



**Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church**  
**101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081**  
**Kimball Communicator**

Reverend John Futterer-Senior Pastor  
 Liz Fisher, Deacon  
 Mrs. Gail Mosher- Church Office Manager  
 Dr. Don Simmons- Music Director  
 Rev. Dr. David R. Keck- Pastor Emeritus  
 Mabel Brown, Parish Worker Emerita

May 2023 Newsletter

Online at: [WWW.KIMBALLCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.KIMBALLCHURCH.ORG) 704-933-4101

## **FROM THE PASTOR**

### ***New Changes...New Opportunities...New Voices***

A small group of our members have been working hard with Church Consultant, Mike Ward, on looking at how our world is changing so quickly as it is being shaped by technology (and how it was affected profoundly by three years of the pandemic) in order to see how we can be prepared for the future. Certainly, Kannapolis and our community is being profoundly changed by the unprecedented growth in building, population, and activities. This committee is operating under the directive of "The Future Church - NOW!", and has been involved in exploring new ideas with regard to evangelism, on-line media, Christian education, etc. The Committee has been established for one year, and will work with staff and standing committees to make recommendations for our life together as we move forward. During Lent and Easter we had "advertisements" on local media, new signs in the community announcing Easter activities, events with our preschool, and further connections with both Carver Elementary and those who come to our monthly veterinary clinics. Each of these endeavors was the result of this committee.



The Festival of Pentecost is May 28th this year, and gives us a time to reflect on the birth of the church over 2,000 years ago. The story of Pentecost is about a group of followers who went forth to tell of the the Risen Christ and, incredibly, they were understood by all in the language of the hearers. Let me say that again - the telling of the story of the Risen Christ was understood by all in the language of the hearers. What a model for us to remember today.

As we move forward as a growing community of faith, we too will need to be understood in the language of those who hear us. And language is not just about knowing the words of the language of another country, but also understanding the culture, the way of thinking, the understanding of a people. St. Paul was a master of this - he was able to be understood by both Jew and Gentile.

While the church has been able to speak in a language familiar to "The Greatest Generation" and to "Baby Boomers", the church today needs to speak the language of "Gen X" and "Millennials" as well. May we at Kimball Memorial, like those earlier followers of Christ, be open to the Movement of the Holy Spirit, and speak a language - in our worship, education, evangelism, on-line presence, etc. - that all can understand!

I will look forward to keeping you updated throughout the year on what this committee is discovering and discerning, and how we might best share these with our congregation.

***Peace, Power, and Love...***  
***Pastor John***

### **Inside this Issue:**

- Pastor's article
- Upcoming Events
- Homebound
- May Birthdays
- Anniversaries
- Prayer page
- May Worship Assistants
- Kids Page
- Calendar
- Council Communicator



### **Church Office hours**

Mon.-Thurs.  
 8am-4pm  
 Fri. 8-12

### **Worship**

**8:30**  
**Contemporary**

**11:00**  
**Traditional**



### Welcome New Members

It's with great joy that we received new members into our fellowship recently.

◆ **The Hardister Family** joined us by Transfer. Parents **Ryan & Kara** are

both graduates of UNC Charlotte. Ryan is a Communications Supervisor over the Charlotte Region for Atrium Health. Kara is the store manager for Kid to Kid of Huntersville, a children's clothing, toy, and equipment resale store. Ryan enjoys going to live concerts, watching the Kansas City Chiefs (they had a pretty good season this year!), and spending time with his daughters. Kara enjoys crafting, collecting fun pens and stickers, and watching movies with her family. They have two daughters; **Luna & Skyla** are students in Cabarrus County Schools. Luna is in Confirmation class at Kimball and enjoys Legos and Harry Potter. Skyla loves to draw, and enjoys Doctor Who. Both girls enjoy playing with their cat, Winter. They are at home at 210 South Main Street (Apt. 503) in Kannapolis (704-840-2900) and were sponsored by the Matheny family.

