

REVOLUTION SERVICE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH
AT 7:00PM

*Not against the grain,
but coming full circle,
all encompassing!*

*It's all about
creating connections,
it's about self, it's about life!*

Come as you are!

Join us on January 15th at
7:00pm for a new kind of
worship experience. Join
the revolution and bring your
friends. It's all about living
what you believe!

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Sermon Series for January
SERMON SERIES

JANUARY 1
Jeremiah 31:31-34
“Covenant Renewal Service”

JANUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 12
A Study of the Book of Galatians
“Harsh Words for a Doubting Church”

*The church Paul wrote to
then is not much different
than the church today.
Study with us the timeless
lessons of doubt and faith.
Hear of God's plan and the
fulfillment of it.
Why we do what we do
and why it matters.*



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THE MESSENGER

January
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The Pastor's Reflection

New Beginnings


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As each year goes by it seems that we constantly look for ways to start over, to do things differently, better and healthier. We use the new year as a reason for change, difference and renewal. Then a few days or weeks later we find ourselves in the same place we have always been.

Its part of the human condition. We want perfection. We know things can be better. However, we really don't embrace change. We are comfortable and content even though we are far from perfect.

I say make your new years resolution, but don't beat yourself up if you don't fulfill it. I hold to the fact that God made us beautiful and perfect. Why do we want to change? We think others who are skinnier, richer, better employed, or retired are better off than we are. History shows, diffent isn't better, its just different.



I lost 30 pounds. I am not happier, I was already pleased with my life, I am now just different. Joy doesn't come from stuff, and change, and wealth. Joy comes when you know that no matter what life deals you, you have peace, hope and love.

This new year the resolution I have made is to spend more time being with my God. I want to be more aware, more appreciative of who I am and what I have. My change and transformation happened when Jesus died on the cross and rose 3 days later. Nothing I do differently will change that.

Our Purpose:
“To build
relationships with
all people that
help them know,
love, and serve
God in Christian
Community.”

This new year, listen to God. Spend time with God. Find the joy that only comes from a relationship with our Creator. Experience joy anew!

In Christ,
Pastor Mike



by Carroll Harris

the part where Jake had everyone take a moment and just say “whooh!”. Then jam out to a funky version of *Angels We Have Heard on High*. People felt silly yelling out... maybe... but we all smiled, loosened up, and had fun while we worshipped. We “played” at church!

I find myself wishing that I can just slow down a moment and enjoy our new house. That I can just stop and enjoy the sunshine or jump through a puddle with my kids. It’s silly to worry about wet socks and shoes! They’ll dry. But that moment of laughing with my kids or even by myself when I see other “grown-ups” watching and imagining what they’re thinking is worth more than any amount of things I can check off my list.

As I write this, Cooper has now found two oversized boxes and has already concocted a plan of action. He is desperately waiting for me to finish so that I can tape them, cut them, and help him do a number of fantastic things to them so he can then play in his masterpiece. I think I need to take his cues a little bit more. Everything always seems to get done... I can take a few moments to play. I hope you will too.

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From the Fish Bowl

Let's Play!

I’m sitting here on the couch trying to write a newsletter article. I have Cooper sitting on half my lap and the computer on the other. He’s watching a movie and talking to me about not talking to me so I can concentrate and get this done. Somehow I’m not sure this is going to work...

Cooper is really a neat kid. I don’t know if you know that or not. Sometimes I think his “neatness” gets hidden in his energy level. He has a great imagination. He can take anything and make a fantastic toy out of it and find almost anything entertaining. This kid is a burning ball of energy. He doesn’t stop until he has passed out for the night and then starts all over again first thing in the morning. Not only is he a neat kid.... He’s an exhausting kid.

With all that said, this child enjoys life to the fullest. In child development courses I’ve taken, one thing that has always stuck with me is the idea that as adults we forget to enjoy what’s happening around us. When we walk across a parking lot with a kid, we typically find ourselves rushing them. “Let’s go! Don’t stop! No! Don’t jump in that puddle. Great! Now you’re all wet and your shoes and socks are soaked!” Admit it, we’ve all done it. We still do it. Even without kids in tow. We hurry from one place to another, check off a growing list of things to do, and not taking even a moment to enjoy what’s going on around us.

