

Inreach



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January, 2018

Your Elders  
Ted Coles

Hello Tryon Church members,

I sincerely hope everyone reading this has had a good Christmas.

I want to let each and every one of you know that your Elders are there for your support.

Every Sabbath the Elder of the week and his wife will be at the classrooms off the foyer for prayer. Please come when you need prayer and avail yourself of having an Elder pray with/for you.

Also each Elder is available to different Ministry heads for support. If you don't know which Elder is assigned to your ministry please contact one of us to find out which Elder is. This is to help you in making decisions on questions you might have pertaining to your ministry.

We do not want you to have to wait till board meeting to bring something up that can be handled shortly after the question arises. If the Elder does not have an answer right away, he should be able to get you an answer in a timely fashion. Also, if you could let the Elder know what your ministry is doing and what plans you have it would be helpful. We would like the church to become more closely connected in ministry work. The Elders meet once a month and discuss things going on in the church.

The Elders are there for you, to help you in your time of need and to give you support. Please also remember that anointing for healing works. You have all witnessed this a couple times last year, so you know it works. This is what we are there for. This is what you placed us in our positions as Elders for.

All the Elders are committed to doing God's work and helping the Tryon church to grow and be ready for Christ's soon return. They are all good family men with a great degree of compassion and integrity. These are men who will stand in the gap for their congregation, and we all thank you for the opportunity to serve.

May God Bless each and every one of you in his service.

Sincerely,

Ted Coles  
Head Elder

## Adventurers

Sara Wolff

November was a busy month with four meetings. We went can collecting two Sabbaths in a row. We collected 322 non-perishable items. The food was donated to our church food pantry, *Share Thy Bread*, and the local ministry, Thermal Belt Outreach. The kids loved going from door-to-door to drop off the bags and then collecting the bags the following Sabbath. After can collecting we worked on our Delightful Sabbath award. We also completed the Prayer, Friends of Animals, and Troubador awards. Thank you, Lorna Dever, for coming and teaching Friends of Animals.

In December we had our Christmas party. We played games, made a craft, filled blessing bags for the homeless, had a yummy treat, and exchanged gifts. Each family then took the bags to pass out to homeless people that we may encounter.

I would like to thank everyone who donated items for our Blessing Bags.

Tryon Adventurer Club loves serving others!

## Kindergarten Supply Needs

Deb Grant

Thank you for the accordion file folder donations. All we need now are some sheet protectors. If you have a few you aren't planning to use, leave them at the kindergarten room.

Thanks so much!

## Share Thy Bread Boxes

Bev Cook

Christmas time is always a special time for our food distribution ministry, *Share Thy Bread*. Our school children came through again this year wrapping about 50 boxes in brightly colored Christmas paper.

Then once our food supply came in from Manna, we stuffed those boxes in readiness to share food during these holidays. Food Lion gave us 100 boxes of festive boxes with non-perishable food and our *Share Thy Bread* teams were able to distribute these as well.

Our Matthew 25 gardens yielded a lot of fresh greens in December and the community received them wholeheartedly.

It truly is more blessed to give than to receive. We still have a need for a person or two to deliver food to Bethlehem Methodist Church in Mill Spring on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 5:45 pm. If you would be interested in this outreach, please let Bev Cook know.

With the new year before us, we look forward to expanding this ministry as the Lord opens doors.

*Prayer  
does not  
take the place  
of planning and work.  
Instead,  
Prayer gives God  
an opportunity  
to work through you.*

## Share Thy Bread

Bev Cook

Share Thy Bread (STB) is alive and active as a ministry at our beloved church. With dedicated workers to deliver food each week and stock shelves, we praise God for loving servants carrying out His commission. Recently, STB added a new venue to its list of drop-offs during the week. Every second and fourth Tuesday, our team (Carole Brenner & Allan Carron) take food to the Community House in Sunnyview. Their representative said the people are so blessed especially at this holiday time of the year where receiving food can make the difference between having enough to eat and not having enough. Our first delivery there saw 15 people in attendance with some having up to six in their household.

We expect these numbers to grow. Another big venue that has been serviced by Dixie Painter & her family is The Meeting Place. They often have between 20 – 25 people come for food and the representative there tells us that our service has increased their attendance on those days. This venue represents about 50 people every other week if you count people at home who these people share their food with.

