



St. Jacob's Lutheran Church

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PASTORAL DEVOTION FOR AUGUST

Show Us Your Ways

Once while on vacation, my wife and I were enjoying the scenic back roads of North Carolina. We planned our day using the road atlas I had owned for several years. The plan was to get from point "A" to point "B" in time for dinner. Unwittingly, we ran into a problem. The paved road we were traveling, marked on the map as a state road, gradually became a gravel trail leading deep into the woods. I had confidence in my outdated map, but it wasn't long before we were faced with a decision; follow the map or listen to the voice inside our heads encouraging us to turn around.

Paul reminds the people of God that once dead in our sinfulness, all have traveled the road of disobedience and selfishness. It is a familiar road, and if left to ourselves, we would choose this road most often. Along this road the "prince of power in the air" strives to lead humanity away from God. All too often those who follow such a road are confident in their decisions and become convinced it is the right path.

Paul is clear; God rescued us from earthly powers through Christ. Through the teaching of the apostles, Christians are afforded the example of Christ like living. Jesus himself provided the example for all to follow. Turning to Scripture, which is our unfailing guide and never outdated, we can recognize the path of righteousness. Even as we find it difficult to follow such a path, God promises to strengthen us and lead us by the power of his Holy Spirit.

Prayer: Show us your ways, O God, and lead us on the path to righteousness. Amen.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES



While Pastor David is in the Congo, we will not be having a Wednesday Evening Service on August 3rd, 10th, or 17th. We will start back on August 24th. Please mark your calendars.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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From the Pastor's Heart *by Pastor David Nuottila*

The time is upon me when I am preparing for my mission trip to the Congo with my friend and mission partner Pastor Stéphane Kalonji. There are so many things racing through my mind at the moment that it is difficult just to simply sleep at night. This being my fourth trip to the Congo, I have a good idea what to expect in my travels. It's the not knowing what to expect when I get there that seems to be the issue, for we will be traveling to a part of the Congo where I have never been before.

Our first several days in the Congo will be spent in the capitol city of Kinshasa where I will have a phone, electricity, and plenty of hot running water. There will be plenty of good food, prepared by Pastor Kalonji's sister-in-law, Yevette. But then we will be going off to the province of Kasai-Oriental. He tells me that life in Kasai (in the central part of the country) is much different than what I have experienced in Boma or Matadi (in the western part). We will fly from Kinshasa to the city of Mbuji-Mayi and remain there for about three days, then travel to the village of Badibaswa where we will serve a small mission congregation. I'm told that in Kasai, water is not something that is plentiful. As a part of the daily amenities, the hotel we will stay in for about 9 days provides each guest with one free bucket of water. Bucket? Yep, no running water to be had. Once on the ground in Kasai, the first order of business will be to purchase plenty of bottled purified water.

Another difference will be that the churches we will visit and work in have no buildings or shelters. Everything they do is outside exposed to the weather. If it rains during worship, they get wet. If the sun beats down in the heat of the day, they sweat. Truly, there is nothing like a mission trip to the Congo to make one appreciate all that God blesses us with here at home. There is one thing; however, that I do know what to expect in Kasai. The people will be overjoyed that we have come to visit them, bringing them the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In Mbuji-Mayi, Pastor Kalonji and I will be leading three separate seminars. There will be a gathering

for the women of the church, then the pastors and lay leaders, and finally, we will have a day with the youth and young adults. Our focus for teaching will be a seminar we have written together concerning the Holiness of God and Living as God's Holy People. As usual, there will be time for the people to ask plenty of questions regarding faith and life in the Church in America. In Badibaswa, I would anticipate much of the same, although I expect there will be many more questions about life as a Christian and Pastor in the United States. The women will want to know about my wife and children, our home and what a typical day is like.

The people of the Congo are always amazed to find out that Christians in America face many of the same difficulties as they do in Africa. Truly, sin and evil know no boundaries. Thankfully, God's mercy and grace transcend all boundaries and obstacles the devil attempts to place between God and his people.

