

Wishing you a blessed summer!

My presence will go with you,
and I will give you rest.

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The *Vital* Connection

JULY & AUGUST 2021
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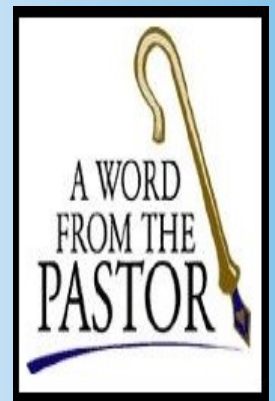
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August 27, 2021
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Words from Richard...

Do you get it?

We are just about to conclude our six week Bible study on the book of Jonah. As we have watched our presenter Dr. Sandra Richter this much has become very very clear about the prophet Jonah. He didn't get it. Yes, Jonah was a prophet called, chosen, and appointed by God, but Jonah didn't get it. God sent Jonah to serve as a missionary prophet to deliver a message to Israel's enemy, Assyria. Dr. Richter says the Assyrians made the Taliban look like Girl Scouts. These are the people God has sent Jonah to call to repentance. Jonah doesn't want to go. Jonah knows God is a God of grace and peace and Jonah is scared to death God will forgive the Assyrians. Jonah wants the Assyrians wiped off the face of the earth. Jonah didn't get it. The good news of God's love is not limited to the political boundaries of Israel or any state or country. God's grace has never been limited. Jonah didn't get it.

Today our country is pulled to political extremes. Today our country is pulled to social extremes. Today our country is pulled to theological extremes. Like Jonah thrown overboard we are drowning in a sea of our own infighting - and we call ourselves a Christian nation. Do **WE** get it? The Gospel is not about what we want or don't want. The Gospel is not about what we like or what we hate. The Gospel is about God. We have been created for a purpose. We have a job to do, and no, that job is not always about what **WE** want or what is most convenient for **US**. Why? The Gospel is about God and God's love for us. God has to be the most important thing in our lives. Otherwise, we just don't get it.



By God's Good Grace,
Pastor Richard

Celebrating OUR GRADUATES



Abbie Shae Daquila

Daughter of Dylan & Becky Daquila.
Granddaughter of Billy & Patty James.

Laura Beth Futrell

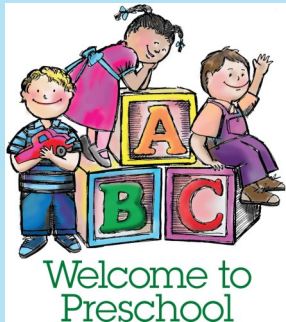
Daughter of Ben & Addie Futrell.



**Graduation Sunday held June
13th, 2021
Let your journey begin!**



Picture not included in last newsletter.



**The preschoolers brought
books to donate to the
Books for Babies project.**



**Pastor Richard teaching the preschoolers about
Communion. They enjoyed learning about and
partaking in Communion.**



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

The UMW Mission Walk was held on May 15th. The ladies raised monies for their missions. They surpassed their goal of \$530.00.



The United Methodist Women of Central Church meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Hut. ALL women are invited to fellowship as women with a purpose in our church and community.

The South Davidson Missional Network will be having a back to school bash on August 15th @ Harrison Park beginning at 4:30. They will be collecting school supplies.



The UMW will host a blood drive on Aug 2 in the Hut beginning @ 2pm.

The UMW with Carolyn Thompson. She is the Membership Nurture & Outreach Coordinator for the Uwharrie District Team.



Mike & Matthew Lanier plowing the garden to prepare to plant pumkins.

The Administrative Council will meet on Sunday, August 8 @ 12:15 in the Hut.



