stewardship-symposium.ettend.com/>.**

## Wednesday Night **ALIVE**

**April 18 - May 9**

**WNA Dinner at**  
5:00-6:15pm

### Music Groups:

Children's Choir @  
5:45PM; Youth Handbells  
@ 6:00PM; Adult  
Handbells at 6:30PM  
Senior Choir @ 7:45PM

**Activities from**  
**6:30-7:30PM:**

### Youth Groups

Confirmation Small Groups  
for 5th & 6th grades,  
Youth Groups for 7th & 8th  
grades, & 9th-12th grades.

### Children's Groups

*Kids Connect*: Ages 3 & 4;  
*Kingdom Kids* for Grades  
K - 2; **FLASH** for Grades 3  
& 4

### Adult Bible Study Class

Hammer of God

**Nursery provided for**  
**ages 2 and under!**

## **CPR & AED** **Training**

May 6 from 9:45AM-10:45AM or  
May 9 from 6:30-7:30PM

Led by member Dr. Joseph Hummel, you're invited to learn the proper CPR and AED (*automated external defibrillator*) techniques. The class will include a brief video & lecture, then hands on instruction with a few trial opportunities. Please note this class will not offer certification; however, will equip you to potentially save a life.

## **Concordia College** **Ascension Day Choir** **Concert**

May 17, 2012 at 7:00PM  
Resurrection Lutheran Church  
Cary, NC

The renowned *Tour Choir of Concordia College-New York* will be singing in concert on **Ascension Day May 17th, 2012 at 7:00 PM**. Please contact the church office at 919-851-7248 or email [MusicDirector@RLCary.org](mailto:MusicDirector@RLCary.org) for more information. Admission is free, but a free will offering for the Concordia Choir will be collected.

## **Confirmation** **Sunday**

Rite of Confirmation  
May 20, 2012  
11:00AM Service

A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall for all confirmands and their families.

## **Adult Christian** **Education**

Sundays from 9:45-10:45AM  
April 15th – May 27th

**The Book of Ruth**; Dr. Robert Neilsen will facilitate this detailed study of the Book of Ruth which covers topics such as redemption, suffering and the greatest Hebrew word in the world - *Hesed*. Come and be enlightened by the wonder of this beautiful account of God's redeeming love.

**Philippians**; facilitated by Joel Theiss, this class will look at all 4 chapters of Philippians, using resources developed by Pastor Dave Schleusener from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Cary. It is a study that dives deep into the Word and provides lots of historical background. Be prepared to learn!

# Children's Ministry & Preschool News



## Vacation Bible School "Adventures on Promise Island"

Registration is now open! Go to [www.hopelutheranwf.org](http://www.hopelutheranwf.org)

### Two Sessions:

#### Session 1

July 9-13

9:00AM-Noon

#### Session 2

July 12-14

5:30-7:30PM & 9:00AM-2:00PM on Sat.

*Children must be 4 by 9/1 & potty trained. There is still a need for volunteers and food items to be donated. Visit the website to register to volunteer or donate today!*

### Sunday School

- ⇒ **Summer Sunday School Teachers are needed!** In order to give our hard working Sunday School teachers a break, teachers for grades preschool-4th grade for June 10th-August 19th are needed. Summer teachers may choose to teach one, a few, or all the weeks.
- ⇒ **Summer Sunday School starts June 10, 2012**

### FLASH Family Service Project

- ⇒ **May 5th FLASH Family Service Project.** The group will be making and distributing lunches in support of the Brown Bag Ministry. Sign up at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) searching under Beth Ray's email, [bray@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bray@hopelutheranwf.org).

- Beth Ray, Director of Christian Education & Children's Ministry  
[bray@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:bray@hopelutheranwf.org)

## Hope Preschool News & Events

### Muffins for Mom

May is the month the preschool children celebrate MOMS. Each class will have a special "Muffins for Mom" celebration. **Thank you to all Moms for all you do!!**

### End of Year Celebration

Please join us for our **End of Year Celebration** on May 11th from 9:00 to 12:30, as we celebrate another great year at Hope Lutheran Preschool! There will be bounce houses, games, food and more. Cost is \$8.00 per family. Please sign up by May 7th at the Preschool office. Call 453-0388 for more information.

