

August, 2021

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1 Peter 7:8 Though you have not seen him, you love him. And even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy



I recently spent some time listening to a series of lectures given by Henri Nouwen on “Following Jesus: Finding our way home in an Age of Anxiety.” I was struck by the question at the very beginning of the lecture. “Are you following Jesus?” The lecture was first given to a class of students at Harvard’s divinity school. However, I think the question is a very good one no matter where you find yourself.

Nouwen goes on to suggest that we are not so many followers of Jesus as wanderers who run across Jesus from time to time. I know I am busy. That should be Busy! I also find myself in a hurry most of the time, arriving at places either right on time or late. Several years ago a church member introduced me to the phrase “a failure to plan on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part.” In a moment of confession, I am often drawn into other’s emergencies.

One of the things I have observed this summer is that most of us have been busier than ever before. Why? Well partly because we have not been able to do things that we wanted to do for the last 16 months. But on the other hand, we are still doing many of the things we have been doing for that time and now doing all the things we want to do. Boom! Our workload has not just doubled, but maybe tripled. And yet when I am asked, “what do you have to do?” I don’t always feel like I know the answer.

Nouwen suggests “it is not that we do many things, but rather that we do many things and wonder if anything is happening.” This mindset moves people to the edge of “burnout.” This is more than just wandering, this tiring, exhausting even. This can cause people to just stop completely. I suspect we can all relate to both of these people. The wanderer and the sitter! We may from time to time find ourselves behaving like one or both of these people.

It is into this world that God sends Jesus. It is into this world that God sends His Love! What a powerful moment to realize that we are not loved because of the things we do, or the busyness that we pursue. But we are loved because we are. The first letter of Peter was written to greek-Christian churches in Asia-minor. These people were struggling because they were being persecuted and harassed by both the Romans and the Jews. Peter writes to encourage them and to remind/assure them of their place in the world. He uses a lot of “old testament” language that is designed to help the believers know their place.

I find that from time to time a reminder of Jesus’ love for me and my love for Jesus goes a long way to ease my wandering. It also brings peace to the discouragement of all the things that I feel I have to do. Loving Jesus can take away the anxiety of today and give hope to tomorrow.

Blessings, Jerry

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads “Rev. Gerald Sun”.

August Birthdays

Cameron Hite 8/2
Felty Masengill 8/3
Erin Perry 8/4
Vicky Robinson 8/4
Cassel Shepherd 8/5
Jerry Moore 8/6
Robert Holmes 8/6
Bob Bradford 8/6
Judy Reviere 8/8
Jake Bowers 8/8
Katie Lamons 8/8
Taylor Jones 8/8
Susan Cash 8/12
Rebecca Brown 8/12
Brandon Hull 8/13
April Allen 8/13
Sally Andrew 8/13
Nancy Worley 8/14
Bill Kennon 8/15
Ed Kershaw 8/16
Rebekah Brown 8/18
Kamara Loggins 8/18
Kyle Wills 8/19
Robert Andrew 8/19
Kannon Lawson 8/19
Joyce Hyde 8/21
Judy Kennon 8/21
Tatum Hill 8/21
Tucker Hill 8/21
Christy Hoeke 8/23
Patrick Brown 8/24
Brayden Cross 8/24
Macey Haun 8/25
Alex Whitaker 8/26
Thomas Carter 8/28
Bekah Ricker 8/28
Drew Armbrister 8/28
Olivia Brooks 8/28
Suzanne Wagner 8/29
Orland Britton 8/31

UMW- President Sally Andrew

Greetings Ladies,

When I read this scripture, my favorite part is when it reads, “a time to laugh.” I love humor and laughter, especially after going through a difficult “season” in my life. I love the fact that God gave us the ability to laugh. It tells me that He wants us to be able to “celebrate” and be joyous in life.

After a “season” of postponements and cancellations, our church is “relaunching” its normal programs and gatherings. This is great news for our UMW! Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 16. To kick off this “new season”, we will have a covered dish cookout in the fellowship hall. There will be more details in the September newsletter. There will be an officer’s meeting on August 19 at 10 am in the library. I hope that all officers will be able to attend as we have many items to discuss.

