

January 2021

# North Spray News



## A LINE FROM LEM

By Lem Hardison, Minister

### WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO



We live in a very perplexing time. We miss being with our friends, families, and church families. I trust the arrival of the COVID vaccine will help us round the curve and give us smoother sailing in the New Year. In the meanwhile, there are many decisions we must make.

I have been reading a book by Dr. David Jeremiah entitled: *"What To Do When You Don't Know What To Do."* This is based on the Book of James. The book of James provides us with God's wisdom on issues such as finances, faith, and decision making. I love the Book of James. It is one of the most partial books in the New Testament about everyday living.

As we face the New Year, I feel led to preach through the Book of James during the first quarter of the year. As I do so, I will also be sharing some of Dr. Jeremiah's insights.

Keep in mind that James was the brother of our Lord. Imaging what it must have been like eating, for thirty years, at the same table with Him; working six days of the week in the same workshop with Him; going up on the seventh day to the same synagogue with Him; and once every year going up to Jerusalem to the Passover with Him. I encourage you to be reading and studying this little book of James, so we might learn "What to do when we don't know what to do."

See You Sunday on ZOOM,  
Lem

We will continue having our online services until further notice. Here are the methods you can use to join us:

### Online

<https://zoom.us/j/99879722687>

### Zoom App

Download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app in your app store and join us using the access code of 998 7972 2687.

### Phone

Call 646.558.8656 and use 998 7972 2687 as the access code.

**JOIN US ONLINE!**  
Service Hosted on Zoom!  
Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

 NORTH SPRAY  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH **zoom**

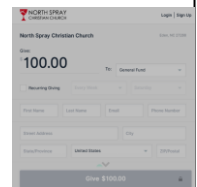
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When you log in on Sunday mornings, you will see a message when you first log in that says "Wait for the host to start the meeting." Once Thomas sees that you have joined, he will admit you to the service, the waiting message will disappear, and Zoom will open like it usually does. All our current access codes will remain the same. No further action is required on your part. If you have any questions, please let Thomas know.

We encourage you to continue to **give your tithes and offerings during this time.** Our church property still needs to be maintained even though we are not meeting at this time. You may mail your offering to the church at 521 Washburn Avenue. Our mail is being checked daily.

**Please Note: When you send your tithe by mail please include your numbered offering envelope with it, so that we will have a tangible record to keep after the money is deposited. Deposits are made on Tuesdays, so if your offering is received after that, they will be deposited the following week.**

Also, remember our **online giving option.** Gifts can be made to our General Fund and Memorial Fund, as well as for special offerings. You can give a one-time gift or setup recurring giving if you wish to



give every week or month. Options are available to give either by credit/debit card or bank draft.

Visit [northspraychristianchurch.com/giving](http://northspraychristianchurch.com/giving) to get started. If you have questions about online giving, please contact Thomas Knight at [tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com](mailto:tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com).

**2021 Offering Envelopes** are now available. **You can pick your envelopes up at the church in the fellowship hall.** Please contact Sylvia (336-552-5697) if you don't have a key to the church and make arrangements to get yours. Perhaps some of you who don't mind going about during this virus could pick up envelopes for others and deliver them to help get them out.



This year our Blanket Sunday emphasis will be done virtually. **Blanket Sunday will be January 24.** Make plans to give a special offering to help those around the world who are in dire need. Watch our social media platforms for more information.

### F.Y. I. (For Your Information)

By Sylvia Brown, Editor



**New Year's Day**  
Friday, January 1, 2020

**Season of Epiphany Begins**  
Wednesday, January 6



### Birthdays for January:

Treygan Upchurch	1
Lugene Compton	3
Jarret Stewart	4
Michelle Goodman	8
Jean Light Kinyon	14
Carol Cherwaty, Adalynn Dejournette	15
Chris Scott	16
Stephanie Merrick, Kris Parker	18
Kristi Merritt	20
Bracken Davis	21
Joe Cherwaty	23
Howard Davis	24
Martie/Myrna Stephens	25
Grayson Dalton, Heavenley Strader	27
Geordie Mabes	30



