



Prayer Concerns: Bennett (Pam Napier's cousin), Roger Burnett (Lisa Young's father), Ellen Cook, Bobby & Irene Cheek, Jr. Clodfelter, Marty & Judy Daniels, Melvin Duncan, Ann Huth, Ritchie & Stoney Longworth, Juan & Lidia Mendoza (neighbors of Hal & Melissa Little), Ron Mills, Ron & Doris Pinyan, Alice Striplin, Sara VonCannon, Dean & Tracy Ward, and unspoken prayers.

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CHURCH YARD SALE: There will be a Church Yard Sale held on September 12th featuring baked goods, crafts, breakfast biscuits, and hot dogs for lunch. Please continue bringing your clean, gently used, and saleable items to help make this event a success. Donation Drop-Off Location: Youth Room in the Fellowship Hall. All proceeds from the yard sale will benefit the Drive-Thru Awning Project. Thank you for being so supportive as we work together to make this fundraiser a success!

Children's Church - Ages 3 to 10

August 2 nd	Cindy Clark
August 9 th	Robin French
August 16 th	Kathy Horton
August 23 rd	Lisa Young
August 30 th	Susan Hilton



August

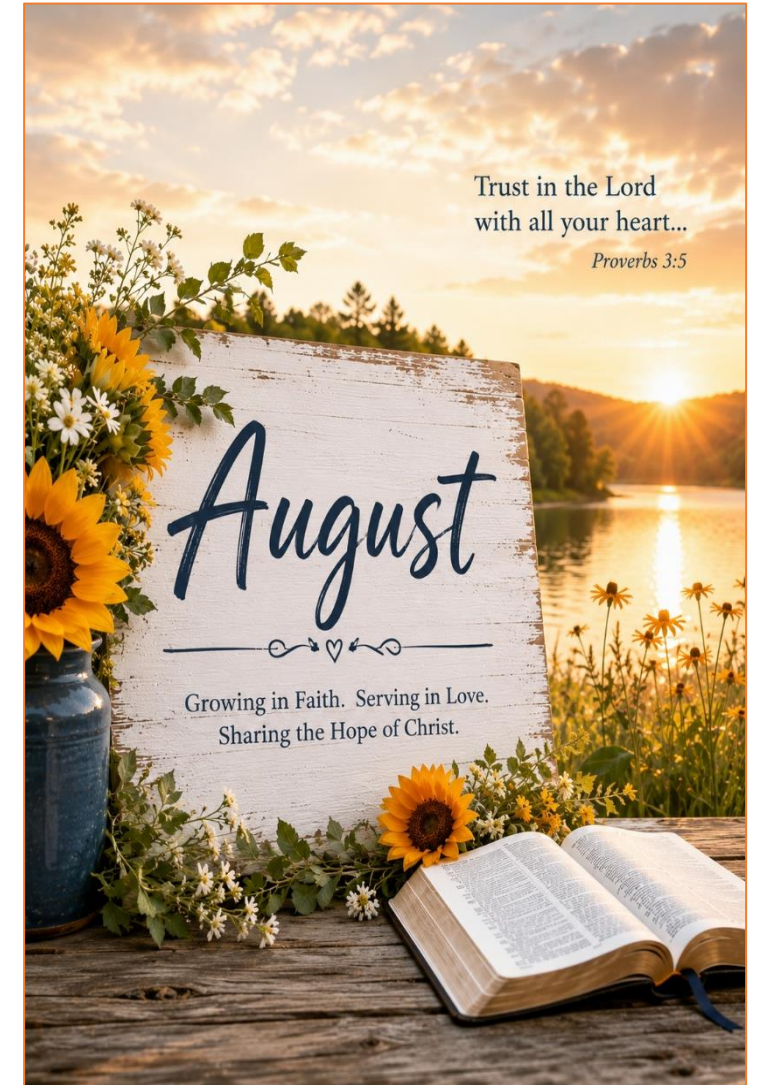
8/1	David French
8/5	Jennie Nibert
8/10	Lisa Canda
8/16	Susan Hilton
8/17	Kaitlin Helton
8/19	Dylan Ward
8/24	Teresa Tucker
8/27	Cindy Clark
8/30	Doris Pinyan
8/31	Bobby Cheek, Nancy Clodfelter
8/31	Dean Ward