The benevolence teams fed the Slagle and Tvardy families

this past month. We are sorry for their losses. Thank you to all who provided food and especially Ms. Judy for coordinating these meals.

We want to send our thoughts and prayers to all of our ladies who are recovering from surgery or are not feeling well. Please keep Susan Bowers in your prayers as she is dealing with a broken foot.

Love to all,
Sally

2021 Officers

President: Sally Andrew
Vice President: Debby Hendrix
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Pledge Secretary: Elizabeth Wilson
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Social Action: Bettye Anne Bewley, Judy Kennon
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Scholarship: Barbara Clanton, Becki McInturff, Lisa Crum
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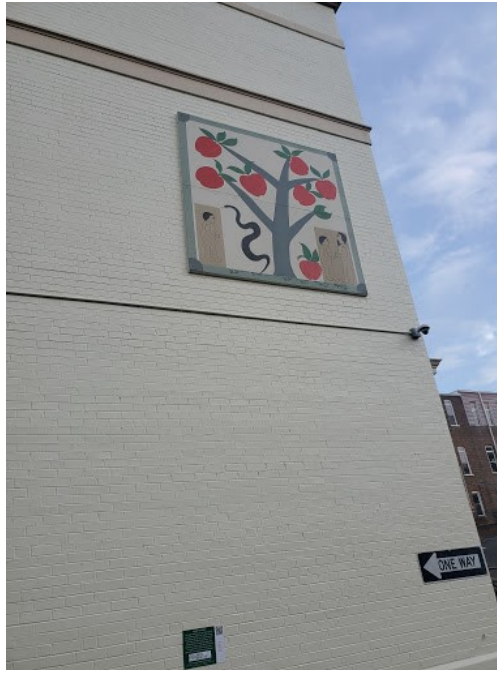
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

Church Maintenance Updates-Keith Cornwell

Our quilt frame has been redone and wrapped in metal to protect the wood, new door sweeps and weather stripping have been installed on the doors of education building. This completes our Phase 1 of our 5 year work plan. Please take notice of what great work Skyline has done and how well the Educational Building looks.

August Anniversaries

Robert & Katharine Andrew 8/2
Dave & Freida Wright 8/5
Robert & Ava Jo Holmes 8/7
Jack & Marjorie Bullen 8/7
Bill & Terry Rymer 8/9
James & Carolyn Gregg 8/11
Brian & Doris Allen 8/13
Justin & Jennifer Jeffers 8/21
Homer & Marjorie Davenport 8/28



Congregational Care

Living at Home

Libby Bible
Carolyn Galloway
Bea Jennings
Barbara Lawson
Louise Love
Felty & Jean Masengill
Buck Mathes

Living at Morning Pointe

Orland Britton
Homer & Marjorie Davenport
Winifred Kuper
Kermit Justis
Pat Logan

Living at Brookdale

Linda Allen
Mel Mauck

Living at Signature

Tedo Southerland

Living at Laughlin Health Care

Janice Moore

Out of State Facilities

Martha Chudina

If you would like to mail to our homebound please contact the church office for contact information.

Asbury UMC

Block Party August 14 4 pm - 8 pm

201 S. Main St
Rear Parking Lot
423-798-1050



Chilango Camacho
Big Daddy Concessions
Fry Nanny Food Ship
Sweet Scoops

Obstacle Course
Bounce House

DJ Maddy

Getting Back to Life with Asbury Life



Duck Pond
Balloon Pop
Ring Toss



Face Painting



Back to Life with Asbury Life!



