

The Westfield Wire

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Workshop on Islam

Monday, May 19, 2008

10am - 3pm

Campbell University Divinity School

Dr. George W. Braswell, Jr., Director of the World Religions and Global Cultures Center at Campbell University Divinity School, will be leading a workshop on Islam on Monday, May 19. Registration is required to participate and *enrollment is limited*. Participants are encouraged to read, *What You Need to Know About Islam and Muslims*. Please contact the church office to register and order a book.

Those who enroll and attend this workshop may also join Dr. Braswell on Thursday, May 22 at the Islamic Association of Raleigh (Mosque), one of the largest Muslim communities on the eastern seaboard, to observe Muslims in prayer and to have conversations with Imam Muhammed Baianonie. Participants also may visit the Ar-Razzaq Islamic Center (Mosque) in Durham on Friday, May 23 with Dr. Braswell to hear from Imam Matthew Ramadan, a convert from Christianity to Islam.

Update from the



Personnel Committee

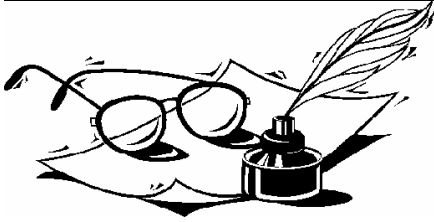
The advertisement for Associate Pastor of Worship/Music and Student Ministries has been published in the *Biblical Recorder and Baptists Today*, at several Divinity Schools and CBFNC. The ad also has been placed on Websites where available. A number of resumes have been received and reviewed and several qualified candidates are emerging. The Personnel Committee will receive resumes through the end of May and begin an interview process with the top candidates. Please continue to pray for us and the person God is preparing to serve Westfield and our community.

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Vision Statement

To share Christ with all by leading and nurturing through a Ministry of love, fellowship, Bible study, prayer, worship, praise and proclamation of the Gospel; to seek God's guidance as we respond to needs and serve as missionaries to our community and beyond.



from the Pastor's Pen

Henri Nouwen, a Christian theologian and ethicist, suggests that our spiritual life, the life we live after we accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, is a gift, and it's hard work. After reading some of his works, I would have to agree with him. The gift of a spiritual life is something that we cannot gain on our own. It is given by God. The difficult part comes when we must discipline ourselves to be the Christians God wants us to be, and that takes work—hard work. Nouwen mentions this hard work is

brought about by following spiritual disciplines.

For example, the primary discipline Nouwen discusses is solitude. Solitude is a time and place for God alone. Solitude is essential because it removes all the external distractions which occur in our lives. For me, fantasy sports, music, movies, drama television, and the cry of a newborn baby in the middle of the night are external distractions which are in constant motion in my life. I can rarely imagine a time when some external force is not happening. What Nouwen is suggesting is solitude allows us to hear the still small voice of God that Elijah heard. Solitude helps us to be attentive to His words.

My trouble starts when I get quiet. Suddenly, I am surrounded by thoughts that I was not even aware existed when noise surrounded me. Nouwen talks about the dangers of solitude and that helps him explain the hard work of maintaining spiritual discipline. I can agree with the theologian because I have experienced this difficult task. The silence brings out the inner demons—the things that easily pull me away from God. The solitude, for me, causes a barrier. Instead of drawing closer to Him, I am fighting to stay focused, and it seems impossible to hear a still small voice.

I am constantly reading, writing, being a dad, husband, homeowner and minister—in no particular order, and time becomes a precious commodity. I'm sure you understand my dilemma to some degree. We all lead busy lives, but doesn't God deserve our time and focus? The problem we face is having mixed up priorities. The simple truth is I allow myself plenty of time for me, but I am not faithful to God with my time for Him. It is time to stop, find a time and place to listen to God. It is time to begin the spiritual discipline of solitude and hope God's presence will reveal His will in our lives.

Love in Christ,

Chris



It's a Boy

Trevor Alan Dawson

Born Saturday, April 19, 2:31 p.m.