### Anniversaries for January:

Melvin and Faye Wood	20
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### Service Opportunities:

#### **Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM)**

By Sylvia Brown, Editor

**The CCM food pantry is located at the Leaksville Moravian Church.** The food pantry is open 9:30-12:00 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Those in need should go to the church at these times and they will be assisted once a month. We are asked to bring food on the **first Sunday of each month** and place it in the box in the hallway. There is always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, Jiffy muffin mix, spaghetti sauce, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits.**



**CCM is more than a food pantry.** You may also give monetary donations to help clients with utilities and for purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931. All of your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.

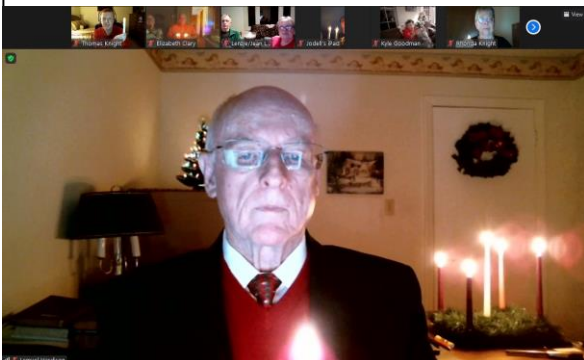
### Salvation Army Service

We are serving meals at the **Salvation Army** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays each month. This month our dates will be **Fridays, January 15 & 29**. Our thanks to those who serve so faithfully. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please see Bobbie Hill.

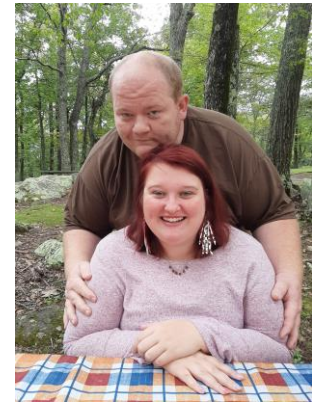
### Special Happenings...

*By Sylvia Brown, Editor*

This year we had a virtual Christmas Eve service on ZOOM. Thank you to all those who participated.



**Congratulations to Caleb and Kayla Sawyers Upchurch** on their marriage on November 27. We wish you a lifetime of happiness together!



### Youth Yak. . .

*By Beth Lewis/Heather Wakefield*

Please remember our youth, their parents, and the teachers and administrators in our community as they deal with all the issues of educating during a pandemic.

### Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

*By Faye Wood, President*



The CWF has **boxed greeting cards** (priced on box) and **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. These may be purchased from any member of the CWF. Money can be given to Michelle Walker or the church office. These items are in the closet just beyond the coat rack in the hallway.

### Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

*By Paul White, President*



Due to church and global circumstances and health issues of some of our workers, **we will not be preparing stews this season**. We hope to be able to resume this activity in the coming year.

### A Word from the Board

*By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair*

In our **annual congregational meeting on Sunday, December 6** the **2021 proposed budget** was approved. The extension of the deacons and elders and the board officers terms for an additional year was also approved.

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for **Monday, January 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** This will be a virtual meeting on ZOOM. Necessary information will be sent out the week before the meeting.



**North Spray Christian Church gratefully acknowledges these gifts To the Memorial Fund:**  
**In memory of Mary Lee**

**Perkins by: Mary Frances Barton; Buddy & Peggy Bowers; Nick & Cindy Freitag; Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon; Paul & Annette White; Gildan Activewear, Inc.; Spencer & Patricia Perkins; Jerry & Michelle Walker**

**In memory of Lillie Meeks by: Cynthia Johnson; Barney & Lou Strutton; Lenzie & Jean Light Kinyon; Spray Baptist Church Widows for Christ**