August 15th
10 AM Single Service
Fellowship to follow



Blessing of the
Back Packs



A Tribute to Christy Yonz Bowlin

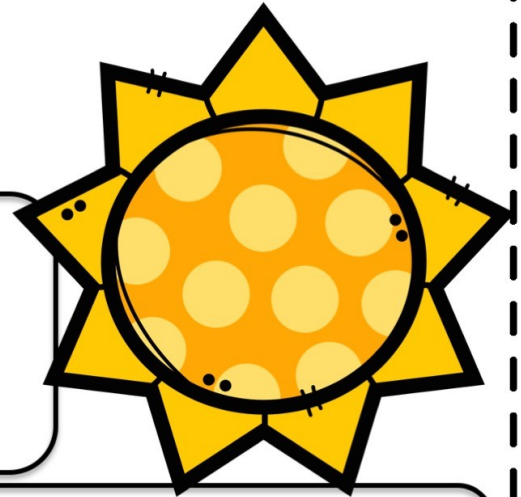
I had the distinct honor, and pleasure of (and received immeasurable blessings from) being Christy's youth minister during her formative years. I can honestly say without a blink, that in all my dealings with public – both young and old – I have never seen a more character, and faith driven person, than this unpretentious young lady. Distinct in so many ways, yet drawing others to herself in so many others, she stayed the path – never wavering left or right.

Christy's soul was rare, so rare that wisdom, integrity, inquisitiveness, athleticism, generosity, selflessness, beauty, and Christ like grace, could all play on the same field within her soul's boundaries – void of ego, but filled with pride.

She is free now. I imagine her dancing before our Lord as did David. I am sure she is at the helm of some dance troupe filled with angelic hosts who are trying desperately to keep up. They will learn the routine eventually because Christy's big-hearted generosity is forever giving a piece of herself to others. She was just that way – to us all.

May God enfold you in peace – while He enfolds Christy in His arms.
Russ and Lisa Crum

AUGUST



ACEC Monthly Newsletter

PARENTS!!!

ACEC families we would love for you to fill out the family survey. Your feedback, thoughts, and ideas are extremely important to us.

Kids and Exercise

When most adults think about exercise, they imagine working out in the gym, running on a treadmill, or lifting weights.

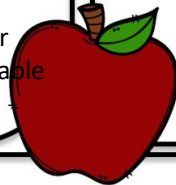
But for kids, exercise means playing and being physically active. Kids exercise when they have gym class at school, during recess, at dance class or soccer practice, while riding bikes, or when playing tag.

The Many Benefits of Exercise

Everyone can benefit from regular exercise. Active kids will have:

- stronger [muscles and bones](#)
- leaner bodies
- less risk of becoming [overweight](#)
- a lower chance of getting [type 2 diabetes](#)
- lower [blood pressure](#) and blood cholesterol levels
- a better outlook on life

Besides enjoying the health benefits of regular exercise, fit kids sleep better. They're also better able to handle physical and emotional challenges



BIRTHDAYS

Maylee	8/01
Kipp	8/10
Case	8/13
Madelyn	8/17
Mason K.	8/20
Charlie	8/27
Clancy	8/29

Loose parts needed at the Center

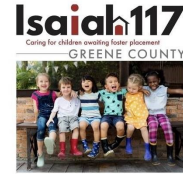
- Large chunky bracelets
- River rocks (small to medium size)
- pots and pans
- PVC Pipes
- Measuring cups
- Measuring Spoons
- Different size hair rollers
- Slinkies
- Different size lids
- Dryer vent hoses
- Corks
- Luffas
- Calculators
- Turkey Basters
- Wooden spools different sizes
- Different pasta noodles

We would like to wish all of our children who are leaving for pre-k or kindergarten good luck. We have shared so many memories with the children and the families. You all will always be part of the ACEC family.



2021 HOLSTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Mission Offering

Holston Annual Conference Mission offering will be collected, **August 1 and August 8** in all three worship services. Please include in the memo line, "Annual Conference Offering."



TEMS NEEDED AT ISAIAH 117 HOUSE GREENE COUNTY

All sizes girls/ladies undergarments & sports bras
 All sizes boys/means shorts & sweat pant
 Heavy Duty Swiffer sweeper cloths




Do you have a magazine subscription stack?
Extra books? Devotionals?

Donate them today!

Asbury is now taking donations of magazines, devotionals, upper rooms, short books, bibles and other reading materials for our home-bound and Meals on Wheels partnership.

Drop off unwanted material at the church office!




Thank you Asbury for doing your part in our Lemonade stand fundraiser for Isaiah 117!

