**Prayer Concerns:** Joan Honeycutt, Ralph & Ruth Hedgecock, Bob & Bettie Spencer, Nancy Vanhoy, and Tim VonCannon. Also, please pray for Lilly Weavil. She is having brain surgery to help control her seizures. The surgery is scheduled for September 1st at Duke Hospital.

##### Dear Church Family,

#####  I wanted to personally thank you for the generous opportunity to be the UCBC Scholarship recipient. This church has given me continuous support which has led to a level of gratefulness which I cannot put into words. I am extremely excited for the next portion of my life, and can’t wait to see where God leads me. Thank you once again! Stay safe, Crista Church

### August



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##  I Love Jesus Christ - Remember, God is in control

**Enduring a Season of Grief**

I read an article from the well-known magazine (now website) called *Guideposts*. The topic was “Enduring a Season of Grief”. It mentioned that clear prayers may be hard when grief is fresh but as time goes on and the days of deep loss and the shock subsides some of these areas to pray about may help.

**First, pour out your grief to God like the psalm writer did who wrote,** “Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief” (Psalm 31:9, NIV). My heart is broken, my mind exhausted. I cry out to you and hardly know what to ask. All I can do is tell you how I feel and ask you to “keep track of all my sorrows, collect all my tears in your bottle and record each one in your book” as I pour them out to you (see Psalm 56:8, NLT).

**Second, ask God for comfort, something like this;** I am mourning; God please send me Your comfort. Wrap Your arms around me and hold me tight. Shower Your comfort on me through those around me, and keep far from me those whose words and actions are of no comfort.

**Third, ask for God’s healing of a broken heart.** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, hurry to help me. Please take the consuming anguish I feel right now; take it from me and hold me in Your arms. Heal my broken heart and bind up my wounds (see Psalm 147:3).

**Forth, ask God for peace.** Jesus told His followers, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well. Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives” (John 14:1, 27, NIV). Pray, I need Your peace. I need “the peace of God, which transcends all understanding to guard my heart and mind” (Philippians 4:7, NIV). I need peaceful sleep. I ask for peaceful thoughts and emotions to rule my days and nights.

**Fifth, pray for hope. T**he Bible says God is “close to the brokenhearted and rescues those whose spirits are crushed” (Psalm 34:18, NLT). Ask God to help you believe that tomorrow will be better, and the next day will be easier, and that a day will come when I will feel energy and expectation for life again.

May God give you special comfort in reading and praying the Psalms during a season of grief.

Peace, kent

Update from the Deacons

We have continued to meet every month (except April) to inform ourselves and discuss the issues related to the coronavirus and its effect on the choice to discontinue on-site church services. Never did we expect this to continue for five months! Because the infected number continues to rise in our area, we feel it is best to remain closed. In the upcoming months we will continue to do the research and discuss when it may be safe to reopen. Thank you for your faith in us to make the correct decision on everyone’s behalf. The Deacons

**Phone Number Change**

Update your church directory. If you need to reach Randy Honeycutt he has a new cell phone number 336-408-9819.

***Woman on Mission Update***

**Women on Mission continue to meet monthly by email with our last meeting held on July 1.**

**JULY WOM ACTIVITIES:**

* Hospice Ministry Note: Deliveries were made to both WS and HP Hospice locations during July and both locations were very grateful.
* To benefit the Senior Services of Forsyth County “*Christmas in July”* campaign and the many, many things they do for our seniors, a suggestion was made that we send them $300 from WOM funds so the programs like caregiver/respite care, emergency assistance, transportation, adult day care, meals-on-wheels, chore and homemaker services, etc. may be continued. A vote was taken and the majority approved the suggestion. Accordingly, a check was mailed.
* A very heartwarming project called “Blessings Bags” was also suggested and approved. Blessing Bags were delivered to 8 families within our church who are shut-in or dealing with serious medical issues. Those bags each contained a devotional book and other items like storage bags, toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizer, soap, Kleenex, air freshener, lotion, paper plates, word search book, etc. $258.65 of WOM funds were used for this purpose.
* Inward Meals were delivered to at least 3 of our shut-in families during August.

**AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* WOM continues to be blessed with monetary donations for which we are so appreciative. This allows us to continue our mission outreach ministry.
* Generally in August, we collect back to school items for the local schools, but since things will be so different (remote learning) the first several weeks this year, I discussed it with Julie and she agreed that we should postpone our collections and donations for now. However, while there are fantastic buys out there, this may be the perfect time to buy a few items for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

With uncommon circumstances in our daily lives, I find myself asking what else will change. But we all know one thing that will not change and that is God’s love. And if we can continue to spread our concern for others through our monthly WOM projects, then I believe we are also showing the community that we truly care for them as **UNION CROSS REACHES OUT TO SHOW HIS LOVE.**