

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JULY

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| 2 Micah Deneen | 7 Jerry Pressley
Johnny Robinson
Annette Rodgers | 9 Amber Rhyne |
| 3 Andrew Elliott
Robbie Smith | | 10 Brian Lasley |
| 4 Madison Black
Leo Roys | | 11 Tim Chaney
Macky Tinsley |
| 5 Thomas Barton
Donna Hill | | 13 Kevin Chucci |
| 6 Don Hensley | | 15 Allie Grice
Tanner McMinn |



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THE CHURCH FAMILY

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**Fellowship is great
Worship is rich**
**at our Summer Sunday Evening
Family Dinner and Communion**
**The next one is
July 5**



6:00 PM Covered Dish Meal

7:00 PM Communion



Casual dress expected

FROM YOUR PASTOR

by Dan King

It is truly a humbling experience to be the pastor of a church filled with so many kingdom-focused ministers – so many people doing the Lord’s work in so many ways.

I look around and am absolutely amazed! Today we have a team of twenty in Mississippi ministering to orphans and other displaced children as part of a short-term mission team. Another team numbering about that many is assisting here on our campus with our week-long sports camp. There’ll be a kids mini-camp this afternoon, staffed by a different team. When I bump into some of these workers I try to thank them and tell them we appreciate what they are doing; and more often than not the response I get is a smile and something like, “Oh, I am having a ball. I enjoy it.”

Stories continue to come to my ears of individuals carrying on their personal ministry to others quietly, anonymously sometimes. We have a virtual army of people being attentive to the needs of their neighbors inside and outside the church. They minister in ways big and small, public and private. I am often touched by their stories, so many of which involve a depth of love and personal sacrifice which speaks of true Christ-like compassion.

I just want to say “wow!” But it seems that a pastor should say more than that. So let me add, “Keep it up.” Or as the Bible says, “... **let us not be weary in well doing.**” (Gal. 6:9)

And if you ever wonder if anyone cares, if anyone notices, hear these words: “**God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.**” (Heb. 6:10)

The ultimate commendation is yet to be pronounced, of course, but one day it will be, by the One who says, “**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. ...Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done.**” (Rev. 22:12,13 inverted)

Affectionately,

Dan

WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

A warm welcome to the most recent additions to our church family! **Timothy Humphries** was received upon profession of faith. **David Carpenter** joined by transfer of letter. Also received into membership but still awaiting introduction to the congregation are **Chris and Anna Lewis**, Chris coming by reaffirmation of faith and Anna by transfer of membership; and **Rob and Tracy McMinn and children Connor, Tanner and Brenner**, on transfer of membership. We praise God for all these whom God has sent to take part in the ministry with us.

We were sorry to learn that **Janet Devir** suffered a broken collarbone in a fall at the beach. She has been convalescing the past few weeks at the home of her daughter Beth Hatley and family, but expects to be home soon.

Ed Faggart was hospitalized several days at Carolinas Medical Center for surgery. He is now home in Lincolnton. And **Hugh Abernathy** was at Gaston Memorial recently for outpatient surgery.

MATERNITY CLOTHES NEEDED...

The Gaston County Crisis Pregnancy Center is in need of gently used maternity clothes, particularly summer maternity clothes. If you can help with this need that would be great! Also, we’ll need a volunteer to take the donated clothing to CPC in Gastonia. If you have any maternity clothes you can donate, please drop them off to the church office by Sunday, July 5. If you would like to volunteer to deliver the clothes, please contact Sandra in the church office.

MAY FINANCIAL REPORT

Needed monthly for budget.....	57,540.50
Received in May for budget.....	80,558.18
Needed to date for budget	287,702.52
Received to date for budget	314,749.26
Needed Monthly for Faith Promise.....	12,782.83
Received in May for Faith Promise	17,524.66
Needed to date for Faith Promise.....	63,914.17
Received to date for Faith Promise	67,030.94