Thank you Greene County!

\$10,633.56

Isaiah 117

Caring for children awaiting foster placement




This year we are offering To-Go Orders at our luncheon!

- Order by Monday August 9th
- Pick up will be from 11:00am - 1pm at First Baptist Church Downtown Greenville on August 12th
- These orders are by donation



Menu:

- BBQ Sandwich
- Chips
- Baked Beans
- Cookie
- Drink

If you or your place of business would like to place an order please call or text the order to 423-231-5930

Wednesday Night Life

WE ARE BACK!

Wednesday Night Meals
5PM

August 18th

Spaghetti
Salad
Bread
Dessert

August 25th

TBD

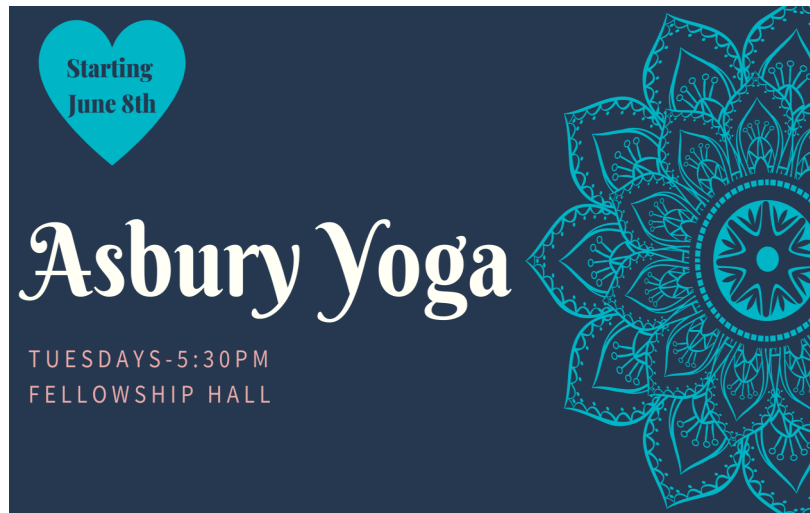
Under 3 is free
3-11 is \$3
12 and up is \$6
Family Max \$30

Please go to website to RSVP for
the meal each week.

<https://asburylife.org/connect>

Or call the church office.

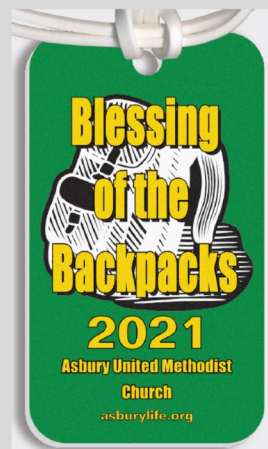
If you or your group would like
to do a fundraiser meal please
contact Mrs. Judy!



**BLESSING OF THE
BACKPACKS**

**AUGUST 15
10:00 AM**

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE





VBS 2021

DISCOVERY
ON
ADVENTURE ISLAND





WOW! What an amazing day we had Discovering Adventure Island!
 We danced, sang, had storytelling, played games, had a volcano, and
 made lots of cool crafts, and of course we ate!
 Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you!
 Isaiah 60:1



