



Davis Street

"A Church For All People"

OUR VISION

"As the body of Christ, we seek to fulfill God's commands to love Him with all our hearts, and to love one another as He loves us."

OUR MISSION

"To reach out and connect with all people, making disciples of Jesus Christ."

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Warm greetings in the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ!

God is doing amazing things at Davis Street! Recently, we launched the "The Caring People" Single Moms Ministry that reaches out to single moms in our neighborhood and build authentic relationships. We dedicated our Newly-Renovated Nursery to reach out to young families with children and youth. We launched a new church website (www.davisunited.org) and our 10:55 am Worship Celebration is now on Facebook Live.

Moreover, Davis Street was selected as a "growing and thriving church" in the Corridor District. Davis Street is reversing its decline and slowly "shifting" to growth and vitality as evidence of an increase in worship attendance, an increase in professions of faith, an increase in giving and an increase in disciples involved in mission and ministry. Praise the Lord!

We got 34 leaders that gathered during the "Consultation with Community Leaders" to listen to the context of our community and how we can participate in God's action in the community. From there, courageous and committed lay and pastoral leadership of Davis Street gathered last week for the Leadership Strategic Planning Event. The lay leadership met to focus on the mission of God and identify the Missional Priorities 2019-2020 "so that" we can be a growing and thriving church that transforms lives and impacts the community and beyond. We learned that a growing and thriving church requires creative imagination, disruptive innovation, shared leadership, authentic relationships, listening to the heartbeat of the community and total obedience to the Lordship of Christ.

Furthermore, there's a lot of anticipation and excitement in our communal worship life every Sunday at both 8:30 am Missional Community and 10:55 am Worship Celebration. The creative worship, music and audio-visuals are continually being enhanced. And we are increasing our culture of hospitality through our He-Brews Coffee Ministry, and small groups opportunities.

This coming February, we are continuing our "Crazy Love" Sermon Series inspired from the book of the same title by Francis Chan. Therefore, don't miss coming to Davis Street every Sunday @ 8:30 am & 10:55 am. I encourage y'all to bring your families and friends!

Finally, I will be attending the Conference on Global Filipino United Methodist Movement and Special Session of the General Conference on February 21st-27th in St. Louis, Missouri. The General Conference is a global legislative gathering represented by delegates from each Annual Conference throughout the world. A Special Session is called to deal with church's position on human sexuality. I invite y'all to join with me in praying for the upcoming Special Session of the General Conference.

Pastor Edgar

A New Sunday School Class



Harmony

“Something Old……… Something New”

We have joined together in *Harmony* as one in Christ and as one with each other in a new Sunday school class, which is made up of three existing Sunday school classes formally known as the Builders, Outreach, and Fellowship. This new class will be called “*Harmony*” meeting each Sunday at 9:45 am on the second floor in classroom (#206). This co-ed class is made up of individuals ranging from 50 to 80 something years of age. The class uses Biblically based materials that offers a daily devotion that members can use during the week and then join together each Sunday for reflection: The following persons serve as leaders/teachers: Vicki Ambrose, Cynthia Walker, Kyle Walker, David Smedberg and Butch Wilson.

Members from all three classes met at the home of Brenda & Butch Wilson on January 18th to establish a new name for the class and elected class officers. Butch Wilson—President, Diana Hanford—Vice President, Priscilla Fulcher—Secretary, Vernon Moore—Treasurer, Jerry Fisher and Brenda Wilson—Co-Social Coordinators.

The class is co-hosting with the United Methodist Men, the annual Valentine’s Dinner at Kimber’s Restaurant in Gibsonville on Friday, February 15 at 6:00 pm. Congregants and guests are welcome; however you will need to sign up. This is a Dutch treat. If you would like to participate contact one of the following to make your reservation: Butch Wilson 336-269-2284; Bob Webster 517-214-4970; Vernon Moore 336-226-6007.

The class decided on a date for the annual BBQ fundraiser, which will be held Friday, April 12th. Tickets sales will be coming soon. The class under the direction of Jerry Fisher will cook whole hams on Friday morning and class members will chop and pack the BBQ late Friday afternoon. The BBQ cooking and packing takes place at the Burlington Police Recreation Hut located off Burch Bridge Road. All helping hands are welcomed and encouraged to volunteer to help prepare the BBQ and/or help sell tickets. This is always a great fellowship time for all. To volunteer just contact Butch Wilson or any member of the Harmony SS Class. All funds raised are used for Missional outreach and Church projects.

We invite anyone who is not presently attending a Sunday school class to come and visit. We are all in this together in *Harmony* to love God with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul and with all our strength. Come and see.

JOIN US IN OUR LADIES GROUP!!

