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To Our Church Members and Friends:

I came across an article written by Billy Graham where he talks about a tourist in Scandinavia who was viewing a statue of Christ. "One day a visitor standing before it (the stature of Christ) was very disappointed, and he didn't hesitate to share his feelings with an attendant. I can't see the face of the Christ he complained. The attendant replied, sir, if you want to see His face, you must kneel at His feet. The visitor knelt and he saw! Do you want to see the face of Jesus? Kneel in prayer—for others—for yourself, for the world, for His kingdom--- and be blessed."

In this world there are trials and troubles, and each of us has an opportunity to pray. There are too many times when we close our conversations with, I will pray for you, but do we?? Let me encourage you to earnestly pray for one another. We need to keep our word and to pray for our friends as well as our enemies. Please consider that the blessings of our prayers are not just for the other person.

Pray! Pray! Pray!

Thank you for allowing Cindy and I to serve you. Leon and Cindy



Thank you for your continued support of our food ministry. The following items are needed for our May & June Food Ministry. Your donations help tremendously. Brenda

May 7.....box of Mac n cheese

May 14.....bag or box of Ramen noodles (any flavor)

May 21.....4 pack of Jello

May 28.....4 or 6 pack of applesauce

June 4.....box of individual pack of grits

June 11.....box of individual pack of oatmeal

June 18.....box or package of individually wrapped cookies

June 25.....15 oz can of vegetables (corn, green beans, green peas, etc.)

New schedules for Nursery and Children's Church are posted on the bulletin board. Be sure to get your copy. Thank you.



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
May 7 th	David & Megean Simpson	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
May 14 th	Sandra Helms	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler
May 21 st	Shirley Crowe	Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin
May 28 th	Beverly Napier	Julia & David Godwin
June 4 th	Christa & Brandon Love	Teresa Hilton & Gayle Throckmorton

The June issues of *Mature Living* and *Home Life* magazines are on the vestibule table for pick up.

Second Harvest
Central UMC on Wednesday, May 3rd
 801 S. Hayne Street, Monroe, NC 28112

Mission Night
 Mission Night will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM. This includes Baptist Men, Baptist Women, and all ages of children and youth. Please make your plans to be here.



We will be receiving a love offering for Ben & Rachelle Davis (who are currently in Egypt) on Sunday, May 7th. Please be much in prayer for them. Envelopes are available beside the offering baskets.





Monday, May 29th



MAY Birthdays

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| 1 Susette Kimrey, Kay McBride, Alyssa Napier | 19 Ashley Fowler, Kennedy Hutson |
| 2 Austin Hilton | 20 Donald Hilton |
| 3 Carlos Figueroa, Mott Simpson | 22 Sam "Bubba" Langston, Beddie Tarlton |
| 5 Dale Frankenberg, Joe Little | 23 Cindy James, Larry Smith |
| 7 Penny Edwards | 24 Josiah Davis, Bill Fowler, Baylee Jordan |
| 9 Hampton Autry | 26 Wade Haigler |
| 10 Amanda Figueroa, Emily Kelly | 27 Jalen Long |
| 12 Drake Riggins | 28 Hailey Earp, Jimmie Seay, Raymond Smith |
| 13 Raylan Love | 29 Luke Preslar, Christa Simpson Love |
| 15 Kendall Howard | 30 Isaac Davis, Avery Haigler |
| 16 Shirley Crowe, Rita Griffin | 31 Eddie Hilton |
| 17 Nancy Hilton, Marty Little | |

FIRST WEEK OF JUNE

- 3 Hannah Napier
- 4 Josh Lemon, Xaiden Moore
- 5 Pam Rivers
- 6 Emily Graham



MAY

- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Chad Williams
- 18 Mr. & Mrs. Allen Edwards
- Mr. & Mrs. Rod Davis
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. J. Ronald (Gloria) Edwards
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Lynn

FIRST WEEK OF JUNE

- 3 Rev. & Mrs. Leon Whitley

**NATIONAL
DAY OF
PRAYER**



Thursday, May 4th

2023 Theme

PRAY FERVENTLY IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND AVAIL MUCH

JAMES 5:16B

"THE EFFECTIVE, FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILS MUCH.

