

Vacation Bible School

July 9th – July 14th: This year’s VBS theme includes: rockets, robots, and a scientist’s workshop. If anyone has any decorations they would be willing to let us use during VBS please let Marisa know. Also, we are still in need of helpers. If you are interested in helping please contact Marisa. It promises to be a great time so mark your calendars. We hope to see you there! You can pre-register your child and/or yourself at: vbspro.events/p/333c6c

New Table/Chair Rental Policy: In order to avoid tables and chairs not being available when needed for personal events/needs we have a new policy. If you need to borrow any tables and/or chairs from the church please contact Beverly Weavil with how many is needed and dates picking up/returning to make sure they are available. See Beverly if you have any further questions.



July Birthdays

7/1	Gary Hilton, Barbara Snyder
7/8	Kyle Wilson
7/9	Jordan Dunlap
7/11	Jean Foster
7/14	Margaret Baker
7/15	Rick Slaydon
7/18	Ryan Evans
7/20	Tim Weavil
7/21	Bill Grose
7/22	Faye Eller
7/23	Jim Dunlap
7/27	Bobby Beaver
7/28	Peggy Beaver, Jane Sutphin
7/31	Adam Wilson

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Dr. Kent Kern	Pastor
Ms. Marisa Fraley	Minister to Youth & Children
Mrs. Gayle Wimbrow	Minister of Music
Rev. Marty Daniels	Minister of Education
Mrs. Angie Weavil	Organist
Mrs. Becky Longworth	Pianist
Mrs. Teresa Tucker	Office Administrator

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Vacation Bible School
July 9th – 14th
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM nightly
Sunday through Thursday
Ages: Nursery – 6th Grade and Adults
Closing Celebration
Friday 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM



Do you have a Spiritual Independence Day to Celebrate?

Galatians 5:1: “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.”

John 8:36: “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”
Romans 7:15: “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.”

Imagine how excited the Continental Congress was on July 4, 1776 as they celebrated freedom from Great Britain. We still celebrate that day of freedom and independence every year with firework displays that light the night sky. As Christians, we also get to celebrate our Spiritual Independence Day, the day we discovered the freedom found in Christ. We were bound in chains of sin and held captive by the fear of death. Then we discovered a war for our independence; our freedom had been fought and won. We learned that Jesus took on the forces of evil and all the punishment our sin deserved, and won the battle for us. It was not easy. It looked like He was defeated as He suffered and died on a hill called Mount Calvary. Victory came when He walked out of the tomb three days later. Now, the chains that held us in sin and death are broken, and in Christ we find liberty and life. Walking in freedom can be a struggle, even as our nation has gone to war many times over the years. We too end up fighting temptations that want to bind us, and old habits that are hard to kill, but praise God we are free in Christ. Be encouraged, once we enter the Promise Land the greatest celebration of our spiritual freedom will begin as we run through heaven shouting “I’m free forever, no more temptation, no more death, no more sorrow, I’m free!” If the Son makes you free, you are free! Do you have a Spiritual Independence Day to celebrate?

History records for us that in Philadelphia after the signed Declaration of Independence was read out loud from the steps of Independence Hall they rang the Liberty Bell, which has the inscription on the top of the bell Leviticus 25:10: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof." Proclaim it, there is freedom in Christ!

Peace, Kent

Senior Moments Group will be having their monthly luncheon on July 20th at 11 am. So come and join us for a great meal, and a fun game of Bingo.

Nursery Schedule

July 2, (Sun)	Kathy Idol & Ann Canada AM
	No PM Activities PM
July 5, (Wed)	Nancy Clodfelter PM
July 9, (Sun)	Marianne & CC Casas AM
	VBS, No Nursery PM
July 12, (Wed)	VBS, No Nursery PM
July 16, (Sun)	Tina & Crista Church AM
	Brenda Grose PM
July 19, (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
July 23, (Sun)	Robin French & Melissa Little AM
	Alice Striplin PM
July 26, (Wed)	Brenda Grose PM
July 30, (Sun)	Carlene Compton & Susan Hilton AM
	Bob & Bettie Spencer PM

Children’s Church & Wee Church Schedule

July 2, (Children’s)	Cathy & Randy Honeycutt
July 2, (Wee)	Marisa Fraley
July 9, (Children’s)	Marisa Fraley
July 9, (Wee)	Beverly Weavil
July 16, (Children’s)	Megan Coleman & Becky Lauten
July 16, (Wee)	Jane & Jill Sutphin
July 23, (Children’s)	Marisa Fraley
July 23, (Wee)	Marisa Fraley
July 30, (Children’s)	Julie Striplin & Beverly Yokeley
July 30, (Wee)	Kathy Horton



Again, thank you to those who participated in the Hospice Home donations. Our next Hospice Ministry emphasis day will be **Sunday, July 9th**.

The following is a listing of June WOM mission projects:

- Friday, June 2nd, a homemade pound cake was taken to the Brenner PICU staff.
- Saturday, June 10th, the WOM ladies participated in the Crisis Control food drive at the Union Cross Station Food Lion. The back of Ron’s truck was filled with food/paper products, along with cash donations. Way to go!!!
- Monday, June 19th, 50 bottles of shampoo for the PMBA jail and prison ministry donated by Jr. and Nancy were delivered to the PMBA office, and another 50 that were purchased with WOM funds as approved at our June meeting were delivered.
- Monday, June 20th, as part of our Inward Missions, we again delivered meals to eight households (14 people). To those who assisted with meal preparation, packaging the food for delivery, assisting with the deliveries, and contributed monetarily for this project, hats off to you for being a part of this wonderful ministry.
- Saturday, June 24th, at part of Operation Inasmuch, WOM ladies took a home cooked meal for 35-50 family members and staff at the Hospice Home in High Point.
- Additionally \$73 of WOM funds were used to purchase microwavable divided meal containers with lids and smaller containers for salads and/or desserts. These will be used for our Inward Meals and those receiving meals are encouraged to return them to us for future use.

It is with regret WOM ladies must let you know we will not be sponsoring a Veterans Hot Dog Luncheon this summer, but hopefully we can plan this event for next year or possibly incorporate a tribute to our Veterans with another function at a later date this year.

As you can see from the above, we have been very busy. Summer may be a time of relaxation and vacation for many, but the WOM ladies continue to stay busy to meet needs all around us. All ladies are invited to be a part of this group. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5th.

Striving to follow God’s direction, **“UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.”**