

The Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church

February 2026
Newsletter

THE BEACON

Chapel Hill,
North Carolina

Thou Shalt Not Fall!

Presented by The Senior Adult Planning Team



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MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, February
21st
8:30 AM

Speaker: Jim Hefner
Pre-registration not required but
appreciated.

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[Click here for the Full Church Calendar](#)

Or visit our website and go to Events/Facilities Calendar

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Chapel 9:00 Church School 9:45 Children & Youth Sunday School 9:45	2 Deacons Meeting 7pm	3 OFFICE CLOSED Staff Retreat	4 Zoom Prayer Circle 8:30 am Music Library Committee 10am Chancel Choir, 7:30pm	5 Binkley Bells 5:30	6	7
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22 Chapel 9:00 Church School 9:45 Children & Youth Sunday School 9:45 Worship 11:00 Sunday Music at Binkley: Choral Scholars Recital 7pm	23	24 Daytime Book Group 10:30am	25 Zoom Prayer Circle 8:30 am Music Library Committee 10am Chancel Choir, 7:30pm	26 Binkley Bells 5:30	27	28 AFWG meeting 10am Justice For All Vigil , noon

From our Pastor: Marcus McFaul

I share with you my remarks from last Saturday, January 17th, at the committal of cremains for Paul Lindsay in our Binkley memorial garden. On behalf of our congregation it was my distinct honor to remember and celebrate Paul, who was a member of our church for 53 years. I stood alongside his four children (Mari, Steve, Susan, and Tim), grandchildren, extended family, and their partners.

We are gathered together today, January 17th, on the ninth anniversary of his dear Caroline's death, to remember and celebrate Paul Lindsay.

Husband.

Father.

Grandfather and great-grandfather.

Uncle.

Friend.

Tennis player.

Peacemaker, justice-seeker.

Presbyterian preacher.

Professor.

Perpetual learner.

Disciple of Jesus.

Child of a loving, just, and gracious God.



Specifically today on this winter afternoon, we join Paul's ashes near your beloved Mother's. Paul and Caroline arrived here in 1973. During his five decades plus of committed service to this congregation, Paul Lindsay did just about everything:

Deacon and Diaconate chair.

Christian Education chair.

Long-Range Planning chair.

Children's Sunday school helper.

Church Council member.

And most recently he co-chaired our last Seymour Symposium Committee, which brought Serene Jones, President of Paul's seminary, Union, in NYC.

Even more important than all that Paul did for us (which was substantial) was who he was to us-----

a calm, non-anxious presence during times of conflict

a wise and gifted mentor in all aspects of social justice

a compassionate voice of tender care and inclusivity

a kind and generous soul

One who possessed a sharp mind, expansive heart, an irenic spirit, and one who knew that courageous boldness need not be shrill or coarse. Paul Lindsay was a winsome witness to the power of Love. In short, he was the epitome of what the best practice of Christian virtue should produce.

He modeled for us all the biblical mandates: Do justice. Love mercy. Walk humbly with God.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

Your parents labored in the vineyards together from NY to Garden City, Kansas (how's that for range!), from camps in Germany and CA to campus ministry in Oxford, OH. And all the while with music in the background.

I came across a lovely booklet that was produced for their 50th wedding anniversary: "Songs and Stories: 1954-2004". It is the soundtrack of their beautiful life, your wonderful lives, placing people with places, stories with songs from particular moments in their journey. And no surprise here, there are mostly protest songs! But folk songs, hymns, show-tunes; 43 total from artists such as Bob Dylan, Beatles, Peter, Paul, and Mary, Simon and Garfunkel, Pete Seeger, and the Weavers.

They included, of course, "Turn, Turn, Turn" with its scriptural nod to Ecclesiastes:

To everything, (turn, turn, turn)
There is a season (turn, turn, turn)
And a time for every purpose under heaven.
A time to be born, a time to die
A time to plant, a time to reap.
A time to kill, a time to heal.
A time to laugh, a time to weep.



So we turn to the Mystery of life and death and life beyond death this January afternoon with the sure and certain understanding of God's eternal presence with us always. I found this prayer that Paul had written and prayed in a worship service here at Binkley in August of 1997:

God of grace, God of mystery,
God of earth and of galaxies,
we come to worship you,
to praise you with melodies and songs,
to listen for your word through our speaking and our silence,
to feel your Divine Spirit in this human community.
Our lives are full of grace and grief,
wonderment and worry,
healing and hurting,
faith and fear,
caring and conflict,
loving and losses.
Grant us grace to confess our vulnerability,
to accept your acceptance,
to affirm one another,
to enjoy your most amazing gift of life
in the Spirit of Jesus.



