



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS



MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT

From the Pastor....

Something Wonderful to Contribute

When Admiral Richard Byrd explored the South Pole, the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) had a contract to carry all of his reports from the expedition. On the day of the initial radio

broadcast, the country was practically tingling with excitement. One of the engineers from CBS named George went home for lunch. While eating, the telephone rang. He answered it hurriedly and, anticipating the program, forgot to hang up the receiver. Admiral Byrd came on but the reception was poor. This particular engineer was needed! The studio telephoned him but, of course, the phone did not ring because the receiver was off the hook.

Guessing the nature of the problem, CBS radioed Byrd at the South Pole asking him to tell George to please hang up the receiver. It was done. Then the studio called George, who returned and corrected the difficulty.

Not only was the shortest distance from the studio to George's home – only a few blocks away – by way of the South Pole, but George was also the only person who could solve the problem.

In the realm of adventure, Byrd was in a class by himself. But the engineer (perhaps a man who had never left the city of New York) was essential if Byrd was to be heard!

This is the continuing parable of life. Every person has something distinctive and wonderful to contribute to God's Kingdom. Like the master who entrusted his servants with differing amounts of money, so God gives us skills and gifts to be used to forge a more excellent way.

In this Newsletter...in the weekly bulletins...on bulletin boards and in Yearbooks, flyers and handouts...we have ample opportunities for service in this congregation and this community. In addition, nursing homes, hospitals, libraries, schools, helping agencies of all kinds, etc. are crying out for volunteers – particularly during these difficult economic times.

All of us have gifts to share...if you are confined to home – you can still pray for those who are lonely, sick, forgotten, etc. Please remember that YOUR gifts are needed for God's kingdom...contact the Church Office for more opportunities!!! Thank you for your willingness to serve...God's Peace!

SERVICE TIMES

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

8:30 am
Contemporary

11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
[@kimballlutheranchurch6062](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimballlutheranchurch6062)

STAFF

Reverend John Futterer,
Senior Pastor
Liz Fisher, *Deacon*

Keith Sutton,
Parish Administrator

Brian Sevison,
Music Director

Howard Bentley,
Treasurer

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus



Faith Formation

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Mornings at 10:00 am

- **Kingdom Kids & 3rd–5th Grades:** Fellowship Hall/Youth Room
- **Middle & High School Class:** Library
- **Nursery:** Available during Faith Formation

We are also seeking volunteers to help lead Faith Formation sessions during the summer. If you're interested, please text Deacon Liz **704-713-1758**.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

THE TABLE CLASS

You are invited to the Table Sunday School class as we explore our faith in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet in the far left corner upstairs in the education wing at 10:00 am.

THE JOE GRIBBLE CLASS

The Joe Gribble Sunday School class meets every Sunday in the Joe Gribble Classroom in the educational wing at 10:00 am.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor for our weekly Bible Study. All are welcome for this informal time of study and discussion.

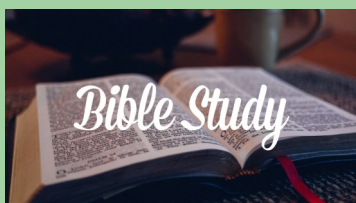
May Facilitators

May 07 Pastor John

May 14 Deacon Liz

May 21 Class

May 28 Pastor Joe



HS/MS YOUTH

May 4—Preschool Sunday/Playground Dedication

THIS Sunday we will celebrate Preschool Sunday and the dedication of our new playground equipment. We are thankful for Kim Kane and all her wonderful work to get this project completed. We hope you will join us Sunday at 11:00 am worship!

May 4th—Confirmation at St. Martin in Concord

We will meet at the church THIS Sunday May 4th at 12:30 pm, grab some lunch and head to St. Martin Lutheran Church in Concord. We should be back at the church no later than 4:20pm.

