

RIDGE RAMBLINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHESTNUT RIDGE UMC
EFLAND, NC



COMMUNITY REVIVAL

By: Dorothy Holmes Walker

What comes to mind when you hear the word "revival"? Do you think of someone being given CPR, and that person coming back to life with sudden death overcome? Do you think of spring when the earth comes alive from its dormancy with new growth and vitality? Or do you think of when you declared Jesus as your Lord and Savior, were baptized and were born again?

When I think of revival, my mind goes back to 1948 (because church history records that date) and a Revival at Chestnut Ridge that forever changed me. At that time, we had spirited, large gatherings that lasted several evenings with guest speakers and many calls to the altar. It was HOT in the old church and the cardboard fans with their funeral home logos were in full sway. Windows were open in hope of a cooling breeze. The pastors were in full form, pleading for the crowd to come to the altar and give themselves to Jesus. Dot Jones (Hicks) softly played "Just as I Am" on the piano. That's when I heeded the call and with pounding heart, went forth and joined the church.

May 23, 2010 3:30 PM Hot dogs and live music begin @ the Efland-Cheeks Park Shelter

MT. BRIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH CHOIR

CROSSLINK COMMUNITY CHURCH MUSIC FOR YOUTH

5:30 PM Dynamic preaching, testimony, music and children's activities begin:

Gaines Chapel AME Church Inspirational Voices Choir

Tanya Turner, Rev Dawn Stoker children's activities

New Hope Presbyterian Church preacher Rev Ron Stoker

Solid Rock UMC Rev Mike Bass testimony

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We all have our personal stories and memories of special spiritual events and "Revivals". Would you like to experience once again or give your children the opportunity to create special memories too? It might just be that defining moment of decision.

On May 23rd, the Efland Area churches are collaborating in Worship & Service. Expect a unique REVIVAL with a parade, worship, music, food and fellowship. It won't be the same as "way back when" but more importantly, it will fit the "here and now" and I guarantee it can be just as spirited and spiritual as any revival we may remember! Watch for the Revival flyers and plan to come! Don't forget canned goods to benefit OCIM.

Getting to know Debra Elmore

(In her own words)

I was born Debra Kaye Ivey on February 24, 1961 in Burlington to Willie and Katie Ivey. I have one sister and two brothers. I lived in Burlington and attended Fisher Street Elementary School until I was 9 years old. My parents divorced during that year and I moved with my mother to my grandmother's home. I started and attended school at Efland Elementary, then, Stanford Jr. High and Orange High School. I graduated in 1979. I started work right after high school and moved back to Burlington. I was married in 1985 for a short time and divorced soon after. I started working in a frame shop that same year. I didn't know it at the time but this would be my working career choice.

I moved to Wilmington for a short time 1988–1989. I returned to what I loved the most, Piedmont, NC. In 1992 I bought my own Frame Shop and continued to work and live in Burlington.

On Mother's Day of 1993 at Chestnut Ridge Church, I met up with an old high school flame, Jason Elmore. We started to date and married in May of 1994. We lived in Mebane for a while and I was expecting Katelyn when we moved back to the Buckhorn Community. After Katelyn was born, running my own business became overwhelming. I sold my business in 1998 and went to work again in Burlington. After a few years I came to work in Hillsborough where I still work.

Jason and I bought my mother's home in 2002 after she had a stroke. The house is now a home to My Wonderful Husband, Jason, Myself, My Beautiful bonus Child, Jordan, My Beautiful Child, Katelyn, My Wonderful Mother, Katie....Duchess and Lola.

Editorial Note:

In addition to being the busy lady as described above, Debra lends her incredible gifts and talents to Chestnut Ridge UMC. She takes on active roles in youth leadership, various committees, choir, Bible studies and much more. She is knowledgeable in the history of the church as a 5th generation Chestnut Ridge Church family. Now Katelyn represents the 6th generation. Debra's artistic abilities are unparalleled as reflected in her care of our bulletin boards and her special decorating touches for church events. The Chestnut Ridge UMC is blessed by God through the presence of this special lady and her whole family.

