

PASTOR NEILL’S THOUGHTS

Rev. Shane Bishop wrote his Top 10 Thoughts on Having a Great Day! When I read them, I thought of my own need to take them to heart. May they bless you and help you have a great day. Here are Shane's Top Ten Thoughts on Having a Great Day!

- 1. Focus on what you have, not what you don't have
- 2. Focus on improving yourself, not on improving others
- 3. Put energy into what you can change, not what you can't
- 4. See challenges as opportunities, not obstacles
- 5. Don't spend all your energy at work, save some for home
- 6. Pray when you are tempted to worry
- 7. Listen for a God "ping" and follow through on it no matter how small
- 8. Encourage everyone around you
- 9. Remember there is never a down side to having a great attitude
- 10. Rejoice, God gave you another day to live. Make the most of it!

Now let’s go out and have a great day!

The Journey Continues,
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BE LOVED.
BE KIND.
Be You.



SALEM STUDENTS (6th grade+) meets on Sundays in the Hut, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Differing times are noted.

- September:
- 6 Labor Day weekend -- NO meeting
 - 13 Regular Meeting Continuing the "Darkroom" Series, questioning and solidifying our faith
 - 20 Mystery Trip! Meet at 12 noon (following 11:00 worship)
Needed: \$\$ for food, a permission/ medical release (obtainable from church office or Selwyn) Return 7:30 pm
 - 23 WEDNESDAY -- we have been asked to provide the meal for the Circle Camp Meeting at Friendship GMC once again
 - 27 Regular Meeting, Continuing the "Darkroom" Series, questioning and solidifying our faith

SALEM KIDS (kindergarten--5th grade) meets on Sundays in the Hut, 4:30-6:00 pm. All friends are welcome. This year we are adding music with Mrs. Rebekah so that we may be able to be worship leaders as a children's choir on special occasions!

Sunday, September 6 there will be NO Salem Kids since it is Labor Day Weekend

Mark your calendars for Salem Kids and Salem Students:

- October 11: Corn Maze (time TBA)
- October 25: Trunk-or-Treat
- November 1: Salem Students Shopping for Operation Christmas Child (after 11:00 worship)
- November 8: OCC Packing Party, 4:30 pm for Kids and Students
- November 22: NO Kids or Students regular meetings due to GMC Circle Thanksgiving
- December 6: Children's Christmas Program
- December 19: Live Nativity (last year it was a hoot with the children and youth!)

OUR 2026-27 COLLEGE STUDENTS

Lizzy Bargher (Tina Stewart’s daughter)
Western Carolina University
4515 Little Savannah Rd, Apt 1314
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Brissa Ferrer
210 Dan Allen Dr, Suite 320B
Bragaw Hall
Raleigh, NC 27607

Jaquelin Ferrer
High Point University
9282 1 University Parkway
High Point, NC 27268

Ella Huneycutt
Western Carolina University
245 Memorial Drive, Suite 7611
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Lannah Huneycutt (Pfeiffer University)
25640 Austin Road
Albemarle, NC 28001

Emerson Plowman
9201 University City Blvd
Hunt Hall Room 246
Charlotte, NC 28223

Erika Slone
Western Carolina University
245 Memorial Dr, Suite 10510
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Gracie Smith (Randolph Community College)
403 Gray Rock Road S
Trinity, NC 27370



READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR-WEEKLY

Week 36 (September 6)

Kindness

- ◇ Luke 10:25-37
- ◇ Joshua 2:1-16
- ◇ Jeremiah 31:3
- ◇ Matthew 5:43-48
- ◇ Ephesians 4:32

Week 37 (September 13)

Good Shepherd

- ◇ John 10:1-18
- ◇ Psalm 23
- ◇ Luke 15:1-7
- ◇ Hebrews 13:20-21
- ◇ 1 Peter 2:25

Week 38 (September 20)

Lord's Supper

- ◇ Luke 22:7-20
- ◇ Exodus 12:1-8
- ◇ John 6:52-58
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 10:14-17
- ◇ 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Week 36 (September 27)

Kindness

- ◇ Luke 10:25-37
- ◇ Joshua 2:1-16
- ◇ Jeremiah 31:3
- ◇ Matthew 5:43-48
- ◇ Ephesians 4:32



