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## CHURCH - WIDE BIBLE STUDY FOR 2011-2012: THE STORY

After much prayerful consideration, this year's Church-Wide Bible Study has been identified. We'll be studying

THE STORY: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People.

Whether you've never read the Bible from cover to cover, or you're now starting on your fourth or fifth read-through of the Scriptures, this is the study for you. Excerpting a considerable amount of the Biblical text, and placing it in chronological order, THE STORY also makes use of transitions written by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee. This allows readers to experience the great sweep of the Scriptures, and helps all of us to get a better sense for what God has done among and through His people - and is still doing today. To get an idea of what THE STORY is all about, read the paragraph below, taken from the Preface to THE STORY.

*'The Greatest Story Ever Told' is more than just a cliché. God has gone to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about--the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accurate, and easy-to-understand text of the New International Version, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, it is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption.*

You'll have more than one opportunity to take THE STORY. It will be used in the Sunday Evening Women's and Men's studies, and will also be offered on Wednesday evening in a co-ed setting, following our BLAST meal. We are currently striving to arrange a daytime co-ed study as well. As it becomes available, further information will be placed on the bulletin board just outside the Library, where you will be able to sign up for the study group of your preference. And please, **DO SIGN UP**. We need to have a fairly accurate idea of how many books and study materials to order, so help us help you.

I can't wait for us to get started on THE STORY!

blessings,  
pastor susan

You may sign up for these studies in the Sunday bulletins, on the bulletin board outside of the library, by e-mail ([centenaryumc@centenarychurch.com](mailto:centenaryumc@centenarychurch.com)) or by phone (637-4181).

In the past couple of months, I have shared some of the things I've learned during my sabbatical. One of the lessons I learned came in the shape of the creeds introduced at different points in Early Christian History. Creeds are statements of faith or set of fundamental beliefs or guiding principles in the faith. The first creeds did not originate at Nicaea but much earlier in Biblical History.

If we look at Deuteronomy 6:4, we find the first creed recited by Hebrews when they got up in the morning and before they went to bed. It declares, "Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone." This declaration helped center the people upon God daily.

The creed in Scripture that has been a cornerstone in my own Christian spiritual journey comes from Philippians 2:5-11, also known as an Christological hymn. This creed proclaims the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ.

One of the first creeds outside of Scripture come from the writings of the early Church Father, Irenaeus and is known as the Rule of Faith. It decrees, "... this [Christian] faith: in one God, the Father Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth and the seas and all the things that are in them; and in one Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who was made flesh for our salvation; and in the Holy Spirit, who made known through the prophets the plan of salvation, and the coming, and the birth from a virgin, and the passion, and the resurrection from the dead, and the bodily ascension into heaven of the beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord, and his future appearing from heaven in the glory of the Father to sum up all things and to raise anew all flesh of the whole human race . . ."

In 451, the Council of Chalcedon confessed what is known today as the Creed of Chalcedon or Chalcedonian Confession. This confession defined the two natures of Jesus Christ (fully human and fully divine). It pronounces, "We, then, following the holy Fathers, all with one consent, teach people to confess one and the same Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the same perfect in Godhead and also perfect in manhood; truly God and truly man, of a reasonable [rational] soul and body; consubstantial [co-essential] with the Father according to the Godhead, and consubstantial with us according to the Manhood; in all things like unto us, without sin; begotten before all ages of the Father according to the Godhead, and in these latter days, for us and for our salvation, born of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, according to the Manhood; one and the same Christ, Son, Lord, only begotten, to be acknowledged in two natures, inconfusedly, unchangeably, indivisibly, inseparably; the distinction of natures being by no means taken away by the union, but rather the property of each nature being preserved, and concurring in one Person and one Subsistence, not parted or divided into two persons, but one and the same Son, and only begotten God, the Word, the Lord Jesus Christ; as the prophets from the beginning [have declared] concerning Him, and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself has taught us, and the Creed of the holy Fathers has handed down to us."

We have a rich history of Creeds in the Church. I encourage you to learn more about these creeds or others throughout Christian History.

