

PASTOR NEILL’S THOUGHTS

This year at the North Carolina Global Methodist Annual Conference, held the last week of June, one of the speakers/preachers was Rev. Shane Bishop. Shane is the pastor of Christ Church in Fairview Heights, Illinois. He is a spirited preacher, a great writer, and one can feel the Holy Spirit move around him. On his website he posted these thoughts about being “A Movement of One.” It hit home with me so I am sharing it with you.

Four Little Things (A Movement of One)

Thinking a bit. I wonder if four little things we all can do might help the state of our world:

1) Let’s clean up our language.

There is just no need for it. Leave yourself something to say when you get really mad. Bad language disrespects everyone.

2) Let’s tap into manners.

Please and thank you; letting other people go first; opening the door for someone; helping people. That kind of stuff. Bad manners disrespect everyone.

3) Let’s be civil, and if we can’t be civil, let’s be quiet.

Everyone who doesn’t think like you isn’t your enemy. You can stand for your truth in love. A lack of civility disrespects everyone.

4) Let’s embrace the Golden Rule and treat others as we wish to be treated.

You want to be respected? Show respect. You want to be heard? Listen to others. That kind of thing. This is absolutely foundational. The Golden Rule respects everyone.

Seems like a reasonable place to begin because it involves us changing our own attitudes and behaviors. Waiting for other people to change is a loser’s play.

Too simplistic?

Perhaps, but it isn’t like things are working so well now.

I am committed to these four things. Even if it is a movement of one.

Anyone care to join me?

Let’s all try and clean up our act and up our game for Jesus’ sake and as a witness to the Gospel. Being like the world should NOT be our aim. I want to be like Jesus more every day we walk together.

The Journey continues...

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SALEM KIDS (K-5th)

Salem Kids will try once again to have a Playground Pot Luck on Sunday, August 3, at 5:00 p.m. Each child is asked to bring their favorite summer "finger food" or snack. We will have hamburgers as well. Let's play and pray over our playground.



SALEM YOUTH (6th-12th grade)

Salem Youth meets each Sunday in August, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in the Hut. Youth are also invited to the Playground Pot Luck on Sunday, August 3 (5:00 p.m.) with the children and then stay later for their meeting.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/COMPETITION—August 17

Again, Salem Youth is sponsoring the Ice Cream Social/Competition on Sunday, August 17, at 3:30 p.m. Make your BEST ice cream recipe to bring. Votes are by \$\$\$\$. Let's see if we can knock Andy Hager off the throne of "Ice Cream King!" Proceeds will be applied to the youth ministry projects.



2025 NC GMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY REPORT

This was my seventh church annual conference and the third for NC Global Methodist. I can safely say this was the absolute best one yet. The Holy Spirit was strong every day within the leadership and the delegates. I felt blessed to be in attendance.

So much joy was everywhere! Delegates talked during breaks about how happy they were to be part of the Global Methodist Church. Our NC leadership is just amazing and has prayerfully done wonderful things in our conference.

All the speakers were fantastic! I have a ton of notes that I took just so I would not forget their messages. Our bishop, Jeff Greenway, was an impressive speaker on Thursday afternoon. His primary subject was about holiness. Bottom line for me is that holiness begins with God. Our holiness is a life lived in response to God’s grace.

I never take the lay delegate or the lay leader position for granted. I am grateful to have served Salem several times in annual conference. Thank you, Salem, for that opportunity.

Cindy Newsom
Salem’s Lay Delegate

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR-WEEKLY

Week 31 (August 3)

Patience & Preseverance

- ◇ Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
- ◇ Psalm 37:5-9
- ◇ Galatians 6:9-10
- ◇ James 1:12
- ◇ 2 Peter 3:8-9

Week 32 (August 10)

Unity

- ◇ Genesis 33
- ◇ Psalm 133
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 1:10
- ◇ Galatians 3:26-29
- ◇ Philippians 2:1-2

Week 33 (August 17)

Mercy

- ◇ Jonah 3
- ◇ Psalm 145:8-9

◇ Matthew 5:7

◇ Luke 6:36-38

◇ Titus 3:3-8

Week 34 (August 24)

