

## SPICE Award Application

1. Church Name and City: **Wallace Presbyterian Church, Wallace, NC**
2. Program Title and Description:

### Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship

Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship provides an opportunity for church members to begin their day with silence, prayer, singing, Bible study, refreshments, and fellowship.

The schedule allows people to gather before going to work.

We have coffee and doughnuts from 6:30 – 7:00 a.m.

Worship is from 7:00 – 7:30 a.m.

Worship is held in the Fellowship Hall and is interactive.

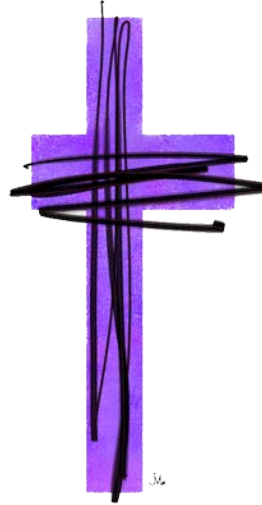
Although the content, and even the activities, may vary from week to week, the service always includes (and emphasizes) times of silence and Bible study in pairs and as a group.

3. Program Date: Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship began on February 23, 2013. After four weeks, group members evaluated their experience and the session enthusiastically approved continuing this weekly worship service. The name was suggested by a member of the congregation.
4. Program Goals: Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship began when an elder said at the February 16, 2013 session meeting, “I wish other members of the congregation could experience what we do when we worship together in our session meetings.” One week later we began the early Tuesday morning worship. Our goals include providing a time of quiet and reflection, an opportunity for worship, and a chance to read together and be nourished by the Word of God at the beginning of the day.
5. Key persons in the planning and implementation: Rev. Philip Gladden is the primary worship leader. Other members lead the service in his absence. Members help with refreshments and clean-up.
6. How the program/practice has had a positive effect on the faith formation of your congregation, community, and/or world:

Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship has had a positive effect on the faith formation of our congregation by providing the welcome gift of a time of silence and intentional sharing of God’s Word at the beginning of the day. After one month, an informal survey was taken of participants. Two-thirds of the participants said they most appreciated being given time to be silent in the presence of God. An overwhelming majority said they enjoyed reading and talking about God’s Word with their fellow believers. Many people have said Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship is a great way to begin their day.

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This is how we have advertised Tuesday Morning SonRise Worship in our church bulletin and newsletter and on our church website, [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).



### Tuesday Morning SonRise

Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 a.m. Coffee & Doughnuts

7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Informal and Interactive Worship

Tuesday Morning SonRise is a short, early morning worship and Bible study. We will study and discuss scripture and pray, with the purpose of building up our community of believers and nurturing our faith. Everyone is welcome. Bring your Bible. Doors open at 6:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts and you'll be on your way to work and the rest of your day at 7:30 a.m.

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### 2013 Presbytery's SPICE Award submission

Church Name: Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church, Sneads Ferry, NC

Program Title and description: Vacation Bible School

Yearly Vacation Bible School program which incorporates stories, plays, music and crafts in teaching children God's Word. The theme for 2013 is Jammin with Jesus. As Jesus always enjoyed a good party, we will begin VBS with a review of

Jesus at the Wedding and his magnificent wine. Then we will move through to Levi the Tax Collector and then to Zaccheus. The last day, we will end with Jesus' Birthday Party. The lessons are usually a skit with actors and backdrops.

Each day is closely scheduled (9:30-noon) to keep the children's interest and move them along to different stations. The Youth Group (G-Force) helps coordinate and get the children where they need to be. The morning starts with a daily greeting in the Sanctuary with the Pastor and the story/parable being studied that day is presented. The children are then divided into 2 groups for Music and Crafts, both centered around each day's theme. After 20 minutes, the groups trade places. After Music and Crafts, there are snacks and the entire group is back together for games, review, singing, prayer and exit. Each child is safe and secure, checked in and out by parents and staff as we are a Safe Sanctuary Church.

On the last day, the children receive a diploma of completion, their completed crafts and the parents are invited to see the review. The children sing for their parents and in the past have even sung a song in sign language. The following Sunday, the children sing the songs they learned for the congregation. This year, the children will get a special hat and funny sunglasses to wear. The congregation enjoys their performance as much as the children and it gives the congregation an opportunity to see what the children have learned.

Program Date: August 6-9, 2013

Program Goals:

To bring the word of God to the children of our community.

Key Persons:

Dolores Lumer	Program Coordinator
Martha Ward	Christian Education Co- Moderator/Crafts
Jenny Webb	Music Coordinator

How the program has had a positive effect on faith formation:

- After many years of not having a Vacation Bible School, this will be the third consecutive year Sneads Ferry Presbyterian will be offering this program not only to our church family, but to the community as well. This program has truly made a difference in the lives of the volunteers, children and parents. Not only do the children learn about Jesus and his many miracles, but they learn to get along together and forge friendships. Not all of the children are part of our church family, but happy to say, many do come back with their parents, for Sunday School and Worship and do become a part of our church family. The

children bring home many crafts, booklets and the knowledge Jesus loves them. Each year the number of children participating in VBS has grown and we anticipate this year being the largest by far.

