

PASTOR NEILL’S THOUGHTS

Just something to ponder. In one church I served, there was a woman whom God had personally placed in her heart a passion for those visiting on Sunday morning. She would make a bee line to any guests in the congregation. If a member of the congregation got in her way, she would almost run them over. After meeting them, she introduced them to others in the congregation. She was a one person evangelism committee. However, she was the exception rather than the rule.

We are often so glad to see the people we already love that we miss the new person sitting right next to us — the person Jesus may be asking us to love.

The future of the church will not be secured by a pastor, a program, a screen, a robe, or a style of worship. It will be shaped by ordinary people who trust the nudging of the Holy Spirit. Reluctant disciples like you and me who decide that the person sitting next to us is worth the risk of one awkward hello. It is just this simple!

“Hi, my name is _____. I don’t think we’ve met yet. What brought you here today? Do you have any questions about Salem that I might answer?”

That little moment may feel uncomfortable to you, but it may feel like grace to them. Just what they need today to help them see God at work in their life.

So here’s the Sunday challenge: Don’t leave worship with only a complaint about what has changed or how long the sermon was. Leave with a name. Learn the name of someone you don’t know yet. Invite them to coffee and donuts. Ask their story. Make room. Make room in your life for a new brother or sister. Make room in the Kingdom for another person to realize they are a beloved child of the Most High God. You never know who came to church wondering if anyone would even notice.

The Journey Continues,
Neill



SALEM KIDS

We will begin meeting again on August 23 at 4:30 pm in the Hut.



2026 NC GMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY REPORT

Have you ever been blessed to be a participant in Communion with 1200 other believers? I have, and It was amazing to feel the love of God in that room. It was something I will never forget.

The theme of the conference was SENT – called, equipped and commissioned. With the message of “Be disciples who make disciples.”

There are 402 churches in our conference – there were 400 represented.

Business was conducted during the morning on both days, followed by spiritual music led by a wonderful band and very talented singers. Worship time followed. The Lord was present throughout.

Our Bishop, Jeff Greenway, who is retiring this year, gave an enlightening speech on Thursday afternoon. He spoke about his thoughts for local church pastors and leaders:

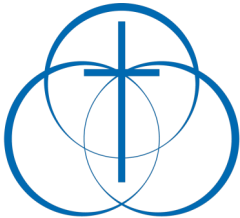
1. Play well with others.
2. Keep the main thing, the main thing – keep the message of Christ central to the core of ministry.
3. Preach Grace and Truth – together it’s Jesus.
4. Go deep into a relationship with Jesus and encourage others to do the same.
5. Be careful when saying “NO.” Do nothing out of selfish ambition.
6. Model Sacrificial Stewardship.
7. Don’t be in a hurry to get somewhere. Be sure to grow where you are planted.
8. Develop a culture of calling every person to ask if they ever answer God’s call.
9. Build a Clock – don’t keep time.
10. Know when to step aside. When you leave, you leave – let someone else stay in the limelight.
11. Stay focused.
12. Remember what time it is.
13. Get younger – get young people coming to faith in Jesus.
14. Remember what we believe matters.
15. Stop making church members – make disciples!
16. Call people to “more.”
17. Embrace multiplication and church planting – develop a disciple system.
18. Look forward and not back.
19. Embrace general overseeing.
20. Be careful with ambiguity.

There was a big focus on getting young people involved in the church – from small children to young adults. I attended a break out session on Friday afternoon that covered this topic. Good information on what we should/could, shouldn’t/couldn’t do.

With work, dedication and God’s guidance, we can grow our church – making disciples.

A quote that stayed with me; “Even the backroads lead to the destination.”

