



**Prayer Concerns:** Darrell Beaver, Ellen Bobbitt, Marianne Casas’ father, Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Marty & Judy Daniels, Mary Hill, Ann Huth, Laura Boers (friend of Kathy Mills), Delbert & Becky Lauten, Jr. (Delbert Parkinson’s), Ritchie Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Murl Moore (Stoney & Becky’s neighbor), Ron Pinyan, Derek Reavis (friend of Mark Reavis), Jane Sutphin, and several unspoken prayers.



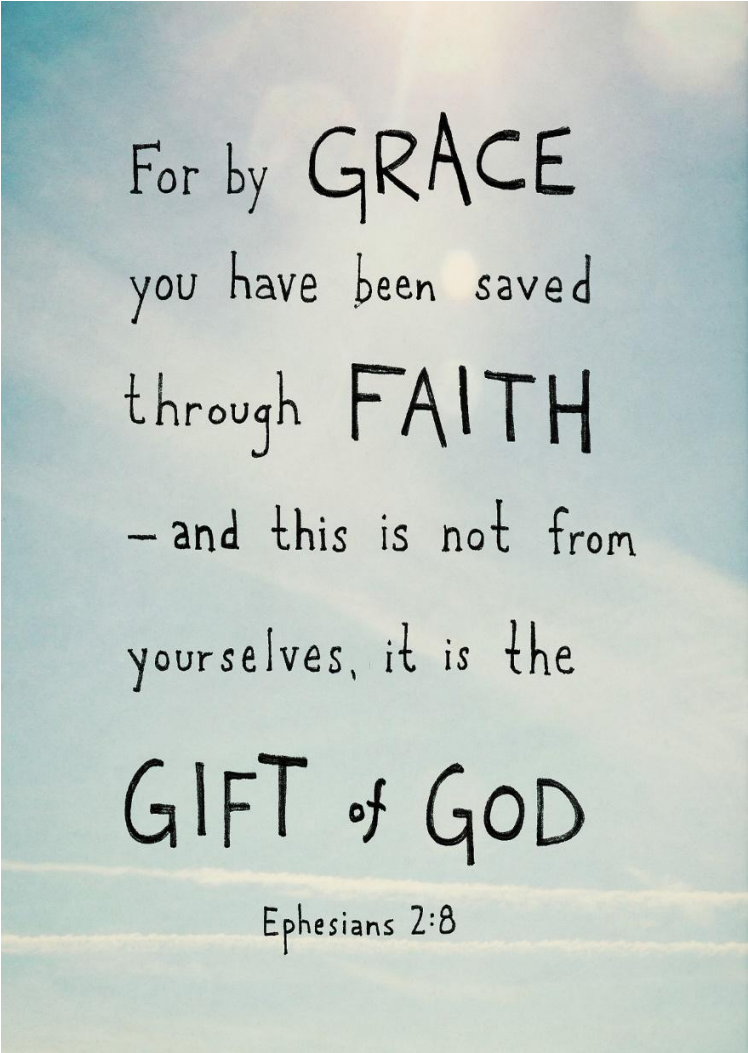
Have a game you love? Bring it and join us for Game Night on Sunday, August 17th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Let’s have fun while we fellowship! Please also bring a snack or drink to share. Your hosts for the evening are Jill Sutphin and Jennifer Weavil.

Union Cross Fire Department is hosting the *Andy Johnson Memorial Red Cross Blood Drive* on Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code “Andy Johnson Memorial.” Walk-ins welcome. Bring your photo ID.

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8/1	David French
8/5	Jennie Nibert
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8/19	Dylan Ward
8/24	Teresa Tucker
8/27	Cindy Clark
8/30	Doris Pinyan
8/31	Bobby Cheek, Nancy Clodfelter, Dean Ward

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Dr. Adam Woods      Pastor  
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Mrs. Teresa Tucker      Office Administrator

**A Word from the Pastor**

Three simple words often stand between you and the life you’ve always dreamed about. They have the power to prevent you from experiencing everything good, everything worthwhile, everything you truly want.

The three words? **Just this once.** As in: "I know I shouldn’t do this, but just this once I will ... I know there are matters of importance that I should tend to, but just this once I’ll let them slide. After all, what difference can it make? It’s not like it’s a habit. It’s Just This Once."

