



Jim & Carol Black gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Flo Sowell gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of **all mothers she cared for**.

The Adventures in Faith SS Class, Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater, Ann Benoit, Jack & Irene Murphy, Deanna Reed, C. W. & Martha Simpson, and Henry & Bonnie Springer gave gifts to the UMAR Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

David & Barbara Berryhill, Charles & Janet Blake, Grady & Shirley Cline, Dan & Kay Dumas, Crowder & Barbara Falls, Joe & Patsy Fittipaldi, Max & Harriet Gardner, James Graham, Iris Gray, Mitchell & Judy Hagler, Lane & Karen Holbert, Bill & Pat McKenzie, Ilah Merriman, Ray Reynolds, Sister's Sunday School Class at Sharon UMC, Mr. & Mrs. Josef Sklut, Doug & Kathy Saunders & Christa, and Charley & Elizabeth Story gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

David & Sandra Bilbro gave a gift to the Missions Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Bob & Dottie Burns and Tom & Mickey Helms gave gifts to Carolina Cross Connection in memory of **James Angel**.

Eric & Allison Hoffman gave a gift to the Maintenance Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Floyd & Irma Fike gave a gift to the Youth Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Buddy & Etta Woodall gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Mildred Graham**.

### Recently in the Hospital

Dottie Burns  
Helen Chandler



### Correction!

In the last newsletter, I wrote an article recognizing our college graduates. In that article, I inadvertently omitted the university from which Jonathan Fowler graduated. Here is the complete text of that portion of the article including the omission. My sincere apology is extended to Jonathan!

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

During another May 12 graduation, **Jonathan Fowler** [graduated] from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Business Administration with a Major in Finance. Jonathan, the husband of Kathy, and son of Bruce and Sandy Fowler, has plans after graduation to work and earn money and gain experience. His future goals include going to graduate school for a Masters Degree and working towards being a CFA (Chartered Financial Analyst). Jonathan writes: "I have finally finished college at age 27 and am married. I've discovered that while taking a little longer, my education means a great deal more to me than it would have if I had begun straight out of high school. What a long strange trip it has been!" Jonathan's parents add, "And [we] are very proud of [him]!"

### Congratulations, High School Graduate

In the February 28 edition of *Through Cokesbury Windows*, I wrote an "Up Close and Personal" article about Jake Rudisill. Jake is our only high school senior this year and so I want to once again acknowledge him to you.

**Jake Rudisill** is the son of Tom Rudisill and Joy Rudisill. He has attended Northwest School of the Arts High School. During this past year he has enjoyed his classes in Techno-Theater and Theater. In Techno-Theater, Jake has learned behind the scenes theater skills in building sets, lighting, etc. He has enjoyed acting in two plays as a student in the Theater class. He has also enjoyed his Ceramics class. Jake will be attending CPCC this fall probably to study art. He will also continue to work at Bi-Lo where he currently has a part-time job.

Jake is a special young man and I hope you will join us for Lunch Bunch on June 3 to celebrate Jake as well as our five college graduates.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

### Lay Person of the Year 2007

Mitchell Hagler presented the Lay Person of the Year Award to Floyd & Irma Fike and to Jim & Connie Short. He made the following presentation:

It is my pleasure to present the Lay Person of the Year Award. I'm substituting this morning for Tommy Pharr, our Lay Leader, who is on vacation. While the award is presented to one or in some cases more individuals, it is actually an award that acknowledges the contributions of all lay people who strive to make God's church at Cokesbury a better place. It does reflect the words of the hymn, "I am the church; you are the church; we are the church together."

The recipients have their names inscribed on a plate on this award and they will be recognized at a District Banquet honoring winners from other Charlotte churches. The recipient will also be recognized by the Western North Carolina Conference at the Gathering of the Laity in August.

I want to thank Mary Freeman for chairing the committee again this year.

Past recipients included James & Nancy Angel, Jim Atwater, Bill Broome, who is deceased; Bill Campbell, Bill Cooper, who lives in Taylorsville; Bill & Gwen Coulter, who were last year's recipients; Marta Cox, Kay Dumas, Mary Freeman, Judy & Mitchell Hagler, Ida Mae Malloy, Donna & Tommy Pharr, and Henry Springer, who now lives in Albemarle.

Today, again we honor a team of long-time active members whose contributions touch so many significant aspects of our church life and our outreach efforts. In fact, name a committee or project or an outreach mission and at least one of these individuals has taken a major role: Room in the Inn, Habitat for Humanity, Work Team, Christmas Tree Project, Sunday School Teacher, Nursery Worker, UMAR teacher, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, Administrative Council, Staff Parish Committee, Finance Committee, Trustees – the list goes on. In fact, it is hard to imagine anything of significance happening at Cokesbury without one of these individuals contributing their brawns and their brains. Collectively and individually they are Cokesbury's servant leader role models. These are not individuals you have to beg to take an office, or to chair a committee. They roll up their sleeves and do whatever needs doing. With few exceptions they are in Sunday School and church each Sunday and they show through their actions that they care deeply about this church and this congregation.

