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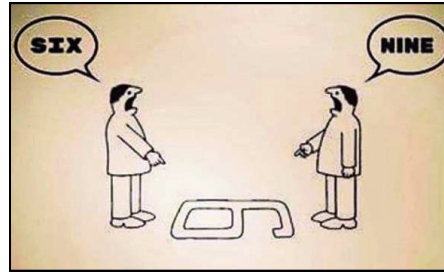
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## Reflections in the Water: Are We There Yet? The Lenten Journey



For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit... enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before... By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. —From Paul's Letter to the Galatians Chapter 5, NRSV.

Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "*You are not far from the kingdom of God.*" After that no one dared to ask him any question. —Mark 12:32-34

Jerry is a ruling elder who serves on our presbytery's Commission of Ministry. During the past two years I've learned to seek out his wisdom in church matters. When he chooses to speak at a meeting, I pay extra close attention to his thoughtful, humorous, and wise insights. At our last meeting he spoke up about his role as a ruling elder: "We ruling elders get it wrong when we think it is our job to rule or govern in authority over others. Ruling in our case is more like a measuring stick or ruler; we are called to measure constantly how near to the kingdom of God we are bringing the Church." It occurred to me whether by coincidence or providence, we strive to do this when in our own faith community we share in a self-study and during Lent we observe it as a personal and communal exercise of self-evaluation.

The season of Lent has been described variously as a season of self-examination, a time to turn to God, as well as a journey with Jesus to the Cross and Resurrection. In a recent sermon, "Do You See What I See?," I discussed how our different and inconsistent points of view can contribute to conflict. The Jewish King Herod saw the star in the East and perceived it as an image of doom and destruction for him and his nation. On the other hand, the Magi saw the same star and understood its true nature as the Salvation of Israel and light unto the Gentiles. I also referenced a social media image with the number(s) 6 or 9. I then pressed forward in the message to another number 8, which is also an expression of infinity that we see in common. As Christians we may reinterpret the symbol to be an infinity a symbol whose beginning is its own ending, i.e. language we use to attempt describe the mysterious nature of God.



On March 6 at noon we will observe Ash Wednesday in an ecumenical service with our neighbor, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and begin the observance of the Lenten Discipline. The origin of the word Lent may emanate from an Old English expression for the season of spring and the lengthening of days. Discipline shares a root with the word disciple. As an exercise of self-reflection, I think we must consider not what steps will we take in our own journey to become renewed, but what changes and sacrifices we will make in our lives to become revitalized Spring Disciples who strive to create a Church, a community of servants, that arrives somewhat nearer to the Kingdom of God come Easter morning.

Peace and grace be with you,  
 Pastor Joe



Add to  
your  
prayer  
list

### Prayerful Support for

Eleanor Bell at Barbour Court  
Bernice Johnson, Autumn Care of Nash  
John MacFadyen at Brookdale, Raleigh  
Alice Narron at Smithfield Manor  
Ellen Rogers in Raleigh  
Virginia Williams in Laurinburg  
Bellarose Nursing and Rehab, Garner

Lucy Worley at  
Marie Atkins  
Tom Barwick  
John Booker  
Shirley Booker  
Beth Daniel  
Ruth Daniel  
Tom Harder  
Trish Horne  
Freddy Johnson  
Tom Johnson  
Shannon Kimball  
David Lee  
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Tony Lester  
Bill Leist  
Miriam Lore  
Earl Maret  
Jill Merrick  
Becky Peele  
Benny Pope  
Ann Ragland  
Chap Ragland  
Peter Russell  
Nelson Vaughn  
Betty Welch  
Linda Wells in Mt. Olive  
William Wells  
Rebecca Ziady  
Joseph Hester, Sr.  
Graham Davis, brother of Eleanor Horne  
Joyce Loy, mother of Tonya Worley

**Christian sympathy to** Beth Walker and Jeff Plowman on the death of their mother, Susan Eason Hill, on February 3, 2019.