Ladies: Join us on February 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Donna Quiring’s house at 3124 Juniper Drive in Burlington for our first circle meeting. We will have an lively discussion followed by a short program and dessert with coffee. See you there!

STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING RECAP

On January 19th twenty-four members of Davis Street (including pastor, staff, council members and congregation members) met for the 2019 Leadership Strategic Planning session. We reviewed the Moving Forward priorities from 2017 and 2018 to recognize the victories and new beginnings with which God has already blessed us. We also discussed ideas for continuing growth in 2019 and 2020. These ranged from developing a time and space for contemporary music and worship apart from the more traditional 10:55 service; to enhanced outdoor signage; to older adult programs; to a new pictorial directory and many other possibilities. The floor was open to any ideas or programs those present wished to suggest.

These options were then grouped into categories of:

- Worship Life
- Presence & Outreach
- Communication
- Caring & Connectivity

Many of the ideas generated already fall into the team structures of our Church Council (Connect, Grow, Communication and Congregational Care) and will be addressed by those committees. Others require new commitments for leadership and development. **ALL** require help from our entire congregation. Our pastor and staff cannot implement and run all of the ideas but they are ready and eager to be the mentors and cheerleaders for us.

We had and have high expectations about the conversation and outcome of this meeting. One of the quotes used in our presentation came from George Bernard Shaw who said, "Imagination is the beginning of creation." In Matthew 14 Peter is brave enough to step out of the boat and walk on water as long as he is focused on Jesus. That is the inspiration we want to come from this session; that we are limited only by our imagination and that our actions stay focused on Jesus so that we can be His disciples and reach others. "Don't look back; you are not headed that way!"

For more information about what was discussed and to explore how you can participate, please, feel free to reach out to any member of the staff or the Church Council.

BIBLE STUDY WILL RECONVENE ON TUESDAY, FEB 19, 2019.

We will meet in the Conference Room each Tuesday morning at 10:30 and will read Luke together. No special book is needed, just your Bible (any translation).

Vicki Ambrose (980) 307-9321



Women in God's Service

W.I.N.G.S.

WINGS will remain as Women IN God's Service at DSUMC. We will meet on a quarterly basis to assess the needs within DSUMC. At this time WINGS focus is on the homebound members of the Church. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 15th at 10 am to send Easter cards to our shut-ins.
Polly Webb @ 336-228-7126

Meet Rev. Denny Robert Nainggolan

Rev. Denny from Indonesia is coming to Davis Street UMC from March 1st-5th and will be our Guest Preacher on March 3rd. Married to Surjanty, an Indonesian-Chinese woman, and am blessed with 2 children: Leah Sharon & Lemuel Solomon. Ordained as an elder at the Methodist Church of Indonesia in 1998, after completing theological studies at Trinity Theological College Singapore. Started an English-speaking congregation which now is known to be Grace Methodist Church in Jakarta. After four years of serving in church, embarking into a chaplaincy ministry for fourteen years, and currently is appointed as the District Superintendent at Riau Island.



I was born in a Christian family. Raised up by my mother as single parent since my father died when I was at the age of 7. Experiencing hardship due to the poverty my family went through in my childhood. But in those difficult moments in life, I always saw a faithful mother who never failed to kneel before God and never gave up even if life challenge was so great. Her prayer life, surrendered life, faith in God and of course her hard work to meet the need of the family have become a positive influence on the children. Praying and meditation on the Word of God became a daily need in our family. These all happened after my mom was brought to Jesus by her friend who was a faithful follower of Christ.

Prayers and the daily feeding of the Words have led all her children (all son) to be deeply rooted in God. All of her children are actively serving God through so many ways and talents God has given us. But one thing that moved me strongly to ministry was His protection upon me. As economically my family got better because of God's grace and mercy, my mother planned for me to study overseas for my undergrad study. I accepted this offer happily and looked forward for that moment enthusiastically. Everything was prepared well. All papers and application for the university done. Ready to go. But I did not know why, at the last minute, I told my mom that I would love to study locally instead of going overseas. I could not understand why I said it. My mom was a bit sad yet allowed me to make the decision for myself. I then enrolled to the local university and began my semester. It was six month after making that decision than I began to know what God's plan for me was. I received the news of the death of my cousin who was supposed to be my roommate. He died of suicide. As a drug addict, he could not live without money to buy drug. He was so frustrated and depressed, and killed himself. That was the first time all of our family knew that he was actually a drug addict and was surrounded by drug addict friends.

The moment I got to know this, I was just in tears thanking God for his protection upon me. I could not imagine what would happen if I went to study overseas and surrounded by this kind of people. I believe it was the Holy Spirit who spoke in and through me about canceling the plan to study overseas. I thank God and promised Him to serve Him for He has protected and saved me. I knew every moment that I had was an opportunity to serve Him and to give my best to Him. This was the thing moving me to decide to go to full time ministry. Until today I never regret for making that decision and until today, I am amazed by the greatness of God and the great works He has performed in and through me.

