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# THE ANCHOR

“so we do not drift away”

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This is one of our church members “Loving God and Loving Others!”

CHESEAPEAKE, Va. - Lynelle Starling of Austin, Texas, sits and matches pieces of fabric, cuts and then hand-stitches them until another blanket is finished for a Sailor in Germany who will be returning from deployment.

The blankets are en route to Sembach, Germany, to the barracks of the Warrior Transition Program. WTP is where redeploying Sailors do gear turn and begin the transition from Afghanistan, Kuwait and other forward locations to the United States. The blankets Starling makes provide comfort for more than 180 Sailors a month. She began making blankets in February 2014 when her son, Navy Capt. Dan Starling returned from a visit to WTP as part of his duties as Expeditionary Combat Readiness Center commanding officer and shared his experience with her.

Once she heard of the need for blankets, she knew she had to do something for our returning warriors. With the amount of personnel returning home to their families, Starling averages over two blankets a week with the help of her daughter-in-law and grandchildren, but the bulk of the work is done by Starling herself. With two veteran children and a father who was a World War II veteran, this is her way of giving to those who serve.

“I really enjoy making these blankets and I know they’re going to people who will need and appreciate them,” said Starling.

Chief Gas Turbine System Technician – Mechanical Tim Alber, Leading Chief Petty Officer, WTP, appreciates Lynelle Starling’s commitment to providing a little piece of home and warmth to our returning warriors.

“The average temperature difference here in Germany is about 30-40 degrees cooler than Afghanistan, which can get as hot as 110-120 degrees. The average temperature in Germany is similar to that of Oregon or Washington, which is why a soft warm blanket is nice to have for our returning Sailors,” said Alber.

She will never meet those Sailors and they may never know her name, but for her son, it’s not about recognition, but taking care of our own because she did such a great job of taking care of him.

“My mom has always been great at sending little touches of home every chance she got when I was deployed, so it’s an honor for me to know that her support for the Navy will now be shared with returning warriors for years to come,” said Capt. Starling.

Lynelle Starling is LaVon Johnson’s sister who moved from Karnes City to live near her children in Virginia. God asks us to serve in all different types of ways. We are simply to obey the call, give him the glory and receive joy from it all.

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday:

SS	9:45
Worship	11:00
Praise Service	6:30
Choir	5:30

### Wednesday:

Youth	6:00
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## Prayer List



- Spiritual Growth
- Unity as a church
- The 414 Project
- TSEASA Ministry

## Memory Verse

“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”  
Ephesians 5:1-2

## Y GROUP NEWS

July has been a truly exciting month for the Youth Group. We took a total of fifteen students to Highland Lakes Camp this year, and it was awesome! The theme for camp was "ALL IN FOR JESUS CHRIST." What an amazing concept! What would happen if we actually did it? What if we really did live a life that is "All in?" What if we held nothing back? What if we actually took that dangerous leap into the promises of God? Throughout the week of camp, we started to dive into these questions. We explored what it means to be "ALL IN" for Jesus.

One event that really stuck for me at camp was "Shuffle." It is a leadership / teamwork course designed to force the group to work together. It is a very stressful challenging, but the last time we meet for shuffle it was different. The students stood on a line shoulder to shoulder. The instructors asked a string of yes or no questions. To answer yes you stepped over the line, to answer no you stood still. There was no talking so you physically had to answer the question. Action speak louder than words, right? The questions started off easy, "Did you brush your teeth the morning?" "Did you put on deodorant?" Simple questions like that, but then they got harder, "have you even been bullied?" "Have you ever been the bully?" "Have you ever been truly hungry?" "Have you ever been persecuted because you stood for Christ?" "Is being popular more important to you than your faith?" "Does your life reflect Jesus no matter who you are with?" "Do you know for sure that you will go to heaven?" Tears started to fall. It was intense. Why, because you can't hide. The truth made you stick out. It's uncomfortable, but it's real. That event reminded me that one day we will all stand before one who knows the true answers to the judgment questions of life. There will be no line to step over because sin will not be able to hide from the light of God. Every single person will know God in one of two ways. He will either be a judge who rightly sentences, or a forgiving Father who is excited that His kids came home. What matters at that moment is this, are you alive in Christ? If you are, does your life reflect His glory now? Isn't He worth living this life in such a way that maybe, just maybe He might save others through you? If you're not in Christ, what are you waiting for? Embrace the forgiveness that is only found in the cross of Jesus. Let Him take your sins now, or stand trembling and afraid before the perfect judge. It's time we go all in. Four students embraced this reality at camp:

Robert Hart was saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Johnathon Hart was saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Aquarius Guzman was saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Deedra Van Winkle was saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

Our God is mighty to save!

The youth Group and I would like to thank the following people:

Youth group parents for letting your kids go to camp with us.

Everyone who gave for scholarships, we are truly blessed by your willingness to give so that others can hear the truth.

Everyone who prayed for us before and during camp. I hope you will continue to pray as these students press in and learn what it means to be all in.

Lastly, I personally want to thank Kayla and Nathan Jones. Look up servant's heart in the dictionary and you will find their picture. The two of you embody "All In." It is a joy to serve alongside you both.

~Travis Scott

Thank  
you

Jan and Erika would like to thank all those who gave financially and have been praying for Erika's surgery and her healing. Your financial gifts totaled \$4500.00 to pay towards her surgery.

Dear Church Family and Friends:

Just wanted to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for all your phone calls, texts, visits, and most of all your prayers for us while Lee was in the hospital. We really appreciate how truly caring you all are and we are glad to be part of this church. Please continue to keep praying for Lee as he is still recovering from his surgery. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Lee, Jennifer, Ben and Savannah



Women On Mission is collecting school supplies for the kids in our schools. Please bring your donations to the designated boxes and thank you for your help.



## Sound Bytes

***Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.-Romans 5:3-5***

Have you ever considered how many songs we sing that deal with being worn out by life, but renewed in Jesus? *Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer, Worn, All Who Are Thirsty, The Solid Rock, Blessed Be Your Name, Jesus is Tenderly Calling, It is Well With My Soul, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, Amazing Grace*, and countless others through the years. So many of these songs resonate with our souls because deep down, we realize how difficult life is and how easy it would be to surrender to despair and hopelessness. It is only with Jesus that we're able to not only to endure such hardships, but to thrive in them. As believers, we know that it's not through our own power that we're able to endure, and if we do it often goes horribly wrong, but it's through the power of the Holy Spirit living and working inside us.

It seems that for the past few months people in our congregation have dealt with much hardship, like every week when we meet there is someone else who is going through something that seems unbearable. This week it feels like it is our family's turn. Our foster baby Analisa went to another placement and we are now dealing with the most difficult part of fostering. It's been an interesting process, because we have not had a child who has been moved because of court order. The difficult questions we've had to answer with Brenna have been especially enlightening. I don't know that there has ever been a better situation in her short life to demonstrate the sovereignty of our God than the one we're in now. In all of this process, the verse above has been very comforting to me. Know that if you or someone close to you is going through difficult times, these verses can provide solace as well. We also know that whatever happens, the ultimate outcome is God's glory and our joy. I hope you are encouraged with these thoughts and know that I'm in prayer for you often.

**Announcement:** There will be another worship night on August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. We hope to see you there!

~Nathan Jones

August

### Stewardship

	Budgeted	Received
Month:	19,368.42	22,971.30
Year:	135,578.94	166,111.89