



The Chapel Herald

An Easter Will and Testament



"And now, for the reading of the will . . ." Those momentous words - in print, on the screen, or in person - bring everyone to the edge of their seats, with a collective gasp of breath, in anticipation of what's next for all concerned. Who will be remembered in the will, and who will be left out? It's high drama - especially when it's happening to you and your family.

In courtrooms around the country, extra security is routinely summoned for two situations: Child custody disputes, and will contests. In such emotional cases, ordinary, peaceful citizens can be moved to violence when the welfare of their children - or their share of an inheritance - is at stake.

In Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, Mark Antony is able to control and arouse the shifting allegiance of the murderous Roman throng, merely by the reading of Caesar's will.

While the Old Testament provides specific guidelines for inheriting family property (Leviticus 25:23-38, Numbers 27:8-11, Deuteronomy 21:13-21, e.g.), in the New Testament, Jesus downplays the importance of an earthly inheritance (Luke 12:13-21.) Explaining that it can lead to greed and an obsession with wealth, he says it is better to store up treasures in heaven.

In terms of worldly evaluation, our Lord's estate came to nothing more than a robe, which was summarily divided among his executors; yet as Christians, we are still his heirs - but of what? Our share is in Christ's victory over death, as living members of his Body, and heirs of his eternal kingdom. Through Christ - the firstborn of all creation - we are given a new birth of freedom from the enslavement of sin, and thus liberated from worldly concerns, to serve our brothers and sisters through the reflected love of our risen Savior.

May this Easter impart to each of us the inheritance of our Lord's last, everlasting, and living Testament: A life reborn in each of us, that neither sin, nor age, nor even death can prevail against!

All the blessings of Easter,

Pastor John



Understanding Covenant

TGIF Today God Is First NextGen

by Charis Hillman Brown

March 25, 2017

Submitted by: Ashley Smith



David asked the men standing near him, '...Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?'"-1 Samuel 17:26

David was the youngest of 8 sons. His 3 oldest brothers were off to war in King Saul's camp. During this time, the Philistine army had been camped at Sokoh in Judah. The Israelites were camped in the valley of Elah, with just a valley between them and the Philistine army.

David was young, probably around 17. From time to time he went back and forth to the Israelite army to bring food to his brothers and see how they were doing. This particular time, when David went to bring food to his brothers, he heard the giant Goliath from the Philistine camp shouting at the Israelites and challenging them. He had been doing this for 40 days. The Israelites were all afraid of him because he was so big. No one had yet had the courage to challenge him, and when the Israelites saw him, *"They all fled in great fear."*(v.24)

Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, 'Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.'(1 Sam 17:8-9) It's interesting to note that Goliath wanted to make the Israelites think they were just serving their leader, Saul. But David had a different perspective.

As people overheard him asking questions about what would be done for the man who killed Goliath, word was sent to king Saul who sent for him. *"Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him,"* David said. He explained to Saul that he had good training killing lions and bears tending sheep, and this would be no different. Probably because he had run out of options by this time, Saul let David try.

David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel'(v.45-46). And so, David used a stone in a slingshot, and killed him.

Often the story of David and Goliath is taught with reference to having courage in God. But, it was because David understood God's *covenant* with the Israelites that he knew he could defeat him and had courage. Like marriage, a covenant is a promise broken only by death, whereas in a contract, the obligations of that contract must be met by both parties for the contract to remain in effect. In David's day, covenants were very serious matters. No one broke a covenant, even if the other party didn't fulfill their end of the bargain.

When we serve God, we have God's protection. We should therefore place our trust in God's faithfulness and promises, as His word is true and can never return void. Have you recognized the power in God's covenant with his sons and daughters? May it be a reminder and an encouragement that we can overcome anything that comes in our path, because we are sons and daughters of the living God.

The Women's Discussion Group will meet at 10:00 AM in The Village Chapel Choir room on Thursday, **April 13, 2017**.

Copies of the April reading may be picked up in the wall holder outside church offices. The April reading selection was chosen by Allis Rennie from a book titled THE FAITH CLUB and is written by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner.

