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Covenant Prayer Concerns

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

Gayle Mull	Jo Ann Murphy (Sister-in-law of Gayle Mull)
Winnie Elliott	Houston Crane, Jr
Nancy Blanton	June Crane
Pat Hatley	Judy Goble
Katheryn Goodman	Ray DeViney
Sandra Carlisle	Bol Siu
Carol Thomas	Trent McSwain
Linda Efird (Huntersville rehab)	
Ray DeViney	Judy Dotson
Barbara Hurley	Christine Sexton
Jim Wallace	Louise Mingus
Katheryn Goodman	
Glenn Monteith, Aldersgate Ret. Community	Virginia Townsend, The Haven
Polly Wright, Brookdale Senior Living	Buford Nance, Williams Place
Billie Hathcock (Associate) Ranson Ridge Assisted Living	Pansy DeViney, Mint Hill Senior Living

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As we find ourselves in these days of summer, what are we doing with our time? Many people I knew growing up, and still now, spend part of their summer in the garden. There seems to be a desire in many of us to take part in watching something grow. In order for there to be a harvest, a lot of work must be done. The soil prepared, the seeds or plants made ready for planting, taking time to remove the weeds and make sure the garden has enough sunlight and water. Yet, even though it can be time consuming, and even though there may be years where the harvest is small, and even though we might find ourselves battling bugs and too much rain, we find ourselves in that space year after year, getting ready to watch the garden grow.

Why do we do this? Why do we spend so much time and energy on this endeavor? Why do we work so hard for at times what is so little? It all boils down to the end result. Its what we get from the garden that gives our hearts joy. That produce that comes from our labor tastes better than any produce from anywhere else. It is something that we can and do take pride in.

We have another garden that needs just as much work as our garden in the yard. It is the garden of our soul. Our souls need for us to spend time feeding them from God's word. We need to reach out and be covered in the grace of what God wants for us and our lives. Just as our garden needs us to work on it to help it produce, we need to pay attention to the garden of our soul so that we can help gather in the produce of God's kingdom. So, this summer, as we are in a season where we do things a little more relaxed and we take a bit of a break from the normal busy lives that we lead, take some time to tend to your soul and may it produce the very fruit God wants from us all.

With His Love,
Pastor Elise

FOOD NEEDED
(FOR THRIFT FOOD PANTRY)
CONTINUE WITH CEREAL AND CRACKERS
AS THE BASKETS ARE EMPTY.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES: FLOOD BUCKETS

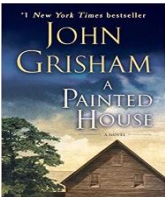
For the month of July, we will be taking inventory of what we have received so far for the flood buckets. Thank you for all that you have already given.

We will let you know in August what we need to finish the buckets. Again, thank you for your support and helping our neighbors in need.



JULY BOOK CLUB

For the month of July, our book club will be reading "A Painted House" by John Grisham. Take some time to read the book, make some notes and join us at Showmars on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:30 PM where we will discuss the book together. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Elise.



Covenant Family,
Thank you all so much for thinking of me during this time of my life. I really appreciate the book and the gift card you gave me for graduation. I am looking forward to starting my career as a nurse! Love, Katie Holt

READING THROUGH THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

During the month of July, we will read together through the book of Isaiah. These words are very appropriate for our time. I hope that they will be a source of comfort and maybe even spur some curiosity to delve deeper into God's word.

July 1 Isaiah 1:1-9
July 2 Isaiah 1:10-20
July 3 Isaiah 1: 21-31
July 4 Isaiah 2:1-4
July 5 Isaiah 2:5-21
July 6 Isaiah 2:22 - 4:1
July 7 Isaiah 4:2-6
July 8 Isaiah 5:1-7
July 9 Isaiah 5:8-30
July 10 Isaiah 6:1-13
July 11 Isaiah 7:1-17
July 12 Isaiah 7:18-8:8
July 13 Isaiah 8:9-22
July 14 Isaiah 9:1-7
July 15 Isaiah 9:8-10:4
July 16 Isaiah 10:5-34
July 17 Isaiah 11:1-16
July 18 Isaiah 12:1-6
July 19 Isaiah 13:1-22
July 20 Isaiah 14:1-32
July 21 Isaiah 15:1-16:14
July 22 Isaiah 17:1-18:7
July 23 Isaiah 19:1-20:6
July 24 Isaiah 21:1-17
July 25 Isaiah 22:1-25
July 26 Isaiah 23:1-18
July 27 Isaiah 24:1-20
July 28 Isaiah 24:21-25:12
July 29 Isaiah 26:1-21
July 30 Isaiah 27:1-13
July 31 Isaiah 28:1-29

