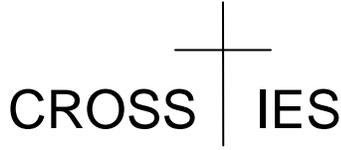


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JULY CALENDAR

Sun	1	Adult Sunday School VOA Practice & Sunday School Worship Service led by Gray Clark SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	4	 Church Office Closed No Circle Meeting	
Sat	7	Soccer	9:00 am
Sun	8	Adult Sunday School VOA Practice & Sunday School Worship Service led by Vicki McCain SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	11	No Session Meeting	
Sat	14	Soccer	9:00 am
		 11:30 am	
Sun	15	Adult Sunday School VOA Practice & Sunday School Worship Service led by Vicki McCain SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
W	18	Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	21	Soccer	9:00 am
		 11:30 am	
Sun	22	SHARING SUNDAY Adult Sunday School VOA Practice & Sunday School Worship Service led by Gray Clark SASTO NA Group	9:45 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
Sat	28	Soccer	9:00 am
		 11:30 am	

PRAYING FOR OUR COUNTRY



There is a historic fight going on between good and evil, not just in our country but around the world. Christianity is being diminished and diluted by those who use it for personal and political gain. It is a "Me First" world. How do we pray for a people like that?

Mary Oliver has a poem, "Praying", that reads like this:

"It doesn't have to be the blue iris, it could be the weeds in the parking lot, or a few small stones; just pay attention, then patch a few words together and don't try to make them elaborate, this isn't a contest but the doorway into thanks, and a silence in which another voice may speak."

With that in mind, we need to first give thanks – for food on our tables, for shelter, for health, for those who love and care for us, for freedom and for faith. Then, an important part of prayer is to open our eyes and look around us. It may be the beauty of the world we live in or it may be the blight of those who struggle for peace in their lives, for a country they can feel safe in, for a job, for being re-united with their families.

Prayer has two important elements: first it is communicating with a higher power – God. The second is that prayer is a part of our own awareness of our sinfulness, and the sin that exists around us. Prayer does not stop with "Amen". That's when we have to get down to work and change both ourselves, our community and our nation so that it matches the gospel of Jesus Christ. Praying opens the door that allows the Spirit of God to use us for the healing of this world. It's based in love. The love of God, the love we have for one another, even as Jesus modeled – the love for the stranger.

Believe! Pray! Act!

~ Gray Clark

JULY CALENDAR, CONTINUED

Sun	29	Adult Sunday School VOA Practice & Sunday School Worship Service SASTO NA Group	9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm
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Vacation Bible School

Sign up TODAY!

Vacation Bible School will be held on Saturday, July 14, 21, 28, August 4 and 11 following soccer. Lunch will be available at 11:00 am and VBS will be from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm. We welcome ALL children ages 5-14.

To sign up, call the church office (336-274-5467) with name and age of each child who will attend OR you can sign the sheet located on the information tables at church. Please invite other children.

If you are willing to help with Bible School, please contact Elaine Morehead or Joanne Miles.

SUMMER CONTRIBUTIONS

Please, when you are on vacation, don't forget that we still need your financial support. Thanks!

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE – **OUCH!**

We've been talking about it for quite a while but we can no longer put off many of the repairs which need to be done around the church. Following is a list and cost (or estimate) to have these repairs done:

- Replace sanctuary air conditioning system - \$28,514.37
- Repair fellowship hall air conditioning – \$250.00
- Roof repair over a small part of the fellowship hall - \$1,200
- New lawn tractor - \$3,400
- Organ repair - \$849.41
- Replace tile flooring - ???

Contributions toward paying for this upkeep would be greatly appreciated! Please mark your check or envelope "Property Maintenance"...but don't forget that we still need your support for our operating expenses such as salaries, utilities, Sunday School literature and supplies, office supplies, gas for mowing, etc.

SOCCER OUTREACH

Soccer resumes July 7, beginning at 9:00 am on Saturdays. We need **volunteers** from 10:00-12:00 to help feed lunch. Also, we would love to have someone responsible for purchasing the food. Please let Gray or the office know if you are willing to help. You don't have to commit for the long term, you can just do an occasional Saturday.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

There will be no Circle meeting in July. The next women's meeting will be on Wednesday, August 1, at 10:00 am.

PCC PEOPLE

Congratulations to **April Vernon** and **Jake Denney** who were married on June 23! April is the daughter of **Scott** and **Beth Vernon**.

Joe Cline has been moved to a different room. Her new address is:
Mrs. Alta (Joe) Cline
Alamance House, Room 401
2766 Grand Oaks Blvd.
Burlington, NC 27215

Please keep in prayer:

Richard Nichols

Jason Hopkins (Allison Shelton's fiancé)

Ty Shelton (Lee and Courtney Shelton's son, Merrie Shelton's grandson, who is having surgery)

Sharon Ozment

Dorothy Baker (Joanne Miles' mother)

John Huskey

Eugene Calhoun (Sheryl Patterson's brother at Ashton Place)

Irene Wright

Margaret Guero

Elaine Buie

Sandy Tew

Sharon Jennell

Ruth Phillips (Janet Clark's mother)

Lucinda Hinton (Vicki McCain's mother)

Our love and sympathy are extended to **Christy** and **Austin Miller** at the loss of **James Fraser (Bo) Miller, Jr.**, brother and uncle respectively. Bo was the son of our former pastor, the late Jim Miller.

PREACHING SCHEDULE

July 1 Gray Clark

July 8 Vicki McCain

July 15 Vicki McCain

July 22 Gray Clark

July 29 Special Service; Looking Ahead – we want your ideas for how we can improve our church. Bring your ideas with you.

"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."
- Nelson Mandela

God Bless the USA!