While I am away, I would ask that you keep Pastor Kalonji and I in your prayers. Pray that God would use us in mighty ways and that our proclamation of his Word will be bold and well received. Finally, pray for all to whom we will minister, for it is through your generosity that we are able to make this trip. God has blessed us in this mission, and through your prayerful support, hungry children will be fed and mothers and their babies will be welcomed home from detention in hospitals. Pastors and other church leaders will have Bibles to read, learn, and teach from. Those with impaired vision will have eyeglasses to help them see, and children will have beautiful multi-colored bracelets to wear as a reminder of the love we all share in Christ Jesus.

I will be departing from Columbia on Monday, August 1st and returning on Friday, August 20th. As always, I will do my best to keep everyone updated while I am away. I hope to be able to send Angela daily text messages with news of our activities that she can pass along to the church. But again, I don't know if that will be a possibility when I am in Kasai. Thanks be to God for all who have supported



our mission to the Congo. I look forward to sharing stories of St. Jacob's with the people there and I'm sure I will have plenty of stories to share with you upon my return. Until then, Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!



Pastor David Nuottila

WORSHIP WHILE PASTOR DAVID IS IN THE CONGO

Due to the current shortage of available supply pastors, worship on the Sundays of August 7th and 14th will be led by our St. Jacob's Church Elders. They will lead us in liturgy and distribution of Holy Communion. On August 7th, David Kibler will be preaching a sermon written by Pastor David prior to his leaving for the Congo. On Sunday, August 14th Sherrie McTeer will be doing the same. We are blessed by the service of our Elders while our pastor is away.

END OF SUMMER LOCK-IN

Pastor David and Matt Burt are planning a lock-in for our youth in grades 5-12, to be held on Friday, September 2nd – Saturday, September 3rd. We will enjoy plenty of games and activities as well as evening and midnight worship by candlelight. Parents may drop off their kids in the Fellowship Hall at 6 PM on Friday, September 2nd and pick them up on Saturday morning no later than 8 AM. Please contact Pastor David or Matt to let them know that your child(ren) will be attending. A list of items children should bring with them will be published at least one week before the lock-in takes place. One activity during our lock-in will be to engage the mission of the Church by assembling Flood Buckets for the NALC Disaster Response Warehouse. Anyone who would like to donate items for the Flood Buckets may do so. A list will be published in the Mid-August Grace Notes and also included in the worship bulletins prior to the lock-in.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Good Things @ St. Jacob's for June:

- Up & Going resumed regular meetings
- Lutheran Men BBQ
- Recognition of Graduates
- Vacation Bible School

Briefs for July 2022

- ♦ Pastor David will start his Mission Trip to the Congo on August 1st. He will be away from St. Jacobs from August 1st – August 19th, 2022. During this time, the Elders of the church will conduct Sunday Services.
- ♦ Pastor David will be starting First Communion classes beginning July 10, 2022. First Communion will be July 31, 2022 for those who complete the class.
- ♦ Treasurer's Report: The Church has spent 45.47% of the annual budget.
- ♦ Discipleship: The Church has delivered 20 Mercy Boxes to We Care.
- ♦ Stewardship: The Council approved September 24, 2022 as the date for the Church Yard Sale.
- ♦ Worship & Music: The Worship & Music Committee will be meeting to plan the annual Church Homecoming event.
- ♦ The Council approved the sale of the Church bus. If anyone is interested in purchasing the bus, please contact Michael Corley at mcorley0814@icloud.com for additional information or to make an offer.
- ♦ The problems that had been reported with the sound system in the church seem to be resolved at this time. The reported issues were related to Radio Frequency (RF), not the microphones.
- ♦ Matt has provided a spending plan for the Youth & Family Ministry to the Council, which was approved at the July Council Meeting. He will be given a debit card to use for the approved expenses from the youth account.
- ♦ The Council is planning to meet with the Staff Support Committee to update job descriptions.
- ♦ The Council approved to relocate the Music Director's office from the Choir Room to the Church Office Building.

