



August 2025

CHAPEL NEWS

We at Lutheran Chapel Church are called by God to PROCLAIM Christ as Lord and Savior, to SEEK and to INVITE the unchurched into the fellowship of faith: to SERVE God and to NURTURE one another's faith and spiritual growth by being a loving, caring and compassionate community of believers.



ON LOVING GOD

Friends in Christ,

Sunday by Sunday we recite and reflect on the Great Commandment of our Lord Jesus to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:28-31). There is spiritual benefit as we repeat the gift of God's Word and I hope the Holy Spirit will grow each of us through this regular contemplation.

Summer reading to pass along on this very subject comes from St. Bernard of Clairvaux. He is a great writer from our Christian tradition and a huge influence on

Martin Luther. Some quotes from his **On Loving God** to consider for your journey are below:

- The reason for loving God is God Himself. There is only one measure for how He is to be loved: it is immeasurable!
- Rest in Him alone. Man knows no peace in the world, but he has no disturbance when he is with God.
- We must know, then, what we are, and that it is not of ourselves that we are. Unless we know this thoroughly, either we shall not glory at all, or our glorying will be in vain.
- Real happiness will come not in gratifying our desires or in gaining transient pleasures, but in accomplishing God's will for us, even as we pray every day: Thy will be done.

If you have any quotable quotes to share from summer reading please pass them along. I am still wrestling with **Live Not By Lies** by Rod Dreher – the title is actually a quote by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. Thanks be to God for the gift of reading, listening, and exploring new ideas all through the journey of life. What kind of explorations will we have in eternal life to come?

Peace in Christ,

Pastor Michael

Pastor Michael

Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:30 am ~ Fellowship

9:00 am ~ Sunday School/Bible Study

10:00 am ~ Worship in Sanctuary

*Sunday Worship Service is streamed live
for those unable to attend in person.*

Wednesdays

7:00 Evening Suffrages and the Chosen



FROM THE TREASURER...

| | Actual April 2025 | Actual YTD | 2025 Budget YTD | 2025 Budget Over/(Under) |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | \$26,499.16 | \$106,770.28 | \$129,500.00 | \$(22,729.72) |
| Distributions | \$27,064.59 | \$108,542.60 | \$127,187.00 | \$(18,111.07) |
| Net Cash | \$(565.43) | \$(1772.32) | | |

| | Actual May 2025 | Actual YTD | 2025 Budget YTD | 2025 Budget Over/(Under) |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | \$32,005.58 | \$13,8775.86 | \$161,875.00 | \$(23099.14) |
| Distributions | \$28,159.49 | \$136,702.09 | \$158,733.75 | \$(22031.66) |
| Net Cash | \$3,846.09 | \$2,073.77 | | |

| | Actual June 2025 | Actual YTD | 2025 Budget YTD | 2025 Budget Over/(Under) |
|----------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Donations | \$37,116.19 | \$175,892.05 | \$194,250.00 | \$(18,357.95) |
| Distributions | \$28,778.84 | \$165,480.93 | \$190,780.50 | \$(25,299.57) |
| Net Cash | \$8,337.35 | \$10,411.12 | | |

If you have any questions, please contact Gene Weaver (Interim Treasurer)

COUNCIL MINUTES

Financial Report

While LCC is currently below projected contributions, this is offset by lower-than-budgeted distributions and expenses. Rob Andrews requested historical data on annual donations and monthly variances from projected contributions to help determine the appropriate timing for a potential temple talk with the congregation.

Pastor's Report

- Andy Royston would like to join LCC. He has completed catechism with the Pastor.
- After discussion, it was decided to move forward with a monthly Catechism study for all interested. This will be begin in September.

Old Business

- The church van had some minor repairs and detailing done in early July. Big thanks to Steve Clark!
- Thanks to Debra for consolidating all the music in the Educational Building.
- Pickup basketball will take place on Thursdays in the Family Life Center from 6-8 pm.
- Hickory Crawdad's baseball outing was on Tuesday, July 22. Thanks to David Zibell for coordinating this fun event.
- Seth is coordinating a 25th Anniversary celebration for Janet McKinney for the fall.

COUNCIL MINUTES continued

New Business

- The idea was brought to the Council to add an Activities Director Role. This position would plan and coordinate church activities for our youth and adults. It was voted that we move forward with the hire.
- Changes to the worship schedule were discussed, including changing to:
8:30 am Morning Prayer, 9:30 am Bible Study/Sunday School and 10:30 am Service, or
8:00 am service 9:00 am Bible Study/Sunday School and 10:00 am Service.
Jason and Matt suggested that we do a mailing to measure the preferences of the congregation. Jason Sanders will handle the survey write-up with QR code.
- Rob Andrews addressed concerns with the committee bylaws. Changes suggested include:
 - Adding the committee bylaws as an addendum to the church bylaws.
 - Stating the committee's mission, purpose, and succession rules.
 - Adding a term limit to committee chairsThese ideas will be brought before the church council for approval to make sure they align with LCC by-laws.

