

It is noted from some teachers that they often learn more than they teach.....especially as they learn from their students and what is gained by pouring over material. I am finding that to be true as I teach the World Religion classes at Mitchell Community College. One idea that continues to stand out is what is central to a particular religion's expression. In the West, the word most used is "salvation." It comes from an understanding of healing, wholeness, completeness. Nothing wrong with that. We need healing for our brokenness and alienation. From the East comes the word "Wisdom." How should we live and how might we live wisely? Nothing wrong with that either.

The two words for the different locales can be broken down. In the West, it is found in the study of Theology; meaning, a word about God. In the East is found Philosophy; a love of wisdom. We are familiar with the idea of Christian theology. In the East, it would be Buddhist philosophy. What about the possibility of a Christian philosophy? We would not have to give up our theology in order to pursue wisdom. It might really serve to enrich our theology.

Among other things, I believe Jesus was a wisdom teacher. He never seem to want to just dispense knowledge, i.e. how many scripture verses can you memorize? Rather, he wanted to speak to that which would equip us to live in a world that seeks to both throw at us all kinds of opinions that are alien to the ancient prophetic message and to strip us of light and truth as we come to understand.

Live wisely!!!

## Prayer Requests

### CONCERNS

*Those who have lost loved ones: Family of Bill McMillan, Family of Harold Wiberg, Family of John Marlin; Family of Don Shaver; Family of Mary Frances Reep (Mike Joines' sister)*

*Those who are sick: Juanita Stroud, Betty Brendle, Helen Current, Diane Martin, Amy Hrabar, Logan Elkins, Madysen West, daughter of Reponda Powell, Kat Martin, Amber Davis, Chris Shuford's Aunt Francis, Redallia Freeman, Glenda, a friend of Phyllis Munson, Miguel Angel Morrillo, Tony Bellamy, Sue Walser, Suprena Tabor, Marian Grant, Fred Wilson, Jean Wilson, Sharon and Dennis Keller, Teresa Rimmer, Daniel Renegar, Mary Alice Woods, Jeff and Karen Coggins, Tressie and Allen Starrette, Ric Comer, Ernie Hendrix, Mary Ruth Godfrey, Anita Tuit and family, Gail Germain, John Munson's father, Anita Johnson, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Dr. Hanna Kutteh, Beecher and Mary Lee Grose, Don and Deborah Autrey-Cooke, Scott Cranfield, Bobby Long, Leisa Parks, Dalton Edwards*

*Those facing tough times: Ed and Nancy Clark, David and Teri Campbell and family, Faith Aiken, Dima Hanania and family, Robbie Harkey and family, Michael Teasley and family, Goodman family, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world: Children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters*

*Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Zach Spoor, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Logan Frutig, Caleb Sisk, Felix Martin, JJ Golden*

Grace

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January 18 - 25, 2015

Gary's cell - 704-682-1767

### New Prayer Requests CELEBRATIONS

January 18 - Jon Christian  
Comer

19 - Clay McDougall

20—Andrew Barber

23 - Allison Copeland; Lauren  
Mahaffey; Katherine  
Mahaffey; Paxton West  
Bartelo won the Spelling Bee  
at Statesville Middle School!

### CONCERNS:

- Julie Parlier's sister, has  
been diagnosed with  
breast cancer. If you'd  
like to send her a card, her  
address is:

Juanita Stroud

224 Feimster Street  
Statesville, NC 28625

- Ronda Stewart-Wilcox has  
been diagnosed with  
breast cancer. She will  
meet with doctors on  
Monday to determine  
treatment.
- Remember Cody  
Johnson., He lost his  
grandfather recently and  
is struggling with the loss.

- Hold John-Mark's mother  
tight. She has lost several  
people who are close to  
her lately.
- Chris Shuford's Aunt  
Frances has been moved  
back to the nursing home  
from the hospital where  
Hospice is caring for her.
- Bryan Starrette mentioned  
that there are several  
within our community of  
faith who have  
responsibilities caring for  
elderly family members.  
These times can be tough  
and challenging.

### OUTREACH

ICM is in need of a variety of  
canned food items  
Fifth Street is in need of  
coffee.

Both agencies can benefit  
from your financial support

### CALENDAR

Monday: 8pm - NA

Tuesday: 4:30pm - Worship  
Board

Wednesday: 7pm - choir  
rehearsal

Friday: 8pm - NA

Sunday: 10am - Sunday  
School; 11am - Worship

Looking ahead:

Sunday, February 1 - 1-2:30pm  
- Baby shower honoring Peggy  
Nicholson at the church

Sunday, February 22: Potluck  
after worship

Sunday, March 1: 2-4pm -  
Putting meals together for Stop  
Hunger Now with Trinity  
Episcopal

Friday, March 20, 5-8pm and

Saturday, March 21, 8am-

Noon - Church Spring Cleaning  
Sunday, March 29 - Potluck  
after worship

### WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS

Church maintenance before

Sunday: Hendrix

Second Hour Helpers: This

Sunday - Tom Wiberg and

Sloane Goodman/Sharon

McDougall and Carole Hendrix

The Young Adult Group is  
collecting tissue and hand  
sanitizer for Third Creek  
Elementary. Bring your  
donations to the church.

John-Mark will be preaching in  
chapel at Wake Forest on  
Tuesday, February 24.

Are you willing to have your  
name added to the childcare  
list? If so, please contact  
Phyllis Rogers at  
phyllis.rogers0@gmail.com  
It's a great opportunity to get  
to know some of our youngest  
participants!

### WORDS OF GRACE

"Why I Am Glad My Son  
Is In Prison"

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

### BUDGET

Needed year to date:

\$5,870.94

Received year to date:

\$3,284.00

Under budget: \$2,586.94

Weekly needs: \$1956.98