

June 2021

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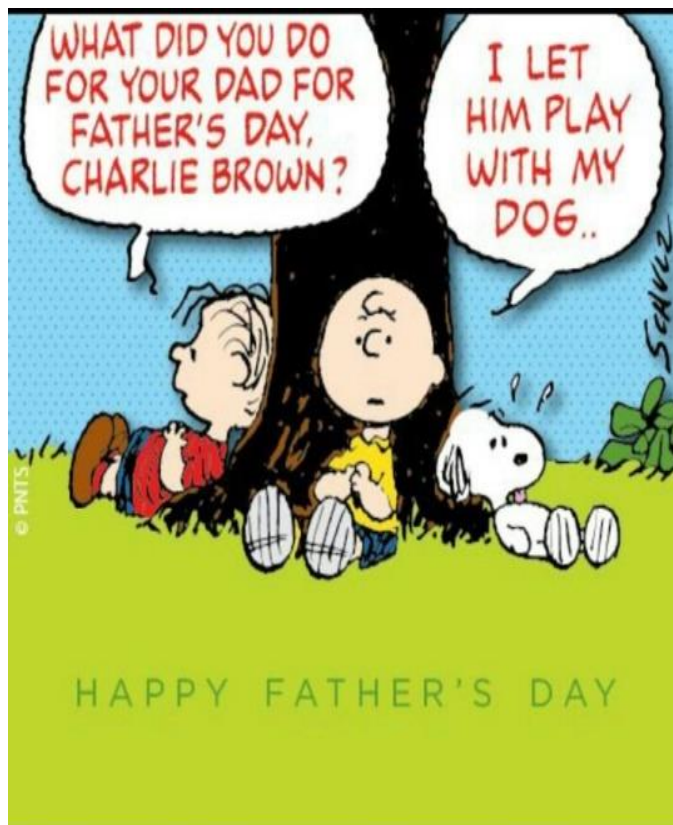
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Father's Day is June 20th



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

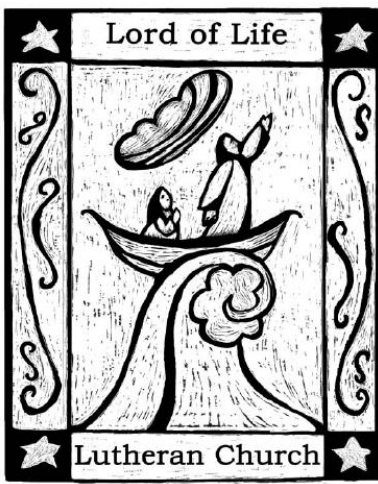
Sundays: 10 & 11 am – In-Person Worship

10 am - Live Stream Virtual Worship via Facebook
Live <https://www.facebook.com/LoLLCGarner/>

**11 am Worship will be Outdoors –
WEATHER PERMITTING**

Eucharist: June 6th & First Sunday of Each Month

Healing Worship: June 13th & Second Sunday
of Each Month



Life-Lines

June 2021



WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

If you look at the church Calendar in the front part of our hymnals, under "Lesser Festivals and Commemorations" you will see: Seattle, Chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866. His commemoration date is June 7.

Seattle made a great effort to welcome and live peaceably with white settlers. He offered guides, transportation, and labor in building their camps.

He converted to Christianity in 1848 with the help of French Missionaries, and he adopted the baptismal name of Noah.

He began the practice of communal prayers for his people, morning and evening, a practice which continued after his death.

You are probably wondering how commemorations of certain people are determined.

Seattle was chief of the Duwamish people. One of the traditions of the Duwamish are POTLACHES. They are "one of the tribal ways of practicing the power of giving. Potlaches raise the awareness of heritage, and honor the poor, the elderly, the children, the leaders, and all loved ones. They help the people make personal, family, and tribal decisions public. Potlaches help the Duwamish community make important decisions. Potlaches give them the opportunity to practice their spiritual beliefs, share food, and sing and dance the ancestral songs."

