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This year's VBS was a huge success. We were able to minister to 76 students from our community. Praise God! The Sunday kick-off provided the children with some cool refreshing slides down a huge water slide. The whole family got to enjoy hot dogs, cotton candy, and snow cones. Each night the children were entertained by Dr. Mister (Pastor Joe) who is a crazy scientist that tried to invent something new. Each night he discovered that his "new" invention had already been invented. The children learned that through Jesus we can become a new creation.

Each night children brought their offering and deposited it into the bucket of the person they wanted to get slimed. We were able to raise enough money to purchase 3011 meals through Children's Hunger Fund. Not only will children be fed physically, but they will also hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pastor Joe "won" the offering contest and got "slimed!"

We would like to thank all the adult volunteers as well as the youth that helped. We could not have done this without you.



We are grateful for your many expressions of support during Vivian's recent diagnosis and subsequent surgeries and procedures. As many of you are aware, Vivian was diagnosed with stage 4 Uterine cancer in May. She immediately began treatment only to find that the disease had progressed at an alarming rate which caused her to be hospitalized two times for a total of five weeks. She underwent four surgeries and ten procedures. She will have her eleventh procedure on July 17 at Carolinas Medical Center.

Thank you for your many acts of kindness, including cards, gifts, visits, texts, and well wishes during her ordeal. Most of all, thank you for your PRAYERS! We appreciate your support and words of encouragement more than I can say, and I praise God for helping us bear our burden! God bless each of you. We love you very much! --Rick Fite, For The Fite Family



Summer seems to be flying by. Can you believe it is almost August? Our children have been busy during the month of July with Vacation Bible School and our Wonderful Wednesday outings. During VBS the children learned that Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever; that he never changes. They saw how he was there in the beginning of creation. They learned how Jesus was present through events in the Old Testament as well as events in the New Testament. They celebrated his birthday by dressing for "Christmas in July," and learned about his death and resurrection so that we could have a new life with him. The children also learned about the home that Jesus has gone to prepare for us. Through the entire VBS they learned about Jesus from eternity past to eternity future.

During our Wonderful Wednesday outings the children went to see the animated movie "Ferdinand" which is about a bull who does not want to fight. This movie had many good lessons for the children, the first being to always obey your parents. Ferdinand got into trouble and was captured because he did not listen to his "parent." God has rules for us to follow that are designed to keep us from harm. Secondly, Ferdinand stuck to his beliefs even when everybody else was following the norm. He did not let peer pressure or even the thought of losing his life dissuade him from standing up for what he thought to be right. As Christians we need to have the same type of conviction and fortitude.

Upcoming Wonderful Wednesday Events

On August 1, we will have a pool party for the children at the home of Scott and Angela Jones. You should drop your children off at their house at 9 am and pick them up at 1 pm. Lunch will be provided.

On August 8, we will be going to Discovery Place for Kids in Huntersville. The cost is \$10 and needs to be paid by August 1st so reservations can be made. Children should bring a bag lunch and a drink. Have your child at the church by 7:45 am. You can pick up your child at 3 pm. We must have a new (pink) Medical Authorization Form on File at the church.

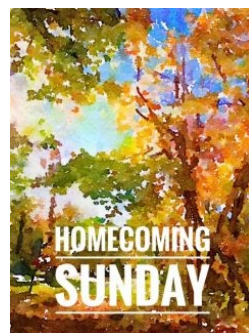
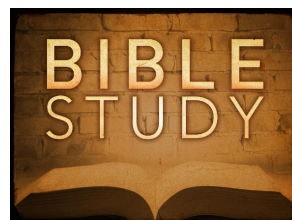
YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

The youth will be going on their summer retreat the first week end in August. On this trip we will have a Bible Study and they will learn some basic orienteering skills and some survival skills. We will be camping at Sam's Knob in the Pisgah National Forest. Cost is \$15. Please see Jeanna for more details.



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.*



Homecoming will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Worship will begin at 10:30am and Rev. Charles Turner will be our guest speaker. Rev. Turner served as Pastor of our church from 1993 - 1998.



ONE BODY ONE MISSION SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The First Wesleyan Church is the location this year for the community "One Body One Mission" school supply distribution. Families that have registered their children, ages pre-k through 12th grade, for supplies through C.A.M. and area churches, will receive assistance. We will be coming together to see that back packs are filled with supplies on **August 14, 15 and again on August 16 at 6:30PM at the First Wesleyan Church.** Please come and help us support this project.