Stanly Community Christian Ministries' needs for September are paper goods (toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue)



SEPTEMBER

birthdays



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| 1 Julio Ferrer | 19 Brooke Burrage |
| Bill Rigsbee | Braylon Love |
| Jody Smith | 21 Sharon C. Lowder |
| 2 Robin Barbee | 22 Laura Hatley |
| 4 Vickie Furr | 25 Paige Janey |
| Lorene Goodrum | 26 Charlotte Tegels |
| Sandy Combs | 27 Silas Lowder |
| 5 Alexis Almond | Joni King |
| 6 Nancy Lipe | 29 Cindy Newsom |
| 7 Richard Rothe | Charlie Burrage |
| 10 Rebekah Lanier | |
| 11 Joe Lambeth | |
| 12 Crystal Hatley | |
| 16 Chase Godwin | |
| Kaylan Roland | |
| 18 Eric Slone | |
| Joe Parker | |
| Corey Harwood | |



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



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Wesley & Jennifer Almond	Rev. Beau Linker
Karen Ash	Michael Lowder
Reva Bowen	Roger & Ginger Lowder
Aurelia Brummett	Sharon L. Lowder's great-nephew
Beth Cameron	Annie Laura McCroskey
Linda Campelo	Jacob McDaniel
Judy Clark	Miranda McDaniel
Andrea Coble	Hubert & Linda Morgan
Doris Eudy	Joe Parker
Sam Eudy	Beth Plowman
Bobbie Frick	Lee Preslar
Jim & Pam Furr	Richard Rothe
Ann Hatley	Rommie Sells
Denise Hatley	Gary Slone
Valrie Hefty	Jennifer Slone
Jimmy Heglar Family	Beth Stoddard
Tillie Heintz Family	Darrell Story
Gary Herlocker Family	Darrin Williams
Gwen Hinson	
Christine Huneycutt Family	



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

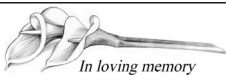
7/26	\$3,520
8/2	\$4,990
8/9	\$14,809
8/16	\$3,341
8/23	\$4,731



SYMPATHY

We give thanks for the life of ***Jimmy Heglar*** who passed away on July 23. Please hold the family close in your thoughts and prayers, especially his sister and husband, Janie and Dwayne Hensley, nephews Alan Hensley and Jeff Hensley and family.

Jimmy will be deeply missed, but his love and light will live on in the hearts of all who knew him.



CONGRATULATIONS

Francis James Harner was born on July 21. He is the son of Bethany and Austin Harner and grandson of Pastor Neill and Selwyn. Francis weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and was 18 inches long.

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



GILBERT AND LECTIE HARWOOD SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to two of Salem’s rising college freshmen on receiving the Gilbert and Lectie Harwood Scholarship this year. Brissa Ferrer, who placed second in her graduating class, will be attending NC State University majoring in Accounting. Erika Slone, who was fifth in her class, will be attending Western Carolina University with plans to major in Elementary Education.



The Scholarship Committee also was given funds to create a Continuing Education Scholarship to be given to students in their Sophomore through Senior years. This year’s winner is Jacquelin Ferrer who continued her excellent academic performance, placing on the Dean’s List at High Point University.

We wish all our students a successful and exciting 2026-2027 school year.

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

Backpack Buddies

In loving honor of Teresa Bangle by Robert & Marlys Lipe

General Fund

In loving memory of Jimmy Heglar by Dwayne & Janie Hensley, Stan & Donna Bowers, Randy & Lisa Almond

In loving memory of Alice Rothe and Shelby Shoe by Stan & Donna Bowers

Operation Christmas Child

In loving honor of Randy & Lisa Almond by Chad, Miranda, Jacob & Sawyer McDaniel

Playground Fund

In loving memory of Jimmy Heglar by Mike & Gwen Hinson

THANK YOU

I want to express my thanks to all for your prayers and help for me and Valrie. Difficult times for both of us, but your prayers have helped. Again many thanks to all, Ken Lapen



I am truly honored and grateful to be chosen as one of the recipients of the Gilbert & Lectie Harwood Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting me as I start my educational journey at Western Carolina University. Your kindness means so much to me, and this scholarship will help me pursue my goals as well as continue working towards my future as an educator. God Bless you all. Erika Nicole Slone

