



THE MESSENGER

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Beginning **May 2nd** all adults interested in weight loss combined with a spiritual component and personal support are invited to participate in **“Walk**

With God”. We will be meet to walk at the **Cherryville High School track on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings** from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. We will begin our exercise program with a short devotion and start walking by 9:40 am. The number of laps one walks is up to them (rest when necessary). On Fridays we will eat lunch together at Roma’s following our walk. We will be meeting throughout the month of May. Bring your tennis shoes, bottled water and a smile. Talk with Pastor Joe or the church office for more details.

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**

On Thursday, May 3, there will be a National Day of Prayer service at 12:00 noon at the Community Building.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 8-12, 2018



Can you believe we are already talking about VBS? This year we will travel back in time in our Time Lab to meet the most important man ever—a man who was not just a man, but also God. One who turned the world upside-down. One who existed outside of time and we will learn that Jesus, our forever faithful, loving, caring, promise-keeping Lord, has been with us always!

If you would like to volunteer in ministering to children through VBS please contact Jeanna Spiker or the church office.



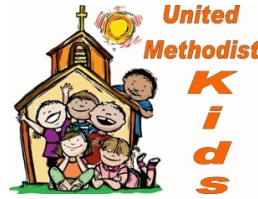
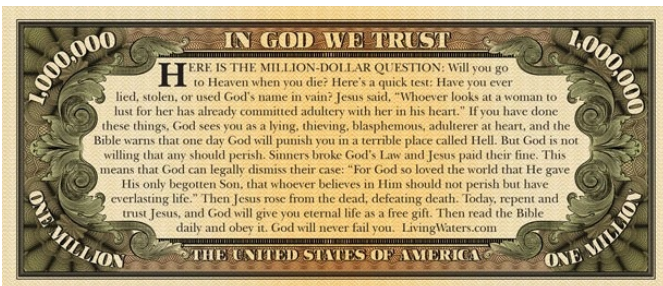
FUMC TRIP to see the musical/murder mystery **“Clue”** on Sunday, June 3rd at Flatrock Playhouse. We will depart in the church van at 12:10 PM (after church) so

bring a sandwich to eat along the way. Sign up by calling the church office by Monday, May 14th. Tickets are \$34 per person. We will stop for supper at Cracker Barrel on the way home.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

The youth have been learning to be a more effective witness for Jesus by going through "The Way of the Master." In this series of instruction, the youth are learning different ways to start a conversation with people, in order to gain some common ground with them to share the Gospel. Using Gospel tracts is one technique. These tracts are interesting ways to engage people in conversation about God. They contain information on how to be able to answer the million dollar question with confidence, "Will you go to heaven when you die?" During the Cherry Blossom Festival this past month the youth and youth workers spent over seven hours spreading the good news by having discussions and passing out tracts. We grabbed many people's attention by entertaining the children with interactive puppets. This gave the opportunity for other workers to talk to the parents. We also gave out information about our church.

Example of Gospel Tract



Spring is a busy time for our children and families. It is vitally important that we do not let our church family and activities take a back seat to things of this world. UMKids on Wednesday nights is a great place to bring your children to gain faith, fun, food, and fellowship. Your child's relationship with God is the most important thing in your child's life. When we let everything else come before a commitment to God, then we are sending the wrong message to our children. Please show our children by your example that God comes FIRST. Take your family to church (Sunday school and worship). Even if you are gone on the weekends, find a Bible believing church to attend while you are away. Read the Bible with your children and pray with them everyday. Ask them about their concerns and lead them by your example. Give them tools to help them build their relationship and trust in God. We must teach our children TO honor God because the world will teach them NOT to honor God.

Calling all Children ages 4 years through 6th grade. There will be a community Children's Choir camp on June 11 - 14 for children who are 4 years old - 6th grade from 9:00am - 3:00pm each day. There will be a concert held on Thursday evening, June 14. The cost is \$50.00 per child through May 6. After May 6 the cost goes up to \$65. Auditions for drama parts and solos will be on Sunday, May 6, at 2 pm at Second Baptist Church in Cherryville. Several volunteers from our own church will be teaching classes. Registration forms are on the events table. If you would like more details, please see Jeanna Spiker.

Our first annual **UMKids Family Cookout** will be on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 5:30. Please mark your calendars and come join the fun. We will be discussing our summer schedule for Wonderful Wednesday events, as well as eating food and playing games.



KINGDOM KIDS KORNER

It's hard to believe we are in the final few weeks of this school year! During these weeks the twenty-one graduating students will visit Cherryville Elementary School to tour the school and meet the kindergarten teachers.

Some of our students have already had their kindergarten assessment tests and we are getting glowing reports regarding their readiness. Thanks to all their wonderful Kingdom Kids teachers!

The graduating students will also visit Catawba Science Center in Hickory for a fun day of learning. We are in the planning process for a "Fun Day" for all students prior to the end of school.

All classes are already practicing for our graduation program which will take place on Thursday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

For the 2018-2019 school year our three and four year classes are already filled; however, we do still have some openings for the two year class.