The event date is **August 18th**, beginning 10AM to 12 noon. We need volunteers to help with this event. We need volunteers to hand out supplies, be a prayer partner, greeters, and general helping hands. A hot dog lunch will be served and provided by St. John's Lutheran "Table of Grace". Free haircuts will be offered by local hair stylists.

MOST IMPORTANT... WE NEED YOUR HELP TO DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES AS BELOW:

*****OUR CHURCH IS DESIGNATED TO BRING GLUE STICKS AND SAFETY/SCHOOL SCISSORS**

AND ANY OF THE PRODUCTS BELOW...

PENCILS	PENS	SAFETY SCISSORS	GLUE STICKS
ERASERS	1' 3 RING BINDERS	2' 3 RING BINDERS	REPORT FOLDERS
1,2,3 AND 5 SUBJECT NOTEBOOKS		MARKERS	PAPER
COLORED PENCILS	CRAYONS	INDEX CARDS	COMPOSITION BOOKS
ERASER TOPS	PENCIL BOXES	PENCIL POUCHES	RULERS
PENCIL SHARPENERS	POCKET FOLDERS	SHARPIE /FINE POINT	NOTEBOOK DIVIDERS
ADJUSTABLE COMPASS	HIGHLIGHTERS	CALCULATOR	PROTRACTOR
MECHANICAL PENCILS	HAND SANITIZER	SHEET PROTECTORS	KLEENEX

There is a table for the supplies and a sign up sheet at the events table in the hallway outside the church office. You can also call Bess Thornburg if you would like to help or for more information at 704-435-5185.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AS OF JULY 22, 2018

Year to Date Offering \$179,378.87
 Needs To Date. \$205,758.77
 Under. \$26,379.90

ATTENDANCE – JULY 22, 2018

Sunday School. 71
 Worship. 109

AUGUST USHERS:

Keith DeVenny, Danny Webb, Chad Bingham,
 Steve Beam, Wayne Watts

NURSERY WORKERS

10:30am

August 5 - Chrystal Harmon
 August 12 - Melanie Thornburg
 August 19 - Holly Thornburg
 August 26 - Phyllis Thornburg



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

RUTH BURGESS

Pam Anthony
Sandra Carpenter (Backpack Ministry)
Nancy Catena
Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)
Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Gail & Jeff Jenkins (Endowment Fund)
Eloise Mauney
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Mayhew (Endowment Fund)
Ray McSwain
Sylvia Norton (Backpack Ministry)
Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson
Chelsi & Rob Thomas (Endowment Fund)
C.V. & Jerry Thornburg
Margaret Webb
Mr. & Mrs. Danny Webb
Julie Wyatt

PUDGE CORNWELL

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Sandra Carpenter (Playground Fund)
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Larry & Barbara McGinnis
Sylvia Norton (Playground Fund)
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg
Julie Wyatt

MR. & MRS. EARL EAKER

Guy & Pat Eaker

TRENT GARDO

Billy & Barbara Crews (Playground Fund)
Guy & Pat Eaker (Playground Fund)
Nell Griggs (Playground Fund)
Steve & Cindy Homesley (Playground Fund)

LYNNE HOOD

Nancy & Michael Catena
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

JIM HELMS

Ben & Libby Ballard
E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam
Jack & Judy Bingham
Allen & Susan Fraley (Backpack Ministry)
Palmer & Mary Ann Huffstetler
Gail & Jeff Jenkins (Endowment Fund)
Mr. & Mrs. Ken Mayhew
Larry & Barbara McGinnis
Jack & Mary Etta Stephenson
Amy Tallent
Chelsi & Rob Thomas (Endowment Fund)

HARVEY JONAS

Gail Jenkins (Endowment Fund)

HELEN MABRY

Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

MARTHA MODE

Pam Anthony
Vera Eaker (Backpack Ministry)
C.V. & Jerry Thornburg

JERRY BEAM PAYNE

Guy & Pat Eaker

WILLIAM CARL PAYNE

Guy & Pat Eaker

BETTY TILLMAN

Gail & Jeff Jenkins (Endowment Fund)
Chelsi & Rob Thomas (Endowment Fund)
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

LOIS BEAM PAYNE VERNON

Guy & Pat Eaker

BOB WOODRUFF

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam
Larry & Juanita Gunnell
Gary & Phyllis Thornburg

