

AUGUST 24, 2025

# **WELCOME**

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome...

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.

We leave all that which might be a distraction from worship at the doors this day and we prepare our hearts for worship. Peace be with you. *Amen.* 

**PRELUDE** 

Give Me Jesus
Camp/CCLI #4874344

# THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font. In the name of the Father, and † the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We turn to the doors of the sanctuary. As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Baptized into Christ, we confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

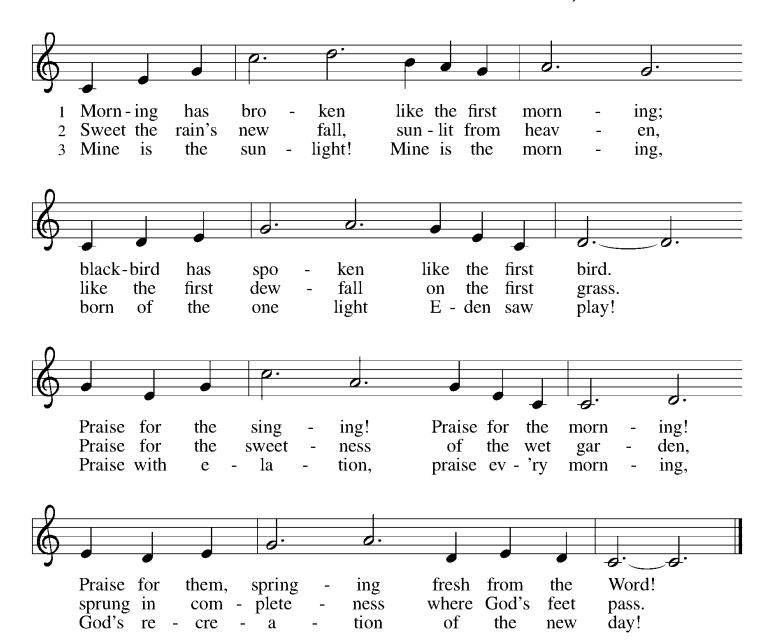
Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. *Amen.* 

# **H**YMN

# Morning Has Broken

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## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

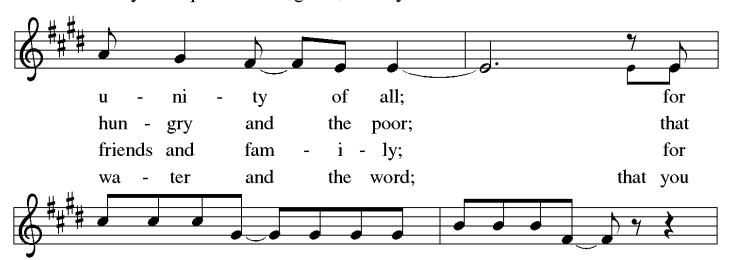
# And also with you.







- For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im passioned re sponse to the
- For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



this ho - ly house, for all who we may live out . . . . truth and life and for love, . . . . for our nour-ish our souls . . . with your

wor-ship and praise, jus-tice and grace, work and our play, bod-y and blood,



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

# THE WORD

#### Isaiah 58:9B-14

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water

whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach,

the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;

if you call the Sabbath a delight

and the holy day of the LORD honorable;

if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.* 

#### PSALM 103:1-8

We read responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

<sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all God's benefits

<sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases;

<sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the grave And crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;

<sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things So that your youth is renewed like eagle's.

<sup>6</sup> O Lord you provide vindication And justice for all who are oppressed.

<sup>7</sup>You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

<sup>8</sup> Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

### HEBREWS 12:18-29

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>8</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not

another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

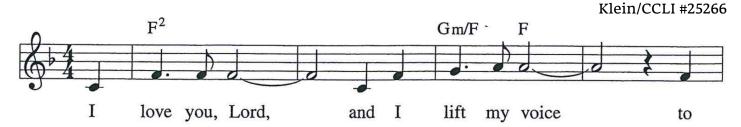
<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

