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*Joe & Martha Coulter and Tim & Mary Freeman gave gifts to the UMAR Fund in memory of **James Angel**.*

*Paul Hoyle Group, LLC, Bill & Martha Bilbro, Jim & Patsy Johnson, Judge & Katie Lane, and Mark & Ann Triscott gave gifts to the Memorial Fund in memory of **James Angel**.*

*Frances Middleton and Sam & Patricia Smoak gave gifts to the Honorarium Fund in honor of **Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*Jim & Patsy Johnson gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **William Horne**.*

*Nancy Cottingham gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in memory of **James Angel**.*

*Floyd & Irma Fike gave a gift to the Missions Fund in honor of **Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*Carol & Dianne Holmes gave a gift to Carolina Cross Connection in memory of **Buddy Freeman** and **William Horne**.*

*Carol & Dianne Holmes, Bill & Pat McKenzie, and Louise Ward gave gifts to Carolina Cross Connection in honor of **Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater** on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

*Sonny & Betty Flowe gave a gift to the Africa Mission Fund in memory of **Buddy Freeman** and **James Angel**.*



*Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on June 1st.*



*Emalie Faith Jackson was born May 10 to parents Joshua & Stephanie Jackson and grandmother, Debbie Jackson.*



♥To Our Church Family,

Bob and I wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to each of you for your cards, calls, prayers, meals, and transportation when needed, and most of all the love of Jesus Christ given to us during both our illnesses. It is such a blessing to belong to a church family who cares.

Thanks again and God Bless all of you.

Love,  
*Dottie and Bob Burns*

♥Wimburn West would like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, prayers and help during his illness. It was all very much appreciated.

### Youth Summer Activities

On June 10, the combined Middle and Senior High UMYF groups had an End of the Year Swim Party at the home of Chip and Teresa Fesmire. While this is the last “official” UMYF meeting for the school year, it doesn’t mean that our Youth will not have a busy summer! Here is a recap of the summer schedule that lies ahead.

- **June 23 - June 27** – Middle High Beach Retreat at Ocean Isle Beach, NC
- **June 26 - June 30** – Senior High Beach Retreat at Ocean Isle Beach, NC
- **July 7** – Combined Middle High and Senior High Summer Park Outing at Frank Liske Park in Cabarrus County
- **July 15 - July 21** – Carolina Cross Connection – Eleven Youth and two adult leaders will participate in this annual mission work and Christian fellowship experience at Camp McCall in Bostic, NC.

Please keep the Youth and all of our dedicated adult leaders in your prayers for a safe, fun, and spiritually fulfilling summer!

– Submitted by Donna Pharr



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

### Youth Have Busy Summer

As a church, we are so lucky to have such active youth that contribute both collectively and individually in so many ways with their time and talents. In a separate article I told you about the busy summer retreat, mission, and fellowship activities in which our youth will have the opportunity to participate. I thought you might also like to know a little about what they are doing outside of the church this summer as well. I will keep you updated throughout the summer.

You might have seen the playbill for *High School Musical* that is posted in the hall of the Sunday School wing. **Taylor Fesmire** has a part as a high school female jock in the performances that are being presented at Matthew’s Playhouse during the month of June. She also has some voice overs as the moderator and chemistry teacher. On June 19, Taylor has an interview for an internship at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center for when the *Lion King* comes to town.

**Katie Fesler** is doing some things this summer about which she is really excited! She has an internship in the Emergency Room at Presbyterian Hospital in Matthews. She has also been accepted there into the Junior Volunteer Program. Katie feels that the internship will help her as she makes her career choices. The volunteer program is similar to being a Candy Striper in the “old days” (my words, not hers). She will be taking food to patients, folding sheets, doing clerical work, and just being a friendly face to the patients. She will be in the hospital approximately 10 hours a week and she “can’t wait!!!!”