Sunday Worship Services

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

May 2	\$4643.00
May 9	\$6342.50
May 16	\$1352.00
May 23	\$3907.00
May 30	\$3052.00
June 6	\$2057.00
June 13	\$4842.00
June 20	\$2968.00
June 27	\$3199.00

Attendance

May 2	49
May 9	50
May 16	48
May 23	54
May 30	55
June 6	43
June 13	105
June 20	44
June 27	70

MOUNTAIN VISTA

Ella Mae Beck	Rm#83
Bobby Buie	Rm#100
Barbara Carrick	Rm#109
Linda Dobbins	Rm#98
Betty Gobble	Rm#60
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Virgie Goodwin	Rm#59
James Hopkins	Rm#72
Betty Jones	Rm#106
Helen Loftin	Rm#94
Pat Nicola	Rm#101
Lawrence Ridge	Rm#201
Louise Rogers	Rm#78
Carole Snider	Rm#84
Jeanette Stratus	Rm#64-1
Geneva Swaringen	Rm#52-1
George Tillotson	Rm#89
Peggy Wilkins	Rm#109



On Sunday, June 27th 2021, Star Brite Fire, & Joshua Micheal Fire were baptized. Their parents are Terry & Tina Fire.



Fourth of July Sunday altar flowers given by the Worship Committee to the glory of God and in honor of the American men & women who have served or are serving in our military.

Concerns: Tony Argo, Dinah Askew, Ray Barbour, Ed Blount, Ryan Blount, Lee Bowden (deployed Feb. 19), Jack & Joan Briggs, Danny Carroll, Rev. Benny Clodfelter, Larry Cook & LaRue Cook, Dawn Daniel, First Responders, Nancy Futrell, DeLisa Garner, Dick Getz, Mike Gibson, Ann Hamilton, Conrad Harrold, Jeff Harwell, LeRoy Hinesley, Bernie Johnson, James & Lynda Kearns, Medical Personnel, Randy Mitchell, Steve & Reina Philippi, Rick Phillips, Phillip Pierce, Bobbie Ridge, Lib Sexton, Phyllis Shackelford, Carolyn Lanier Steed, Woody Sturdivant, Irving Surratt, Doc & Beverly Warner, David White, Our Nation, State, & Community.

Families of: Edith Johnson, Eleanor Wilson, Phillip Parker, Annette Odum, Vickie Walton, Colin Wal-droup, & Reid Crouse

May the Glory of God Bless Each of You on the Celebration of Your Special Day!
Birthday & Anniversary Celebrations

JULY Birthdays

1-Renato Barbosa, Ellen Carroll, Mike Morris, Claudia Gentile
2-Laken Sullins, Dale Spencer, Eddie Gallimore
3-Ginger Johnson
4-Colby Terrell
5-Chuck Merritt
6-Gail Walker, Lindsey Clark
7-Carmen Harris, David Hill, Gene Baucom
8-Eric Clark
9-Sherri Lanier
10-Gentry Grubb, Kamber Skeen
11-Doug Lanier, Johnathon Hilton
12-Mark Morris, Debbie Bivens, Carrie Brothers,
Randall King
13-Andy Morris, Sally Alvis, Rhonda King
15-Gayle Hilton
17-Davis Sexton, Adalyn Nopanen, Carey
Cabrera, Thomas Woodard, Denny Brown
18-Jason Harris, Branson Smith, Virginia Harrison
19-Karen Blount
20-Brandon Shore, Lin Gallimore, Hollan Kennedy,
Kelly Young, Julie Sexton
21-Michelle Surratt, Kaleb Harrison
22-Crystal Sexton
23-Tanya Futrell-Gallimore, Stephen Garner, Haven Sofia
24-Kim Martin, Denise Lanier, Christina Meredith,
Katie Crouse, Cora Irene Cabrera -Chandler
25-Allison Sexton
26-Elizabeth Loftin, Chris Linthicum
27-Sue Morris Frederick, Glenn Luther, Phil Floyd
28-Jordan Whitlock, Zack Pleasantsbh
29-Pansy Frank, James Bowman, Mattie Elizabeth Luther
30-Jerry Beal, Mary Rieger Brown
31-Amber Bean, Gabriel Whitlock, Joseph Ligon

