

Council reports are arranged alphabetically: Administration, Children, Education, Missions, Music, Outreach, Worship, and Youth

Administration

Children's Ministry Council

- Kairos Wednesday Night Ministry has 80 children registered, and attendance is averaging approximately 70 children per Wednesday. A number of the attendees are not currently church members, making this program an excellent outreach opportunity.
 - One Wednesday night featured a family event at which over 50 shoeboxes were packed for Operation Christmas Child.
- This year's Fall Festival was a Trunk-or-Treat format. It served as both a fun event for members and an outreach opportunity, particularly to our WEE School families.
- On Wednesday, December 6th over 125 people celebrated the Advent Season with dinner, a musical performance by some of the Kairos kids, an assortment of crafts, and a photo booth. This event offered a chance for all generations within the church to come together to celebrate.
- The Family Christmas Eve service featured our children acting out the Christmas Story. Attendees were given the opportunity to donate food items for Tri-Area Ministries, and, as always, it was a full house.

Education Council

History

The history committee continues to work on the history book of Wake Forest Baptist Church. The diligent team members are working hard with Shaun Price to get the manuscript accurate, to include relevant pictures, to include material of interest in the appendices and to work with Mercer Press in producing an excellent book. Many thanks to Doug Smith, Chair, Hallie Hearn, Jeanne Fisher, Shirley Wooten, Bev Whisnant, Janice Ishikawa, Shaun Price and Jo Ann Stancil for their hard work.

Pictorial Directory

A new pictorial directory was requested by many people, so pictures were taken November 7 – 18. Other pictures were submitted by families who could not make the photography sessions. Lifetouch will be producing our directory. We should receive the directory in February or March. Please note that this directory is a slim line version as that is the only version Lifetouch offers anymore. The good news is that we will have up-to-date pictures of members with addresses and phone numbers. Thank you to the team that helped recruit hosts and hostesses; Mary Ann Turner, Becky Leary, Joan Major and Linda McArthur.

Senior Adults

Seniors have been very busy as usual. The Senior Adult Choir rehearsed all fall and then presented concerts at Hillside and Brookdale Assisted Living Centers. They also enjoyed lunch together after every rehearsal. Many thanks to Bryant Moxley for his excellent leadership and Joan Majors for accompanying.

Sally and Tim Lovdahl did a great job taking seniors on trips in the last quarter. They went to Southern Supreme, Rudy Theater, and to Richmond to see the Tacky Tour and First Assembly of God's Christmas play. Each trip was full of excited seniors and interesting information.

The seniors took their long trip this year to Maine. Forty-three seniors went on this wonderful trip to the beautiful state of Maine. We visited Boothbay Harbor, Portland and Kennebunkport. Every city was filled with beautiful sites, educational information about Maine, and just great fun. It was a wonderful time to get to know new people, laugh, have fun, and just build relationships in the family of God.

Sunday School

The Sunday School Council was asked by Long Range Planning to considering doing the study "Experiencing God" during the months of January, February and March during Sunday School. After some discussion, the Council chose to follow the suggestion of the Long Range Planning Committee. Adult Sunday School Teachers were consulted, books and workbooks were ordered, books and workbooks were distributed according to the choice of the teachers, plans were made, and the training will begin on January 10 with the study beginning on January 14. This study's goal is to instruct participants on how we understand God's will personally. The byproduct will also be to understand how to seek God's will as a church. Please be in prayer for this 12-week study.

Women's Ministry Council

The Women's Ministry Team met in November to begin planning for 2018. With new members on the Team, we have decided to take on two events in 2018 for women. The first major event will be a Women's Retreat April 27 – 29 at Camp Caraway in Asheboro, NC. The theme for that event will be Café Chocolat. All women are invited.

The second event that the Women's Ministry Team will be planning is an event called The Parade of Tables. This event entails getting 40 women to each decorate a table with tablecloth, china, crystal, silverware, a theme, a gift for each person sitting at your table. The program will include a fashion show, door prizes, a salad lunch and a Christian speaker. This year's speaker will be Lisa Allen.

Interlude

The Educational Council took on 'beefing up' doughnut time which we have named Interlude. We wanted to experiment with making that time not only a time of food and fellowship, but also a ministry, education or sharing of gifts and talents. We had successful events on every Sunday of the fall and are very appreciative of all of those who participated in each week's events.

