

# Big News From Littleton United Methodist Church



## Haley's Comment

Dear LUMC family,

On Wednesday evening during the annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church last month, a special service was held to ordain new elders and commission probationary elders. During that service our Bishop stretched his hands over me and offered a special prayer to formally receive me as a United Methodist "Elder in Full Connection." It was not necessary that I be ordained again as I was ordained in another denomination some 32 years ago. Instead they "recognized" my credentials and formally commissioned me as an elder.

This was the culmination of a process that began five years ago. I contacted Rev. Paul Leland, the Bishop's Assistant for Ordained Ministry in 2001 and made myself available for appointment to a United Methodist Church. At that time I was pastoring an independent church and felt the calling to become a part of this denomination. For almost a year I was involved in a process of preparation which culminated in my appointment to Littleton UMC in 2002. Since then my process has included many meetings, taking classes, submitting written work, and participating in interviews. Earlier this year I "passed" my final written and oral interviews.

I am feeling many emotions. Certainly there is a great sense of relief that I successfully completed the process. Also, there is a great deal of satisfaction in that successful completion. I also realize how much I have learned and grown spiritually through the process. And there is great joy at being part of a great denomination and the pastor of a wonderful church. As the Bishop prayed over me, I also felt deeply humbled as I recommitted my life to the service of God who called me to His service nearly four decades ago.

I look forward to serving as your pastor for another year. May God bless you and

help us to continue to work together for the Kingdom of Christ.

Because of Him we serve,  
Pastor David

## Bell Tower Project Completed!

Trustees Ed Angel, Tim Townsend, and Don Beazley refurbished the bell tower. Step one was asking Halifax Electric to move their lines away from the way the trustees began to scrape, paint, and repair the bell tower. Estimates to have this work done by a commercial company were \$20,000. Thanks to our unsung heroes we now have a beautiful bell tower and an unscathed bank account. Soon the bell will ring, not just on Sunday, but every day!



Above: A picture of Ed and Tim in the bucket getting ready to start on the north side of the bell tower. You can see just how bad the paint was peeling.

Right: A view of the inside of LUMC bell tower.



## Unsung Heroes

Above & Below: LUMC Unsung Heroes, Ed Angel (in the bucket), Tim Townsend (left) and Don Beazley (right) working on the bell tower.

In the picture above you can see, on the side, the paint was peeling, and on the front you can see —how beautiful it is now!

## News From The Finance Committee

Mike Herman, Finance Committee Chairman

Hello Everyone,

Through Mid-June we have collected about \$44,000 for our General Fund. When the month is complete we will compare our collections to last year, to see where we stand. As we start the vacation season with traveling to great places or seeing family, don't forget to take care of your church with your contributions before you go.

The biggest opportunity that LUMC has now is the purchase of the new parsonage for our church. The church has financing in place, with our local branch of BB&T, to take care of ordering and having the new home completed over the next 90 to 120 days. Everyone should have received his or her capital campaign letter by now. I ask that you give it much prayerful consideration before

responding to our request. The church needs to raise as much as possible in the next 90 days, so we can keep our borrowing needs as low as possible. The next consideration is asking for an annual pledge, starting in 2007 for the next five years, to retire the remaining debt for the parsonage and the newspaper office. I know this sounds like a huge undertaking, but with everyone doing their part—we can carry out great deeds. The church leadership is asking for you to respond by July 10, 2006. Marie tells me she is already starting to receive contributions—that's great news as well as a "blessing".

We look forward to the next couple of months, as we move forward with the church parsonage and working through the details of our finances. If anyone has questions regarding our church finances please see Marie Fields, David Haley, or myself.

Thank you so for caring so much about our church.

In His Service,

Mike Herman

Finance Committee Chairman

## CHRISTIANITY AND PATRIOTISM

Christianity and patriotism have much in common. It is significant to note that:

Our patriotic hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," was written by a Baptist clergyman, Samuel Francis Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was written in 1892 by a Baptist minister, Francis Bellamy.