Please join me in welcoming our 2007 Lay Persons of the Year, Floyd and Irma Fike and Jim and Connie Short.



Sunday School – 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.



## Mission Committee Projects

Food has been delivered to Loaves & Fishes to help families in need here in Charlotte. In April a check for \$1,000 was sent to St. Joseph's Family in Haiti. A matching donation up to \$20,000 was offered to help with the expansion project for Wings of Hope if the money was received by May 1<sup>st</sup>. St. Joseph's plans include an education building with new classrooms and therapy areas, an additional dormitory for the girls at Wings, a chapel and a handicap equipped playground for all children. Cokesbury has helped to make a dream for children of Haiti a reality.

United Family Services received a check from Cokesbury for \$200 for assisting the Battered Women's program. Twelve cell phones have been collected and donated for battered women to use for calling 911 in case of an emergency. A contribution has been given to JoAnne Gunter for the Epiphany Project.

The Western North Carolina Conference is sponsoring a Vacation Bible School Good Samaritan Clinic in a Batey settlement for the Dominican Republic. Mike Collins at WNCCUMC has asked Cokesbury and other churches to help with Vacation Bible School Good Samaritan kits. Batey children are able to go to school, but many cannot afford supplies. Each kit will give a child a good start for the school year. The Mission Committee sees this as a summer project during June and July. Items of need are:

**1 Hand Towel (15x27 to 17x27), 1 Comb, 1 Bath-Size Bar of Soap, 1 Toothbrush (single in original wrapper), 1 Large Toothpaste (6 months or more expiration), 1 30-Centimeter Ruler, 6 Unsharpened Pencils, 1 Small Pencil Sharpener, 1 Box of 24 Crayons, 1 Child's T-Shirt (indicate boy or girl, size), 1 Simple English Reading Book.**

Place items in a two-gallon, Ziplock Easy Zipper bag. Place in an envelope a list of the items along with \$5 to help defray cost of shipping. Make your check payable to Cokesbury for VBS Good Samaritan Kit. One check will be written from Cokesbury to the "WNCC Treasurer".

If you, your family, church circle, or other friends wish to contribute either a total kit, partial items, or a check to defray cost of shipping, it will be greatly appreciated. Please put the items in the baskets in the hallway by the Fellowship Hall during the months of June and July. The first of August the kits will be delivered to UMC, High Point or Aldersgate UMC in Shelby.

– Submitted by Judy Sims  
Missions Chairperson

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family that would be living outdoors had someone not cared about them. This is the most exciting transition of the seasons when we can see ourselves walking in the path God has blazed with the life of Jesus. Let's have fun!

Peace!  
Pastor John



# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## From Easter to Pentecost

Hidden within the liturgical makeup of the church's life is a seasonal pattern too few people are aware of. It is the flow of one season to another in a pattern that repeats itself and produces the church calendar year. The year begins with Advent in the fall of the year and concludes with Christ the King Sunday at the end of a long season we call Sundays after Pentecost into which we are about to launch. The year is comprised of two groups of three seasons following the same pattern: a confessional season followed by a season of praise of Christ followed by a season focusing on life in the church. The two groups of seasons are: Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany; then Lent, Easter, and Pentecost (that is, Sundays after Pentecost). The transition from one season to another is a time to be highlighted and understood.

From Easter to Pentecost we move from centering our thoughts on the saving acts of Christ to the implications of salvation in the life of the church. We move from the mystical to the practical and mundane, from heaven to earth in pursuit of the power of God at work in us. We have spent our Easter thinking about the resurrection community and the power and impact of the resurrection on those who gather weekly to honor Christ. We move now to consider the impact the resurrection community can have on and in the world around us guided by the influence of God's Holy Spirit. It is our ability to make the connection between heavenly grace and earthly ministry that is our salvation, therefore, Paul says, "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you."

The church seasons move from life before God to celebrating the work of Christ to the work of the church in the world in an attempt to keep these three aspects of our lives in balance. For the one who does not see him/herself before God's judgment throne does not perceive relationship with God without which one cannot please God. Without a celebration of the work of Christ, we cannot see the all-encompassing grace of God that makes new life possible. Finally, however, to fail to see ourselves in mission in the world under the guidance of God's Spirit is to live in vain for we live not for ourselves alone but for the ultimate goal of God that every person as well as the whole of creation might experience the joy of God's salvation.

We move now from resurrection power to the power human hands can accomplish when stretched in love toward another human being struggling in pain and despair. We move from salvation of the soul to the salvation of a life lived in a wilderness where some compassionate person must travel on a rescue mission. We move from a house not made with hands to the house made with compassionate human hands to shelter the

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### Mission Statement

*As disciples of Christ, we are called to look upward in celebration of God's grace, mercy, and love; to reach inward in worship, study, prayer, and to send outward in mission and servant ministry the love of Christ in our community.*

**Other Churches Worshipping at Cokesbury:**  
Ilesia El Siloe, Pastor Felix Herrera  
Tuesdays & Friday 7:00-10:00 p.m.  
Providence of God Free Methodist Church  
Pastor Calby Paiva  
Sundays 6:00 p.m.

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