I am deeply humbled to have been one of this year's scholarship recipients. I consider this a true honor and accept it with a full sense of responsibility. I am deeply grateful for your warmth, comfort, love, and support throughout my educational journey. I truly cannot thank each of you enough for the generosity you have shown me, but most of all, your love and support. The grace and kindness this church has shown me have helped shape who I am as a student and individual. I hope I can continue to represent the values of this scholarship and church and help support future graduates. Yours truly, Brissa Ferrer

I am incredibly honored and grateful to be chosen as the first recipient of the continuing education scholarship. I am blessed to have grown up in a church that has showed me God's love, and taught me the importance of faith, compassion, and serving others. This generous award will help further support my academic

journey at High Point University. I would like you to know that receiving this scholarship motivates me to uphold the values of service, community, and fellowship that Salem Methodist Church represents. I am extremely thankful for this opportunity and for the scholarship committee believing in my potential and supporting my academic career. I hope to give back to the community that helped raise me and to the younger generation that comes after me. Thank you, Jaquelin Ferrer

Our family is deeply grateful for your warmth and hospitality during Jimmy’s funeral. The cards, meals, and words have been a source of strength for us. Sincerely, Janie, Dwayne & Family

There isn’t enough words to express how grateful we are for each of you. Thank you for every prayer, phone call, text, meal, gifts, and every kind word you have shared with our family. During this difficult season, your prayers have been a source of strength and comfort. We know that God has been carrying us, and we have felt His love through all of you! With much love & gratitude, The McDaniel Family

Thank you for the cards, prayers and hugs for our family during the passing of my mom. You are a comfort and blessing to us at all times, but when we are hurting you really “go the distance.” With love and thanks, Selwyn Shaw & Family

Thank you, Salem, for blessing the community through the Back-to-School clothing giveaway. Your donations of clothing, racks, hangers, money, and help were all so appreciated. Marlys Lipe

Thank you for supporting the youth group’s ice cream social/competition. We had 16 delicious flavors of homemade ice cream. Tim & Angie Bennett were crowned as the 2026 champions with their cherry-pineapple ice cream. 1st runner up-Vivian & Wayne Chance with butter pecan; 2nd runner up-Gwen & Mike Hinson with peach; 3rd runner up-Joe & Starr Hansenmayer with cherry bomb. The youth raised \$593 for future projects and missions.

MILLINGPORT MEN’S CLUB—Sunday, September 6 @7:30 am-FB

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—Monday, September 7 for Labor Day

FALL BIBLE STUDY-beginning September 8 at 7 pm in the Hut
Please sign up on the bulletin board by the office or let Lisa Almond know. They will use the book titled Unpuzzled by J.D. Walt

LADIES CIRCLE MEETING-Sunday, September 13 at 3 pm-FB

DEMENTIA CAREGIVING SUPPORT GROUP-Sept. 15 at 6 pm-Hut
Contact Lisa Clayton for more information.

JOYFUL HEARTS-September 19 from 1-3 pm-FB
Come out and enjoy some fun and Christian fellowship.



GMC CIRCLE CAMP MEETING-September 23

Our GMC “Circle of Churches” will have a Camp Meeting at Friendship GMC, 24696 NC 73 Hwy, Albemarle, on Sunday, September 23.



Salem’s Youth will serve a fellowship meal at 6:00 pm in Friendship’s Hut. Freewill donations will be accepted and will go to our Youth Group.

The Worship Service will begin at 7:00 pm under the shelter, weather permitting. You may bring your lawn chairs or sit at the picnic tables. Please come out and support our “Circle” and our youth.

PUBLIC SERVANT APPRECIATION DINNER-September 26

A dinner honoring North Stanly area Fire—EMS—Law Enforcement and their families
Saturday, September 26-drop in anytime between 5:00-8:00 pm
New Mt. Tabor UMC, 40237 Millingport Rd, Richfield
Please RSVP-let your agency head know if you plan to attend
Contact Rev. Jim Allred for more information

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Kristi Blankenship has been hired to perform custodial duties at the Hut. Kristi is the daughter-in-law of Pat Blankenship and has

worked with "Beep," so she is familiar with the building.