## memorials & gifts

**Memorials for** Susan Hill, Billy Best, Norwood Worley, Joe Klutz, Mary Alice Thomas

**Donors:** Earl and Etta Maret, J.A. and Linda Stephenson, Hubert and

Judy Schmidt, Tommy and Camille Boone, Maxine Mac Fadyen, Thomas and Gloria Fish, David and Dollie Boling, Rich and Ann Huckenbeck, Michael and Annie Sutton, John and Martha Taylor, Rick and Margie Crumley, Beth Daniel, Benny and Pam Pope, Judy Daniels, Frank and Betsy Olive, Sandy Perkinson, Margaret J. Grice, Billy and Sandy Baker, Mabel Yelvington, the Ralph Johnson family, Bethel Original Free Will Baptist Church Senior Adult Sunday School Class, Chap and Ann Ragland, Ted Eason Class, Dot Ellmore, Jo James, John and Sue Booker, Neil and Lucy Watson, Jean Worley, Tom and Sandra Johnson, Roger and Eleanor Horne, John and Shirley Booker

## HIGHLIGHTS

### of February Session

- Approved a request from Matthew Taylor to use the church facilities for his wedding on November 30, 2019.
- Approved a request for transfer for Jimmy Hooks to First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach, SC on Jan. 29, 2019.
- Approved our youth collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring on February 3, 2019. Our proceeds will benefit the SAM Food Closet.
- Approved an outing for our youth on March 3, 2019, to Jellybean Skating Rink in Cary, NC.
- Approved a request for our youth to attend CROSS Mission Charlotte at Myers Park Presbyterian Church on April 26-28, 2019.
- Approved the following Quadrant and Team Chairs for 2019:
  - Educational Development Chair: Nichole Booker
  - Education Team Chair: Jennifer Templeton
  - Special Programs Team Chair: Jake Jacobs
  - Youth Ministries Team Chair: Evans Horne
  - Mission and Outreach Chair: Hubert Schmidt
  - Prospective Members Team Chair: Julie Pearce
  - Congregational Fellowship Team Chair: Dot Ellmore
  - Spirituality Chair: Sandy Perkinson
  - Worship Team Chair: Judy Daniels
  - Liturgical Team Chair: Betsy Olive
  - Stewardship Chair: Judy Miller
  - Finance Team Chair: Jaime Beasley
  - Personnel Team Chair: Pamela Withrow
  - Communication and Technology Team Chair: Debbie Jacobs
  - Property Team Chair: Stan Coats
- Approved the following communion schedule for 2019: March 3, April 7, April 18 (Maundy Thursday), May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1, October 6, November 3, and December 1, 2019. Communion will be served to the pews on odd months and by intinction on even months. Session also approved serving communion at the Officers' Training Retreat on February 2, 2019.
- Approved dismissing the following from our church rolls: Jessica Beasley, Brett Capps, Jennifer Capps, Tom Howerton, Joy Howerton, Thomas Howerton, Clare Howerton, Jeff Johnson, Jr., Robert Johnson, Jon Knoll, Sonja Murdock, Brent Panter, Peggy Panter, Bryan Panter, Jessica Panter, Sally Paquette, Kerri Rossi, Keri Weinrich, Daniel Weinrich, Grant Blackman, Tari Johnson, Larry Ryan, and Phyllis Broome.
- Elected Sandy Perkinson to serve as Elder Commissioner to the February 23, 2019, New Hope Presbytery meeting at Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church.
- Approved the 2019 quarterly Stated Session meetings as March 10, May 19, and November 10, 2019.
- Approved a Called Congregational Meeting for February 17, 2019, to hold an election for a remaining Deacon vacancy.
- Approved naming Beth Daniel as Church Treasurer and Debbie Jacobs as Clerk of Session for 2019.
- Approved the following corporation officers for 2019: President: Judy Miller, Vice-President: Sandy Perkinson, Treasurer: Beth Daniel, Secretary: Debbie Jacobs.
- Approved a Fellowship Breakfast hosted by the Presbyterian Men on Sunday, February 17, 2019, prior to Sunday School.
- Approved a request from Sardis Presbyterian Church to allow Rev. Joseph L. Hester, Jr. to lead their worship service on Sunday, May 5, 2019.
- Approved the installation and ordination of officers for the Classes of 2020 (an unexpired term) and 2021.
- Approved a request from Property to purchase and install two additional outside lights. A donation has been made to cover the cost of the lights and installation, so there is no cost to the church.
- The congregation approved the election of Jake Jacobs to fulfill an unexpired term for the Class of 2020.

