



July 2019  
Newsletter



## The Pastor's Pen

### Cremation or Burial?

*“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body.” – 1 Corinthians 15:42*

Before I get too deeply into this article, let me say at the outset: this is a secondary issue. No person is a bad Christian if they decide to get cremated, nor are they a good Christian because they decide to get buried. In this article I am going to invite you to consider the theological implications of your decision, however, I fully understand those are not the only implications a person has to consider when they are making end of life decisions such as this one.

As Christians, every part of who we are belongs to Jesus. There are no un-related decisions that we make. So, what does a person assume about the body when they choose cremation? Certainly, there may be reasons I am failing to consider, but I think generally people who choose cremation assume that their body no longer matters. But... Is that true of what we believe as Christians?

Paul writes in Romans 6:5, “For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.” This being true it means that we will be like Jesus when we are resurrected. So, what is Jesus’ resurrection like? After His resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples and said, “See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; touch me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” Luke 24:39 Often, when we think about our life after this one, we think of ourselves as disembodied spirits; but we ought not to think of our eternity in this way. In the Nicene Creed we affirm together, “We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.” Our afterlife will not be spent as disembodied spirits but as breathing, feeling, touching bodies! Our bodies will be resurrected, and when they are, they won’t be aging dying bodies like they are now, but vibrant eternal bodies (1 Cor. 15:35-49).

So what about cremation? Historically, Jews and Christians have not been cremated for a few reasons. First, we believe that our bodies are made intricately and wonderfully (Psalm 139:14-15) from the dust of the ground (Genesis 2:7), and it is fitting to return that gift to God, back to the ground, when we can no longer use them (Genesis 3:19). This gives God the prerogative of what to do with that body, whether it be decay, or resurrection, or nothing at all! Secondly, we hold out hope for the resurrection of our bodies. If Christ’s actual body was raised, then we believe ours will be too! Therefore, traditionally, Christians have taken great care to honor the deceased body. It is not a living thing, but it is a cherished vessel, that will some day and in some capacity be changed so that it will be used again.

Cremation is a practice that comes from pagan cultures. It was a way for godless people to cope with death, to finalize the loss of their loved ones. If the body is burned up and gone then the people still living can say, “Well that is it! Their life is gone and there is nothing else left, but for us to move on.” But Paul writes, “Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope... For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the vice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first” (1Thessalonians 4:13,16). Putting the body in the ground is a powerful way for Christians to say, “Death is NOT the final reality for this believer. We believe that this body (albeit changed) will be raised, and so we put it in the ground and wait with patience.”

I think it is a beautiful thing, and a preferable, thing to lower the body God made into the ground in expectation of the resurrection. But I need to say again, it is a preference and not a mandate. Many faithful Christian bodies have been long in the ground, decayed beyond anything remaining. Many faithful martyrs have been burned alive for Christ’s

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**July Ushers**—Ben Faircloth, Martha Faircloth, Michael Coleman, Dough Bradshaw, Randy LaGrange, Cely LaGrange

**July Liturgists** — July 7, Bert Smith; July 14, Denny Brandon; July 21, Mark Townsend; July 28, Jennie Galloway

**Clerk of Session:** Paul Albritton 799-4271

**Finance:** Tom Hebert (chair) 457-0881, Paul Albritton 799-4271

**Property & Maintenance:** Randy LaGrange (chair) 392-0292, Brenda Locklear 791-7809, Mike Saylor 763-1515

**Strengthening the Church:** Brenda Locklear (chair) 791-7809, Clark Pearson 686-0728

**Mission and Service:** Bob Stowe (chair) 704-472-7757, Estelle Link 319-7402

**Worship:** Julia Huntley (chair) 395-2366, Doug Bradshaw 799-8042

**Personnel:** Becky Kalnen (chair) 616-0015, Dennis Wood 232-0575

**Christian Ed. Comm.:** Dennis Wood 232-0575

**Sunday School:** Gary and Jennie Galloway, 313-0707

**Presbyterian Women:** Ellen Allen 200-1871 and Elizabeth Albritton 799-4271

**Men of the Church:** Bud Townsend 395-5097

**Minister:** Rev. John R. Pflug, Jr., 910-617-5200, email: revjohnpflug@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Fran King, 515-6484, email: windermere@bizec.rr.com

