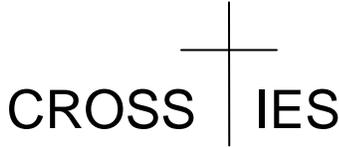


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AUGUST CALENDAR

W	2	Circle	10:00 am
Sat	5	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	6	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
Sat	12	Salem Presbytery Meeting	
		Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	13	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
W	16	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat	19	Soccer	9:30 am
		VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	11:30 am
Sun	20	Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
Sat	26	Soccer	9:30 am
		VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	11:30 am
Sun	27	SHARING SUNDAY	
		Adult Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels Practice	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
W	30	Choir Practice	6:30 pm

FINDING GOD

I recently re-read the scripture where Jacob proclaims, "Surely, God was in this place and I did not know it!" It reminded me that we often discover God where we least expect it and that presence refreshes and renews us. Places I have encountered God recently are many and varied, but these were all in this past week.

Early one morning, I encountered two mother deer and their two fawns. They were quietly grazing on the dew covered grass. There was a calm in their presence that made me feel that God surely has created a wondrous universe.

I saw a child dancing carefree to the music trying to get a caged bird to dance. It was a wonderful connection between the inhibitions of a child, the bird and music that to me caused me to thank God for life, for love and for children who remind us that we need to be free and celebrate our world.

A young man who comes from a struggling family celebrates the fact that he has been accepted on his high school's soccer team. The result of people believing in him and him believing in himself as one who is made in God's image.

A woman alone in a hospital room saying: "I am not afraid. I know I am taken care of regardless of what happens to me." God's comforting presence was there.

A clergy friend who says: "I guess I had become hardened and cynical. When decided to stop and listen, I heard God when I began to pray again – renewing my strength and trust." Even the best of us need God's presence. When we try to go it alone, we truly are alone.

Most times, we have to pull ourselves away from the TV, our phones, and obsessive distractions. Quite often these experiences occur when we stop long enough to listen to ourselves, to others and to ask "Where is God in my life?" "What am I being led to do or be?"

One of the principle beliefs of our faith is that God is present, caring and inspiring. Find God in your life.

LOOKING AHEAD: Mark your calendar, invite your family and friends and plan to join us for our annual **CHURCH COOKOUT** on Sunday, September 17 at 6:00 pm!

~ Gray Clark

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come join the fun! Children 5-14 are welcome to participate in our Vacation Bible School which will be held on Saturday, August 19 and 26 at 11:30 am-1:30 pm. The last two sessions will be held on Saturday, September 16 and 23. We'll be looking for you!

WORSHIP IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Come join us. We are worshipping in the fellowship hall. It's different. It's more intimate. And it's a wonderful, meaningful experience. It's cool there, too!

JUST B NATURAL!

"The fact that children can make beautiful music is less significant than the fact that music can make beautiful children."

~Cheryl Lavender

Now is the time to make plans to register children ages 5-14 for classes in our B Natural Academy of Music and the Arts which is located in the lower level of PCC. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 5 and 6, at 4:00-7:30 pm. You will have an opportunity to observe classes during that time as well as getting information and registering. We will be having classes in piano, guitar, percussion (drums), voice, and dance. Cost of classes is \$5 per lesson for 32 weeks = \$160 per academic year per class for those receiving government assistance. Cost for all others is \$10 per lesson for 32 weeks = \$320 per academic year per class – still an outstanding value.

Spread the word about our program!

CHURCH'S MISSION STATEMENT

The Church's Mission Statement is complete. This is necessary for us to move forward in the process of choosing leadership after our minister retires. If you are interested, see Sharon Ozment. She would appreciate your input.

PCC PEOPLE

New address for **Van Schoolfield and Brice**:
489 Lowe Road
Madison, NC 27025-7775

Please remember **Irene Wright** in your prayers. Irene had a stroke and is in rehab at Cone Hospital, 4 Mid-West, Room 10. Also remember **Verdora Locklear, Elaine Buie, Sandy Tew, Sharon Jennell**, and others.



HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY to **Bill Buie** on August 12!

CONTRIBUTIONS DOWN ↓

We know it happens. People go on vacations and don't attend church as regularly as they do during the school year. But we still have our expenses. In the past few weeks, we have only had about a third of the funds we need to carry on the operations of the church. Please contribute where and when you can.

VOICES OF ANGELS

While our children's Sunday School class isn't meeting this summer, our children's choir, Voices of Angels, continues to meet in the fellowship hall each Sunday at 10:00 am with our Music Director, John Huskey, and often sings during the worship service. We enjoy them sooo much and would love to have more participating! Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, etc., please bring children on Sunday mornings to participate in our choir. They will have a wonderful time and add a special element to our services. If you have any questions, contact John Huskey.

Children's Sunday School will re-start on September 10.

CHANGE

Ever wonder why the Russian peasants so eagerly joined the Bolshevik Revolution in 1918? Historians simply say the time was ripe for revolution. Russia was hopelessly corrupt in monarchy, government, and even the church.

People were ready for a change – any change. Society had stagnated so that even the Russian Czar must have realized it.

It seems that he once noticed a sentry guarding a small patch of weeds. Why? The sentry shrugged. "Just obeying orders."

The commanding officer was asked who gave this absurd order. He didn't know. It was just part of his command – something that had always been done as long as anyone could ever remember.

The Czar ordered the archives to be searched page by page. Finally the mystery was solved. It seems that Catherine the Great once planted a rose bush on that spot and ordered a guard to protect it from careless feet.

Eventually the bush died, but no one dared cancel the routine. Then Catherine died. Years passed and the order was never changed. Tradition ruled long after everyone forgot the original purpose.

Some changes are necessary. Otherwise we suffer like the Russians. They wasted 24 hours a day guarding a patch of weeds for a hundred years!

Even churches must change as time moves on. Remember the seven last words of a dead church. "We never did it that way before!"

Methods change – but never our message. Jesus died for us, was buried, and raised again the third day.

~ From The Pulpit Digest