

PASTOR NEILL’S THOUGHTS

"And hope does not disappoint us." People who run out of hope usually give up on life. Some run from life. Some turn their backs to the wall and resign from living. Others angrily back folks against the walls of malls, schools, and fast food restaurants and start shooting. We all need hope. The question is, "In what do you hope?"

The exceptional thing about hoping in God is seen first in the fact that the hope that God supplies never runs out. Why not? Because the Holy Spirit endlessly pours God's love into our hearts. The Lord never stops giving believers hope. It comes through having faith in Jesus and his ability to keep his promises. Those who rely on him are never disappointed. The second side of hope is that God expects us to assist others in times of need. God's love requires that we remember those who are hurting so they don't reach a point of desperation. Real love and hope never disappoint.

With whom do you need to share hope today? Who needs you to be light in their darkness?

The Journey Continues,

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HOPE
LIVES
BECAUSE
JESUS
LIVES.



ART CAMP-July 12-15 from 5:30-8:30 pm

Please invite friends and family to register their children (preschool-5th grade) for Salem’s Art Camp. There is a form beside this announcement or printed forms are available near the Sanctuary and Fellowship Building doors and at the mailboxes across from the office. Sign up as soon as possible so we can buy the necessary supplies for each class.



Volunteers are also needed to help at Art Camp. Please contact Selwyn for more information.

THANK YOU

"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!

SALEM KIDS will take a break for the summer. We will begin meeting again on August 23.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The annual Ice Cream Social/Competition will be Sunday, August 16 sponsored by the Salem Students.



Let’s Celebrate + Art Camp 2026

Registration

Basic Information

Child’s Name	Grade Finished or PRESCHOOL & age
Parent’s name	cell phone number
Emergency Contact	cell phone number
Email address	Home address
Preschool	
Toileting Help?	
Separation issues?	

Grades K –5

Each elementary child will participate in 2 art classes for the week, with limited spots per class – filled on a first come basis. You must, please, mark all classes in descending order of choice (example: 1-Yarn Arts, 2-cooking, 3-woodworking, 4....., etc. hopefully you will get your 2 highest choices)

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| ☐ Cooking | ☐ Percussion |
| ☐ Yarn Arts | ☐ Scrap Booking |
| ☐ The Art of Basketball | ☐ Pottery |
| ☐ Painting/Drawing | ☐ Woodworking |
| | ☐ Just for Fun Crafts |

How shall we contact you with your child’s class assignment? Text? Email?



Office Use:	
Date Received :	Reply date:
Class Assignment:	
Session 1:	
Session 2	

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR-WEEKLY

Week 27 (July 5)

Freedom

- ◇ Exodus 14
- ◇ Isaiah 61:1
- ◇ John 8:31-36
- ◇ 2 Corinthians 3:17
- ◇ Galatians 5:1, 13

Week 28 (July 12)

Sabbath

- ◇ Exodus 31:12-17
- ◇ Isaiah 58:13-14
- ◇ Mark 2:23-28
- ◇ Luke 13:10-17
- ◇ Hebrews 4:9-11

Week 29 (July 19)

Music

- ◇ Psalm 150
- ◇ 2 Chronicles 5:13-14
- ◇ Psalm 59:16-17
- ◇ Luke 1:46-55
- ◇ Ephesians 5:18-20

Week 30 (July 26)

Good Works

- ◇ James 2:14-26
- ◇ Psalm 1
- ◇ Matthew 7:17-20
- ◇ John 15:1-8
- ◇ Colossians 1:9-10



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| 1 | Tommy Martin | 11 | Grant Godwin |
| 4 | Ren Barbee
George Winecoff | 12 | Lauri Jo Sides |
| 6 | Janet Hatley
David Godfrey | 13 | Anistaslia Raichenko |
| 7 | Xavier Luevano Magana | 16 | Kat Hughert Lowder |
| 8 | Gwen Hinson
Jo Huneycutt | 17 | Brissa Ferrer
Rev. Susan Sides |
| 9 | Jim Phillips
Wayne Chance
Dana Burrage
Chloe Lowder
Raven Barbee | 21 | Daryl Hatley
Shelia Creswell
Tracy Furr |
| 10 | Michael Burris | 22 | Tonya Burris Edwards |
| | | 24 | Vivian Chance |
| | | 25 | Kristi Blankenship
Frieda Miller Clark |



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| Linda Almond | Christine Huneycutt |
| Karen Ash | Sandy Hunt |
| Charlie & Sharon Barbee | Lynnie Lawrence |
| Jack Blankenship Family | Michael Lowder |
| Pat Blankenship Family | Roger Lowder |
| Aurelia Brummett | Annie Laura McCroskey |
| Dana Burrage's
Grandmother | Jacob McDaniel |
| Larry Coley | Miranda McDaniel |
| Whitney Cook | Lori Myers |
| Ron Dry | Ruthie O'Brien |
| Cindy Efird | Joe Parker |
| Genny Fast | Beth Plowman |
| Jim & Pam Furr | Lee Preslar |
| Lorene Goodrum | Jeanette Raybon |
| Faye Hall | Alice Rothe |
| Ann Hatley | Rommie Sells |
| Kenneth Hatley | Shelby Shoe Family |
| Kenny Hatley | Ronnie Simpson |
| Valrie Hefty | James Sneid |
| Jimmy Heglar | Darrell Story |
| | Don Vertrees |



INDEPENDENCE



Stanly Community Christian Ministries' needs for July are canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, salmon, etc.)