7 lbs 9 oz, 19½ inches

USHERS

THIS
MONTH

- Pearce Baker
- Violet Jackson
- Jimmy Marks
- David Rose
- Charles Wilkes

Deacon of the Week

- May 4** Mike Parham, 892-1203
- May 11** Red Lambeth, 892-2885
- May 18** Lawrence Campbell, 919-894-8853
- May 25** Charlie Carpenter, 892-7029

Wednesday Night Kids Time

CHILDREN'S



Sermon

- May 4** Chris Dawson
- May 11** Baby Dedication
- May 18** Chris Dawson
- May 25** Charlie Carpenter

	Dinner	Teachers
May 7	Judy	Jim & Jane
May 14	Michelle	Joe & Jennifer
May 21	Michelle	Melissa & Paula
May 28	Midge	Jim & Jane

Kids Time will be taking the summer off and hoping to recruit additional adult volunteers! Please pray about how you might become involved in this *weekly*



- May 4** Paula Jones
- May 11** Sylvia Campbell
- May 18** Jennifer Carr
- May 25** Lisa Holbert

If you can help, a sign up sheet is located outside the nursery!



- May 4** Charles & Pam Wilkes
- May 11** Ed & Judy Taylor
- May 18** Al & Susan Murray
- May 25** Doug & Lila Godwin



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

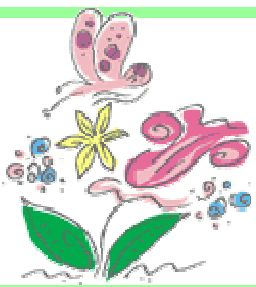











- 1 Patti Parham
- 2 Charlie Carpenter
- 5 Michelle Dawson
- 5 Victor Quick
- 11 Courtney Quick
- 14 Hunter Johnston
- 15 John Ballard
- 17 Lucy Simpson
- 18 Mary Alice Campbell
- 22 Daniel Brewington
- 25 Kristen Hair
- 26 Charlie & Midge Carpenter
- 27 Lutie (Lu) Murphy
- 29 Jewel Allen
- 29 James Holt

Weekly Schedule of Services

- Sunday**
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
 - 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 - 5:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice
 - 6:00 p.m. Youth Connection

- Wednesday**
- 6:00 p.m. Kids Time
 - 6:30 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1  Veteran's Park, Lillington 12:30 p.m.	2	3
4  Deacon Nominations 10:30 a.m. worship	5  WOM 7:00 p.m.	6	7	8	9	10
Week of Prayer and Offering for Baptist Hospital May 4 - 11						
11  Mother's Day Baby Dedication	12	13	14  WOM 9:45 a.m.	15	16 	17
18  Men's Breakfast 8:15 a.m.	19 Workshop on Islam Campbell University Divinity School 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.	20 Young at Hearts Fellowship Dinner 	21  Church Conference 6:30 p.m.	22	23 LRBA WOM Annual Meeting Pleasant Memory 6:30 p.m.	24
25	26  Memorial Day Office Closed	27	28  Visitation Team 6:30 p.m.	29	30	31



Thank you choir and church family for the baby shower for Trevor. Your outpouring of love and generosity is such a blessing to our family. We look forward to raising this little one at Westfield!

Chris, Michelle, Sydney & Bayley

Your kindness brought more pleasure than words can express and this comes to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you!
Herman & Lisa Chavis & children

Thank you all so much for your expression of love to our children and grandchildren. We are blessed indeed to know that our heavenly Father uses his children to meet needs of his family. Thank you seems so small but it is what we offer in return for your generosity. It is encouraging when we have the opportunity to fellowship and experience the bond of love. Thanks again to all for every act of kindness and all the baby gifts.