The words, "In God We Trust," carried on all of our coins, are traced to the efforts of the Rev. W. R. Watkinson of Ridleyville, Pennsylvania. His letter of concern, addressed to the Hon. S. P. Chase, was dated November 13, 1861. Seven days later Mr. Chase wrote to James Pollock, Director of the U.S. Mint as follows:

"No nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins. Will you cause a device to be prepared without delay with a motto expressing in the finest and tersest words possible, this national recognition."

The president of the College of New

Jersey, the Reverend John Witherspoon (Presbyterian), was the only clergyman to sign the Declaration of Independence.

He is too much forgotten in our history books: John Witherspoon had a far-reaching influence on democracy. He had personally taught several of the signers of the document, and nine of them were graduates of the little college over which he presided at Princeton.

When he took up his pen to put his name to the document, Witherspoon declared: "There is a tide in the affairs of men, a spark. We perceive it now before us. To hesitate is to consent to our own slavery. That noble instrument upon the table, that insures immortality to its author, should be subscribed this very morning by every pen in this house. He that will not respond to its accents, and strain every nerve to carry into effect its provisions, is unworthy of the name of free man. For my own part, of property I have some; of reputation, more. That reputation is staked, that property is pledged on the issue of this contest; and although these gray hairs must soon descend into the sepulcher, I would infinitely rather that they descend thither by the hand of the executioner than desert at this crisis the sacred cause of my country." (Illustrations Unlimited/Wordsearch 7)

## Lay Readers Needed

Additional Lay Readers are needed to read Scripture during the worship service. Readers are on a rotation system so that they typically read every two to three months.



Scripture passages are provided by the pastor from the Lectionary readings for that Sunday. Training is also provided. If you are interested, let the Pastor know. A training session will be scheduled.

## Summer Early Service

The Early Casual Service began Memorial Day Weekend and continues through Labor Day Weekend. The service is at 9:00 AM and lasts about ½ hour, primarily consisting of music and preaching. This is offered as an outreach to



vacationers in our area and also for our LUMC folks who want to participate. Dress is casual. The main worship service follows at 10:00 AM.

## Summer Mission Trip

Our church is planning to send a mission team to El Salvador again this summer to build houses for the poor with Habitat for Humanity. Our pastor and Richard Sherman will join 40-50 other United Methodists and Baptists in a special joint project with the Methodist Church of El Salvador. The other groups include a team from the Littleton Baptist Church again this year (8 persons including Pastor Mike Currin). The teams will be working in the same general area as last year to build houses with families who lost their homes in the volcano eruption last Fall. Dates for the trip are July 28 through August 7. Please pray for this mission effort. And pray that God will raise up more persons from Littleton UMC to participate in future teams.

## The Nature of the Church

A study of the Church in the New Testament reveals that the Church is:

- A worshiping fellowship (Acts 2:46-47)
- A studying fellowship (Acts 2:42)
- A witnessing fellowship (Acts 2:44-47; 3:9)
- A serving fellowship (Acts 6:1-6; 20:35)
- A loving fellowship (Hebrews 10:32-34)
- A praying fellowship (Acts 1:14; 12:12)
- A cooperating fellowship (Acts 1:11-14; 2:1; 4:23)
- A joyful fellowship (Acts 2:46; 5:40-41; 13:50-52; 16:25)
- A suffering fellowship (Hebrews 10:32-34; Philippians 1:29)
- A courageous fellowship (Acts 4:13; 4:29; 15:26)
- A powerful fellowship (1 Corinthians 4:20)
- An enthusiastic fellowship (Acts 2:43-47)
- A generous fellowship (Acts 2:46; 2 Corinthians 9:10-12)

## Community Vacation Bible School



Barbara Shinn, Lakeside Lutheran Church

Once again several Littleton area churches will be joining together to conduct a Community Vacation Bible School July 17-21, 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon each day. Lakeside Lutheran Church is hosting and coordinating the VBS this year. Other participating churches include: Littleton United Methodist, Littleton Baptist, Littleton Presbyterian, and Elam's UCC.