All women are cordially invited to attend and participate in this friendly, lively discussion group. If you have questions, please call Molly Thomas (910.693.7897)

WORSHIP NOTES

On Easter and the ensuing seven Sundays (through the end of Eastertide), the Doxology at all three services will change from the familiar OLD 100th tune to the LASST UNS ERFREUEN tune (All Creatures of Our God and King). The idea behind this change is that because we "bury" the Alleluia during Lent so we may hear it anew on Easter Day - the Doxology with Alleluias is a wonderful way to highlight the season of Easter. We will revert back to the OLD 100th on Pentecost.

Welcome New Members

Tim and Maureen Buckley

Will and Nicole Bacic

Mike and Frieda McBrayer

Liza Myrick

Justin Bazil and Alexandra Morland

Teresa Graham

Claude and Nancy Hylton

Michael May and Brynn Finkbeiner

Shannon Flanagan

Jason, Meagan, and Eloise Lee

Mark and Esther Acker



Meet The Imperials



What do you like to see in your fellow members of the Village Chapel? Charity? Caring? Devoutness? Christian love? Willingness to volunteer and support Chapel programs? Faith and resilience?

Well, that is what Jennifer and Christian "Chris" Imperial have brought to the table.

Like so many of our Pinehurst denizens and Village Chapel members, the Imperials came to us by a long, circuitous route. Theirs is a particularly intriguing tale. Born on opposite sides of the United States, they landed in the same high school. Their spiritual journey is equally unique.

Jennifer was born the ninth of twelve children in a family that was frequently on the move. Although born in California, she went to primary school in Oregon before moving back to California where she graduated from Anaheim High School in 1980.

Chris was born and spent his early years in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was interested in a military career from the time he was a boy. He went to a Catholic military academy in California at the primary level before entering Anaheim High School - in the same class as Jennifer. While they were acquainted with each other in high school, romance didn't bloom until just after they graduated and Chris was headed for boot camp in Fort Jackson, South Carolina. All of a sudden, they realized they were to be more than just friends.

Chris had enlisted in the Army while a Junior in high school, when he was just 17 years old. So, he was destined for boot camp the moment he graduated. He and Jennifer's relationship grew by long distance, through the US Postal Service. Chris arrived at Fort Jackson, which started a career path that traveled through the 82nd Airborne Division, Special Forces and other light infantry units. He retired 21 years later as a Sergeant First Class. Jennifer and Chris were married in Anaheim in 1984 and were assigned to Fort Bragg, where they spent most of the next twenty years, although Chris's deployments took him to all sorts of exotic places - Korea, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, the Central African Republic and Malawi, to mention a few.

Military life is never easy for a family, with the constant pressures and separations entailed in military service. But the Imperials are made of the right stuff. While Chris was fulfilling the demands of his Special Forces assignments, Jennifer drove a school bus for 8 years and threw herself into volunteer activities in

their children's schools. She also actively participated with the Protestant Women of the Chapel on Ft. Bragg. It was while the Imperials were at Fort Bragg that they had to resolve some major religious issues, but they worked them out and came through stronger than they started.

Meantime, they raised a son, Anthony, who was born in 1985 and is now a First Lieutenant in the US Army. Like father like son. Their daughter, Maria, was born in 1988 and is currently a 911 dispatcher for the city of Prosper, TX. Like most military kids, they were subjected to their fair share of moving around.

After Chris retired in 2001, they researched three possible places to relocate. After driving through each location, the family chose by secret ballot if they wanted to settle there. The unanimous choice was Spokane, Washington. Chris was employed by a major government contractor, TATE Inc., that was based in Spokane and worked out of Spokane, traveling quite a bit, for ten years. As TATE's business gravitated increasingly toward the growing military presence at Fort Bragg, Chris transferred his responsibilities to Southern Pines. Once here they started looking for a church to call home. After looking throughout the area, a business owner (a parishioner), suggested the Village Chapel. They attended all three services and found that the earliest service was the best fit. The interdenominational aspect worked for them, Chris being Catholic and Jennifer being Protestant. The rest, as they say, is history.