How to Pray for America

WHY PRAY FOR AMERICA?

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him. Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

As we Pray for America whose pledge of allegiance recounts that we are “one nation under God,” and whose currency states that it is “in God we trust,” we want Americans to encounter the God who rules over their country. “He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns down to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name.”

—Amos 4:13 NIV

He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: “If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we’ll be changed, and we’ll see transformation in America through prayer!

HOW TO PRAY FOR AMERICA - BY PRAYING INTO SEVEN CENTERS OF INFLUENCE IN OUR NATION

GOVERNMENT

Pray for your leaders, as well as the judges in our courts. Ask God to grant them wisdom to act with integrity.

(1 Kings 3:28; 1 Timothy

2:1-2; Exodus 18:21; Proverbs 11:3;

Romans 13:1-2)

To read more on WHY, HOW, and WHAT to pray for the government, visit ["Praying for Leaders and Elected Officials in Government"](#)

Federal Government

Consider praying for our President, Vice President, Cabinet Members, Congressional Leaders, Supreme Court Justices

State Government

Consider praying for your Governor, Executive Leaders, Legislative Leaders, Judicial Leaders

Local Government

Consider praying for your Mayor, City Counsel, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Judges, County Officials

MILITARY

“He appointed military officers over the people and assembled them...and encouraged them with these words: ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged because of the king of Assyria and the vast army with him. With him only is the arm of flesh, but with us is the Lord our God to help us and to fight our battles...’” (2 Chronicles 32:6-8)

Perseverance to endure hardship (Isaiah 43:2; Deuteronomy 31:6)

How to Pray for America, continued...

Wise leaders who inspire respect from those under their command (Romans 13:1)

Protection and support for the families they have left behind (Romans 1:8-10)

To read more on WHY, HOW, and WHAT to pray for the military, visit "[Praying For Our Armed Services](#)"

MEDIA

"...Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)

The decision makers within the media to realize they can make a profit by producing uplifting projects (Proverbs 8:10-11)

Christians in media to find favor and be filled with creative ideas that bring kingdom principles and life-giving messages to the public (Proverbs 2:1-15)

To read more on WHY, HOW, and WHAT to pray for businesses, visit "[Praying for Arts, Entertainment and Media](#)"

BUSINESS

"I have filled him with the Spirit of God, giving him great wisdom, ability, and expertise in all kinds of crafts. He is a master craftsman, expert in working..." (Exodus 31:3-4)

Impartation of ideas and resources to open principled businesses, especially in areas that need an economic boost (Psalm 132:15)

Christian workers to display Christ-like humility and service to their co-workers (Philippians 2:3)

To read more on WHY, HOW, and WHAT to pray for businesses, visit "[Praying for Businesses and the Workplace](#)"

EDUCATION

"If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:3-6)

A safe atmosphere conducive to learning

Excellence in educators (Exodus 18:20-21)

Equal opportunities for every student to achieve their full potential (Philippians 1:9)

To read more about WHY, HOW, and WHAT to pray for churches, visit "[Praying For the Education of Young People](#)"

CHURCH

"So then, just as you received Jesus Christ as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ." (Colossians 2:6-8)

The church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ (Matt 22:37)

Unity with and among churches that reveal God's love to the world (John 17:23)

Integrity—that God's people look and act differently from the world (I Peter 2:11; 1 Corinthians 13:6)

To read more about WHY, HOW, and WHAT to pray for churches, visit "[Praying for the Body of Christ](#)"

FAMILY

"If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand." (Mark 3:25)

Unity and love in individual families that reach out in hospitality toward others (Romans 12:9-13)

Establish healthy relationships between parents and children (Malachi 4:5-6)

To read more about WHY, HOW, and WHAT to pray for families, visit "[Praying for Families In Our Nation](#)"



VBS

June 12th – 15th

TIME: TBA

***Jesus Revolution* movie coming soon! Watch bulletins for date and time.**