◆ **The Wiethorn Family** also joined us by Transfer. **Tyler** is a graduate of the University of Texas and is the owner of Whitehall Land Survey, which serves customers in the Charlotte Metro area. **Hannah** is a teacher at Charlotte Mecklenburg Academy, is a graduate of UNC Charlotte, and received her Masters from the University of Texas. Daughter **Ellis** is in Kindergarten at Corvian Community Elementary School and enjoys dressing up, mermaids, and unicorns! Son **Hayes** is in Preschool at McGill Baptist and enjoys playing in the mud and chasing the chickens that the family keeps for their egg laying abilities! The family is at home at **865 Ketner Farm Road in China Grove (704-301-0605)**. They were sponsored by the Brandle Family - despite the fact that both Paula and Mickey went to the University of OKLAHOMA! Other new members will be received in coming weeks - please speak with Pastor John if you are interested in membership at Kimball Memorial.

### Confirmation

Our final Confirmation Class of the school year is on Sunday, May 21st at St. James in Concord. Parents, please drop off your young person @ St. James at 2:15 and pick up at 4:00 at St. James.

### Letter from Church Administrator:

#### Gail Mosher



Our Congregation Council received a letter from our dedicated parish administrator, Gail Mosher last week. These are excerpts from that letter:

*"Dear Kimball Members & Staff, I write this letter today with gratitude and appreciation to you all at Kimball for over 17 years of employment. I would like to announce my retirement no later than April 9, 2024, which is my 70th birthday. It is time to pass the torch to a new church office employee. I have enjoyed working with the many employees of Kimball Memorial since 2005, and I will be glad to help train the incoming office staff, to the best of my ability...Please know that I'll be praying for the right person to follow me, and I'm sure this will happen! Thank you for your friendship and care!"*

This letter was received with sadness from our Council, but with great joy for Gail as she prepares to embark on a new stage of life for her, and her husband, Wayne. We are quite sure that travel, motorcycles, and grandchildren - not necessarily in that order - are in the plans for Gail in her retirement. Obviously, her gifts, skills, character, and wonderful personality of caring are going to be profoundly missed at Kimball. But we rejoice with her as she looks forward to her retirement years. Council Chair David Sloan acknowledged all of this in the April Council Meeting when speaking of Gail. A search committee for a new office manager will begin very soon. We will keep the congregation posted on the progress of this committee. We will, of course, plan a time of reception for Gail, as we rejoice at all she has meant to us as a congregation and as individuals. We will all miss her!



### Tuesday Night Book Club

May 9th 6:30pm

Home of: Judy Sloan

Book: The Tobacco Wives  
by: Adele Myers

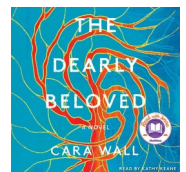
### Friday Night Book Club

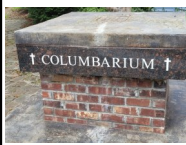
May 19th 6:30pm

Host: Bentleys

Food: Garver, Bentley

Book: The Dearly Beloved  
by: Cara Wall





### Columbarium Update

A letter was sent to members/friends in late April regarding our Columbarium Ministry. Our oversight Committee - Keith Garver, Karan Whitley, Mike McCombs, Tim Patterson, and Mickey Brandle - has many activities planned this spring/early summer for the congregation to know more about this ministry. There are two informational meetings for members to hear the particulars about this ministry and to select niches. The first is on Wednesday evening, May 3rd at 6:30 PM, and the second is on Sunday morning, May 7th at 10:00 AM. Both of these meetings will be held in our Fellowship Hall. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the Church Office and one will be made available to you ASAP, or you may stop by the Church Office during regular business hours. We are excited about the prospect of this beautiful addition to our Chapel area, and hope you will be present at one of these informational meetings to hear more about this ministry.

### Tuesday Morning Book Club

Kimball's first TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB gathered in the church parlor on April 25th. Eleven ladies enjoyed the discussion of the historical novel TOBACCO WIVES by Adele Myers.



Our interactive group discussion was led by Donna Taylor. We enjoyed our time of sharing light refreshments, fun, laughter, and getting to know one another better.

Looking forward to having others join us on Tuesday May 30th at 10:00 am in the parlor. The book selection is WHAT'S MINE AND YOURS by Naima Coster.

Should anyone have interest or questions call Donna Taylor (704-224-7327) or Prebble Henrickson (704-425-3032).



