

# The Circuit Rider

August 2019

You are cordially invited to join us in all of our events and activities each and every week. Activities are open to all, not just members. Come on in, be with us, there's God's work to be done with your help.



## Cadence of a Deep Call: a Call to be Thankful

Mee Young and I celebrated our thirty-second wedding anniversary on June 6<sup>th</sup>. I cannot believe how fast time has gone by. I have been SO blessed with my lovely wife who has been my best friend, my best sermon critic, my playmate, and my soulmate. We have become so close to each other over three decades that sometimes we are surprised that we think and feel exactly the same thing! My two beautiful children have also been so blessed. Both of them have become first time home buyers in Durham, NC. - one last year and one this year.

Camp United Methodist Church has been a blessing to my family and me since we came here two years ago. We have received more cards, more support, more gifts and more prayers than we received in any of the other churches we have served. We are truly blessed!

God has been doing marvelous things in this church since Mee Young and I came to Camp. Our debt has been reduced from 1.2 million dollars to \$450,000! WOW! We have always been able to overcome any financial difficulties. In 2017, not only were we able to pay our apportionment one hundred percent, but we were also able to pay the apportionment that we couldn't pay in 2016 (around \$8,500). While our debt has been reduced, our average worship attendance has increased from 284 in 2016 to 379 in 2019.

The secret of abundant living is to not take things for granted, but to be appreciative of each moment we have with our family, neighbors, church family and friends both near and far. I love to look at Mee Young closely more than ever. When I look at her, I feel so grateful and thankful for the patience she has shown me over the years, for the hidden sacrifices she has made for me and the church, for the encouragement she has spoken, for the trust she has confided in me, and for the tears of love and compassion that she has shed. Well, I have everything that I need under heaven - a beautiful wife, beautiful children, beautiful church families and neighbors both near and far!

In Jesus' Name,  
Preacher Won

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### Sunday Services

8:30 AM Praise & Worship  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Traditional

*Camp United Methodist Church is a community of faith whose mission is to seek and to serve God by praying, preaching and teaching the Gospel, making disciples and serving others.*

2 .....	"Uncle" Joe	7 .....	Bible Bad Girls/Mental Health
3 .....	Music	8 .....	Grief Share/Aug. History
4 .....	Small Group Studies	9 .....	Shepherding/Thank You
5 .....	Ocean Devotion	10 .....	Member Profile
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		12 .....	Calendar

## OUR HERITAGE

'Uncle' Ike  
by Bobby Williamson

The campus of Camp Methodist Church has really changed over the years. Although the site was granted to the assembly by Samuel Sleight..."to have for as long as religious services are conducted..." By the early 1950's, several parcels from the original tract had been divested. In addition to the actual church building, the site was also home to the Post Office, Coastal Drug Store, and Dr. M.H. Rourk's office. All were located in the present front yard. Adjacent to the river, in the current parking area, was Mr. Ike Reynold's blacksmith shop.

'Uncle' Ike was legendary. He's **still** one of my personal hero's... a self-taught, mechanical genius, who epitomized North Carolina's motto ***Esse Quam Videri, To Be, Rather Than to Seem.*** Uncle Ike could **make** stuff, almost anything. Before electrification, Mr. Ike welded metals in his shop with a forge. During World War II, local businessman, H. A. Stanland procured a government contract for coal-hauling from the port of Wilmington to various government installations in the area. This operation utilized a gasoline-powered conveyor-belt machine to load the coal on delivery trucks. During WWII, raw materials were rationed as the American economy was essentially focused on the war effort. When a large, toothed ring-gear, on the conveyor-belt loader broke, it was serious. Very serious... A replacement gear, at the time, was impossible. The coal hauling contract hung in the balance. After studying the situation, at his over-the-river machine shop, Mr. Ike finally said, "Leave that gear with me...I'll see what I can do..." Somehow, Mr. Ike Reynolds MADE a new gear, right here, on these grounds... I'm not sure if his shop had electricity, and I don't know if the part was cast or carved, but a gear has to be accurate, and it was.

Uncle Ike could make about anything, usually starting with nothing. One of his specialties was coffins, using the finest wood and carpentry he could muster, complete with lined and sewn interiors. When asked how many he'd made over the years, his son, Buck, estimated that they'd built about 300 coffins. All for the community, and he never charged anything. His coffin-making skills were a complete gift to the community. He build 'um as the need arose.\* Times were tough, and folks done what they could.

