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"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."



"I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE CHRISTIAN FLAG, AND TO THE SAVIOR FOR WHOSE KINGDOM IT STANDS, ONE SAVIOR, CRUCIFIED, RISEN, AND COMING AGAIN, WITH LIFE AND LIBERTY TO ALL WHO BELIEVE."

From the Pastor's Desk!

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Isn't it interesting that as we grow older, the years seem to go by so much quicker. We find ourselves in the Month of May and it seems that the months and days of this year are going by quicker and quicker. That may well be why it is so important and essential for us as brothers and sisters in Christ to cherish each moment we have together and help to teach others how to cherish time and to not take it for granted.

Not only is our time important, but so is our relationship with Christ. When was the last time someone asked you, "How is it with your soul" and did you answer? Do we take nurturing our faith as seriously as we do living our daily lives? How often do we make our relationship with Christ a priority and put other things on hold? Is our faith essential to our daily life, or is it something we say we have, but invest in minimally?

Over the years, I have read many books and articles on best practices for faith development. Over and over again, the one common thread that continues to be lifted up in all that I have read, says that change in one's spiritual growth comes with commitment. Making a decision to do something is great, but the only way the decision can have any impact is when there is follow through. If you practice something continually for twenty-one days straight it will then become a habit. Since we are all getting older and our time is going faster, why not try making a commitment to a new practice for three weeks and let's see if it brings about a change in your life.

So, I offer you a tool to use to help start a journey of commitment. Each newsletter I offer a month's worth of daily scripture readings for us as a church to engage in and read together as a family. So, could we try together to commit to at least 21 days of scripture reading in the month of May? Could we find someone to discuss our readings with to help keep us on track? Could we commit to grow in our faith and seek to experience renewal in the month of May? If you are curious, or even if you have questions about this, reach out to me. Let's commit to renewing ourselves and strengthening our relationship with Christ and may our lives be changed for the hope of God's kingdom.

With His Love,
Pastor Elise

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Canned Peas & Peanut Butter



MAY SCRIPTURE READING PLAN

For the month of May, we will look at the scriptures and be able to experience different Genres each week. I hope that these readings will help to draw you in to God's word each day. May your reading of scripture each day be a gift you give to yourself for your growth.

May 2019

May 1 Matthew 1-2

May 2 Genesis 1-3

May 3 Joshua 1-5

May 4 Psalms 1-2

May 5 Job 1-2

May 6 Isaiah 1-6

May 7 Romans 1-2

May 8 Matthew 3-4

May 9 Genesis 4-7

May 10 Joshua 6-10

May 11 Psalms 3-5

May 12 Job 3-4

May 13 Isaiah 7-11

May 14 Romans 3-4

May 15 Matthew 5-7

May 16 Genesis 8-11

May 17 Joshua 11-15

May 18 Psalm 6-8

May 19 Job 5-6

May 20 Isaiah 12-17

May 21 Romans 5-6

May 22 Matthew 8-10

May 23 Genesis 12-15

May 24 Joshua 16-20

May 25 Psalm 9-11

May 26 Job 7-8

May 27 Isaiah 18-22

May 28 Romans 7-8

May 29 Matthew 11-13

May 30 Genesis 16-19

May 31 Joshua 21-24

FLOOD BUCKET MINISTRY

OUR ITEMS FOR OUR FLOOD BUCKET MINISTRY FOR MAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

***WORK GLOVES:** Cotton with a leather palm or all
Leather

***Two Pair of KITCHEN GLOVES**

***Five N95 Particulate RESPIRATOR DUST MASKS**
(1mm to 3 mm thickness) No surgical Masks

***Five SCOURING PADS, No stainless steel or pads**
with soap in them

Thank you for helping us to be prepared and ready
to help others in their time of need.

PLACE ITEMS IN F. HALL NEAR PIANO

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 12, 2019

M-O-T-H-E-R

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.

- Howard Johnson.

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

MAY 26

Immediately following Worship
Bring snack foods and a chair
and meet us outside (F. Hall if rain)



GRADUATES



IF YOU ARE GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE
THIS YEAR, PLEASE GIVE YOUR NAME & SCHOOL
TO LINDA SMELTZER OR SHERRY SMITH.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO:

Jean Whitley and family
In the recent deaths of:

Ms. Kevin Hammill, Niece
Mrs. Dorinda Whitley Dooley, Niece
Mr. Larry "Sonny" Bowers, Nephew

Please remember this family in prayer.