Love in Christ Because of Calvary,
Sherrill & Joyce Dawson



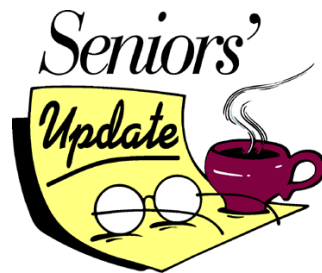
Mary Alice Campbell
Britthaven of Harnett
604 Lucas Road, Room 212

O.W. "Bill" Godwin, Jr.
1505 Lakeshore Drive, Dunn
892-7347

Verona Singleton
307 West A Street, Erwin
897-7858

Annie Mae West
Britthaven of Harnett
604 Lucas Road, Room 107

Young at Hearts



Tuesday, May 20
Dinner in the Church Fellowship Building
Sign-up on the bulletin board downstairs in
the education wing.

Saturday in June (TBD)
A trip to Big Ed's in Raleigh for breakfast
and then the Farmer's Market.

Graduate Recognition Sunday June 1



Please contact the church office with the names of any high school or college graduates this year. We want to make sure everyone is recognized!

The Gaynier Newsletter

(Mission Partnership - Wycliffe Bible Translators)

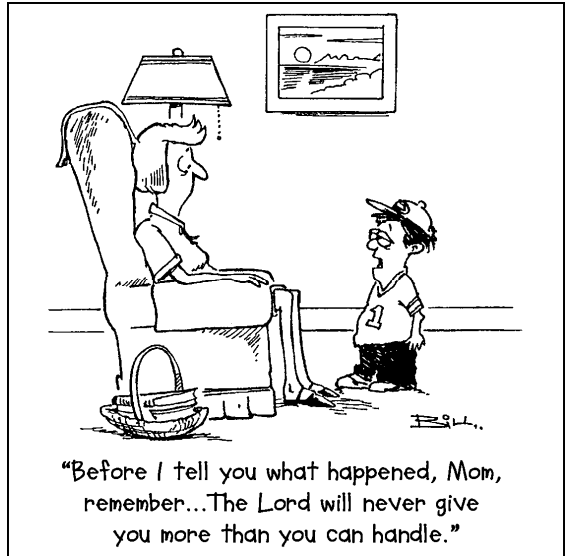
Hello from Waxhaw!
So much is happening here at Wycliffe's technical support center (JAARS): aviation training, computer software development, vernacular media services, and more—all to support Bible translation. Paul is working in the new Information Technology Architecture department, which will provide IT solutions for Wycliffe. Every other week Stephen and Joseph attend a craft class and Isaac joins them for P.E. on campus. Isaiah and Rachel enjoy playing with cousins Levi, Jaron and Timothy who are also at JAARS. We invite you to visit on JAARS days (May 14, August 2 and October 4) or www.JAARS.org to learn more about the varied services that support Bible translation.

Blessings,
Paul & Danielle Gaynier

2008 Record of Our Giving

(through April 27)

YTD Budget Requirements	\$ 58,846.18
YTD General Fund Offerings	\$ 69,696.12
Difference	\$ 10,849.94



"... a foolish child brings grief to his mother."
Proverbs 10:1



**Operation
Christmas Child**
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

soap & washcloths

If you would like to contribute items for OCC shoeboxes on a monthly basis, there will be a Christmas tree in the breezeway where you can place your items. The monthly newsletter will list the featured item(s) for collection in that month. Packed shoeboxes still will be collected in November if you prefer to participate in that way.



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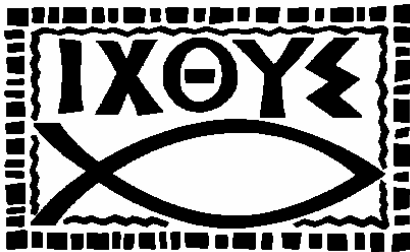
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Interim Music Minister Trent Carpenter
Secretary Barbara Harden
Organist Joyce Ballard
Pianist Brad Gardner

Upcoming Events ^{June}



- 1 Graduate Recognition Sunday
- 5 Senior Citizens Village Devotional Svc., 7 p.m.

- 6-14 Pastor's Vacation
- 8 Deacon's Meeting
- 14 SummerFest 2008, Ag Farm, Campbell University
- 15 Father's Day
- 18 Business Meeting
- 22-26 Vacation Bible School

July

- 4 Independence Day
- 6-12 Mission Serve