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Debra Kaye Ivey Elmore

Mission Centered Ministries

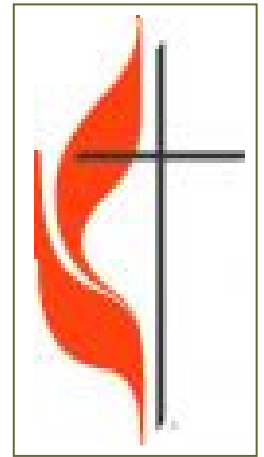
By: Dorothy Walker (Testimony)

Dr. Doug Anderson, Executive Director of the Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development at Dakota Wesleyan University, is returning to the Burlington District by popular demand. Pastor Sang has included handouts and a sign-up sheet to attend his session(s) on Mission Centered Ministries on May 4th.

Several of us were fortunate to attend his seminar last year, titled *Churches By Size*. Even though the sessions were in the evening after a long day, and on a Saturday, I was spell bound by his knowledge and his teachings. He carefully described how understanding the size of a church affects its ministry. From the team work needed in identifying and connecting newcomers, right through follow up and assimilation into groups within the church (such as choir, SS, UMM, Bible Studies etc.)

Dr. Anderson may be highly intelligent, have an important position and title but I found him to be down to earth and plain spoken. He was a man who could connect and interact with his audience. His delivery was humorous and held my attention. I kept thinking “he’s describing our church” when he talked about different traits and structures within churches. I came away inspired and filled with hope for the future of our church and other small churches in general.

I am excited and looking forward to his return and learning from his session on missions. I feel sure each person who attends will come away with a better understanding of what it means to be mission centered. As the flyer indicates, laity has its own special session. That means it’s open to all of us. You don’t have to be a committee chair or even a committee member to attend. Let’s get organized and arrange to car-pool!!



Gratitude

Joyce Rupp, [The Circle of Life](#)

To be grateful for what is, instead of underscoring what is not.

To find good amid the unwanted aspects of life, as well as being deliberate about the great beauties of art, literature, music and nature.

To be present to one’s own small space of life, while stretching to the wide world beyond it.

To find something to laugh about in every day, even when there seems nothing to laugh about.

To search for and to see the good in others, rather than remembering their faults and weaknesses.

To be thankful for each loving deed done by another, no matter how insignificant it might appear.

To taste life to the fullest, and not take any part of it for granted.

To seek to forgive others for their wrongdoings even immense ones, and to put the past behind.

To find ways to reach out and help the disenfranchised, while also preserving their dignity and self-worth.

To be as loving and caring as possible, in a culture that consistently challenges these virtues.

To remember to say or send “thank you” for whatever comes as a gift from another.

To be at peace with what cannot be changed.

*Prayer Requests**Members*

Amber Ray Jones	Jonathan Ray	Allen Cates	Michael Elmore
Katelyn Elmore	Lambert Cates	Gordon and Lois Elmore	Kim Allen
Inez Shambley	Edna Dawkins	Sam Cates	Gertrude Jones
Jason Elmore	Sarah Copple	Tina Hooker	Jordan Elmore
Dustin Clayton	Fay Cates	Merita Cheek (Unspoken)	Marjorie Dodson
Kay and Richard Brown			

Family and Friends

Joyce Collins	Doris Lawrence	Ann Laura Turner	Chris Scott	Jane Park
Chris Tapp	Emagrace Blanton	Hugh Eckerd	Jervey Huskey	Angela Ellis
Susie Wood	Connie Wood	Katelyn Johnson	Mickey Elmore	Randy Clark
Ron Perry	Brenda Wall	Rodney Coble	Kim Williams	Annie Laura Tunner
Manley Dodson	Jack Watkinson	Lyle DeCouteau	Charlie Kelsey	Homer Gibson
Family of Vernon Shambley		Barney Deese	Jackie Mace	Pat Killian
Family of Christine Oakley		Tyler Moore's grandmother		Merita's sister
Family of Vickie Dodson		Ben Carroll	Charlie Kelsey	Delores Medlin
Johann Choi and Joseph Frana, (Ridge-Garden Summer Ministry Interns)				

Those who are serving in the military at home and overseas:

Marv Singer, Na Darius Whitfed, Wes Hughes, Justin Bobal, Jordan Mark Wilkinson Siobhan Celusta,
Pastor Sang's nephew in Korea

The Ministry and Mission of Chestnut Ridge UMC, Choir and Clover Garden UMC,

Those affected by the economy

Special prayers for Pastor Sang, for his ministry of **two** congregations

Successful search for a Children's Minister for Chestnut Ridge and the planned VBS in June

*Birthdays and Anniversaries**Birthdays*

5/8 Tom Allison
5/8 Jason Elmore
5/12 Lauren Wood
5/15 Doris Cook
5/20 Dot Hicks
5/21 Wade Allen
5/23 Scott Cecil
5/30 Jimmy Cheek
5/30 Dorothy Walker

Anniversaries

5/14 Jason & Debra Elmore



Community Bulletin Board



- 5/2 12:15 pm Fellowship Meal following Worship Service in honor and appreciation of Ben Carroll, our Ministry Intern
- * 3:00 pm Joint PPRC @ CG (Ben Carroll's final Ministry Intern Review)
- 5/3 & 5/17 9:30 am Morning Bible Study @ Joyce Clayton's
- " " " 5:00 pm Food For All Delivery to HUMC (see signup sheet)
- * 7:00 pm Outreach and Mission Committee Meeting
- 5/4 7-9:00 pm Mission Centered Ministry @ First UMC Church in Graham (Laity and Clergy)
- 5/6 5:15 pm Efland Area Church Planning for Grant usage @ Efland UMC Hut
- * 7:00 pm OCIM Meeting @ St. Matthews Episcopal Church in Hillsborough (Dorothy will attend)
- 5/9 Mother's Day
- * 11:00 am Farewell Sunday for Ben Carroll (Ben will preach)
- * Special Offering for the Methodist Home for Retirement
- 5/10 7:00 pm CR PPRC Meeting
- 5/11 9am-5pm Supervisor for Duke Summer Intern Orientation (Sang to attend)
- 5/14 10-12:30 pm Clergy Session of the NC AC, First UMC Rocky Mount, (Sang to attend)
- 5/18 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 5/20 9:30-2:00 pm 3rd Thurs. for Seniors @ Camp CR (registration to Joyce Clayton by 5/17)
- * (3rd Thursdays will not be scheduled for the months of June and July but will resume in August)
- 5/23 11:00 am Welcome Johann Choi, Summer Ministry Intern
- * 3:30 pm-7 pm Efland Area Community Churches Revival @ Efland- Cheeks Park Shelter
- 5/31 Memorial Day
- * Applications are still being accepted for Children's Minister through May 15th.

Cooking Corner

At any of our pot luck meals, you can be sure the dessert section is a popular site. Some of the favorites are chocolate and coconut pies. This month we feature Coconut Custards from the 1989 CRUMC Cookbook. This recipe was submitted by (*the late) Mary Hayes. (*You will need two pie shells)

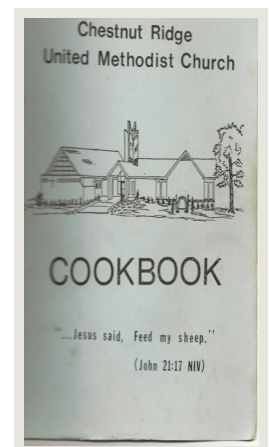
Coconut Custard Pies

- 5 eggs, well beaten
- 3 cups sugar
- ½ cup butter (*melted)
- 3 ½ Tbsp. flour
- 1 ½ cups milk
- 1 can coconut

Blend well and bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes.

This will make 2 pies

(*edited)



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Worship Service 11:00 am
Choir Practice 1st & 3rd Wed.
7:00 pm

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As a community of believers, in Jesus Christ, our vision is to be a "beacon of God's love reaching out and growing!" Our mission is GO and make passionate disciples for Jesus Christ!

OCIM food for May:

Jelly & Mayonnaise

Just for Kids:

Jelly

Please bring canned goods to the Revival on the 23rd at Efland-Cheeks Park Shelter to benefit OCIM

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