STB has had a delivery on the second and fourth Thursdays at Bethlehem Methodist Church for years. Recently, our team members (John & Eleanor Carpenter) moved out of the area. We sure could use a couple of people to deliver food at 5:45 pm on these Thursdays. Perhaps with this new year, you might want to minister in a new way. Contact Bev Cook, 704-692-6667, if you do.



## WM ~ Fresh Mercy

Vickie Hillmon

Don't you love the newness of morning?

The dew on the grass? The awakening of the sun? The quiet stillness of the day when you can spend time alone with the Lord in solitude?

Oh, what joy rises in our souls as we realize that Gods love and mercy are new every morning.

As we move forward into the new year, start each day as a fresh start. A new opportunity of peace, love and joy. A gift of Gods Grace.

Grace washes over us afresh, like the morning dew.

Great is His faithfulness!

*The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.*

~ Lamentations 3:22-23

Please mark your calendars!

Sunday- February 4  
MERCER MINISTRIES  
"Prayer Warriors – Rise!"  
Pastor Rick & Cindy Mercer

Who: YOU!

Men's Ministry  
Prayer Warriors' Ministry  
Women's Ministry

Where: Morgan Center

Time: 11:00 a.m.

End: 1:30 p.m.

Free soup & salad lunch will be served.

The Mercers are on fire for the Lord. You won't want to miss this presentation. Invite your friends.

Happy New Year &  
Blessings from,  
Women's Ministry



## Upcoming Health Classes

Bev Cook

We are excited to present health classes on natural remedies from Kitchen to Bathroom “medicine” cabinet. This series will cover a wide array of information to help in addressing the whole person, explaining how best to prevent disease and how to restore to health as well. This will be a combination DVD series by Walt Cross, a meal, and a demo. You will be able to purchase some whole food items, etc., as presented. More information such as dates and times will be included in the bulletin and the bulletin board. We hope you will bring your friends, neighbors, and family – anyone interested in bettering their health without the side effects so commonly experienced. Questions? Ask Bev Cook, 704-692-6667.

## Breath of Prayer

Frances McKinnon Morton

A breath of prayer in the morning  
Means a day of blessing sure;  
A breath of prayer in the evening  
Means a night of rest secure;

A breath of prayer in our weakness  
Means the clasp of a mighty hand;  
A breath of prayer when we're lonely  
Means someone to understand;

A breath of prayer in our sorrows  
Means comfort and peace and rest;  
A breath of prayer in our doubtings  
Assures us the Lord knows best;

A breath of prayer in rejoicing  
Gives joy and added delight,  
For they that remember God's goodness  
Go singing far into the night.

There's never a year nor a season  
That prayer may not bless every hour,  
And never a soul need be helpless  
When linked with God's infinite power.



## Getting to Know You

Maxine Malmstrom

Maxine has been a Seventh-day Adventist since 1955 when she was 22 years old. She was introduced to the church through Voice of Prophecy Bible study guides and also through listening to HMS Richards, Senior. She heard him speak at camp meetings. She received the study guides in the mail and they asked if she would like an opportunity to have someone visit her. She said “yes.” She was in awe that no one else seemed to know these truths she was learning. She did not know where a Sabbath keeping church was, but when an Elder Pontynan stopped to see her, he shared with her many things including the closest church. He asked if she would like to visit the church and yes, she would. In those days everyone called each other brother and sister and today she misses that. She started going with two of her children to church – her daughter being three years old and son being six months old. Her husband, Ike, was in the service and she shared bits of truth with him. He was never in a church even growing up, but Maxine came from a Methodist background.

It wasn't long before Maxine was baptized after she attended an evangelistic series held in Iowa across the Mississippi River from Illinois where she lived. When Ike got home from the Army, he found a different wife than who he married, one transformed by the power of God. He was very upset because he was not spiritually inclined and did everything

he could to discourage her. However, God kept her faithful. Ike said that Maxine loved God more than him and she replied that it was because of God that she did love him. After a few incidents, he eventually settled down.