By the 1950's, times were changing, Camp was planning to expand with a new sanctuary. Mr. Ike's famous shop was severely damaged by Hurricane Hazel in 1954. Although he had a 99-year lease on the site, he chose to re-locate. He built a new shop just beyond the bridge on the Whiteville Road and with the help of his son, Buck, the family business continued, until destruction by a lightning strike in the 1960's.

Over the years, Camp Methodist's location has been the site of various endeavors, although it's been used primarily for religious services, as was required by the original deed of gift. Some have been spiritual and educational, but some efforts have been physical, in the present, a trait that still continues. Most have left the community better than they found it. May it forever be.

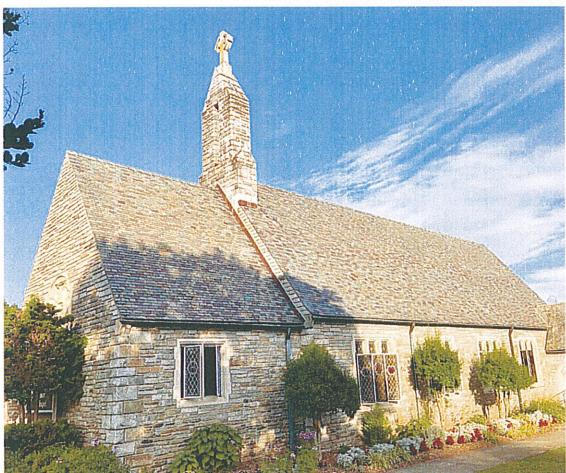
\*Down the Road, Over the River, and Through the Woods  
Elwood Cheers



## MUSIC NOTES FROM WES & BETSY

### JOIN OUR FANTASTIC ADULT CHOIR AT CAMP UMC

PLEASE pray and think about JOINING our music team this summer or fall. We need YOU to come and see what a fun time we have in choir! We know that you will enjoy the fellowship of this great group! Don't YOU need to start doing something new this fall? YOU will benefit from belonging to one of our choirs in so many ways: you will learn new musical skills and sharpen older ones; you will discover TALENTS that you haven't used in a while; and most importantly, you will SERVE GOD and His church through the media of music. HOW CAN YOU SAY NO TO THIS PLAN!!! We look forward to seeing YOU soon!



Memorial Chapel at Lake Junaluska



Dan Forrest, composer

### MUSIC WEEK AT LAKE JUNALUSKA

Music and Worship Arts Week is an event highlighting the arts, worship, education and renewal in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina at Lake Junaluska. The week is designed for worship leaders from the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the UMC including musicians, artists, dancers, actors and pastors. The outstanding preacher of the week was Magrey de Vaga, senior pastor of Hyde Park UMC in Tampa, Florida. Nathaniel Gumbs was the unusually, outstanding organist for the conference. He is currently a candidate for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree at the Eastman School of Music. The Chamber Choir was under the direction of Pearl Shangkuan from Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and the Adult Choir was under the leadership of Dr. Andre Thomas from Florida State University. Handbell clinicians were Danny Lyons, from Christ Episcopal Church, Pensacola, Florida and Carol Lynn Mizell from First UMC of Dexton, Texas. What a fantastic week of beautiful and inspiring music including twelve anthem reading sessions.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Wes and Betsy  
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**The end is coming.** Summer vacation time is almost over, and we are ready to begin the Fall start of Adult Ministry/Discipleship small groups and study groups.



## Small Group/Bible Studies for Fall 2019-Spring 2020

**Sign-ups will be on August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** in the Narthex before and after both worship services. If you have any questions or cannot be there to sign up, contact Bill or Candy Minor at 910-579-0667 or [cjminor2017@gmail.com](mailto:cjminor2017@gmail.com).

**Disciple I** A 34-week study that explores Genesis to Revelation incorporating the plan that God has for the world and for us. Includes a DVD and study manual that guides group discussion and leads participants to a clearer understanding of who they are as His child/disciple.

**Disciple II** Genesis to Exodus and Luke to Acts are the focus of this 32- week study prepared for graduates of Disciple I. This study emphasizes the rhythm of coming to God and going for God, of being in the Word and in the world individually and corporately.