The influence of a godly mother was so great in the life of her children, and her godliness has brought restoration in our family. Indeed problems still come to us, but God has always strengthened and empowered us to go through them all as victorious people. Praise be to God for all He has done, is doing, and will do in and through me, for His Name's sake.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Deryl & Susan Smith

1017 Briarcliff Rd, Burlington, NC 27215

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Sue: phone # (336)263-4513 DOB: June 4

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We welcomed Deryl and Susan Smith into the Davis Street UMC family on December 2, 2018. Our newest

members were honored during the Harmony Class Christmas party (new name for the Builders, Fellowship and Outreach combined classes).

Deryl grew up in Hillsborough, NC and earned his undergraduate degree at East Carolina University and completed his graduate work at A & T University. Deryl is currently employed as a teacher with the Alamance-Burlington School System at the new Career/Technical campus near Haw River.

Susan is a native of Tarboro, NC and she received her undergraduate degree from Mars Hill College and finished up with her graduate degree at East Carolina University. Susan is employed by Hospice of Alamance-Caswell as a social worker.

Deryl is one of the six children of Mae and Dupree Smith (both deceased). Susan is the daughter of Margaret and Jesse Kent (deceased), sister of Jinx Perrou (deceased) and sister of our own Carol Story. Her brother is Marion Kent. The couple has two children and eight grandchildren. Deryl has one deceased son. It is no surprise that both Deryl and Susan really enjoy spending time and playing with their sweet grandchildren!

Woodworking is a favorite activity of Deryl and he is pretty much a jack of all trades. Susan also enjoys cooking (and is excellent at it!). Doing crafts and working with people are also talents of hers.

The Smiths were drawn to Davis Street by several things. Deryl was looking for a church that he could become a “family” with. He is especially interested in being involved with the United Methodist Men. Susan was encouraged to attend Davis Street by her sister, Carol Story, and she appreciates the warm, friendly people here. Susan is drawn to the children’s department- and is already a part of the Caring People Program.

We are excited to welcome you to our family! May God bless you and use you at Davis Street and in our community.

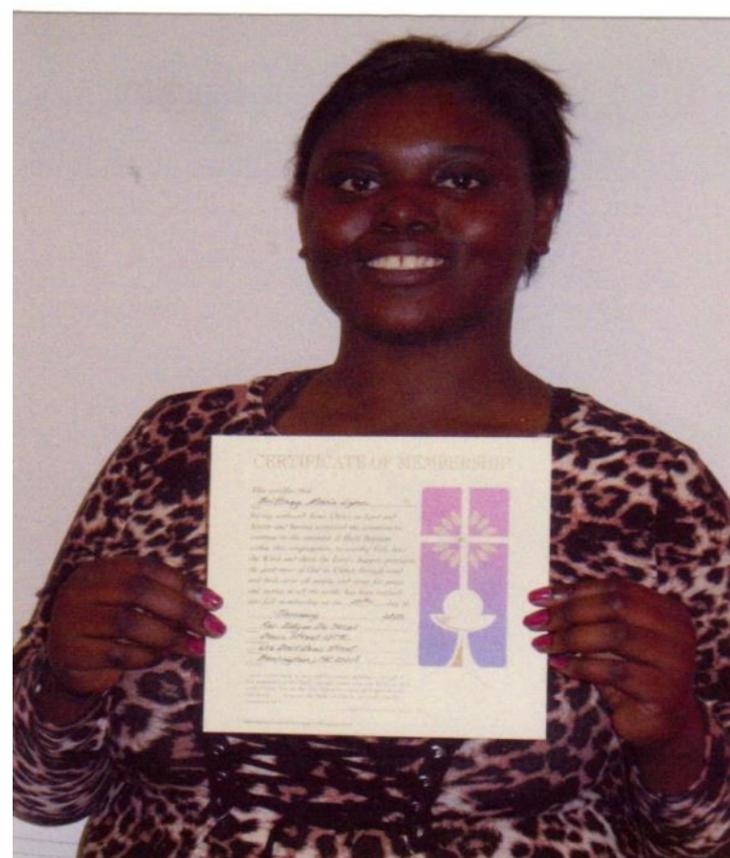


Ashley Andersen

1017 South Church Street, Burlington, NC 27215

Birthday: January 17

and



Brittany Lynn

Vision 2 Family Care Home

413 Everett Street, Burlington, NC 27215

Cell # (980) 475-7956

Birthday: March 10

Ashley Andersen and Brittany Lynn both joined Davis Street United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 20, 2019. They were the first two attendees of the early worship service who actually joined our church during the 8:45 service. They were introduced during the 11:00 worship as our newest members. Both young women were treated to lunch at Golden Corral by a group of church members who welcomed them into our church family.

