



The Circuit Rider



August 2021

General Conference Information Session

On July 13 we gathered for our General Conference Information Session. There was a great turnout as the Rev. Belton Joyner, a retired United Methodist Pastor and a clergy delegate to General Conference, presented an overview of how the Methodist Church is structured (our polity) and offered a basic introduction to General Conference. This was to set the groundwork as we begin this work together. He reminded us that ever since the New Testament, starting with the story from Acts of the Jerusalem Council meeting to discuss the gentiles' involvement in the church and circumcision, the Christian church has had gatherings like a General Conference to navigate challenging questions facing the church. The upcoming General Conference will be considering the significant proposal for our reorganization as a denomination and our struggle regarding the topic of human sexuality. Rev. Joyner reminded us that the discussion regarding a split is not the only business to be addressed at this upcoming General Conference. He illustrated this when he held up the large workbooks that included the many decisions before the General Conference.

Attendees were given the opportunity to write their questions down. We were only able to address a few of those questions taking but, all of the questions have been recorded. We are working on the best means of addressing these questions and will be answering them in upcoming meetings, emails, and in the church newsletter.

A few questions indicated a desire to learn more about the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation. The Protocol is addressing our reorganization as a denomination in light of differing views on human sexuality, and this is one of the things that will go before General Conference in 2022. As with any legislation that goes before the General Conference it can be changed, adjusted, or even rejected. On September 28 at 6:30PM, the Rev. Gray Southern has been invited to come and offer a presentation on the protocol as it currently stands right now to help us have a better understanding of what is before us. If you would like to learn more about the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation here a helpful link to get you started:

<https://www.umnews.org/en/news/protocol-of-reconciliation-and-grace-through-separation-faq>

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Steve

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Sunday Services

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

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NEED SOMETHING TO DO IN THE EVENINGS?



Perseid meteor shower

The Perseids, the most popular annual meteor shower, will be visible from July 17th-August 26th. Peak time to see the shower this year will be from August 11th-13th.

Here's the "not so good" news-the best time to look for both of these wonders is from midnight to dawn.



The Milky Way

The Milky Way becomes visible starting in April. By mid-June it is visible shortly after sunset. By July it's already up after dark and in August you'll be able to see it arc across the night sky, **but only if you're under an inky black sky close to the New Moon.** The New Moon in August will be on the 8th.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

The next issue of the Circuit Rider will include the **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT** which is just a short biography about members of our church family. Many members have stated they have learned about people who grew up in their home towns, went to high school/college where they did, worked for companies they knew about, shared the same hobbies as well as other interesting facts that connect us. One such example happened during the hurricane evacuation 4 years ago. While eating at a restaurant in this member's home town where they evacuated, a young couple stopped by their table and said, "Don't you go to Camp United Methodist Church?" What a great connection these two couples over 250 miles away from Camp. Let's engage ourselves again with our church family as we recover from Covid and all its isolation.

"Above all, love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

WALK TO EMMAUS GATHERING

When: Friday, August 13, 2021

Where: Dillon, SC (Meet at Camp parking lot at 4:30PM.)

A meal will be served at 6:30PM at the Gathering. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact:

Bob Newton (843-632-2726) or
Susan Newton (843-841-2726).

QUOTES

"If you want to have the last word in an argument, say, 'I agree'."

"The secret of a good sermon is having a good beginning and a good ending and to have them as close together as possible."

quotes compiled by Lena Ladu



1 Peter 4:12-19

Why is this happening to me? We've probably all asked that question at some point in our life. Perhaps our world was turned upside down by a medical diagnosis, a seemingly insurmountable financial crisis, a relationship that fell apart after starting out well or a loss of some kind.

It's natural to want to know why a storm has occurred, but how we choose to handle it is also important. Will our trust in the Lord increase as we watch Him use our suffering to make us more Christ like, or will we become bitter and resentful toward Him? In other words, will we rage against God or humbly submit?

Sometimes we bring trouble on ourselves with willful disobedience, other times storms come through no fault of our own. In either case, difficulties are common to all of us. Peter tells us not to be surprised at fiery ordeals as if something strange is happening to us. Whatever the cause, God used trials to purify and refine us. Therefore, as we aim to continually do what is right in the Creator's eyes, let's keep on rejoicing in the Lord, with our hope firmly set on Christ's return.

intouch.org

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9



INTERESTING CUCUMBER FACTS - PART TWO



Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and often used by European trappers, traders and explorers for quick meals to thwart off starvation.

Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!