**Disciple III** A 32-week Bible study that covers the Prophets and the Letters of Paul with attention given to geography and history. Keeping our eyes on God at work in history will help us see His work and love in our lives.

**Women's Study/Prayer Group** There will be **two** groups this year. One will meet on Monday mornings and the other will meet on Tuesday evenings. They will study God's word and its meaning in their lives.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast and Bible Study Group** This group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Its focus is to study God's word and apply it to living a Godly life.

**Journey Groups** These small groups of 10-12 people gather twice a month for fellowship, prayer, missions and Bible study. The focus of this group is to study God's word and apply it to each individual's faith Journey.

**Emmaus Groups** Bob and Susan Newton are coordinators for this discipleship ministry that is a part of the Upper Room Ministry. If you need more information, contact them at 843-632-2726 (Bob) or 843-841-7639 (Susan)

**Financial Peace University** This nine-week study gives you helpful tools to get out of debt, save for the future, and become better stewards of God's resources.

## News from the newsletter team

One of our members, Irene Clessuras, will be leaving us in early August. She has been a valuable member of the team. Fortunately, 2 new members joined the team: Bronwyn Megginson and Helen Hamer.

**Reminder** - If you have anything to submit, suggestions for improvement, ideas for articles or want to join the team call one of us:

Susan Ballard (828) 244-0437, Jeanne Frederick (910) 754-9484

Helen Hamer (910) 471-5057 or Bronwyn Megginson (910) 842-9497.

## Devotion by the Ocean for Youth/Young at Heart

Every Wednesday evening, from 6:00-7:00, at the Ocean Isle Beach public cabana, Chicky & Jim Wallace arrange a dinner & devotion especially for the young people of our church **BUT** everyone is welcome. Our Camp members take turns preparing the dinner. It is very refreshing to have the ocean view and ocean breeze remind us that we are children of this beautiful world.

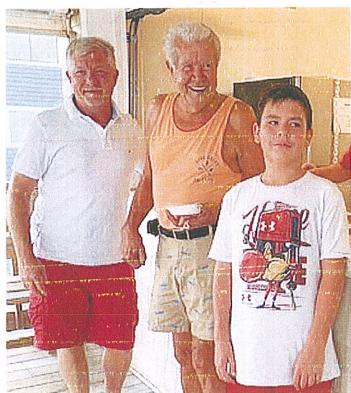
The pictures below are from a Wednesday when Pastor Won led the devotion.



Kitchen Crew



Preacher Won leading devotion.



Kids of all ages attended



## Salmon Class Outreach

On July 16th, members of the Salmon Class Devotional Group (Carolyn & John Jones, Bill & Jesse Martin and Hal Mills) went to Shallotte Assisted Living. At the group's request, Howard Varnam & Keith Compton made a cornhole game for the facility.

During the visit, Carolyn Jones gave a devotional about playing games in life. She then presented the patriotic cornhole game to the residents. Residents played a game after the presentation. The residents enjoyed the activity and were happy to receive the game.



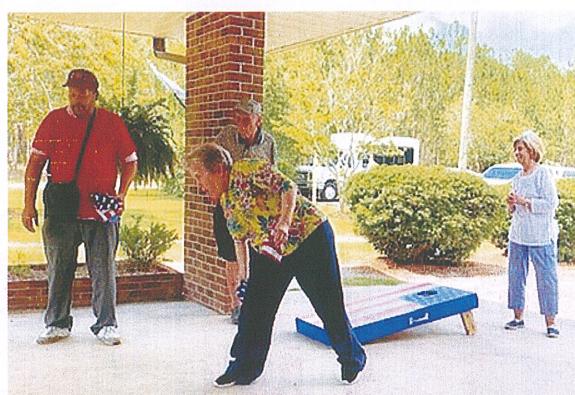
Devotion & presentation



Residents at presentation



Residents play cornhole



The meaning of life is  
to find your gift. The  
purpose of life is to  
give it away.

- PABLO PICASSO

## New Member Luncheon

June 30, 2019



The next New Member Luncheon will be on Sept. 29th, 2019

## BAD GIRLS OF THE BIBLE



Camp's "Good Girls" dressed up for the lesson about Jezebel.

This study concluded on Monday, July 15th with a study of *The Woman with the Alabaster Jar* from Luke 7. The women brought items to this last session which were delivered to a skilled nursing facility in Shallotte as a love project.