So you might want to hear more about commemorations in general. The Church sees commemorations in this way:

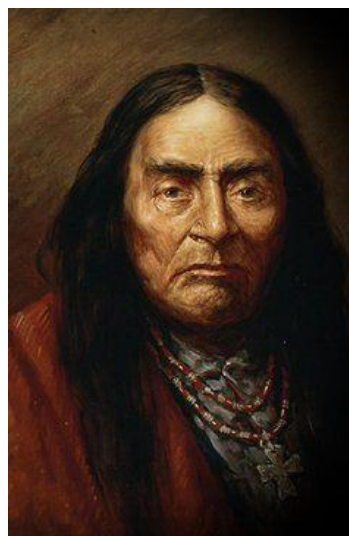
When we are baptized, we are

baptized into the Body of Christ. We understand this Body to be the communion of saints, a diverse witness of men and women across time and space. Throughout its history, the Church has sought to lift up Christians who have been unique, exemplary people of faith.

As we remember such Christians, we remember them in the context of remembering Christ. It is not that these people are perfect, as we are all both saint and sinner, yet their lives point to how God's "extraordinary grace works in ordinary people." Our faith in God working in them can be a reminder of God's grace working in all our lives.

We might say Seattle is a fairly modern, unusual Christian in the list of commemorations. Macrina, a teacher, lived in the fourth century. Notice that Basil the Great is the same year as she, 379. Basil was her brother, and of course, he gets the title "Great". He is remembered as the founder of eastern monasticism. However, he was inspired by Macrina, his sister and teacher.

~ Pastor Wayne



The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

— Chief Seattle

AZ QUOTES



From the Desk of Your Council President

Your Church Council continues to work hard for you!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the unorthodox Congregational Meeting. I am praying that we NEVER have to do that again!

We are moving forward with getting the new cameras installed in the Sanctuary.

We are continuing to work on the possibility of online giving. I have heard from many of you that this is something that would benefit our Congregation.

We STILL need a Treasurer!

The Council voted to pay CPA to help us close out our books from 2020. We feel like we have no other choice. Someone out there is capable of being our Treasurer. Please carefully consider your heart and let me know!

We have two CDs. One matured in early May. We decided to renew the CD for 18 months at an interest rate of 0.3%. The next CD will mature next month.

Carlton McDaniel from Able to Serve met with the Church Council again to offer clarification of the request to expand within the church building. The Congregation is currently voting on this request.

Synod Assembly will be held virtually on June 3-5, 2021. Pastor Wayne, Alecia Harrison and Sarah Watkins will represent Lord of Life as delegates to the Assembly.

EVERYONE is encouraged to watch the two worship services on the Synod Facebook page or through the NC Lutheran Synod's channel on YouTube.com. The Thursday night service is a traditional worship service and the Friday night service is a Moravian Love Fest. Both services will be at 7 pm.

We are beginning to regather safely at church. NO masks are needed while worshipping outside at 11 am. Masks are available but not required while worshipping inside at 10 am. We ask that you PLEASE wear a mask if you choose not to receive the Corona vaccine.

We are also planning a Fellowship event on Saturday, July 3rd. We will have food around 6 pm, followed by a movie in the Fellowship Hall, and fireworks at 9:30 pm. We hope you are able to attend if you don't already have plans to

travel. Fortunately, we are starting to travel to see family members that we haven't seen in a while.

I pray that you are vaccinated and the family members you are visiting are also vaccinated. We are still trying to be as safe as possible.

We will have a church picnic sometime in September, either with Rally Day or the Yard Sale. Details to follow.

The Council voted to request a Counselor from the Synod to work with us to develop a strategic plan to move forward. More details to follow.

I am still so excited to see all your faces!

Please reach out to our members that have not returned to worship.

How can we pray for them? How can I pray for you? You are part of MY Church Family and I love you!

Blessings,
Alecia Harrison, Council President



MEN'S CLUB

The LOL Men's Group held its annual Paper Shredding Day on Saturday May 22nd. Seven club members helped Chairman Terry Barnes conduct the event, and the club was able to clear about \$700 over the cost of having the Shredding truck present. Those funds will be used for Camp Agapé and other community activities. Special thanks to Terry for all of the hard work that he did in arranging for the truck, advertising and setting everything up.

At this time, no meetings or other fund raisers have been planned. We assume that Garner will not be holding its 4th of July celebration, so the Club won't be having its usual July 3rd car parking event.

Gerry Havenstein, Secretary

Save
the
Date



Able to Serve Mother's Day Breakfast

The Social Concerns committee continues to make monthly financial donations to Garner Area Ministries and the NC Lutheran Synod, benevolence fund.

We are planning to hold our annual Yard Sale on Saturday, September 25th. Start looking for your items to donate now. All money raised from the Yard Sale will go toward community outreach.