Ike, Maxine, and family lived in Illinois until 1964 and then they moved to Wisconsin and farmed for six years. Ike had invested a good deal in the farm and sold it for both Chevy and Minneapolis-Moline Tractor dealerships necessitating a move back to Illinois in 1970. While he ran the dealerships, Maxine raised their eight children. They ran the dealership for 1-½ years but the seller never actually signed over the ownership to them. Upon investigation, they discovered the owner defrauded them as the dealerships were franchises and eventually they were awarded due compensation. Now Ike went into full time trucking.

In 1974 they moved to Florida and stayed there until they came to South Carolina. Maxine now lives in her daughter's house in Inman as her legal residence is still in Florida where she maintains a house.

Today Maxine only has one child in the church (Val), but the others are sympathetic. Four live in South Carolina, one in Florida, and one in Tennessee, and one in Wisconsin, one is deceased.

When asked a typical day, Maxine says she embroideries, but her main time is spent in raising money for mission projects like ADRA, someone needing a vehicle, special needs, etc. She buys and sells anything she

can pick up at a lesser price and sell higher; things like hand embroidered bedspreads, unusual antiques, any collectibles, etc. She also holds yard sales twice a year in Florida and the funds go to mission projects. Her husband actually started the yard sales. Maxine also likes to garden and in the winter she can be found taking care of grandchildren, picking them up from school, etc., and helping her neighbors in need. At church she works weekly at the Thrift Store and helps in fellowship meals. Her favorite Bible verses are Isaiah 12:2, 41:10, 41:13; Psalm 61:2; and John 14:1-3.

The greatest thrill of her life was to see Ike's conversion at the end of his life when he was in the hospital incapacitated. She asks God to never let her lose the remembrance of that experience. She entered his hospital room and he said he had been able to forgive his father. When she asked him if he thought that the Lord helped him with that, he replied “certainly.” While there Pastor Gibbs came to visit, and Robert Carney as well. Ike wished he could have known more of the church

people. One night he was talking to the nurses and wanted to go to church on Sabbath but he could not discharge himself. He was hooked up everywhere. Maxine had a dream where she was commanded to go and as she did, found Ike very serious. He wanted her to read the Bible to him. He said he realized that he was allowed to go through all this pain as he would not have been thinking of his salvation without it. He thought he was too dirty to come to the Lord but Maxine assured him, he was clean in Jesus and then Ike was so relaxed and relieved, accepting Jesus. Now Ike would talk to all the nurses telling his conversion story. He truly did regret waiting so long. Robert Carney washed his feet and brought communion to him and although he wanted to be baptized, he couldn't due to his condition and Pastor Gibbs assured him that Jesus' baptism was for him as well as any who were not able to go down into the water. He was satisfied. So, Ike went to sleep in Jesus a saved man right at the end of his days – not unlike the thief on the cross!



## Your Help Needed

From the Bulletin

*Share Thy Bread* needs:

1) Ingles' milk boxes. Please put under STB trailer or in Morgan Center lobby and let Bev Cook know. Hint: If you are in or driving past Ingles about 1:00 p.m. check just inside the door on the side towards Landrum, right beside the dry ice machine. You don't have to check with anyone, just load them into your vehicle.

2) People to deliver food to Bethlehem Methodist Church in Mill Spring the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 5:45 p.m.

*No Prayer = Much Hard Work*

*Some Prayer = Much Work*

*Much Prayer = Less Work*



## New Year's Eve Ball Drop

Tryon Style

No tradition rings in a new year better than watching a ball drop in New York City's Times Square. As the ball descends and thousands of people count down, new beginnings and visions of what the next year holds begin to take shape.

Tryon is not a stranger to these festivities and Dean Trakas, owner of Brady Trakas Architects, knows how to bring the feeling of Times Square on New Year's Eve to the clock tower on Trade St. downtown.

Trakas said this tradition began in Marion, N.C. at Josephine's Restaurant in the late 1990s with a fishing pole and an exercise ball, before moving to the Lilac Wine and Piano Bar next to the Shops of Tryon.

