

Salem Presbyterian Church
7th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, July 27, 2014

Pastor: Rev. Thomas Emery Organist: LaDonna Allenbaugh
Hymnal: Great Hymns of the Faith

Order of Worship

Prelude
Lighting of the Candles Katie McClure
Pastoral Welcome & Prayer

*Hymn **Ebenezer** 11 Welsh Hymnal

Call to Worship **Psalm 128** 561

*Hymn **We Gather Together** 21

****Prayer of Confession Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people who are divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and the pleasures we pursue, lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and the jealousies that we harbor, set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy on us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen. (Take a moment of silent confession before God.)***

*Assurance of Pardon
*Response **Glory Be to the Father** Inside Front Cover

Joys & Concerns of the Church
Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
Prayer Response **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord** 535

Special Music Tamara Mullenhour

Epistle Lesson **Romans 8:26-39** 1030
Gospel Lesson **Matthew 13:44-46** 891

A Time with the Children

*Hymn **Love Divine** 2

Sermon **“Finding Joyous Treasure”**

Rev. Thomas Emery

Apostle's Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offertory
Ushers will receive God's tithes and our offerings

*Response **Praise God** Inside Front Cover
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn **Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty** 13

*Taking the Light into the World
*Charge and Benediction
*Congregational Response **Three Fold Amen** Inside Back Cover

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

This Week:

Sunday:

07-27-14

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Kelly & Jeff Lloyd)
10:45 AM Sunday School
3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery
4:00 PM Session Meeting
6:30 PM Youth Group

Sunday:

08-03-14

9:30 AM Worship (nursery with Shana Fryer & Boys)
10:45 AM Sunday School
3:00 PM Celebrate Recovery

Announcements:

The **Ice Cream Social** on Friday was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or made desserts and meal items.

Next Sunday, **Sandy Caffro**, an ordained member of the Richards family will be conducting the service.

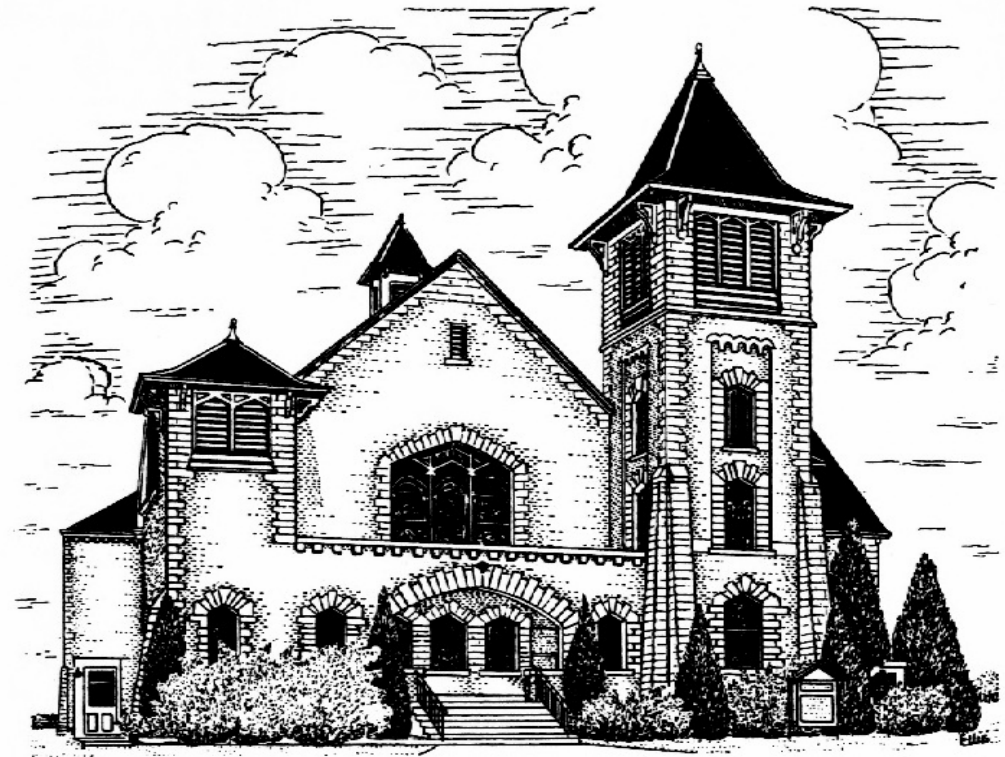
Updated Address: Peter McCollow
116 HAC Street
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Children Choosing Christ needs volunteers for the fair. See Carol or the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more information. This is a fun, easy way to share your faith.

There will be **Sunday School** in the upstairs back room continuing with the series set on location in Israel of places where Jesus walked.

Financial Update:

Needed Weekly:	\$2,067.00	Needed to Date:	\$57,876.00
Rec'd 07-20-14:	\$1,450.80	Rec'd to Date:	\$44,096.42



Rooted in our heritage and called into God's future, we proclaim in new ways the unchanging Good News of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

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Cassy Emery (juvenile rheumatoid arthritis)
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The family of Audrey McCollow

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The second parable is similar to the first. It tells of a merchant who discovered a magnificent pearl. The pearl was the diamond of the ancient world, the most precious of stones. The merchant was so captivated by this particular pearl that he sold all that he had in order to be able to purchase it.

TEACHING POINTS

TEACHING POINT ONE: *The Kingdom is a present reality.* When Jesus talked about the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of heaven (the two terms are interchangeable), He was talking about the reign of God in human hearts. It is here and now waiting for us to stumble upon it.

TEACHING POINT TWO: *The Kingdom requires that we are willing to give everything we have to purchase it now.* The kingdom of God is not something we enter someday when we die. It is not even something we have to strive for.

TEACHING POINT THREE: *Having Christ in our lives is worth more than any treasure we can ever dream about.*

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure, hidden in a field that a person found and hid. Then because of joy he went and sold all that he had and bought that field” (Matthew 13:44 NET).

ACTION POINT

The greatest joy on earth is to know God personally, to live in the center of his will, to be powered by his Holy Spirit, to be secure in his love, and to be busy in his service. The natural inclination of the person in whose life God reigns is joy. Why not seek God first in your life and discover the joyous treasure! Give God your will and your life with all its time, talents, and possessions to be used for His glory. Where God is, there is light. Where God is, there is love. Where God is, there is joy!

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