We gratefully acknowledge gifts presented to the church in honor of:

Gail Beam (Backpack Ministry)

Joyce Baxter (Youth Fund)

Billy & Barbara Crews

Larry & Juanita Gunnell

Joyce Baxter (Youth Fund)

Gail Beam (Backpack Ministry)

Billy & Barbara Crews

Nell Griggs

Billy & Barbara Crews

(60th Wedding Anniversary)

Steve & Susan Beam (Backpack Ministry)

Nancy Catena

Larry & Juanita Gunnell

Palmer & Mary Ann Huffstetler

Gail Jenkins (Endowment Fund)

Larry & Barbara McGinnis

Bill & Chris Sneed

Larry & Carolyn Summer

Amy Tallent

Joyce Baxter (Youth Fund)

Guy & Pat Eaker

PRAYER LIST (Members)

Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Deborah DeVenny, The Gardo Family, Sandra Howard, Gail Jenkins, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, The Payseur Family, Karleen Price, Frances Putnam, C.V. Thornburg, Gary Thornburg, Earlene Williams, and all our homebound and nursing home members.

PRAYER LIST (Family & Friends)

Bill Allen, Jay Beam, Ray Branton, Shaunda Camp, Vivian Fite, James Griffith, Ray Homesley, Cornelia Moss, Gail Packard, Mary Wheatley, Jack Whitworth and our loved ones in the military.

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY:

#Ethan Beck, Aron Dickerson, Kenny Greene, Jessica Lovell, *Travis Kiser, *Cody Spiker.

Church Member; *Stationed in the Middle East



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the following:

The family of Betty Tillman following her death on June 27

Mickey Payseur, Brian & Jenny Emerson, and Ben & Jen Payseur following the death of Debbie Payseur on July 23

Teci & Danny Webb and family following the death of Teci's sister, Sandra Howard, on July 24

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Ned Heavner
2	Devan Beam
2	Sharon Sigmon
2	Jack Stephenson
3	Chris Ballard
3	Steve Panton
4	Greg Kirby
4	Emilie Pope
5	Lauren Bell
5	Bella Thornburg
6	Betty Jane Robinson
8	Bowen Beam
8	Sandra Carpenter
8	Sylvia C. Norton
8	Bill Moss
9	Linda Alexander
13	Kristyn Stroupe
14	Dusty Pope
14	Raelyn Thornburg
18	Billy Crews
19	Jodi Beam
19	Ben Payseur
19	Loren Stroupe
20	Steve Bowen
20	Janice Hovis
21	Jerry Thornburg
22	Gavin Burleson
22	Vera Eaker
23	Maxton Hartman
23	Danny Webb
24	Zane McGinnis
24	Landry Pruitt
25	Jeff Hoyle
25	Jenny Emerson
25	Braden Jones
25	Frances Putnam
26	Libby Ballard
26	Bob Dellinger
26	Scott Jones
27	Harlee Austin
28	Nicole Canipe
28	Mickey Payseur
28	Doug Whitworth
29	Alex Blackburn
29	Harris Hetrick
29	Leon Roseboro
30	Kathy Burleson
31	Ron Walls



If your birthday is in August and not listed, please contact the church office.



Frances Putnam
P. O. Box 486
Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, July 29

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

Monday, July 30

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Wednesday, August 1

8:30am - "Walk with God"

9:00am - UMK's swimming party

Friday, August 3

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Friday - Sunday, August 3 - 5

Youth Retreat

Sunday, August 5

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

Monday, August 6

8:30am - "Walk with God"

6:00pm - UMW Salad Supper

Tuesday, August 7

Church Office closed

Youth to movies

Wednesday, August 8

Church Office Closed

8:00am - UMK's to Discovery Place

8:30am - "Walk with God"

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Friday, August 10

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, August 12

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

Monday, August 13

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Tuesday, August 14

Youth to meet

Wednesday, August 15

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Friday, August 17

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, August 19

9:30am - Sunday School

10:00am - Worship

4:00pm - Preschool Orientation

6:00pm - Youth

Monday, August 20

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Wednesday, August 22

8:30am - "Walk with God"

6:30pm - Chancel Choir

Friday, August 24

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, August 26

9:30am - Sunday School

10:30am - Worship

6:00pm - Youth

Monday, August 27

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Wednesday, August 29

8:30am - "Walk with God"

Friday, August 31

8:30am - "Walk with God"

NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-4