We commit these remains to earth, mindful that we are from the earth and we all return back to it, made from the same dust as that of the stars; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. Blessed are they who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their deeds do follow them. Well done, brother Paul, well done, indeed. Thanks to be God. Amen.

*** Daughter Susan then read this passage from Walt Whitman's poem, Song of Myself:

"The last scud of day holds back for me,
It flings my likeness after the rest and true as any on the
shadow'd wilds,

It coaxes me to the vapor and the dusk.

I depart as air, I shake my white locks at the runaway sun,
I effuse my flesh in eddies, and drift it in lacy jags.

I bequeath myself to the dirt to grow from the grass I love,
If you want me again look for me under your boot-soles"



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service—January 19th, 2026



Hope Flowers School

Resilience in Anxious Times



In spite of:

- incredibly severe hardships
- drastic restrictions on movement
- violent acts from Israeli settlers
- aggressive and controlling presence of the Israeli military

Hope Flowers School (HFS) persists and prevails

- serving the wellbeing of each and every child,
- providing a safe haven amidst the surrounding turmoil.

HFS undergirds the community with strength and resilience. Children experience stability and joy amidst the daily trauma.

Binkley's Solidarity, Advocacy and Financial Support



“On behalf of Hope Flowers School teachers, students and the local community, we would like to express our deep gratitude for your continuing support.” - Ibrahim Issa, Director

Binkley's commitment dates back to 1996 when our mission trip included workdays on the premises. Throughout the decades, our connection has been furthered with children's activities, personal visits and advocacy, notably provided by David Price in Washington, Tel Aviv and in Jerusalem.

Thanks to each of you who have donated individually. Your donations through the years have also been a significant aspect of solidarity for Hope Flowers and its ethos of peace and the wellbeing of humanity.

Donations to bolster the children in 2026 may be made directly to:

[US Friends of Hope Flowers School Donation Link](#)

Please note you can designate “in honor of” or “In memory of” in the comment line.

-Mary Lou Leiser Smith, Program Director, US Friends of Hope Flowers School



IT'S THE MONTH OF LOVE! GIVE YOURSELF A GIFT OR ANOTHER OF YOUR BINKLEY SISTERS!

REGISTER FOR THE 2026 BINKLEY WOMEN'S RETREAT



FRIDAY AFT. – SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 15-17, 2026

AT THE BEACH! AT THE TRINITY CENTER, SALTER PATH NC

After a wonderful and historic women's retreat in 2025 - celebrating the 40th anniversary of Binkley women's retreats - we return to the beach in 2026, to mark the beginning of the next 40 years of the ever-widening circle of our community of Binkley women and friends.

Costs: Single Room: \$310 Double Room: \$270 Triple Room: \$270 (same as double)

Costs include 2 nights and all meals from dinner Friday through breakfast Sunday.

Bed Linens & Bath Towels Provided.

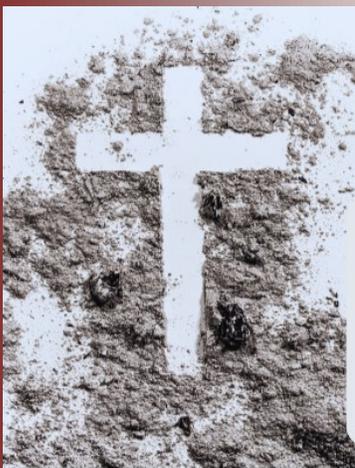
To reserve your spot, a \$50.00 Non-Refundable Deposit is due by Friday, March 27, 2026.

Final Payment for all Retreat Costs due April 17, 2026

A registration form – both in print and online – will be available soon.

Scholarship Donations Welcomed and Needed! – Each year, there are women who attend our retreats thanks to the financial support of others in their Binkley community. Join this generous group of Binklers! ❤️ ❤️ Checks are payable to Binkley Baptist Church with Women's Retreat Scholarship in the memo.

Thanks to those women who already have volunteered to serve on the retreat planning team. Would you like your voice included as part of this chorus of creatives? - women who enjoy idea-storming, program planning, music, art, communication, hospitality, publicity and more. Just let **Susan Rogers know at susan@binkleychurch.org**



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I am delighted to announce the following list of special musical events to be offered in the coming months. There is something for everyone, so mark your calendars now to avoid missing any of these wonderful programs.

Sunday, February 22, 7pm: Choral Scholars recital. An evening of music stretching from the Renaissance to modern jazz, featuring our impressively talented Choral Scholars, both as soloists and in ensemble together. A reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, March 22, 5pm: Taize service led by Brad Berglund. Brad is an experienced and talented leader of this beautiful, meditative musical experience.