### Summer Expressions

**Registration is now in progress** for Hope's half day summer program for rising 2 year olds through rising kindergarteners. Summer Expressions will be held each week from **May 29 through August 3.**

### Fall 2012-13 School Year

The preschool has limited openings in the Fall program. Contact the preschool for additional information, 919-453-0388.



# Confirmation

## Congratulations to the Class of 2012

Please pray for our Confirmands as they profess their faith on *May 20<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 service.*

### 6th Grade Confirmation Class

*Rebecca Beaman*  
*Danielle Civis*  
*Christina Comer*  
*Kyle Cook*  
*Benjamin DeRose*  
*Savannah Douglas*  
*Andrew Dubiel*  
*Jeremy Dunne*  
*Lindsay Fisher*  
*Katie Foster*  
*Joseph Gonenc III*  
*Bailey Hellmann*  
*Meredith Huffine*

*Natalie Ismay*  
*Lauren Janok*  
*Sammie Kim*  
*Jared Lockhart*  
*Max McKeeman*  
*Kaylee Mercer*  
*Carter Metzger*  
*Evan Moran*  
*Cameron Mortensen*  
*Simon Nugent*  
*Alexa Otlin*  
*Erik Taming*  
*Alexandria Ultis*  
*Benjamin Wester*  
*Haley Wohlhueter*

### Older Youth Confirmation Class

*Kayla Clark*  
*Raymond Clark*  
*Lukas Farlow*  
*Sophia Hayes*  
*Brock Olson*  
*Jack Olson*  
*Mario Piazza*  
*Theresa Piazza*  
*Hunter Rogers*  
*Ryan Wilcox*  
*Marina Zimmerman*



### IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION NOTES:

- \* **Interviews** with the Pastors for youth getting confirmed can be scheduled on Signupgenius.com. Search using Krista's email, (kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org) for available times.
- \* **Annual Confirmation Dinner and Rehearsal** is *May 16th at 6:00PM.* Please email Krista Young (kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org) the number of seats needed by your family.
- \* **5th Graders and their families** are needed to serve dinner on May 16th and cake and punch on May 20th. Please let Krista know if you plan to help.

**THANK YOU**  
for supporting the  
*Cupcake Challenge!* It  
was a huge success for the  
Middle School Mission Team  
(and tasted great too!)



# YOUTH MINISTRY

## at-a-Glance

### Notes & Events:

- \* **Boredom Busters** is May 19th from 7:00-10:00PM in the Youth Center, come join the fun with *outdoor games and Capture the Flag*.
- \* **Wednesday Night Alive** ends May 9th;
- \* There are 5 tickets left for the May 18th *Third Day Concert*. Email Krista Young if you are interested in attending

Check out all the great events and ways to get involved on this page. Blessings!

*Krista Young*

Director of Christian Education & Youth Ministry  
kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org

## Wild Wednesdays

Rising 7th grade through graduating Seniors  
~ Meet in the youth center from 6:30-8:00PM ~  
~ Bring your friends and join the fun ~

Mark Your Calendar for these fun events:

- June 6;** Movie Making
- June 13;** Hang out and Play Games
- June 20;** Meet at Sweet CeCe's by Harris Teeter
- June 27;** Service Project

## Get Connected

**Emails** – email [kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org), text “HOPEYOUTH” to 22828, or sign up on the website to be added to the email news list

**Texts** – email your name, grade (or grade of youth), carrier, and cell phone # to [kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org](mailto:kyoung@hopelutheranwf.org) to receive text messages to your phone



**Join FB Groups:** Parents of Hope Youth; Hope Youth Ignite (7-8 Graders); Team Hope (High School Youth)

Ask a friend, call a leader...stay connected.



## Meet in the Street



downtown wake forest

**Saturday, May 5, 2012**

10:00AM – 6:00PM

Support our youth and stop by the Hope booth!  
Proceeds support the National Youth Gathering.

Come to downtown Wake Forest for a day filled with food and entertainment including live music and children's activities. Stroll down Taylor Street and stop by dozens of artisan's booths featuring handcrafted arts and crafts.

**Admission to the festival is free.**

## Events...

### Mothers Day “Muffins for Mom’s”

#### Bake Sale

**May 13, 2012**

Before & after Worship Services



Stop by and find a treat  
for the special ladies in your life.

Thank you for supporting the HS Servant  
Event trips this summer.

### Beach Concert at Norris Creek

(new venue - outside of Louisburg, NC)

**May 19; Noon-6:00PM**

For \$15 you can enjoy a night of great  
local music and entertainment.

