

Pastor's News and Notes

May 23, 2009



*15 For the despondent, every day brings trouble;
for the happy heart, life is a continual feast.*

*16 Better to have little, with fear for the Lord,
than to have great treasure and inner turmoil.*

Prov. 15:15, 16, NLT

PRAYER FOCUS

Church for this week: (5/18/09) Heritage – Mark and Pepsi Stevenson

Church for next week: (5/25/09) Horton Memorial – Wilbur and Jewel Key

Church for the next week: (6/1/09) Iglesia Wesleyana El Camino – Frankie and Deysi Rodriguez

- o Rev. Frank Cantrell will have an outpatient procedure this Friday to destroy a large kidney stone.
- o Rev. James Ramsay is continuing to recuperate from his blood clot condition.
- o Rev. Bob Wilson (Northeast) is recovering from shoulder surgery done on May 14. The total recovery time is expected to be about 12 weeks.
- o Mrs. Marshall Rampey (Ruth), mother of Buddy Rampey, completed her non-chemo treatment regimen for lymphoma this week.
- o Mrs. Bob Cooley (Norma) is undergoing treatment for her breast cancer. The tumor has shrunk more than 1" in 1 week, from 5.5 cm to 4.4 cm! She has not experienced sickness from the chemo since the first week (when she underwent two treatments). Even though she has experienced hair loss, she is praising God for this good report.
- o Gladys Spearman, mother of Lynne (Mrs. Ken) Addis, has experienced a return of her cancer.
- o Rev. Ray Lewis (Retired) is now in rehabilitation following surgery for a broken hip.
- o Rev. Michael Stepp (Carlisle) is back in the pulpit following his back surgery.
- o Mrs. Herbert Taylor (Carolyn) is continuing her chemo for cancer.
- o Continue to pray for the physical needs of Rev. Darlene Teague.
- o Pray for Mrs. Chet Rowan (Kathy) whose treatment for MS continues.
- o The families of Vergie Milstead and Saul Rodriguez.
- o South Coastal DS Dan Berry and his wife, Shelley <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/danshelleyberry>.

We express our Christian sympathy to Thelma McCool, deceased pastor's spouse, in the death of her brother, Rev. Harold Adcock, on May 15. Rev. Adcock served for many years in the NC West District.

What's Been Happening

A beautiful sunrise greeted me this morning as I came to the front of the house. It is a familiar sight which I sometimes take for granted, but more often serves as a reminder of God's faithfulness and new mercies for the day. A new day filled with opportunities is awaiting me . . . and us. How the sunrise looks or whether there even is a sunrise (that you can see) changes with each morning. The same is true of that 24-hour period between the sunrises . . . no day is exactly the same except for the time that is given to us. We fill in the blanks. Sorry if this sounds preachy, but it is my thought process as I write this.

We arrived home from our vacation on Friday night, stopping for a lunch appointment in Charleston on our way back from the beach. We had a wonderful time with our family that included lots of time together and, hopefully, making a lot of good memories. This stage we are in now, with all of these little children, is quite different from the days (just a few years ago!) when golf, shopping and leisurely hours on the beach were the primary components of our schedule. I did take my golf clubs this year, but they never made it out of the trunk of the car! It is just so similar to the years when our four children were small . . . this is just the stage we are in. The pictures are in the process of being edited, so hopefully we will have some to share next week.

This week we have been catching up on all the mail, messages, annual report issues, and the beach is beginning to seem like a distant memory. I have had more than the usual amount of meetings, phone

calls, emails and planning times. On Sunday morning, we did a drop-in visit to the 11:00 service at FWC/ALIVE and God truly ministered to our spirits.

I pray that this holiday weekend, with its "extra events," will also be a blessed time of worship, and perhaps you will have opportunity for a few extra minutes to just simply rest.

Believing in each other,
Pastor Buddy

News and Information

2009 District Missions Rally

Approximately 1,200 miles southeast of Table Rock, lies the impoverished country of Haiti. Yet for the South Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church, Haiti is our neighbor. For generations the South Carolina District and Haiti have had rich connections. In recent years, two Wesleyan Haitian congregations have started and are flourishing in the Upstate of South Carolina. We have several missionaries from South Carolina who will soon be stationed in Haiti. Even as this is being written, we have a missions team from South Carolina in flight, on their way to Haiti.

On July 12, 2009, we want to celebrate our connection to the mission work in Haiti. Rev. Dan Irvine, field director for the Wesleyan mission work in Haiti, will be our guest speaker for our District Missions Rally. Dan, a recognized leader and gifted speaker, is also Global Partner's Area Director for the Caribbean area. In addition to Dan's challenge, we will have some spirited Haitian music, see video of our South Carolina teams in Haiti, and hear from our own South Carolina missionaries to Haiti. Please plan to join us on **July 12 at 6pm** at Table Rock for an exciting Missions Rally as we focus on Haiti.

*The children of Reverend and Mrs. James E. Wiggins cordially request the honor of your presence
at a celebration honoring their parents'
50th Wedding Anniversary.*

*This happy occasion will take place at the Family Life Center of Trinity Wesleyan Church
700 Issaqueena Trail, Central, South Carolina
on Saturday, June 20th, 2009, from 1-5 PM.*

*We kindly request that no gifts be given; however, we would appreciate your participation in a shower of cards, notes,
letters, or photos sharing your personal memories, thoughts, and prayers.*

A Keepsake Book will be presented at the celebration and later used to organize these precious keepsakes.

If you are unable to attend, we ask that you send your card, note, letter or photo to

Wiggins' 50th Wedding Anniversary

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This edition of the PNN was interrupted due to some unexpected appointments and the early arrival of our newest grand daughter. Matthew and Michelle Rampey are the proud parents of Abigail Susannah Rampey, who was born on May 22, at St. Francis Hospital in Greenville. She weighed 9 lbs and 1 oz and was 20 inches long and is welcomed by big brother, Will. Joan and I are delighted to welcome grand child number 9 and the third grand daughter in 11 months! Our family vacation picture was out of date in just over a week! Rev. Marshall and Ruth Rampey are the proud great grandparents. It is wonderful to report that everyone is doing well. Here is the first of what may be several pictures: Nana and Abigail.

