



January
2008

**RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR
CHALLENGE FOR NEW STERLING
HOW MANY CAN YOU MAKE AND KEEP?**

1. Pray daily for Pastor Tim and Judy, our elders and deacons
2. Make time every day for a personal Bible Study
3. Attend a structured Bible Study, ladies circle, men's Bible study, Seekers Bible study
4. Attend Praise & Worship at 9:15 am
5. Attend Sunday School
6. Attend Sunday Family Night Services when in session



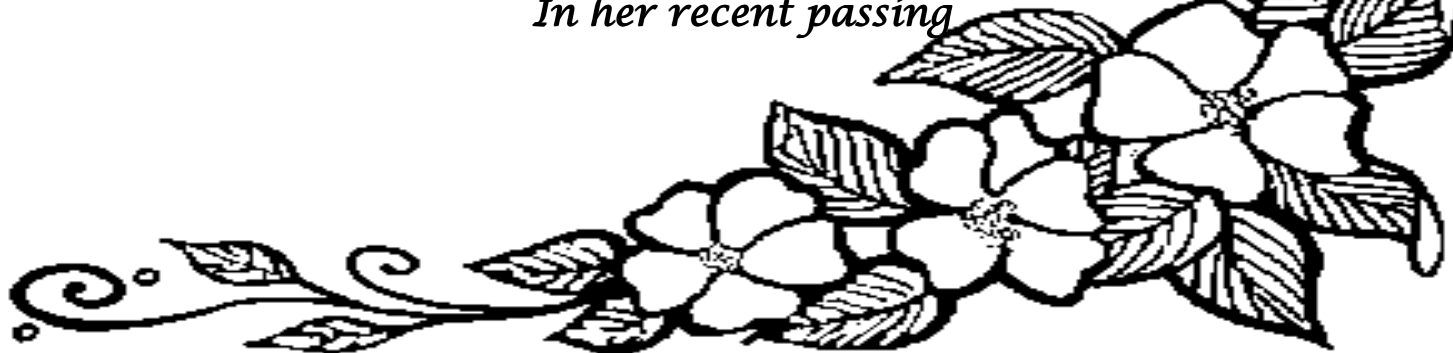
RESOLUTIONS

7. Sign up to serve on and be an active member of a committee
 8. Volunteer to help work at the Angel House
 9. Help financially to the Angel House
 10. Bring your children to Children's Choir and Youth Shepherds
 11. Visit the sick and shut ins
 12. Send cards to the sick, shut-in and lonely
 13. Schedule a monthly visit to a nursing home
 14. Listen, be aware and act on the needs of othe
 15. Become a prayer warrior
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*Our deepest sympathy is expressed to
Mrs. Elena Johnson in the passing of
her brother, Juan Rafols
And the passing of her sister- in -law,
Elesia Rafols.*

*Our sympathy is also expressed to the
Family of Irene Fulbright Johnson
In her recent passing*



Sacrament of Baptism



*Ava Lanette Jarrett
was baptized on Sun-
day December 23, 2007*



Judy and Tim Watson

When I received the request for information on Tim and I for the newsletter, I was shocked. I felt like you all already know all about us and it would be repeating the same information. But because I so love to read about all of you, I guess some of you may want to know a little about us from my perspective and not Tim's.

Timothy Roy Watson and Judith Lynn Nimmons Watson were married in Lydia Baptist Church in Newry, SC on March 3, 1979 by my pastor Ralph Sassard and Tim's grandfather, Tom Butts. We were 19 years old and had been dating for four years. It was love at first sight when I spotted Tim, and believe it or not I don't think he had a clue. I did. He sat behind me in typing class in the 10th grade at Seneca High School. Later, we went to Six Flags over Georgia on a double date in May, 1975 and we were stuck like glue from that point on. I thought we would live our lives in Seneca where both of us were born and all of our family still lives except Tim's younger brother, Toby. But God had many surprises in store for this shy, reclusive, private person.

I have two older brothers and Tim has a younger sister and brother. Tim and I both come from very large extended families and have numerous aunts, uncles and cousins who we miss. We feel as though we are missionaries called away from our families but we are OK with that. It is what God would have us do.

