



"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service."

Week of Sept. 13, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

Watch the Live Stream:



[Download Bulletin](#)

The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept. 13

9:00 am Choir
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am God's work. Our hands.

Monday, Sept. 14

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Sept. 17

6:30 pm Choir
7:30 pm Carols by Candlelight
Rehearsals Begin

Saturday, Sept. 19

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, Sept. 20

9:00 am Choir
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Coming Up

Sonshine Backpacks September Drive
Sept. 21 & 22 - My Father's House Shelter Ministry
Oct. 11 - CROP Walk
Oct. 17 - Meals on Mission Meal Packing
Oct. 25 - Trunk or Treat 🎃

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Sept. 13 Kim Haberman
Sept. 20 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept. 13 Margaret Garrison
Sept. 20 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTES

Sept. 13
Sept. 20

VIDEOGRAPHER

Sept. 13 Jason Pittard
Sept. 20 [Volunteer](#)

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Michael Rinker

GREETER

Sept. 13 Jean Beasley

Sept. 20 [Volunteer](#)

ALTAR FLOWER

Sept. 13 Cheryl Webb

Sept. 20 Open

Sign Up to Volunteer

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎂

Sept 13 - Will Gillon, Hoke Hoekstra, Ward Hoekstra

Sept. 16 - Collins Whisnant

Sept. 17 - Evelina Matthews

Sept. 19 - Trevor Matthews

Announcements



God's work. Our hands. this Sunday!

Thank you to everyone who donated towards this year's *God's work. Our hands.* supply drive effort! We will put those supplies to work this Sunday during the GWOH Service Day!

As a reminder, we'll join in the fellowship hall (in our yellow shirts) after worship for a bagged lunch before starting our selected [volunteer tasks](#).



CROP Walk 2026 - Join the St. James Team!

Registration is now open for CROP Hunger Walk! [Register now](#) and join the St. James team for the annual Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2pm (check-in at 1pm).

If you are unable to walk you can still make a donation towards the St. James team!

This year's fundraising goal is \$1600!

The walk starts at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church (101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081).

St. James supports the CROP Walk each year with sponsorship and participation.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Joshua Leads Courageously - Joshua 1:1-11; Israel Remembers God's Deeds - Joshua 4:14-24

This week's lesson brings us to huge moments in Israel's Spiritual and Physical relationship with God. The Israelites will now enter the land that God promised 400 years earlier after having suffered under Egyptian slavery and 40 years of wandering in the Wilderness. However, Moses, their spiritual and political leader will not do this; he now turns the reigns over to his trusted servant, Joshua. Joshua will lead the people of Israel, with the help of God's mighty hand, in the conquest of the land of Canaan. Israel will again see miraculous things happen that will reinforce their position as God's people and also show Israel it is not doing these things through her own might but because God is fighting for them!

In Case You Missed It...

HELP PROVIDE FOOD



COOPERATIVE
CHRISTIAN
MINISTRY



My
Father's
House

Monday, **Sept. 21** | Ham Meal
Tuesday, **Sept. 22** | Chicken Strip Meal

Side dishes needed!

Suggested sides:

- Corn
- Noodle/pasta dishes
- Vegetable casseroles
- Fruit
- Mac & cheese
- Bob Evans mashed potatoes
- Baked beans
- Green beans

Snacks:

- Lance crackers
- Goldfish crackers
- Juice boxes/Capri Sun
- Fresh fruit

Desserts:

- Cookies
- Cupcakes
- Homemade treats

If you can help, please contact Martha Matthews at 704-787-2180.