Upcoming EVENTS

OWLS (Older Wiser LutheranS)

We hope you'll join us for our next
OWL-standing
time of fellowship!




Thursday, August 21 at 11:00 am.


Sweet Carolinas-4000 Chester Hwy, McConnells, SC


The bus will be leaving the church at 10:00 am.



The clothing closet is in great need of summer clothing and shoes. Do you have some clothes that you don't like or that don't fit anymore? Please consider going through your closet and sharing!







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| Contact for Enquiries <ul style="list-style-type: none">Kathie704-864-6491 | When <div>Saturday Aug. 16 9:30 - 3:00</div> | Where <div>Choir Stalls in Sanctuary</div> | Cost <div>FREE - Lunch Provided</div> |
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SAVE THE DATE - BRIDAL SHOWER



The card features a light pink background with floral illustrations of pink, orange, and blue roses. On the left is the logo for 'WOMEN of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America', which includes a blue cross with a white flower inside. The text 'Bride to be' is written in a large, elegant red cursive font. Below this, in a smaller black font, it says 'ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER IN HONOR OF'. The name 'Meredith Andrews' is written in a large, red cursive font. Below her name, it says 'DAUGHTER OF ROB AND KELLY ANDREWS'. The date 'SUNDAY SEPT | 21 | 2025' is displayed in red, with the day of the week above the date. At the bottom, it says 'IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CHURCH IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER'. On the right side, there is an illustration of a white wedding dress on a mannequin, surrounded by more flowers.

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of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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SUNDAY
SEPT | 21 | 2025

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CHURCH IN THE FAMILY
LIFE CENTER



WELCA HOSTING SHOWERS SINCE 1992

33 years ago, the WELCA hosted their First Bridal Shower at Lutheran Chapel Church. The first shower was hosted in May of 1992, in honor of Elizabeth Edwards. These showers have provided great times of fellowship at Lutheran Chapel Church as we have honored brides at a special time in their lives.

MUSIC News



2025 Summer Recital Series

Recitals begin at 4:00 pm unless otherwise noted - Free Admission.
A freewill offering will be accepted at each recital to support the Stigall Scholarship Fund, which helps offset private organ instruction tuition for organ students in grades 6-12. Please refer to our website for the most up-to date schedule. www.charlotteago.org

August 3 Greg Reynolds/Organ & Bells

Neely's Creek ARP

974 Neelys Creek Rd, Rock Hill, SC

August 10 Kevin Haney/Kathie Riebe

St. John's Baptist Church

300 Hawthorne Ln, Charlotte

August 17 Lester Ackerman
with Alex Wilborn & Jon Kaplan, Trumpets (CSO)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

1001 Queens Rd, Charlotte

August 24 Evan Currie

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church


3400 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte



Choir Rehearsals Begin

- ✓ Sundays 11:30 - 1:00
- ✓ in Sanctuary after worship
- ✓ beginning August 31

You're warmly invited – prior experience is not required!
Contact Kathie for more information

 **704-864-6491**



Chapel Ringers Rehearsals Begin

You are warmly invited to join.

Prior Ringing experience not required

- ✓ Rehearsals on Tuesdays at 5:30
- ✓ Starting Aug. 26

- ✓ We ring 10:00 Services 1-2 time per month
- ✓ 1 Advent Wed. evening
- ✓ Christmas Eve



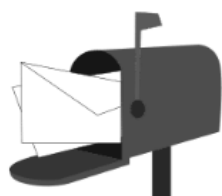
If interested, please call Kathie
at 704-864-6491

KATHIE PERFORMING AT A SUMMER RECITAL



On August 10, Kathie Riebe will be playing at the American Guild of Organist's Summer Recital Series. You are cordially invited to attend. The recital is free with a freewill offering for the High School scholarship fund. The recital will be at:

St. John's Baptist Church at 300 Hawthorne Lane in Charlotte, beginning at 4:00 pm.



From the
MAIL BOX

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, visits, food, phone calls, and cards during my recent illness. I appreciate your love and concern shown to me during this time and feel so fortunate to be a part of such a loving and caring congregation.