We have lived in Stony Point the longest of any place. Tim received the call to ministry in 1997 and everything about life as I understood it changed. We have two daughters, Erin Elizabeth Watson Hudgins and Kristen Marli Watson. We have one wonderful son in law, Greg and two grandsons, Luke and (Justin) Timothy who live in Denver, North Carolina and are members of Westport Baptist Church. I have the pleasure of keeping my grandchildren while their parents work and along with the children God has given us in ministry, I think he has fulfilled my dream of having an orphanage. One day God may call us to an actual orphanage ministry, who knows; it has always been a dream of mine. I gave up my secular job to fulfill the call God had given me to be a pastor's wife and I love to minister to and love on anyone God sends my way.

Tim came to New Sterling for the first time in June of 2001 and Marli and I came July 2001. As for the things we are involved in, Tim is the pastor so I can't really tell you how many things he is involved in. Believe me I see him involved in every area with his whole heart. For me, I have been involved in the youth ministry and mission's trips since I have been at New Sterling. I love to go on the mission's trips with the church and I have been involved in Samaritan's Purse since it first came to North Carolina years ago.

Although called away from youth ministry last year I still enjoy teaching Senior High Sunday School. Since my arrival here I have been active in Youth Shepherds, Woman to Woman, Women's Beach Retreat, Knit Wits, Women of the Church and many more things associated with the women at New Sterling. But last year I was called to a greater involvement in Women's Ministry and this year I will Co-Chair the Women's Council with Kim Brady.

Tim was a Duke Power employee for 21 years and I have been a medical professional in many different ways. I graduated from Anderson Memorial Hospital School of Radiology in 1979 and have changed jobs and it seems occupations each time we moved. I am also certified Mammography Technician. I actively retired all my medical registries in 2002 and because of a conversation with Eddie Compton about not waiting until you are 65 to enjoy retirement, I bought Tim a Harley Davidson motorcycle with my retirement monies as a graduation present from seminary.

Needless to say he still hasn't graduated from college (When we got married, I promised him if he would marry me and let me finish school, I would send him to college. I tell him today that I think he can stop going to school because I am sure I have fulfilled that promise!) He loves to ride his Harley and I love Tim so I ride with him.



Camping is what I like to do and we tent camp as often as we can. Luke loves it also. I love to work with my hands and do many different type crafts as often as I can. I love reading, beading, crocheting, decorating houses, gardening, cooking and entertaining, playing cards and many other hobbies. Tim loves to read, work with wood, decorate houses, cooking, being with people, playing cards among other things. We have two inside cats, Q-Tip and Bob. We have traveled many places across the country because of Tim's prior job With Duke Tim actually traveled out of the country to work in Amsterdam and Egypt. He was scheduled to go to Yugoslavia but the week before he was to leave, the Balkan war began. After returning from Alabama in 1993 there was a very good chance we would move to Indonesia, but thankfully that fell through. We ride the Harley when we can to experience what it is to see America from the "open road." We especially enjoy the mountains; it reminds us of when we dated Jeep and motorcycle riding through the mountains of GA, SC and NC.

We are so happy at New Sterling and know God has finally settled us and we sincerely call New Sterling home.

The Hagers

Tim and Jill Hager met at a Bonclarken on a youth retreat. Tim was a sophomore in college and Jill was a sophomore in high school. They dated for 6 and a half years and were married on June 21, 1997.\



Tim had been a member of New Sterling since October 1996. He currently is serving a Deacon and Chairman of the Hope and Care committee. In the past he served on the Finance committee. He is a member of the Friendship Sunday School class and Men's Life issues bible study. Tim has worked for the Huntersville Police Department for 13 years. He is working at Hopewell High School as a school resource officer.

Jill has been a lifelong member of New Sterling. She has taught Sunday school, co-directed VBS, served on the Christian Education committee and is a member of the Treasure Keeper Circle. Both Tim and Jill have been on three mission trips together. They love spending time with their family and friends, hiking and being outdoors.

Tim and Jill have two daughters, Blakely and Allie. Blakely is 5 years old and attends Sharon Elementary School, her teacher are Mrs. Arguello and Ms. Terry. She loves riding the four wheeler and golf cart with her dad. She also enjoys singing in the Children's Choir. Allie is 2 years old, during weekdays she stays with Mrs. Leann Hartness. She loves playing with her sister and kittens.

The Hagers have two dogs named Sadie and Katie. They recently adopted three outside cats named Creamy, Callie and Toby.

Tim and Jill recently have traveled to New York, Niagara Falls and Hershey Pennsylvania for their 10 year wedding anniversary.



"My sheep hear my voice.
I know them, and
they follow me."