Ashley grew up in Cary, NC and has two brothers and three sisters. Her care team is trying to get her into cosmetology school. She really enjoys doing makeup, hair and nails. Arts and crafts are a lot of fun for her. Ashley also likes reading, especially mysteries, with Jonathan Kellerman being one of her favorite authors.

Interested in working possibly with the youth or children, Ashley is excited about being at Davis Street.

Brittany Lynn was raised in Charlotte, NC and has just been in Burlington since August. A laid back person, Brittany enjoys hanging with her friends, roller skating, going to church, reading, swimming, shopping and keeping up with fashion.

Brittany has already been singing in our chancel choir. The alto section is happy to have her!

Both Ashley and Brittany were invited to Davis Street UMC by Earl Bryan. They all met at the Together House and Thataways. Earl is certainly a "goodwill ambassador" for our church!

Best wishes, Ashley and Brittany! Your Davis Street church family hopes that you grow in your faith while you're a part of our congregation.

Spiritual Gifts

Every child of God is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, specially gifted to play a unique and valued role in the body of Christ. **No one is without gift or purpose.**

Spiritual gifts are not our talents or skills. They are the grace of God at work within us, empowering us to match our deep passions with the world's deep need. The gifts are given to individuals, but they are given to build and strengthen community and to meet the needs of those around us.

Begin the journey. Discover your gifts. Talk about your gifts with others. Strive together to understand your gifts and how you can use them to serve God, neighbor, and world. You have been gifted. You have been given a purpose.



What if I am not gifted?

It is our firm belief that everyone is gifted by God and that each person is uniquely and beautifully equipped for ministry and mission. Giftedness is not about privilege or special skills and talents. It is about listening more deeply to, and following more fully, the deepest desires of our hearts and God's leading in our lives. This is the call to all people of faith — laity or clergy, flashy or quiet, knowledgeable or seeking.

Please come and join us starting on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 thru March 19th at either 10 am or 6:00 pm in Sunday School Room #206. There's a sign up sheet in the parlor.

Please come and find out how truly gifted you are. We'd love to have you. Pat Sykes



UNITED METHODIST MEN

The February UMM meeting will be part of the Valentine's Day dinner with the adult Sunday School class on Friday, February 15th, at Kimber's Restaurant in Gibsonville. The event is open to the entire congregation. Order off the menu (<http://kimbersnc.com/>). Should you need transportation, please make it known to a member of the Sunday School Class or the UMM. Hope you join us. Seating is limited to approx. 50, so please indicate your reservation NO LATER THAN February 13 to Bob Webster, Vernon Moore, or Butch Wilson.

Bob Webster,
President, DSUMM



GIFTS TO THE CHURCH (12/26/18-1/19/19)

In Honor of Wilson Scott were given by:

Melda & Gene James

Happy Valentine's Day

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

MESSAGE FROM THE PRAYER MINISTRY:

Prayer is Powerful.

GOD not only hears our prayers, but he is acting on them. Our prayer requests bring about real change in the world and in the lives of the people we pray for. Read Matthew 7:7-8 and Matthew 21:22 (to see some of what the Bible says). Also Mark 11:24 and John 15:7, 16 and James 5:15-16.

Martin Luther said "Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon."

Pray that GOD will protect our church from the evil one, as we seek to obey GOD's will in the New Year.

BREAKFAST MINISTRY UPDATE AND THANK YOU

On Sunday, December 23rd, the 8:30 Breakfast Ministry guests were presented with gift bags. There were fifty adult and ten children's gift bags prepared which included restaurant gift cards, snacks, socks and assorted toiletries.

Thank you to the members of the Fellowship, Builders and Out Reach Sunday School classes for their donation of restaurant gift cards and warm socks for both men and women.

Many thanks also to the donations that are given throughout the year by members of our Davis Street congregations. A portion of those funds allowed for the purchase of the additional items for the gift bags.

The Breakfast Team would like to acknowledge not only the donations given throughout the year, the faithful volunteers, but the many prayers in support of this much needed community outreach in and around Davis Street United Methodist Church.

Blessings and Peace,
The Breakfast Team

Find your United Methodist family on Facebook

There are many ways to connect with fellow church members. Now thanks to social media we can be part of a huge community of United Methodists on Facebook. Come and see us.

<https://www.facebook.com/Davis-Street-United-Methodist-Church>

www.davisunited.org

ATTENTION - Our newsletter can be viewed on the DSUMC website. Invite visitors who "Surf the Net" to learn more of the opportunities that Davis Street UMC offers.