FAITH FORWARD

AUGUST

SUNDAY

1 Thank God for 3 people that mean the world to you.

8 Pray for the leaders of your church.

15 Read Psalm 20:1-4. Turn these verses into a prayer for your family.

22 Spend two minutes enjoying God's company in complete silence.

29 Pray the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13.

MONDAY

2 Sing your favorite praise song to God.

9 Make a list of questions you have for God. Talk to Him about them.

16 Pray for someone who doesn't know Jesus yet.

23 Pray for someone who has hurt your feelings.

30 Pray with your parent(s) or your sibling(s).

TUESDAY

3 Thank God for being your PROVIDER!

10 Thank God for being your SAVIOR!

17 Thank God for being your GUIDE!

24 Thank God for being your DEFENDER!

31 Thank God for being your HELPER!

WEDNESDAY

4 Pray for your family members, each by name.

11 Ask your mom or dad if you can pray for them.

18 Learn to pray from Daniel! Read Daniel 6:10.

25 Tell God something you love about August.

THURSDAY

5 Thank God for being your FRIEND!

12 Thank God for being your FATHER!

19 Thank God for being your COMFORTER!

26 Thank God for being your REDEEMER!

FRIDAY

6 Write your name. Thank God for one thing that starts with each letter of your name.

13 Pray for people who are sick and need healing.

20 Thank God for your close friends.

27 Ask God how He feels when He sees what's going on in the world?

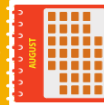
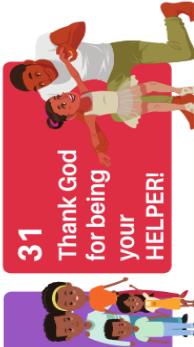
SATURDAY

7 Tell God about your favorite smell.

14 Go outside and take a minute to look at the stars. Then tell God what's on your mind.

21 Pray for someone whose name starts with the letter L.

28 Pray by the bonfire.



Time spent in prayer is never wasted.



Natasha DeBord
Director of
Student Ministries





Asbury Youth had a fantastic time volunteering for VBS this past month. They helped with crafts, recreation, snacks, audio/visual, and as the lighthouse keeper and puffin, Beacon. This summer has flown by and I could not be more proud of all the youth has done. Our youth have big hearts and are always eager to serve in any way they can.

Looking ahead, I want to let you know we have a Fall Youth Retreat on the calendar for October. I ask that you keep us in your prayers and help support us through our fundraising events over the next few weeks. My prayer is to raise enough money to cover the cost for all our youth to attend the retreat at little cost to them.



Asbury UMC
201 S. Main St.
Greeneville, TN 37743

August 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Canning 9:30-12:00
8 Youth 5:00-7:00	9	10	11 Youth 3:00-7:30	12	13	14 Block party 4:00-8:00
15 Youth 5:00-7:00	16	17	18 Youth 3:00-7:30	19	20	21
22 Youth 5:00-7:00	23	24	25 Youth 3:00-7:30	26	27	28
29 Youth 5:00-7:00	30	31				

Events

7th-Canning Class

8th-Sunday School begins and will be at 9:00 in the Youth Room every Sunday

11th-Pool Party

14th-Block Party

15th-Combined service (10:00 in Sanctuary) followed by meal(11:00 in Fellowship Hall)

18th-Wednesday Night Meals start back

**We will be having regular youth meetings Sunday and Wednesday

Sunday Morning Services

8:00 - Chapel

9:00 - Sunday School (Youth Room)

10:00 - Sanctuary

11:00 - Fellowship Hall

Asbury Youth is a group composed of middle and high school students. The students are truly a phenomenal group eager to learn, grow, serve, and teach. For us to be able to continue what we do, we will need some help from you. A few ways you can get involved with Asbury Youth are:

- Chaperone trips
- Help facilitate during weekly youth meetings
- Help plan/execute events
- Provide light meals for Sunday evening meetings
- Pray for us
- Support us financially so we can continue to learn and grow

If you have any questions, or would like to help our group, please reach out to Natasha. Your willingness to serve our youth helps teach them how to serve others.



2021 Leadership

Church council:

Chairperson Lee Duckworth
Secretary Susan Bowers
Pastor Rev. Jerry Jones
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Director of
Student Ministries Natasha DeBord
Director of
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Director of Contemporary
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Lay Leader Margaret Akins
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Lay Member to
AC-Alternate Abigail Brown
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Senior Adult Rep Dinah Seip
UMW Rep Sally Andrew
ACEC Chairperson Abby Lawson
Mission Team
Chairperson Rob Brown
Trustees
Chairperson Tom Cole / Tom Smith
Staff-Parish
Chairperson George Tvardy
Finance Chairperson Rodney Bell

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Treasurer Ivy Leonard/Bobby Wells
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Staff-Parish
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Stewardship Chair Bob Leonard
Lay Leader TBD
Leadership Team
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Lay Member to AC Shelby Sullivan

At-Large

Year 3 Bill Brown
Year 3 Barbara Clanton
Year 2 Brian Allen
Year 2 Maynard Austin
Year 1 Vicky Cole
Year 1 TBD

