



Happy 50th Golden Anniversary

Floyd and Carolyn Noland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 20th.

Recently in the Hospital

Ernie Holder



United Methodist Men's 6th 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 Program here at Cokesbury. (Last year we raised over \$1,000.) Tickets are available from any Methodist Men's Member.



<u>General Fund</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Contributions	\$27,873	\$228,043
Tower Rent	\$2,843	\$19,900
Disbursements	\$34,984	\$220,432

Carolina Cross Connection

I hope you enjoy reading the article on the front page by Jim Atwater describing his experience at Carolina Cross Connection. I would like to also share with you what some of the youth had to say about their personal experience at CCC.

When our group arrived back home from CCC on Saturday, July 21, I hugged each one of them and asked them about their week. Without exception, each youth said they had a [wonderful] experience. Several said it was the "best ever"! Karsen Dyer told me that "it was a really good week and we really became a family and by the end of the week, I knew everyone's name in the whole camp which was really cool!"

I also want to share with you what Dylan Fesmire wrote about this week at CCC.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr

Carolina Cross Connection

[by Dylan Fesmire]

A Christian Ministry camp, mainly for getting close to God and helping those who cannot help themselves, or who need someone to talk to. Greatest experience of the year. I actually cried during the worship service on Wednesday. Which is saying something. I haven't cried for anything in a long time... I think it may have been seeing certain members of my church crying, me thinking of their losses, my own, and Jesus' sacrifice all at the same time... it just broke me down. If I cry, then it must be serious...

Each day we went out to work for these people who need something done around their homes. Some, I could tell, were just so incredibly lonely, they made up the jobs just to see us. The last lady we worked for had a tiny job for us, but we went inside to see her and talked for what seemed like hours. The man we worked for on Thursday was the nicest man, in a bad situation just because of a mistake he made. This fatal mistake cost his friend's life and landed him in jail. How he could deal with that guilt, I will never know.

– Submitted by Jim Atwater

Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater and Joe & Martha Coulter gave gifts to the Budget Fund in memory of **Steve Wilson** and **Kevin Ellison**.

Mitchell & Judy Hagler gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of **Steve Wilson** and **Kevin Ellison**.

Judge & Katie Lane gave a gift to the Discretionary Fund in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Pete & Faye Chewning**.

Deanna Reed gave a gift to the Missions Fund in memory of **Kevin Ellison**.

Louise Ward gave a gift to the Budget Fund in memory of **Steve Wilson**.

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

Tom & Nancy DeVries gave a gift to the Music Fund and Carolina Cross Connection in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Jim & Mary Ellen Atwater**.

George & Nancy Eanes gave a gift to the UMAR Fund in memory of **James Angel**.

Floyd & Irma Fike gave a gift to the Room in the Inn in memory of **Steve Wilson**.

Carol & Dianne Holmes gave a gift to Carolina Cross Connection in memory of **Steve Wilson** and **Kevin Ellison**.

Jack & Irene Murphy gave a gift to the Budget Fund in honor of the 50th anniversary of **Floyd & Carolyn Noland**.



Up Close and Personal

As many of you know, **Wilson Brooks** is attending The North Carolina School of Science and Math (NCSSM) in Durham, NC. I want to tell you a little about the school, how he got there, and what he will be doing.

The NCSSM is a public, residential high school for 11th and 12th grade students that have a strong aptitude and interest in Science and Math. Wilson went through a lengthy evaluation and application process and received his letter of acceptance to the school when he arrived home on Saturday, August 4 from his family vacation at the beach. While the NCSSM provides a specialized curriculum in the areas of science, math, and technology, it also offers many other opportunities including a strong emphasis on music. That makes Wilson happy – we all know how talented Wilson is on the cello and how much he enjoys playing!

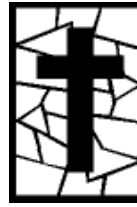
Wilson is very excited to be attending the NCSSM and it is something he really worked hard to achieve. Although he feels a little anxious and knows he will miss his family and friends at both South Mecklenburg High School and at Cokesbury, he looks forward to living on campus and says the dorms are close to class and the “teachers are brilliant”. He also thinks attending the NCSSM will help him a lot academically and intellectually.

In closing, I want to share with you a statement from the NCSSM web site:

“The North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. Enrolling exceptional students. Graduating exceptional people.”

Wilson is an exceptional student and already is an exceptional person.

– Submitted by Donna Pharr



Through Cokesbury Windows

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Carol Holmes and I were blessed with the opportunity to spend the week of June 15-21 with eight of Cokesbury’s finest youth serving others, primarily older shut-ins, through Carolina Cross Connection.

Camp McCall is owned and operated by the Marion District of the Western North Carolina Conference and is located midway between Shelby and Marion.

We were joined by other groups from:
First Reformed Church of Christ – Burlington, NC
Saint Paul UMC – Marietta, GA
Fredricksburg UMC – Fredricksburg, VA

There were 48 youth and adult helpers in addition to seven members of the camp staff.

Our daily schedule generally ran from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. We would start the day with wake-up call at 7 a.m. followed by breakfast at 7:30 and then Morning Watch, a brief period of individual meditation. Then our work day began. We had a brief group meeting to review our daily assignment, pick up our tools, and then leave camp by 9:15. Most of the assignments were about 30-45 minutes driving time from camp. We tried to make it back to camp by 5:00 to allow time to shower and clean up before dinner. Evening activities consisted of games, songfest, sharing of daily experiences, followed by evening worship.

One of the young men, the only one in my group, was Ryan, a very enthusiastic fellow from Marietta. During one of the sharing periods, he related how he had worked for an elderly woman who was 76 years old, and what a wonderful experience he had talking to her. He said he had never talked to anyone older than 70 before. I think I fooled him!

Carol and I both returned home with our faith in today’s youth strengthened. I hope, God willing, that I will be able to spend another week at CCC with Cokesbury’s youth.

– Submitted by Jim Atwater

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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:

Islesia El Siloe, Pastor Felix Herera
Tuesdays & Friday 7:00-10:00 p.m.
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Pastor Calby Patva
Sundays 6:00 p.m.

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