BACKPACK SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Even though it is July, and our kids are thinking of anything other than school, it is time for us to start collecting supplies for kids going back to school. Our cluster provides 500 backpacks with supplies in them to several schools in our area, including Tuckasegee Elementary and Wilson Middle School. This year we will be responsible for collecting glue sticks and crayons. So we will need to collect 500 boxes of crayons and at least 500 glue sticks. If you are able to help us help our children start a successful school year, please do. Our final collection day will be Sunday, August 18th. We will be packing backpacks at Thrift UMC on Tuesday, August 20th at 6:30. Mark your calendars now. Thank you for all that you will do to help our children!

THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

The Season after Pentecost is essentially the part of the year that is left over after everything has been accounted for. The name of this season varies widely from church to church—it can be called Kingdomtide, Dominiontide, or Ordinary Time. Methodist and Presbyterian call this time "Kingdomtide." It is a liturgical season or sub-season observed only by Protestant churches, especially Methodists and Presbyterians. Green is traditionally the color of the day throughout this season as it is a part of the season of Ordinary Time.

In most churches, the general theme of the Bible readings and sermons concerns the church's mission in the world. This season begins on June 10, 2019, the day after Pentecost and ends on November 30, 2019, the day before the First Sunday of Advent.

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**

JULY CHILDREN'S TIME SERVANTS

July 7 Communion
July 14 Kim Beacham
July 21 Elaine snipes
July 28 Jim Smeltzer

JULY NURSERY SERVANTS

July 7 Judy & Michael Lowe
July 14 Rhonda, Mady & Lydia Smartt
July 21 Melanie & Ken Smith
July 28 Glenda & Dwight Jackson

JULY WORSHIP SERVANTS

Welcome: John Hrisak
Head Usher: Joe Reames
Church Sign: Ralph Percival
Media: Roger Smartt
Security: Barry Smith
Communion Steward: Grace Hrisak

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:30 AM Exercise Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR Office Closed	4 Office Closed	5 No Exercise Office Closed	6
7 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/ Communion	8 9:30 AM Exercise	9	10 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR	11	12 9:30 AM Exercise	13
14 August news due 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	15 9:30 AM Exercise VBS	16 11:30 AM WOMEN'S LUNCH @ SHOWMARS VBS	17 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR VBS	18	19 9:30 AM Exercise	20
21 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	22 9:30 AM Exercise	23	24 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR	25 11:00 AM MOUNTAIN TOPPERS	26 9:30 AM Exercise	27
28 9:30 AM Prayer Rm Open 9:30 AM Montagnard Svc 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Billy Joy	29 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM Finance Committee Mtg.	30 6:30 PM BOOK CLUB @ SHOWMARS	31 9:30 AM Exercise 7:00 PM CHOIR			

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Lauren Shouse
- 2 Billy Joy
- 3 Colby Richardson
- 5 Rev. Elise Kennedy
- 6 Wendy Ellis Renedo
- 8 Linda Efird
- 9 Vance Threatt
- 12 Jennifer Shouse

- 15 Y-Khel R'Bam
- Tommy Beacham
- 18 Claire Kennedy
- Wyatt Olliff
- 19 Christine Sexton
- 20 Buford Nance
- 21 Gerrica Watson Spencer
- 22 Phyllis Lawing
- Monica Smith