"This was a few years before my family and I moved to Tryon," Trakas explained. "Marion didn't have a New Year's Eve celebration to speak of and I would say that was in 1997 or 1998. I thought, well, they drop a ball in Times Square, why couldn't we do it in Marion, North Carolina? I got an exercise ball from my kids and wrapped it in tin foil, put 'Happy New Year' on it, and 'fished' it off the upstairs balcony of the restaurant at midnight and we had a big party after."

When Trakas moved to Tryon, he said the tradition was carried over to the Lilac Wine and Piano Bar. He and Andy Millard, along with their friends, did a ball drop with a ladder at the bar 10 years ago.

"I had a tuxedo on, climbed the

**Come to downtown Tryon  
New Year's Eve by 9:45 p.m.  
For an event you will never forget!**

ladder and dropped a ball to bring in the new year," Trakas said. "Little by little, word caught on and people started coming in. That's when the tradition was established here."

The tradition evolved when Trakas said he approached the Town of Tryon about closing a section of Trade Street to utilize the clock tower for the ball drop. People in the hundreds began to come, he said, and the Tryon Fire Department offered spotlights on their trucks to illuminate the ball drop.

Trakas said he would hide behind the Rotary Plaza's clock tower on a ladder because it was the only place tall enough to pull off a drop and he used Millard's deep-sea fishing rod to drop the ball.

"We got the TDDA and the PCCF involved as well because the PCCF wanted to do more free events for the community and that's when it kicked into high gear," Trakas said. "We got tents, food and entertainment set up and the word continued to get out to the point where people from Spartanburg and Greenville were coming in too."

Tryon Midnight initially did the ball drop at 9 p.m., according to Trakas. He thought that was too early and pushed the drop back to 10 p.m. The activities begin at 7 p.m. in downtown Tryon. The ball will drop at 10 p.m. The evening features live music from various bands, a bean bag toss, hula hoops, and face painting are some of the activities planned in addition to hot chocolate, pizza and desserts.

## Winter Fun Day

Arden SDA Church

Winter Fun Day is a chance to show God's love to an often forgotten group of people. This is a chance for children with special needs to come to an event designed especially for them. Games and crafts are designed to include kids of all abilities. If you know a special child who would enjoy the next Winter Fun Day, you are welcome to bring them for a fun time. For more information, contact Charlene at winterfundayforkids@gmail.com.

Winter Fun Day  
January 7

2 - 4 p.m.

Arden Adventist Community  
Life Center

Southern Union ReGenerate!  
Church Revitalization Conference  
February 23, 2018 – Friday evening  
February 24, 2018 – Sabbath morning  
services and afternoon seminars  
Lunch and supper will be provided  
on Sabbath.

Location: Spartanburg SDA  
Church

Address: 1217 John B White Sr  
Blvd, Spartanburg, SC 29306

Keynote Speakers: Dan Jackson,  
President of the North American  
Division; Bill McLendon, Pastor of the  
Ellicott City SDA Church, Baltimore,  
MD

Register online at [www.  
carolinasda.org](http://www.carolinasda.org) by January 31, 2018

Zuri Scroggins, Carolina Conference  
of Seventh-day Adventists Department  
Secretary, 704-596-3200

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Contact Benjamin Owens at: 828-625-9073.

**FOR SALE:** Free range chicken  
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**Sewing and alterations.** Deb Grant  
828-817-7015.

**FIREWOOD:** Split, hardwood  
firewood, delivered within 25 miles.  
Call John Cantrell, 828-817-7345 or  
828-817-4178 for delivery details and  
pricing.

**NEEDED:** Holy Cross Episcopal  
Church is looking for a part-time staff  
to work in our nursery with our infant  
to four year olds on Sunday mornings  
from approximately 9:30 - 11:45 a.m.  
If interested, please call the office at  
828-859-9741.



Join Us New Year's Eve

Deb Grant & Social Committee

“SOUPER”

New Year's Eve Party

5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Soups will be provided.

You can bring sides such as, but not  
limited to crackers, veggie trays,  
cornbreads, etc.