During the quiet summer days here at Lake Gaston, on the yards of the Lakeside Lutheran church, there will arise a replica of the little village of Bethlehem. First the well will be built, and then the tents and canopies will be set around the well to become shops where various trades will be learned. It will be the time of Advent when the people set their heart on looking for the arrival of their Savior and King. Rome has declared a census! The Emperor's Official has arrived, complete with laurel wreath headdress, along with his helmeted guardsmen, and has his own tent set up where all the people of the region must come to be counted.

On Monday morning, July 17, 9:00 am, the tribesmen, complete in costume, will gather first to worship their God with songs of praise and prayer, then to cluster together for individual tribal ritual of learning about their mezuzah and saying the Shema together while sharing the B'samim as they remember the sweetness of their home.

The shofar blows! Marketplace is open!

Shop Keepers bark their wares and the tribesmen set to work to apprentice in the trade of their choice – brick making, carpentry embroidery, fishnet tossing, jewelry, mosaics, pottery, sandal making, spices, wool, rug making, plants or attending synagogue school to learn Hebrew.

What is the commotion over at the well? Something is happening! Everyone gathers to see the drama of the day which will include talk of the census, the arrival of Mary & Joseph, a baby being born, shepherds and angels, and Magi arguing about what gift to bring to the new born king.

After a time of discussion about the drama during tribal snack time of fruit and bread, tribes return to their apprenticing. They may encounter the Tax Collector on their way or even the Beggar. There will be times to spend the gold nuggets they carry in their money pouch! The Wise One may come by and share with them the story of one of their ancestors who lived in the land long ago. Mid-week the tribesmen may catch a glimpse of a couple with a baby walking through the village.

Music will ring throughout Bethlehem as the tribesmen learn what will become Christian carols as well as their own Jewish song and dance. Animals add to the village atmosphere as they are visited to be petted or given grass to nibble.

This grand event will end Friday, July 21, at noon, with a modern-day family hot dog cookout with all the fixin's. By late that afternoon the village will be gone once again – but the experience will linger for

years to come of village shops, fellow tribesmen and their leaders, songs, and gold nuggets. As a special souvenir, the tribesmen will have taken home with them five wooden figures – Mary, Joseph, Baby, Shepard, Sheep – within a mosaic box which they have decorated. They will be able to use this set for their own Advent as they set their own heart to receiving their Savior.

Registration forms for this grand summer event are available at the church office. Pre-school starting at age 4 through high school are invited to register. Remember, early registration is the best guarantee of placement!

Don't forget to catch the one line on the Registration form for VBS that each child will need a plastic cup with a handle that will be tied to his/her costume belt. The only "beverage" served at VBS is water from the village well. Each child will need to have their cup with them at all times.

Watch for a cookout sign-up sheet that will be sent home on Tuesday with your child that will need to be returned telling how many in your family will be attending the cookout.

### Think about it – There are many gifts we can give to our children:

1. The gift of oneself as a very loving father or mother.
2. The gift of being available for counsel, guidance and encouragement.
3. The gift of a spiritual foundation by affirming God, praying with and for the children.
4. The gift of showing sympathy for the poor, handicapped, ill, unemployed, persecuted and others.
5. The gift of being an example in seeking justice for all, being completely fair in dealing with others and being truthful at all times.
6. The gift of being a good steward of time, talent and possessions.
7. The gift of showing how to keep debt to a minimum and savings to the maximum.
8. The gift of keeping one's life in balance so that no activity, such as work, prohibits family activities.
9. The gift of discipline in terms of eating, exercising, reading, doing home chores and worshipping together.
10. The gift of humor, enabling fun and joyfulness to be a prominent part of family life. *(Charles Ferrell)*

Clip Registration & return to Lakeside Lutheran Church, 2427 Eaton Ferry Road, Littleton, NC 27850

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Conditions: Medical/Activity Restrictions/Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Phone Number



## Bible quiz

In 2 Samuel is a story about one of King David's sons who rebelled against his father. There was a battle in the forest of Ephraim between men who were faithful to David and those who followed the rebellious son.