- John 10:27

Give me one pure and holy passion.
Give me one magnificent obsession.
Give me one glorious ambition for my
life
To know and follow hard after You.

To know and follow hard after You.
To grow as Your disciple in truth.
This world is empty, pale and poor
Compared to knowing You my Lord.
Lead me on and I will run after You
Lead me on and I will run after You.

The McNeely's

Jeff and Cindy McNeely met on a blind date. Her dad set them up, he was a customer of Jeff's. Neither Jeff or Cindy wanted to meet the other but here dad pushed, so they decided to go out on a date to get it over with and they've been together ever since. They were married on October 17, 1992.

Jeff has been a lifelong member of New Sterling. He is an Elder, Sunday School teacher in the Young Adult Class, Leader of the Men's Life Issues bible study and a member of the finance and worship committees. Jeff is co-owner of G & M Milling Company, his family business. He is also a member of the Iredell County Planning Board and Rotary Club. He loves golf, NC State, traveling to games and riding his motorcycle.

Cindy joined New Sterling when her and Jeff were married. She is involved with choir, Sunday School nursery keeper, Treasure Keepers Circle, Knit Wits, Youth Council secretary, and Youth leader K-3. Cindy works as a librarian at Statesville Montessori School and is a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She enjoys reading Christian fiction, skiing (when she has the chance) music and riding Jeff's motorcycle.

Jeff and Cindy have two children, Jacob, 12 years old and Madelyn, 9 years old. They both attend Statesville Montessori School.

Jacob is involved with Youth shepherds and loves going on Bonclarken trips. He is a purple belt in Karate and is taking guitar lessons. He likes biking, water sports, playing golf with his dad, hunting with his uncle Chuck and Grandfather Carter, skiing and snowboarding. At school he is a member of the Junior Beta Club.

Madelyn is a member of the youth choir and is involved with Youth Shepherds and Knit Wits. Madelyn enjoys swimming, tubing on the lake, and shopping. She is learning how to snow ski and hopes to get better this year. She is also taking gymnastics and is on the Petite competition dance squad at Tilley's Dance Academy- this is her 7th year of dance.

The McNeely's have a special pet named Beau, a Yorkie, who is eight months old. He was a big surprise for Jacob and Madelyn.

Some of the places Jeff and Cindy have traveled to are Australia, New Zealand, Hawaii, England, Scotland and Puerto Rico. Cindy and Madelyn took their first cruise together to Jamaica and Grand Cayman where she danced on the ship with her troop. The whole family loves trips to Disney World, Universal Studios, New York City and Philadelphia (where 12 members of the McNeely family got stuck on an elevator). They are planning a trip to Bermuda this summer for Cindy's 40th birthday.





Clay Price recently had back surgery.....New elders elected and installed were: **Craig Pugh, Bud Nash** and new elder ordained and installed: **Ken Hauck**..... New deacons installed were: **Jimmy Gray, Tim Hager, Todd Winters**. New deacon ordained and installed was **Bobby Lail**..... **Mabel Brady** had back surgery recently....**(Justin) Timothy Hudgins, Pastor Tim and Judy's** new grandson had to have some emergency surgery recently for a stomach problem.....**Randall Honeycutt** recently fell at his home in Tennessee and dislocated his shoulder and broke his upper arm in 4 places. He had a 5 hour surgery, was in the hospital for a week and has plates, bolts and screws in his shoulder and upper arm. Because of the severity of the break, he has radial nerve palsy which means his hand and arm is partially paralyzed due to extensive nerve damage. He is now in rehab and they told him it would be 1-2 years before he would know if he would have full use of his hand and arm. Needless to say, Kim has had to do most everything for him personally. Thank goodness it was his left arm and not his right.....**Esteline Jenkins** spent a night in the hospital.....**Pauline Pope** was a recent patient in the hospital.....**Elena Johnson** flew to New York for the funeral of her brother.....**Linda Pope** fell and tore ligaments in her knee.....Gray Emery had his wisdom teeth removed.....**Kitzi Emery** starts a new job at Mitchell Community College on Jan 2.....The Young Adult Sunday School class has their Christmas party at **Jeff McNeely's** those who attended were **Jeff, Cindy Jacob and Madelyn McNeely, Scott, Jessica, Addie and Paisley Graham, Sherry and Kent Clarke, Harvey and Aarene Reese, Brian and Taryn Setzer, Kelly Pugh, Anthony and Jessica Brady**. Ask Jeff about his rendition of Frank Sinatra's "My Way".....