January



- 3 Sarah Painter
- 4 Nadia Milks
- 7 Tré Gordon
- 8 Michael H. Owens  
Bryce Sasso
- 11 Mary Webb
- 16 Eleanor Carpenter  
Candy Justice  
Jill Sampson
- 19 Leigh Ann Uribe  
Grayson Rowe
- 20 Deb Grant
- 23 Chrisy Witt
- 24 Larry Dietz  
Delmer Green
- 26 Alberto Alvarez  
Larry Moses
- 27 Delvin Hornbeck
- 29 Bryson Shepard
- 30 Chet Cook
- 31 Marilyn Fralick

Activities and games  
for all ages  
to

participate or spectate!

Event will end in time for you to take  
part in the festivities in downtown  
Tryon with a countdown and ball drop  
at 10:00 p.m.!

Plan to come!

Questions?

Call Deb, 828-817-7015



*Assembling  
Christmas boxes  
for  
Eastside  
and  
Levi/Smith-Waldrop  
Families*

**Church - Tryon Seventh-day Adventist, School - Tryon Seventh-day Adventist, Holidays in United States, Weather**

**Jan 2018 (Eastern Time)**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
CHRISTMAS BREAK @ Seventh-Day Adventist Co-Op Order Date New Year's Eve 5:30pm - New Year's	New Year's Day 9am - Thrift Store	SCHOOL RESUMES/ 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - SCHOOL 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 5:31pm - Sunset	No Fellowship Meal 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 4pm - Church Reserved 5:32pm - Sunset
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 6pm - Finance 7pm - Church Board 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 5:30pm - Pathfinder 6pm - Adventurer Club 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 5:37pm - Sunset	Youth Sabbath 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 5pm - Vespers and 5:38pm - Sunset
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10am - Thrift Store 1pm - Church Business	Martin Luther King Jr. 9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 12pm - SCHOOL 5:44pm - Sunset	NO FELLOWSHIP Pathfinder Hike/Honor 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 5:45pm - Sunset
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10am - Thrift Store	NO SCHOOL TEACHER 9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 5:30pm - Pathfinder 6pm - Adventurer Club 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 5:51pm - Sunset	9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 12:30pm - FELLOWSHIP 5:52pm - Sunset
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
10am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 9pm - Bulletin deadline	8:30am - Circle of 9am - Thrift Store 6:30pm - Prayer	9am - Thrift Store	9am - Thrift Store 5:59pm - Sunset	No Fellowship Meal Pathfinder Area Bible 9:15am - Sabbath 10:45am - Worship 6pm - Sunset

## Bible Experience

Wanangwa Hartwell

Attention Pathfinder-age kids! If you want to study Daniel and Esther with us, please come to the Pathfinder worship time from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on January 10 and 24 (Wednesdays). We are nearing the time for competition so please be studying extra hard, especially the second half of our two books and the theme from the SDA Bible Commentary. See me (Wanangwa) or Chrisy Witt about special events for extra practice in between regular Pathfinder meetings.

Remember, we use the New King James Version. Here are some more questions to test yourself. Answers will be in the next Church Newsletter.

In Daniel 8, from which direction did the male goat come?

What shall happen at the end of the 2300 days?

For how long did Daniel fast?

Who went to the king of the North to make an agreement?

How long is it from the time the daily sacrifice is taken away and the abomination of desolation is set up?

Besides in the book of Esther, where is written “the account of the greatness of Mordecai”?

Answers from the last newsletter:

Bigthan and Teresh, doorkeepers

Fifty cubits

On the thirteenth day of the first month

Belshazzar, king of Babylon

In Shushan, the citadel

Jeremiah

## Changes

Young Disciple, Vol. 7, Num. 6

I love winter. Here in Northern Maine, the landscape is covered with a blanket of snow for about four months. This gives me freedom to explore the woods on snowshoes or cross-country skis. Our whole family relishes every adventure on the snow, and we do not look forward to the snow melting.

But rain changes things. In April, the pussy willow catkins begin to bloom. The sun changes the reddish twigs into lovely boughs of fur that bob in the crisp wind. They start out quite white, then turn to silver gray.

Sun changes things. And with the blooming of that first flower, I know that God is transforming the gray countryside into what will become lush and refreshing.

Even though I am content with our cold winters, I do not want to be content with a frozen spiritual life. God invites me to turn my face toward Him and be changed--transformed--by the renewing of my mind.

God changes things--and makes them beautiful.

~ Sylvia Garey

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Newsletter for easier on-line reading!