### Bible and Brew Friday May 12th

We will gather at Liz's house on Friday May 12th from 6:30-8:30pm. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

## YOUTH & PROGRAM MINISTRY



### HS/MS Youth for May 2023

- *HS/MS Youth May 7th at 12:30pm*  
The HS/MS Youth will meet at the church on Sunday May 7th for a program and then will head out to lunch at El Amigo. The church is paying for the lunch, and we hope you will join us.
- *HS/MS Youth Sam's Table Thursday May 11th*  
Our HS/MS Youth Families will be serving Sam's Table on Thursday May 11th. We will meet at church at 3:45pm to prepare and pack dinner. We will hand dinner out starting at 5pm. If you are able to help, please let PJ or Deacon Liz know.
- *HS/MS Cannonballers Game May 19th.*  
We will be meeting at the church at 6:30pm on Friday, May 19th to head to the Kannapolis Cannonballers game. The cost is \$15. Please eat dinner before you come and bring some extra money for a drink and a snack!

### Kingdom Kids and 3-5th Grade

We will meet on Sunday May 21st at 9:45am for a Pentecost project and celebration. We will be making flame crafts and talking about the First Pentecost. We will have a light breakfast and hope you can join us for this fun event! This WILL be during the Sunday School hour and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Rooms.



### Children's Faith Formation



May 7th we will meet at 10:00am in the Faith Formation/Sunday School room and May 21st we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45am. Parents will meet with Pastor John in the church Library.

### J.O.Y. Group for May

Our J.O.Y Group will meet on Wednesday May 10th and head to lunch and then to an afternoon at Stony Mountain Vineyards. Meet at the church at 10:45am. We will head to lunch first and then head to the Winery. The Cost will be the cost for lunch. Hope you can Join Us!!



### May Anniversaries

5	Mickey & Paula Brandle	50
7	Geri & Gary Swanson	40
12	Randy & Amy Price	39
12	Barry & Briton Christenson	16
14	Nathan (V) & Anna Everhart	1
14	Lynda & Phil Wise	51
14	John & Anne Futterer	40
15	Mike & Laura Abernathy	14
18	Rick & Doris Teumer	38
18	Marty & Perriann Payne	21
20	Jerry & Pat Beam	61
21	Bo Phongsu & Tiffany Winn	5
21	Steve & Ali (V) Poole	24
23	Jim & Jennifer Perkins	14
25	Steve & Peggy Lynch	43
25	Sally & Mark (V) Peterson	38
25	Tyler & Jennifer Ramsey	21
26	Howard & Diana Bentley	39
26	Eric & Jenny Jones	21
27	Brian & Kim Voelker	28
27	Ryan & Sarah (V) Hartsell	7
28	Eric & Kaylee Helfrich	7
29	Nick & Olga Arenas	2
29	Joe & Beth Gribble	41
31	Ron & Michele Nichols	20

### May Birthdays

2	Eric Helfrich, Jeff Brown
3	Maryn Myrick
4	Andrew Pichette-Malenke
5	Laura Pennell, Fletcher (V) Falls
7	Karen McCall, Cathy Altmann
8	Tammy Brown, Eric Storey, Lois O'Millian, Pat Beam, Asa Russell
9	Ed MacTaggart, Alexis Fisher
10	Eleanor Foil, Jessica Dunlow, Alexander Robinson
11	Leigh Glass, Palmer Russell
12	Roger Sizemore, Tony Lippard
13	Connor Keith, Don Simmons (V)
15	Noah Triage (V), Troy Walters
16	Joshua Lamberth, Sarah Harmon, Joe Gribble, Jennifer Perkins
17	Delaney Little, Milton Matheny, Owen Whitcomb
20	Alex Storey, Caleigh Beaver (V), Darla Steinert
21	Margaret McCombs
22	Ryan Hartsell, Betsy Smith, Jennifer Ridgell
24	Gabby Johnson (V)
25	Sharon Brothers, Bretta Dodson
26	Jane Ritchie, Lindsey Brown
28	Jane Falls, Sammy Roome, R.J. Baptist, Jr., John Cauthen (V), Paige Guy
29	Cohen Newton, Monroe Ritchie
30	Travis Price, Kemrie Cauthen, Shana Black, Kendra Nichols
31	Zoey Nichols, Zachary Hill (V), Caleb Falls, Tyler Nichols