Rotary breakfasts continue to go well. We are averaging about 20 members each week. We recently had the Scholarship Banquet to honor 5 Garner High School Seniors.

Also the ATS Mother's Day Brunch was a huge success, although lightly attended. The ATS participants honored each family present at the brunch.

We also had a successful Relay for Life fundraiser that included the reverse raffle, silent auction and sale of barbecue sandwiches. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped!

Blessings,
Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs
Co-Chairs, Social Concerns Ministry



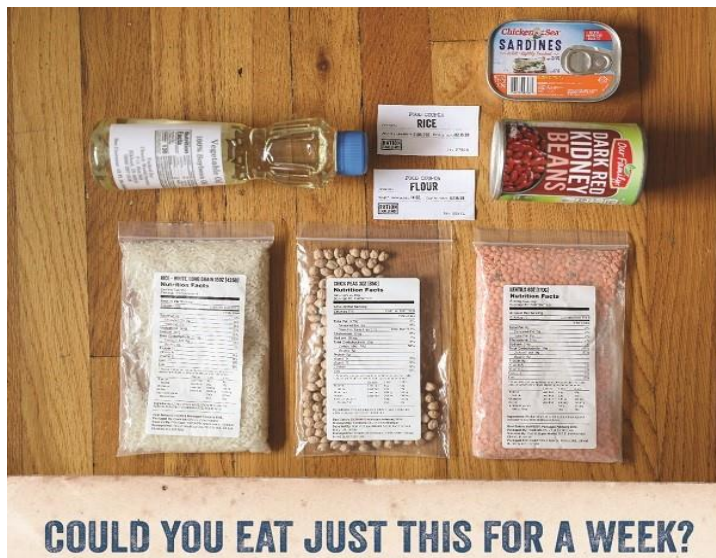
On Tuesday, May 18th we hosted another Mother's Day Breakfast for our friends at Able to Serve. It was a heartwarming and fun time for moms to get together and be honored by their child. After eating, the Able to Serve participants joined us and introduced each mom and told why she was special.

Thanks to Linda Hash, Linda Garoutte, Mary Cook, Sylvia Lambert, and Julia Lochra for cooking and serving at such short notice after we were told how much the families of Able to Serve were looking forward to getting back to seeing one another and resuming normal life.

After we were done cleaning we noticed several moms standing in the breezeway chatting; they didn't want to leave! When I told Carlton about this he said the moms stayed another 2 hours sharing. How cool!!

We were blessed by the day and look forward to next year.

~ Helen Holderman



Church World Service Ration Challenge 2021

It is just 3 weeks to the Ration Challenge. From June 13-19, I will be eating the same rations as a Syrian refugee. My food ration for the entire week will be:

- Rice, 15 ounces
- Lentils, 6 ounces
- Dried Chickpeas, 3 ounces
- 1 Can of sardines, 3.75 ounces
- 1 Can of Red Kidney Beans, 15.5 ounces
- Vegetable Oil, 12 ounces

Anyone who wishes may join me by making a donation.

Thank you,
Pastor Wayne

it's NOT about me...
it's NOT about you...
it's about JESUS.

It's Better When We're Together

"I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus."

– Matt Redman (*The Heart of You*)

It's June! A good summer is upon us... pandemic restrictions have finally been relaxed, mirroring March of last year. Fewer people are finding themselves alone, or depressed, or downhearted, and we, as a Congregation, are getting back together – albeit at a new normal. Yep, circumstances had previously clogged our way, but we are no longer under duress ... we are unrestricted! Time to get back to our basics! Fundamentally, we are creatures of habit, but interruptions in our routines can throw us off center, causing a bit of vagueness, or simply cause us to let *IT* (whatever *IT* might be) slip right by. We acknowledge that we paused our routines OR, worse still, we might have adopted a new incentive that has gained leverage in vying to replace our new normal. Neither is ideal and this whole scenario can be especially dangerous in worship, so READ ALL ABOUT IT... We ARE back to in-person worship!

As a Congregation, we are challenged to be participants in worship services; not consumers. We come to these properties at 2100 Buffalo Road on Sunday mornings (inside or out) ready to engage with God for ourselves... from the heart. We come as worshippers... together. I get it that in the beginning we weren't ready to mingle even though the precautions put in place at Lord of Life would have rivaled those of a sports arena, concert hall, or air travel! But now, it's time for us to come home. Even though there's no choir yet, together we make our own joyful noises to the Lord. Besides, the heart of worship is not the music and song, but the wonder and amazement of Jesus.