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A Word from the Pastor

In the book Winnie-the-Pooh, Pooh says, “I get to where I’m going by walking away from where I’ve been.” Paul said something quite similar. *Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal... (Philippians 3:13–14)*

There's no other method for moving ahead than moving away from where you were. I don't think Paul was denying his past or trying to pretend it didn't exist. He just refused to live his life facing the wrong direction. He understood something essential: you cannot press forward while hanging on to yesterday. Or, to use a baseball metaphor (from Frederick B. Wilcox): ***You can't steal second base with your foot on first.***

"Forgetting" in Paul's sense is refusing to let the past determine the direction today will take. Or tomorrow, or the next day. Regret cannot fuel the journey. Neither can past success. Both can become weights that hold you back. So, it's like Paul and Winnie the Pooh are saying much the same thing. Progress is directional. You get to where you're going by walking away from where you've been. The question isn't whether you have a past. We all do. The question is: Are you ready to leave it behind?

Grace and Peace

Adam

The Senior Moments Group will hold its monthly luncheon on Thursday, August 20th, at 11:30 a.m. We will be having make-your-own sub sandwiches. A sign-up sheet for sandwich fixings to bring is on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. If you would like to bring a side dish or dessert to share, it would be greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you there!

Conference & Annual Elections

The 2026–2027 Officers & Workers Report was presented during Church Conference on July 15th. A vote will be taken to approve the report at the Church Conference on Wednesday, August 19th, at 7:00 p.m. A new slate of Deacons will be presented for a congregational vote during the morning worship service on Sunday, August 9th.

Financial Summary

July 5, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts	\$3,800.00
Designated Gifts	\$266.00
Total Offering	\$4,066.00
July 12, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts	\$3,450.00
Designated Gifts	\$2,229.32
Total Offering	\$5,679.32
July 19, 2026	
Undesignated Gifts	\$7,236.00
Designated Gifts	\$1,132.25
Total Offering	\$8,368.25
<u>General Fund</u>	
June General Fund Receipts	\$ 12,704.52
June General Fund Expenses	-\$ 13,553.86
June General Fund Net	-\$ 849.34
June General Fund Balance	\$117,349.62

Women on Mission Update

JULY, 2026 WOM ACTIVITIES:

Hospice Ministry Note: Snacks were once again delivered to both WS & HP Hospice Home locations for families of the hospice patients.

Inward Meals: A couple of meals were provided during the month.

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

- \$99 for shampoo for the Appalachian Backpacks.
- \$360 - \$375 for school supplies (in bulk) for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.
- \$120 for the Sundaes on Sunday ice cream social expenses with 42 attending. A special thank you to those who helped with this, especially to Mary for providing the games this year!
- \$150 for Family Room Foster Care Resource Center's new building fund.

- \$222 was used to purchase deodorant, toothbrushes & toothpaste for Appalachian Backpacks.

Updates:

- Ladies Fellowship Event, Sunday, August 16 @ 2:00 p.m. – see invitation below.
- August 29th – WOM members will meet to make crafts for OCC shoeboxes & Appalachian Backpacks.

Many other WOM events are planned for the rest of this year as we attempt to successfully prepare for additional outreach mission projects to which WOM is committed. For myself, I know some days it is tempting to sit back & do nothing. Then that feeling of “what should I really be doing” kicks in. For me personally, I can talk myself out of housework easily, but not mission outreach tasks. May we all feel that heartstring tug from above as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.** --Jane Sutphin



UNION CROSS BAPTIST CHURCH
LADIES FELLOWSHIP EVENT
SUNDAY, AUG 16 @ 2:00 P.M.

Ladies, come join us for fellowship, inspiration, fun, door prizes, and refreshments! Feel free to wear a hat, but hat or no hat, you will be welcome. Our Special Guest Speaker is Emma Skinner. We will be collecting donations for Family Room Foster Care Resource Center. You are encouraged to bring new or gently used thin short sleeve PJ's for size 2T & up (*older kids are in need PJ's too*); & wipes; or upon arrival you may prefer to make a donation for their future larger and updated resource building.

Reservations are requested to enable us to properly plan for the event. Please call or text Jane Sutphin (336-414-1143) or Beverly Weavil (336-971-0966) by Aug 12th if you can attend and how many ladies will be attending with you.