Ms. Millie

STEWARDSHIP REPORT APR. 22, 2018

Year to Date Offering	\$106,658.02
Needs To Date.	\$113,522.08
Under.	\$6,864.06

ATTENDANCE – APR. 22, 2018

Sunday School.	92
Early Worship	43
Worship.	<u>115</u>
TOTAL	158

MAY USHERS:

Scott Beam, Allen Fraley, Chesley Walls,
Tommy Allen, Pat Yount



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

JULIA ETTA ALLRAN

Mickey & Debbie Payseur

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 Mickey & Debbie Payseur
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Mickey & Debbie Payseur
Mike & Sarah Young

Bess Thornburg

Bob & Caryl Austell
Nell Griggs

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IN HONOR

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

PAM ANTHONY

Vera Eaker (Backpack Ministry)

CONE CARPENTER

Nell Griggs

ALLEN & SUSAN FRALEY

(Wedding Anniversary)

E.L., Gail & Ephriam Beam (Backpack Ministry)

ANDREW & CHRYSTAL HARMON

Chris & Bobbi Ballard

ELOISE MAUNEY

Janice Metcalf Hammond

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PRAYER LIST (Members)

Cone Carpenter, Joanne Carpenter, Janet Carter, Buzz Eaker, Peggy Gardo, Aura Ann McGinnis, Barbara McGinnis, Sue Nolen, Debbie Payseur, 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, Ray Branton, Shaunda Camp, Paul & Carol Cornwell, Richard Lineberger, Cornelia Moss, 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

NURSERY WORKERS

8:45am

11:00am

May 6	Chrystal Harmon	Phyllis Thornburg
May 13	Emilie Pope	Bonnie Gunnell
May 20	Linda Alexander	Amy Tallent
May 27	Maria Pruitt	Susan Fraley



Dear Church Family,

About nine months ago, our lives were turned upside down when we learned I had bone cancer. Since then

our lives have been filled with two major surgeries, chemo, hospitals and various other medical procedures. The first three months were filled with nothing but bad news. It was also filled with so many people showing they cared with cards, food, and many, many prayers. Then things seem to take a positive direction. There is no doubt in our minds that the many prayers made the difference in the outcome.

Our entire family would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, visits and especially the thoughts and prayers during the last nine months. We are so fortunate to have such wonderful family, friends, church, and community as a support system. Many prayers have been answered on my behalf and I have received many blessings. God has been in control and will continue to be. We ask for your continued prayers as this journey continues. We have been humbled and blessed and thank you all.

Debbie and Mickey Payseur and Family



Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the many calls, texts, cards and ongoing prayers for leslie during and

after her recent surgery. We felt the many prayers throughout those days. Our church family has always been a tremendous support network for Leslie (and us!)

Thank you again. God Bless You All!

Chad, Crystal and Leslie

May Birthdays

1	Samantha Moss
3	Deborah DeVenny
4	Susan Beam
4	Nancy Pierce
6	Renee Allen
7	Betty Dellinger
8	Paige Sigmon
9	Audie McGinnis
11	Walter Putnam
12	Harry Putnam
13	Greyson Haynes
13	Pam Huffstetler
13	Bertha Maxey
13	Landis Moss
13	Robert Turner
14	Jim Eaton
15	Willie Heavner
16	Dawn Whitworth
19	Michelle Bingham
19	Jennifer Bradley
19	C.V. Thornburg
20	Lance Hudson
20	Rozzie Norwood
20	Bayne Phillips
20	Kevin Thornburg
21	Katherine Goins
21	Jerry Hudson
21	Nate Thornburg
22	M'Shel Bowen
22	Laura Gardo
22	Wayne Watts
24	Andrew Harmon
24	Lucas Smith
24	Ben Sneed
25	Eddie Pursley
25	Robert Sneed
25	Kim Young
28	Genea Moss
28	Hazeline Moss
28	Kaitlin Starling
30	Kent Ballard
30	Elisabeth Huss
30	Chelsea Thornburg



NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR:

7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

PROVERBS 1:7

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



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Peak Resources
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Cherryville, NC 28021

Sunday, April 29

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Wednesday, May 2

9:30am - "Walk with God"
5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 3

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor
12:05pm - National Day of Prayer service at
Community Building

Friday, May 4

9:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, May 6

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, May 7

9:30am - "Walk with God"
2:00pm - Lola Allran Circle
7:00pm - Callie Beam Circle
7:00pm - Aunt Pearl Circle
7:00pm - Vera Eaker Circle
(Guest Speaker, Jill Puett)

Tuesday, May 8

7:00pm - Scholarship Committee meeting

Wednesday, May 9

9:30am - "Walk with God"
5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 10

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

Friday, May 11

9:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, May 13

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship

Monday, May 14

9:30am - "Walk with God"

Wednesday, May 16

9:30am - "Walk with God"
5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 17

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor

Friday, May 18

9:30am - "Walk with God"
7:00pm - Youth (lock in at the Barn)

Sunday, May 20

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth

Monday, May 21

9:30am - "Walk with God"

Tuesday, May 22

7:00pm - Secret Pal Dinner (church fellowship hall)

Wednesday, May 23

9:30am - "Walk with God"
5:30pm - UMK's
6:00pm - Youth Bible Study
6:30pm - Chancel Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 24

7:00am - Youth Prayer Breakfast at Homefolk's
8:00am - Prayer Time in Parlor
7:00pm - Preschool Graduation

Friday, May 25

9:30am - "Walk with God"

Sunday, May 27

8:45am - Early Worship
9:45am - Sunday School
11:00am - Worship
6:00pm - Youth