Prayerfully submitted.
Gwen Hinson, Lay Leader



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR-WEEKLY

Week 31 (August 2)

Patience & Perseverance

- ◇ 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 9)

Unity

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

Week 33 (August 16)

Mercy

- ◇ Jonah 3
- ◇ Psalm 145:8-9

◇ Matthew 5:7

◇ Luke 6:36-38

◇ Titus 3:3-8

Week 34 (August 23)

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 30)

Money & Treasure

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



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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 | | |



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Wesley & Jennifer Almond	Annie Laura McCroskey
Karen Ash	Jacob McDaniel
Aurelia Brummett	Miranda McDaniel
Ron Dry Family	Hubert & Linda Morgan
Sam Eudy	Ruthie O'Brien
Jim & Pam Furr	Joe Parker
Faye Hall	Beth Plowman
Bethany & Austin Harner	Lee Preslar
Ann Hatley	Jeanette Raybon
Valrie Hefty	Alice Rothe Family
Jimmy Heglar	Richard Rothe
Gary Herlocker	Rommie Sells
Michael Lowder	Junior Shoe
Roger & Ginger Lowder	Darrell Story
Lynnie Lawrence	



Salem's Mission Statement:
To Know Christ's Love,
To Grow in Christ's Love,
To Share Christ's Love

GMC INFORMATION

Learn about the Global Methodist Church and how they are making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness by visiting these websites:
ncglobalmethodist.org
globalmethodist.org



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



TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

6/28	\$5,255
7/5	\$7,622
7/12	\$6,120
7/19	\$3,803



SYMPATHY

We give thanks for the life of ***Alice Rothe***, who passed away on July 3. Please hold the family close in your thoughts and prayers, especially her children, Anna Walker (Nelson), Debra Clough (Dale), Frank Rothe (Theresa); brother-in-law, Richard Rothe; grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other family members. Someone so special will live on in our wonderful memories.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

On Sunday, June 28, Jasper Drye joined our Salem Global Methodist Church Family. We also give thanks to God for Jasper’s Baptism at Nags Head Beach on Friday, June 26. He is the son of David Lee and Nicole Drye. grandson of David and Elaine Drye, and great-grandson of Jackie Drye. God’s blessings upon you, Jasper, as you continue in your faith journey.

“The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.”
-Numbers 5:25

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Children’s Ministry

In loving memory of Evelyn Drye, Alice Rothe, Shelby Shoe, Pat Blankenship & Jack Blankenship by Tommy & Pam Martin

General Fund

In loving honor of Boyd & Vickie Furr by Nadine Bowers

In loving honor of Lisa Hinson, Beverly Johnson, and Billy Lowder by Junior Shoe

In loving memory of Pat Blankenship, Jack Blankenship, and Shelby Shoe by Nadine Bowers, Bill & Audrey Rigsbee

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

In loving memory of Alice Rothe by Nadine Bowers, Randy & Lisa Almond

Playground Fund

In loving memory of Jack Blankenship by Mike & Gwen Hinson

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Boyd and Vickie Furr



THANK YOU ARTCAMP

A heartfelt “thank you” to all who worked to make Art Camp 2026 a huge success with 61 children attending. It couldn’t have happened without your involvement. Thank you, also, to all who prayed for this amazing ministry to children. Those helping this year: Dinner: Laura Hatley, Angie Bennett, Anne Nance, Kristy Roland; Snacks: Cindy Newsom; Culinary: Nadine Bowers, Benjamin Shaw, Celeste Magana, Jaidon Sides, Milana Faulk; Drawing/ Painting: Lily Hager, Jacob Talbert, Ella Huneycutt; Pottery: Selwyn & Neill Shaw, Brooke Burrage; Woodworking: Robert Lippe, Mike Hinson, Randy Almond, Tim Bennett; Percussion: David Hearne, Liz Davis, Eric Slone, Jacob Slone, Lisa Hinson; Scrapbooking: Lauri Sides, Jennifer Almond (in spirit), Erika Slone; Just for Fun Crafts: Vivian Chance, Lorene Goodrum, Linda Almond, Mandy Cord, Amy Preslar; Yarn Art: Rebekah Lanier, Sharon L. Lowder, Teresa Bangle; Art of Basketball: Travis Gordon, Jasper Drye, Deion Faulk; Preschool: Donna Bowers, Gwen Hinson, Carolyn Baucom, Lana Bunting, Lisa Almond; Computer Mason Burrage; Scientist: Jennifer Slone



Salem Staff & Volunteers,
Thank you all so much for putting on Art Camp again. We have loved watching the kids taste and see God’s goodness and Jesus in this amazing and beautiful week of arts.
With gratitude, Scarlet, Crimson, Skylancer & Family

MILLINGPORT MEN’S CLUB—August 2

The August meeting will be Sunday, August 2, at 7:30 am in the Fellowship Building. All men are invited to come out and enjoy breakfast and fellowship time together.