If you have items you wish to bring before Session, contact Debbie Jacobs, clerk.

—Debbie Jacobs

*Dear Presbyterian Women,*

*Thank you for the care package! I was running out of food, so I greatly appreciate it!*

*Thanks also for the prayers. I am sure I'll be needing them as I enter finals week.*



*Merry Christmas,  
Kirsten Duncan*

**Oyster Roast 2019**

We had a record attendance at this year's Oyster Roast, feeding between 150 and 175 people, and after accounting for expenses, the youth raised \$1600 to be divided between the Youth Ministry Fund and the Smithfield Area Ministries Food Pantry.

It takes a large number of people to make an event like this successful: youth leaders, parents, supporters, and our generous congregation. Many thanks to all who assisted, donated food, and supported us.

Your feedback is always appreciated, so let me know how we can make this event better in the future.

Blessings,  
Todd Higginson



**First Presbyterian Church  
Operating Results: January 2019**

	Jan 2019 Actual	Jan 2019 Budget
<b>Revenue</b>		
General Offering	13,076	13,138
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Education Quadrant	2,021	2,613
Mission Outreach Quadrant	1,155	1,379
Spirituality Quadrant	12,364	13,048
Stewardship Quadrant	8,905	9,825
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>24,445</b>	<b>26,865</b>
<b>Net Income/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(11,369)</b>	<b>(12,727)</b>

**VISION 2020 Capital Campaign as of 1/31/2019**

\$ 404,763	Pledge Gifts
\$ 26,557	Memorials/Honorariums
\$ 86,502	Other Gifts
\$ 517,822	<b>Total Gifts</b>
\$ 561,406	<b>Total VISION 2020 Commitments</b>
\$ 748,906	<b>Mortgage Balance</b>

—Jaime Beasley



**PYC High School Retreat  
Camp Willow Run  
March 15—17**

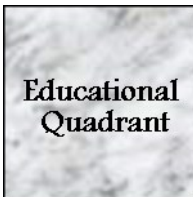


Our high school youth are encouraged to participate in this fun and meaningful retreat at Camp Willow Run led by the New Hope Presbytery Youth Council.

Let Todd know ASAP if you are interested in signing up.



**Bible Study group on field trip to the Church of the Holy Family in Raleigh.**



Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

The end of my time at your wonderful church was so chaotic for me that I never got to tell you all how much you meant to Joe and to me. I appreciated my time with you and the love and understanding you showed Joe (Wayne Dockery) through his time in the choir.

Members of this church were so gracious when Joe's sudden illnesses prohibited me from coming to Smithfield and choir members (very capable choir members) filled in for rehearsals and Sunday mornings.

Since Joe's death your cards, your calls (Davis Bell) and your visits have meant so much. I don't think there's ever been a better deacon than Eve Creech. She checked on us at least monthly – and the church members who came to Joe's service certainly went above and beyond friendship in that drive.

The beautiful floral arrangement that was sent to the church for Joe's service is still on my dining room table. I think of all of you every time I walk by -and so far, all the plants are still living.

I don't know when I've been involved with a church that had more talent per number of members and was more loving and welcoming than First Presbyterian Smithfield. I hold you all in my heart as I get through the next part of my life, life without Joe.

Most sincerely,  
Martha Chapman

**Contact Information and Shepherds**

It is important for the church to have your correct contact information!! If your phone, email or mailing address has changed, please let Debbie Jacobs and the church office know so that we may keep our records current! An updated directory is now available through the eNews and will be updated quarterly. Please check the latest update to ensure we have your contact information correctly!