At what point in our lives do we forget that how we learn the best is through “play”? After the last Revolution service, one my kids said, “I wish every Sunday was Revolution Sunday.” You know the part they liked best,

Regular Calendar Events:
Zumba Mondays 7:00pm
T.O.P.S. Tuesdays 5:30pm
Choir Practice Wednesdays 7:00pm
N.A. Fridays 7:00pm

JANUARY 2012

Weekly Sunday Schedule:
9:30am Prayer Group
9:45am Sunday School
10:40am Refreshments
11:00am Worship
6:00pm Room In The Inn

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Susanna Circle Soup Kitchen	2 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	3 Cub Scouts 6:30pm	4	5	6	7 Emma Harris' Birthday
8 Communion Youth Concert Meet at church at 2:45pm	9 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	10 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	11	12 Bonnie VanReypen's Birthday	13	14 Susanna Circle Beccah Canup's Birthday VISION & PLANNING 9A - 2P
15 NEW! AFTER MIDWINTER REVOLUTION SERVICE 7PM USO COOKIES	16 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	17 Cub Scouts 6:30pm Joanna Circle	18	19	20 Don Borrer's Birthday	21 Ashley & Erin Canup's Birthdays Deloris Varner's Birthday
22 Sheely Allen's Birthday Youth 4:00pm	23 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	24 Girl Scouts 6:00pm	25	26 Bible Study 6:30pm	27 Kim Bolton's Birthday	28
29 HEALTHY LIVING	30 ZUMBA with Lori 7pm	31 Johnny Maller's Birthday				

Cecil Krimminger's Birthday



... your neighborhood churches offer you opportunities to get healthier in 2012?

... Plaza Presbyterian offers Sit and Be Fit on Tuesdays at

10am. Cost is \$2 per class. It is great for those who are not as agile as they used to be. (call Becky for more info 704-537-0882)

... Kilgo UMC has Zumba with Lori (our church secretary) every Monday night at 7pm. Cost is \$2 per class and is great for folks who like to move and dance! Email Lori for more info:

lori7273@gmail.com

... Kilgo also offers T.O.P.S. (Taking off pounds sensibly) on Tuesdays at 5:30pm. Your first visit is free! Call Becky for more information.)

... or if you just want to exercise your voice, we would love to have you in the choir at Kilgo! Call 704-334-7348 or email kilgoumc@gmail.com for more info.

... Do you remember that delicious 'Nilla Wafer Cake from the fish fry? Well now you can have the recipe

... Pastor Mike is beginning a new Bible Study this month.

... He is also teaching Healthy Living in January & February.

... I need your news.

Becky Kirkpatrick

The Joanna Circle

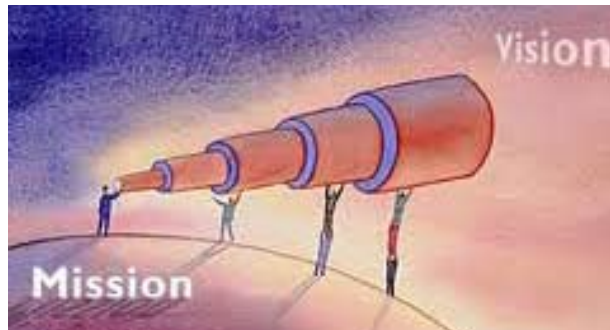
Will meet on January 17th at 11:00am at Epworth Place, in the Porter Conference Room. Anyone is invited to join us. If you have any questions or need a ride call Becky Kirkpatrick (704-537-0882) or Carolyn Hancock (704-531-8393).

The Susanna Wesley Circle

Will meet on January 1st at 12:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sandwich for lunch and drinks and dessert will be provided.

Important CMS Dates:

January 16th	MLK Jr Holiday
January 23rd	Teacher Workday
February 20-21	Teacher Workdays



Everyone is invited to join us for our Vision and Planning session on Saturday, January 14th from 9am - 2pm. Come out with your great ideas for helping Kilgo grow in the coming year!

VANILLA WAFER CAKE

- 2LBS. VANILLA WAFERS (CRUSHED VERY FINELY, APPROXIMATELY 2 3/4 BOXES)
- 2 STICKS OF BUTTER
- 2 CUPS SUGAR
- 6 EGGS
- 1/2 CUP OF MILK
- 2 CUPS COCONUT
- 2 CUPS PECAN PIECES



- CREAM BUTTER AND SUGAR TOGETHER UNTIL LIGHT AND FLUFFY.
- ADD EGGS ONE AT A TIME.
- ADD CRUSHED WAFERS, MILK, COCONUT, AND PECAN PIECES AND MIX WELL.
- BAKE IN A GREASED TUBE PAN AT 275° FOR 2 HOURS.
- ENJOY!

House For Lease

4 Bedroom, 3 bath house with great location. Large rooms, tons of space and storage. Newly renovated. Great yard and neighbors. In the heart of Plaza Midwood. Great for a family and close to uptown. Only \$2300/month. Call Sam 704-577-1704 for a tour.

Bible Study



Please join Pastor Mike every Thursday starting **January 26th at 6:30pm** for an exciting new 10-week Bible study.