MILLINGPORT STAFF LUNCHEON—August 5

We are serving lunch to the Millingport staff on Monday, August 5, at 12 noon in the Fellowship Building. Please contact Teresa Bangle or Lisa Almond to help provide the food or to help serve.

WESLEY ALMOND BENEFIT-August 8

A BBQ Chicken plate benefit for Wesley will be August 8 starting at 11 AM at the Millingport Fire Department. Plates are \$10 and will be a drive-thru lunch. First come, first served. Please contact Cody Lowder for more information.

ALLEGHANY GMC REVIVAL-August 9-12

Let’s support Pastor Neill when he preaches at Alleghany’s revival August 9-12 at 7 PM.



JOYFUL HEARTS—August 15

The Joyful Hearts will meet from 1-3:00 pm in Fellowship Building on August 15. Come out and enjoy some Christian fellowship.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL-August 16

Our Youth Group will host an ice cream competition in the Fellowship Building on Sunday, August 16, at 3:00 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 to come.

DEMENTIA CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP—August 18

Our next meeting is Tuesday, August 18, at 6:00 pm in the Hut. Please invite anyone you know needing support as they care for their loved one at home or in a facility.
Contact Lisa Clayton for more information.

FALL BIBLE STUDY—beginning September 8

Pastor Neill will lead a Bible Study beginning on Tuesday, September 8. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the church office or let Lisa Almond know.

BRIDGE TO RECOVERY NEEDS

For the next several weeks Salem will be collecting items for Bridge to Recovery. They especially need women’s sports bras and panties and boxer and brief underwear for men. Anything is greatly appreciated, including monetary donations.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT SALEM

1. A Worship Steward to set up communion for the first Sunday of each month (bread is provided) and help change the parameters and banners in the Sanctuary.

2. Volunteers to help take communion to our shut-ins after the first Sunday of each month.

August, 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 2pm - Alice Rothe funeral 6pm - Salem Students-Hut	27 6:30pm - Trustees-FB	28	29 6pm - Youth Bible Study	30	31	1
2 7:30am - Men's Club-FB 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service- 12:30pm - Reserved-FB 6:00 Salem Students	3	4	5 12pm - MES Staff 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	6 Reserved-FB	7 Reserved-FB	8 11am - Wesley A-Benefit -MVFD 3pm - Randy & Lisa's Celebration-FB
9 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 12:30pm - Reserved-FB 3pm - Circle-Hut 6:00 Youth 7:00 Alleghany Revival	10 7pm - Alleghany Revival- - Neill preaches -	11 7pm - Alleghany Revival-	12 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Alleghany Revival-	13	14 Reserved-Hut	15 1pm - Joyful Hearts-FB
16 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 3pm - Ice Cream Social-FB	17	18 6pm - Dementia Support-Hut	19 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 4:30pm - Salem Kids -Hut 6pm - Salem Students-Hut	24	25	26 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 4:30pm - Salem Kids Hut 6pm - Salem Students-Hut	31	1	2 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	3	4	5



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR AUGUST

GREETERS
Gary & Laura Hatley

HEAD USHER
Andy Hager

Ushers & Greeters

COMMUNION SERVERS
Lauri Jo Sides, Warren & Crystal Hatley

WORSHIP LEADERS
8/2 Valrie Hefty
8/9 Amy Preslar
8/16 Travis Gordon
8/23 Cindy Newsom
8/30 Michael Lanier



FLOWERS
8/2 Laura Hatley
8/9
8/16
8/23 Lauri Jo Sides
8/30