The Imperials joined the Chapel in 2013 and it did not take them long to make their presence felt as they enthusiastically involved themselves in Chapel affairs. They attend the 8:15 service where both are readers. They attend Break Night regularly. Jennifer also is a Lay Eucharist Minister and volunteers for support work for the Women of the Chapel Ministry. Chris is limited in the amount of volunteer work he can assume as he still works full time and travels frequently. Still, he has devoted himself to the Chapel Express ministry, which provides transportation on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings to Chapel members who are no longer able to drive themselves to the Chapel. He loves doing it and the members who are his passengers love him in return. He has been instrumental in making this Chapel ministry a success.

In their spare time, the Imperials enjoy ultra-lite hiking and antiquing together. Chris enjoys working on his Volkswagen bus and Jennifer enjoys running. They are a wonderful addition to the Village Chapel and we feel so fortunate that God brought them together and brought them to the Chapel. And we offer them our heartfelt thanks for all they do for the Village Chapel.





Your Buildings and Grounds Committee at Work

The day-to-day care, routine maintenance, and cleaning of the Chapel's buildings are the responsibility of staff, but it is the Building and Grounds Committee that is responsible for all major maintenance and repair projects that require hiring a contractor.

The Committee regularly inspects the buildings and grounds, prioritizes work to be done, defines scopes of work, solicits bids, awards contracts, oversees the work of contractors, and validates invoices...all managed within an annual budget. The members of the Committee are Jack Wood (chairman), Jack Raffaele, Russ Shafer, Jim Schneider, Rich Cowell, Ron Whitley, Sam Clay and Jeff Fox.

The Committee awards and manages a large number of contracts each year. Some of the larger projects completed in 2016 include:

- Paved the front driveway and constructed two additional handicap parking spaces
- Painted the entire front of the Chapel
- Managed contracts for taking care of our landscaping and for servicing our HVAC systems
- Converted the boiler in the Chapel from fuel oil to natural gas
- Installed an attic ventilation system in the Chapel
- Made major improvements to the plumbing in the Chapel
- Remodeled the bathrooms in the Administration building

There are many projects in the plan for 2017. Some of the major ones are:

- Repairing the Chapel's 100 year old slate roof
- Cleaning and painting the exterior of the Chapel's window frames
- Transitioning from propane to natural gas in Chapel Hall
- Continuing the campus-wide annual painting program
- Transitioning all indoor and outdoor lighting from incandescent to LED bulbs
- Replacing deteriorated insulation on the Chapel's water piping system
- Cleaning mold from ceiling in the Chapel

The building and grounds of our Chapel require a lot of care and maintenance to keep them functional and beautiful. The Chapel is blessed to have a congregation that each year provides the resources to do the most important work that needs to be done.



The Raleigh Ringers

Saturday, April 8, 7:00pm

The Raleigh Ringers are an internationally acclaimed virtuoso handbell ensemble, playing a wide range of music that includes sacred, secular, and popular music, including rock and roll tunes.

Tickets may be purchased in the church office or the evening of the concert.

Adults - \$18

Children 10 and under - \$10

The Village Chapel Music Series
presents

The Village Chapel Choir
in concert

Ralph Vaughan Williams: *Five Mystical Songs*
and assorted hymns and spirituals

Sunday, May 21, 4:00pm

Eric Loftin, baritone
Anne Dorsey, guest conductor
Stephen Gourley, Director of Music



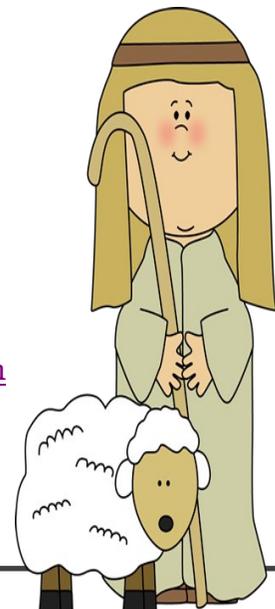
The Shepherd Ministry Mission
Christine Warren, Flock Leader Liaison
Who's Got Your Back ?