JULY Anniversaries

2-John & Leigh Parker
4-Wayne & Bonnie Shuler
5-Ronnie & Sharon McRae
8-Mark & Heather Morris
9-Aaron & Katie Crouse
14-Gilbert & Nancy Futrell
16-David & Mary Skeen, Kristi & Bo Chitwood
18-Tom & Laura Gorno
20-Mike & Tina Lanier
21-Denver & Janet Moses
22-James & Lynda Kearns
23-Don & Janice Esposito, David & Gail Walker
25-Steve & Margaret Harris
29-Bill & Debbie Sigmon, Matthew & Amanda Beanblossom
30-Cleve & Stacy Crouse
31-Scott & Beth Davis, Curtis & Sharon Beal,
Craig & Johnnie Sigmon **

AUGUST Anniversaries

1-Larry & Cathy Ward, Tony & Laura Vazquez,
Richard & Karen Blount
2-Paul & Vickie Mitchell
4-Dan & Kim Sexton
7-Page & Peggy Harrison
8-Othell **& Ava Lee Surratt, Craig & Gretchen

AUGUST Birthdays

1-Lee Hinesley, Corby Steed, LaRue Cook, Emma Hinesley
2-Gilbert Futrell, Melody Allen, DeLisa Garner
3-Alana Zeitany, Jeanette Beanblossom, Hunter,
Larsen and Madison Sigmon, James Sexton,
Amanda Crouch, Steven Pleasants, Christy Simpson
5-Zachary Lawson
6-Khody Haneline, Carly Crouch, David Brookbank
7-Jamie Ferrell
8-Bobby Talbert, Stewart Grubb
9-Lisa Cranford, Sarah Morris
10-Anthony Pleasants, Lexi Baum, Camden Weaver,
Joseph Johnson
11-Janet Hill, Larry Ward
12-Sawyer Surratt, Andrew Sexton, Jack Somers,
Jennifer Beanblossom, Joann Bean
13-Kitty King, Lily Everhart, Madison Ferrell,
Daniel Tysinger, Chad Johnson, Caleb Ward
14-Peggy Wilkins
15-Laura Condrey, Camden Layne, Amanda Snider
16-Louise Newsom, Eric Barbee
17-Edward Myers, Lanie Hulin, Amy Richey
18-Sherra Tysinger, Luke Richey, Cleve Crouse
19-Mark Smith, Calvin Gallimore, Rachel Parker
20-Donna Morris, Ashley Brower, Ray Kiser, Patricia May
21-Reid Taylor
22-Doug Everhart
23-Savannah Stevenson, Thompson Skeen, Margaret
Rowell, Betty Morris, Brantley Garner, Baxter
Surratt, Jamie Flowers
24-Brenda Burton, Renee Barbee, Daniel Whitlock
Curtis Alexander III, Ellie Baldwin, Jon Johnson
25-Emma May Bean, Maci Draughn
26-Jackie Smith, Leesa Kiser
28-Jessica Bivens, Asher Ellis
29-Susie Hubbard, Wayne Shuler
30-Ginger Martin, David Walker, Teresa Stevenson,
Maurice Rayburn
31 Candace Shore, Stephen Johnson, Linda
Davis, Sheila Nopanen, Zachary Lester
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9-Eric & Ginger Morris, Kelly & Gail Smith, Jack &
Joan Briggs
10-Al & Marie Penry
11-Kevin & Shane Ingold
13-Matthew & Ashley Kiser, Jeff & Susan Hulin
14-Debbi & Sean Kennedy
15-Jerry & Louise Dockham
16-Doug & Pansy Hunt, Jim & Jody Futrell
17-Mike & Donna Morris
18-Jay & Denise Lanier, Dennis & Cheree Loflin
20-Dason & Heather Hill
21-Leroy & Betty Hinesley
23-Kerry & Tanya Futrell-Gallimore, Eddie & Cathy Jackson
28-James & Marianne Bowman
29-Mark & Katherine Morris



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