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

St. Jacobs Congregation,

Grace to you and peace from our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. I praise Him for all the blessing He has been in our Youth and Family Ministry over the past weeks. At the end of June, we had a wonderful VBS with our youth and the friends they invited! Over the week, we learned how much our Father loves us through His creation of each of us, the gracious work of the Son, and the empowering of the Holy Spirit. I can't express how grateful I am to all the volunteers who cared for the kids' physical and spiritual needs! Truly a testament to the Holy Spirit's inward workings in the congregation's lives.

We also had our first bi-monthly evangelism social gathering where the families of St. Jacob's gathered to enjoy each other's fellowship, eat ice cream, and support Pastor David's Congo Ministry through the making of cross bracelets and necklaces with specific Bible verses written on them for the encouragement and lifting of our brothers and sisters in the Congo.

As our weekly family gatherings continue, I praise God for the growth He caused and the plan He has for it! Thank you for supporting this ministry through your words of encouragement and continual prayers.

Please continue to pray for the family ministry at St. Jacob's. (Please see VBS Pictures on pages 12, 13.)

Blessings,

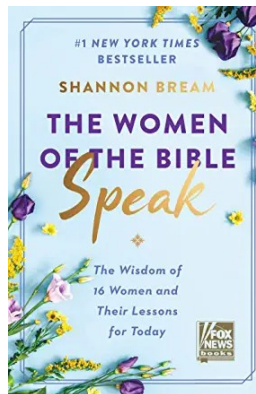
Matthew Burt

matt@st-jacobs.org, Cell - 856-685-6316

LUTHERAN MEN

We will have our monthly meeting on Sunday, August 21st at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you all there.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



The Women's Bible Study group meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month. We will begin a new study using the book written by Shannon Bream, *The Women of the Bible Speak*. The book can be purchased online, Hobby Lobby, Costco and other retailers for \$15.99. Please join us as we study this exciting topic beginning on Thursday, August 18th. The group meets from

9-10:30 AM at the home of Susan Shealy, 1711 Dan Comalander Road. At each meeting, we ask that people try to bring canned goods or an item to be donated to We Care. Please let Susan know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions: 803-413-4128.

LUTHERAN WOMEN

The Lutheran Women will host an "End of Summer" pizza party for St. Jacob's Women on Sunday, August 14th at 4 PM at Zorba's in Chapin. If you can join us, please let Judy Dease know by Thursday, August 11th. Email is deasejudy@bellsouth.net. Cell is 803-315-2022. Either text or leave a voice mail. We hope you will join us for food and fellowship!

MERCY BOXES

St. Jacob's is continuing to make Mercy Boxes for We Care. If you would like to participate, please take one of the yellow flyers off the table located at the Narthex doors which shows you what needs to be purchased to fill the box.

We appreciate all that you do to support our community.

UP AND GOING



Nineteen Up and Going members and guests gathered in the Fellowship Hall for the July meeting.

Welcome and announcements were given by Helen L. Lindler. Get Well cards were signed to send to Ola Mae Ellisor and Miriam Metze.

Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Gary Marco. Devotions entitled "Thy Rod and Thy Staff" from the book Devotions by Martin Luther was given by Helen.

Pastor David gave a most interesting and encouraging program on the value of older and experienced Lutherans. We may be older but there is still ample opportunities for service in our Church and Faith Community. When asked to serve, please open yourself to new growth and learning. Matt gave the meal blessing and we all enjoyed a cool and delicious picnic meal.

The next Up and Going meeting will be The 4 Churches Meeting at Macedonia Lutheran Church, Prosperity on August 18th at 11 AM. If you have not signed up to attend, please contact Helen or Ann Lindler.