The title to this recent best seller begs a profound question. While this book's focus is on developing meaningful relationships in the corporate world, the theme is universal. Take the time to consider all the people in your life: family, friends, acquaintances, cohorts, social media contacts, etc. And ask yourself: ***When life gets tough and you could really use some support, who shows up? Are you willing to lower your guard, ask for help, and find out? Did you know you have a network of people at the Chapel who care about you just because you are a child of God?***

This existing network is your neighborhood flock, and they are only one email or telephone call away. (Try to beat that Facebook!)

Below you will find your spiritual 911 contact information. It's one of the best contacts you will ever place in your smart phone:

- 1) Pinehurst Village, Oldtown, Donald Ross Frieda Powers 910.235.9284
Polk Dillon polkd111@gmail.com Lis Skvarla lizskvarla@gmail.com
- 2) Village Acres, No.6, Pinehurst Trace Christinewarren10@gmail.com
- 3) Midland Rd East: Longleaf, Talamore, Middleton Place, Pine Needles, Whispering Pines, St. Joseph, Southern Pines West of HWY 1 Tisha Edrington docotis@nc.rr.com
- 4) Forest Creek: **OPEN**
- 5) Belle Meade Yvonne Gale ygale@nc.rr.com Roy Longhta rlonghta@nc.rr.com
- 6) No. 7 and No. 9 Martha & Jon Devault marthadevault@earthlink.net
jondevault@earthlink.net
- 7) CCNC **OPEN**
- 8) Morganton Road: Doral Woods, Lawn and Tennis Club, Monticello, Quail Haven Dee and Bro Park deeandbro@nc.rr.com
910.255.6091
- 9) Pinehurst Lake and Foxfire; South Of Linden and West of McKenzie Michael and Mary Jo Matthies matthiesmt@earthlink.net
910.295.5501
- 10) Pinewild and Cotswold Ferrell Ann & Bud Harper (pending co-leaders) budandfa@nc.rr.com
- 11) Southern Pines East of HWY 1, Penick Village and Aberdeen
OPEN
- 12) Seven Lakes and West End Cricket & Rich Cowell tlc7840@aol.com
cowellr@aol.com 910.673.3779



Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 15, 2017

1:00 PM



Easter Services 2017

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13

Seder Meal -5:45PM

Stripping of the Altar -7:00PM

(Reservation form on back of Herald)

Good Friday

Friday, April 14 -12:00PM

Easter Sunday Services April 16

Sunrise Service at The Pinehurst Resort-South Room -6:30AM

Communion Service -8:15AM

Family Service -9:30AM

Traditional Service -11:00AM

Food Bank Donations

Suggestions for our Food Bank Ministry

Peanut Butter

Dry Pasta

Sauces

Canned Vegetables

Cereals

Instant Oatmeal

Mac and Cheese

Applesauce

Olive or Canola Oil

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Juice Boxes



Every little bite helps

Donations can be left in the boxes located in the Atrium by Chapel Hall or by the stairway in the main entrance of The Village Chapel





Wednesday April 19, Habitat will hold its monthly Faith Relations lunch meeting at The Village Chapel. Again, our Hospitality Committee will sponsor and coordinate this activity. These meetings provide an opportunity for sharing information about efforts in the faith community on behalf of Habitat and the amazing families they serve.



SAVE THE DATE

May 4, 2017

National Day of Prayer

Communion and Prayer Service 10:00AM

Check your emails and the Sunday bulletins for more information to come.

Changes Coming Soon!

Recently, we have made changes to our website to allow members of The Village Chapel to do more than before. Now members can access an online (always up to date) directory, view and print their contribution records, sign up for events, change their personal information, upload a new picture as they see fit, and so much more thanks to our TVC Online.

As we move forward in this technologically dependent world, we have worked to find ways to improve ourselves. The Village Chapel runs on contributions from our generous congregation. We want to find ways that best utilize contributions while keeping the Chapel running effectively. During the past few months, the cost of printing the Chapel Herald and statements for contributions has come up. On average, it costs The Village Chapel about \$5,500 to produce the Herald and about \$750 to produce contribution statements. These figures include the actual printing, paper, postage, and supplies needed.