Parables

- ◇ Luke 15:11-32
- ◇ 2 Samuel 12:1-10
- ◇ Matthew 13:31-35
- ◇ Mark 4:26-29
- ◇ Luke 18:9-14

Week 35 (August 31)

Money & Treasure

- ◇ 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
- ◇ 2 Chronicles 1:7-12
- ◇ Malachi 3:10
- ◇ Matthew 6:19-21
- ◇ Acts 20:35

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



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| 1 | Jaquelin Ferrer | 17 | Brad Love |
| | Roger Lowder | | Valrie Hefty |
| | Willa Gordon | 22 | Casey Huffman |
| 2 | John Bangle | 24 | Jamie Isenhour |
| | Carter Lowder | 25 | Anne Nance |
| 3 | Cristiano Magana | | Jo Hatley |
| 4 | Michael Harwood | | Rita Janey |
| 5 | Doug Clayton | | Jacob Slone |
| 6 | Randy Hurlocker | 26 | Andy Hager |
| 7 | Julie Magana | 27 | Jody Lowder |
| | Xavier Magana | 30 | Rusty Nance |
| 10 | Rome Luevano Keen | | |
| 12 | Cameron Hinson | | |
| 13 | Steve Combs | | |
| 16 | Laura Blalock | | |
| | Rachel Bangle | | |
| | Michelle Magana | | |



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are collecting items throughout the year to fill the shoeboxes. Any items may be brought in at any time. During August, we will be collecting Barbie-style dolls, baby dolls, girl toys, small cars and other boy toys. These may be left at the church office, in the boxes in the Sanctuary or the Fellowship Building. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Please mark the envelope or check as "OCC" or "shoeboxes."



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Karen Ash	Roger Lowder
Pat Blankenship	Sharon C. Lowder
Lana Bunting	Tony Lowder
Treva Bunting	Rodrigo Luevano, Jr.
Neill Burris	Coleman Markham Family
Brand Carpenter	Annie Laura McCroskey
Paula Case	Rick & Patsy Montgomery Family
Daryl Christy	Linda Morgan
Judy & Nelson Clark	Nathan Nance
Doug Clayton	Joe Parker
Lena D'Amatto	Robin Ray
Patsy Eudy	Elaine Richardson Family
Jim & Pam Furr	Alice Rothe
Cindy Gregory	Richard Rothe
Ann Hatley	Ina Sheffield
Valrie Hefty	Sherrill Smith
Carol Herlocker	Darrell Story
Ron & Rita Janey	Kate Tesch
Jazzi's aunt	
Charlotte Kinyon	

Salem's Mission Statement:

**To Know Christ's Love,
To Grow in Christ's Love,
To Share Christ's Love**

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

6/29	\$2,567
7/6	\$8,626
7/13	\$4,523
7/20	\$3,346



Stanly Community Christian
Ministries' needs for August are
canned or dried beans, canned tomatoes and rice.



CONGRATULATIONS

Stella June Cole was born on July 7th. She is the daughter of Shane and Mary Kendall Hatley Cole, granddaughter of Kenneth and Angie Hatley, and great-granddaughter of Annie Laura Hatley McCroskey. Stella weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

“You are chosen, holy and dearly loved.” -Colossians 3:12

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

General Fund

In loving memory of Hugh and Ina Harwood by Ann Hatley and Pat Blankenship

In loving memory of David and Louise Lowder by Judy and Carl Harrell

THANK YOU

Carol Herlocker would like to thank everyone for all the cards and prayers over the last several weeks. He really appreciates it and asks for your continued prayers as he continues to recover.



Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and calls during our stay in the hospital for several weeks. We are so blessed to have such a loving and caring church family.

We love you all!

Bill and Audrey Rigsbee

David Hudson wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, calls and cards he received during the passing of his brother, Lanny. God bless you all.

"Thank you" doesn't seem like enough to say to all who have given money (Birthday Box money as well), foods, materials,



time, and prayer to the Youth Mission Trip-- it was an amazing success with all that you have done to support the young people as they reach out to be Christ's hands, feet, heart, and voice in the world. Keep watch for pictures from the week!