An appeal for volunteers to serve as Sunday Shepherds for 2019 is now being made. A sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. This volunteer remains at the Reception Desk during worship to monitor the front door and hallways. Please contact Debbie Jacobs if more information is needed.

—Debbie Jacobs



Jake Jacobs and  
Evans Horne.

A shout out to  
Evans who once  
again made the  
long early morning  
drive to pick up  
fresh oysters.

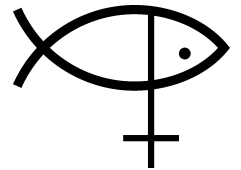
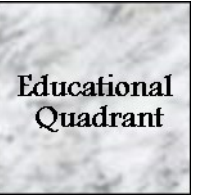


Ken Allen and Kenny Duncan

A shout out to Kenny who made the oyster  
cookers!



Mia Thompson, Madie Woodall, Molly Harder, and  
Lauren Coats take a break from the long day of work.



CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

MARCH 2019

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## Boy Scout Troop 95 News

In February Troop 95 complete the chess merit badge, the automotive maintenance merit badge, and began the law merit badge with local attorney, Mike Reece of Reece and Reece Attorneys at Law on Third Street in Smithfield. We are planning a fun and eventful March including a campout, the completion of the camping merit badge, and an orienteering day trip.

If you know of any middle or high schoolers who are interested in scouting, please tell Evans Horne, Scoutmaster, or Davis Bell, Scribe, and they will make a contact and welcome in the new scout.

As always, thank you, FPC, for your continued support of our troop.

—Davis Bell, Scribe



**One Family, Three Eagle Scouts!  
Well done, Eli, Austin, and Eddie Jordan**

## Relay Survivor Sunday and Chili and Soup Lunch

Your Relay Team had a very successful Bingo Party. There were about 120 in attendance and we made \$2623!

Our thanks to Sarah Gilson for organizing it, and also thanks to our great team for the refreshments and hard work! A good time was had by all!

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> is Survivor Sunday. We will have a short service within the regular church service followed by our Chili and Soup Lunch. There are peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for the kids if they want them. Please sign up for making chili, soup, cornbread, or a dessert. This is always a good fellowship time. The sign-up is at the main desk.

We will be selling luminaria for the first time that day. The absolute deadline for purchasing is May 1. We will be selling both regular white bags and purple caregiver bags for \$10. This year we will have beautiful lanterns decorated in honor or memory by our own Hank Roberson that you can take home after Relay for \$50. There will still be torches for \$100.

Relay will be held at SSS High School from 10:00 a.m.—10:00 p.m. on Saturday May 11.

—Martha Taylor and Debbie Jacobs  
Co-chairs, Relay Team #37



## Our March Goal: 100%

Yes We Can for February brought in a great donation for the local Food Bank. Our membership brought 89 food items that are appreciated by the Food Bank and the recipients in Johnston County. And, no doubt, they all say thank you.

Let's aim for our church members to bring at least 100 items for Yes We Can on March 17. If we have 100 in attendance and each person (woman, man, child and baby) brings one item on that Sunday, we will have 100 items donated, which will mean a we'll have 100% giving! What a deal!!

AND, Thank you!



—Hubert Schmidt

## March JOY

JOY! Baked spaghetti and salad with homemade dressing, warm bread, and great desserts! What a delicious meal! Thanks to Eve Creech and Betsy Olive and all their baking assistants who fed us so well in February. Thanks also to Lieutenant Ryan Benson of the Johnston County Sheriff's Department who gave us practical advice about protecting ourselves from predators, using our ATM cards wisely and safely, avoiding scams, and preventing falls. His advice was interesting and timely.