### Homebound Members

#### Brian Center-Lincolnton

- Eleanor Foil

#### Caremoor

- Aileen Triage
- Bettie Overcash

#### Landings of Cabarrus

- Leonard Barlow

#### Crescent Heights Senior Living

- Mary Dorton

#### Concord First Assembly Living

- Dianne Marlin

#### At their home

- Jane Ritchie, Earline Snipes, Mabel Brown

**Prayer Page**-Have someone in need of some prayer?  
Add them to our prayer page!

**Military:** Andrew Smith (Arizona), Chris Kirchner (Utah), Ben Kirchner (Georgia), Preston Mays (MD), Chris Overcash (NC), Christopher Bame (California), Mike Peterson (Bahrain), Keith Lee (NC)

**Kimball members:** Sylvia Binnon, Mabel Brown, Brenda Brown, Norris Dearmon, Mary Dorton, Todd Haley, Mike Hunter, Donna & Jerry Lambert, Joyce Mallernee, Dianne Marlin, Mike McCombs, Marty Payne, Jim & Paulette Peeler, Peggy Pergola, Louise Propst, Cliff, Kathy, & Devon Scott, Betty Shaver, Conrad Sloop, Earline Snipes, Gaye St. John

**May Worship Assistants**

**LECTORS**

**8:30am**

7 Shane Little  
14 Frankie Bogutsky  
21 Brenda Brown  
28 Liz Fisher

**11:00am**

7 Emily Clamser  
14 Michele Nichols  
21 Joyce Mallernee  
28 Kathy Hunter

**Healing Prayer Ministers**

**8:30 am** Lauren Nichols  
**11:00 am**  
Lindsay Daugherty

**Greeters**

**8:30 am** Paula Brandle  
**11:00 am** Alice Lloyd

**ACOLYTES**

**8:30am**

7 Lucy and Charlie Miller  
14 Delaney Little  
21 Charley Storey  
28 Usher (TBA)

**11:00am**

7 Liza Jane Lee  
14 Tyler and Alyssa Nichols  
21 Skyla Hardister  
28 Leam Neely

**PROJECTION (Video)**

**8:30am**

7 Debbie Troutman  
14 Andy Robinson  
21 Mike Abernathy  
28 Nathan Carpenter

**11:00am**

7 Milton Matheny  
14 Tiffany Winn  
21 Tony Lippard  
28 Abby Carpenter

**SOUND (Audio)**

**8:30am**

7 Eric Storey  
14 Patrick Little  
21 Tim Patterson  
28 Abby Carpenter

**11:00am**

7 Abby Carpenter  
14 Bo Phongsa  
21 Keith Lee  
28 Gavin Carpenter

**Worship Assistants**

**8:30am**

7 Sarah Harmon  
14 Jodie Hott  
21 Lauren Nichols  
28 Darian Miller

**11:00am**

7 Liz Wise  
14 Huyla Jackson  
21 Jerrod Smith  
28 Kim Kane

**COUNCIL ASSISTANTS**

**8:30** Todd Haley & David Sloan  
**11:00** Heidi Lee & Kim Kane

**COMMUNION PREPARERS**

**8:30** Rick & Doris Teumer  
**11:00** Ryan & Kara Hardister

**MONTHLY TELLERS**

**9:00 am** each Monday  
Kathy Hunter & Shirley  
Miller

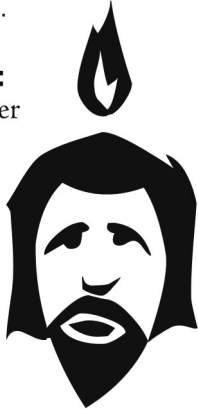


# Spirit SPINNER

For Pentecost, make a thaumatrope, a spinning toy that creates an optical illusion of motion.

## What you need:

- White paper
- Cup
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Plastic drinking straw
- Glue



## What you do:

1. Using the cup's circular shape, trace two identical circles on the paper. Carefully cut them out.
2. In pencil, draw a person's head on one circle. Then place the blank circle on top and use the image beneath to guide you in drawing a flame above the head.
3. Color the two images with markers.
4. Apply glue to the backs of the circles and sandwich the top of the straw between them so it looks like a lollipop. Let dry.
5. Roll the straw quickly between your hands to view a mini motion picture.