DivorceCare, DC4K, Single and Parenting

Mike Dishman and his team ably led DivorceCare, DivorceCare for Kids and Single and Parenting. This team worked hard as they led sessions, provided snacks, supported children and adults, and truly helped to heal wounds left from divorce. Thank you, Mike, and team for your faithful ministry.

Discipleship

We had many classes offered on Wednesday night this fall for adults. Our members are very ready to lead, and our members take advantage of these good leaders sharing. Many thanks to Ed Stancil, Bill Slater, Wayne Hill, Bob Jacobs, Barry Hayes, LeeAnn Tedder, Alice Leonard, and Jo Ann Stancil for leading this past fall.

Missions Council

During the Fourth quarter of 2017, Wake Forest Baptist Church Missions have had these activities:

Adopt-A-Family

This annual ministry provided a fine Christmas with carefully selected gifts and food for 25 families that had applied for help. Sunday School classes, individuals, and families were among the groups that adopted the families.

Good Neighbor Ministry

We are finishing up our 12th year of serving over 120 hot dogs every Saturday at Taylor Street Park, which enables our volunteers and church members to build relationships with local residents. **We are in need of volunteers.** If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Stacy Barrington at: s4barrington@yahoo.com

Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

This monthly ministry provides fresh and packaged foods to Wake Forest area citizens on the third Tuesday of each month from the WFBC Fellowship Hall beginning about 3:30pm. In the 4th quarter, we averaged serving about 100 individuals who were getting food for about 300 persons each month. We now have about 25 rolling baskets to help our clientele carry the food they select. This ministry needs at least 40 volunteers each occasion to run effectively. To volunteer or for questions, please contact Leigh Berrier.

Mobile Food Trailer

Provides hot meals to area residents and children on the second and fourth Wednesdays each month. We typically serve about 60 meals each time. We will be adding signs to help remind folks of our presence. If interested in helping, please contact Terri Hart at: thh@nc.rr.com

Embrace Uganda

With a huge outpouring of interest, love, and funds, the annual fundraiser, which was held at the Angus Barn this year, was a fun and successful event, raising significant funds and helping more folks know what this ministry is all about. Also had first successful connection with Rise Against Hunger

this fall and are looking forward to the fruits that relationship can provide. The annual mission trip this past June was very successful, and found Uganda in the midst of a crippling drought.

Community Garden

This year saw the production of fresh vegetables from this ministry grow to nearly 8,000 pounds; our greatest year ever. Volunteerism from WFBC members, other churches, and townspeople continues to be very strong and productive.

Quilting Ministry

The Quilting ministry is meeting twice weekly: attendance on Mondays is 12-14 and on Wednesday evenings is 12. Plans are to continue with the evening group. Six quilts were taken to the Welcome House in Raleigh. We continue to make more for future needs. We welcome additional volunteers.

Disaster Relief

There have been several major disasters in different parts of the country for which NC Baptists on Missions have asked for teams to help out. Thus far, WFBC has not been able to muster a team for these areas. We have continued to participate in training and to receive communications about DR needs.

Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now)

The next Rise Against Hunger event is for all Wake Forest Area Churches and is **scheduled for Saturday, March 17, 2018. Monetary donations are needed to support this event.** WFBC will continue to have two fully funded packing events in 2018; one in May and one in September.

The Ministry Matters Program

This program is a new Missions Council initiative that ministers to those individuals that now reside, permanently or temporarily, in our area rest homes, assisted living facilities, and short/long term care facilities. The ministry includes individual and personal visits, group crafting, music and sharing God's Word in various settings.

The Deaf Ministry

Our deaf class is continuing to meet for Bible studies, socials and times of outreach throughout the year, as well as Sunday School. Member Henrietta Castles passed away in the first week of December.

Congregational Health Ministries:

Congregational Health Ministry sponsored, any member who could go, partial admission to a health ministry conference entitled, How Faith Communities Provide Rescue and Sanctuary in Times of Trouble. Anne Packett was the only one attending but great information was brought back for a newly begun adhoc team intending on gaining certification for WFBC to be a relief shelter in the midst of a disaster.

Information will also serve the Deacon Fellows team in assisting with a youth preparedness piece. Additionally, the conversation broadened to include ways to prepare for internal disasters, medical, environmental etc.