Invitation to Psalms

(A Disciple Book)

The study will meet in the Conference Room. Books will be available for \$10 each. Call the office for more information (704-334-7248)



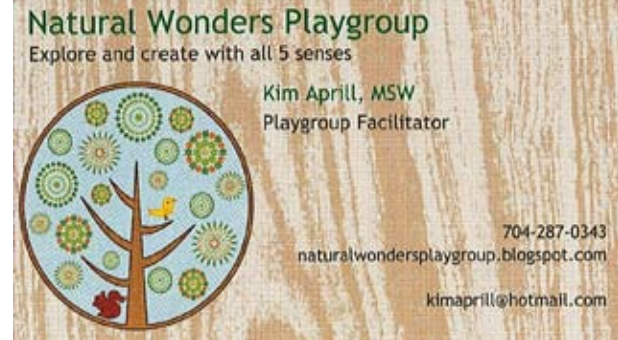
Valentine's Tea Benefit for Shepherd's Center East

St. Stephen's UMC
6800 Sardis Road
Saturday, February, 12th (time is TBD)

Pre-registration form is available on the website SCEast.org or at their office.

Reservation deadline is February 2nd
Cost is \$25/person
Call 704-338-1511 for tickets

Traditional English fare of tea, scones, sandwiches, fruit, beautiful music and door prizes!



Kilgo is proud to welcome Natural Wonders Playgroup!

The sessions will be drop-in only!
The fees will be \$10 for the first child & \$5 for each additional child.

Classes are as follows:

Mondays at 10:30am
Thursdays at 2:00pm

Classes begin the week of January 9th.

Come to as many or as few as you would like!

Please pass this information along to playgroups, moms' groups, neighborhood websites, etc. If you print out your advertisement and bring it in to show me, that can be your ticket to a free class!!

For more information:
naturalwondersplaygroup.blogspot.com

WINTER JAM CONCERT

Youth of all ages (6th grade and up)
Sunday January 8th
Meet at the church at 2:45pm
\$40 per person
Payment is due by January 1st

Skillet
Sanctus Real
Kari Jobe
Group 1 Crew

Newsong
Peter Furler
Building 429
. . . and more!



CONCERNS
PRAYER

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| Anne Mills | Rev. Reggie Cook |
| Eunice Scott | Dr. James Mackey |
| Velda Avant | Rev. Mark Plummer |
| Aline Killough | Irving & Helene Cheek |
| Virginia Bailey | Joe & Ruby Lemmond |
| Christine Oliver | John Jordon |
| Helen Culbertson | Military Families |
| Chuck & Sue Paty | Martha O'Neill |
| Libby Robertson | Johnny Mallard |
| Eddie Griggs | Don & Lucille Beane |

Noisy Offering



For the month of January the Noisy Offering will go to Share the Warmth. This organization is in place to help those who cannot pay their heating bills. Please give generously so others may stay warm.

COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY

Keep clipping!
The soldiers appreciate your time and effort. As always, if you can, sort them by expiration month and then separate food from non-food items. This is helpful for the families that we aid.
Thanks for your help!

USO COOKIES

January 15th is USO Cookie Sunday. These cookies are served at the USO Welcome Center at Charlotte Douglas Airport. This was a project started by Bob Dula and we continue it in his memory.



DON'T FORGET THE
VISION & PLANNING
ON SATURDAY,
JANUARY 14TH FROM
9AM - 2PM.



HEALTHY LIVING

Beginning **January 22nd**, following worship, join Pastor Mike for a 4-week discussion on healthy living. Bring an open mind and a sack lunch. We will meet every Sunday for 4 weeks and learn the concepts that have helped Pastor Mike and Carroll lose a combined 50 pounds and improved their blood pressure, cholesterol, and overall health.

Save the date for
**Kilgo's Annual
Bar-B-Que!**

Friday,
February 24th
from 11am - 8pm



Look for sign up sheets around the church for opportunities to help.



Start the new year right with
ZUMBA
every Monday night at 7:00pm
in the fellowship
hall downstairs.

**Lori, our certified Zumba
teacher, leads for all who want
to have fun and get a good
workout!**

**No experience or registration
needed, just show up!
Class cost is only \$2 per person.**

FREE CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED.

Room
In The
Inn continues
through March.
Please prayerfully
consider volunteering your
time to help with this very
important mission. Sometimes the
meals we provide these neighbors are
the only hot meal they have had for
days or weeks. Sometimes they just
need a word of inspiration, a caring
ear to listen, or a smiling face. Please
help Kilgo be that for them this
season. There are still plenty of
opportunities to help.

You may call Betty Davis at
704-375-2007 or e-mail the church
office at kilgoumc@gmail.com
if you are interested in helping.



**Room In
The Inn**
Urban Ministry Center

Room In The Inn still needs your donations of toiletries! We DO NOT need any more shampoo, lotion, or soap - you guys have covered that well!

We are still in need of the following:

- Deodorant
- Combs
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Chapstick
- Mouthwash
- Individual Tissues