Just finish a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

Using a pen and made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing. This also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls!!

posted on Facebook



July was a busy month for our Young Disciples. We finished Tennis Camp w/Pastor Alex on June 30. Art & Science Camp w/Pastor Steve was on July 19 & July 21. Six 6 children participated in tennis camp and 21 children enjoyed art/science camp. A big thank you to our Pastors for hosting these events and teaching the children about some of your favorite hobbies.

16 of our young disciples and their families met at the OIB Splash Pad on July 14 to spend some time together.

KIDS HAVING FUN



Art Camp



Splash Pad

July 28 was our Meet at the Beach Day where we celebrated the importance of baptism. Addie Lewis was baptized in the ocean, while others took time to remember their baptisms.

August Happenings

T-shirts: We will be pre-selling t-shirts the first two weeks of August. (Cost \$15)
All proceeds go towards the children's ministry fund.

August 11 5:30PM-7:30PM Splash Pad/Park Day (on the island).

August 14 & August 22 @ 9:45AM Acolyte Training in the Camp UMC Sanctuary.
(open to anyone who is new to the ministry, or would like a refresher course)

Date pending - Back to School Bash:

August 22, 8:30AM & 11:00AM services Blessing of the Backpacks:
Please bring your backpacks and set them at the altar prior to the start of service.

August 28 12:00PM-3:00PM Sandtastic Saturday @ the OIB Community Center.
Additional Details to come.

Peace and Love to all,
Allison Hunter, Youth Director

YOUTH

The Youth have had several opportunities to gather over the summer and it has been wicked fun! Some events/outings were with large groups, while others were small gatherings for food and fellowship. It has been wonderful staying connected to so many of our youth and just enjoying each other's company. Recently we enjoyed a trip to the Escape Room, a Putt-Putt golfing and eating ice cream event in OIB and a guys only gathering to play Virtual Reality games. On July 28th we took the church bus to Obstacle Island in Little River for a fun afternoon/evening of swimming, eating and fun!



Escape Room

We are already in the throes of planning for our new school year which will include a Parent Informational meeting and a Kick Off event on September 1st at Kevin and Kelly's home. The youth group Wednesday sessions will start on September 8th. We will be planning the curriculum for Youth Group and starting a Confirmation class in November. All the details will be on the church website or you can reach me with any questions (910-712-4565) or krlittlejohn@gmail.com



Putt-Putt Golf Outing

Church Volunteers



If a church is going to be effective, it has to be completely run by volunteers, in the sense that they are the ones who are mobilized to do the work of the various ministries. Volunteers are vital to the work of the church. In every church volunteers are council members, Sunday School teachers, youth advisers, choir members, committee members, etc.

A church volunteer is also a church steward. As a Christian he/she is motivated by the fact that his/her service to the Church is a service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He/she is grateful and thankful to God for the opportunity to give of their time, talent and treasure without any hesitation, conditions or demands.

It's not hard to serve as a church volunteer. You don't need any kind of training other than being willing to do anything that the ministry or program calls for. If you think you don't have the time, setting aside an hour or so is enough to get into the habit and make a huge difference in the church. Your service does not have to be an ongoing thing. You can serve on a part time basis, and you can still make an impact.

*excerpted from "The Necessity of Church Volunteers"
St. Andrews Greek Orthodox Church
South Bend Indiana*

A note from Jill Bryant, Chair, SPRC:

Camp UMC has amazing volunteers who work in so many ways in the life of our church. Thank you to all who volunteer. Your time and effort are so necessary to God's Work at Camp.



The Meal Train for Pastor Alex and Mallory is all set up on takethemameal.com. Our password is 2267. The making of meals will start on 7/26. On the site, you can designate the day you would like to treat Mallory and Alex.

If you have any questions, call Debbie Donoghue at 910-540-3595

LOCAL MISSIONS

AUGUST MISSION FOCUS: SCHOOLS

Camp has been in partnership with Union Elementary School for over 20 years. In fact, Camp was one of the first churches to partner with a school under the Community in Schools Program. In recent years, Camp has also reached out to other schools as well. These partnerships are needed due to the poverty in the area. Children need school supplies, socks and underwear. The schools needs money to for supplies and other necessities.



SCHOOL STARTS THIS MONTH. The local Mission Team will be collecting school supplies, children's socks and for both Union Elementary and Shallotte Middle Schools. A collection box for these items will be in the narthex. Listed below are needs identified by the schools.

