

# The Chalice Chat

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## Kara's Kerygma

Ephesians 4:15 tells us "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up in the one who is the Head, that is, Christ." These words, alongside others, have been words that have helped to inspire the direction of the church for the upcoming year. We will be "Growing in Faith, Growing in Love." In all ways and in all things our goal is to grow as a body of believers both individually and collectively and so this is the vision, the mission, the prayer.

It might seem odd to talk about growing or even planting as we are surrounded by all the sights and sounds of Fall, one of those signs being the sign of harvest all around us. I drive by fields that change daily as they are being harvested. I see posts of garden's bounty, and front and center on grocery stores shelves are glass canning jars with all the items needed so that we can put away and store what we have gathered.

Throughout scripture Jesus talks about planting and harvesting a lot. It is imagery that we are familiar with and can connect with today. Even if we do not have 'green' thumbs we still have a sense and understanding of what planting, growing, and harvesting means. Part of our study of scripture is what helps us put ourselves in different roles in Jesus' parables. Sometimes we are the seeds planted in good soil and other times we are the workers in the vineyards. And other times we are in the tending stage, the in between stage, where the seeds have been planted but it takes time between planting and harvest for them to grow.

That is where we believe we are as a church, the in between time. It is the time where we will continue to pour baptismal waters on growing ministries, pull weeds, cultivate, prune, and pray that the harvest, planted, not by us but by God, will come. It is not an easy place to be in. We must be patient and sometimes try something different, particularly if what we thought would happen initially does not work in the way we expected. When those first sprouts start to show we have to restrain our excitement and refrain from wanting to pull them up and out. We must wait for the spiritual roots to dig in and dig deep. Jesus assures us in John 15: 1-5 that those who abide in him will cling steadfastly to the vine and be the branches that bear good fruit. So, until the harvest is ready we will be "Growing in Faith, Growing in Love," so that we will always be ready to do the work of Jesus Christ in this place.

*Growing in Faith,  
Growing in Love*

*Rev. Kara*

## Caring & Sharing in October

*B.J. Causey*

*Gene & Nancy Owens*

*Chad Penhorwood & Kara Swartz  
Sophia, Gwendolyn, Rosalie, Viola*

*Pat Roberson*

*John & Kay Swope*

Please hold each of these individuals in prayer during this month. You may also let them know, in some small way, that they are loved.

## Opportunities for Service in October

### JOY Soup Kitchen

October 5

10:00 a.m.

700 Albemarle Ave.

### Ronald McDonald House

October 16

529 Moye Blvd.

See Kathy Nunn or Deloras Barwick

### First Born Community Development Center

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the collection box located near the stairs in the Education Building.

## October Worship

**October 7**

**Homecoming**

*Growing in Faith, Growing in Love*

Ephesians 4:11-16

**October 14**

*Thankful for Leaders*

1 Peter 5:2-4

**October 21**

*Thankful for Community*

Hebrews 10:19-25

**October 28**

**Youth Sunday**

*Thankful for Our Youth*

Mark 10:13-16

(Scripture subject to change)

## CMF BBQ Chicken Dinner



**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

**From 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.**

\$8.00 per plate (Must Buy Ticket)

Menu: ½ BBQ Chicken, Green Beans, Potato Salad and Roll

Drive-Thru Pick-up...or

Eat with us in the Fellowship Hall, where there will be a delicious CAKE Auction.

Dave's Secret BBQ Sauce \$7.00/quart

Please see a CMF member or call the church office to sell or purchase tickets.



October 5-7 - CHI-RHO & CYF Fall Retreat

October 14 – Bible Study

Dinner provided by Roberta & Lee West

October 20 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Mission @ 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

October 28 – Halloween Party at Red Oak Christian Church



**HMCC  
YOUTH  
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## **JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE**



### **THE AMAZING BIBLE RACE**

OLDER YOUTH

### **TRAVEL GUIDE TO THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

YOUNGER YOUTH

A scavenger hunt through the scriptures designed to help youth explore and discover more about the foundation of their faith.

A travel expedition, along with God's Spirit, by prayer, story, activities and reflection helps us learn to express God's love to others through caring actions and healthy attitudes.

A graphic for choir rehearsals featuring a purple background with white musical notes and a treble clef. The text "Wednesdays" is at the top, "Choir Rehearsal" is in the center, and "6:30 p.m." is at the bottom right.

Wednesdays  
**Choir Rehearsal**  
6:30 p.m.