JULY RESPONSIBILITIES

NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 AM

July 5: Judy Billings

11:00 AM

Tommi Rust and Joyce Burt

6:45 PM - Lisa Grice

July 12: Bobby and Monnie Blackman

Pam and Trevor Burgess

6:15 PM - Rhonda Prather

July 19: Sherry and Jill Wagstaff

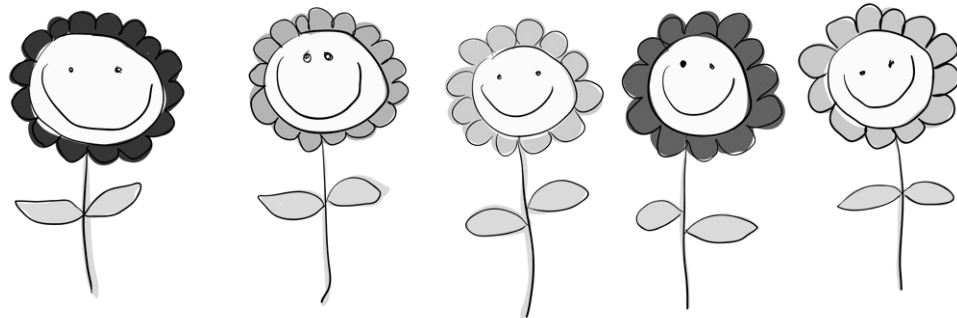
Keitha Brown and girls

6:15 PM - Sherry Teague

June 26: Sally and Dawn Ormsby

Ellen and Joseph Deese

6:15 PM - Jamie and Lisa Revels



CHILDREN'S SERMONS

July 5: Dan King

July 19: David Nelson

July 12: Andy Leonard

June 26: Robert Rhyne

WIC NEWS

Due to the 4th of July holiday, **the circles will not meet for their regular meetings in the month of July.** Meetings will resume in August. To keep up with the lesson schedule after the break, the August lesson will now be chapters 10 and 11, then chapters 12 and 13 for September.

Elizabeth Circle will have their summer party on July 18 at 4:30 at the home of Tommi Rust. Make plans to attend and bring your favorite side dish to go with the chicken provided.



SOAR NEWS

In case you haven't heard...

- Youth soccer wrapped up its season on Saturday, June 6th. Ben Johnson from the Charlotte Eagles shared his testimony. Pastor Dan & Pastor Scott were on hand to present the Gospel message and we're so thankful for the 29 players that indicated commitments to Christ. Please continue to pray for them.
- Hats Off to our Soccer Committee for a job well done (Mark Harper, Bobby & Monnie Blackman, and Jon Petersohn)! Special thanks to ALL of the volunteers who made soccer so successful (coaches, referees, lining fields & prayer partners). God certainly touched hearts through you!!
- Youth Baseball (tball, coach pitch & softball) kicked off last Saturday and we're excited to have 129 players, composing 10 teams.
- Right at 1 out of every 4 players didn't list an active church home – sign up to be a Prayer Partner in your Sunday School class and let's begin to lift up our prayers for this ministry.
- The Baseball Committee (Scott Burgess, Chris Graham, Gary Neely & Dan Ormsby) have done a great job to getting Youth Baseball started. Thanks guys! Special thanks also goes to our Baseball coaches, umpires and ground crew. Surely God has big plans for this season!

FAMILY GATHERING

by Scott Deneen

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Book of Jonah is an interesting book. Most of us equate it with the big fish part but that's such a small section of the story. Jonah really deals with the magnitude of God's mercy.

From the very beginning, God calls Jonah to preach against Nineveh, the Assyrian capital. Nineveh is full of wicked people who do wicked things, and Jonah is called to proclaim judgment against them. As a prophet of God and covenant member, you may think that Jonah would like to preach against wicked people but Jonah would rather run in the opposite direction.

Why? Was Jonah scared? Did he think that prison awaited him for proclaiming his message? Did he fear death? No. Jonah hated the Assyrians and he wanted their destruction. However, leaving people alone condemns them because they will never repent of their sins or be confronted in their transgressions. Leaving the Assyrians alone, Jonah knew, would keep them in their sin and bring God's judgment upon them.

But God wanted to demonstrate the extent of His merciful grace by forgiving the sins of a wicked nation. Therefore, He sent Jonah to preach against them in order to bring them to repentance. But Jonah tried to thwart compassion by running away.

Praise God he didn't succeed. God was so intent on showing the Assyrians mercy that He didn't allow Jonah to spoil the blessing (enter the wind, the fish, storm).

Think about that. God is interested in showing compassion, mercy, forgiveness, etc. to His enemies! Praise God for I was once His enemy (and so were you before you were united with Christ by faith).

So, who do we deem "the enemies of God"? Maybe they're just the people we're being sent to evangelize in order to demonstrate the extent of God's mercy?! Think about it...



UPCOMING EVENTS

Birkdale Village - TBA

Carowinds – August 19th

Camping Trip – Sept 4-7 (Mt. Mitchell)

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT... THE BIBLE?...THEOLOGY?... ANY ASPECT OF CHRISTIAN LIFE?

There's still time to submit your question for our "Ask the Pastors" service each month during our Sunday evening summer schedule. Write your question down and drop it in the box located in front of the Global Outreach office.

With Loving Thanks

Thanks from the bottom of my heart to the sweet members of my Care Group for their kindness and care shown me in recent days. And may God bless the "secret friend" who sent the special gift I received by mail a few days ago. Your generosity overwhelms me. Please continue to pray for me, and may God's name be praised.

Ann Marie Roys

Dear Church family,

We want to thank you for your support, concerns and prayers for Carmen and her daughters, Robyn and Melissa during her long illness. God has called her home and she is free at last. Praise be to a loving God. Thanks to all of you for being such a great and compassionate church family. We love you all.

Sincerely,

*Kay Heffner, Rick Heffner & family,
and Amanda*

MISSIONARY PRAYER REQUESTS

Derick and Lisal McDonald ask for prayer for their ministry to Chinese students at the University of Texas.