May 18th—HS/MS End of Year Picnic in the Park

After 11:00 am worship ~12:15 we will gather at the church and pick up Subway picnic boxes and go to the park. We hope you all will join us for a celebration of Summer. Cost of lunch is \$10.

May 18—Preschool Graduation

We will have our 2025 Preschool Graduation on Sunday, May 18th at 4:00 pm. We hope you can join us in celebrating our graduating class with a reception to follow in our church commons.

KINGDOM KIDS/3RD-5TH GRADERS

Kingdom Kids/3-5th Grades Faith Formation

We will continue with Faith Formation on each Sunday morning in May. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 10:00 am.

NURSERY/FALL ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Here is an opportunity for you to make a significant and positive difference in the lives of our children. We are on the lookout for dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to help us in our Nursery and our Fall Children's Faith Formation (Sunday School) classes. The remarkable growth of our program is a testament to the vibrant and dynamic spirit of our church, and we now have the rewarding challenge of better organizing our age groups to enhance the educational experience for our kids. If you have a passion for nurturing young minds and spreading joy within our community, we warmly invite you to journey with us. Please reach out to Deacon Liz or Hannah Weithorn. You can truly make a difference!

PRAYER REQUESTS

MILITARY

- Christopher Bame (California)
- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busted, Jr. (Virginia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Utah)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Chris Overcash (NC)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson, Robin Ballard, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, Howard / Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Mary Lee Blackwelder, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Frankie Bogutsky, Florence Calandra, Mary Dorton, Lisa and Eddie Dunlow, Betsy Ellington-Boynton, Teresa Erwin, Shelly and Ava Farris, Liz Fisher, Sudie Foil, Pastor John and Anne Futterer, Fran and Keith Garver, John Glass, Todd Haley, Sarah Harmon, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Eric and Jenny Jones, Pr. David & Diana Keck, Tony Lippard, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Pat Moser, Louise Propst, Betty Ritchie, Blake Robinson, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy and Cliff Scott, Betty Shaver, Roger Sizemore, David Sloan and Family, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Gaye St. John, Jean Tatarka, Randy Tallent, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman

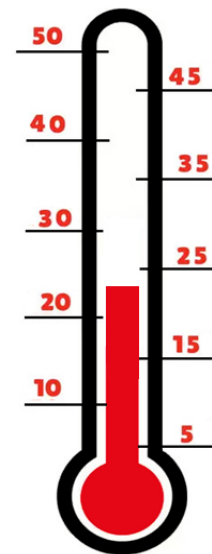
Kimball Kamp Summer Staff (JOB OPPORTUNITY)

We are so excited to host Kimball Kamp, a faith-based Day Camp here at Kimball and we need your help. We have openings for camp counselors; It's a great opportunity for our High School Youth. They will be paid and receive training which will be Saturday, June 7th from 8:00-12:00. It's imperative not to miss this training as we will walk through what will be happening at camp, have first aid training, and make sure we have our ducks in a row. The application is online and has been sent out to our High School Youth. If you have any questions you can text Deacon Liz and she's happy to help!

LUTHERIDGE JUNE 22-27TH



We are so excited to head back to Lutheridge this summer June 22nd-June 27th. You will receive an email from Deacon Liz with your camp documents; please make sure to fill them out as soon as possible and email them to youth@kimballchurch.org and program@novasway.org. These documents need to be in by **May 15th**. Also, look for a statement for your families camp payments, those were sent out at the end of April, if you need help with scholarships please see Deacon Liz or Pastor John



