



THE MESSENGER
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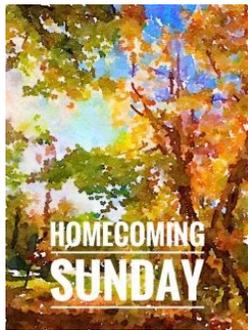
Jeanna Spiker
 Director of Christian Education

Mary Etta Stephenson
 Church Organist

Linda Barger
 Chancel Choir Director

Andrew Harmon
 Handbell Director

Mildred Young
 FUMC Weekday Preschool Dir.



Homecoming is Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:30am. Former Pastor, Rev. Charles Turner will be our guest speaker (1993 - 1998.) Special music will be provided by the chancel choir, handbell choir, praise band and UMKids.

A covered dish dinner at noon will follow the Homecoming service. If you plan to stay for the covered dish, please bring your favorite dish, casserole or dessert. The church will be providing chicken strips and we would like for several members to bring in ham biscuits. We are looking forward to this joyous occasion to celebrate Homecoming 2018.

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

DATE	EARLY WORSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL	WORSHIP	SPEAKER
Sept. 2		9:30am	10:30am	Rev. Joe Collins
Sept. 9	8:45am	9:45am	11:00am	Jeanna Spiker
Sept. 16	8:45am	9:45am	11:00am	Rev. Joe Collins
Sept. 23	HOMECOMING	9:45am	10:30am	Rev. Charles Turner
Sept. 30	8:45am	9:45am	11:00am	Rev. Joe Collins



School has begun and summer has come to an end. Things can get back to “normal.” With that being said, I want to ask the question: “What is normal?”

Normal is relative to each one of our circumstances. Normal for you may be different than normal for someone else. For me, normal is getting up in the morning, packing the pockets of my robe with dog bones and going outside. I then proceed to letting the dogs out of their kennel. As I sit in my chair and look out over the pasture I dole out the dog bones and spend time with God in conversation and reading His word. I enjoy this quiet time to talk to Him and reflect and plan with his guidance.

I have a certain Bible that I take outside to read (it is dog proof). As I have been reading these past few weeks in the book of Chronicles I have been reminded of the many kings of Judah and Israel who either trusted and served the one true living God or served the false gods of the land. Those who placed their trust in God and tried to walk His ways usually prospered as a King and their nations prospered with them. Those who placed their trust in God initially but fell away from him and started serving false gods usually came to a sticky end. As I read I can pretty much predict what kind of ending the king would come to. We can read these ancient writings and learn much from them if we are open to looking at the patterns found within each king’s reign: trust God and live according to His ways and come to a good end or follow other gods and come to no good end.

As this new school year starts and we all get back to “normal,” let’s remember to make God a part of our normal. Let’s all make a point to read the Bible and learn from the words he is telling us. Let’s take time to talk to Him every day and let us take time to listen. He has something He wants to say to us. Let us make Him our “Normal.”

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to thank all of our Sunday school teachers for devoting your time to studying and preparing lessons to share with your students each week. You are a valuable resource to our church. May God bless you as we start a new year.

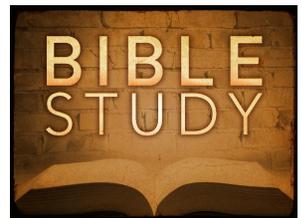


Our UMKids will begin on September 5 at 5:30 from 7:30. All children ages 3 years old thru 7th grade are invited to attend. We will have supper at 5:30 and then move to the sanctuary for praise and worship, followed by class time. Brian Emerson will be leading us in song, and the older students will be learning hand chimes. We will be starting a “UMTween” group with the 4th thru 7th graders giving them an opportunity to be a little more grown up and separate from the younger children.



Wednesday Fellowship meals followed by a Pastor’s Bible Study will begin on September 12. Meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. for UMK’s and their parents and

6:00 p.m. for adults. Cost is by donation. *If any organization within the church is interested in preparing and serving a Wednesday night meal (September 12 - November 14), please contact the church office.*



STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF AUG. 26, 2018

Year to Date Offering	\$208,877.54
Needs To Date.	\$241,234.42
Under.	\$32,356.88

ATTENDANCE – AUG. 26, 2018

Sunday School.	90
Worship.	120

SEPTEMBER USHERS:

Youth and UMK’s



We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in loving memory of:

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Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Janice Metcalf Hammond
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Shirley Smith (Youth Fund)
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Bess Thornburg
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Mr. & Mrs. Vee Thornburg
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Margaret Webb (Playground Fund)
Rhonda Wehunt

MARTHA MODE

Clarice Harrelson

DAVID MOSS

Hazeline Moss (Youth Missions)