Ruby Cook

Dear Family of Lutheran Chapel,

Thank you for your recent recognition of all 2025 graduates and the gift of Psalms given. This church has always been my home and has always been filled with the kindest people. To all who have seen me and supported me in growth and all my endeavors, thank you. I hope to continue to make all of you proud.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ryan Threlby

Dear members of
Lutheran Chapel Church:
Thank you for the
prayers, cards, flowers,
telephone calls and
visits while I was in
the hospital early part
of this year.

I am so blessed to be
a member of the
Lutheran Chapel Family

Barbara Robinson

Helping **OTHERS**



This Month's Recipient:



**CRISIS
ASSISTANCE
MINISTRY**

Our love offering for August will be for Crisis Assistance Ministry. This ministry would not be possible without the financial gifts, food donations, and volunteer hours that 48 congregations in our county provide. The participation of our congregation is essential to ensure that CAM has an adequate food supply and enough money to meet the requests for assistance that they receive. Assistance to more than 3,200 families was provided last year - 2,005 food orders and \$198,000.00 to direct client assistance for rent, utilities and mortgage.

Please continue to place food donations in the blue box in our Sunday School wing and in the basket in the narthex of the sanctuary. Please check the expiration dates of all donated food items. Last year, our generous church family donated 188 bags of food. The Social Ministry Committee will continue to deliver to CAM as donations are given.

It is vital to our community of neighbors who suffer under the burden of poverty and for those in financial crisis that we continue to support this ministry. Just this year, CAM has received 170 applications for assistance. CAM is continually tweaking its programs to improve the way that the needs of our community are met. The fact that CAM is very successful in meeting the needs of families and individuals is the very reason we need to continue to support them.

Please prayerfully consider your donation and help CAM to meet the essential life needs of food, rent/mortgage, utilities, and prescription medicines of people in need. Our congregation is always very generous each month to our love offerings, and we appreciate the support and love that you give to ministries as they work to stop the suffering of our neighbors.

Thank you,

Social Ministry Committee



"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"

Isaiah 30:21

SERIES ON THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

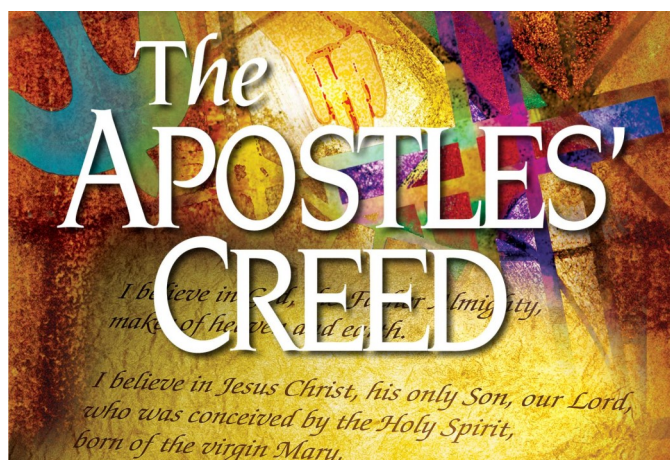
Why do we pray this almost every Sunday Service?

The Lutheran Confessions assert that “the chief Service of God is to preach the Gospel” (**Apology of the Augsburg Confession**, 15:42). So, where is the good news in the Service millennia by millennia, Sunday by Sunday? Consider this little commentary on the Holy Communion Service. If the Holy Spirit has passed these scriptures and songs down to us, then maybe they are worth putting in our hearts, right?



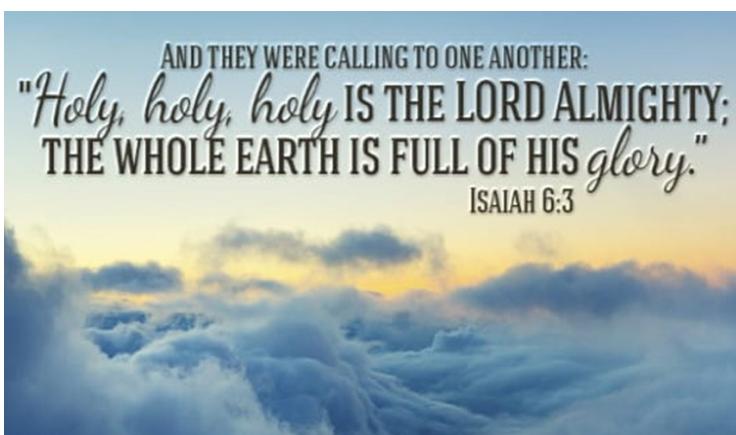
The Lord Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison) – This is the cry of blind Bartimaeus and the lepers in distress (Mark 10:47 and Luke 17:12-13). We cry to God in Jesus’ Name and He will hear us (John 14:13-14). This ancient prayer recognizes that our human condition is entirely contingent and dependent on God. It is also part of daily prayers. Why? I need God’s help. Don’t we all?