The March JOY, which will be held at noon on March 7, will feature Holly Lock, the delightful daughter of Hubert and Judy Schmidt and owner and creator of Fresh Start Organizing, who will help us get organized, streamline our lives, and help us never lose our keys or glasses again! The meal will be provided by Jo James and will feature a hot baked potato bar with chili, cheese, sour cream, salads, and all the fixings! The meal and program are free, and there may even be door prizes. Join us March 7, bring a friend, a dessert to share if you'd like, and a listening ear!

—Sandy Perkinson



JOY  
CONNECTION

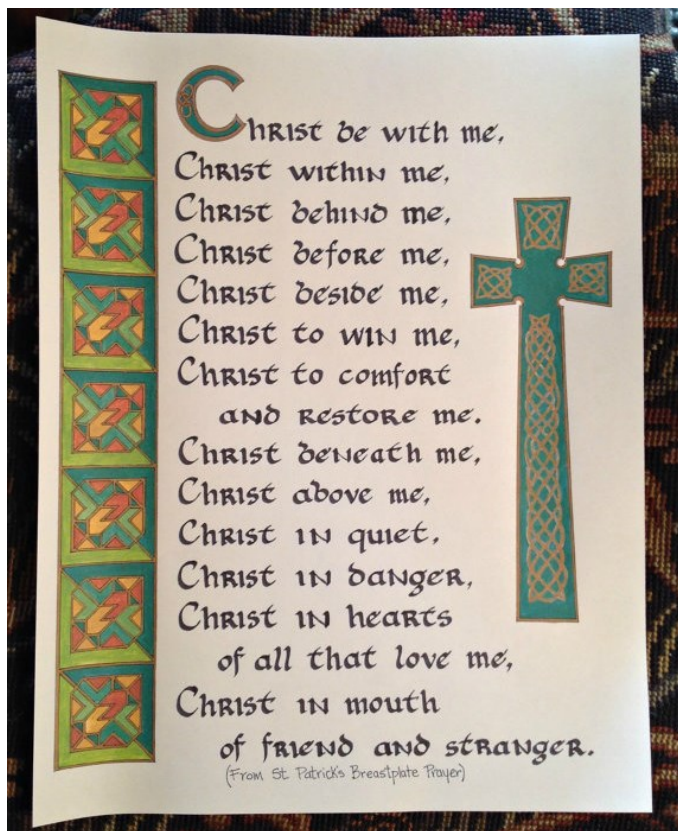
## Hospice Outreach

The Mission Outreach Quadrant partners with the volunteers and staff at SECU Hospice House in Smithfield eight times a year to provide an opportunity for our congregation to share our support and care to the families with loved ones there by providing and serving a meal for the families, volunteers, and staff.

Special thanks to Betsy Olive, Eve Creech, and Judy Lee for providing lunch on Saturday, February 16.

Our next meal will be dinner on Sunday, March 10, 2019. If you wish to participate, please check out the sign up sheet in the vestibule.

Thank you for your continued support of this caring ministry.  
—Greg and Joyce Knoll



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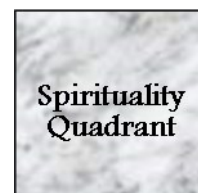
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Everything  
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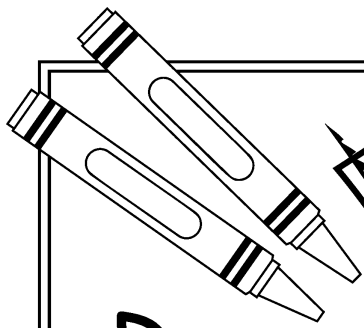
PRAYING FOR SLOVENIA  
A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE



World Day of Prayer Service  
Praying for Slovenia

Friday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.  
First Baptist Church, Smithfield  
Fellowship Hall  
FPC Participants:  
Nina Blackman, Janet Lassiter,  
Mary Miller





# PUZZLE

## Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

*Directions: After reading Genesis 1:1-2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.*