Of course, we know what happens next. It isn't long before just this once becomes Every Single Time. And by then it's in charge. There's no just-this-once clause in the Christian life. Every moment and every action matters — including this moment, and the very next action you take. If you want to cultivate a life of holiness, don't kid yourself into thinking that our choices matter only most of the time. They matter every time.

There’s a better way to respond to this temptation. Again, it's three simple words. **NOT THIS TIME.** Maybe you can’t (yet) say with confidence that you’ll never do again what you’re tempted to do ... but you can say, in any situation, not this time. As in: "This is where I usually indulge my temper, spend money I don’t have, or follow a foolish impulse. It's what I usually do, it's what I'm tempted to do ... but I won’t — not this time." You'll be amazed at how a few instances of saying "not-this-time" will lead to a shift in momentum. Small victories become big victories. Faithful in little turns into faithful in much.

Each and every day you have the option to *just-this-once* your way to misery, or *not-this-time* your way into a life of significance. You're three words away. Which ones will you speak?

Grace and Peace,  
Adam

The Media Center Committee has separated books from the collection that are not being used. These books are available for church members to take home and keep. They are housed on the shelves marked “Okay to take and keep”. You are encouraged to browse the shelves in the media center and choose books until August 10th. After that date, these books will be removed.

**Conference & Annual Elections**

The Officers & Workers Report for 2025/2026 will be presented and voted on at the August 20<sup>th</sup> church conference at 7pm. A new slate of Deacons will be voted on during morning worship on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Family Life Center Fund**

In 2004, the church considered building a Family Life Center. After extensive research, it was deemed not feasible. We have \$8,949.49 remaining in this fund. In order to utilize this money, it must be transferred to another fund. We will be voting on moving this money at our August church conference. Once this is passed, the Trustees, Finance Committee, and the Deacons will bring a recommendation for the funds. The recommendation will be voted on at the September conference. Feel free to contact your deacon with questions. Your input is welcome and needed.

**Financial Summary**

July 6, 2025	
Undesignated Gifts	\$2,629.00
Designated Gifts	\$973.62
Total Offering	\$3,602.62
July 13, 2025	
Undesignated Gifts	\$3,260.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,471.09
Total Offering	\$5,731.09
July 20, 2025	
Undesignated Gifts	\$2,352.00
Designated Gifts	\$ 42.00
Total Offering	\$2,394.00

**General Fund**

June General Fund Receipts	\$ 21,559.00
June General Fund Expenses	-\$ 12,772.75
June General Fund Net	\$ 8,786.25
June General Fund Balance	\$100,686.07

**Women on Mission Update**

**Women on Mission ladies held their July email meeting on July 2, 2025.**

**JULY WOM ACTIVITIES:**

By vote, Jane Sutphin will remain as WOM President for the upcoming church year.

**Hospice Ministry Note:** Snack donations continued for both WS & HP Hospice Homes.

Some Inward Meals were provided by WOM ladies during the month.

**July Mission Projects and Outreach—Members voted & approved the following:**

- \$64 for shampoo for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry.
- \$72 for Sundaes on Sunday food expenses. FYI, 36 attended this event last year and 44 this year! A special thank you Robin for providing games and to several of our WOM members (& Hal) for helping either in setting up & initial prep on Saturday or assisting on Sunday.
- \$315 for school supplies to go into the Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.
- Members were asked to consider purchasing kids coloring books for OCC as well.
- Began initial planning for a hot meal to be served in mid-August for patient family members, along with staff at the Hospice Home in High Point.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Another WOM craft-making day for Baptist on Mission Disaster Relief is being planned with Jean Foster as our leader & coordinator for this event.

Can you believe we walk into retail stores before July 4<sup>th</sup> and see fall decorations, including Halloween and Thanksgiving and maybe even Christmas? It seems so many folks get excited by upcoming holidays, although they are far away. Wouldn’t it be great if children could feel excitement from more adults for church attendance to study, worship and learn about Christ as they do the holidays. Many of our WOM projects are geared to those less fortunate, and especially children who may never hear about Jesus if we did not promote this through our mission outreach projects. May we all commit to extending ourselves to those who may not know Christ as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**

-- Jane Sutphin