Now that we have TVC Online, we have created a way for members to always access their contribution statements whenever they need to and print as well. For those whom wish to continue to get your statements mailed, please contact Candice Peoples in the office. The Chapel Herald is made available to view on the website on the 1st of each month. The plan is to continue to provide a paper copy of the Chapel Herald each month until June 2017. On June 1, 2017, the Chapel Herald will be e-blasted out to the congregation and published on our website. We ask that those who do not have computer access, are home-bound, or who prefer to have a paper copy made to please contact Heather Dunn in the office so that you may be placed on a special list.

Anyone who is having issues with logging into TVC Online or needs a little help navigating, please contact Heather Dunn or Guy Veni for assistance.

I wish to continue to receive a printed Herald mailed to me each month.

Name

Address



The Women's Ministry of the Village Chapel
 Invites you to the 9th annual
Spring Tea

April 18, 2017
 2:00-4:00 pm
 Chapel Hall

Guest speaker: Carolyn Helms

Reservations

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Please contact me about Hosting a table _____

The cost is \$20 per person Check ___ Cash ___ Member ___ Guest ___

If you would like to sit with friends,

please send your group reservation in one envelope.

Questions: Sally Brown, 910 639-3874, forestcrk11@gmail.com

Pennie Clack, Table Hostess, 910 295-3610

Reservations are due by April 11th, 2017

If you are inviting others to the tea please include reservations and payments in the same envelope.



April Birthdays

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Shirley Nelson Zander Torok | 12 Alan Mimms Carol Pierce | 22 Jim Aaron |
| 2 Russ Shafer John Spangler | 14 Ray Barnes Laurie Wiles | 23 Sigrid Gross Karen Taverner Mackenzie Bowen |
| 3 Judi Wood Rene White | 15 Philip Smith Kathy Spnagler | 25 Holly Ingham Vickie Taylor |
| 4 Buck Kendrick Richard Pabst | 17 Bill Tomasetti | 27 Miriam Borel Paul Ross |
| 5 Fred Williams Tony Corcoran Mike Matthies | 18 Barb Connelly Nathalie Thomas | 28 Marjorie Ludwig Collin Bowen Reid Bowen Ann Torok Urbina McClure |
| 6 Gus Leader | 19 Shirley Lundmark Henry Weiss | 30 Carole Southon Sandy Corcoran |
| 7 Ann McAllister | 20 Jane Wellard Kelly Walsh Rand Smith Dana Bowen Maureen Buckley | |
| 9 Kay Lund Don Delauter Bob Schnauffer Addie Johns Jordyn Merrit | 21 Kathryn Riffle Chuck Butters | |

Happy Anniversary

- 2** Al & Betty Mangum
- 3** Donald & Yvonne Gale
- 4** Barbara & Phil Fulghum
Jonathan & Janis Nestor
- 5** Jeff & Kay Beran
- 9** Jack & Bev Raffaele
Mark & Kate Byrd
Jon & Martha DeVault
- 20** Bill & Stephanie Edwards
- 22** Phil & Denise Martinello
- 23** Jerry & Sarah Slade
- 28** Mark & Sherran Reif
Carty & Holly Davis

Please contact the office if your birthday or anniversary information is incorrect, or if you need to be added to the list.

Kudos Corner

Serving as a trustee of the Village Chapel is not to be taken lightly. We need our best and most committed members to take up the responsibility of managing the administration and finances of the church. We take pleasure in recognizing with gratitude and KUDOS the service of Chandler Adams, Charles Meyer and Jerry Townley who have just completed three years service on the Board of Trustees and to Alex Del Bueno and Peter Gross who carried out the important job of Treasurer for the past year until Ellene Busby was elected to complete Alex Del Beuno's term expiring at the end of 2018. Thanks for your service and commitment.

We also give KUDOS to the incoming Class of 2019 - Kay Beran, Jim Obi and Ann Whitley - for taking up the obligation to commit their time and talents to the work of the Board of Trustees. We are confident that they will excel.