### Exciting news for the Fall Women's Bible Study

In order to make our Women's Bible Study available to more participants, we will be offering classes on Monday mornings @ 10:00 **and** on Tuesday evenings @ 6:30. The study will be on Priscilla Shier's book, The Armor Of God.

## Camp's Mental Health Ministries Starts 8/26/19

**Do you know someone who is suffering from a diagnosed mental health challenge?** We are ready to launch the CUMC Living and Family Grace ministries beginning on Tuesday evening August 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:15pm to 7:45pm in the upstairs classrooms.

Our Living and Family Grace support groups goal is to help our loved ones understand they are loved by our Lord and Savior and they can improve their diagnoses. These groups are not designed to 'fix' their challenges with mental health, but rather to support their effort to get better through a relationship with Jesus Christ.

A former participant stated: *"I thank God for getting me to this group. I've learned more about His love for me than I ever expected and found healthy ways to cope with my illness, spiritual truth to replace the lies and shame .... THANK YOU, JESUS! And to all who are involved in making this available!"*

Our **Living Grace Support Group** is for persons suffering from a diagnosed mental health challenge. Our **Family Grace Support Group** are for those family members who want to know more about how to help their loved one(s) with their difficulties. To register, call Robin at Camp's office at 910-754-4850. (This helps us know how much material to order.) There is a workbook for the group for which we ask for a \$20 donation to cover the cost of the book. There are scholarships available for those who don't have the resources to pay for it.

Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time.



Camp's Grief Share Programs will start on August 29th. There will be an **afternoon session from 1:00-3:00** and an **evening session from 6:15-8:15**. Both sessions will be in the Salmon Classroom: Vivian Carper will facilitate the afternoon session; Steve & Carol McCready will facilitate the evening session. There are 13 weeks in the program.

**What is the program:** Through Christ-Centered Videos, Group Discussions and a Personal Workbook, in this study you will have an opportunity to gain some insight and helpful tools to move through the Journey of Grief. If you have experienced or are currently moving through a loss, this program will help you discover things you can do to make your grief journey more bearable and how to move from mourning to joy.

#### How to sign up:

1. Go to [www.griefshare.org](http://www.griefshare.org) – enter Shallotte zip code (28459) and press “Find a group”. Select Camp United Methodist Church and enroll for the time you wish to attend.
2. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex and the hallway to the right of the sanctuary.
3. Contact either Vivian Carper at 919-272-0775 or email [doctorviv2003@yahoo.com](mailto:doctorviv2003@yahoo.com) or Steve McCready at 366-404-8024 or [steve.mccready@gmail.com](mailto:steve.mccready@gmail.com)

## IT HAPPENED IN AUGUST

**79 A.D.** Vesuvius, an active volcano in southern Italy, erupted and destroyed the cities of Pompeii, Stabiae and Herculaneum.

**1572** Thousands of Protestant Huguenots were massacred in Paris and throughout France by Catholics.

**1583** The first British colony in North America was founded by Sir Humphrey Gilbert, a British navigator and explorer. He sighted the Newfoundland coast and took possession of the area around St. John's harbor in the name of the Queen.

**1920** The 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

**1944** - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945. She was 15.

**1959** - Hawaii admitted to the Union as the 50th state.

**1962** - Film star Marilyn Monroe died at age 36 from an overdose of sleeping pills. She made 29 films during her career and came to symbolize Hollywood glamour.

*-The History Place*

*Someday  
we old folks  
will use cursive  
writing as a  
Secret  
Code!*



*"At this point in the meeting we'll open a discussion of whether or not we needed to have this meeting."*

## SHEPHERDING MINISTRY

### 1 Corinthians 12:26 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

"If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it."

The purpose of this ministry is: to increase the sense of fellowship and caring among the membership, to reach those persons not currently being reached and to support and enrich other church ministries.

What does a Lay Shepherd do? A shepherd is responsible for 4 to 6 flocks (households) and uses PACE: Prays for each household daily, is Available to households, Contacts his/her "flock" at least once a month, and is a Christian Example. Other duties include: completing monthly contact reports; notifying the Pastor with concerns or emergencies; Recognizing significant events in your flock's household lives; maintaining confidentiality.