David's soldiers won the fight, and David's son fled riding a mule. The mule ran under an oak tree and David's son caught his head in the thick branches. He was left hanging there, trapped but alive. His father's soldiers came upon him and ended his life.

King David was heart-stricken when he learned about his son's death. He cried out, "O my son \_\_\_\_\_, my son, my son \_\_\_\_\_! Would I had died instead of you, O \_\_\_\_\_, my son, my son!" (2 Samuel 18:33, NRSV).

What was the son's name?

A. Amnon or B. Absalom or C. Solomon

## Briefly Noted

Pastor David

- Sunday School has been canceled until September. Watch the weekly bulletins and September Newsletter for more information on the kick-off for the new and improved Sunday School.
- Special thanks to Ed Angel, Don Beazley, Tim Townsend, and Richard Sherman for their recent repair and painting of the Littleton UMC bell tower.
- Nursery workers and Sunday School workers are still needed. The Nursery Calendar is located on the bulletin board outside the church offices. Sign up to help at the 10am service during July/Aug. If you have not volunteered before, contact Martha Hayes at 586-6241 to learn more about becoming a nursery volunteer.
- The Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board outside the church offices. Sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for a Sunday morning this Spring.
- "Loafing" for Missions: Shirley & Skip Anschutz and Susannah Sherman have been selling homemade bread with the proceeds going to support missions. They will have loaves of bread for sale on the third Sunday of July.

## New Parsonage Proposal

The Charge Conference on Sunday, June 4, approved a recommendation from the Trustees and the Admin. Council regarding a proposal for a new parsonage. The house has been ordered. It is hoped that it will be completed in September.

## About the United Methodist Church

Each month in this space there will be an article explaining some aspect of who we are as United Methodists. We'll cover such topics as how we're organized, what we believe, and where we came from. If you have specific questions you would like to see addressed in this space, pass them along to the pastor.

Not everyone is aware of the origin of the name "The United Methodist Church." At one time there were three major Methodist Church denominations: The Methodist Episcopal Church (ME), The Methodist Episcopal Church, South (MES), and The Methodist Protestant Church (MP). Littleton UMC was originally established as a MES church. In Littleton there was also an MP church. That building is today the white house adjacent to the St. Albans Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

The ME and MES Churches had been created out of a division over slavery prior to the War Between the States. The MP Church was created much earlier in 1830 out of a dispute over the authority of bishops. All three denominations merged in April 1939 to form the Methodist Church.

Meanwhile there were close ties to former German-speaking denominations of Wesleyan heritage which had formed the Evangelical United Brethren Church. These churches merged in 1968 with The Methodist Church to form the present United Methodist Church. The "united" in United Methodist is a carryover from the name of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The present United Methodist Church includes congregations in 43 countries. Later this year the Rocky Mount District will send a team to Thailand to help establish the first United Methodist church there. How wonderful to be a part of a vital denomination with such a rich history and which is spreading the Gospel all over the world.

# Snapshots



Above: Dr. Simpson speaks briefly to the Lunch Bunch crowd prior to giving the blessing.



Above: Folks relaxing on the Merchant's porch after enjoying a wonderful fellowship dinner.



Above: The LUMC Outreach Committee served breakfast to the teachers at McIver Elementary.