DEBBIE PAYSEUR
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RONALD MOSS

Hazeline Moss (Youth Missions)

DEBBIE PAYSEUR

A&B Service Center
Billy & Linda Alexander
Stan & Martha Allen
Tim & Brenda Allen
Pam Anthony
Bob & Caryl Austell
Ben & Libby Ballard
Joyce Baxter (Backpack Ministry)
C. Grier Beam Truck Museum
Don & Judy Beam
E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam
Gary & Mary Beam
Steve & Susan Beam (Backpack Ministry)
Todd & Lonnia Beam
Jack & Judy Bingham
Ben & Robin Blackburn
Steve & Lynn Bowen
Ken & M'Shel Bowen
Dennis Bradley
Johnny, Kelly & Nickolas Brown
Sandra Brown
Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Bryant and Stephen Bryant
Butler & Stowe
Nancy Catena (Endowment Fund)
Kenneth & Phyllis Corn
The Deaton Law Firm
Barry & Wanda Dellinger
Joe & Sandy Dismukes
Guy & Pat Eaker
Bob Faires
David & Mary Ferguson
Louis & Patricia Gantt
Betty Gates
Blake & Ashley Graeber
Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Janice Metcalf Hammond
Clarice Harrelson
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Aura Ann McGinnis
Hubert & Pam McGinnis
Morris & Jacque McGinnis
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Shirley Smith (Youth Fund)
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Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson
Amy Tallent
Bess Thornburg
C.V. & Jerry Thornburg (Backpack Ministry)
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg
Mr. & Mrs. Vee Thornburg
Billy Waters
Wayne & Belinda Watts
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Webb
Margaret Webb (Playground Fund)
Rhonda Wehunt
Wes Westmoreland II
Randy Whitaker
James C. Windham, Jr.

September Birthdays

2 Leland Gaskins
2 John Hines
3 Crystal Essary
3 Amber Sneed
4 Ann Harmon
5 Anice Lawing
5 Teesie Smith
5 Billy Warlick
6 Hadley Webb
7 Steve Falls
7 Jeff Jenkins
7 Belinda Watts
8 Carol Falls
8 Ada Smith
10 Camille Freeman Harden
10 Seth Freeman
10 Evelyn Southards
10 Jimmy Wilent
11 Roy Norwood
12 Kevin Gardo
12 Danny Smith
14 Julie Dellinger
14 Andrea Leffingwell
15 Peggy Gardo
15 Gary Husen
15 Jack Rupard
15 Kent Shaw
15 Gary Thornburg
15 Robin Wilent
16 Jessica Lovell
16 Gabrielle Shedd
17 Amy Kilby
17 Dick Ledford
20 Pam Owens
20 Chelsi Jenkins Thomas
21 Earlene Williams
21 Julie Wyatt
22 Lynn Bowen
22 Shane Stroupe
25 Brent Walls
26 Cooper Sain
27 Annie Beam
27 Ken Mayhew
28 Randy Baxter
28 Ryan Sorenson
29 Michael Beam
30 Trent Thornburg



	<p>Thank you for all the cards and phone calls that I received on my 97th birthday. Your love and kindness is greatly appreciated. I am so grateful to have such a loving church family.</p> <p>Vera Eaker</p>
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If your birthday is in September and not listed, please contact the church office.

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Rita Black Lorrey
Lincolnton Rehab
1410 East Gaston St.
Lincolnton, NC 28092

Sunday, September 2

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

Monday, September 3

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 4

7:00pm - Trustees meeting

Wednesday, September 5

5:30pm - UMK's

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 6

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's

Sunday, September 9

8:45am - Early Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

Monday, September 10

2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle

6:00pm - Callie Beam Circle

6:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle

6:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle

Tuesday, September 11

7:00pm - Staff Parish Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 12

5:30pm - UMK's

6:00pm - Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - Bible Study

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

7:00pm - Parsonage Committee meeting

Thursday, September 13

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's

7:00pm - Education Committee meeting

Sunday, September 16

8:45am - Early Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

Tuesday, September 18

7:00pm - Evangelism Committee meeting

Wednesday, September 19

5:30pm - UMK's

6:00pm - Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - Bible Study

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 20

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's

Sunday, September 23 (Homecoming)

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, September 26

12:00pm - Young at Heart (meet at Roma's)

5:30pm - UMK's

6:00pm - Fellowship Meal

6:30pm - Bible Study

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, September 27

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's

Friday, September 28

6:00pm - CHS Football Concessions

Sunday, September 30

8:45am - Early Worship

9:45am - Sunday School

11:00am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. 2 Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who have pleasure in them. 3 Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever. 4 He has caused his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

PSALM 111:1-4