Wednesday, April 15, 5:30pm: Wednesday Night potluck and OTGB music. Following in the tradition of Binkley's Wednesday Night Suppers, the church will provide the meat, you bring a side dish. After a delicious meal, we will be entertained by our own Old Time Gospel Band playing all the tunes you love.

Sunday, April 26, 7pm: A Classical Music Concert. The Chancel Choir, accompanied by Mike Harris, and assisted by friends, both singers and instrumentalists, will present an evening of Classical Music gems that have stood the test of time, from the Baroque period to the Modern era. A reception will follow the concert.

Sunday, May 3, 4pm: Hymns Sing. As part of Binkley's Senior Adult Ministry, all ages are invited to a Hymn Sing, where favorite hymns, chosen ahead of time by the participants, will be sung and enjoyed. Ice cream will follow the program.





Claire Dillashaw

Director of Children and Youth Ministries

Children and Youth

Children:

Spring Church School: The Chipmunks (infants through preschool) meet each week in the nursery, and the Bluejays (K-5th) meet in the Sunroom at 9:45 each Sunday.

Worship with Children: On **February 8th** and **February 22nd**, children up to 5th grade are invited to join for Worship with Children during the 11 am worship services. During this time we will hear a Bible story, have a snack, and play.

March 6-8, the 2nd-5th graders will be off to Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina for **Camp with Friends** with some other churches from the Triangle. This will be held at Camp Agape in Fuquay-Varina. If you would be interested in helping provide snacks for our campers, please let Claire know!

Youth:

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Fundraiser! Come join us on February 17th at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a variety show and fundraiser for Youth Camp scholarships! If you would like to perform in the show, please reach out to Claire!

Youth Church School: Each Sunday at 9:45 we will gather in the Youth Room for **Donuts and Discussion**.

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You're Cordially Invited to

BINKLEY PRESCHOOL'S
60th
ANNIVERSARY

Thursday, February 12, 2026 | 5:30 – 7:00 PM
 Binkley Fellowship Hall

Please join us for dinner, a student art show, and a joyful celebration of 60 years of learning and love.
 Dinner provided by Nantucket Grill

Sign up to receive the Binkley Kids newsletter [here](#), and youth updates [here](#), or by emailing claire@binkleychurch.org



Binkley Senior Adult Ministry Updates From Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults

Binkley's Senior Adult Planning Team met recently and continued planning winter and spring opportunities:

Interactive Workshop: Thou Shalt Not Fall! Thursday, February 12, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. The Center for Disease Control reports that "Fatal falls increased by more than 70 percent for people over 65 in the past 20 years." (AARP Magazine October/November 2025). In this participatory workshop, Binkley's own Physical Therapist Tonya Hamm demonstrates stretches and exercises for building strength and increasing balance to help prevent falls. We'll be invited to try whatever is comfortable for each of us. Wear comfortable clothing. Please register by Monday, February 9: [Register Here](#).

Aging in Community led by April Kemper, Thursday, February 19, Chapel The February conversation will focus on aging and losing the ability to do the things we once loved. We will gather at 10 am in the Chapel to discuss this most certain fact of aging. My hope is that we can all learn from each other and meet this part of our lives with grace and loving kindness. Drop in's always welcome!

Other events are being planned, including a May 3 Sunday afternoon hymn sing and a June 1 back porch brunch and discussion of Gail Godwin's book Getting to Know Death: A Meditation. Pick up a copy of this engaging book and start reading!

All events offered by Binkley's Senior Adult Ministry are open to anyone interested, no matter the age. Questions? Contact a Planning Team Member (Tonya Hamm, Buck Horton, April Kemper, Denise Laux, Craig Meisner, Elizabeth Perry, Betty Prioux, Sheryl Scrimsher, or Diane Eubanks Hill, Minister with Senior Adults, diane@binkleychurch.org).

DREAMING BIG

39TH ANNUAL
**CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO
CROP HUNGER WALK**

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
REGISTRATION 1:30PM - STEP OFF 2:30PM
CARRBORO TOWN COMMONS

Each year our walk raises funds to support the instrumental work of Church World Service & the Inter-Faith Council for Social Service to fight hunger around the world and right here in our community.

JOIN US!