### What skills/qualifications does a shepherd need

A commitment to Christ and Camp UMC

A willingness to commit to this ministry and

An ability to listen

to the equipping process

Membership at Camp

Seek to grow in your Christian walk

Is a good listener, compassionate, trusty worthy and can maintain confidentiality

### VOLUNTEERS WELCOME! Service commitment is one year.

If you would like more information, please contact: Mary Jo and Gene Craft (910) 579-4352, Jeanne Horton (910) 755-6954 or Tamy Munns (910) 754-4840 (church office)

*thank you*

#### From a note by Margie Steve

Thank you for the wonderful award along with the gifts. I feel very blessed with all the wonderful people in this amazing church! I love the acolyte pin . . . . Helping in the church and the community is what I love to do!! I look forward to continuing to serve the church and our community.

#### From Shallotte Middle School

Dear Camp United Methodist Church,  
Thank you so much for the delicious ham and cheese breakfast sandwiches. The staff at Shallotte Middle School really appreciates your generosity and your helping to make our week so special.

Many thanks,  
Michele Rau, Communities in Schools

#### *Thank You! FROM HAITI*

After another successful mission trip, Martha is safely home. She thanks us all for our prayers and kind donations! She said, "There were 43 in my sewing class, who were such a blessing in my life!" Please pray for all of them! As she was about to leave, a student gave her this note:

Haiti the 11/07/2019

Hello Mrs. Marta, I am Denka. I am a participant in the formation. I want to say thank you for all you do for the community [and] me personally. You much help me, cause a long time I want to become a seamstress and you come in the perfect moment and I am learning for life. Thank you again. I cross for you the fingers of you and I will pray Jesus every day for you for He gives all things good, health and longevity in your life. I know Jesus answer me. You and your family I love . . . . You're an angel for me miss Marta. Will you come the next year Mrs. MARTA?

*"Use your God-given gifts to serve others." 1 Peter 4:10*  
Martha does.

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



### The Nelson Family

Rick, Amy, Victoria, Mary Britt and Jacob Ferguson

Rick grew up on the Virginia coast, with his two brothers (one an identical twin) and two sisters. Amy and her one brother grew up in Clarksville, Virginia.

Although Amy went to Mary Baldwin, an all-female college in Staunton VA, majoring in marketing and Rick went to the all-male Virginia Military Institute in Lexington VA, pursuing an engineering degree, the two met in 1986 when the schools had a mixer. Amy and Rick were married on June 4, 1988 and lived in Clarksville, Virginia for 12 years before moving to North Carolina. They both worked in the commercial roofing business that Amy's father owned.

Amy and Rick moved to Supply, NC in 2000 when Rick was offered an opportunity in Construction Management. Amy went back to school at UNCW and got her teaching certificate. She teaches 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at Bolivia Elementary. Big UNC fans, Rick and Amy enjoy going to UNC basketball and football games. They have recently taken up boating on the weekends...taking full advantage of the Intra Coastal Waterway and all it has to offer. They live with their Maltese/Chihuahua, Cooper, who is really not a dog, but a member of the family.

They have two daughters. Mary Britt, a graduate of UNC, married Jacob Ferguson in 2017, lives in Raleigh and works as a Dental Hygienist. Her sister, Victoria, will be a junior this fall at UNC Wilmington. She is majoring in Communication Studies with a minor in Business and Leadership.

The Nelsons were first introduced to Camp UMC when Victoria began attending the Mother's Morning Out program. Many of the friends Victoria met during that time are still her close friends today. When Victoria started attending the youth program in 2012, Amy & Rick decided they would call Camp UMC home and joined the church.

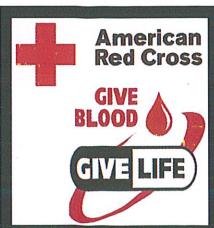
Since joining they have been active in the Cornerstone Sunday School Class and both have helped with Vacation Bible School. Amy has volunteered in the nursery, and Rick served on the finance committee for a couple of terms. He currently volunteers in the sound booth at the 11:00 service a couple of Sundays a month. Victoria was very active in the youth activities at Camp when she was in Middle and High School. She volunteered at the Food Pantry and was moved by attending Breakaway, ACS and Pilgrimage. The Nelsons are excited about the future of the church and are happy to see growth in the congregation. They are pleased to see the budget is growing as well and concerns about meeting budget are not as prominent as in the past.