Sonshine Backpack September Supply Drive

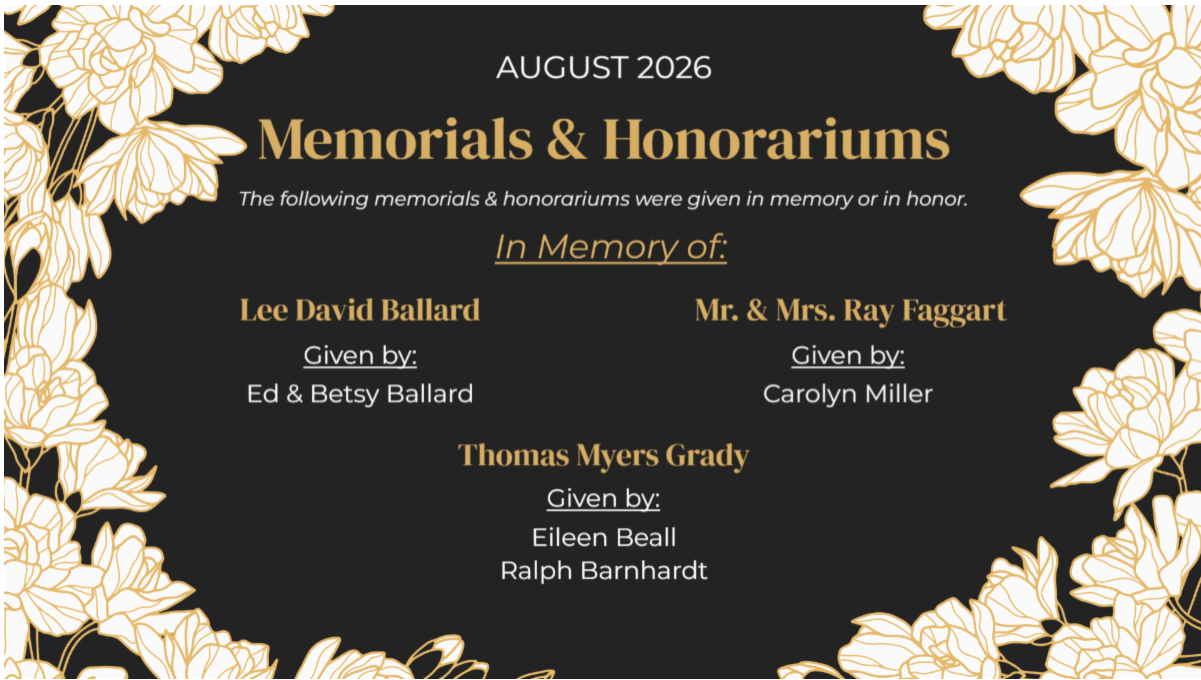
Help provide weekend food for local children in need through our partnership with Sonshine Backpacks.

Requested items include: shelf-stable milk, cereal, mac & cheese, canned goods, granola bars, juice, popcorn, and pudding.

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by **Sept. 27**.

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.

Memorials & Honorariums



AUGUST 2026

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Memory of:

Lee David Ballard	Mr. & Mrs. Ray Faggart
<u>Given by:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Ed & Betsy Ballard	Carolyn Miller

Thomas Myers Grady

Given by:

Eileen Beall
Ralph Barnhardt

Reminders



Bethlehem at the Farm - Volunteers Needed!

Step back in time to the night Jesus was born at Bethlehem at the Farm on **Sunday, December 6, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at the farm of Anita and Jeff Jones, just a few miles from St. James off Old Salisbury Road.

Together, we'll bring Bethlehem to life with a bustling marketplace, townspeople gathered around the fire, shepherds following the star, Mary and Joseph with the Christ Child, census takers, live animals, and more. Around 200 people from our community experience this special event.

But we need your help to make it possible! We're looking for about 50 volunteers from our congregation to help create this immersive Christmas experience. Volunteers are needed for just 3-4 hours, and there are a variety of roles available.

Please consider being part of this meaningful St. James tradition. [Sign up to volunteer through the form on our website.](#) Together, we can help our community experience the story of Christ's birth.



Carols by Candlelight

If you or someone you know would enjoy being part of Carols by Candlelight, we'd love to have you join us.

Rehearsals Begin: Sept. 17 at 7:30pm
Dress Rehearsals: Dec. 7 & 9

In Our Prayers



Meal Train Opportunity

A Meal Train has been set up for **Patsy Black**. [Click here for available dates to provide a meal.](#)

Chip Allman

(Friend of the Marlow Family)

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Jay Clemmer

Noah Clifton

Karey Conrad

(Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Phyllis Freeman

(Mother of Fonda Shumate)

Ed Frost

(Friends of the Marlow's)

Ginger Gibbs

(Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)

Jeff Gilbert

Nancy Haney

(Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Linda Hartsell

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston

(Friend of Judy Benz)

Mary Anne Lanahan

(Aunt of Francie Davis)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Ron Lee (neighbor of Kathryn Radcliffe)

Buddy McEachern

Jason Matthews

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Ruthie O'Brien

(Friend of the Marlow Family)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Mason Overby

Stan Parnell (Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

Corinne Robbins

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Doris Smith

Bobbi Talbert (Friend of Dale & Barbara Merrell)

Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)

John Walker

Mr. & Mrs. Jim Weisel

Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With [online giving](#), you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



Volunteer!

Assisting in Worship

Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.

Altar flower dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up for flowers [online](#), on the sign-up sheet in the portico, or call the office at 704-786-0166.

Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.

St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, Pastor [Email](#)

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music Ministries & Organist [Email](#)

Holly Sloop, Communications Coordinator [Email](#)

Kathryn Radcliffe, Nursery Coordinator [Email](#)

Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)

Kim Haberman, Congregation President [Email](#)

Contact Us

 Phone: (704) 786-0166

 Website: www.sjnc.net

 Email: info@sjnc.net

Saint James Lutheran Church | 104 Union Street, South PO Box 684 | Concord, NC 28025 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email & social marketing for free!