

SERVING ...	TODAY ...	NEXT WEEK
Welcome	----- Elder of the Month -----	
Song	Levi Simons	Jacques Pettit
Prayer	Mike Simons	David Fisher
Song		
Scripture	Ruben Valle	Ken Hamilton
Sermon	Andrew Beasley	Andrew Beasley
Song		
Song		
Communion	Wayne Skipworth	Jules Guilbeau
Song		
Contribution	Wayne Skipworth	Jules Guilbeau
Song		
Closing Prayer	Tom O'Brien	Keith Nance
Announcements	Shane Taylor	Shane Taylor
Video Room	Arnold Family	David & Ann Bragg

### Sunday Evening @ 6

Jacques Pettit – This Is Where You Start

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 7

Andrew Beasley – The Gospel of John

ELDERS	DEACONS	MINISTER
Rob Albright	Technology	Nathan Arnold
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Roland Andrews	Finances	Rick Keen
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Ken Mantle	Fellowship	Keith Nance
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Wayne Skipworth	Facilities &	
336.362-2693	Grounds	

### MISSION WORKS

Hospitality Ministry	Blessing Bags	Sunshine Baskets
Senior Bible Study	Heart Sisters	Parents Night Out

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A man was once asked what the difference was between ignorance and apathy. His response? I don't know and I don't care. It is a funny little play on words, and while there is humor in the statement the Christian must recognize that there is great danger, especially in apathy. One can read the story of the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts 8 and find evidence of a man who, to some degree, was ignorant. He was trying, studying the Scripture, but still was aware that he did not know, or understand, the things that he was reading. His solution? Allow someone who did know, that being Phillip, to show him.

In the story of the Ethiopian eunuch, we find a man who does not know, but thankfully not a man who does not care. For both the first century and modern-day church, apathy was and is a fatal condition. For some, worship has become an obligation instead of a privilege. Fellowship has become an option, rather than a necessity. Studying God's word has become an inconvenience, rather than a blessing.

Our generations are not the first to experience this. We find evidence of apathy and indifference even in the first century at the church at Laodicea. They were a church who were, apparently, going through the motions to the extent that Christ calls them "lukewarm" and says he will "spit you out of my mouth" (Rev. 4:16). Yet Christ did not leave them without a solution. Be zealous, and repent. Light the fire and change the way you have been thinking and acting. That puts the impetus on us. If we are apathetic, we must be the ones to reignite the fire within us. How do we do that? By placing God in the proper position of preeminence in our lives.

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Sunday Bible Study

Sunday Worship

Sunday Evening Study

(No evening service 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month)

Wednesday Bible Study

9:30 am

10:30 am

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

## WHAT'S HAPPENING:

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Fellowship Meal –

None in December – Next one 1/14/24. **There WILL be an evening service tonight.**

**Senior Bible Study** – None in December. Next one – 1/16/24.

**Blessings Bags** – Current needs - soap, shower gel, wipes, pens, razors, snacks.

**SECURITY BACKUP NEEDED** – See Shane, Rick, or Nathan for more information.

## Birthdays

**12/14 – Debi Johnson**

## Anniversaries

**12/15 – Jim & Brenda Rasberry**

**12/17 – Roland & Wanda**

## Andrews

## Last Week's Attendance

Building 87 FB 8

Contribution: \$4941

Please remember to put your contribution in the plate when you arrive so it will be counted in the current week.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER:

**John Moore** was able to go home from the hospital and does not need dialysis at this time. Please continue to pray that his health will improve.

**Wayne and Jane Skipworth's infant great-grandson** is in the hospital in Chapel Hill with RSV.

All other prayer requests are on the **Extended Prayer List** updated on 12/3.

**Andrew Beasley** is participating in a mission trip in Costa Rica in January. He needs to raise \$2500. If you would like to contribute make checks to NW for Andrew.

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to worship with us, however if you are more comfortable, there is a nursery at the end of the hall on the left where the service is livestreamed. Changing tables are available in that room and in the restrooms.

## SERMON NOTES:

**Title: O Come, Immanuel**

**Scripture: Isaiah 7:14**

## SOWING & GROWING

*a 2023 Sermon Series*



## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION



To place ourselves in a right relationship with God, we must:

<b>Hear</b>	Romans 10:17
<b>Believe</b>	Hebrews 11:6
<b>Repent</b>	Acts 17:30
<b>Confess</b>	Romans 10:10
<b>Be Baptized</b>	Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38
<b>Remain Faithful</b>	Hebrews 10:23-25 Revelation 2:10

## Elder of the Month

Ken Mantle

Let's keep up with what is happening to each other. If you notice someone missing, please check on them.