**Music Director:** Candace Williams, 791-5966, email: towerkat\_n\_mouse@yahoo.com

**Pre-School Director:** Leslie Moore, 791-8290, email: windpreschool@att.net

**Nursery:** Donna Kaiser, 508-2296

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

### Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorenda Hartley—Campus Crusade, Wilmington

Outreach Foundation, Iran

Dustin & Sherry Ellington—Outreach Foundation, Zambia, Africa

Rev. Gary and Marlene Van Brocklin – PCUSA, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh

### Identity Statement:

The mission of Windermere Presbyterian Church is to mutually nurture, support and encourage one another toward spiritual maturity while reaching out to the community in response to God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world.

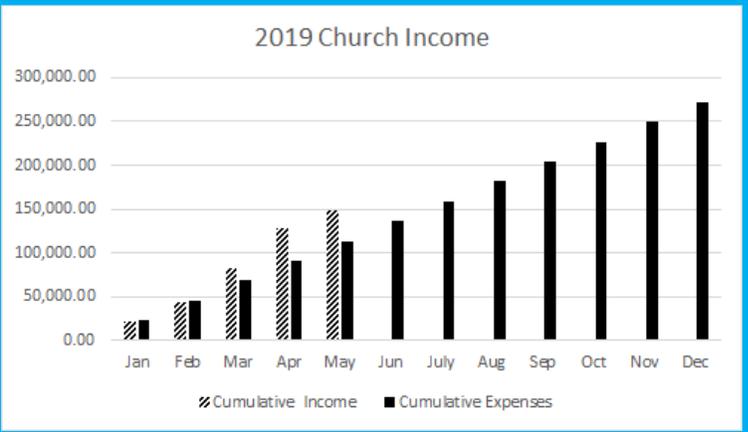
### Mission Statement:

Windermere is committed to making disciples who make disciples, and planting churches that plant churches.

### Finances – May

Operating income so far has been considerably higher than what was budgeted, and expenses for the first five months are in line with the budget. If this trend continues, we will end the year without any deficit. Balance in our General Fund as of May was \$76,071.

Tom Hebert, Treasurer



**Notice** — Hands4Christ will not meet in July to make quilts for the kids at Coastal Horizons. Quilting will resume August 14 and 28 at 1:00 pm in the Laura Coley Classroom. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us...remember, no sewing/quilting experience is required.

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Women of the Church will not meet in July. See you all in the Fall.



On D-Day, we celebrated with one of our church friends, Warren Stevenson! Warren was Knighted by the French Government into the French Legion of Honor, the highest award one can receive for meritorious service to the Nation of France. Warren stormed the beaches at Normandy, had 263 days of continuous combat, and worked with Army Intelligence with the "Windtalkers" to create an indecipherable code that stymied the Nazis. A true hero in our presence. Thanks to Warren for his service.

### Congratulations to Bob and Kay Stowe



**It's A Boy!** on the arrival of their new grandson. Knox Sadler Stowe made an early appearance on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 6 lbs. 6 oz. and 20 inches long. Everyone is doing well. Proud parents are their son and daughter in law, Sadler and Katherine Stowe of the Raleigh area.



**Meals on Wheels—July 27th at 8:30 a.m.**



**50th ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION**  
Anniversary Celebration  
April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The 50th Anniversary Committee met on June 18th to update where we were on our progress.

Save The Date notices will go out in October and invitations will be sent next January. *Reminder: please let us know addresses for children, grandchildren or former members that you would like to invite.* We are finalizing plans for our Saturday night dinner with entertainment and Sunday reception. The Worship Committee is working on plans for the Sunday service. The next meeting will be on September 17th at 6:30 PM. We hope to have all committee members there for this important meeting.

