



Garris Chapel UMC

Newsletter

Celebrating 100 Years



September 2008

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Psalm 133:1: "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!"

Notice the exclamation punctuation at the end of this verse. David, and the people who were making their pilgrimage to the Holy City were excited about that thought. I know exactly how they feel! To a pastor, nothing is more good or more pleasant than when this applies to the church kindred.

Beginning with this edition, you will notice the complete change in focus of the Garris Chapel Newsletter. Let me explain some of the reasons for the change. In days gone by, the newsletter was an added attempt to keep

folks up to date on activities within the church family. These days, we have a bulletin, a large screen, a Tuesday KIT, and a Friday update, as well as individual notices by email and/or cards for events. We are well-informed of 'events.'

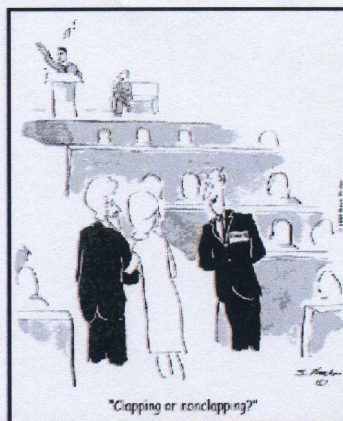
Our goal for the newsletter is to focus upon the life of the church family, both corporately and individually. How very good and pleasant it is when the church family live together in unity. Living together in unity means that our lives are intertwined with Christ and with each other.

I am excited by the fact that this happens at Garris Chapel all the time, and we want everyone to be aware of it.

If you have constructive comments, or if you have something for future editions, please contact Christina at the church office.

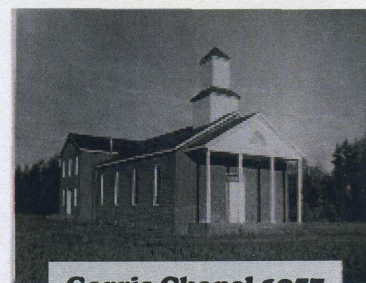
Blessings!
Pastor Jerry

God is Good!

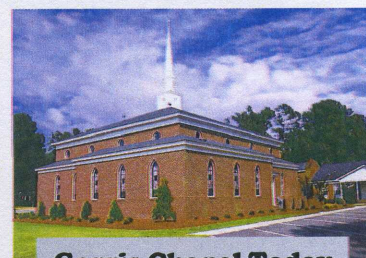


Family of the Month The Sutton Family

Randy is an agent with Farm Bureau Insurance Company. He enjoys deer hunting, yard work, and watching Carolina football. Susan has been retired from dental hygiene for 10 years. She enjoys shopping, Carolina football and basketball and is active in Relay for Life. Susan is also a 7 year breast cancer survivor. Randy and Susan were high school sweethearts and have been married for 27 years. They both were born and raised in Wayne County. They have one child, Jason, age 19, who is a sophomore at UNC Chapel Hill. His major is undecided at present time, but he is very active in politics at Carolina. He currently serves in the student congress. The Sutton Family attended Trinity Baptist Church before coming to Garris Chapel. Susan says, "God is so good to us, and we thank him for all his blessings. We also thank God for our church".



Garris Chapel 1957



Garris Chapel Today

What's the Harvest Sale All About?

I have attended Garris Chapel most of my life and I remember how important the Harvest Sale was. It is a huge event. Every job is so important. I remember my Mama cooking chickens and baking cakes, some of the best ever, at least I think. So many hours and so much work but so much fun.

The Harvest Sale began around 1950. It started out

with Mr. Roland and Mrs. Sadie Moye donating a pig for BBQ and it has just blossomed from there. That year the Harvest Sale made \$457.00. WOW! From then until now it has grown to make over \$30,00.00 a year. It was started as a fundraiser for the building fund. We have used Harvest Sale money to help meet budget. But God is Good and we now are able to put

Harvest Sale money in a special fund for the board to decide where best to use it. As you can see from 1950 to 2008 a lot has changed. But one thing remains the same, God has blessed as our church continues to grow. Let's glorify Him by working together to make this our best Harvest Sale ever.

To God be the Glory,
Donna Smith

*Harvest Sale
September 20th!*