Headphones or earbuds
Crayons
Loose leaf paper (wide rule)
Loose leaf paper (college rule)
#2 pencils (not mechanical)

Composition books (wide rule)
2" 3-ring binders
Glue sticks
Pencil pouches or boxes
Erasers

Colored pencils
Dry erase markers
Blue or black pens
Socks & underwear for elementary school children

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STREETREACH



NEXT TRASH PICK-UP

When: Saturday, August 14
8:00AM-10:00AM

Where: Meet us at Big Oaks Mobile Home
Supply at 1309 Hale Swamp Road

WORKER TREAT

When your team is finished, make your way to Anna Hill's home (1243 Hale Swamp Rd.). Two Ladies and A Scoop will be serving up ice cream and fixings from 10:00AM-noon. Our friends on Hale Swamp Rd are invited to join us.

Please RSVP to me at:
hartandsusan@gmail.com

Blessings,
Hart Merriam

Last week Streetreach contacted our mission about some help that it needed. Thanks to your generosity, just about everything that was needed has been provided. Financial support is still needed to purchase & install a covered structure for transferring supplies and delivering items. If you would like to help with this project, write a check to Streetreach and give it to Barbara or Howard Varnam. Your help is most appreciated.



On August 5th, from 2:30PM to 7:00PM, Camp will have a blood drive in the Youth and Family Center. You can sign up at redcrossblood.com or you can call

Barbara Varnam (910-619-5504). Due to COVID-19, there is currently a critical shortage of blood nation-wide



Police work is difficult and dangerous in the best of times. For almost 2 years, their jobs have been more dangerous, more frustrating and more unappreciated, with calls to defund the Police, not being permitted to detain troublemakers and outright abuse. Please consider sending your police department a note of thanks, encouragement or prayers for safety. One of our members (Linda Callendar) has been delivering beverages, packaged snacks and sweets (no home cooked food, please). This is something you might like to do as well. Listed below are the addresses of most of the police departments serving us.

Holden Beach Police

10 Rothschild St,
Holden Beach, NC 28462

Oak Island Police

4621 E Oak Island Dr,
Oak Island, NC 28465

OIB Police

2 W 3rd St,
OIB, NC 28469

Shallotte Police

114 Cheers St,
Shallotte, NC 28470

Southport Police

1029 N Howe St,
Southport, NC 28461

Sunset Beach Police

700 Sunset Blvd N
Sunset Beach, NC 28468

**Brunswick County Sheriff
Dept.**

70 Stamp Act Dr NE
Bolivia, NC 28422

Advice From the Springfield, MA Police Department

If you are taking a young child to a big event, Six Flags, other theme parks or any other busy location, write your phone number on your child's wrist and cover it with liquid bandage in case you get separated. Take a photo of your child with your cell phone the morning of the event so you have his/her clothing and hair style in a recent photo - in case you get separated.

- Sgt. John Delaney

Posted on Facebook by Cherie Compton

ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. **Be kind anyway.**

If you are honest, people may cheat you. **Be honest anyway.**

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. **Be happy anyway.**

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. **Do good anyway.**

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. **Give your best anyway.**

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. **It was never between you and them anyway.** - Mother Teresa



Dear Camp Members,

The Friday Night Community Meal will pause for the month of August. Now that it is full-blown summer and the pandemic is at bay, most of us can go out for food purchases.

Thank you to everyone who has provided food, given donations, delivered meals and spent hours in making this event special.

We will start again on September 3rd. However, if you need food, please call me at 910-443-9669,

God bless each of you,
Brenda Register



NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE



The Anderson Family" Wesley, Meredith,, Jacob, Alexis, Mason
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910-740-5553 (M)
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mandel610@gmail.com (M)



Sally Robinson
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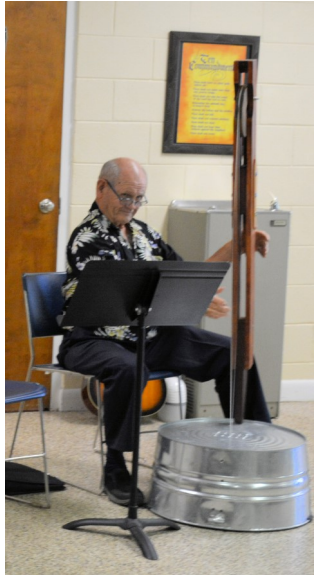


James and Kimberly Williamson
36 Laurinburg St.
OIB, NC 28469
910-740-4452 (J)
910-740-5554 (K)
kjlw0209@yahoo.com

MORRIS ALL TURNED 90 ON JULY 5th.

A surprise party for Morris Hall was held in the Fellowship Hall. Attendees included family, friends, neighbors and fellow church members. Everyone enjoyed great food and visiting with Morris and each other. As a special treat, there was even a band with a washtub player.

The
Washtub
wizard



Morris shows he can
still move and
groove to the music.

DISCIPLE

BECOMING DISCIPLES
THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Whether you are a new Christian, or have been a follower of Jesus for many years, the Disciple Bible Study program is designed for everyone who wants to develop their understanding of The Bible and of what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ.