See Krista or get in touch with a youth to buy tickets;  
\$5 of each ticket will support our youth.

# Senior Pastor Call Process *Update*

## Pastoral Candidate Meetings

On *April 24*, *Rev. Dr. Michael Bingenheimer* and his wife Dianne, visited Hope and spent the day touring the facilities, meeting with our pastors, the staff, the Call Team and the Ministry Leadership Team. In the late afternoon, they enjoyed the WNA dinner and attended the Adult Bible Study Class. In the evening, Pastor Bingenheimer addressed congregational members for over an hour answering many questions on his background and thoughts on leading a church.

On **Wednesday, May 2, 2012**, **Rev. Wayne D. Puls**, Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hicksville, NY and his wife Colleen will visit and follow the same procedure. Please plan on attending Pastor Puls question and answer session at 7:30PM.

## Congregational Forum Wednesday, May 23 from 6:30 - 7:30PM

The purpose of the Forum is to inform and update the congregation on the candidates and the ballot composition in preparation for the voting at the *June 3, 2012 Call Service*.

## Senior Pastor Call Service Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 3:30PM

The congregation, gathering for the Call Service will prayerfully seek God's will in this important decision. Congregational members, 18 years and older, who are present may vote. The Constitution and By-Laws of Hope Lutheran Church, Inc. do not allow for proxy or absentee voting. If you cannot be present, please claim this a time for prayer for His church.



## Questions/Answers

### Why are only two candidates being interviewed?

The Call Team has reviewed the information provided to the congregation for all nine candidates, conducting telephone interviews with six candidates and a personal interview with Pastor Cosgrove. In regard to three of the candidates, Pastor Castens did not have the required expertise for the Senior Pastor role; though Pastor Hricko is exceptionally qualified, he is not available at this time; and Pastor Leeland desired to serve as a "deliberate interim pastor."

The Call Team selected two of the remaining out-of-town candidates, Pastor Bingenheimer and Pastor Puls, to come to Hope to meet with leadership and the congregation since these two candidates have emerged as exceptionally qualified in order that you may evaluate them as Senior Pastor candidates.

### Since only two candidates are being interviewed, does this mean the other seven candidates have been eliminated?

**NO**, all of the candidates remain on the Senior Pastor Candidate ballot unless they remove their name for congregational consideration. Rev. John A. Jameson, Senior Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Eureka, MO has decided to withdraw from consideration for our Senior Pastor position which means there will now be eight names on the ballot instead of nine. They are: *Rev. Michael Bingenheimer, Rev. Kyle Castens, Rev. Tab Cosgrove, Rev. Dr. Timothy Heupel, Rev. Mark Hricko, Rev. David Leeland, Rev. Wayne Puls and Rev. Daniel Schumm.*

**I have questions, who can I ask?** You are encouraged to speak to anyone on the Call Team:

- **Rick Hall** at [rwhall@us.ibm.com](mailto:rwhall@us.ibm.com);
- **Andy Hoh** at [nmhoh1943@yahoo.com](mailto:nmhoh1943@yahoo.com);
- **Dee Rasmussen** at [deemras@gmail.com](mailto:deemras@gmail.com);
- **Greg Ismay** at [greg@gregismay.com](mailto:greg@gregismay.com);
- **Julie Bowling** at [juliebowling@live.com](mailto:juliebowling@live.com).

*The Call Team requests the people of Hope to continually take time to pray and allow the Holy Spirit to guide this process.*

# Prayer Corner

**Praise and Thanksgiving for...** birth of Joclyn Reily's baby boy and prayers for good biopsy results; the births of Cameron & Aiden Chandler, great-grandsons of the Bettie & Bill Brunkhorst; Laura, who is pregnant; successful cancer treatment for Betty McAlear's mother, Doris Magwitz; the safe return of Yola Whitaker's granddaughters from their mission trip; successful surgery for Angela Baker's son, Luke; the baptism of Katherine Grace Edwards daughter of Steve and Karin Edwards; good test results for Don Yakopcic;



