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# Lamplighter

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Let your light so shine  
before others . . .  
Matthew 5:16



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## WORDS FROM OUR PASTOR -----

DEAR FRIENDS,

### WORRY:

Do you find yourself worrying about life? At the end of Matthew chapter six, Jesus puts a prohibition on worrying. Jesus says, "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today" Matthew 6:34 (NLT). Before this verse, Jesus uses the word, or a derivative of the word *worry* four times. Jesus warns not to worry about everyday life needs. Jesus assures that God will meet our daily needs, but Jesus puts a condition on God's meeting our needs. In verse thirty-three, Jesus declares, "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (NLT).

Jesus says if we seek God's Kingdom first and foremost and live righteously, that God will give you everything you need. Hey, I did not say this, Jesus said this. Look at the Scripture again: "Seek the Kingdom of God above all else and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need" (NLT).

We lose a lot of valuable time when we worry about life needs, and Jesus knows this. Think about all the time you have wasted worrying about things that never happened. Now, imagine if that time had been spent seeking God's Kingdom—wait, what does it mean to seek God's Kingdom? Paul tells us that the Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). I believe one seeks the Kingdom by spending time in prayer, reading Scripture, and enjoying fellowship with God. I believe one also seeks the Kingdom by donating time, talents, and resources to those in need, or those less fortunate.

Subsequently, by seeking the Kingdom one cannot help but live righteously. Why? Because, when one is purposing to seek God, living in right relationship with God (righteousness), is *second nature*. Think about the times you knew what you were doing was wrong, perhaps the Holy Spirit was prompting you not to do wrong, but you ignored that prompting and willfully carried on with your plan. Were you thinking: "Boy, let me turn on Christian radio and listen to edifying music" or "God, I'm getting ready to sin willfully, please look the other way for a little while?" No, listening to something that is uplifting or talking to God were the last things on your mind. However, when you are seeking God first, living in right relation with Him happens.

Worry robs our attention from God. Worry zaps our Kingdom benefits: righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Do you need more peace and joy? Then turn away from worrying and start setting your focus on God first and foremost. I assure you, the more you focus on Him, the less worry has a chance of gaining a stronghold in your life. Jesus assures us that where our treasure is, there our heart will also be (Matthew 6:21).

Do not let your treasure be worry, let your treasure be God and your relationship with God. Why? Because, when God is your treasure, He will hold your heart. When God holds your heart, then you will not have time for worry. Why? Because, from your heart will flow the benefits of the Kingdom of God, righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Proverbs 4:23).

*Blessings,*  
*Chuck*

**UP RIVER FRIENDS MEETING'S MISSION STATEMENT:**

**To know Christ and to make Him known.**

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**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY & WEEKLY SERVICES:**

- 10:00 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Nursery and Junior Church
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- 01<sup>st</sup> 4:30 – 5:00 pm Prayer time in preparation for Fall Refreshing Revival
- 02<sup>nd</sup> Ministry and Counsel Meeting
- 04<sup>th</sup> Serving at the Lords Table at Hertford United Methodist Church
- 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children Programs
- 7:00 pm Bible Study
- 06<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 pm Family Movie Night
- 08<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 5:00 pm Prayer time in preparation for Fall Refreshing Revival
- 09<sup>th</sup> 2:00 pm Elizabeth White Miss. Circle
- 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Light Meal prepared by our youth parents with proceeds for our youth Youth fundraiser
- 7:00 pm Children's programs
- 7:00 pm Bible Study
- 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mobile Food Pantry in Hertford
- 14<sup>th</sup> Youth serving sausage dogs at Scott's Store A fundraiser for upcoming ski trip
- 15<sup>th</sup> **LAMPLIGHTER NEWS** is due – thank you
- 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Prayer time in preparation for Fall Refreshing Revival
- 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children programs
- 7:00 pm Bible Study
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 4:30 – 5:00 pm Prayer time in preparation for Fall Refreshing Revival
- 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Light Meal
- 7:00 pm Children programs
- 7:00 pm Bible Study
- 29<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night Singspiration at Up River

