

**REVOLUTION SERVICE  
SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 18TH  
AT 7:00PM**

*Are you looking for a different type of connection?*

*Feel like you need something less structured but afraid to ask?*

*Can't See yourself in a traditional "church crowd"*

Kilgo UMC is proud to host our REVOLUTION service.

Not against the grain but coming full circle, all encompassing!  
Jamming music, awesome message, no dogma just energy!

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

Come, connect with us and join in our Revolution.

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**Sermon Series for September**  
LESSONS FROM JOHN'S GOSPEL

**SEPTEMBER 4TH**  
"The Word"  
John 1:1-18



**SEPTEMBER 11TH**  
"The Way is Prepared"  
John 1:19-34

**SEPTEMBER 18TH**  
"Living Water"  
John 4:5-12



**SEPTEMBER 25TH**  
"Light of the World"  
John 8:12,  
John 9:1-9, 13-25, 33-38



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# THE MESSENGER

September 2011

*The Pastor's Reflection*

*Changing the World*

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Wow! What a month! We had Preschool Music Camp. We finished up our "Faith on the Big Screen" sermon series. We had two very special worship services. We have been busy and so has God.

The more time I spend with each of you the more I see how amazing God is. Each of us is so unique and different with different gifts and talents. Yet God placed us here together for a reason. God uses us to reach out to his people.

This month alone, we have touched hundreds of lives to share the gospel message. Preschool Music Camp was mostly neighborhood families. We had 42 children who came and played and learned how much God truly loves them. We have had several families join us for our new sermon series and worship on Sunday. We had tons of visitors for our special evening Revolution service.

It just shows that we have to continue to be creative and think out of the box to find ways to continue to connect to people. People don't always want to attend or belong to "church". But many people want to have experiences where they can develop faith and learn about God.

People want to be able to ask questions in an open and engaging environment. People want to help others, to have a sense of belonging, to feel valued even when they are less than perfect. Churches don't always greet people with this attitude. But we at Kilgo strive to live this way.

Our goal is to love every person who walks through the door, to offer help where and when we are able, and to show kindness and generosity in the way we live. We live by example. Church isn't a building and it's not something we attend on Sunday. It's about who we are and how we live. Let your life show you live for Christ.

In Christ, *Pastor Mike*

**Important Dates:**

|        |                 |
|--------|-----------------|
| Sept 5 | Labor Day       |
| Oct 28 | Teacher Workday |
| Nov 11 | Veteran's Day   |

**the pumpkins are coming!**

They will be here before we know it! Please come out for fun and fellowship as we unload the truck or we also need folks to take one day a week to sell pumpkins during the month of October. Look for more details to come.

**Center for Children Fall Festival!**

The festivities start at 4:00pm on October 14th. There will be games & crafts for kids, the trackless train, pony rides, and more!

Dinner will be served from 5:30pm until 6:45pm.

This is in conjunction with PMNA Neighborhood Watch's Neighborhood Night Out and they will be on hand with information.

**Our Purpose:**

"To build relationships with all people that help them know, love, and serve God in Christian Community."

## Worship – Just the facts. . .

I think we can all agree that there are a lot of opinions and emotions tied to worship. I have been told more than once, “Everyone loves these songs.” “People only want \_\_\_\_\_ Worship.” (fill in the blank). And yet what we fill in the blank with different words. So my job is first to help all people worship God in a meaningful way and to lead them in worship. Second, I try to incorporate aspects to worship that may be appealing to the broadest number of people.