## **Strength and Healing for...**

Karen Hall, Rick Hall's sister, recovering from back surgery; Brooke Parrish, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Heritage Middle School, diagnosed with a liver disease and is in need of a transplant; Dale Christner dealing with health issues; Buddy Wagner, Pastor's brother, recuperating from a recent hospitalization; Laurie Pasek recovering from cancer surgery; Rose Spencer's mother, Lu Meyer, recovering; David Collins, son of the Mecum's, recovering from surgery; Bob Moore's sister, Kathy Jarman, recovering from surgery; Bob Davis, friend of Dennis & Susan Lemley, as he begins chemotherapy; Mark Smith, husband of Sandy Cochran's friend, recovering from quadruple bypass surgery; The sister of Pam Zahara, recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer; Clint Wiggins, Cameron Mortensen's grandfather, diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer; Olin Morgan, Wanda Ohle's father, recovering from surgery; John Burman, Ronnie Burman's father-in-law, and for all those caring for him; Lloyd VanTassel, Anne Hall's father, for strength and further diagnosis as his condition deteriorates; Valerie Perry recovering from a hospital stay; Dick Robken, healing from a car accident; Charles Maines, recovering from pneumonia; Esther Richardson, Marilyn Featham's mother, dealing with health issues; Lewis Martin, son-in-law of Merle & Charles Wagner, recovering; Amie Becton's grandmother, Vivian Edwards, recovering from pneumonia; Jackie Cosgrove's brother-in-law, Lee, hospitalized with heart problems; Alan Barker, who is struggling with trying to quit smoking; the Murphy's 90 year-old uncle, Bernie Mackell, recovering; the Murphy's bother-in-law, Jerry Abis, recovering from a serious car accident; Lindsay Joyce's friend, Kaitlyn Brown, a 6 month old, awaiting surgery; 5 year-old Aaron Bailey, healing of his broken arm; Elizabeth Lopez's brother, Joseph Wolters and his journey away from addiction; Elizabeth Lopez's sister, Christine Belmont, dealing with personal issues; Betty DeRenzis as she recovers from radiation; Carl Mecum, father of Dennis Mecum, who is awaiting test results and recovering from a hospital stay; Gert Webster's daughter, who is suffering with poor eyesight & Shingles and her grandson, who is facing

surgery; Cindy Gribben, the sister of Kathy Trusch, dealing with cancer and treatment; Lynda Venable, relative of the Huffine's, recovering from surgery; Art Curley, Claudia Van Hook's father, healing from a fall & broken hip; Martha Gomer, co-worker of Connie Sharpstene, hospitalized; Jennifer Gallagher, dealing with on-going medical issues; Emma Young, friend of Ray Sharpstene, dealing with cancer treatments; Pete Watkins, friend of the Bowling's, recovering from injuries; Caleb Phillips, nephew of the McCaskill's, who suffered a head injury; Karen Brevig's friend, Christine Jones, as she undergoes medical testing; Rae Ann Brevig as struggles with health issues; Jenny Case's mother recovering a heart procedure; Jacqueline Johnson, as she strengthens and transitions home; Valerie Sokler, recovering from surgery; A UNC climber who was injured during an accident at the gym; an elderly friend of Cathy Foil, Polly Robertson, who is suffering from congestive heart failure; healing for Stan Kempinger, extended family of the Bell's; Sheila Sarris, friend of Roseann McFadden, who is undergoing cancer treatment; Rita Kaess' sister, Annie, who is recovering from surgery.

**Comfort for...** the Stepanek family at the death of their friend, Ed, who died in a ballooning accident; the family of Trayvon Martin, the Hulbert family, friends of Russ Sirois, at the death of a family member; Nancy Bender and family, who are grieving the death of her father, Robert Chatz; Patricia Gaddy and family, at the death of her husband, Ronald; the family of Patrick Bloomer at the loss of his mother; the Bowling's and family of Becky Moran, who died from cancer; the grieving friends and family of Taylor Spies; Willis Truax in the end stages of cancer and who is receiving hospice care; Rick Bell, friend of Pastor and Lana in Asheville, who is now receiving hospice care;

**Guidance, Protection, and Safety for...**the Call Team, the Congregation of Hope, and the Senior Pastor Candidates. Pray everyone will seek His will; Sarah Zimmerman for renewed faith as she continues to heal and wait for test results; Kathy Stroupe's brother, Chris, who is struggling and needs to make important decisions; the Rasmussen's son-in-law, Gary Strombo, who is working in Kabul, Afghanistan; Troy Holzschuh as he prepares for his trip to Honduras; safe travels for John Martin, friend of Bea Nelson.



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Greg & Maria Ismay, 5/25  
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Hugh & Betty McAlear, 5/27  
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