Thank you, Denny Brandon, Julia Huntley Co-chairs

**50th Anniversary T-Shirts**

T-shirts to celebrate our 50th Anniversary will be available to order soon. There will be a choice of crew neck, v-neck, long sleeve, and polo type shirt in white or light gray. The prices for adults and children will range from \$13.50 for crew neck and v-neck, long sleeve \$15 and polo \$22. For XXL size \$2.00 will be added to the price. There will be a Windermere logo on the left side of the shirt. Samples of the t-shirts will be on display in the classroom in the narthex along with the order form. The t-shirts would be great to wear during the bazaar to show our excitement of our upcoming 50th Anniversary! Janet Coleman and Sue Stott



**“Planting Churches that Plant Churches.”**



Windermere is going to plant a church? Yes! Our new mission statement has given us a big picture vision, a destination if you will, but our path to that destination is still being determined.

**Calling all readers!** We will be having a book club for each of us to read a different book from the library and then come together to share our thoughts about the book. Our library has many books by the most popular authors of our day including Charles Swindoll, Beth Moore, Randy Alcorn and James Dobson. Make your selection soon so you have time to finish the book before we meet. The date is TBD, probably in August.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian



**SOUND ROOM HELP NEEDED!**

We are in need of people who will run the Sound system on Sunday mornings. No experience is required; we will train you. If interested please call Denny Brandon (910-520-6838)

**Strengthening of the Church**

Strengthening the Church will continue our once a month dinners in September. We need to implement a better system to plan on how many are coming to the dinners. In June we had over 25 people who signed up and did not come. Four families made up 18 people who did not let us know they could not come. It means our cost exceeded our funds collected for the month. We need your help in making sure if you are not coming to let Brenda know either by text, a email or a phone call by Monday. We understand that sometimes things happen but this year there seems to be more people signing up and not attending. Shopping is done on Tuesday and we cook on Wednesday. You can also call to sign up to come to the dinner.

Many thanks to those who have helped set up, cook, do the June program and serve the meal. We have until July 31st to have 40 people sign up to go to Myrtle Beach. We are over 20 now. The money will be due the end of October. It will be a day filled with fun and include a buffet dinner and the show at Carolina Opry on Saturday, December 7th. Clark Pearson or Brenda can give you information.

Brenda Locklear  
910-619-8908—bhl\_1968@yahoo.com

A message from Jen Edge:

You have all been so very generous with your time and effort with Joan. She so appreciates your visits, the food, and the quilt. She says that Windermere is the best church she has ever attended. I would say that has most to do with everyone’s kindness toward her and Jim. (Oh, and she loves Pastor John too:)

Thank you for everything you’ve done, for your concern, and for your prayers. We all need those now.

God Bless, Jen



We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Joan Edge who went to be with her Heavenly Father on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Joan was a well loved member of Windermere and will be missed. Prayers of peace to her family.

## June Session News

Gave permission to use the curtained left side of the Fellowship Hall to store Children's Church and Vacation Bible School materials until a permanent storage solution is determined.

Denied the request of the Adult Children of Alcoholics to hold regular weekly meetings due to a lack of available space and times.

Approved the request to use the parking lot on Saturday, September 14, from 3 pm to 10 pm to park up to 30 cars related to a wedding to be held on Windemere Road.

Elected Bob Stowe commissioner to the called Presbytery Meeting on July 29 at Graves Memorial Presbyterian Church in Clinton, NC.

Approved moving communion to July 14 due to Pastor John's absence on July 7.

## Preschool News



Happy Summer! We have closed out another great year at the preschool and are looking forward to our summer break. Thank you for everything you do to support the preschool and its mission to teach young children about the love of God. We couldn't do it without you! I hope you all have a wonderful summer!!

Leslie Moore, Director  
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[www.windemerepreschool.com](http://www.windemerepreschool.com)

Thank you to everyone in the congregation for your expressions of sympathy for my loss of Bob. For the calls, cards, food, visits, and for all those who came to his service, I am so grateful. I feel so blessed to be a part of this caring congregation.

Love,  
Julia Huntley



## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBS!!!