Last Sunday we did an experiment. We held two distinctly different types of services and got the same results. Both services were loved, well attended and meaningful to those who attended. I think the results of the survey speaks for themselves.

| Traditional Service (Morning)                   |   | Revolution Service (Evening)                    |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| Official Count                                  | 62 people<br>(mostly regulars & members of Kilgo) | Official Count                                  | 88 people (members of Kilgo, members of other churches, neighbors, & new visitors) |
| Survey Responses                                | 16 = 25.8%  | Survey Responses                                | 33 = 37.5%   |
| Responses with no comments                      | 4 (surveys that can be counted 12 = 19.3%)        | Responses with no comments                      | 2 (surveys that can be counted 31 = 35.2%)   |
| <b>Favorite part of worship today was . . .</b> |   | <b>Favorite part of worship today was . . .</b> |  |
| Music   | 58.3%   | Music   | 61.3%  |
| Organ   | 25%   | Time/Day  | 6.5%   |
| Message   | 42.7%   | Message   | 25.8%  |
|   |   | Feel of Service                                 | 19.4%  |
| <b>Concerns . . .</b>                           |   | <b>Concerns . . .</b>                           |  |
| No Choir  | 16.7% (I agree, we need them up front more)       | Too Hot   | 9.7% (AC went out in the middle of service)  |
|   |   | Too long/preachy                                | 12.9% (I agree. I said and read too much.)   |
|   |   | Too dark  | 6.5% (Also agree. Need a little extra lighting.)                                   |
| Will return for this type of service            | 93.8%   | Will return for this type of service            | 87%  |

The numbers show that people who attend traditional church, love traditional music. People who attend non traditional church love non traditional music. The numbers show that we should continue to do both types of services. The night time service included a lot of people who are members or connected to our church but do not come regularly because the regular service does not speak to them. A friend of mine commented about Sunday night with a smile on her face, “I felt like I was in church again!” She has struggled to find a church home where she can be fed and she found it at the evening service.

Over the last six months (26 weeks) we have held 2 mostly contemporary services and 2 all traditional services during our morning worship hour. We have had the organ playing for postlude and prelude all but 5 services and one of those Charles was on vacation, the others were special services (VBS, Ecuador, etc.). The organ played the offertory 15 and doxology 13 of those services. During that same time we had 42 traditional hymns with organ and 46 non traditional hymns mostly with guitar. We had a handful of special music, both contemporary and traditional. We are worshipping in a fairly even blended service.

All this says to me that we will hold a Traditions service and a Revolution Service once a month. We will work toward growing our church so that we can hold both services every Sunday. Until then, we will take the information from all surveys and try to bring aspects of worship in that will truly speak to the most number of people.

Thank you for your feedback. I pray God will continue to help you grow and use your gifts at Kilgo.

Regular Calendar Events:  
Zumba  
T.O.P.S.  
Choir Practice  
Narcotics Anonymous

Monday's 7:00pm  
Tuesday's 5:30pm  
Wednesday's 7:00pm  
Friday's 7:00pm

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Weekly Sunday Schedule:  
9:00am Biggers Sunday School  
10:00am Worship

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday                                  | Friday                                 | Saturday                               |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |  |  | <b>1</b>                                  | <b>2</b>                               | <b>3</b>                               |
| <b>4</b><br>Soup Kitchen<br>Sam Lowder, Candice von Uklanski, & Henry Harthway's Birthdays<br><b>USO COOKIES</b> | <b>5</b><br><b>LABOR DAY</b>   | <b>6</b>   | <b>7</b><br>Eunice Scott & Roy Maples' Birthdays | <b>8</b>                                  | <b>9</b>                               | <b>10</b><br>Elsie Criggs' Birthday    |
| <b>11</b><br>Communion<br>Youth 4:00pm<br>Lauren Bailey's Birthday<br><b>USO COOKIES</b>                         | <b>12</b><br>NO Zumba with Lori<br><b>ZUMBA</b><br>with Lori 7pm           | <b>13</b><br>Janetta Dula's Birthday<br>Ad Council/Finance<br>6:30pm | <b>14</b><br>Robbie Dula's Birthday              | <b>15</b><br><b>NEWSLETTER INFO MEET!</b> | <b>16</b><br>Sherrie Wright's Birthday | <b>17</b>                              |
| <b>18</b><br><i>Homecoming</i><br><b>REVOLUTION SERVICE 7PM</b><br><b>USO COOKIES</b>                            | <b>19</b><br><i>Charge Conference 7pm</i><br><b>ZUMBA</b><br>with Lori 7pm | <b>20</b><br><i>Joanna Circle 11am</i>                               | <b>21</b><br>Leasa Surratt's Birthday            | <b>22</b>                                 | <b>23</b>                              | <b>24</b><br>Harriet Cannon's Birthday |
| <b>25</b><br><b>USO COOKIES</b>  | <b>26</b><br><b>ZUMBA</b><br>with Lori 7pm                                 | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b>  | <b>29</b>                                 | <b>30</b>                              |  |



