



Garris Chapel UMC

Newsletter

Celebrating 100 Years

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A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Celebrating 100 years is an awesome thing for any organization. As pastor, I am mindful of the blessing of being a part of this organization that we call the church. When I pause to reflect on the dedication of the former pastors who have served Garris Chapel, I am humbled to be counted among them. And when I further reflect on the love and grace that the people of Garris Chapel have shown through the acceptance of the long-term appointments of some of these pastors, I am most thankful. Garris Chapel is a Body of Christ that works together in one accord. That kind of unity is the only way that the Holy Spirit is willing to be present with the people. He is indeed with us!

As we pause to celebrate His presence, let us not forget that the Holy Spirit is an ever-moving God. We cannot pause very long. We must be ready to do His will for the next 100 years. We must continue to reach out to God's children "of all ages, nations, and races," as our Baptismal Covenant says. This is God's master plan. He will use a church who is willing to follow that plan. Lord let it begin with Garris Chapel. Let it begin with Jerry. God is good!



STOP HUNGER NOW UPDATE

On Monday, Sept. 22nd, Rick Kearney, Operation Sharehouse Coordinator for Stop Hunger Now loaded a container bound for Haiti. The container was loaded with 285,120 meals in which Garris Chapel helped to package. The meals will be shipped and utilized by the Foundation for Worldwide Mercy and Caring which services children in Haiti. You can read about their work at :

<http://haitichildren.com/index.html>

Family of the Month *The Slye Family*

The Slye family moved to Goldsboro in 1998 from Corinth, Mississippi. They are originally from the Piedmont of N.C; Jim from Mocksville, Julie from Clemmons. Jim grew up Methodist. He works at Wayne Community College as a Forestry Instructor. Jim enjoys jogging, hiking, camping, fishing, and hunting. He just wishes he had the time to do them all. Julie grew up Moravian. She works part-time as a Medical Technologist in the lab at Wayne Memorial Hospital. Julie enjoys jogging, biking, hiking, waterskiing, and baking (which is why she says she has to jog, bike and hike). She is diligent at praying. Julie prays in the morning for guidance, in the afternoon for patience, and at night for forgiveness. Jim

and Julie have three children. The oldest is Natalie. Natalie is six years old and is in 1st grade at Spring Creek Elementary School. She is a member of the Daisy Scouts at Garris Chapel. Natalie enjoys roller skating, biking, hiking, and swimming. Next is Jenna. Jenna is a 3 year old who would wear her bathing suits year round if she could. She enjoys biking, swimming, and bugs. Nathanael is 1 1/2 years old. He practices diligently on his terrible twos. Nathanael enjoys riding with mom on her bike and playing with their three dogs.

The Slye family became members of Garris Chapel because it is such a caring church. It cares about its members, com-

munity, teachings, and especially its youth. They believe it to be so exciting to have such a strong youth program for their children to grow into. They are so grateful for all the kindness that has been shown to them from Pastor Jerry and the congregation since the first day they walked through the doors of Garris Chapel.

The Slye family would like to say, "Thank you for everyone's tolerance of them on Sunday mornings".

Information provided by the Slye Family



Homecoming
October 12th
Service begins at 10:00am
Lunch immediately following
Gather-Style singing to begin around 2:00