CONGREGATIONAL CHAIRMAN: **Scott Graham**
 FINANCIAL SECRETARY: **Craig Pugh**
 TREASURER: **Dawn Keller**
 CEMETARY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: **Harvey Reese**

Women's Ministry



Ladies, Our Women's Ministry Bible studies are starting in January. We have several studies to choose from at different times and days and would like to invite every one of you to come and join us. Some of our Bible Studies will eat a meal together, some will have snacks and some will have drinks for fellowship time. We are trying to mold each study for the differing needs of our ladies and have a variety to offer you. If you would like more information about what is available just ask Kim Brady or Judy Watson and we will be glad to give you all the details. Our schedule for January will be the following:



Golden Christian meets at 9:30 am on the first Monday of each month

January 7, 2008 Study Book: Let's Study Luke

Treasure Keepers meets at 7:00 pm on the second Tuesday of each month

January 8, 2008 Study Book: Bad Girls of the Bible

Mary-Martha Sunset meets at 7:00 pm on the Third Tuesday of each month

January 15, 2008 Study Book: Having a Mary Spirit

Mary-Martha Sunrise meets at 10:00 am on the third Wednesday of each month

January 16, 2008 Study Book: The Afternoon of Life

We are all excited about starting this new year of Bible Study and would love to have each and every lady join us.

Women's Council

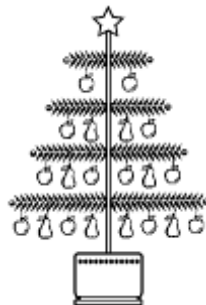




Look at Our Little Angels!!!!



**The Children's
Choir recently
performed their
Christmas pro-
gram "Angels
Aware!"**



COMING EVENTS

January 2		New Years Day
January 5	9:00	Women's Council Meeting
January 6		Communion
January 7	9:30	Golden Christian Circle
January 8	7:00	Treasure Keepers with Judy Watson
	7:00	Men's Bible Study on Nehemiah
January 12	6:00	Friendship Class Christmas Dinner
January 13	5:00	CE Committee
January 15	7:00	Mary & Martha Sunset
January 16	9:00	Mary & Martha Sunrise
January 17	7:00	Men's Life Issues Bible Study
January 20		Newsletter Items Due
January 21	7:00	Knit Wits with Betty Godfrey
January 24	6:00	Scrapbook/History Committee
January 25	7:30	Seekers Bible Study with Lynn and Muriel Jenkins
January 28	7:00	Men's Roundtable Bible Study
	7:00	Discipleship Committee
February 9		Officer Training at First Gastonia for all Elders and Deacons—See Pastor Tim



Comedy Corner



News from Joseph and Julie Alghrary

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Christmas Greetings Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As I write to you, Julie, Josiah and I are just a couple days away from our move to Michigan. We have been in our current home for more than 8 years and now we are leaving. While we are excited to be going, we are somewhat sad to be leaving. Still we have a strong consolation in that this decision came as a result of much prayer. Now that we know what God wants of us, we want to obey. We thank God that Julie and I both have a strong sense of the Lord's leading us to minister to Muslims in the Dearborn, MI area. Many of you have encouraged and blessed us in numerous ways. One ARP Church is even moving us! We praise God as we are truly thankful for His many blessings and provisions during this time of transition.

While so many have been helpful through prayer, financial support and even sweat, others have been less excited about our move. Here is a sampling of what we have been told in the last few months: "Don't move to Michigan, it's too cold," "Detroit is terrible," "Dearborn is dangerous," "You might get killed for trying to convert Muslims," "Don't buy a house in Michigan because you will never be able to sell it," "You will never sell your house in this market," "Are you sure you know what you're doing?" (and my personal favorite) "Cheer up, Detroit is not the end of the world...but you can see it from there."

Well, we like the cold, we won't be living in downtown Detroit, and we trust both our lives and all our possessions to the Lord's care. We thank God that He is not having a recession. Since the Lord is our true source, and we are following His direction, we will not fear for lack or danger of any kind. I came across a wonderful passage the other day that encouraged me greatly and I pray it will also encourage you. The passage is Jeremiah 17:7-8:

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.⁴
For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

We pray that you will take this thought into the Christmas season when you remember the greatest gift of all, our Lord Jesus Christ, Emmanuel (God with us). I would like to leave you with a verse from one of my favorite hymns; *Be not dismayed what'er betide, God will take care of you, Nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you, God will take care of you through every day, o'er all the way. He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

We pray God's richest and best be yours this Christmas.