Clyde and Jennifer Comer are in Colorado until July 29 going through specialized training for their new roles as Directors of the Eastern NC campus ministry. They ask: Pray that we would learn more about leading by faith, modeling ministry to our team, directing a ministry of multiple campuses, and working with church partnerships.

Pray for our **Palmer Home Mission Team** working in Columbus, MS from June 21 – 27: Mary Madeline Black, Doris Bynum, Kathryn Cavin, Shannon and Kristen Cozart, Scott and Micah Deneen, Kim and Annalise Jessen, Dillon Lamb, Rebecca Lasley, Diane Mullis, Anna Prather, Vickie Smith, Samantha Stowe, Kristen Waters, Tracy and Phyllis Withers, Alan and Jeremy Yoder.

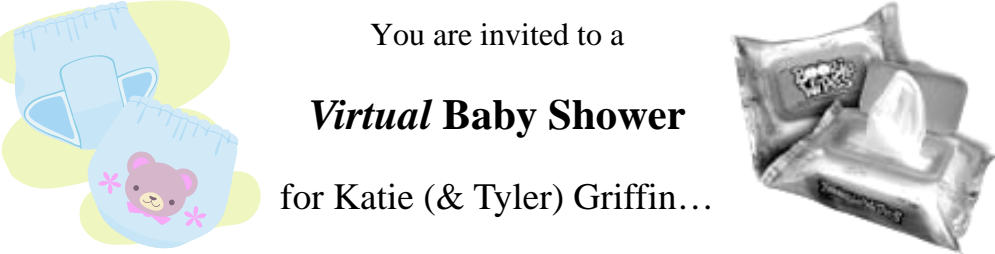
A MOM'S FELLOWSHIP AND STUDY

Are you a tired mom? Do you sometimes feel stressed by all that life throws your way? Wouldn't it be great to have a chance to sit down, relax with a cup of coffee, and simply enjoy fellowship with other women? The reprieve you need may be just around the corner! Beginning in July, moms will have an opportunity to get together for fellowship and study. Would you like to join? We'll be reading and discussing Debbie Alsdorf's book, Deeper. We'll discuss ways in which we can deepen our relationship with our Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. We will meet Friday mornings at the home of Laura Evans from 9 – 11 AM beginning July 10th. ***"But what about childcare?"*** you might be asking. Several plans are in the works to determine how to care for our little ones. To aid in this process, firm commitments for attendance are necessary. If you would like to be a part of this group, please fill out the information below and return it to the "Mom's Fellowship" box outside Jimmie Mitchell's office no later than June 30th.

Your Name _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Name/ages of your children requiring care _____



You are invited to a

Virtual Baby Shower

for Katie (& Tyler) Griffin...

We are collecting diapers (all sizes), baby wipes and gift cards for Katie and baby.

Due to the distance and the fact she is nearing the end of her pregnancy, the doctor will not allow Katie to travel to North Carolina.

Please bring your gifts to the church office on or before Sunday, July 12.

*Boy Scouts of America, Troop 49
and the parents of*

Micah Nelson

*request the honor
of your presence at an*

Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony


*Sunday, June 28th, 2009
3:00 pm*

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Reception immediately following ceremony.

July 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Church Office and CDC closed	4  Independence Day
5 5:15 Choir Group III 6:00 Covered dish dinner 7:00 Communion	6 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 10:00 Esther Circle	7	8	9 7:30 Officers' Prayer	10 7:30 Joint Officers' Mtg	11 8:00-9:30 Men's Bible Study
12 2:30 Paraguay Mission Team Meeting 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 <i>Ask the Pastors</i> Choir Group II	13	14	15 7:00 VBS Training	16	17 ← Mission Trip to Paraguay →	18 Son Rock Kids Camp: 1-3 pm School age 3:30-5 pm Preschool 4:00 Elizabeth Circle Picnic
19 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Evening Worship Choir Group II	20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 7:00 SOAR Committee Mtg.	21 Son Rock Kids Camp: 10-11:30 am Preschool 1- 3:00 pm School age	22 ← Mission Trip to Paraguay →	23	24	25 Presbytery
26 4:30 WIC Council Mtg. 5:30 Choir Group III 6:30 Choir Group II	27 9:00 Golden Heirs	28	29	30	31	
← Children's Vacation Bible School →						

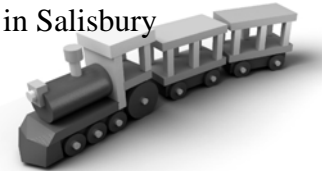
Upcoming Dates To Remember

Sunday, June 28

- 2:30 - Paraguay Mission Team Meeting
- 3:00 - Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony for Micah Nelson
- 4:30 - WIC Council Meeting
- 5:30 - Choir Group III
- 6:30 - Evening Worship
Choir Group II

Tuesday, June 30

- 8:30 - 5:00 Children to Dan Nicholas Park in Salisbury



Updated Church Directories are now available. There have been many changes and additions over the past few months, so be sure to pick one up and discard your old list. The updated directories can be found on the literature display in the main hallway.