July 15–19 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**Men Enslaves—God Saves**



If you haven't registered your children/grandchildren/neighbors for Bible School, please register them online. We need to get an idea of how many we should plan for. It's going to be a very busy Bible School and very intriguing! The VBS team is working diligently on props, Bible stories, crafts, etc. Prayers for a successful Bible School are appreciated. There will also be registration forms in the narthex. - Many thanks, VBS Team

If you are interested in helping or registering your child, please contact: Sue Townsend (910) 398-2973 or Marilyn Lobough (910) 520-7241

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sake, and I trust full well we will see them in the resurrection. When God resurrects these old bodies and changes them into new and spiritual bodies, He will do so with whatever is left (or is not left). In the life to come our new bodies will NOT be dependent on how much of our old bodies we put in the ground, for us it won't matter... But it might matter for the ones you leave behind. Will your children and grandchildren have the pagan mindset? "Well now this body means nothing, and now life is over." Or maybe they will think, "Look how Grandma's body's rests! It is almost like she is waiting for something..."

Grace and Peace, John

## Pastoral Care Groups



The Pastoral Care Leaders have been busy keeping up with their groups sending cards and other acts of remembrance. There has been a lot of health issues in the church and hopefully we haven't missed anyone that has been under the weather. If you are unsure who your care leaders are, please let me know.

Leaders, be sure to check with your groups to see if anyone would like homebound communion in the next couple of months. I think we only had two that requested communion for April. If for some reason, you were not contacted and you would like communion, please give your group leader a call or call the church 910-791-5966 or me (Sue) 910-799-4701.

Our aim is to keep in touch with all of our members and regular visitors. Always, if you need anything, please contact Pastor John or your group leaders. If you unable to go out and would like a visit, please let the church know. We care for each of you!

Pastor John, Sue Stott Pastoral Care

**Don't forget to sign up for 'Our Big Event'** the Christmas trip to Myrtle Beach on December 7<sup>th</sup>, it promises to be a great time of fellowship and fun for all! We have 19 signed up to go on our trip to Myrtle Beach. We need 40 to take the trip. It is early but we need to know by the first of August to reserve our spot.



# July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>No Bible Study</b>  7 pm BST 255	2 9:15 am TOPS  <b>1 pm Bag Ladies</b>  <b>7 pm Property Comm.</b>	3  <b>No Bible Study</b> 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir	4 <b>4 pm Patriotic Concert</b>  	5	6
7 8:45 am Sunday School <b>8:45 Shepherd of the Shore</b> 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship	8 <b>10:30 am Bible Study</b>  <b>2 pm Finance Comm.</b>  7 pm BST 255	9 9:15 am TOPS  <b>1 pm Bag Ladies</b>	10 <b>9-11 am Work Day</b>  6:00 pm Daisy Scouts <b>6 pm Bible Study</b> 6:30 pm AA 12 Step	11 <b>5:30 pm Mission &amp; Service Comm.</b> <b>7 pm Strengthening of the Church Comm</b>  6:30 pm Cubs 6:30-8 pm Venture Scouts/Laura Coley room	12	13
14 8:45 am Sunday School <b>8:45 Shepherd of the Shore</b> 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship	15 <b>10:30 am Bible Study</b>  <b>VBS</b> 7 pm BST 255	16 9:15 am TOPS  <b>1 pm Bag Ladies</b>  <b>VBS</b>	17  <b>VBS</b> <b>6:pm Bible Study</b> 6:30 pm AA 12 Step	18  <b>VBS</b> 6:30 pm Cubs	19  <b>VBS</b>	20
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## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Our Body of Christ

Charlene Farrar, Mary Daniel, Jenny King, The Family of Joan Edge, Evelyn Morris, Diane Stevens, Mary Lou Kowal, Randolyn Anderson, Bonnie Townsend, Betty Griffith

**Our Extended Body of Christ**—Leisa Pridgen, Kate Mahoney, Shannon Clodfelter, Cynthia Groff, Emma Parker, Fran Diaz, Mary Poteat, Our Missionaries