# PUZZLE



## Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

*Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.*

- |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. HEAV           | 6. OGETHE |
| 2. ABLE           | 7. ES     |
| 3. AY OF PENTECOS | 8. ONGUE  |
| 4. ONGUE          | 9. A      |
| 5. PIRI           | 10. IND   |



"When the \_\_\_\_\_ came, they were all \_\_\_\_\_ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent \_\_\_\_\_ came from \_\_\_\_\_ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They \_\_\_\_\_ what seemed to be \_\_\_\_\_ of fire that separated and came to \_\_\_\_\_ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ and began to speak in other \_\_\_\_\_ as the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ them."

**ACTS 2:1-4, NIV**

Answer: 1. heaven, 2. enabled, 3. day of Pentecost, 4. tongues, 5. Spirit, 6. together, 7. east, 8. tongues, 9. saw, 10. wind

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 2023</b>	1	2 2:00 PM Executive Council Meeting-Library	3 6:30 PM Columbarium Meeting & sign up-Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	4 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	5 6:30 PM Bible & Brew at the home of Liz Fisher	6
7 7:15 AM Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Columbarium meeting & sign up-FH 10:00 AM Adult SS 10:00 AM Faith Formation 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells 12:30 PM MS/HS Youth meet for program & lunch	8	9	10 10:45 AM J.O.Y. Group-Lunch & Stone Mountain Vineyard 2:30 PM-6:30 PM Blood Drive 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	11 3:45 PM HS/MS Youth meet to help prepare & pack for Samaritan's Table 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Property Team	12	13
14 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	15 6:30 PM Preschool Board Meeting-Library	16 10:30 AM Coltrane L. I.F.E. Center Bingo	17 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	18 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru 7:00 PM Council Meeting	19 6:30 PM HS/MS Meet at the church to go to Cannonballers game	20
21 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 9:45 AM Kingdom Kids & 3-5th grade-FH & Youth Room 10:00 AM Adult SS 10:00 AM Faith Formation 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells 2:30 -4:00 PM Confirmation @ St. James, Concord	22	23	24 3:00 -6:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care Cat Clinic only-KAC 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice	25 5:00-5:45 PM Samaritan's Table drive thru	26 Noon-5:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC	27 10:00 AM-2:00 PM Carolina Value Pet Care-KAC
28 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship Service 10:00 AM Adult SS 11:00 AM Traditional Worship Service 12:15 PM Handbells	29 <i>Church office is closed for the Memorial Day Holiday</i>	30 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Book Club-Parlor	31 6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble & Chancel Choir practice			



## Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church Kimball Communicator-Newsletter

at The North Carolina Research Campus  
101 Vance Street | Kannapolis, NC | 28081



### Greetings From Your Church Council

- ◆ The parking lot will be re-paved beginning on Monday, April 24th- weather permitting.
- ◆ Please be on the lookout for a congregational letter concerning information for the next steps in the Columbarium construction project.
- ◆ Our church-wide clean-up day was a success! Thank you to all who contributed your time. This will begin to be a quarterly event for our church. We appreciate your participation in this ongoing effort.
- ◆ We are looking for members to form our new Technology Team. Please contact Liz Fisher or Eric Storey if interested in serving on this committee.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who helped with our Preschool Sunday Service and Resurrection Egg Hunt. This was a wonderful day in our church, and we appreciate your participation in making it a success.
- ◆ G.W. Carver Elementary is in need of gently used sport-coats, blazers and suit-jackets of all sizes. These will be donated to assist in a new program with an effort to mentor the upper grade boys who may not have been taught basic skills, such as tying a tie etc. We appreciate all donations toward this project.

**Peace and God Bless!**

**DONATE BLOOD**

Donors Receive

**Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church  
Wednesday, May 10  
2:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

All donors will receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

- PLUS -

Fact: One in three of us will need a blood transfusion.

Appointments are encouraged, please visit [oneblood.org/donate-now](http://oneblood.org/donate-now) and use sponsor code **42421**

**ID REQUIRED**  
\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit [oneblood.org/details](http://oneblood.org/details).

**oneblood** Share your power.