I know you miss *IT*, and we all miss each other for varying reasons. We especially miss the physical heart of our spiritual fortress when we all are gathered therein to praise and worship God. We don't have to endure a feeling of nostalgia for how worship used to be; we don't have to wish we could recall a face or a name because it's been a long while since we've seen each other; we DO, however, have to forego (for now) a meal in the Fellowship Hall. We can now see and talk to special people with whom we share special relationships (masks not excluded). So, let's get caught up in what's happening today... again! Let's establish a new tradition of post-pandemic-congregation-stick-together-ness. I hope you didn't miss the yearly paper-shredding event, or our *Relay for Life* fundraising auction and Bar-B-Que sale activities; we are back in the swing of things!

In the movie, "*E.T The Extra-Terrestrial*," both E.T. and the earth kids who were trying to help him get home said the phrase, "*E.T. phone home*", on more than one occasion. Now, almost forty-years later, I fully comprehend that phrase! So, to all of my fellow congregants who have not ventured back, we want to worship together again...don't phone home but please do '*Come home!*' It's better when we're together. Be blessed.

Gale J. Isaacs





Visiting Czech Republic

In 2019 we were fortunate to be able to visit the Czech Republic as an optional tour of the Viking River Cruise. When our boat docked we departed on a bus bound for Cesky Krumlov, referred to in our brochure as the “Fairy-Tale Town” and the Cesky Krumlov Castle.

At each destination, we were provided with a local tour guide who could present the history and give you a true view of the history and flair for the town.

Our tour guide was a lovely lady native to the area, able to provide us with historical facts and comments. After World War 2 and the horrors of the war, the Communist took over. She explained her life as she recalls growing up under the Communist rule. Her home was only miles from a river but her parents had warned that she was never to go there. The border guards would shoot without question if you approached the river and fence.

Now, after the guards are gone and the wall has been destroyed, there is a park that she often enjoys. The park became a favorite destination as she and her children rode bikes and enjoyed the beauty of the river.

Since Tim and I had just viewed a beautiful old cathedral that sat up on the hill overlooking the Vitava River, I asked her about the prevalent religions of the Czech Republic. She commented that in general the Czech were not a very religious people. Her comments reflected her life while living in a society that did not allow or value religion. She commented that her family did not attend church or have a religious background. They celebrated Christmas as a Holiday, with some unusual traditions that involved the fish “carp” from the river (another story).

Many times during the past few months my thoughts have gone back to our tour guide and her stories of living under a Communist ruled country.

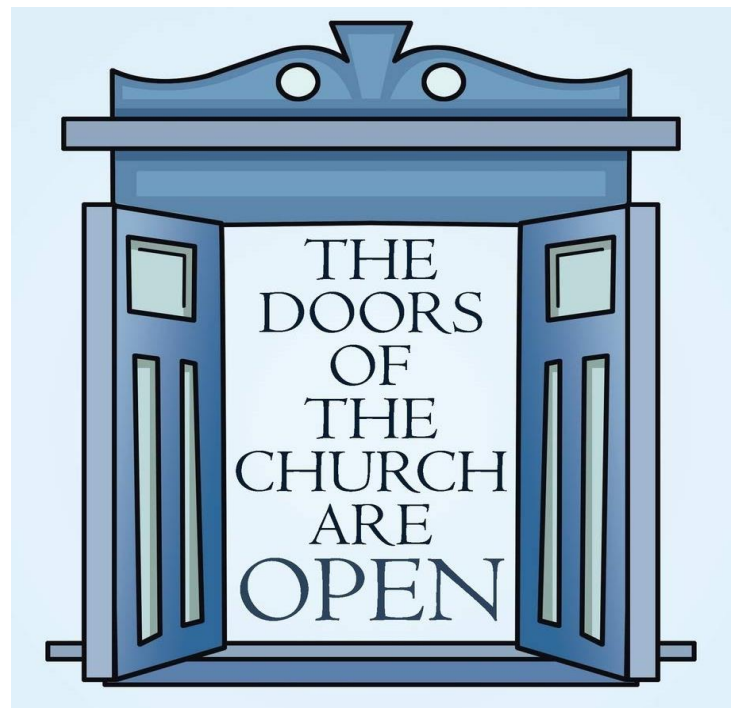
What was it like to be brought up without a religious background?