- 25 Jeremy Smith
- Bertica Mullis
- 26 Bobby Morton
- 27 Judy Goble

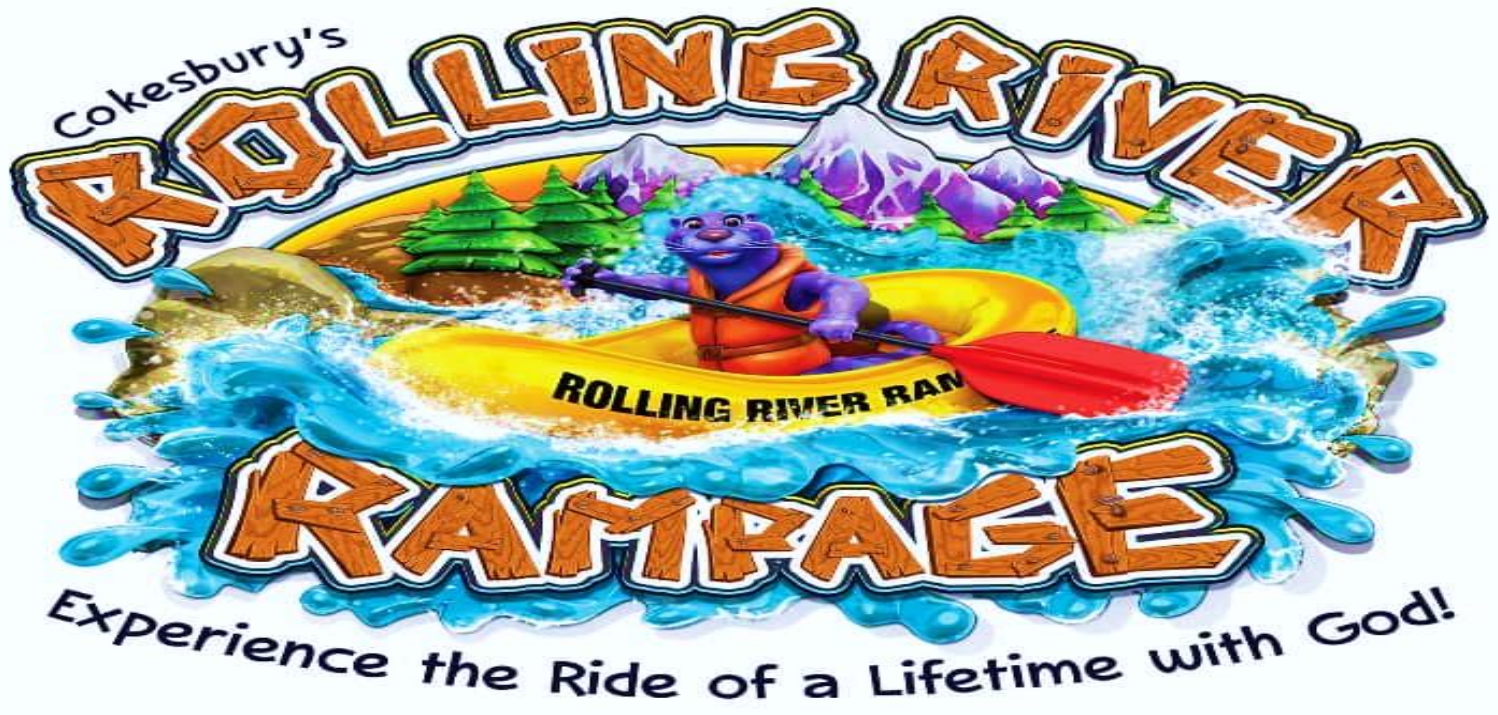
JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 19 William & Sloan Bui



"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."

"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."



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 15, 16 & 17

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

5:30 to 8:00 pm

NO VBS ON SUNDAY NIGHT

MONDAY, JULY 15

BRING TOWEL FOR WATER GAMES.

LIGHT SUPPER: 5:30 PM

VBS: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6:00 PM

TUESDAY, JULY 16

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

LIGHT SUPPER: 5:30 PM

VBS: 6:00 – 8:00 PM

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 6:00 PM

COVENANT UMC INVITES CHILDREN OF ALL AGES TO EXPERIENCE

THE RIDE OF A LIFETIME WITH GOD AT

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**THIS WHITE WATER RAFTING ADVENTURE INCLUDES EXCITING NEW
MUSIC, AMAZING SCIENCE, CREATIVE CRAFTS, FUN RECREATION, &
MEMORABLE BIBLE STORIES THAT WILL HELP CHILDREN KNOW GOD IS
ALWAYS WITH THEM AS THEY RIDE THE RAPIDS OF LIFE!**