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To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By the time you read this our 2025 Bible School may be over. I am praying for and expecting a great week of ministering to the children in our church and community.

Like any ministry effort, Bible School doesn't just happen. I want to thank all the planners and leaders who have put this year's program together. Also, a special thanks to all the volunteers. Thanks to Tony for stressing the importance of ministering to children. To quote him, "If you can get the children, you have a good chance of getting the parents." As a result of Tony's "gentle persuasion," this year we had more volunteers than positions to fill!

This year we had something happen that I haven't seen in a long time, if ever. I won't call names for fear of missing someone, but several church members took on the task of planning and executing a community visitation effort to invite children to our Bible School and parents to our Worship Service. I thank you all and know the Lord will bless your efforts.

Why do we make a special effort to reach children? Jesus showed a tremendous love for children. He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." In essence, Jesus's teachings about children underscore their value, importance, and the need to treat them with compassion and care. He showed that a childlike faith is essential for entering the Kingdom of God.

May we all strive to be more Christlike in our concern for children.

Roger James



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dawn Eudy, Nolan Maner
- 3 Eli Dermid
- 5 Taylor Hilton
- 7 Kaylan Guffey Maner, Cody Helms
- 8 Alicia Jordan
- 10 Billy Riggins
- 12 Craig Griffin
- 13 Wade Simpson
- 14 Gil Collins, Daniel Figueroa, Cindy Haigler, Chris Walker, Cathy Post
- 15 Jim Guffey, Stephanie Starnes Traynham
- 16 Karlee Jo Estridge
- 17 Chloe Crowe
- 19 Bryson Dermid, Debbie Jordan, Cody Kimrey
- 21 Teddy Griffin, Emma Rae Strickland
- 24 Tyson Stewart
- 26 Terri Wood
- 28 Jerry Guffey, Laura Dermid
- 29 Carter Dermid, Monica Newsome
- 30 Susan Griffin, Malinda (Mindy) Lewis
- 31 Becky Griffin

HAPPY 1ST WEEK OF AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Rhylan Moore
- 3 Abbie James, Austin James, Thomas Morris
- 4 Judah Dermid
- 5 Jimmy Haigler
- 6 Terry Ikerd



HAPPY JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Mr. & Mrs. Bill Ivey
- 9 Mr. & Mrs. Jimmie Seay
- 10 Mr. & Mrs. Steven Walden
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond (Heather) Smith
- 13 Mr. & Mrs. Roger James
- 17 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Napier
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Larry B. Smith, Jr.

HAPPY 1ST WEEK OF AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Chris Griffin
- 1 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Trull
- 2 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Fowler

July issues of *Mature Living*, *Home Life*, *Open Windows*, and *Our Daily Bread* are in the vestibule and Sunday School classes for pick up. Please see Roger Haigler to update the number of each your class needs. Thank you.



Library News

More volumes have been added to the church library. Linda Godwin Huffman has donated fifteen more since last report. Most of these are inspirational and add to spiritual growth.

Some of the titles include the following:

Aborted...And Lived to Tell About It

Experiencing Grief

How to Find, Follow, Fulfill God's Will

God Is in the Small Stuff for Your Family

Weeding Out the Tears

Molly Grantham, former news anchor and investigative reporter for WBTV in Charlotte, has written a book that would appeal to young mothers. This book stems from her "endless attempts to keep it all together" with her first two young children. Her struggles and joy are recounted in *Small Victories: The Off-Camera Life of an On-Camera Mom*.

These recently donated books are located to the left side on the desktop in the library.

Come on down and check out some books to read as you relax in the shade or in the air conditioning. They are waiting patiently for you!

Brenda Lee, Church Librarian



Nursery Schedule

July 6th: Kathy & Dwight Starnes

July 13th: Beverly Napier

July 20th: Debbie Jordan & Amanda Vann

July 27: Dawn Eudy & Kelcey Griffin

August 3rd: Debbie Jordan & Amanda Vann



July 6th: Debbie & Baylee Jordan

July 13th: Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith

July 20th: Need Volunteers

July 27th: Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler

August 3rd: Cindy Whitley & Kelcey Griffin



FOOD MINISTRY

JULY FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS

Thank you for your contributions to helping feed the children in our community.

July 6th: Box of macaroni and cheese

July 13th: Bag or box of Ramen noodles (any flavor)

July 20th: 4 pack of Jello

July 27th: 4 or 6 pack of applesauce

August 3rd: Box of individual pack of grits or oatmeal.

Thank you!! Your donations help so much.

Brenda Walker

2025 FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS

REMINDER...If you or your Sunday School Class wants to use the Fellowship Hall, please be sure to schedule with Sheri. Thank you.

July Fellowship Hall Clean Up

Prophecy Class

SECOND HARVEST

Watch weekly bulletins.





Chocolate Ice Cream

Frances Knight

1-lb. can chocolate syrup
½ pt. heavy whipping cream
2 c. sugar
2 T. vanilla
Milk

Makes 1 gallon.



Churchwide Project for Samaritan's Purse

The children and youth are asking for your help by donating items each month for their Shoebox Mission Project/Packing Party that will take place later this year. 😊

For the month of **JULY** we are collecting **clothing items such as cotton dresses, t-shirts, underwear, socks, hats and gloves, sunglasses, flashlights, stuffed animals.**

Please leave items in the Welcome Center. A monetary collection box for donations is in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact Julia Godwin. Thank you so much for your help!

Refrigerator Pickles

Carolyn Haigler

4 c. sugar
4 c. vinegar
½ c. table salt
1 ½ T. mustard seed
1 ½ T. turmeric
1 ½ T. celery seed
3 med. onions, sliced
4 qt. cucumbers, sliced

Put onions and cucumbers into large container. Mix first six ingredients together and pour over onions and cucumbers, making sure the cucumbers and onions are covered with pickling mixture. Place container in refrigerator. Wait at least five days before eating pickles. They will keep for at least a year in the refrigerator. These pickles are very similar to bread and butter pickles and so easy. No cooking or heating is needed.

Fruit of the Spirit Word Search

Y L O V E G E N T L E N E S S
H G S S E N L U F H T I A F S
T O N R A E L P A T I E N C E
L O N G S U F F E R I N G Y N
A D T I R I P S I C J U L W K
E N S S E F N O C U A O R O E
H E S S E N D N I K H E Y F E
S S F Q H H O N E S T T P R M
V S O W T R U S T W O R T H Y
E K I L T S I R H C G I F T S



CHRISTLIKE
CONFESS
FAITHFULNESS
FRUIT
GENTLENESS
GIFTS
GOODNESS
HEALTHY
HOLY
HONEST



JOY
KINDNESS
LEARN
LONGSUFFERING
LOVE
MEEKNESS
PATIENCE
PEACE
SPIRIT
TRUSTWORTHY