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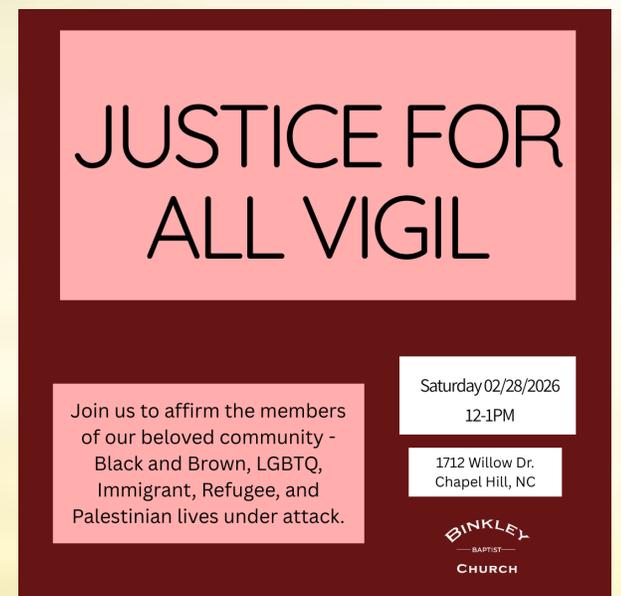
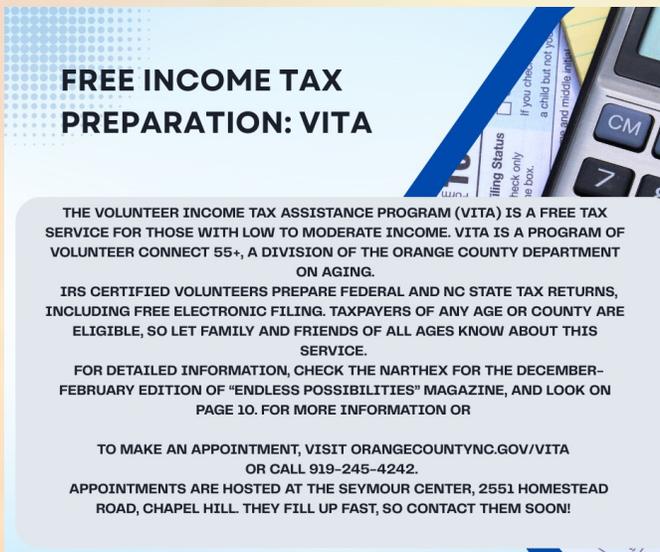


"Sojourners," a class dedicated to topical-biblical-theological-political issues which are contemporary and timely for robust conversation and discussion; facilitated by Marcus McFaul. Meets on the stage area of the Fellowship Hall.

Mindful Parenting - At each weekly meeting in the Chapel, the class discusses ideas about parenting from current resources. Novice and experienced parents and caregivers – all are welcome. Ty Hagler facilitates this class.

Understanding and Reflecting on the Liturgical Year – The class will engage in a slow read and discussion of the 52 meditations by Diana Butler Bass in her just released book, *A Beautiful Year*. This class will meet again during Lent.

Six Needs of Mourning: Sundays January 18- February 22, 2026 -Church Library, 9 am - This Grief Group will meet at the library for a couple of hours each Sunday for six weeks to explore Dr. Alan Wolfet's work *On Six Needs of the Mourner* with Chaplain Stacy Gunter, a M. Div. seminary student.



BIRTHDAYS

1	Pat Moore
2	Ruth Ann Ross
3	David Brown
4	Meredith Bracher, Robin Brice, Biruta Nielsen
5	Eileen Richards, Jennifer Mahoney, Alice Glover, Carol Rhodes, Verla Insko
6	Sarah Walker
8	Lori Barbier, Susan Preston, Linda Textoris
11	Timothy Bradshaw
12	Vicki Shafer
13	Fred Schroeder

16	Matt Miller
17	Chris McDougald, Charla Baker, Marlene Dickison, James Jernigan
18	Juyoung Kim, Susan Ketchin, V Sue Wallace,
19	Karen Reinfurt
20	Steve Jernigan
21	Lynne O'Brien
23	Kelly Kimple, Elizabeth Eagle
25	Ashlyn Mahoney, Kay Maltbie
26	Betty Prioux, Richard Blackmon

ANNIVERSARIES

7	Becca Edwards-Powell & Joey Powell
14	Susan Wells & Tonya Hamm, John Woodson & Nancy Berson
16	Bill & Pat Harriss
19	Gill Keelan & Mimsy Price
22	Matthew & Carmen Ferguson
23	Matthew & Carol Ripley-Moffitt

FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

1	Marcus McFaul
8	MARCUS MCFUAL
15	Dana Trent
22	MARCUS MCFUAL



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FEBRUARY SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
8	FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
15	Last Sunday after the Epiphany
22	FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Submit articles for the newsletter, Friday Update, or the Sunday bulletin to:
info@binkleychurch.org.



March Newsletter:
March 16th

Visit our website:
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