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**BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 01<sup>st</sup> Lilly Mattison Winslow
- 02<sup>nd</sup> James Parks
- 03<sup>rd</sup> Anna Elizabeth Baker
- 04<sup>th</sup> **RUSSELL & BRENDA LASSITER**  
**MATT & AMANDA WINSLOW**  
**CHRISTOPHER & TABATHA BAKER**
- 06<sup>th</sup> **SCOTTIE & SONYA WINSLOW**
- 08<sup>th</sup> Conley Kathleen Winslow
- 09<sup>th</sup> Quincy Riddick
- 11<sup>th</sup> Carlton Rountree, T.A. Dail  
Helene Winslow
- 13<sup>th</sup> Tommy Riddick
- 14<sup>th</sup> Archie Lyn White
- 15<sup>th</sup> **JIMMY & TIFFANY RHODES**
- 17<sup>th</sup> Lyndon White
- 18<sup>th</sup> Todd Winslow
- 19<sup>th</sup> Caden Harrison Winslow
- 20<sup>th</sup> **KENNY & PHYLLIS WATTS**
- 21<sup>st</sup> **BENITA & BRIAN SAVARIA**  
Kelly Schroeder
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jason Dail
- 24<sup>th</sup> **ADAM & DENA RICHARDSON**  
David Jethro
- 27<sup>th</sup> Heather Winslow, Vevlyn Lowe
- 29<sup>th</sup> Eddie Stallings
- 30<sup>th</sup> **JUSTIN & CHRISTIN WINSLOW**



**FLOWERS:**

- 01<sup>st</sup> Veronica Rountree
- 08<sup>th</sup> Jenna Caldwell
- 15<sup>th</sup> Would you like to have flowers this date?

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Marie R. Winslow Family
- 29<sup>th</sup> Would you like to have flowers this date?

**PRAYER REQUESTS:**

World leaders and those working to bring world peace. Our elders, children, and leadership of our meeting, Josh Phthisic, Vera Harrell, Sonya and her mother Jean Presley, Jesse Rountree, Eloise White and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Presley, Affie Spivey, Jeff Sweeney, Shelby Harrell, Dawn Alexander (Dena Richardson's sister), Marlene Pierce, Connie Baker's nieces Angie and Kim (both with cancer), Sue Hall (Sonya's aunt), Richard Winslow, Myrtle Pierce, Judy Phthisic, Catherine McLean, Dee Spruce, Travis Hutto, Sabrina Mundroff, Lona & Tommy Stallings, Lester Baker, James Parks, Adam Belcher (Brandon's brother), the Chamberlain family, Vivian Winslow, Renee Marshburn (Robin Winslow's sister), Billy Boblit, Barbara Saunders, J.D. Carver, Eleck Winslow, Andrew Guyer (Judy Parsons grandson), Herbert & Jessie Mae Williams, Janie Bundy, Parker and Barbara Copeland, Shelley Lamb, Calvin Casper, Pat & Mary Frances Twiddy, Barbara Stallings, Joe Liner, Archie Creed, Faye Lassiter, Sid Stallings, Deborah S. Williams, Gail Smith, Dale Hunter, Carlton Rountree, Tanner Sprague, Cecil & Ann Brown (friends of Jacque), Melody L. White, Garland Anderson, Lela Bundy, Iona Baker, Kathy Turner, Linda Givens, Anna Spivey's son-in-law Everett Egan, Leah Jonson, Conna Gessler, Robert Hall (cousin of Rose Riddick), Lois Faye, Paul White and family, Chad Winslow, Quincy Riddick, Lewis Stallings, Karen & Freddie Boblit, Beulah Phthisic, Anna Wrae Smith, Abby Baker, Anna Spivey, Carey Guyer and her best friend Erica, the families of Julian Harrell, Helen Sumner, Ann H. T. Sawyer, and Lois Violet W. Lowe, our care-givers, youth, and missionaries. If you know of anyone who needs to be added to our prayer list, please contact Pastor Chuck or Catherine. Thank you.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS and REPORTS ON PAST EVENTS:**

**UP RIVER YOUTH AND CHILDREN:**

**MOVIE NIGHT:**

**Family movie night** will be Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30. There will be a screen set up outside to enjoy a family movie . Popcorn, drinks, and other snacks will be provided. Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on. This event is for all ages! Please come and join us.

**TWO YOUTH FUND RAISERS:**

There are two youth fundraisers coming up.

**First is the Wednesday night meal on October 11<sup>th</sup>.** The youth parents are providing the meal and the youth will be serving. All donations will go to support our youth.

**Second is on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> at Scott's Store.** The youth will be serving **sausage dogs**. The money raised from this will be going directly to support the upcoming Ski Trip. Please come out and support our children and youth.

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**SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE:**

Once again it is time to serve the Lord's people at the United Methodist Church in Hertford. We will be serving on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let Jacque Pagels know if you can help – extra hands are always needed.

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**ELIZABETH WHITE MISSIONARY CIRCLE:**

The Elizabeth White Missionary Circle met on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> with 7 in attendance. We were very pleased to welcome Robin Winslow as our newest member. Jacque Pagels brought our program on her trip to Ramallah including many interesting points of interest and just how much most of the children there need our support and prayers.