What was it like to have a beautiful river or cathedral only miles away but under fear of being shot, know you could not enjoy the freedom to view the river or attend your choice of a worship service?

Even during our recent pandemic, we were able to practice our religion, sing our hymns, join in communion, join on-line, drive or walk to the church and sit in the sanctuary alone to meditate or pray.

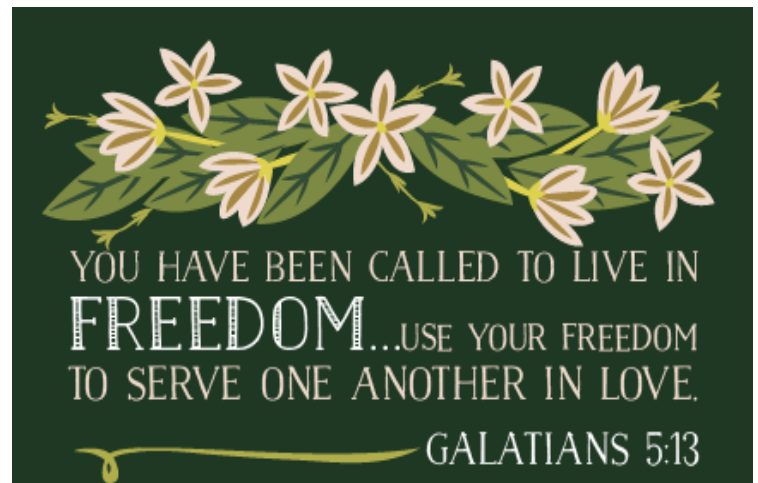
How fortunate we are!

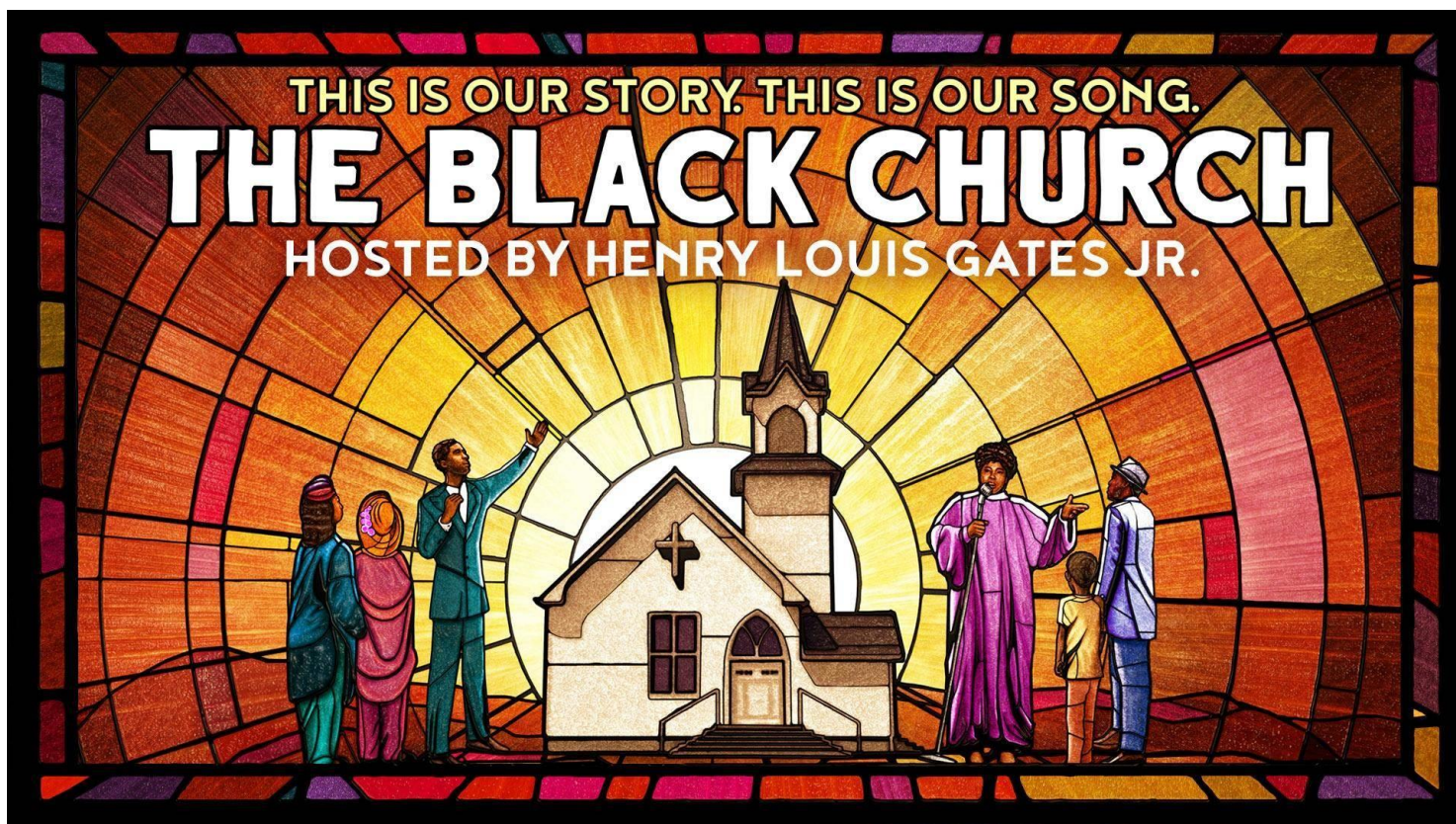
We are still Free to practice being Lutheran.