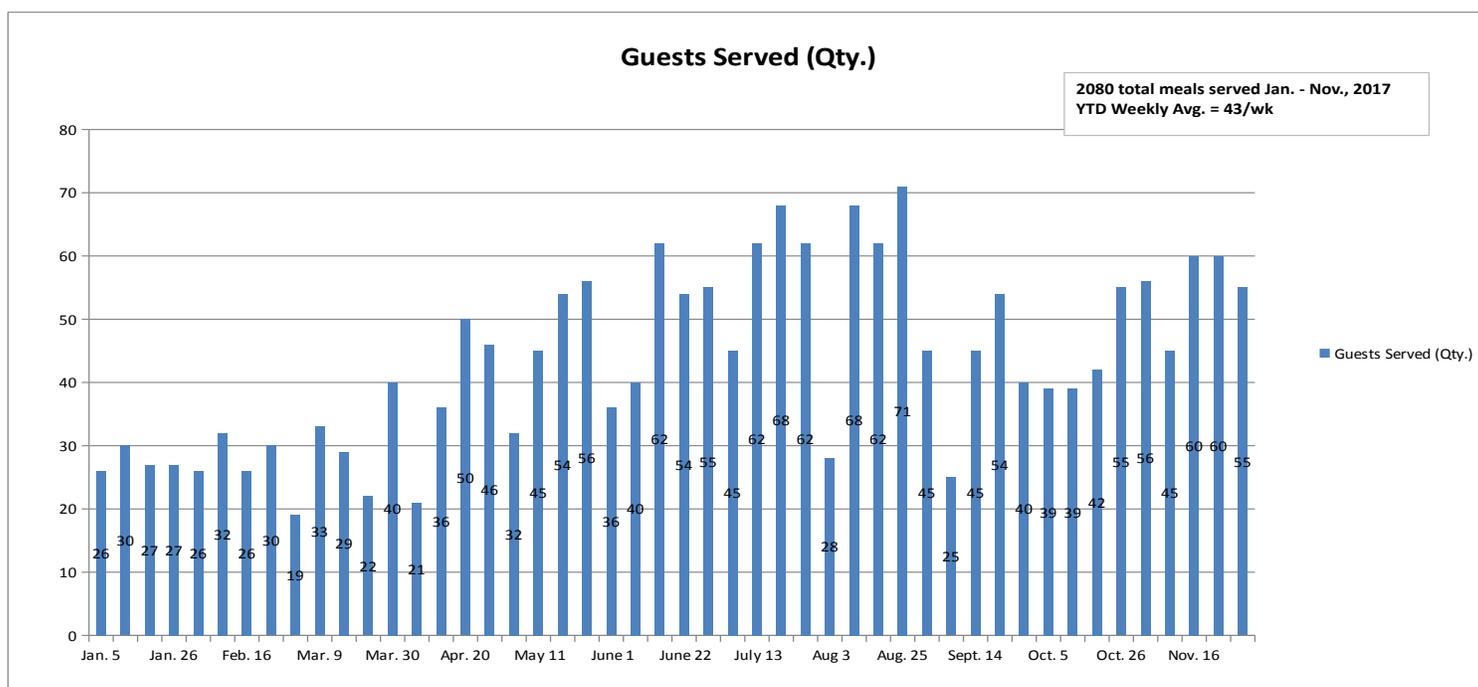
Helping Hands Ministry

This ministry was developed in collaboration with the Diaconate's @ Home ministry. This ministry is led by Allen Overton and has completed about a dozen projects this year, with several falling in fourth quarter.

Youth on Missions

The Bunn Soup Kitchen/A Blessing, Inc.

This ministry continues to grow and flourish in the rural community of Bunn, NC. So far this year, the soup kitchen has served **2,080 meals** from Jan. - Nov. 30, 2017. Good news received in November was that A Blessing, Inc. will receive a grant from the Jandy Ammons Foundation to purchase a new range/oven for the soup kitchen. Please look at these numbers:





Tree Angels

This ministry led by Dave Shannon provided 60 beautiful NC grown Fraser Fir Christmas trees to the troops in the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg this year. A team of ten soldiers and leaders came to pick up the donated trees in early December...plenty early for the soldier's families to enjoy their trees for three to four weeks.