... Kilgo member, Eunice Scott will be 99 years old on September 7th. Let's shower her with cards! 1926 Thurmond Place, Charlotte, NC 28205.

... the Ecuador Missionaries returned safe, tired, and full of excitement. They shared some stories with us and have many more to share.

... the movie on the lawn on August 6th was moved "off the lawn" due to rain.

... our last movie on the lawn on September 3rd will be "Despicable Me."

... Homecoming is September 18th. Invite your friends and family. There will be a potluck lunch following worship.

... the noisy offering for September will go to help defray some of the expenses of homecoming.

... the Pumpkin Patch is coming in early October!

... also coming in October is Trunk or Treat!

... and a fish fry.

... this month you get 4 Sundays to bring USO Cookies.

... The Revolution Service was a hit! We had almost 90 people in attendance who sang, clapped, and enjoyed a message.

... I need your news.

**Becky Kirkpatrick**

### The Joanna Circle

Will meet on **September 20th** at 11:00am at Epworth Place, in the Porter Conference Room. If you have any questions or need a ride call Carolyn Hancock (704-531-8393) or Becky Kirkpatrick (704-537-0882).

### The Susanna Wesley Circle

Will reconvene in October.

## Please note . . .

The containers for the soup labels, box tops for education, and pull tabs from soda cans are now located just inside the door to the Heritage Walk. Please remember to save these for the Center for Children.



## United Methodist Women Western NC Conference

September 9-11, 2011

Lake Junaluska

### Jump Into Mission!

Go to [www.wnccumw.org](http://www.wnccumw.org) to register or for more information. You can also call 1-800-222-4930 to make reservations. Talk to Carol Elder for more info.

### Charge Conference

Join Gary Royals, our new district Superintendent, for our annual charge conference. We will be meeting with our sister churches, Commonwealth and First Hmong to celebrate the ways we have seen God working in our churches over the last year.

We will meet Monday, September 19th at 7pm in the Sanctuary of Kilgo.



## From the Fish Bowl

When I was younger, I didn't like walking into church by myself. My mom would bring us up to the church for choir practice and handbell practices and I would wander around until she was done. Every now and then I would wander into the sanctuary. I never liked the heavy feeling of silence in that room. Sometimes I felt like I heard voices. So either I would leave very quickly, or sit down at the piano and play so I didn't hear them. One day, when I told my mom about it, she asked if I had ever stopped to listen to those voices. She wondered what they might be saying and revealing to me. She looked at it not as a scary thing, but something that could be revealing if I just took a moment to be still and listen.

That made me really stop and think. Maybe I should just stop and listen sometime. Now, I enjoy the silence. With four kids, a husband, and a dog I look forward to those moments when the house is completely still and quiet. I can feel myself breathe and work through my thoughts so much easier. There is so much "noise pollution" in our lives these days. The radio, the TV, people talking non-stop, cars honking... it seems to be never ending. There are days when I am driving without kids that I turn the radio off and just take a deep breath and soak in the quietness of the car. The heaviness



## by Carroll Harris

doesn't bother me anymore. I just want to wrap myself in the quiet sometimes.