### NEW MEMBER

**Branden Garner** joined the church on 7/14/19. He and his family are in the church directory.

CAMP BLOOD DRIVE  
8/8/19 @ 2:00 IN YFC





Liz & Jay Priester	1 (27)	Betsy & Wes Ward	18 (51)
Cherie & Keith Compton	4 (51)	Carolyn & John Jones	19 (63)
Darlene & Randy Dove	6 (36)	Beryl & Perry Hall	20 (41)
Lottie & Jimmy Howard	6 (70)	Gloria & Harold Bland	21 (51)
Darlene & Randy Dove	6 (36)	Sybil & Ernie Kesterson	21 (54)
Barbara & Howard Varnam	6 (47)	Kim & Matt Spencer	26 (19)
Shirley & Hollen Groff	8 (67)	Laura & Bob Winship	29 (49)
Donna & Bobby Williamson	8 (43)	Cyndi & Cliff Engle	30 (33)
Rhonda & Wayne Smith	8 (10)	Sibyl & W.J. McLamb	30 (67)
Evette & Bob Blackwell	10 (6)	Kim & Keith Fillman	31 (23)
Tammie & Alan Lewis	11 (40)	Wendy & Cray Milligan	31 (45)

1	Jane Evans	9	Louise Toepfer	17	Odell Hurst
2	Gary Matthews	10	Doug Burrows	17	Jacob Lolley
3	Mary Bergere	10	Alan Inions	17	Hugh McCullough
3	Randy Pate	11	Darlene Dove	17	Madison Yoder
3	Charlotte Pringle	11	Chris Isenhour	19	Keith Dycus
4	Lou Byrd	11	Hannah Isenhour	20	Dick Erickson
4	Linda Callender	11	Darlene Love	21	Doris Pigott
4	Frank Williamson	11	Adrianna Sidelinger	22	Barbara Bartholomew
5	Catherine Mainous	11	Declan Thompson	22	Paul Carson
6	Wiley Ballard	12	Matthew Steve	23	Albert Parker
6	Jack Donoghue	13	Cliff Engle	24	Ricky Byrd
7	Dean Dull	14	Shirley Groff	25	Tamy Munns-Crecelius
7	Kim Galloway	15	Jeff Ritz	25	Mike Tusai
7	Bob Pennington	15	Wes Ward	29	Don Eagle
8	Angela Adams	16	Dennis Leggett	30	Franz Bryant
9	Kate Alderson	16	Jean Miller	30	Lauren Nelson
9	Ronald Austin	16	Terry Still	31	Kay Cox
9	Liz Priester	17	Mary Ellen Berry	31	Olivia Dowdy



## IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 8	Red Cross Blood Drive in YFC @ 2:00
Aug. 18 & 25	Sign-up for Small Group & Bible Study
Aug. 26	Living & Family Grace Groups Start
Aug. 26	Mental Health Ministry Starts
Aug. 29	GriefShare Programs Starts
Aug. 29	Elementary & High Schools Start
Sept. 4	Wonderful Wednesday Starts



### REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:30 Praise & Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Traditional Worship  3:00 Jail Ministry	10:00 Women's Bible Study/SC	<b>Bulletin Deadline</b> 2:00 Baskets/FH/K	6:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study 8:30 Prayer Team/LB			10:00 Food Pantry/FH/BA

### Additional Events Listed Below

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
<b>4 COMMUNION</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 Staff Meeting/LB 5:00 SALT Planning/YFC 6:30 Evangelism/YFC	<b>6</b> 9:30 Prayer Shawl/FH 6:30 Safety Team/SC	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 2:00 Red Cross Blood Drive/YFH 4:00 Stephen Ministry Meeting/FH	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
11	12	13 6:00 Trustees/BR 6:30 Mental Health/CS	14	15 6:30 Leadership/YFC	16 <b>Hospice Meal</b>	17
18	19 6:00 Finance & Budget/YFC	20 6:30 SPPR/SC	21	22 1:00 Grief Share/SC 6:15 Grief Share/TR	23	24
25	26	27 MMOM's Teachers back 5:30 Nomination Meeting/YFC 7:30 mental Health Meeting/RC/CS	28	29 1:00 Grief Share/SC 5:00 MMOM Open House 6:15 Grief Share/TR	30	31