**A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped make this day special for the teachers.**

## Hawkins-Tabor Charge to Have Reach Out Revival

Special services are planned for the two churches on the Hawkins-Tabor Charge during the month of August. Littleton UMC members are encouraged to attend these special services which will focus on outreach into the local community and beyond. All services will begin at 7:00 PM. A number of guest speakers have been invited including the following:

### Hawkin's Chapel UMC

Sunday, August 13 - Rev. Laura Early, All God's Children UMC

Monday, August 14 - Rev. Laura Early, All God's Children UMC

Tuesday, August 15 - Rev. David Haley, Littleton UMC

Wednesday, August 16 - Rev. David Haley, Littleton UMC

### Tabor UMC

Sunday, August 27 - Dr. Bill Simpson, RM District

Monday, August 28 - Steve Taylor, NC Conference Director of Missions

Tuesday, August 29 - Rev. Grace Hackney, Cedar Grove UMC

Wednesday, August 30 - Rev. Grace Hackney, Cedar Grove UMC

Both churches are located in the vicinity of Aurelian Springs, between Littleton and Roanoke Rapids. Our pastor and choir have been invited to lead two of the services.

Watch the weekly bulletins closer to the events for updated information and directions.

## Float-Boat Party

On July 16th LUMC will have its first float-boat party! All those willing to give others a ride on your boat, please contact Sue Beazley at 586-5343, or Helen at 586-4682. If you need a ride, please do the same, call and we will make sure you are included on a boat. Let's hope the weather is great for July 16th!



July Anniversaries	Day
Helen & Alan Burtchell	12
Macon & Duane White	26

August Anniversaries	Day
Susan & Jimmy Watson	18
Ann & Bobby Smith	21
Carol & Tim Townsend	22

## UMW News

Sherry Watson, President

Every year, in June, the UMW selects several people to honor in a special way. A monetary donation is sent to the District UMW for undesignated giving. The donation is sent either in memory of, or in honor of someone. A candle is burned one minute per name, for every \$5.00 sent in. At our June meeting the following were honored: Ann Newsom (in memory of), Rachael Ricks (in honor of), Esther Jadhav (in honor of), Pat Ziesmann (in honor of), Ethel Draper (in honor of), and Howard Draper (in memory of).

Elaine Parks spoke to the group about the "Littleton Beautification Memorial" and how the Beckham/Ransom Circle had donated \$50.00, in honor of Alvin Neville, towards the town's project. A tree will be planted on Main Street, and a plaque with Alvin's name on it will be displayed in the Littleton Library. The Beckham/Ransom Circle plans to make a certificate for Alvin, and take pictures to show him of the tree being planted in his honor. Circle members visit Alvin every month during the Warren Hills birthday party given by our church.

After hearing Laine speak, the UMW decided to purchase two more memorials. One in honor of Rachael Ricks and one in memory of Ann Newsom.

We are still collecting "box tops for

July Birthdays	Day
Beth Story	1
Terry Newsom	2
John Beamer	9
Artie Wright	9
Sherm Merchant	10
Elizabeth Daniel	14
Shorty Bridges	15
Dana King Keane	17
Helen Burtchell	26
Alvin Neville	29
Marj Prescott	29
Tommy Story	31

August Birthdays	Day
Trudi May	6
Amy Keeter	7
Glenn Keeter	8
Al Prescott	10
Sherry Watson	11
Bob Workman	26

education." A collection box is located in the chapel. The box tops are given to McIver School in Littleton. The school turns them in for computer equipment and other school supplies.

The next UMW meeting is Sept 16th, this will be a Bible Study on "Children of the Bible," taught by Pat Ziesman. Lunch will be served after the study. Pat's studies are always well attended, informative and lots of fun! Plan now to join us for this event!



## Christian Sympathy

Christian sympathy is extended to Ethel Draper in the death of her husband Howard. The Draper's have been longtime members of Littleton

United Methodist Church.