The volunteers have been a major part of the success of this program and come back year after year as they enjoy being a part of teaching the children all about God's Word.

- As an adult, this is a rewarding experience in teaching and creating this program. Last summer, Martha Ward was traveling and visited the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, AK and among his memories was a display of his VBS experiences as a child. If VBS was that memorable for him, we can only imagine how it WILL be for our children! By the grace of God, this program will continue to thrive and grow and be a witness to the majesty of our God--- Dolores Lumer

Person Submitting: Liza Barrett- Clerk of Session

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### **SPICE AWARD: Youth LEGO Night- “Connected”**

1. Church: **Westminster Presbyterian Church of Fayetteville, NC**

2. Event: **LEGO NIGHT: “Connected”**; an evening of fun with Legos and one another; We had build challenges; game in which youth had to put Lego-Versions of Biblical stories in order, bring Legos to donate for a local charity; we even ate Lego Candy!

3. Event Date: March 3, 2013

4. Program Goals: Provide an evening of fun and fellowship among local Presbyterian Churches. Include activities that encourage Bible Knowledge/Use; Include activities that encourage youth to think creatively; team building within youth of our Presbytery. This was a follow-up to last year’s “Duct Tape Night: Youth Gotta Stick Together”. The inspiration for both events was to create a night encouraging the youth to reach out to one another as Christian brothers and sisters.

5. People: Erin Garcia, Bev Terzian, Luann Myers, Joey Boles, Saprina Bowman with coordinating help from the youth leaders at Galatia Presbyterian, MacPherson Presbyterian, and Highland Presbyterian

6. How the program has had a positive effect on the faith formation of your congregation, community, and/or world. Youth first, bonded over the common bond of Legos... great to see how even “cool senior high” guys weren’t ashamed to bring in tons of their own legos to donate.

We utilized illustrations from the book “The Lego Principle” which points out that

ALL Legos, no matter their, color, shape, size, etc. ALL share a single attribute: they all *connect* to another Lego. In much the same way, Christians are made for Connections—First a connection with God and then connection with one another. Youth took turns reading scriptural references to both ideas and built Crosses out of Legos for placement on an “altar”... the vertical Legos symbolizing their connection with Christ, the horizontal bar, representing their connection with those around them. *We have already had suggestions from youth at the different churches for what next year should be (p.s.--- it's going to be Bubble Wrap Night!)*

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A poster for a LEGO Night event. The background is a green surface with a grid of circular studs, resembling a LEGO brick. The text is in various colors and fonts. A red LEGO heart is on the right side.

**LEGO Night:**  
**“CONNECTED”**  
Sunday, March 3  
5:30pm - 7:00pm  
at **Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
2505 Village Drive, Fayetteville, NC  
All Youth 6th-12th grade  
Bring a snack to share, some LEGO's to use AND Donate and a friend!. All Donated Lego's will be given to the Child Advocacy Center. Call WPC for more info: (910)485-8128

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## *SPICE Award* APPLICATION

For Pocket Presbyterian Church

CHURCH NAME AND CITY: Pocket Presbyterian Church, Sanford, NC

INTRODUCTION: *As Pocket's pastor, I'm always proud when members of our church family discover new ways of serving needy people in the name of Jesus Christ! This sewing project is a great example of a small group of faithful Christians finding a way to put their talents to use for the work of God's Kingdom. Who would have thought that something as simple as a new dress could protect a child from the misery of the sex trade? I thank God for the ministry that these women (and one man!) are taking part in, and rejoice with them that their work is changing lives in Central America.*

*~ David Dudley, Pastor Pocket Presbyterian Church*

PROGRAM TITLE, DESCRIPTION: "Sewing" Seeds for Mission

This program began in the fall of 2012 when we supported another church who had taken a mission trip to Nicaragua. We learned from the director that children, especially young girls, could be protected from human trafficking by the clothes they wear. Girls who wear dresses are considered "upper class," and, therefore, are not considered likely targets. With this thought in mind, several women of the church have decided to make clothing for the children. They meet at least once a week to cut out patterns and stitch together outfits for the children. Since that first mission trip, their goal has now grown to expand their ministry to other countries; currently they are stitching 1000 outfits to be sent to Nicaragua and other Central American countries in the next year.

PROGRAM DATE, GOALS: This is an on-going mission project that began in 2012. The goals are to keep sewing as long as there are children who need clothing.