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MAY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
05-May	Mickey & Paula BRANDLE	52
12-May	Barry & Briton CHRISTENSON	18
	Randy & Amy PRICE	41
14-May	John & Anne FUTTERER	42
	Phil & Lynda WISE	53
18-May	Rick & Doris TEUMER	40
20-May	Jerry & Pat BEAM	63
21-May	Bo PHONGSA & Tiffany Winn	7
	Steven & Ali POOLE	26
23-May	Jim & Jennifer PERKINS	16
25-May	Steve & Peggy LYNCH	45
	Sally & Mark PETERSON	40
	Tyler & Jennifer RAMSEY	23
26-May	Howard & Diana BENTLEY	41
	Eric & Jenny JONES	23
27-May	Brian & Kim VOELKER	30
28-May	Eric & Kaylee HELFRICH	9
29-May	Joe & Beth GRIBBLE	43
31-May	Ron & Michele NICHOLS	22

Happy Birthday

May

02-May	Eric HELFRICH
03-May	Maryn MYRICK
05-May	Laura PENNELL
07-May	Cathy ALTMANN
	Karen MCCALL
08-May	Pat BEAM
	Lois O'MILLIAN
	Asa RUSSELL
	Eric STOREY
09-May	Ed MACTAGGART
10-May	Jessica DUNLOW
	Alexander ROBINSON
11-May	Palmer RUSSELL
12-May	Tony LIPPARD
	Roger SIZEMORE
13-May	Connor KEITH
	Larry Barton
15-May	Richard HARTMAN
	Robert TATARKA
16-May	Joe GRIBBLE
	Sarah HARMON
	Joshua LAMBERTH
	Jennifer PERKINS
17-May	Delaney LITTLE
	Milton MATHENY
	Owen WHITCOMB
20-May	Darla STEINERT
	Alex STOREY
21-May	Margaret MCCOMBS
22-May	Jennifer RIDGELL
	Betsy SMITH
25-May	Sharon BROTHERS
	Bretta DODSON
28-May	R.J. BAPTIST JR.
	John CAUTHEN
	Jane FALLS
	Paige GUY
29-May	Monroe RITCHIE JR
30-May	Shana BLACK
	Kemrie CAUTHEN
	Kendra NICHOLS
	Travis PRICE
31-May	Caleb FALLS
	Tyler NICHOLS
	Zoey NICHOLS



J.O.Y. Group

FORT DOBBS OUTING

Thursday, May 22 10:00 am

Our Joy group has rescheduled our picnic to Fort Dobbs State Historic Site on Thursday May 22nd. Please sign up by Sunday May 18th. We'll meet at the church at 10:00 a.m.. We will enjoy a boxed lunch provided by Subway for \$10 per person (\$9.99 for a sandwich, chips, drink, and a cookie).

Located in Statesville, NC, Fort Dobbs offers a unique blend of history and outdoor fun. For a relaxing picnic, we will head to the covered shelter with picnic tables and restrooms. It's the perfect spot for our group to relax and enjoy the day.

****What to Bring:****

- Comfortable shoes for walking
- Sunscreen and water

If you would like to take that guided tour they run every 45 mins, the prices are \$2.00 for Adults and \$1 for seniors/military.

MAY SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE
4-May	Tim Patterson	Matthew Bradford	Riley Dodson
11-May	Frankie Bogutsky	Lauren Nichols	Delaney Little
18-May	Lisa Robinson	Nancy Demeny	Palmer/Asa Russell
25-May	Scott Harmon	David Sloan	Lucy Miller

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY	
7-May	Pastor John
14-May	Deacon Liz
21-May	Rose Hartman
28-May	Pastor Joe

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE
4-May	Peggy Pergola	Kim Kane	Rory Hesley
11-May	Sally Peterson	Nicholas Bronson	Hank Schmitt
18-May	Bob Boynton	Robert Roland	Connor Nichols
25-May	Lindsay Daugherty	Anne Futterer	Liza Jane Lee

FLOWER CALENDAR	
4-May	Futterer
11-May	Hunter
18-May	Steve & Peggy Lynch
25-May	Ron & Michele Nichols

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Jim & Ann Fisher	Ben & Whitney Hesley
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon / Todd Haley	Sally Peterson / Kim Kane
Healing Prayer	Peggy Lynch	Lindsay Daugherty
Communion Prep	Jim & Ann Fisher	Tim & Huyla Jackson