- Bryan Huffman

## Helpers This Month

	<b>September 4</b>	<b>September 11</b>	<b>September 18</b>	<b>September 25</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Madison Gilgo Zach Johnson	Zachary Warren Sarah Fentress	Frank Fortescue Charlotte Warren	Grace Ann Marlowe Emma Leary
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Maryanne Brinson, Brenda Caldwell, Sue Harrell, Eileen Shalhoub			
<b>Greeters 8:30</b>	Diane Best Joy Wiley	George & Muriel Hemingway	Jim & Janet Wilson	Phil & Mary Ann Minton
<b>Greeters 11:00</b>	Ted & Phyllis Burton Tom McClay	Sandy Armstrong Rachel Todd Bea Honnet	Hal & Dollie Humphrey Betsy Johnson	Oscar & Barbara Teed Clint & Karen Duke
<b>Ushers 8:30</b>	Larry Cumbo P.D. Scott	Bob Fish Bill Stanton	Larry Cumbo Phil Minton	P.D. Scott Bill Stanton
<b>Ushers 8:50</b>	Sandy & Larry Moser	Phil Swain Paul Tingle	Sandy & Larry Moser	Phil Swain Paul Tingle
<b>Ushers 11:00</b>	Stephen Hall, Judy Tymes, Clay Carson, Bob Moore, Bennie Howard, Wayne Anderson, Larry Gilliam, Tom Morton, Richard Blythe			
<b>Lay Readers 8:30</b>	P.D. Scott	Benny Thompson	Ginny Johnson	Olwen Jarvis
<b>Lay Readers 8:50</b>	Don Loudin	Ginny Mangum	Durant Mangum	Denise Brown
<b>Lay Readers 11:00</b>	Waid Keene	Stan Richmond	Eloise Collins	Andy Acasio
<b>Audio-Visual 8:50</b>	Aaron Mummert	Aaron Mummert	Aaron Mummert	Aaron Mummert
<b>Audio-Visual 11:00</b>	Stan Richmond	Stan Richmond	Stan Richmond	Stan Richmond
<b>Musician 8:30</b>	Penny Keene	Cheryl Kite	Eloise Collins	Deanie Singleton



### Why Join United Methodist Women?

You become part of a national membership organization that offers:

- \* A community of women
- \* Spiritual growth
- \* A creative and supportive community
- \* Education and transformation through programs.

You join a million other women in helping to support many worthy programs and projects related to women, children, and youth.

### United Methodist Women Circles at Centenary

#### Balko-Gaskill Circle

On-line circle

#### Centenary Circle

Meets 2nd Monday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Parlor

#### Sara Porter-Rejoice Circle

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at homes of members.

#### Susan Miller Circle

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM in the Chadwick classroom.

Contact information for any of these Circles may be obtained from the church office at 637-4181.

You do not have to be a member of Centenary UMC to join a Circle at Centenary.

**Join United Methodist Women today!**

### UMW Mission Project Health Kits

Starting this month, Centenary UMW will be collecting Health Kits for MERCI Center each Sunday. We are asking for help from all Centenarians. Baskets will be placed outside the chapel doors and in the narthex. Items can either be placed in a sealed one gallon plastic bag or you may drop individual items in the baskets.

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes.

#### Items needed:

- 1 hand towel 15'x25' to 17'x27' - (no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb, (large & sturdy, not pocket size)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz size & up)
- 1 toothbrush (single adult size only, in original wrapping, no child size brushes)
- 6 adhesive strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (Toothpaste is purchased in bulk for addition to health kits just before shipment to insure that the product does not expire before it is used.)

### ANNUAL UMW COVERED DISH SALAD LUNCH MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 12:30 PM FELLOWSHIP HALL

All Centenary women are invited to bring a salad dish to share at this lunch. This event is a big favorite with Centenary women. You do not have to be a member of a circle to attend this lunch. All women are welcome!

Drinks and desserts will be provided by the Centenary Circle.



**Gifts and Memorials**

**Thru-the-Week School**

*In honor of*  
Tricia Daughtry

*Given by*  
Peter & Mary Louise Leavitt

*In memory of*  
William Grimm  
Thelma Johnson

*Given by*  
Jerry & Mary Carpenter  
Maryanne Brinson

**Youth Ministry**

*In memory of*  
William Grimm

*Given by*  
Jack & Barbara Huddle

**Memorial Fund**

*In memory of*  
James Wallace Holton  
William "Bill" Slaughter  
Bill Slaughter  
Pauline Robbins  
Pauline Robbins  
Pauline Robbins  
Pauline Hamby Robbins

*Given by*  
M.H. Askew  
Bob & Kathy Stoots  
Jeanne Brewer Downing  
Marie Hill  
Sallie Baxter  
Charlie & Betty Pace  
Dennis & Martha Leoni

**Operating Fund**

*In honor of*  
Matthew & Brianna Brown  
Lainey Drake's baptism

*Given by*  
Tom & Lori Calhoun  
Chris & Emily Drake

**Troop Support**

*In memory of*  
Alex & Rose Linko

*Given by*  
Jerry & Mary Carpenter

**Music Ministry**

*In memory of*  
Mike Holton

*Given by*  
Jack & Barbara Huddle

**Handbell Fund**

*In memory of*  
Scott Green

*Given by*  
Jack & Barbara Huddle

**Centenary Thru-the-Week School** has a few openings left for the 2011/2012 school year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in preschool for your child, please contact Katherine Muse at the church (637-4181) or at home (514-2541). For 1 year old children we offer several options in our Mother's Morning Out Classes. We also offer 2-Day, 3-Day, and 5-Day classes for 2, 3, and 4 year old children. Registrations will be accepted on a first come first serve basis.