Joseph, Julie and Josiah Alghrary

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Working at the Angel House

They're gonna make me do this all by myself.



It's not time for a break!!!

He NEVER lets us take a break!



Lynn & Dale are trying to kill me!!!

I hope I am reading these plans right!



I knew playing with Tonka Toys would come in handy



Where is Bud?



I hope he watches my fingers!!

He thinks I'm gonna hit it finger HA!! HA!!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that Dale Massey, Lynn Jenkins and Jimmy Winters are brick masons? Did you know that Bud Nash has his building contractor's license? Did you know that Pastor Tim is a pretty good carpenter?

Did you know that Michelle Hairyes is an Avon representative and also sells Signature Homestyle Decorating? Did you know that Judy Watson and Aarene

Reese do beading and make jewelry? Did you know that Judy Stewart delivers the mail?

Here is a chance to do some free advertising. If you make, sell, buy, trade or whatever, let us know. Lots of people in our congregation do extra things on the side that only a few of us are aware of. Let us know your hidden talents. Give us a business card or just write down what you do or make or sell and let us advertise for you. Turn it in to Delinda or Taryn, call us or drop it in our mailbox in the church Sunday School Office.



We Need Your Help

We recently had a computer crash and lost most of the information used for the newsletter. The thing we are missing mostly is the birthday list. It is up to date to a certain point but I know we have lost several of the new names added over the last year or so.

If you would just please write down your family and their birthdays, we would greatly appreciate it. If everyone will do it, we can compare it to the file we do have and make sure no one is missed.



You can place your list in the offering plate and just mark it "newsletter" and it can be put in our mailbox, you can place it directly in our mailbox, you can give it directly to Delinda or Taryn or you can call us with the information.

Guiding Principles for New Sterling Ministries

Biblical Theme

Fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness ... choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord Joshua 24:14-15

Vision

To live the full spectrum of life in obedience to the complete counsel of God¹

Purpose

We are God's children,² empowered by the Holy Spirit³ to love and serve Jesus Christ;⁴ to preach and teach God's Holy Word⁵ and to encourage others to follow Christ.⁶

Values

The Word of God, Prayer, Worship, the Sacraments & Fellowship⁷

Target

Families...

Over the years, God has blessed New Sterling with a loving, family atmosphere and, within these walls hundreds have raised their families to follow Jesus Christ. Our focus is to continue that work. We seek to bring God's teaching to the forefront for the families who call New Sterling home so that the parents and the children can be raised up in the *training and instruction of the Lord*.⁸

Our neighbors...

God has given New Sterling a particular place within his ministry and we can look to the past few years to see something of what that has been. New Sterling has been and will be a place where one can come and worship the triune God in a biblical worship style.

There are those who have experienced pain within the body of Christ, they have found shelter and sanctuary from our people. New Sterling offers the forgiveness and love of Christ as we preach the good and sound gospel to those who are starving for the nourishing words of truth directly from the Holy Scriptures.⁹

In addition, we can never close our doors or divert our attention from spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ to a dying world. Many of our neighbors are lost and need the saving love of our Lord Jesus. We must always be prepared to 'sow the seeds our Lord Jesus has given us.'¹⁰

¹ Luk 10:27; Rom 6:13,12:1; 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Pet 2:5; Eph 5:17

² Rom 8:16; 1 Jhn 3:1

³ Job 33:4; Rom 8:9; Jhn 16:13

⁴ Luk 10:27

⁵ Matt 28:19

⁶ Ps 10:17; Act 10:15; 1 Th 4:18; Heb 3:13

⁷ Acts 2:42

⁸ Eph 6:4

⁹ Mt 11:28

¹⁰ 1 Cor 3:5,6



*...that foundation
is Jesus Christ.*

—1 Corinthians 3:11

Our Actions

We, the church, will provide the means necessary for our members to fulfill the 4 Levels of the Christian Life.¹¹ Each believer should have the ability to answer positively about the church's provision of resources and instruction for each level

We, the church, pray that as members of New Sterling each person can say...