MONTH LONG	
Tellers	Shirley Miller / Kathy Hunter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

IT'S WITH GREAT JOY that we welcomed these new members in April:

Larry and Sandy Barton joined us by transfer from Christ Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Larry is a native of Nebraska and is a retired professor of Microbiology at the University of New Mexico. Sandy is a native of Minnesota, and is a retired Research Professor at the University of New Mexico, working with the med school and the pharmacy school at UNM. The Bartons have two grown sons and four grandchildren (one son living in Iowa; one son living in Concord). Larry enjoys writing, reading and is passionate about vinyl records - he enjoys listening to music very much. Sandy also enjoys reading, travel, and the piano. The Bartons were sponsored by Bob Boynton

Address: 210 South Main Street, Kannapolis,
Apt 662 28081

Phone: (505) 508-6195

Email: barton@yahoo.com



Bob and Jean Tatarka joined us by Transfer as well. They are both natives of Youngstown, OH . Bob is retired from the grocery business and Jean retired from the School System in Youngstown. Their three children are all grown, they also have five grandchildren and one great grandchild...with a second great grandchild due in September. Bob enjoys golf...and especially football, having become a big Panther fan since his move down to North Carolina. Sandy enjoys her grandchildren, shopping and Bingo! They were sponsored by Kara Hardister.

Address: 3367 Merchant Lane, Davidson, NC 28036

Phone: (704) 721-6043

Email: ret51547@yahoo.com

We rejoice to receive these new members into our fellowship in the Gospel!



Every month, we host a low-cost vet clinic for dogs and cats in the KAC (Kimball Activity Center.) Services include:

- Allergies
- Dermatology
- Flea and Tick Control
- Heartworms (Dogs)
- Nutrition
- Vaccinations

The schedule will be published in the newsletter each month. Below is the schedule for May.

- **May 22** 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- **May 23** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **May 24** 10:00 am—2:00 pm

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Tiece

MORNINGSIDE OF CONCORD Gaye St. John /
Betty Shaver

SPRING ARBOR OF ALBEMARLE Mary Dorton

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

AT HOME Louise Propst



BLESSING BOX NEEDS

As we enter the third year of our Blessing Box ministry, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has supported this mission over the past two years. Your

contributions have made a significant impact on our community.

We need your help to continue meeting the growing needs of our neighbors. Families, many of whom are regular visitors, depend on the items we provide. The need is great, and your donations help us share God's love in a tangible way. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

A list of our most-needed items is available below, but we welcome any contributions you can offer.

- Bottled Water
- Canned Food: Veggies, Fruit, Beans, Tuna, Soups
- Rice Krispie Treats
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Small cans of spaghetti sauce
- Pasta noodles
- Individual bags of chips, pretzels, Cheetos, Doritos, Cheez-it's, etc.
- Lance Crackers
- Macaroni and Cheese Cups
- Cereal
- Soap / Deodorant / Lotion
- Diapers / Feminine products

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The grief support group will meet next on Thursday, May 8th at 6:00 pm in the church parlor. We will follow an open-format discussion using reflection questions. Workbooks will be provided. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Hannah Wiethorn at 704-301-0605 in advance so she can prepare your materials.



CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR

- Thank you to the Fellowship Committee and the Lutheran Men for a hosting a delicious Easter morning breakfast.
- We want to remind everyone to sign-up for the Pasta Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, May 3rd. All donations collected will be used to purchase much needed generators for Western North Carolina Hurricane victims. Come out to enjoy dinner and entertainment with a presentation of the Not-So - Newlywed Game.
- During April, there were two Council members that resigned: Heidi Lee and Terry Steinert. The Council elected and we welcomed Melissa Little, who will complete Heidi's term and Bob Hill who will complete Terry's term.
- Summer is a busy time for Kimball Youth. Please pay close attention to the weekly bulletin for important dates and payment reminders for Lutheridge, Campfirmation and Kimball Kamp.
- We have updates on two projects. The new playground equipment was installed this weekend and the new sign should be installed at the end of May.
- General Funds Offering update - In March, offerings for General Funds were \$40,691. \$2,225 below the \$42,916 needed monthly to meet our 2025 Budget.
- Year-to-date our General Fund income is \$17,000 below budget. Beginning the first Sunday of May, we will resume passing the offering plate during service. We also offer Electronic Giving Options. Tithe.ly can easily be accessed using the QR Code located in the bulletin or the information card in your pew or row.
- Lastly, we have a volunteer opportunity. The number of families, in our Congregation, with young children continues to grow. We need volunteers to assist with the nursery at both services. If you would be willing to volunteer please contact, Ben Hesley, Hannah Wiethorn or Deacon Liz. They will be working on putting together a list of volunteers to assist Abby each week.

Thank you from your Church Council.

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
presents...

A Faith-based Summer Day Camp



SAVE THE DATES AND JOIN US!

KIMBALL KAMP

DATES

- June 9-13
- June 16-20
- July 23-27 (Tentative)

Times

- 9:00a—2:30p (M-Th)
- 9:00a—12:00p (F)

- Christ-centered Summer fun!
- Engaging weekly themes, crafts, games and worship
- Age-appropriate learning and activities
- A safe, supportive environment for all campers
- For Ages: *Preschool—8th Grade*
- Affordable Pricing: *\$200 per Week, \$350 —2 Weeks, \$450—3 Weeks*
- Scholarships Available

Spots are Limited—Register Today by
Scanning this QR code



Western NC Hurricane Benefit Dinner

Saturday, May 3rd beginning at 5:00 pm
The Commons at Kimball



KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Date: May 6—10:00 am
Host: Meets in Church Parlor
Book: *The Housemaid* by
Freida McFadden

TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Date: May 6—6:30 pm
Host: Diana Bentley
Book: *Sullivan's Island* by
Dorothea Benton Frank

FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Date: May 16—6:30 pm
Host: David and Judy Sloan
Book: *The Housemaid* by
Freida McFadden

KIMBALL KAMP NEEDS SNACKS

You know the way to children's hearts...
well it's through their bellies. We are in
need of snacks for our Kimball Day Camp
and would be appreciative of any help you
could give, here are our needs.

- Rice Crispy Treats
- Individual Goldfish or Cheez-it packs
- Assorted Chips
- Individual bags of Pretzels
- Capri Suns (or other juice pouch)
- Ice Pops (in the red netting)
- Fruit Snacks
- Large Crystal Light Packs of Lemonade
and Pink Lemonade
- Paper Towels
- Disposable Nitrile gloves

We are so excited to be hosting this camp
and you can make your donations to the
blue barrel on the ramp. Thank You!

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Easter 3 <i>Preschool Sunday</i> 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship 2:30p Confirmation				1 5:00p Samaritan's Table	2	3 5:00p Pasta Bar Fundraiser
Easter 4 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	5	6 10:00a Tuesday Morning Book Club 6:30p Tuesday Night Book Club	7 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	8 5:00p Samaritan's Table 6:00p Grief Support Grp-- Church Parlor	9 11:00a Preschool Mother's Day Tea	10
Easter 5 Graduation Sunday 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	12	13	14 10:00a Bible Study 3:00p Blood Drive 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	15 5:00p Samaritan's Table	16 Commons Reserved for Party 6:30p Friday Night Book Club	17
Easter 6 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun Schl 11:00a Traditional Worship	19	20 10:00a Bingo-Coltrane Life Center	21 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	22 10:00a JOY trip to Ft. Dobbs 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council <i>Last Day of Preschool</i>	23 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	24 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
	26 6:30p Preschool Brd	27	28 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	29	30	31



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