KEY PERSONS IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION: The sewing group consists of the following members: Zelda Howington, Carol Cox, Lib Thomas, Marie Wicker, Edith Gladden, Laura Thompson, Sylvia Watson, and Chris Nance. However, they have also received help from other church and community members who have sewn clothes at home, donated suitcases in which to pack the clothing, and purchased shirts to go with shorts the women have begun sewing for little boys.

HOW HAS THE PROGRAM HAD A POSITIVE EFFECT ON THE FAITH FORMATION OF YOUR CONGREGATION, COMMUNITY AND WORLD?

FROM THE PARTICIPANTS:

- o Having been in a classroom as a teacher for 30 years, I sometimes felt that I was in the mission field. In fact, when I retired, I said I was going from foreign missions to home missions! I have always been interested in those who live beyond my world. When the opportunity came to use my sewing machine and a bit of talent, I was delighted to extend my abilities to help those who could use my humble, homemade dresses to make their lives easier and happier. I gained satisfaction and came to love my Sisters and Brothers in Christ more as we worked together to do what Jesus instructed us to do. Thanks be to those who spearheaded this endeavor and gave me an opportunity to serve Him as I ministered to some of his people!

- o What a blessing this project has been for our sewing group! My thoughts while we are working are "This is God at work, caring for his children. May He receive the thanks, praise, and glory for this project." I feel that we are His hands and feet as He has filled our hearts with a love and compassion for these children. If having little dresses for the girls and tank tops for the boys will protect them from slavery and sex trafficking, then let us get as many as possible made for them and let us always keep all in our prayers...Our goal is to sew and make clothes to help these children, but we are helped in that we have lots of good laughs and fun working together.
- o When asked what making children's clothes to send to Central America has meant to me, my answer comes from Jesus' words in Matthew 19:14-15: "But Jesus said, 'Suffer [the] little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for such is the kingdom of heaven.' And He laid His hands on them..." and from Matthew 25:40: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'" This says to me that we can be His hands and feet to reach out to others for Him. We took from our abundance to sew and send these garments to children who have nothing to wear. I pray this that will help them know that Jesus is their comfort and that He will save them.
- o We had given some financial aid to the church that was sponsoring the mission trip (Goldston United Methodist), so after they got back, they came to share their experiences with us. During this meeting they talked about the problem of human trafficking in this country, and how certain clothing can be a deterrent to their capture. I have grandchildren, so hearing this story touched my heart. I spoke with the leader of the mission trip and, without hesitation, offered our church's help, because I had no doubt that the men and women of Pocket would step right up, and they did! We armed ourselves with donated fabric, notions, etc. and set to work, bringing our irons, ironing boards, and sewing machines, as well as our willingness, to the church fellowship hall, and our project began. Sewing for the children of Central American has been more than "cut, sew, and press." Each session begins with a devotion and prayer. Each piece is made with love and a prayer for the safety and care of the one who will wear the garment, as well as for his or her spiritual and physical well-being. As we worked to complete our first "assignment" for Nicaragua, we realized that we were growing closer through the hard work, fun, and fellowship we experienced each week. After our church members returned from the last mission trip, they brought pictures of some of the children who had received our dresses, which made it even more personal and rewarding. I'm sure that many may question our decision to make 1000 items of clothing, but we have faith that "the Good Lord will provide" the supplies and stamina needed to get the job done!

#### FROM OTHER CHURCH MEMBERS:

- o For me, the greatest blessing of this project is watching these women sew and seeing their love for children they have never met or ever will, and knowing that — because of what they have done — these children have a better chance of being protected against the evil of human traffickers, inspires me to also be the hands and feet our Savior in my world.
- o I think it shows how God works in ways we can never anticipate. What started as a way

to honor Doris and Lawrence Simpson by helping sponsor a mission trip to Nicaragua has grown into a full blown mission project at Pocket. Folks who can't make a trip to Nicaragua are still able to make a huge impact by using their time and talent to sew dresses. The excitement and sense of purpose is reinforced each time a group returns with pictures and stories of what a difference the sewing ministry is making in the lives of children and families in Nicaragua.

#### FROM THE COMMUNITY: (ANECDOTES)

- o When one of the sewing machines' needles broke, a replacement needle was donated after the owner learned about the project. Another business owner donated a commercial sewing machine to the group.
- o The church secretary told her United Methodist Women's group about the project, and they collected over 15 suitcases to use for shipping the outfits.

#### PICTURES AND NEWS ARTICLE (LINKED)

- o The attached pictures show members of the group putting together the outfits. The story is from our local paper, The Sanford Herald.
  - o [www.sanfordherald.com/news/leecounty/x145778642/Sewing-circle-stitches-for-Nicaraguan-poor](http://www.sanfordherald.com/news/leecounty/x145778642/Sewing-circle-stitches-for-Nicaraguan-poor)