The Disciple Bible Study program is:

Informational - You will learn the major Biblical themes of both the Old and New Testaments, and how they provide the foundation of the Christian faith.

Enriching - Even long-time Christians experience a deepening of faith through Disciple, that is unlike any other Bible study. Spending dedicated time in God's Word gives greater meaning to your life.

Transformational - Attitudes and priorities are changed for those who commit themselves to the Disciple study.

Designed for Fellowship - In a small group setting, your faith is nurtured as fellow Christians share their insights, thoughts, questions, worries, hopes and love under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Steve and Pastor Alex want to see how many folks are interested in Disciple Bible study. There will be a paper sign up in the narthex or you can contact the church office (910-754- 4840).

NOTE: This study was offered several years ago and many people who participated were glad that they did.

AUGUST MILESTONES



1	Jane Evans	10	Doug Burrows	20	Brad Crowell
2	Gary Matthews	10	Alan Inions	20	Dick Erickson
3	Randy Pate	11	Chris Isenhour	20	Hart Merriam
3	Charlotte Pringle	11	Adrianna Sidelinger	21	Doris Pigott
4	Lou Byrd	11	Declan Thompson	22	Barb Bartholomew
4	Linda Callender	12	Matthew Steve	22	Paul Carson
4	Wanda Stanley	14	Shirley Groff	23	Albert Parker
4	Frank Williamson	15	Wes Ward	23	Ashley Smithson
6	Wiley Ballard	16	Dennis Leggett	24	Ricky Byrd
6	W.A. Myatt	16	Jean Miller	25	Tamy Munns-Crecelius
7	Dean Dull	16	Terry Still	25	Mike Tusai
7	Kim Galloway	17	Mary Berry	27	Tammy Lane
7	Ethan Murphy	17	Odell Hurst	29	Don Eagle
7	Bob Pennington	17	Jake Lolley	30	Franz Bryant
8	Angela Adams	17	Madison Yoder	30	Lauren Nelson
8	Thomas Coda	18	Terri Crowell	31	Kay Cox
9	Kate Alderson	18	Ray McKinnon	31	Olivia Dowdy
9	Ronald Austin	19	Keith Dycus		



Jay & Liz Priester	1 (29)	Beryl & Perry Hall	20 (43)
Keith & Cherie Compton	4 (53)	Harold & Gloria Bland	21 (53)
Jimmy & Lottie Howard	6 (72)	Rich & Debbie Vaughan	21 (50)
Howard & Barbara Varnam	6 (49)	Matt & Kim Spencer	26 (21)
Hollen & Shirley Groff	8 (69)	Bob & Laura Winship	29 (51)
Bobby & Donna Williamson	8 (45)	W.J. & Sibyl McLamb	30 (69)
Alan & Tammie Lewis	11 (42)	Wendy & Cray Milligan	31 (47)
Wes & Betsy Ward	18 (54)	Keith & Kim Fillman	31 (25)




DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST

August 5th	Red Cross Blood Drive	2:30PM-7:00PM YFC
August 9th	Who-What-Why Worship Study	6:30PM Salmon Classroom
August 13th	Walk to Emmaus Gathering	4:30PM (See note on Page 2))
August 14th	Adopt-a-Highway Pick-up	8:00AM-10:00AM Hale Swamp Rd

AUGUST

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUR	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
Contemporary Service 8:30 Sunday School 9:45 Traditional Service 11:00	6:30AM Morning Prayer	Bulletin Deadline 9:30AM Prayer Shawl 2:00PM Basket Weavers	5:30 Children, Kid's Choir, Youth (Starts on the 18th)	9:00 Prayer Group		10:00 Food Pantry

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2	3	4	5  Blood Drive 2:30-7:00	6	7
8	9 10:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Trustee Meeting 6:30-Who, What, Where Study	10 2pm Youth Top Golf	11 5:30 Children at OIB Park/Splash Pad	12	13 4:30 Walk to Emmaus Gathering	14 8:00 Hale Swamp Rd Pick-up 9:45 Acolyte Training
15	16 5:00 SALT 6:30 Finance 6:30-Who, What, Where Study	17 6:30 Safety Team 6:30 SPPR	18 11:00 Youth Beach Day	19	20	21 3:00 Children Ministry Activity
22 8:30 & 11 Blessing of the Book Bags 9:45 Acolyte Training	23 First Day of School 4:00 Staff Meeting 6:30-Who, What, Where Study	24	25 6:00 Youth Parent Meeting	26	27	28 Children Sandtastic Saturday at OIB Community Center
29	30	30				