**God, Soul, Mind, Brain  
September 18 2:00 PM**

A Neuroscientist's Reflection on the Spirit World is the title of the next Rothermel Foundation Lecture to be held on Sunday, September 18 at 2:00 PM in the First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary. The speaker will be Dr. Michael Graziano, Ph.D., Director of the Sensory Motion Laboratory in the Department of Psychology, Princeton University. As is true for all Rothermel programs, this lecture is free and open to the public. For additional information you can e-mail Dave Duane at [heathnh@centurylink.net](mailto:heathnh@centurylink.net).

**Centenary United Methodist Men's September Meeting  
Monday, September 19 6:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall**



We will be starting back our monthly Men's Fellowship Meetings after our summer break on Monday, September 19. This is the third Monday rather than our normal second Monday of each month. This change is necessary due to my out of town travel plans. Please mark your calendars of this date change and plan to come enjoy a time of fellowship, food, and fun with the men of Centenary. Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM, with a devotional, program, and short business time to follow. Thanks for all your support.

Larry Gilliam, President, Centenary UMM



**HELP.** Volunteer bus drivers and volunteer trip leaders make this program a success. Planning for next year's trips will start this October, so if you'd like to be a volunteer trip leader, contact Marcia Richmond at 633-5570 or MarciaR1749@suddenlink.net. No experience required! Think about whether you have time to lead 1 or 2 trips per year. We always brainstorm trip ideas as a group, so you will have help.

**Who is eligible to go on a Primetimers trip?** Anyone 55 years and older who will fill out a medical emergency form. You don't need to be a member of Centenary or any church; you don't need to be a female or ½ of a married couple. In other words, ANYONE is welcome! Bring your smile and come and enjoy some good Christian fellowship. Some trips require walking while others don't. Don't sit at home by yourself; come join a fun group who goes on outings monthly.

**Sept. 25-** Reserve the date now on your calendar. *Guys and Dolls* musical matinee, Sunday, 2 pm, New Bern Civic Theatre followed by Dutch treat dinner at Morgan's. Trip Leader is Joan Novak. Theatre tickets are \$16 and you're on your own for getting to the show. Sign-up sheet is in the bulletin. Sorry, no refunds for cancellations. Substitutions that you get are okay. Be sure you submit your check made out to CUMC with the bulletin sign-up sheet.

**Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** – On Thursday, Oct 6, we will take the church bus (28 seats only) & have a guided tour of Duke Chapel and Duke Gardens. Cost is \$9 plus your Dutch treat lunch. Make time to see this beautiful chapel and if you don't feel like strolling through the gardens, have a seat on a bench and enjoy the beauty of God's creation; it's all around us! For questions, contact Trip Leader, Mary Florence at 633-2851 or jflorence1@suddenlink.net

**Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Lake Road Winery - tour of the production area and of course a wine tasting. We will be eating lunch (Dutch Treat) first at the Chelsea (11 am) before loading the church bus for Newport. The cost of the trip is \$15. Checks should be made out to CUMC, with memo line, Primetimers and sent to Liz Dorsey, 126 Norbury Drive, New Bern, NC 28562 by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Bus departs Centenary at 12:30 p.m. Sorry, no reservations can be accepted without payment. No refunds can be given on day trips, substitutions that you get are okay. We only have 28 tickets and it is first come first serve, so don't wait if you plan to go along with us on this tour. If you have any questions you can reach Liz Dorsey on 638-6429 or by email on dorsey0672@aol.com.

**Dec - TBD**

**Stop Hunger Now Event**  
**Saturday, November 5 1:00 PM**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**

Join the Faith Connection of local churches, as we work together to help feel the Hungry of the World. You'll be assigned to a team to pack, sort, box, greet or further assist in the process.

Needed: male or female to lift 50 lbs off the truck for set up at 11:30 AM

Needed: males or females to lift 32 lbs for lifting the boxes of food bags on the truck

Needed: males and females for the event operation at 12:30 PM

Donations are very welcome. Make checks out to SHN.