If you need a ride, please let us know and arrangements will be made. Everyone is asked to provide a covered dish or dessert to share. Meat and beverages will be provided.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Weekly Giving: \$3,260.00

MTD Actual Giving: \$17,390.00

YTD Actual Giving: \$133,592.18

Budget Requirements: \$5,703.00

MTD Budget Requirements: \$22,812.00

YTD Budget Requirements: \$171,090.00

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR AUGUST

Aug 07 Lynn and Susan Shealy
 Aug 14 Mary Katherine Eargle
 Aug 21 Davis and Sandra Brown
 Aug 28 Ann and Michael Corley

GROUNDS TEAM FOR AUGUST

Co-Leaders—Gerald Lindler, Robert Lindler

Jeremy Lindler, Chad Lindler, Billy Hardin, Paul Lindler, Sr., Paul Lindler, Jr., Michael Shealy, Michael Corley, Barry Rice, Tracy Lindler, Albert Lindler, Claude Michael Lindler

SERVING ASSISTANTS FOR AUGUST

Date	Usher	Lay Reader	Communion	Acolyte
Aug 07	Eddie Eargle Lynn Shealy	Angela Nuottila	Sherrie McTeer John Wallace	Emma Covalt
Aug 14	Bob Ziemer Robert Wessinger	Gary Marco	David Kibler A.J. Peeples	Samantha Monts
Aug 21	Tracy Eargle Carroll Lindler	Susan Shealy	Nicki Peeples Angela Nuottila	Jackson Wallace
Aug 28	Billy McTeer Leon Lindler	A.J. Peeples	Nate Nickel Kristen Nickel	Bryleigh Prosser

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MEMORIALS JUNE 19TH-JULY 24TH

Lutheran Men:

- In honor of Mr. Jim Haack's 94th Birthday—By: Henry and Erline Clark

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June 15, 2022

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Matthew 6:21)

Dear Friends of St Jacob's Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the staff and Board of Sola Publishing, thank you for your gift of \$250.00.

You have blessed our hearts with your support of our ministry to provide solid, biblical resources for use in preaching and teaching God's Word. Because of your gifts, we are able to keep the cost of our materials low for those churches struggling to keep their ministries viable.

We are deeply thankful for your gracious gift.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven King".

Pastor Steve King, Managing Editor

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WE CARE CENTER

7/15/22

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*"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."
Hebrews 13:16*

We Care continues to be incredibly grateful for all the amazing ways God shows Himself faithful to those struggling in our community, especially through gifts like yours! Thank you so much for "not forgetting to share with others" through your generous donation of \$625!

We have been so grateful to receive several large food donations recently, including a tremendous community effort with Publix. Ever wonder where your donations go when you give a few extra dollars at the checkout? They stay right here in our community! We received thousands of pounds of food through those donations that totaled nearly \$10,000!!! That is such a beautiful example of the community coming together to bless our clients in a clearly demonstrable way!

You are making a difference in the lives of our clients! Your kindness to remember their struggle is such a blessing to us as we seek to meet their needs and let them know that they are seen and loved.

How I would love for you to see the love you are giving! Know that every dollar counts and we could not be more appreciative! May we all remember that our sacrifices to share with others are pleasing to God.

Be richly blessed in knowing the difference you are making! We are incredibly thankful for you!

Sincerely,

Alecia Klauk
Executive Director

Donation Receipt

Organization: Chapin We Care
Check Number: 8138

Date: 7/8/2022
Donation: \$625

We Care is thankful to be a SC Secretary of State Angel!

We Care is a 501(c)3 organization providing food and emergency assistance to those in need in Chapin and the surrounding areas.



Mailing Address:
Joy Mission Church
72 Creek Rd.
Chapin, SC 29036
www.joymission.church



Worship Address:
Thompson Funeral Home
4720 Augusta Rd.
Lexington, SC 29073

July 10, 2022

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
844 Columbia Ave.
Chapin, SC 29036

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at St. Jacob's,

Thank you for your gift to Joy Mission Church in the amount of \$625.00. We truly appreciate and treasure your partnership in the mission that we share as the Body of Christ. Thank you for your love, prayers, and financial support.

May you abound in the abundant grace of our Lord.