Kitty Swaringen, longtime custodian of the Sanctuary, Educational Building and the Fellowship Building, recently underwent open heart surgery. Kitty will be unable to perform her duties for at least two months, possibly longer. Please keep Kitty in your prayers. Effective immediately, Kristi Blankenship has agreed to temporarily take that position.

Contact the church office or look in the church directory for Kitty’s address if you would like to send a card.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mike Hinson, Trustee Chair.

SALEM’S HELPING HANDS TEAM

The informal collaboration referred to as “Tim’s Youth Group” is transitioning to **Salem’s Helping Hands Team** (HHT). HHT will help church members and others by:

- * Making home improvements or repairs that the residents cannot perform or obtain in a timely manner. Examples include repairing stairs, installing ramps, yardwork, & interior painting;
- * Checking on elderly or shut-in members during inclement weather;
- * Providing service beyond the Salem area in special cases; Tim’s group repaired houses in Morganton damaged by a hurricane and assisted Christian Rebuilding Ministries.
- Hosting one Fellowship Meal per year to raise funds for materials, supplies, and travel.

Tim Bennet, Neill Shaw, & Robert Lipe will serve as HHT leaders. They welcome any Salem Church member or attendee 18 years or older to fill out an HHT membership form, which should be available in the office, sanctuary, and new fellowship building. Those 16 or 17 years old are also encouraged to join as junior members. HHT members can accept or decline to participate in each project based on their schedule and expertise. Please direct any questions about HHT to one of the leaders, and also please alert them to anyone needing HHT assistance.

GMC DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING-October 10

What is a DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM?

A Disaster Response Team is a group of eight or more trained individuals with a common goal to help survivors of a disaster. It does not matter what stage the disaster event is in - they are there to show the survivors of this event there is still hope in this world they live in. Anyone over the age of 18 years can serve by performing tasks from initially chain sawing trees, cleaning out affected structures, cooking meals, sitting with survivors to listen to their stories and pray with them, keeping the tool trailer orderly, making sure workers are taking breaks and much more. In later stages of a disaster, there will be all the home rebuilding tasks as well. There’s a role for everyone.

****Anyone who might be interested in helping with local disasters in the future must also attend this meeting.**

PURPOSE of DISASTER RESPONSE TEAMS

To be a denomination-wide trained and credentialed group of Individuals who responds to affected communities, being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ, aiding these community with support.

Concord District

October 10, 2026

Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Loves Grove Methodist Church

4360 Polk Ford Rd, Stanfield, NC 28163

Morning snack and lunch provided by the church

COST: \$35

This fee covers the cost of your Training Manual, an official Badge and a T-Shirt to wear when serving on a DRT (If you don’t plan to go out on DRT Missions, but want to know how to support DRT Missions from home, you are welcome to attend this training for free)



September, 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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
6 7:30am - Men's Club-FB 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB	7 Labor Day Office closed	8 7pm - Fall Bible Study-Hut	9 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	10	11	12 Reserved-FB Josey F
13 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 3pm - Ladies Circle-Hut 4:30pm - Salem Kids-Hut 6pm - Salem Students-Hut	14 10am - Homeschool	15 10am - Homeschool 6pm - Dementia Support- 7pm - Fall Bible Study-Hut	16 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	17	18	19 1pm - Joyful Hearts-FB
20 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service- 12pm - Salem Students-Trip 4:30pm - Salem Kids-Hut	21 10am - Homeschool	22 10am - Homeschool 7pm - Fall Bible Study-Hut	23 6pm - Meal-Friendship Gmc 7pm - Camp Meeting - Friendship Gmc	24	25	26
27 9am - Worship Service 10am - Sunday School 11am - Worship Service-FB 4:30pm - Salem Kids-Hut 6pm - Salem Students-Hut	28 10am - Homeschool	29 10am - Homeschool 7pm - Fall Bible Study-Hut	30 6pm - Youth Bible Study 6:30pm - Choir Practice	1	2	3



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

GREETERS

Teresa Bangle & Anne Nance

HEAD USHER

Chuck Preslar

Ushers & Greeters



COMMUNION SERVERS

Cindy Newsom, Billy & Sharon Lowder

WORSHIP LEADERS

9/6 Cindy Newsom

9/13 Andrew Hager

9/20 Warren Hatley

9/27 Stan Bowers



FLOWERS

9/6 Lisa Almond

9/13

9/20

9/27 Ann Hatley