Volunteer names and donated monies needed by October 23.

Contact Connie Whitney at 633-1931 or Incwhitney@gmail.com



## 30th Annual New Bern CROP Walk

### What is a CROP Walk?

It is neighbors, churches, and organizations walking together to take a stand against hunger in the world.

### Where does the money go?

Religious Community Services (RCS) receives 25% of the money while the rest goes to international hunger programs sponsored by Church World Services. One fact that I was shocked to find out is that North Carolina is tied with Louisiana for having the highest percentage of children under the age of 5 go hungry (one out of four!) In addition, the need is particularly great internationally this year due to the drought in Somalia and Kenya. In Somalia alone, 29,000 children have died in the last 90 days.

### How can you participate?

By getting a walker donation envelope, and asking your friends and neighbors to pledge money toward your walk.

### How long is the walk?

There are both 5K and 10K routes.

### When and where is the walk?

On October 2nd at 2:30 PM at Union Point Park.

This is a big anniversary for the Walk in New Bern.  
Come out for the camaraderie, exercise and take a stand against hunger.



### United Methodist Church Discipline Study

We had a great time in the Spring on Wednesday afternoons as we explored the Social Principles found in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. Now we plan to explore the Economic Community and other sections of the Book of Discipline as well as recall our Methodist History. Come and join us beginning Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

### September B.L.A.S.T Schedule

B.L.A.S.T. starts back on Wednesday, September 7 at 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**September 7**—Centenary Staff will prepare the meal of pork sliders, slaw, potato chips, pig picking cupcakes

**September 14**-Cent Youth prepares meal.

**September 21**-Meal prepared by Dawn Ferreira.

**September 28**-Meal prepared by Cub Scout Pack 13.

Watch bulletins for menu for meals.

Sign up on the bulletin inserts.

**Adults—\$5.00 10 & under—free**



### Troop Support

We are currently supporting six soldiers and Marines who are serving in remote areas of Afghanistan where not even the basic comfort items are available. Our church is sending Care Packages to each of them and they share with others. Our resources are limited at this time. We need your help to show these brave men and women that we care about them and want to make them as comfortable as we can. The postage to ship a Care Package is \$12.95. Donations for postage and to buy items for the Care Packages will be appreciated. Checks may be made out to the church and marked Troop Support. Thank you for your support.

We recently received an e-mail and photos from Gunnery Sgt. Stephen Schmidt, a Cherry Point Marine who is serving at Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan. Our church has sent Care packages to him and the members of Detachment B-MALS-40 of Cherry Point MCAS, beginning in February. Stephen stated that "receiving the Care Packages has been a great boost to him and his Marines. Thanks to Centenary for remembering the Troops over here." He sent pictures of the Marines "digging into the latest box from Centenary". One of his photos was of him and his son, Sgt. Callaway with whom he was able to visit for a couple of hours. His son is now safe back in California with his wife. Stephen's family are living in New Bern where they own their home. They await a reunion, hopefully around Christmas. His photos are posted in the Education Building just outside the ladies parlor along with other photos, certificates and flags our church has received from units we have supported by sending 558 Care Packages, letters and cards. Thank all of you for your support of our brave men and women serving so that we may be free. God bless all.

### Catacombs at Centenary Friday, October 28 5pm—9pm Saturday, October 29 5pm—8pm

Please mark your calendars as a reminder to help with Catacombs. Just as the Live Nativity is a tradition of Centenary, so is Catacombs. So what is the history of the Catacombs? When Christianity first began, the Roman government, the Jewish nation and the pagans treated Christians as outcasts. The Roman government had them beaten, killed or eaten by lions at sporting events. Burial was out of the question as a Christian was "contaminated" and would spoil the earth, Christian burial grounds, or crypts, were hidden and dug very deep, or remains put in caves for protection. Interestingly enough, some monasteries were built over the Catacombs.

Lots of hands are needed to make the work light for all and keep this event alive. Not all jobs require lengthy standing or physical stamina, so we can find a spot for you.

Please give of your time and talents to help make this year's Catacombs the biggest and the best. To serve over 500 visitors each night requires an all church effort, so we'll be counting on you. Look for bulletin inserts to sign up for the job of your choice, or you're welcome to contact members of the Helen Morton Sunday School class.

If you are not able to help by working at the Catacombs, we hope to see you enjoying dinner in the Catacombs on Friday or Saturday night.





The day is yours, and yours also the night...  
It was you who set all the  
boundaries of the earth....

Psalm 74:16-17

*Centenary's Mission Statement: Experience Christ's love, grow in Christ's love, share Christ's love.*



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