In His service and to His glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paulette D. McHugh", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Paulette D. McHugh,
Pastor, Joy Mission Church
(803) 767-7231
pdmchugh@mac.com



But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. — John 4:14

July 13, 2022

Pastor David Nuottila
St. Jacob's Lutheran Church
844 Columbia Ave
Chapin, SC 29036-9308

Dear Pastor Nuottila,

Thank you for supporting Water Mission's vision that all people would have safe water and an opportunity to experience God's love. Your gift will impact our global neighbors who lack access to safe water. Together, we strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus as we serve those in need.

The love and generosity of your congregation will make a transformative impact in communities around the world. Your gift enables us to bring safe water solutions and the Living Water message of Jesus Christ to people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas.

For your prayers, financial support, and partnership, thank you!

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George C. Greene IV".

George C. Greene IV, PE
CEO and President

P.S. To stay informed of how your gift is changing lives, visit watermission.org/news.

Gift Information

Gift Date: 7/11/2022
Gift Amount: \$250.00
Designation: Where Most Needed

Water Mission is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible in the United States to the extent allowed by the law. No goods or services were provided in exchange for your generous donation. If this donation has been designated for a specific project or purpose, Water Mission will make a good-faith effort to fulfill that request. In the event that more funds are donated than can be used for a specific need, or if that need changes, Water Mission will use the funds in a way that most closely aligns with the donor's intent and the mission of the organization. Please retain this letter as your receipt for tax purposes.



SISTERCARE

Freeing Families From Fear

July 18, 2022

St. Jacobs's Lutheran Church
844 Columbia Avenue
Columbia, SC 29036

Dear Friends of Sistercare,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 to Sistercare. This financial gift helps us to support our mission to assist the Midlands residents subjected to intimate partner abuse.

This donation places Sistercare in a favorable position to counteract the effect of domestic violence on survivors' lives. Sistercare provides trauma informed comprehensive services including emergency housing, transitional and permanent housing, crisis intervention, individual, children and family counseling and legal advocacy to survivors of domestic violence and their children in the Midlands community. The support of caring donors like you makes it possible for us to expand our programs assisting those who rely upon us and our donors to help them break the cycle of violence.

We are always grateful for your continuing support of Sistercare and your concern for families and individuals who receive our services.

Warmest Regards,

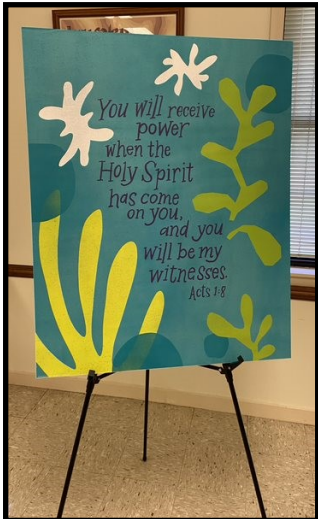
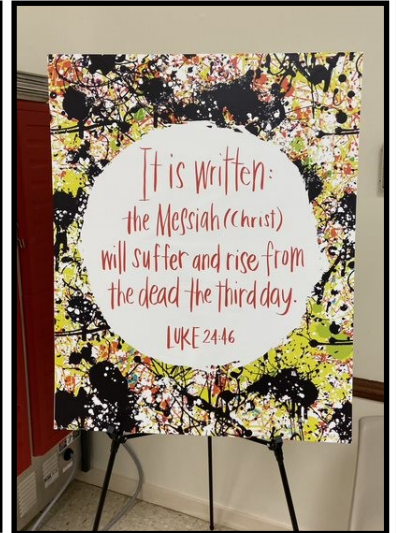
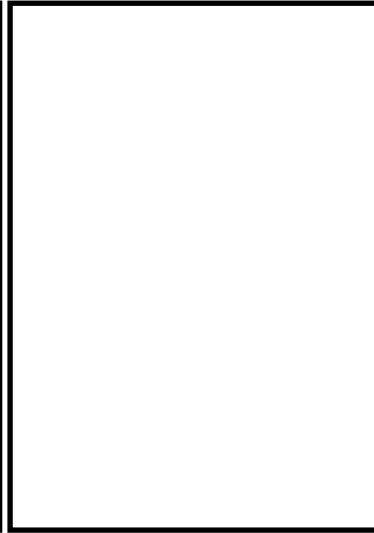
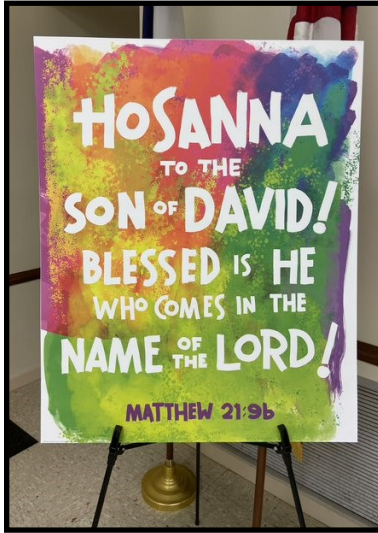
Ann Kita, M.A.
Executive Director