Leadership Development/Nominating:

Year 3 Debby Hendrix
Year 3 Frank Holzschuh
Year 3 Ben Brooks
Year 2 Phyllis Stansfield
Year 2 Bettye Ann Bewley
Year 2 Dawn Wright
Year 1 Judy Reviere
Year 1 John Cash
Year 1 Art Masker
Chairperson Rev. Jerry Jones

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Year 3 Frieda Wright
Year 3 George Tvardy-Board Chair
Year 2 Lori Duckworth
Year 2 Dale Landers
Year 2 Sandra Fox
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Year 1 Chuck Pearson
Year 1 Jim Seip
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

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Year 3 Pat Bradford
Year 3 Brandon Hull
Year 3 Suzanne Wagner
Year 2 Dave Wright
Year 2 Phyllis Bible
Year 2 Alice Russell
Year 1 John Loven
Year 1 Tom Cole –Co-Chair
Year 1 Tom Smith –Co-Chair
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones
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Year 3 Don Stansfield
Year 3 Abby Lawson –Board Chair
Year 2 Diane Gibson
Year 2 Brenda Ottinger
Year 2 Janie Laws
Year 2 Holly McGaw
Year 1 Mary Louise Fisher
Year 1 Stephanie Hite
Year 1 Terri Lawson
At Large Lynette Hill
Ex-Officio Kim Brown
Ex-Officio Rev. Jerry Jones

Family Ministries:

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Camping Advocates: Emily & Scott Whitaker
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Evangelism Chairperson: Steve Shore
Fellowship Coordinator: Judy Kennon
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Holston Home Ambassador: Kent Bewley
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Older Adult Ministries: Dinah Seip
Mission Ministries: Rob Brown
Outreach Ministries: Bettye Hayes
Sunday School Superintendent: Jerry Moore
Restoration Depot Chairperson: TBD
Witness Ministry Chairperson: David Andrew
Wood Cutting Ministry: David Andrew

August

2021

Abbreviation Key

Boots Bewley-BB
Chapel-CH
Choir Room-CR

Disciple Classroom-DC
D&H Brown Classroom-DH
Fellowship Hall-FH
John Wesley Class-JWC

LaRue Classroom-LR
Library-LB
Parlor-PL
Prayer Shawl Room-PSR

Sanctuary-ST
Sisters By Grace-SG
Youth Room-YR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH 6P-District Kidmin		12N-Lunch with the Pastor 3P-Benevolence 5:30 Yoga		9A-PEP CLUB		9:30A-Canning for Everyone
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8A-Chapel Service 9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST 11A-Cont. Service-FH	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence 5:30 Yoga 5:30P-Trustee Meeting	8A Van Dreal Bible Study	9A-PEP CLUB		4P-BLOCK PARTY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9A-Sunday School 10A- Traditional –ST Single Service Blessing of the Backpacks	7P-Troop 94	3P-Benevolence 5:30 Yoga	3:30P-Homework Club 5P-WNM 6P-Wed Night Life	9A-PEP CLUB		
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Sunday Worship Schedule

8:00AM—Chapel Worship—CH
9:00AM—Sunday School Classes
10:00AM—Traditional Worship—ST
11:00AM—Contemporary Worship—FH

SUNDAY GROUP

OPPORTUNITIES

9A—Nursery, Preschool & K-5th
Children's Dept.
(under Sanctuary)
9A—Men's Life Group-PSR
9A—Youth Sunday School-YR

1st Floor Education Building

9A—D&H Brown
(mixed gender, 50-70s)
9A—Disciple
(mixed gender, mixed age)
9A—Sisters by Grace
(females, mixed age)
9A—LaRue
(mixed gender, mixed ages)

2nd Floor Education Building

9A—Seekers
(mixed gender, 30-50s)-Parlor
9A—Choir
(mixed gender, mixed age)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

3:30PM—HOMEWORK CLUB
5:00PM—WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL
6:00PM—CHOIR PRACTICE, KIDS KLUB, YOUTH



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