### Who to Call ...

**Usher Coordinator** Pam Aherne 609-462-6822

**Communion Coordinator** Ellen Allen 617-4910

**Women of the Church** Elizabeth Albritton 799-4271  
Ellen Allen 392-1274

### Men of the Church

**Funeral Coordinator** Ellen Allen 392-1274

**Wedding Coordinator** Ann Barke 392-1376

**Wednesday Family Dinners** Brenda Locklear 791-7809

**Meals on Wheels** Michael Coleman 262-8771

**Preschool** Leslie Moore 791-8290

**Hands 4 Christ Quilting** Becky Kalnen 799-9612

**Church Work Day** Randy LaGrange 431-7710

**Christian Education Comm.** Dennis Wood 232-0575

### Sunday School Coordinator

Gary & Jennie Galloway 313-0707

**Prayer Chain/Care Group** Sue Stott  
prayers4windermere@gmail.com

**Flowers for Sanctuary** Carol Pearson 686-0728

### Assisted Living:

Doris Erkes, Morningside Asst. / Living Residence,  
2744 S. 17th St., Wilmington, N.C. 28412

Mary Daniels, North Chase Nursing & Rehabilitation  
Center, 3015 Enterprise Drive, Room 200,  
Wilmington, NC 28405



### July Anniversaries

William & Monika Savage 07/07

Craig & Kristen Allen 07/09

Dennis & Deidre Wood 07/13

Bert & Mary Smith 07/22

### July Birthdays

Mary Lou Kowal 07/01

Bill Harris 07/02

Gavin Maultsby 07/07

Carey Merritt 07/07

Mason Allen 07/12

Lauren Allen 07/13

Collin Allen 07/15

Ruth Anne Kuiper 07/16

Evelyn Morris 07/16

Jean Crawford 07/19

Roland Register 07/19

Craig Allen 07/20

Janet Casey 07/23

Matthew Coleman 07/24

James Stinson 07/26

Walker Stephenson 07/27

Angie (Angela) Allen 07/28

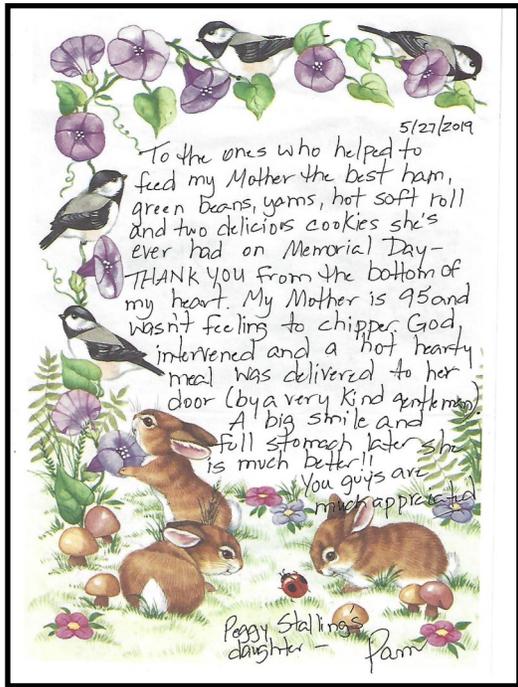
### “Creation Camp 2019”



**UPDATE:** Six children from our church have just completed another week of bible school at “Creation Camp 2019” at Camp Kirkwood in Watha, NC. Over 80 children participated from other Presbyterian churches. The theme this year was “Gather at the Table” There were four groups of children: The forks; The spoons; The cup and The table. (it helps to keep them organized)! They learned how to extend and receive hospitality at the Lord's table, who are we called to gather, how to trust God at the table and what it means when Jesus calls the disciples to leave all that they have and that the Lord will provide. They planted herbs to bring home in window boxes, played games and had plenty of pool time. Parents were treated to a meal on Sunday and Thursday and Vespers were held down by the lake.

If you have not been to Camp Kirkwood, I would encourage you to drive out there and see this beautiful camp. They have week long overnight camp for children in cabins, dining hall, pavilion for gathering, pool, zip line, archery and so much more. *It really is a hidden gem!*

This is why we do what we do!