Our next meeting will be Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. Rose Riddick will be presenting our program on *Serving with Gladness*. We hope you will be able to attend this meeting - new members and/or visitors are welcome to meet with us in the Fellowship Hall. (page 3)





Youth Girls nail, lunch & Starbucks date!



# *Nail*



# Community Outreach





**Up River**  
Where the river flows the abundance is endless  
*Friends*



**FALL  
FESTIVAL  
2017**

Saturday

October 28th

3:00 to 5:00pm

**& Fall Refreshing**  
Featuring these anointed speakers

11.1 :: Pastor **Jim Lewis** :: *from Ark International*

11.2 :: Pastor **Mandy Baker Smith** :: *from Corinth Friends*

11.3 :: Pastor **Buck Leary** :: *from Chappell Hill Baptist*

11.4 :: Pastor **Todd Kemp** :: *from Bagley Swamp Wesleyan*

Sevrices begin at 7:00pm :: special music nightly

**FRIENDS DISASTER SERVICE – HURRICANE MATTHEW RELIEF – OCTOBER 15 - 20:**

Volunteers are needed for repairs in Lumberton – it was impacted by the flooding in 2016– the floodwaters are gone, but in their wake are countless families who have been displaced. The city receives numerous contacts from persons for whom existing public assistance is simply insufficient to provide repairs and/or rebuilding of their homes. If you can go and help – please contact Julian or Austin.

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**PRESCRIPTION BOTTLES:**

We wish to thank everyone who has graciously supplied us with used prescription bottles for the mission field. We have currently received all the bottles we can use. Thank you for your generosity.

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If you need to reserve the Fellowship Hall for a family gathering or double check the dates for church wide events, please go to <https://www.upriverfriends.org/calendar>.

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**THE QUERIES:** The following comes from the Faith and Practice (Book of Discipline) of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends under the heading THE QUERIES.

*Please take time to consider these thoughts and hopefully our meeting will grow both Spiritually and numerically.*  
**MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE:** Do you make diligent effort to acquaint yourselves and those under your care with the spiritual needs of the world? Do you support by prayer and systematic giving those who are laboring to extend Christ’s kingdom? Do you use your spiritual gifts in serving humanity as God grants you light to see such service?

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*To each of you who contributed to this newsletter, **THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH.** If you would like to share in upcoming newsletters, please feel free to do so – just give me a call at 297-2485 or e-mail me at [lcwjr@inteliport.com](mailto:lcwjr@inteliport.com). Also, if you have a loved one or a friend whom you think would like to receive our newsletter – or if you no longer wish to receive our newsletter, please let me know. Thank you very much. Catherine G. Winslow*

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**Reformation milestone:  
celebration and repentance**

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**What’s a Christian to  
do with Halloween?**

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October 31, 2017, marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, when Martin Luther posted his “95 Theses” on a church door in Germany. This wasn’t an unusual act at the time; Luther was simply welcoming scholarly debate. But his ideas opposing certain teachings and practices of the Roman Catholic Church led to a monumental shift in Christianity.

Along with other reformers, Luther taught that Scripture is the supreme authority for the believer; that salvation comes by grace alone, through faith alone; and that baptism gives all full access to God in Christ (“the priesthood of all believers”), so there’s no need for an intermediary such as a pope, priest or saint.

Initially, the reformers intended not to leave the Catholic Church but to reform it. But those who protested church practices became known as Protestants, and eventually, multiple denominations arose – Lutheranism, Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and others – and did, in fact, separate from the Roman tradition.

Sadly, woven amid the good intentions to rightly teach and live the faith were sins on all sides: Luther hurled insults “with the best of them”; the pope excommunicated him and had other reformers executed; the beliefs and faith of theological opponents were regularly disparaged. As Heinz Josef Algermissen, a present-day Roman Catholic bishop in Germany, states: “In commemorating the Reformation, we cannot just see it as a jubilee, but should also admit our guilt for past errors and repent on both sides for the past 500 years.”

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These days, children associate Halloween with trick-or-treating and candy. But centuries ago, Christians named the night before All Hallows’ Day (All Saints’ Day) “All Hallows’ Eve.” As the faithful prepared to remember people who were entrusted to resurrection life, they adopted various traditions to poke fun at death.

Around the world, Christians observe Halloween differently: In Poland, kids pray aloud while walking through forests to comfort souls of the dead. In Spain, tolling church bells remind people to remember the saints. In Finland, so many people light candles in cemeteries that the observance is called “seas of light.” Although some Christians steer clear of Halloween, others use it as an evangelism opportunity and provide entertainment alternatives such as harvest parties.

No matter your views, you can remind children that, though it’s fun to pretend, we can always be ourselves with God. Whatever our features and flaws, we need not and cannot hide from God behind masks. God made us in his holy image and loves us as his holy — *hallowed!* — children.