Beginning on June 17, **Wilson Brooks** will be attending Governor’s School at Salem College in Winston Salem for six weeks this summer. Governor’s School is a program of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction for gifted and talented students. Wilson was honored with this invitation because of his excellent grades (straight A’s all year!) and his cello audition. He will be primarily studying the cello and is expecting to play a minimum of four hours every day. Kelsey Nott, the young lady that performed with him during worship on Sunday, June 10, is also attending Governor’s School. *We will have to make sure they play again for us in church when they return because they should have improved greatly!*

From June 28 through July 8, **Karsen Dyer** will be in Mulege, Mexico on the Baja Peninsula. She and her dad, Tony, will be staying on the Sea of Cortez with a friend of Tony’s. They will be fishing on the Sea of Cortez for Dorado (a type of dolphin fish) and Marlin. She is very excited to be able to fish for them because they are so large and she really hopes to catch a Marlin just so she can have a picture taken with her catch! She and Tony will also be doing a lot of relaxing on the beach and they might drive to Tijuana one day as well. Karsen is very excited about the upcoming trip and looks forward to getting away with her dad.

In his newly appointed position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of Boy Scout Troop 65 that meets at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, **Dylan Fesmire** stays quite busy. In this position, he will provide leadership to almost 30 other scouts at Camp Grimes in Nebo, NC during the week of July 8-14. During that week, he will be taking Metalwork and Whitewater Rafting. Dylan will also be taking the driving part of Driver’s Education this summer and after completion will be able to apply for his learner’s permit.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

## Financial Report

| <u>General Fund</u> | <u>May</u>  | <u>Year-to-Date</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Contributions       | \$22,697.36 | \$182,503.17        |
| Tower Rent          | \$2,842.82  | \$14,214.02         |
| Disbursements       | \$28,478.72 | \$155,476.25        |



### EARLY WARNING

Mark your calendars now for the United Methodist Men's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Fish Fry!

**Saturday, September 29  
4:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

Donation of: Adults - \$7, Ages 6-10 -\$5, Under 6 Eat Free  
Our prices have not changed in 6 years!

Proceeds will be used to support our Youth programs here at Cokesbury. (Last year we raised over \$1,000.)

Tickets will be available in August from any Methodist Men's Member.

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victorious during the year, and Bishop Lawrence McCleskey preached for the Ordination Service as the Conference gave its blessing to the men and women who have offered their lives in service to God and as servants of the church for Christ's sake. Here was the sense of renewal. Being reminded for our purpose, our calling, and the Spirit that drives us all is always worth the time spent together. As we return to our local stations, we do so with a sense of the larger collective of which we are a part and the mission that holds us as one: Jesus Christ as Lord!

Peace!  
Pastor John



# Through Cokesbury Windows

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## When the Annual Conference Met

There was a familiar and good feeling when at the opening session of the Annual Conference for the Western North Carolina Conference we sang the familiar and traditional hymn for the opening session, "And Are We Yet Alive". It causes one to sense the flow of the Spirit through time that connects this conference with every conference that has met since the Christmas Conference of 1784. Those who are known by the peculiar stamp of Methodist were together again to review and renew our path before being sent forth again. Clergy and laity alike joined in renewing acquaintances and connecting the hundreds of churches in Western North Carolina in a single bond by the power of God's Spirit.

When the Annual Conference meets, things are not all about renewing old acquaintances. There is also the business of caring for the business of the Conference and Church. The statistical report showed that there was a net gain in membership throughout the Conference after the church had shown great concern for the issue of discipleship and finding ways to retool a sense of witness. Even more important, the Bishop was deeply concerned at our last Conference about the local church apportionments that showed few churches accepting full apportionments and fewer churches fulfilling the commitment that was accepted. This year's report showed a great improvement in both areas. The central business before the conference this year was selecting delegates to attend the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conference set to meet next year. Thirteen delegates for each conference for both lay and clergy were elected consuming most of our time and energy. There was a host of other issues brought before the Conference including petitions to be presented before next year's General Conference. Also, more that \$22,000.00 was raised in one offering for Africa University and a similar amount for the Agape Mission. When all was accomplished, we were still together as a church body.

The other significant events of the Conference were the acts of worship. There was no Conference preacher invited from outside the bounds of the Conference as in past years but we were treated to excellent preachers from among our own numbers. Reverend Donald Jenkins of St. Paul Church in Winston-Salem enlivened the Conference for our Holy Communion service, Dr. James Howell of Myers Park Church here in Charlotte blessed us with an inspiring word for our Memorial Service, remembering clergy who joined the church

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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 Herera  
Tuesdays & Friday 7:00-10:00 p.m.  
**Providence of God Free Methodist Church**  
Pastor Calby Pativa  
Sundays 6:00 p.m.