While we are at it, Jim Voelkel earns a special KUDOS for the job he did as Chairman of the Board of Trustees in 2016 and for accepting the challenge of leading the Board of Trustees for a second term. Everyone applauded the excellent Annual Congregational Meeting he organized and chaired on February 22. Well done, Mr. Chairman.

For those who rely heavily on our hearing devices to listen to our Sunday services, KUDOS to Malcolm Ware. A vigorous 98-year old, Malcolm recharges the devices at his home and then returns them each week to the Chapel.

Do you enjoy the scrumptious donuts and scones served in our Chapel atrium each week? We can thank Sharon Trail and in her absence, Susan Joslin, for satisfying our sweet-tooths!

A group KUDOS is in order for Jack Wood and his Property Management Committee. Jack's report at the annual meeting and in this edition of the HERALD make it abundantly clear just how much this important committee is doing and has already accomplished.

Finally, a heart felt KUDOS to Jack White, whose resignation from the Communications Committee we received with regret. His dedication to the committee and the Chapel and his contributions to the "Meet the Members" series in the Herald have earned our gratitude and admiration. Thanks, Jack.



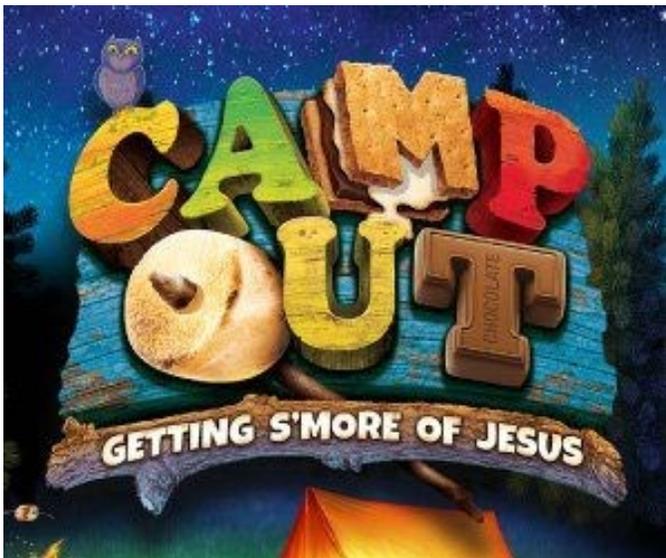
DR. ALAN MARSHALL FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE VILLAGE CHAPEL, APRIL 5



Dr. Alan Marshall, Head of School at Sandhills Classical Christian School, will be the featured speaker at The Village Chapel on Wednesday, April 5. Dr. Marshall will speak on the role of Christian schools in the education of our nation’s children and youth.

Dr. Marshall is a retired Air Force colonel, and brings an impressive record of service to his country. He holds degrees from the USAF Academy, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, the University of Washington (Seattle), and in 2012 received his Ph.D in Organization Leadership from Regent University. A certified safety professional in the USAF, Dr. Marshall served as Deputy Director of Safety and Chief of Flight Safety and later as Director of Safety for Langley Air Force Base. He has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards over the past 16 years including the Secretary of the Air Force Safety Award for most effective overall program.

Dr. Marshall’s presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m., on April 5, as part of Break Night, following a meal at 5:45 p.m. in Chapel Hall. For more information, or to sign up for the catered meal (\$7.50), please call the church office at The Village Chapel, at 295-6003.



**ATTENTION
CAMPERS!**

**VBS is Coming Soon!
July 10—13
9am-12pm**



Maundy Thursday Seder Meal

Thursday, April 13

Our evening begins with a meal at 5:45 p.m. at a cost of \$6.00 for adults. Please fill out the form below to reserve your space for dinner and drop in the collection plate, or you may call the Chapel Office (295-6003).

Traditional Seder Meal

Roast Lamb, seasoned Green Beans, Red Cabbage, Roasted Red Potatoes, Rolls and Dessert

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal Sign Up

Please drop in collection plate or call the Office at 295-6003.

Name _____

Number of Adults _____ Children _____

We WILL _____ WILL NOT _____ be eating

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