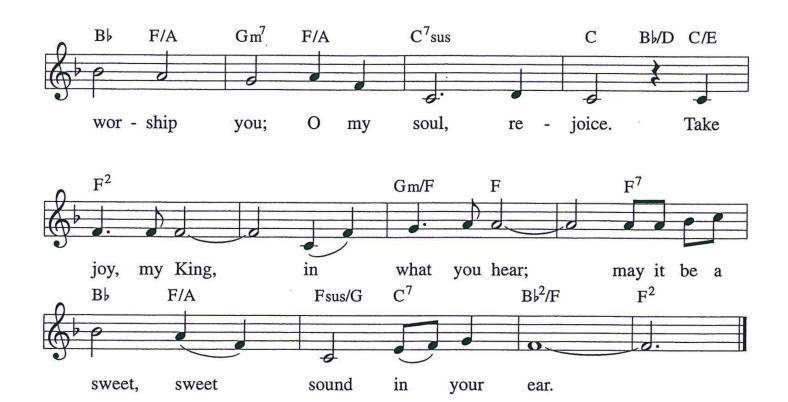
The word of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.* 

We stand.

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### I Love You Lord





HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 13:10-17
The holy gospel according to St. Luke the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said

this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

sabbath

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

Sermon healing

We stand.

HYMN

Light the Fire

Maxwell/CCLI #332454

I stand in your presence but I fall on my knees My spirit is willing, but my flesh is so weak So light the fire in my soul Fan the flames, make me whole Lord you know where I've been So light the fire in my heart again.

I feel your arms around me when the healing begins Your spirit surrounds me like a rushing wind So light the fire in my soul Fan the flames, make me whole Lord you know where I've been So light the fire in my heart again.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

We pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. *Amen.* 

#### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

# And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

We sit.

#### **OFFERING**

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.org and click on "On-line Giving." Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship. Friendship pads have returned to the pews. Please take a moment to sign the forms so that we may get to know our neighbors and we will also have a record of your communing.

**OFFERING** 

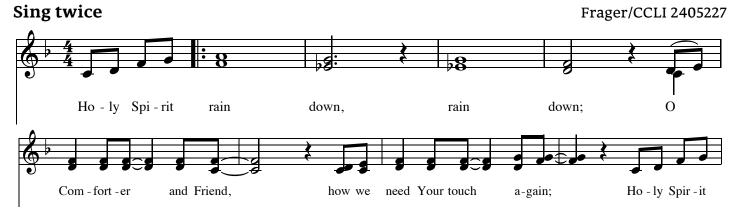
Romans 12:1

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We stand.

#### **OFFERTORY**

# Holy Spirit Rain Down









#### OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

# THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.* 

#### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened the way to everlasting life.

#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.* 

God, our great provider, the bread of life nourishes and sustains us. Send the Spirit to fill this bread and wine. *Come, Holy Spirit.* 

This meal fills your people with your abundant mercy and draws us closer to you and with one another. We long to be filled with your bread. Strengthen us in your presence. *Come, Holy Spirit.* 

We worship and adore you. We fall at your feet to be near you. Show us your great power and assure us of your mighty presence. *Amen.* 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

We sit.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

# **COMMUNION**

Please come forward using the side aisles to receive communion. You will receive the bread and then you may dip in the first chalice of wine, or in the second challis of grape juice. You may then return to your pews using the center aisle. Please return to your pews for a time of quiet prayer and meditation. If this is the first Sunday of the month, there will be a third station at the rail. On this Sunday, you may continue through the side doors and an usher will guide you to the altar to receive communion.

#### **MUSIC**

Better Is One Day

Redman/CCLI #1097451

#### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.* 

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

# **THE SENDING**

#### **BLESSING**

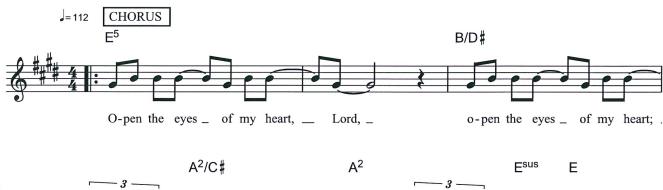
The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit

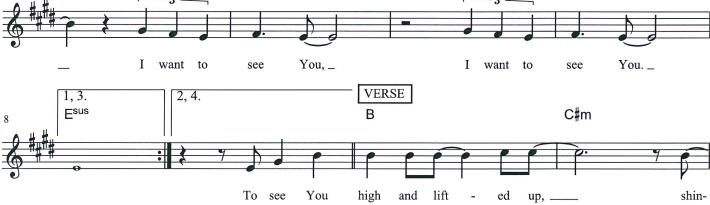
t bless you and give you peace. Amen.