Come back to enjoy your freedom of Religion.

~ Rita Clark





THE BLACK CHURCH DOCUMENTARY: A Review

Henry Louis Gates, Harvard scholar and professor, is famous for more than just his beer summit that President Obama initiated. He narrated and wrote the book “The Black Church, This is Our Story, This is Our Song.”

He had help from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church, Rev. William Barber, and Pastor/Singer Shirley Caesar from Durham, among others. The documentary begins and ends at Waldon United Methodist Church where Gates went every Sunday as a boy growing up nearby.

Early in the program, Oprah Winfrey says, “I don’t know how we would have survived as a people without the church.”

The story of the black church spans four plus centuries, enslavement, the Civil War, freedom, schisms, two Great Awakenings, a Great Migration, and the civil rights movement. Gates calls this the most important story he has told and he has told many; “Many Rivers to Cross” (2013) and “African American Lives” (2006).

This documentary traces the roots of the black church denominations as we might describe them: African Methodist Episcopal Church and the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church. Then it moves forward to James Cone’s Black Liberation Theology of the 60’s, the era of the preacher politician like Adam

Clayton Powell and Jesse Jackson, and the activism of Al Sharpton and others; all of which reminded me of the timeliness of the film “Judas and the Black Messiah”.

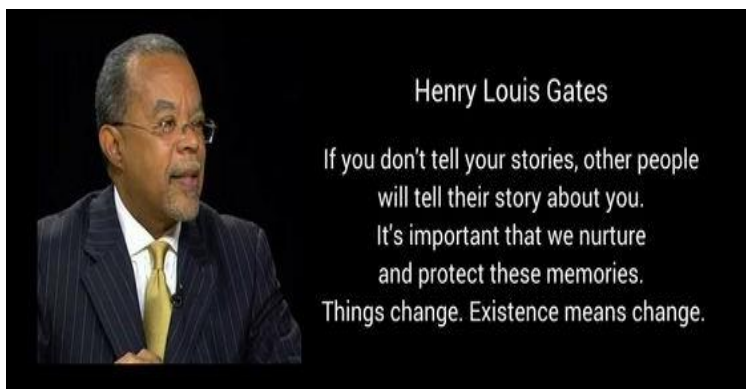
When Rev. Ike’s Prosperity Gospel is mentioned, Goldsboro’s own Rev. William Barber speaks the best line of the entire documentary: “How did we go from ‘I Have A Dream’ to ‘bling bling’”?

One young pastor that I have met at the Wild Goose Festival is Otis Moss III, who in my opinion is one of the most charismatic preachers presently. He follows in the fine tradition of his father.

There was much to cover, and some was left out of the film; however the book of the same title can fill in the gaps.

This could certainly be the basis for an adult study group in the future.

~ Pastor Wayne



Henry Louis Gates

If you don't tell your stories, other people will tell their story about you. It's important that we nurture and protect these memories. Things change. Existence means change.



We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future.