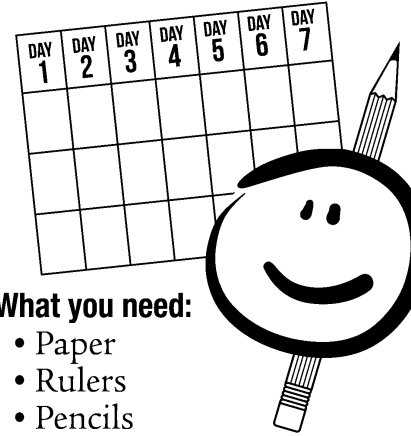

Day 1 (light) \_\_\_\_ Day 2 (waters) \_\_\_\_ Day 3 (land and plants) \_\_\_\_ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) \_\_\_\_

Day 5 (birds and water animals) \_\_\_\_ Day 6 (land animals and people) \_\_\_\_ Day 7 (God rested) \_\_\_\_

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

## DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



### What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1-2:3 for reference)

### What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

**Sanctuary Flowers**

March 10, 24, and 31 are untaken on the Flower Calendar. If you wish to take one of these dates, please call the church office at 919-934-0988 and speak to Myra Wallace.



**Assistance, please?**

Being a lay reader is a very special thing for me. On Tuesday before my turn on Sunday to read, Pastor Joe sends out the liturgy so that lay readers and those offering the children's sermon can prayerfully read and prepare. I Google the Old Testament scripture, reading it from several editions of the Bible, practice once or twice with the edition WE use, get Google to pronounce any unfamiliar word, look over the hymns we will sing to make connections, and am ready on Sunday morning! Before choir, I mark my place in the pulpit Bible and read from there during the service.



Google also helps me when I'm thinking about the children's message, which can be scripture related, related to seasonal celebrations or events in the church or community, and the little ones are pretty attentive. AND there's a stool, so you don't have to get down on your knees! Won't you please consider volunteering as lay reader or to lead a children's sermon? Your rotation would fall about once every 8 weeks. Just call or email me, and I'll answer any questions. Looking forward to hearing from you!



—Sandy Perkinson



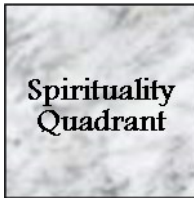
Midweek  
Lenten Services

Wednesdays at Noon  
Our Sanctuary

March 13: Beth Burton Williams  
First Christian Church

March 20: Joseph Hester  
First Presbyterian Church

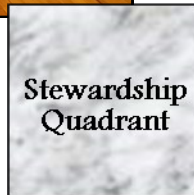
March 27: TBA



Spirituality  
Quadrant



**New Officers:** (left to right): Julie Pearce, Amy Harder, Hubert Schmidt, Anita Liverman, Patrick Templeton, Pam Schall, Pam Withrow, and Teron Sloan. Not pictured, Jake Jacobs.



Stewardship  
Quadrant



**Thad's Surprise**

Anyone who knows our custodian Thad McCrae knows he's the biggest UNC fan in the world! He recently admired a ball signed by Roy Williams for Davis Bell. When Davis' grandparents, Roger and Eleanor Horne, who got Davis the ball, saw That's reaction, they got him one, too! Now this is a picture of happy man!

Actually, this is a picture of two happy men!

**HILLCREST FARMS FAMILY DAY  
AND FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Join Hillcrest Farms, the host of two amazing non-profits Walk in My Shoes Therapeutic Riding and Back in the Saddle - Equine Services for Heroes, plus Sunchaser Equestrian, Susman Reining and East Coast Equestrian for family friendly activities while raising money to support our amazing programs!

FEATURING SINGER,  
SONGWRITER, AND  
MUSICIAN  
  
**SCOTT HELMER**



SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH FROM 1:00PM - 6:00PM  
1450 Brogden Road Smithfield, NC 27577

Reining, Hunter/Jumper,  
and Western Pleasure  
Demonstrations!

Food Truck Rodeo!

Pony Rides



Vendor Fair and  
Raffles!

Pictures with a  
"live" unicorn!

Visit our Pony  
Kissing Booth!

Tour our all inclusive facility!  
And so much more!



**You're Invited.  
Come and bring a friend!**

All proceeds go to  
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