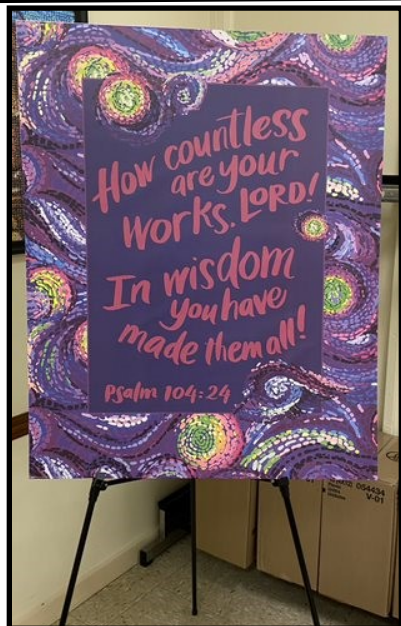
We really are thankful for this generous donation. On behalf of survivors & their children, thank you!

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VBS 2022





St. Jacob Lutheran Church
Thank you for your donation of 317 pounds of food for
The month of June 2022.

Your continued support allows us to follow the lead set forth
In Proverbs 22:9, "A generous man will himself be blessed, for
He shares his food with the poor. Thank you again!

God Bless you,
Alicia Klauk.
Executive Director



WE CARE CENTER August Most Needed Items

1. Vienna Sausages
2. Boxed pasta
3. Instant potatoes
4. Progresso soup
5. Chili
6. Canned greens
7. Spam
8. Soup
9. Pancake mix/Syrup
10. Corn muffin mix

We also ALWAYS
need laundry detergent,
toiletries, and paper
products.

THANK YOU!

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BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

02 – Marlene Gray	25 – Robbie Cumalander
04 – Maddie Wicker	25 – Paul Lindler, Sr.
05 – Eddie Eargle	26 – Tyler Kibler
07 – Blake McDuffie	26 – Logan Lambeth
08 – Lynn Shealy	26 – Albert Lindler
09 – Brenda Shealy	28 – Wesley Boland
13 – Cody Lambeth	30 – Ginny Sightler
13 – Stanley Slice	31 – Lucy Slice
13 – Neal Stuck	
14 – Michael Corley	
15 – Ann Slice	
15 – Rae Truesell	
16 – Joanie Ballentine	
16 – Mary Katherine Eargle	
16 – Manton Matthews	
17 – Deryl Metze	
17 – John Wallace	
18 – Michael Fulmer	
18 – Riley Kleckley	
19 – Katie Nuottila	
21 – Brittany Byars	
21 – Kaylin Smith Robinton	
23 – Cora Byars	
23 – Christina Metze	

MEMBERS SHUT-IN OR IN FACILITIES

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE MONTH

Hope in the Lord!
Psalm 131:3

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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday — 9 AM—2 PM

Worship Time: Sundays — 10 AM

Sunday School — 9 AM

Wednesday Service — 7 PM

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