**To the General Fund:**  
**In memory of Clay & Mary Lee Perkins by Barney & Lou Strutton**

**To the Fire Repair Fund:**

**In memory of Lillie Meeks by Benjamin & Katrina Meeks**

**REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:** (\*NSCC members)



**Immediate Needs:**

Bryan Bailey – Bill & Beth's son

Jerry Dollins – Barbara Spurlin's son-in-law –  
Recuperating from heart surgery back in Oklahoma

Mark Good – Buddy & Peggy Bowers' son-in-law –  
2-3 month recuperation from fall; broken hip, pelvis, and cracked ribs – 182 James Way, Advance, NC 27006

Jane Hankins – 313 Daniel Adkins Street  
Bob & Margery Johnson – 118 Wilson Street  
Kim Pulliam – shoulder surgery on 9/1 – 1025 Klyce Street, Apt. 1

\*Ray Strader – out of work 4 weeks due to crushed toes and stitches in big toe – 636 Riverside Dr.

Patsy Vestal – Room 135, UNC Rockingham Nursing Center for rehab after hip surgery

**Ongoing Needs/Homebound:**

Belle Banks – 1305 Wentworth St., Reidsville

\*Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street

Bernice "Tootsie" Carter – 714 Church Street

Jackie Chandler – 123 Taft Street

\*Faye Clark – Room 189, UNC Rockingham Nursing Center

Hazel Compton – Roger's mother – Brian Center

Gay Forrester – 612 E. Stadium Drive

\*June Gatewood – Brian Center

Shirley Gray - Mike's mother, UNC Rockingham Nursing Center

Ron Hardison – Arbor Glen Apts., 637 S. Pierce St., Apt. E- Seizures; fell and broke shoulder

Lawrence Harris – 93 Ford Street, Collinsville, VA 24075

\*Obera Harris – 810 McConnell Avenue

Luanne Joyce – Sylvia Brown's sister – Room 403, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville 27320

\*Diane Kennon – 340 Daniel Adkins Street

\*Bill & \*Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive

Geneva Lawson – Nursing Home in Banner Elk – Severe Dementia

\*Pauline Litaker – c/o 5215 Southwind Road, Greensboro, NC 27455

Ashley Long – Diagnosed w/Ankylosing Spondylitis (a rare, genetic autoimmune arthritis) 148 White Oak Court

\*Kim Morrison – 230 Hidden Valley Dr., Apt. 237  
Roy Mouldin, former pastor at Kings Hwy. Christian – 14671 Hwy. 87

Mike & Lynda Perry – 407 Lynrock Street

\*Kathryn Metro Ragland – 312 Coleman Street  
LaRue Roberts – 1724 Walnut Vista Way #26, Sevierville, TN 37876

Bobbie Shough – 236 Harrison Street

Jill Slaughter – Room 306, Brian Center

Martie Stephens – Alzheimer's Unit at Meadows

Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL Send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704

Nancy Stone – Angie Strader's cousin –460 Hanson Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401

\*Angie Strader and family – 636 Riverside Drive

Susan Talley – 213 Portsmouth Drive

\*Nathan Townsend – 241 Turner Drive, Unit C, Reidsville

Caleb & Kayla Upchurch & family – 411 Sherwood Court

Scott Vestal – 555 Victor Street

\*Jerry Walker – 148 Laurell Drive

\*Sylvia Wilson – 1150 Trogdon Drive

\*Charles & \*Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148

\*Harriet Washburn – 1229 Harris Street

Joyce White – Frankie's mother/Nancy's sister – 206 Howe Street

\*Marissa Wright and Family – 519 Orchard Drive

\*Faye & \*Melvin Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville, 27320

***Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Lillie Meeks at her death on December 2. Lillie moved her membership from First Christian to North Spray upon the church's closure. She was an active***

member up until the time when her health would not permit it.



If you would like to make a prayer request visit [northspraychristianchurch.com/prayer](http://northspraychristianchurch.com/prayer) to submit your request.



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**Office hours: Mon.-Thurs., 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

We are still working from our off campus offices. Lem can be reached at 336-613-1098. Sylvia can be reached at 336-552-5697. You may also leave a voicemail at the church number.

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