COMING SOON!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 15 - 17

LOOK FOR INFORMATION
IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER

If you can help,
please see Linda Smeltzer



BODY & SOUL SENIOR FITNESS

Body & Soul Exercise Classes meet
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM.
Monthly fees are \$25.00.

If you have Silver Sneakers as part
of your insurance, there is no cost.

If you have questions, please call
Kathy Joy at 704-277-3267

BODY & SOUL SENIOR FITNESS

A TALK PRESENTED BY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
ON CRITICAL HOME REPAIR, HOME LOANS AND
MORE WAS CANCELLED IN APRIL AND WILL BE
RE-SCHEDULED @ COVENANT UMC
LIGHT BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED.

LOOK FOR THE DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED

PRAYER CONCERNS

OUR CHURCH & OUR LEADERS, THE LOST, AMERICA,
USA LEADERS, WORLD LEADERS, THE WORLD

Gayle Mull
Jo Ann Murphy (Sister-in-law of Gayle Mull)
Winnie Elliott
Pat Hatley
Nancy Blanton
June Crane
Houston Crane, Jr.
Judy Goble
Katheryn Goodman

Ray & Pansy DeViney
Judy Dotson
Barbara Hurley
Christine Sexton
Jim Wallace
Katheryn Goodman
Louise Mingus

Glenn Monteith, Aldersgate Ret. Community
Virginia Townsend, The Haven
Polly Wright, Brookdale Sr. Living
Buford Nance, Williams Place
Billie Hathcock (Assoc. Member) Ranson Ridge Assisted
Living

OFFICE HOURS
9 – 2
M – Thurs.

**BULLETIN
INFO IS
DUE BY
TUESDAY
EACH WEEK**



**Body & Soul
Exercise Class
Mon, Wed & Fri:
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

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| <p>MAY CHILDREN'S TIME SERVANTS</p> <p>May 5 Communion May 12 Linda Smeltzer May 19 Kim Beacham May 26 Elaine Snipes</p> | <p>MAY WORSHIP SERVANTS</p> <p>Welcome: Kathy Joy Head Usher: Barry Smith Church Sign: Ralph Percival Media: Roger Smartt Security: Tim Cox Communion Steward: Grace Hrisak</p> | <p>MAY NURSERY SERVANTS</p> <p>May 5 Melanie & Ken Smith May 12 Glenda & Dwight Jackson May 19 Kathy Joy May 26 Judy & Michael Lowe</p> |
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| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|---|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | | 1 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR | 2 MOUNTAIN TOPPERS Leave the church @ 10:45 AM | 3 9:30 AM Exercise | 4 |
| 5 JUNE NEWS DUE 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/ Communion | 6 9:30 AM Exercise | 7 11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH @ SHOWMARS | 8 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR | 9 | 10 9:30 AM Exercise | 11 |
| 12 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship F.HALL RESERVED (JACKSON) | 13 9:30 AM Exercise | 14 | 15 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR | 16 | 17 9:30 AM Exercise | 18 |
| 19 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship | 20 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM FINANCE COMMITTEE | 21 | 22 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR Pastor on Vacation | 23 11:00 AM MOUNTAIN TOPPERS Pastor on Vacation | 24 9:30 AM Exercise | 25 Pastor on Vacation |
| 26 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/ (De Hillyer) 12:15 PM LEMONADE ON THE LAWN Pastor on Vacation | 27 MEMORIAL DAY Church Office Closed 9:30 AM Exercise | 28 | 29 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR | 30 | 31 9:30 AM Exercise | |

- May Birthdays**
- 1 Nancy Roland
 - 3 Ken Smith
 - 4 Y-Mannai
Suzanne Gosney
John Guignard
 - 6 Rhonda Cunningham
 - 7 Helen Crawford
 - 10 Linda Mullis
 - 13 Melanie Smith

- 16 Mindy Abernathy
H-Mai Buon Krong
Ethan Reames
- 18 Ralph Percival
Wanda Vassey
- 19 John Helms
- 23 Reagan Riddle
- 27 Winnie Elliott
Savannah McCormick
- 29 Ian Reames
- 31 June Crane

- May Anniversaries**
- 6 Johnny & Jean Helms
 - 14 Roger & Rhonda Smartt
 - 18 Billy & Kathy Joy
Luis & Laura Osuna
 - 19 Bobby & Cara Morton, Jr.
 - 21 Ben & Elise Kennedy
Doug & Teresa Smith
 - 22 Barry & Sherry Smith
 - 26 Rick & Brenda Taft
 - 28 Jeremy & Monica Smith
 - 29 Bill & Gloria Navy

*If your birthday or anniversary is missing,
please contact the office.*