Level I – Commitment to Christ

I am committed to Christ
I am committed to learning about him and his church

Level II – Commitment to Maturity

I am attending a periodic small group Bible Study
I am spending daily time with God
I am giving my financial resources to God

Level III – Commitment to Ministry

I am serving in ministry
I am seeking to grow in my area of gifting
I am instructing others
I am reaching out in love to those around me

Level IV – Commitment to Multiplication

I am living an authentic Christian life
I am fulfilling my covenant responsibilities within my family
I am sharing my faith stories - 'Sowing the Seeds'
I am bringing my unchurched &/or apathetic friends to church

“Where there is a passion to grow people first, passionate people will grow effective ministries” – Alan Ratta

¹¹ Adapted from *Transitioning*, Dan Southerland;Zondervan

A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up, “Don’t pay for me, Daddy, I’m under five.”



ANGEL HOUSE PROJECT SIGN-UP SHEET

We are in the process of scheduling help for the construction phase of the Angel House. If you are interested in any of the following, please fill out the form and print your name at the bottom of the page.

I am interested in the following: Please Check all that apply

- 1) Rough framing floor section _____
- 2) Rough framing house _____
- 3) Rough framing roof _____
- 4) Installing shingles on roof _____
- 5) Installing windows / doors _____
- 6) Installing exterior siding _____
- 7) Interior rough trim work _____
- 8) Installing insulation _____
- 9) Electrical wiring _____
- 10) Plumbing _____
- 11) Hanging wall board _____
- 12) Finishing wall board _____
- 13) Painting _____
- 14) Interior trim work _____
- 15) Installing flooring _____
- 16) Bath / kitchen tile _____
- 17) Landscaping _____
- 18) General Cleaning _____

I'm experienced in the above items I have checked _____

I'm not experienced but willing to help in areas I have checked _____

I know someone or know of a company willing to help in areas checked _____

I can provide materials in areas checked _____

I'm willing to lend a hand to help others _____

I'm available to work during a normal work week _____

I'm available to work on weekends only _____

Print your name

We will contact you when the area you checked becomes available and will line up a time for you to help us on the Angel House. Thank you for helping with our Mission project. Sincerely, David Brady

Decorating the Fellowship Hall Christmas Tree!!!



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Here's
WHAT'S
COOL
at Sunday!
SCHOOL!





If you have not signed up for a committee this year, please use the sheet below and prayerfully consider participating. If you have questions regarding the function of the committee, they are listed in your church yearbook or call the church office and it can be relayed to you.

New Sterling needs good committee members who are willing to serve and be active in the chosen committee. If you are gifted in one of these areas, please contact a committee chairperson and discuss the committee of interest.

New Sterling Committee Volunteer

Please identify with a ✓ the committee or committees you wish to serve during the coming year

Name: _____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION(E) <i>Chair – Delinda Mauney</i>	
DISCIPLESHIP (E) <i>Chair – Steve Stewart</i>	
HOPE & CARE MINISTRY(D) <i>Chair – Tim Hager</i>	
EVANGELISM/MEMBERSHIP(E) <i>Chair – Tony Harper</i>	
WOMEN'S MINISTRY COUNCIL <i>Chair – Kim Brady/Judy Watson</i>	
MISSIONS (E) <i>Chair – Craig Pugh</i>	
PERSONNEL (F) <i>Chair – Kent Clarke</i>	
WORSHIP(E) <i>Chair – Harvey Reese</i>	
STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE (D) <i>Chair – Scott Graham</i>	
KITCHEN(D) <i>Chair – LeAnn Hartness</i>	
PROPERTIES AND MAINT.(D) <i>Chair – Jimmy Gray</i>	
YOUTH COUNCIL(E) <i>Chair – Ken Hauck</i>	
RESOURCE(D) <i>Chair – Adrian Jurrett</i>	
LONG RANGE PLANNING(D) <i>Chair – Todd McCulloch</i>	

The Women's Council is also seeking to establish a Shower Committee. This committee would be responsible for, not necessarily for giving a shower, but being responsible for making their committee members aware of who is getting married, having a baby, etc, and making sure that someone is responsible for heading up a shower for that person.



Our main goal is to make sure that no one is left out. We are proud of our New Sterling family and our extended New Sterling family and want see that brides and first time mothers are honored.



If this is a gift you have, please contact Judy Watson or Kim Brady. I am sure you will be greatly rewarded by your decision.

1. I would like to serve in the Care and Hope Ministry, not as a committee member, but as a member of a ministry team? _____
2. I would like to serve on a food committee and prepare a dish for meals served during funerals? _____