**July 4th**  
**Patriotic Concert & Sing-Along**  
**Thursday, July 4, 2019**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
 Windermere Choir & Friends  
 American Legion Post 10  
 Cape Fear Brass Works; Daniel Johnson, Director  
 Marva Robinson, soprano; George Miles, Piano  
 David Williams, Baritone; Elizabeth Albritton, Piano  
 Candace Williams, Director & Organist

Followed by an Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social served up by the Windermere Men

Windermere Presbyterian Church  
 104 Windemere Road (corner of Eastwood Rd and Windemere Rd)  
 www.windermerepres.org No Charge  
 Donations Appreciated

910-791-5966

**NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM CANDY—JULY 2019**

Would you like to sing in the summer choir? Our choir takes vacation from weeknight rehearsing during the summer. Instead we rehearse on Sunday mornings 9:15 each week. This is an excellent time to volunteer to help in the choir as many of our regulars take time away. Beginning July 7, Rehearsals on Sunday mornings, 9:15 a.m. No midweek rehearsals. Questions? Call or email Candy Williams - 910-313-0243; towerkat\_n\_mouse@yahoo.com.

Chime Choir will also take vacation from weekly rehearsals following July 4. We look forward to hearing our Chime Choir play on the Patriotic Concert July 4! We will need new volunteers for the fall. No experience necessary. We will train you.

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REMEMBER TO send your favorite hymns to Candy by the end of July. We have had a great response so far! Looking forward to completing the report.

**FAVORITE HYMN SURVEY**

Candy, along with the Worship Committee is conducting a Favorite Hymn Survey over the next couple months. Please list your 3 favorites and put in the collection plate or on the piano following the service. Your hymns do not need to come from our Windermere Hymnal.

Hymn Names \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Additional Comments \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**SPECIAL MUSIC FUND** - Our annual Patriotic Concert with brass ensemble, choir, soloists, and the American Legion Post 10 is funded by gifts made to Windermere's Special Music Fund. All gifts are appreciated!



Celebrating Windermere's Thirteenth Annual Patriotic Concert!  
 Thursday, July 4th, 2019 4:00 p.m.

Patriotic Concert and Sing-Along—Windermere's Adult Choir and Friends—Free Concert & Ice Cream  
 Donations Accepted & Appreciated  
 Concert funded by Windermere's Special Music Fund - Please join us and invite friends!

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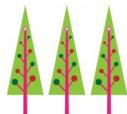
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### **CAROLINA OPRY CHRISTMAS TOUR WINDERMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**



\*9:30am Pickup and Depart from Church parking lot

\*Christmas Shopping at Callahan's of Calabash

\*12-12::15 Arrive at Carolina Opry in Myrtle Beach. Pre-show 12:45

Show will be from 1:00-4:00 with intermission

Our seats in VIP section rows 5 and 6, Center

\*4:30 Arrive at Duplin Winery for Wine tasting and shopping at quaint shops

\*Appx 5:30 Dinner Buffet (to be determined)

\*. Depart for Wilmington arriving 8-8:30

**EVERYONE SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH/SNACK BAG. WE WILL PROVIDE BOTTLED WATER ON THE BUS. WE WILL NOT EAT DINNER UNTIL 5:30pm.**

Cost is \$125 per person. Includes motor coach transportation, personal tour guides, VIP seating in center rows 5-6 for Carolina Opry Christmas Show, Dinner buffet, taxes and fees. Does not include customary tip for Bus Driver. We will pass a hat around on the way back to the Church.

**WE MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 40 PERSONS GOING AND A MAXIMUM OF 50!**

So, sign up early to reserve your spot on the Motor Coach! Some want to invite guest outside of our church and can do so after all our members that want to go have signed up. Deadline for signup is August 4. Deadline for payment is November 10.

Signup sheets are in the Narthex..

More info to come. For questions, see Clark Pearson or Brenda Locklear on May 19 or after.



**Patriotic Concert**

**July 4, 2019**

**at 4 p.m.**