Dave Hash; Family of Christine Brennecke; Karen Morassi, cousin of Anne Marie Dubnansky; Jack Stafford, surgery; Ingrid Albee, long-time friend of the Dubnansky's; Vivian Sagan; Lora Clark's friend, Rebecca Bowman, breast cancer; Sheryll Albert's father, John Pope, and his wife, Barbara Pope; Kevin & his family, stage 4 cancer; Sarah Watkins, as she looks for a new career opportunity; Dennis King; Shirley Poole; Peg Stamp, myeloma & back surgery; Eric Roeser, rotator cuff surgery and MS; Julie Roeser, eye surgery; Eric and Julie's son Jason Roeser – housefire; Julie Roeser's brother, Paul Panek; Friends of Julia Lochra: Tom Chism, diagnosed with ALS, Sabrina Watson, loss of Mother; Tess Andrews brother, David Van Benschoten, multiple myeloma; Karen Rodgers, stage 4 cancer; Karen Post's friends: Blanca Hernandez, ovarian mass; Dr. Steve Rushton, lymphoma; and Sandy Murphy; Karen Post's cousin, Mike Harris – recurring prostate cancer; Lindsay Crocker's Nephew, Daniel Harman, health and healing; Karen Wright's mother, Carol Goodford, heart issues; Pam Klawiter's co-worker, Carolyn Harbertson, breast cancer; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart's son-in-law, ICV Stroke; Holly Hans' sister, Heather House and her family; Holly Hans' mother, Carol Hardy; Shannon Thomsen's niece, Kylie Gardner, tumors and Turner Syndrome; Paul & Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason, mental disability; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace's nephew, health problems; Mary Langworthy's son Kyle's Father in Law, Jim Jackson, Multiple Myeloma; Mary Langworthy's nephew, Blake Evans, Crohn's disease, surgery for severe fistulas and going through a bad divorce/child custody battle; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.



June

June 4	Karen Post
June 5	Wesley Patrick Niemann
June 8	Amy Cook Lori Harrison
June 10	Monna Stamm
June 12	Rachel Austin
June 14	Seth Rebbeor
June 18	Jean Marie Dubnansky Paula Pickler
June 20	Barbara Proper Susie Lowe
June 28	Ray Green

July

July 1	Jerry Hart
July 1	Laura Roscoe
July 9	Alice Austin Helen Holderman
July 13	Gavin Hans
July 20	David Hash Joyce Havenstein
July 21	Caleb Macurdy Kieran King
July 30	Kathi Tichansky
July 31	Lauren Langworthy

PLEASE review the Prayer & the Birthday Lists and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any updates, deletions, or additions.

thank you!



JUNE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 National Donut Day! 	5
6 10 am Virtual Worship 10 & 11 am In-Person Worship	7  National Chocolate Ice Cream Day	8 National Best Friends Day 	9	10	11	12
13 10 am Virtual Worship 10 & 11 am In-Person Worship	14  Flag Day	15  world elder abuse awareness day	16	17	18	19  JUNETEENTH CELEBRATE FREEDOM
20 10 am Virtual Worship 10 & 11 am In-Person Worship	21 Happy Father's Day! 	22	23	24	25 TAKE YOUR DOG TO WORK DAY 	26
27 10 am Virtual Worship 10 & 11 am In-Person Worship	28	29	30 			

June Scripture Writing Plan

Topic: Forgiveness



Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1- 1 John 1: 5-7
Day 2- 1 John 1: 8-10
Day 3- 1 John 2: 1-4
Day 4- 1 John 2: 5-8
Day 5- 1 John 2: 9-11
Day 6- 1 John 2: 12-14
Day 7- Matthew 18: 21-22

Day 8- Psalm 103: 8-12
Day 9- Mark 11: 24-25
Day 10- Colossians 3: 12-13
Day 11- Ephesians 4: 26-27
Day 12- Ephesians 4: 31-32
Day 13- Matthew 5: 23-24
Day 14- 2 Corinthians 2: 5-8

Day 15- 2 Corinthians 2: 9-11
Day 16- Luke 17: 3-4
Day 17- Matthew 6: 12, 14-15
Day 18- Psalm 86: 3-5
Day 19- Psalm 103: 1-4
Day 20- Micah 7: 18-19
Day 21- Ephesians 1: 3-7

Day 22- Colossians 1: 9-14
Day 23- James 5: 15-16
Day 24- Romans 3: 21-24
Day 25- Romans 3: 25-26
Day 26- Luke 7: 44-50
Day 27- Psalm 32: 1-5
Day 28- Acts 2: 37-39

Day 29- Romans 8: 1-4
Day 30- John 8: 1-11

Open my eyes that I may
see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18