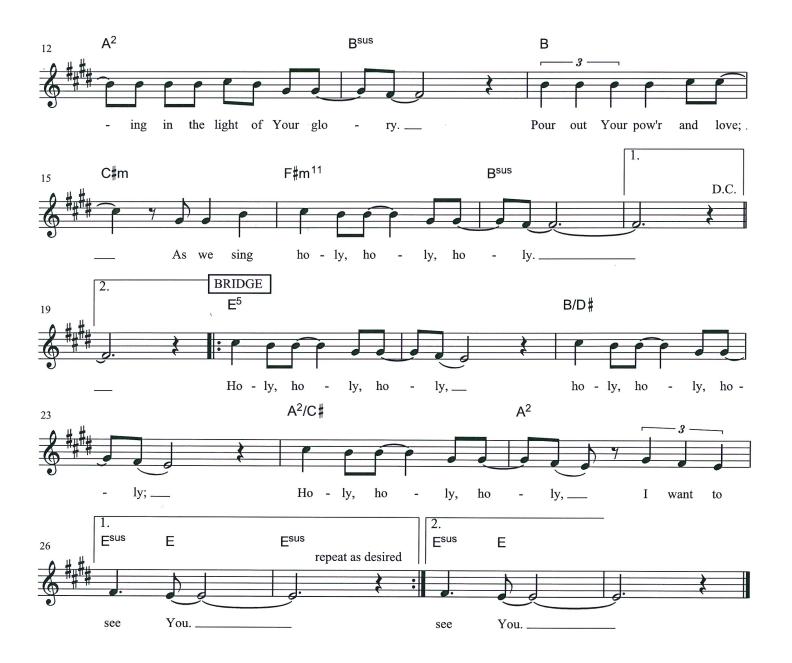
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# Open the Eyes of My Heart

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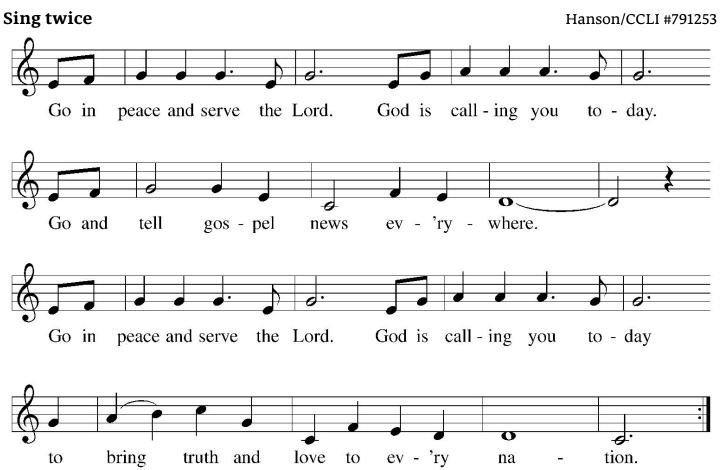




As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

#### **SENDING**

# Go in Peace and Serve the Lord



As the cross passes your pew, turn and face the entrance of the sanctuary.

#### SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered. We have been fed.

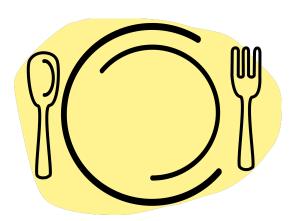
Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen

# **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in honor of Adelaide's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday with love from her family.

Hebrews Supper Club September 13<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up in the narthex or online. Deadline to sign up is September 7<sup>th</sup>.



# **Back to School Backpack Donations THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to all who participated in the back-to-school backpack donation. We received 65 bookbags and all we graciously welcomed at the schools. Thank you all for making a difference in students within our communities' lives.



## **TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

08/17/2025

9:00 worship 92 + live stream 131 = 223 Sunday School = 26

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$3,739.43
<b>Building Fund</b>	Received	\$1,420.00
<b>Building Improvement</b>	Received	\$65.00

#### HONORARIUMS AND MEMORIALS

In memory of our parents by David, Scottie, & Jacob Marsh.



Are you curious about what it means to be a disciple of Christ who calls Mt.