## Serving for Children Worship & Wonder



Date	Story No.	Story	Story Teller	Greeters	Scripture
10/7/2018	10	Exodus	Pat Roberson	Becca Harris	Exodus 1:1-15:21
10/14/2018	11	The Ten Best Ways to Live			Exodus 19-20; Deuteronomy 6:4-6
10/21/2018	12	The Ark and a Tent for God		Casie Creech	Exodus 25:1-40:38
10/28/2018		Youth Sunday			
11/4/2018	14	The Temple, A House for God			2 Samuel 5:1-7:17; 1 Kings 5-8; 2 Chronicles 6:1-11
11/11/2018	15	Exile and Return			Ezra 1-6
11/18/2018	16	How the Church Tells Time			Leviticus 23:1-3
11/25/2018		Hanging of the Greens			

## Serving for Grow in Worship



Date	Story	Story Teller	Greeter	Scripture
10/7/2018	Sanctuary Worship			
10/14/2018	Discovering the Church in the Bible, 1			1 Peter 2:9-10
10/21/2018	Discovering the Church in the Bible, 2			1 Peter 2:9-10
10/28/2018	Sanctuary Worship - Youth Sunday			
11/4/2018	From Old to New Testament, Part 1			Genesis 1:1; Revelation 22:21
11/11/2018	From Old to New Testament, Part 2			Genesis 1:1; Revelation 22:21
11/18/2018	Our Relationship with God, Why We Need Jesus			John 3:16-17
11/25/2018	Sanctuary Worship – Hanging of the Greens			



## Game Day Parking Ministry



All are invited to join in the fun and fellowship!

Proceeds go toward the Paving Fund.

Parking begins 3 hours prior to game time.

September 29, 2018 Old Dominion 3:30 p.m.

October 13, 2018 Houston TBA

October 20, 2018 UCF TBA

November 3, 2018 Memphis TBA

November 17, 2018 Connecticut TBA



## Annual Christian Men's Fellowship BBQ Chicken Dinner

**Wednesday, October 24, 2018**

Please plan to participate in this fundraising event. It will be a great time of fellowship!

Here is the schedule for that day:

6:30 a.m. – Chickens arrive

7:00 a.m. – Start cleaning chickens – Bring a sharp knife and band aids

Anytime around 9:30-10:30 a.m. – Kitchen help needed – get tables ready, fix cake table, salt & pepper shakers, cook beans, set up kitchen, etc.

1:30 p.m. – Prepare plates

3:30 p.m. – Set up Road Pick-up

4:00-6:30 p.m. – Road Pick-up

6:15 p.m. – Cake Auction begins

6:30 p.m. – Clean Up

All assistance is appreciated!



## October Meetings

### Christian Men's Fellowship

October 14  
11:30 a.m.

Laughinghouse Parlor

### Christian Women's Fellowship

October 14  
11:30 a.m.

Upstairs Parlor

### Elders

October 8  
6:00 p.m.

### Deacons

October 8  
7:00 p.m.

### Board

October 21  
Following Worship

## October Servants

### Elders:

Valorie Sullivan  
Lee West

### Deacon (Opening, Closing, & Communion):

7<sup>th</sup> Steve Williams  
14<sup>th</sup> Lynn Sullivan  
21<sup>st</sup> Jennifer Williams  
28<sup>th</sup> Richard Law

### Worship Leader:

7<sup>th</sup> Lee West  
14<sup>th</sup> Valorie Sullivan  
21<sup>st</sup> Lee West  
28<sup>th</sup> Valorie Sullivan

*\* If you are unable to serve on the scheduled date, please find someone to take your place \**

## November Servants

### Elders:

Donna Briley  
Bill Brown

### Deacon (Opening, Closing, & Communion):

4<sup>th</sup> B.J. Causey  
11<sup>th</sup> Bret Brown  
18<sup>th</sup> Kathy Nunn  
25<sup>th</sup> Linda Harrington

### Worship Leader:

4<sup>th</sup> Richard Law  
11<sup>th</sup> Lee West  
18<sup>th</sup> Kelsey Law  
25<sup>th</sup>

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## October Prayers



Pray for our region and all of those affected by Hurricane Florence and those helping with recovery efforts.

# HOME COMING

October 7, 2018 – Covered-Dish Lunch Following Worship Service  
Please invite family, friends, & former members to join us.

Mark Your Calendar...

**Hookerton District Meeting**  
**October 25, 2018**  
**Ayden Christian Church**