MILLINGPORT STAFF LUNCHEON – August 4

We will be serving lunch to the Millingport staff on Monday, August 4, around 11:30 am in the Fellowship Building. Please contact Teresa Bangle or Lisa Almond for more information.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING—August 5

The Worship Team will meet on Tuesday, August 5, at 6:30 pm in the Hut. Members include Jennifer Slone, Elida Sierra, Dustin Hinson, Vickie Hatley, Lisa Hinson, Mason Burrage, Audrey Rigsbee, and Jo Hatley. All members are urged to attend this meeting.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL—August 17

Our Youth Group will host an ice cream competition in the Fellowship Building on Sunday, August 17 at 3:30 pm. Everyone is invited to bring a freezer of their best homemade ice cream to share. Be sure to come and enjoy the ice cream even if you don't make any ice cream. The winner will be the one who gets the most votes (\$1 per vote). Help us plan supplies by signing up to make ice cream at the Church Office, Sanctuary, Fellowship Building or in Sunday School rooms. Everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING GMC “CIRCLE” REVIVALS

We have several opportunities to support Pastor Neill in neighboring church revivals. Service times will be announced when available. Please mark your calendar.

Tuesday, August 12 at Alleghany GMC, 2092 Alleghany Church Road, Denton

Monday-Wednesday, August 25-27 at Macedonia GMC, 4203 NC Highway 109 N, Troy

Monday, September 15 at Love’s Grove GMC, 4360 Polk Ford Road, Stanfield

GMC CAMP MEETING-September 17

Our GMC “Circle of Churches” will have a Camp Meeting at Friendship GMC on September 17. Salem’s Youth will serve a meal at 6:00 pm in Friendship’s Hut. Freewill donations will be accepted and will go to our GMC Circle Youth Group. The Worship Service will begin at 7:00 pm under the shelter.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Salem is collecting school supplies for Millingport Elementary School during August. Anything is appreciated. Some needed items are glue sticks, Kleenex, hand sanitizer, spiral notebooks, composition books, pencil pouches, pencil boxes, crayons, markers, pens, Sharpies, staples, paperclips, tape, magic markers, and binder clips. Donations may be left at the altar, in the Fellowship Building or placed in the basket beside the office door. We will bless the students, staff, and supplies on Sunday, August 10 during our worship services.





August, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too - FB	28	29	30 6pm - Youth Bible Study	31	1	2
3 7:30am - Men's Club-FB 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too 5pm - Salem Kids Pot Luck 6pm - Youth Group	4 11:30am - Millingport Staff Luncheon	5 6:30pm - Worship Team - Hut	6 6pm - Youth Bible Study Hut 7pm - Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too - FB 3pm - Ladies Circle - FB 6pm - Youth Group - Hut	11	12 Neill-Alleghany Revival	13 6pm - Youth Bible Study Hut 7pm - Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too - FB 3:30pm - Ice Cream Social - FB	18	19	20 6pm - Youth Bible Study Hut 7pm - Choir Practice	21 6pm - Dementia Support Spring Arbor	22	23
24 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too - FB 6pm - Youth Group - Hut	25 Neill-Macedonia Revival	26 Neill-Macedonia Revival	27 Neill-Macedonia Revival 7pm - Choir Practice	28	29	30
31 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Salem Too - FB 6pm - Youth Group - Hut	1 Labor Day Office closed	2	3 6pm - Youth Bible Study 7pm - Choir Practice	4	5	6



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

GREETERS

Kenny & Penny Hatley

Ushers & Greeters



HEAD USHER

Andy Hager

COMMUNION SERVERS

Lauri Jo Sides, Warren & Crystal Hatley

WORSHIP LEADERS

- 8/3 Eric Slone
- 8/10 Stan Bowers
- 8/17 Bill Rigsbee
- 8/24 David Hearne
- 8/31 Dustin Hinson/Mason Burrage



FLOWERS

- 8/3 Laura Hatley
- 8/10
- 8/17 Amie Koporc
- 8/24 Lauri Jo Sides
- 8/31