Music and Arts Council

The fourth quarter of 2017 was an extraordinarily busy season for the Music Ministry as all Music Ministry ensembles were engaged in preparations for and worship leadership of Advent/Christmas services. Unique ministry highlights are listed below:

1. Several Youth Choir members participated in NC Sings, a festival for young singers sponsored by NCACDA.

2. WFBC began serving as the host for the Wake Forest Community Youth Orchestra under the direction of LaSaundra Booth. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday evening in our facility. The WFCYO is a relatively new non-profit organization that includes many children and youth whose participation is dependent upon scholarships.
3. Virginia Tull Music and Arts Series sponsored two concerts:
 - a. Oct 29--Music Academy South Faculty
 - b. Dec 17—William Weisser, Organist
4. Advanced Handbell ringers participated for the first time in the Capital Area Handbell Festival sponsored by the Raleigh Ringers. It was a very challenging and rewarding experience for the ringers as they shared in music making with approximately 20 handbell choirs from across the region.
5. For the second year, two Hanging of the Greens worship services were attended by nearly capacity crowds. The 4:30 Hanging of the Greens service uniquely featured the children's choirs. The 7:00 Hanging of the Greens service uniquely featured the Men's Chorus. Both services included the Chancel Choir, Advanced Handbell Choir, Youth Choir and Brass Quintet.
6. Guest artists Dr. Ben and Dr. Colleen Thorburn assisted in worship services on Dec. 24.

Outreach Council

Worship Council

The Worship Council is made up of the following teams: Lord's Supper, Baptism, Flower & Altar, Weddings, Funerals, Special Worship Events, Worship Media, and Hospitality. These teams faithfully ensure that our church has been made ready for all of the events that occur there each week.

Youth Council

Fall Retreat

Our theme for the fall retreat this past November was "Recharge" and our scripture passage was Matthew 11:28, "Come to me all who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest." Through this theme, we focused on recharging our minds and our hearts to connect to and be of service to God.

We traveled to Black Mountain and stayed at the Blue Ridge YMCA, which was about twenty minutes out of Asheville, NC. During our time there, we worshiped through song, discussion, and had opportunities for fellowship.

We also helped the Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry by sorting items in their warehouse, cleaning their facility, and bagging bulk items for distribution.

Operation Christmas Child

The youth played a very active role in the Operation Christmas Child ministry this past Christmas season. The youth packed 100 boxes and helped fold the other 350 boxes for Wake Forest's OCC efforts. WFBC sent over 450 boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Youth Caroling

The youth participated in community caroling with St. John's Episcopal Church and Olive Branch Baptist Church on December 22nd. There were thirty-one youth and adults who participated in caroling in the NE and Traditions neighborhoods. The reaction from the community was very warm and welcoming. It is our plan to continue to organize community building events like this in the future.

Youth Christmas Tree Fundraiser

The youth spent the end of November through December selling Christmas trees for their annual fundraiser. This fundraiser helps reduce the cost for the youth summer trip, which will be coming up in July. Details from the sales Christmas Tree Fundraiser will be available soon.

Upcoming

Jr./ Sr. Ski Retreat

The youth will be traveling to Deep Creek for the junior/ senior ski retreat. Cost is \$250 per person and covers food, lodging, lift ticket, and rentals. Need based scholarships are available. Payment and forms are due January 5th.

MLK Day of Service

WFBC has been invited to join in a service day in honor of the late Martin Luther King Jr. We will be partnering with Habitat for Humanity, as well as other churches and organizations in the Wake Forest area to help make a difference.

We hope you will take Monday, January 15th, as an opportunity to help our Wake Forest community. If you are able to help, please register at <http://vhub.at/northernwake>.

We will meet at Olive Branch Baptist Church at 8:15am to break into groups. Following our day of service, we will meet back at Olive Branch Baptist for lunch and worship.

Spring Show Planning Meeting

Save the date - the youth Spring Show Planning Meeting is January 25th at 6pm; dinner will be provided. If you are interested in being a part of the Spring Show, or interested in learning more about it, this meeting is for you! Be sure to join us on January 25th for more information.

Super Bowl Party

Youth and friends of WFBC youth are invited to a Super Bowl Party in the youth area February 4th at 6pm. Youth are asked to bring snacks, drinks, and a canned soup to donate to the church pantry. We hope you're able to join us for this fun time of fellowship.

Disciple Now

Save the Date- March 2-4