## Annual Conference 2006

Ed Angel, Admin. Council President

Last week I attended the UMC NC Annual Conference, held in the Greenville Convention Center, with Pastor David & Binky. This was my first experience, very inspirational and informative meetings with worship service and communion each day, plus testimonials and UMC business. This year's theme was Walking In The Light of God. A Spirit led 3-1/2 days with representatives from Eastern counties of NC, consisting of 12 districts. There were approximately 2400 people in attendance.

The first sessions presented for the Laity by Dr. Steve Compton with many facts/ statistics of our NC Conference, below are a few. (If you are interested I have his entire presentation.)

56 Eastern Counties 817 UM Churches

4,193,165 Residents 236,635 Members

27.9% Population Growth since 1990 +8.3% Membership Growth

He stressed the importance of revitalization: His formula is Prayer + Leadership + Courage + **Change**. And most importantly every church's "Big Thing" is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Looking back on our past, we certainly have changed in so many ways. Dr. Compton quoted Hebrews 12: 1-2....let us run with the perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the power and perfecter of our faith....

Wednesday evening Bishop Gwinn, Jr. led a service of Commissioning and Ordination for, Candidates for Commissioning as Probationary Members – Elder Track, Candidates for Ordination as Deacons in Full Connection, Candidates for Ordination as Elders in Full Connection, and most importantly for LUMC was our Pastor David Haley's Recognition of Orders and Reception into Full Connection to UMC. I was very proud to be there knowing David has worked towards this goal for 4–5 years.

Bishop James King Jr. of Kentucky presented an excellent sermon that evening. "What You Have is Enough". He stressed Vision, Purpose, Passion, Persistence (don't quit), Unconditional Love of God, Be Students for Life and sow your seeds to harvest disciples of God.

The featured speaker Friday evening was Benjamin Zander the conductor of The Boston Philharmonic Orchestra, co-author of the book *The Art of Possibility*, a teacher of thousands of musicians and a speaker on leadership to organizations all over the world. He stressed that a leader is someone that holds distinguish posture of ones knowledge. Also, there are no problems that can not be resolved if you are willing to think out of the box, be bold and experiment. And remember to not take yourself so serious, study and enjoy what you are doing. Most importantly, it makes a difference in what we say; possibly it's only one sentence away from a solution or objective.

Appointments were also announced for all 12 districts, Dr. Simpson our District Superintendent of 46 Charges announced that David will continue at LUMC for another 12 months! David's

5th year with LUMC, we are very fortunate to have David as our pastor. Everywhere I travel with David he is always warmly greeted by all who work and know him.

Next year's Annual Conference will be held June 13 – 16, again in Greenville, NC. An excellent opportunity to understand the working of UMC in NC, come along with us, I'll be there again.

Blessings to all,

Ed Angel

Administrative Council President



**Above: This picture was taken just before Pastor David was commissioned. Left-Right: Katie (Drew's Fiancee), Drew, Binky, Pastor David and Lindsey.**

**Below: Pastor David being commissioned by the Bishop.**



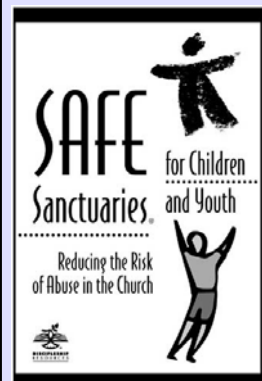
## **Pastor David Is Formally Commissioned As An Elder**



**URGENT HELP NEEDED!**  
**Nursery Volunteers**  
**For 10am Service**  
**July And August**

Please sign up to help in the nursery by filling in your name on the calendar located on the bulletin board, outside the church office.

If you have not worked in the nursery before please contact **Martha Hayes, at 586-6241**, to learn more about becoming a nursery volunteer.



Prior to working in the nursery, or as a child/youth teacher, all volunteers are required to fill out volunteer forms and go through LUMC Safe Sanctuaries training. Greg Solovieff, Pastor Parish Relations Chairman 586-2933, will help you complete the forms and training.