Hermon 'home'

Pastor Gina invites you into conversation at 10:30 in the Gathering Room September 7, 21, 28



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# **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

	Today	Next Sunday	
Ushers:	Frankie Jackson	Larry Amick	
	Melanie Jackson	Kay Bryant	
Crucifer:	Brayden Rutherford	Hayes Wingard	
Acolyte:	Walker Kinard	Bryson Johnson	
Lector:	Frank Bouknight	Larry Amick	
Communion Assts:	Frank Bouknight	Kathy Cooper	
	Brayden Rutherford	Wayne Corley	
	Walker Kinard	Charlene Corley	
	Frankie Jackson	Susan Busby	
	Melanie Jackson	Terry Swygert	
Audio:	Brandon Donaldson	Ryan Corley	
Video:	Marie Gardner	Rick Duval	
Nursery:	Cassie Swygert	Melanie Jackson	
	Laura Carroll	Katie Donaldson	
Flowers:	Sherwood Garrett	The Scotts	

# **SERVING IN AUGUST**

COUNCIL REP: Wayne Corley ALTAR GUILD: Jennifer Price

TABULATORS: Diane Boulware, Ann Bouknight

# MT HERMON PRAYS

## Continual Prayer

Patricia Bachman, Asbury Arms Lauvenia Butts, Lakeside Place Doris Carver, Presby Home Georgianna Gray, home James Hallman, Lakeside Place Marie Kleckley, Lex Ext Care Gloria Mathias, *home*Jane Sexton, *Phoenix Asst Living*Jean Shealy, *Lex Ext Care Rehab*Cyndi Thurman, *home*Linda Waters-Hamilton, *home* 

## Members in Special Need of Prayer

Chris Carroll Debbie Duval Renee Greenbaum Joye Haygood Ronnie Mathias Skyler Miller Dennis Thurman Mary Frances Sease Jim Whitaker

#### Family and Friends Who Have Requested Prayer

Billy Huckabee, friend of Danny Scott Stetson Cooper, grandson of Dan Cooper Paula Miller, friend of Brittany Allen Dawn McIlwain-Merck,

friend of Robin Ellisor

John Catoe, family of the Ellisors

Mrs. William L. Coleman Jr (Carolyn),

friends of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart
Iris Wellborn, sister of Earl Sease
Mrs. Cruz, teacher of Abbey Carroll
Phil Dennis, brother of Lavonne Roof
Nancy Lail-Hulon & Family,

friends of Debra & Dave Butts
Sandra Watson.

aunt of Courtney Bucknam Jaimie Womack,

friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Cynthia Rabon, friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price Blase Rhine,

grandson of Frank & Bonnie Bouknight
Jeslyn, friend of Scarlett Bryant
Faye McCartha, mother of Debra Butts
Robbie Rector, friend Jennifer Miller
Bill Geddings, father of Allison Swygert

Jane Baxley, *cousin of Michelle Gantt* Joyce Davis,

grandmother of Jaquelyn Hawlik Will & Summer Satcher,

friend of Courtney Bucknam
Dorothy Collins, friend of Ryan Price
Lauren Addy,

friend of Kathy Cooper and Metzes
Sam Lockridge, friend of Scottie Marsh
Mary Duffie, mother of Alyson Price
Thelma Moyer, mother of Diane Boulware
Kaiden Howell,

friend of Jacquelynn Hawlik
Randy Stonehill, friend of Ryan & Jennifer
Linda Bennett, mother of Beth Jordan
Neice of Abbey Carroll's teacher
Singley & Parisano families,

friends of Sam & Kathy Cooper Joy Jordan, friend of Michelle Gantt Homer Settles, friend of Ryan Price Billy Eubanks, uncle of Dion Metze Dorris Layton,

friend of Earl & Mary Frances Sease Jody Harper, friend of Kelli Goff

# **NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS**

## Sunday, August 31st

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

# Monday, September 1st Labor Day - Office Closed

# Tuesday, September 2nd

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

## Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Fran Bouknight, David & Debra Butts, Sherwood Garrett)

# Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Parker & Diane Boulware)





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#### **CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS**

Terry Swygert, *President*Sheila Eargle, *Secretary*Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, *Financial Secretary* 

Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President Frank Bouknight, Treasurer Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

# THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

# Sunday, August 24th

9:00 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School

11:30 am CR: Worship Team

2:00 pm Porch Visits

# Tuesday, August 26th

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

6:30 pm Life Group at the Jackson's

## Wednesday, August 27th

8:00 am Apple Picking (return at 6:30)

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Rick & Debbie Duval, Mary Price)

## Friday, August 29th Office Closed

# Saturday, August 30th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Wayne & Charlene Corley)