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



TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

5/31	\$4,778
6/7	\$4,269
6/14	\$9,409
6/21	\$5,250



SYMPATHY

We give thanks for the life of **Pat Blankenship**, also known as “Beep,” who passed away on May 31. Please hold her family close in your thoughts and prayers, especially her sister, Ann Hatley. her son, Tommy and Kristi, grandchildren, Kasey and Justin Knoll, Bailey and Josh Carrothers, Kristofer and Weslyn Blankenship, and great-grandson, Micah Carrothers. Pat will be deeply missed, but her love, laughter, and light will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

We give thanks for the life of **Wallace Jack Blankenship, Sr.**, who passed away on June 7. Please remember Jack’s family in your thoughts and prayers, especially his sons, Jack Blankenship, Jr. (Amanda) and Chuck Blankenship, great grandson, Colby Mauldin, his grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great great granddaughter. During this time of sadness, may the family find comfort in the warmth shared by friends and loved ones.

We give thanks for the life of **Shelby Shoe** who passed away on June 12. Please hold Shelby’s family close to your heart, especially her husband, Junior, and other family members. May the angels in heaven send comfort in the days of sorrow. May the prayers of loved ones be with you to give you strength.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS



Cemetery Paving Fund

In loving memory of Evelyn Drye by Jackie Drye and Anne Nance

In loving memory of Shelby Shoe by Anne Nance

Children’s Ministry

In loving memory of Pat Blankenship by Shelia & Jay Creswell

General Fund

In loving honor of Warren Hatley by friends

In loving memory of Pat Blankenship by Roger & Ginger

Lowder, Stan & Donna Bowers, Randy & Lisa Almond, Ladies Fellowship Sunday School Class

In loving memory of Jack Blankenship by Stan & Donna Bowers, Randy & Lisa Almond

In loving memory of Shelby Shoe by Stan & Donna Bowers, Randy & Lisa Almond

Operation Christmas Child Fund

In loving honor of Donna Bowers by Boyd & Vickie Furr

Playground Fund

In loving memory of Pat Blankenship by Mike & Gwen Hinson

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION

Jimmy Heglar
Trinity Place
24724 S. Business 52
Albemarle, NC 28001



Thank You!!!

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your support of the Love Offering for our GMC’s African partnership with Uganda. Salem donated \$2,235 at the GMC Annual Conference recently. Thank you again for helping our Uganda neighbors.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—Monday, July 6

ART CAMP-July 12-15 from 5:30-8:30 pm

See Family Life Ministry section for more information.

CHURCH COUNCIL—July 19

Salem’s Church Council will meet Sunday, July 19, at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Building. All members are urged to attend.



DEMENTIA CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP—July 21

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 21, 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 (704-985-3728) for more information.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLOTHING EVENT—July 25

Salem will host a clothing giveaway event on July 25 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Building to provide our community children with clothing for school. To do this, we need donations of clean used clothing for students aged preschool through high school. When your children or grands outgrow their clothes, please bring them to the church office or Mission Room for sorting and storage. Hangers and clothes racks are also welcome. Everyone is welcome.



Volunteers Needed:

July 24 - help set up for the event
July 25 - help with the giveaway
For more information call/text Marlys Lipe at 803-315-6177.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES-July

Salem is collecting school supplies for Millingport Elementary School during July. 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, binder clips, and copy paper. Donations may be left at the altar, in the Fellowship Building or placed in the basket beside the office door.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers to cover the Millingport route on the 4th Wednesday of each month in Boyd and Vickie Furr’s spot. Volunteers may contact Joy Richardson (office: 704-986-3773, mobile: 704-438-5418) or Bonnie Efirid (office: 704-984-9418). Thank you for your help.



July, 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB	29	30	1 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	2	3 Independence Day	4 Independence Day
5 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 6pm - Salem Students-	6 Office closed	7	8 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 5:30pm - Art Camp	13 5:30pm - Art Camp	14 5:30pm - Art Camp	15 5:30pm - Art Camp	16	17	18 Reserved-Hut
19 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 2pm - Church Council-FB 6pm - Salem Students-	20	21 6pm - Dementia Support-Hut	22 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	23	24 Reserved-FB	25 Reserved-FB 10am - Clothing Give-Away FB
26 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 6pm - Salem Students-	27	28	29 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	30	31	1



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JULY

GREETERS
Marlys Lipe & Joe Parker



HEAD USHER
Steve Whitley

COMMUNION SERVERS
Robert Lipe, Wesley & Jennifer Almond

WORSHIP LEADERS
7/5 Selwyn Shaw
7/12 Bill Rigsbee
7/19 David Hearne
7/26 Gwen Hinson



FLOWERS
7/5 Anne Nance
7/12
7/19
7/26