Glory to God in the Highest (Gloria in Excelsis) – This is the song of the angels (Luke 2:14) and the confession of John the Baptist (John 1:29) combined as one of the earliest Christian songs. We can give glory to Jesus and, as the shepherds of old, we can join in the cosmic song. Rejoice!

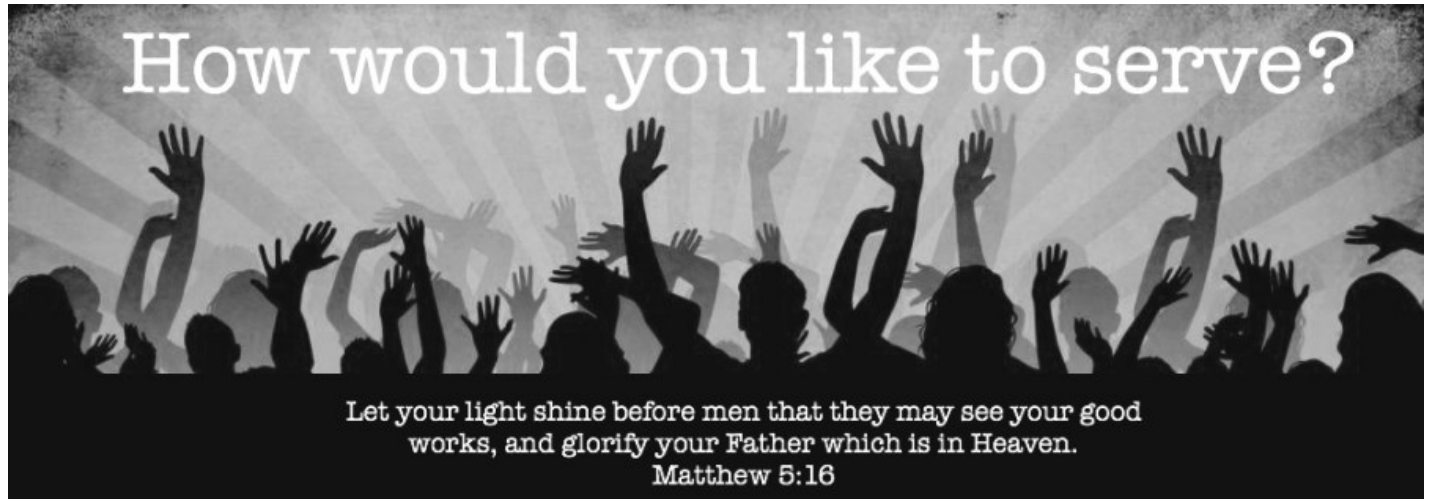


Holy, Holy, Holy (The Sanctus) – The song of the seraphim, heard by the Prophet Isaiah at his call to serve the LORD (Isaiah 6:1-4), directs us to the One who alone is holy. As the LORD is holy, so He makes His people holy through the gift of His Word and Sacrament for us.

The Creed (Apostles’ Creed) – This confession of faith in God: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit is traditionally attributed to the Apostles. Jesus reveals the mystery of God as Trinity (Matthew 28:19-20). Let us confess our faith and invite all to worship the One, true God of all.



Serving the *CHURCH*



August Worship Assistants

| | August 3 | August 10 | August 17 | August 24 | August 31 |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| Assistant Minister | Norman Overcash | Sylvia Fogle | Adam DeLuca | Chris Lowe | Noah Comer |
| Acolyte | Elena Hoffman | Hunter Clark | Renwick Royston | Cameron Bell | Corbin Brown |
| Lector | Jenny Williamson | Katherine Sanders | Mary Burgoon | Amy Brown | Sylvia Fogle |
| Crucifer | Maddie Potter | Christian Mull | Jordan Hoffman | Will Clark | Bram Comer |
| First Aid/AED/CPR | Debra Hoffman | Mark Thornburg | Ervin Hoffman | Perry Linkous | Gene Weaver |
| Council Members of the Month: Matt Hoffman and Jenny Williamson | | | | | |

*** If you have a conflict on your scheduled Sunday, please find a replacement and contact the church office. ***

August Altar Flowers

Cost of flowers is \$55.00.