The scriptures tell us to be still. It's in the stillness that we can feel God's presence and hear Him the best. It shouldn't be an uncomfortable feeling for us to be still and quiet and potentially "hear" God. But for some reason it is. Maybe we're afraid of what God might say to us, what He might ask us to do. Having faith and answering a calling is never easy, so if we cover it up with noise we can pretend we don't hear Him.

A wonderful old hymn that I love to sing is called "Be Still, My Soul". Listen to the words of even just the first verse:

*Be still my soul the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In every change God faithful will remain.*

*Be still my soul; Your best, your heavenly friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

Take a moment to be still today. Maybe you can even find a time every day to just sit. Don't read, don't listen to music, just listen to the stillness and the quiet. See if you hear voices in that stillness. Maybe the noise pollution of your day will melt away and you can feel God speaking to you.

## Noisy Offering

For the month of September our Noisy Offering will go to help purchase supplies for our Homecoming on the 18th. Place your



donations in the noisy offering tins found at the end of each pew.

Let's make this celebration of 68 years a great one!



Friendship Trays would like to thank Kilgo UMC for their generous contribution of time and funds to the mission of serving those who are unable to get out with a smile and a hot meal. Keep up the good work!

Ms. Betty Davis is still available for baby or elder sitting. Her rates and hours are negotiable so just give her a call! (704-375-2007)

Dot Crook would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls, & visits during her stay in the hospital.



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Dr. James Mackey  
Rev. Mark Plummer  
Irving & Helene Cheek  
Joe & Ruby Lemmond  
John Jordon  
David Thompson  
Military Families  
Martha O'Neill  
Johnny Mallard  
Jenelle Long

**MOVIES  
ON THE LAWN**

Join us the first Saturday of every month for a movie on the front lawn at dusk. Bring your blanket or lawn chair and get ready for the show! Free popcorn & drinks will be served.

**September  
3rd**



Join us for  
**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.**



On October 15th from 4 - 8pm we will have a fish fry dinner fundraiser in memory of Pete & Virginia Leeper. All proceeds will benefit Kilgo missions. Plates will be available with all the fixins. Stay tuned for more details!

**Homecoming  
Sunday  
September 18, 2011**

Come celebrate 68 years of ministry with family and friends.

If you would like to send a special invitation to a former member or friend please give Lori addresses and names so we can get letters out.

As always there will be a fellowship meal following our guest speaker.

**COUPONS FOR THE MILITARY**

Our next mailing will be at the end of **THIS MONTH!** Keep clipping! Thanks for your help. As always, if you can, sort them by expiration month and then separate food from non-food items.

Thanks for your help!

**USO COOKIES**

**Every Sunday in September is USO Cookie Sunday!!!** This month you have four chances to bring cookies for our troops. Let's fill that box all month long!

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.



**ADVENTURES IN LEARNING!**

Shepherd's Center East Fall session of Adventures in Learning is a 6 week session. It will be held Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Oct. 6, 13 at Central United Methodist Church, 6030 Albemarle Rd.

Classes are offered from 9am to 2:30pm. There is a delicious catered lunch available for \$6, or participants are welcome to bring their own.

The cost for the classes is \$25. Participants can choose any number of classes they wish to take. The cost remains the same whether it is one class per day for six weeks or four classes per day for 6 weeks. Registrations after Sept. 6 will be charged an extra \$2.

We are proud to offer high quality instruction on a variety of topics.

The offerings and registration information can be found in our newsletter, which can be picked up outside the SCE office downstairs beside the adult classrooms or on our website at [www.sceast.org](http://www.sceast.org).

**The Friendship Festival  
Preschool Music Camp  
was awesome!**

Carroll and Kilgo would sincerely like to thank the parents for sharing your beautiful little people with us, and our volunteers who make it all possible. See you next year!

Fun with Music and ribbon sticks!



Ministry moment with Pastor Mike