Date	Lay Reader	Scripture
July 2	Bob Workman	Psalms 130; Mark 5:25-34
July 9	Mike Herman	Psalms 48:1-3, 9-14; Mark 6:7-13
July 16	Lois Weaver	Psalms 24; Ephesians 1:3-10
July 23	Greg Solovieff	2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 30	Don Beazley	Psalms 14; John 6:1-14
Aug 6	Matt Johnston	Psalms 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-6
Aug 13	Darla Angel	John 6:35, 41-51
Aug 20	Susannah Sherman	Psalms 111; Ephesians 5:15-20
Aug 27	Gail Workman	1 Kings 8:22-30; Ephesians 6:10-20

Date	Greeters • East Narthex	Greeters • West Narthex (Main Entrance door)
July 2	Susannah Sherman	Gabrielle Pamer
July 9	Murlean Boswell	Erma Martin
July 16	Barbara Reinhardt	Sherry Watson
July 23	Marie Fields	Kay Newsom
July 30	Jean Houston	Marj Prescott
Aug 6	Macon White	Betsy Medlin
Aug 13	Loretta Woodburn	Frances & Betsy Howell
Aug 20	Wanda Beamer	Rachael Ricks
Aug 27	Mary Ann Johnston	Sally King

## Sunday School Programs

Want to learn more about LUMC Sunday School programs for all ages? Contact Jean Jarvis, Sunday School Superintendent 533-0200

Teachers Needed For Fall



**Note/Don't forget:** After the service greeters should stand at the narthex doors and tell everyone goodbye. If you are unable to greet, please call someone to take your place.

**July Ushers - East = Sherm Merchant & West = Dick O'Sullivan**

**August Ushers - East = Norm Lunde & West = Artie Wright**

(See Weekly Bulletin For Additional Ushers) **Note/Don't forget:** Ushers will make a head count/attendance and give the number to Pastor David. After church they will stand at the narthex doors and speak to the congregation as they leave. Ushers should straighten the pews and replace hymnals. If you are unable to usher please call someone to take your place.

The following will prepare Communion for the next several months. If you cannot be here on your assigned Sunday to set up and clean up, you may trade with someone else, but please notify the Pastor.



Sun, July 2	Ed & Darla Angel
Sun, Aug 13	Dick & Irene O'Sullivan
Sun, Sept 3	Greg & Liz Solovieff

Date	Flowers For JULY
July 2	Communion
July 9	Sally King
July 16	Maj Johnston
July 23	Ed & Darla Angel
July 30	<b>Need Someone</b>

Altar Flowers

Date	Flowers For AUGUST
Aug 6	Don & Sue Beazley
Aug 13	Communion
Aug 20	Bobby & Anne Smith
Aug 27	Bill & Lois Weaver



*Littleton United Methodist Church*  
*P.O. Box 26*  
*Littleton, NC 27850*

## **Don't Miss This Great Concert!**

*Gospel Concert*

by  
*Four By His Grace*

**Littleton Methodist Church**  
105 East South Main Street  
Littleton, NC 27850

**July 23, 2006 at 4:00 pm**



*Beverly Guthrie, Carlton McDaniel, Jr.,  
Bret Mangum, Tim Herman, Brooks Bristow,  
Robert Watson, Frank King*

A love offering will be accepted on behalf of **Able to Serve, Inc.**, a non-profit organization that provides services and opportunities to persons with physical and mental disabilities.

For more info contact: [fourbhisgrace@aol.com](mailto:fourbhisgrace@aol.com)

### **An Independence Day Prayer**

Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves, lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn; Grant, we beseech thee, that we and all this land may have the grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen  
*(An Episcopal Church Prayer Book)*

### **Quotes**

"Praise is the means by which God reveals himself to his people." (C.S. Lewis)

"One word frees us of all the weight and pain in life.  
That word is love." (Sophocles)