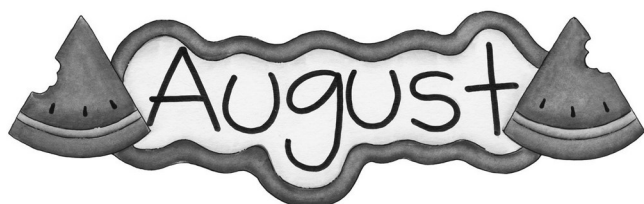
*Please be sure to note your payment is for **Altar Flowers**.*



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| August 3 | Given by Ron and Ann Behringer for their 66th Wedding Anniversary |
| August 10 | Given to the Glory of God by Alfred Lineberger, in memory of Kay |
| August 17 | Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Gary, given by Pat Lindler |
| August 24 | In memory of Jerry and Larry, given by Shirley Carpenter |
| August 31 | In honor of Matt's Birthday and Debra and Henry Hoffman's Wedding Anniversary |

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

NUMBERS 6:24-26



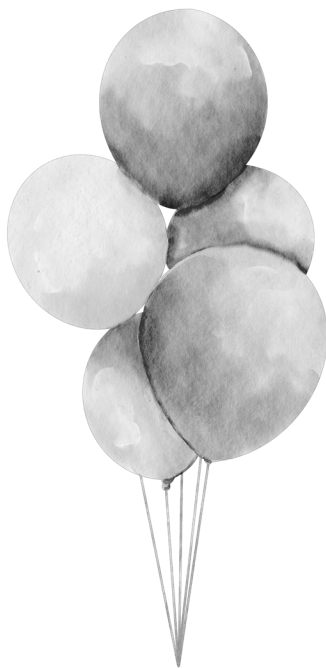
Celebrating OUR MEMBERS

BIRTHDAYS

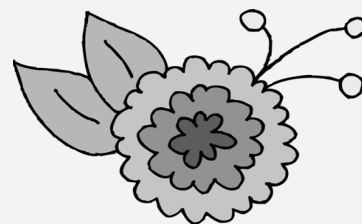
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| Caroline Carpenter | 1 |
| Ann Behringer | 2 |
| Kimberly Bell | 2 |
| Chris Angstadt | 5 |
| Rachel Carpenter | 5 |
| Steve Bell | 7 |
| Janie Peak | 7 |
| Susan Cooper-Cox | 8 |
| Olivia Berghello | 10 |
| Steve Jackson | 19 |
| Carlton Peacock | 19 |
| Emily Carpenter | 21 |
| Ginny Comer | 22 |
| Jason Sanders | 22 |
| Charles Heilig, IV | 27 |
| Lucinda Thornburg | 27 |
| Baker Sanders | 30 |
| Barbara Robinson | 31 |

ANNIVERSARIES

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Ron & Ann Behringer | 1 |
| Erin & Cody Huffstetler | 3 |
| David & Susan Lewis | 7 |



SEND A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS





Betty Little
Covenant Village
1351 Robinwood Rd.
Apt. A-205
Gastonia, NC 28054

Helen McCarter
ARP Manor
2900 Union Road
Apt. 114
Gastonia, NC 28054

Barbara & Carlton Peacock
151 E Dallas Hwy
Apt. 616
Stanley, NC 28164

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please let the office know so that we can enter it into the database.

August

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|--|--|-----------|---|
| | |  |  | | 1 | 2 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) |
| 3 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 4 | 5 8:30 Preschool 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday | 6 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C) | 7 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 6:00 Basketball Pickup (Gym) | 8 | 9 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) |
| 10 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 12-4 Hoffman Reunion (FLC) 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 11 | 12 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday | 13 7:00 Evening Service (C) | 14 11:00 Bible Study (L) 6-8 pm Preschool Open House | 15 | 16 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) 9:00-12:00 Choir Workshop 12:00 Choir Lunch |
| 17 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Exec. Council Meeting (CR) 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 18 Newsletter Articles Due | 19 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday | 20 7:00 Evening Service (C) | 21 11:00 Bible Study (L) 11:00 Sweet Carolinas McConnells, SC bus leaves 10:00 am 6:00 Basketball Pickup (Gym) | 21 | 23 9:30 Hungry Peeps (FH) |
| 24 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11-4 Craig Thornburg (FLC) 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | 25 8:30 Preschool Year Begins | 26 8:30 Preschool 5:30 Chapel Ringers 10:00 Clothing Closet Workday | 27 8:30 Preschool 7:00 Evening Service (C) | 28 8:30 Preschool 11:00 Bible Study (L) 6:00 Basketball Pickup (Gym) | 29 | 30 |
| 31 8:30 Fellowship (FH) 9:00 Sunday School/Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:30 Chancel Choir 8:00 Faith Group (FH) | | | | | | |

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Michael C. Comer, Pastor

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