



# KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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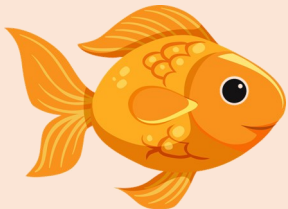
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## FROM THE PASTOR



### Lesson of the Goldfish

Pastor Richard Dunagin of Denton, Texas tells the story of his children, who won four free goldfish at the county fair. This necessitated a Saturday morning family outing to find an aquarium. The first several they found were too expensive, but then he spotted a used one right in the middle of the aisle: A discarded ten-gallon tank complete with gravel and filter. It was ten dollars.

"Of course, it was nasty dirty, but the savings made the two hours of cleanup a breeze. Those four new fish looked great in their new home, at least for the first day. But by Sunday one had died. Too bad...but three remained. Monday morning revealed a second casualty, and by Monday night a third goldfish had gone belly up."

"We called in an expert, a member of our church who had a 30-gallon tank. It didn't take him long to discover the problem: I had washed the tank with soap, an absolute no-no. My uninformed efforts had destroyed the very lives I was trying to protect."

Sometimes in our zeal to clean up our own lives or the lives of others, we unfortunately use "killer soaps" – condemnation, criticism, nagging, fits of temper. We think we're doing right, but our harsh, self-righteous treatment is more than they can bear.

I came across these five strategies for obeying the biblical injunctions about gentleness. As Summer begins to wind down...these may prove to be helpful as we anticipate the stress and busyness of fall.

- Actively seek to make others feel at ease. Be sensitive to other's opinions and ideas, welcoming what they have to offer.
- Show respect for the dignity of the other person. When you need to change an opinion, do so with persuasion and kindness rather than domination or intimidation.
- Avoid blunt speech and abrupt manner. Be sensitive to how others react to your words, considering how they may feel. When it is necessary to be critical, also include encouragement.
- Don't be threatened by disagreement; gently instruct, asking God to dissolve the disagreement.
- Do not belittle or gossip about someone else who is struggling-instead, grieve for them and pray for their recovery.

May we all strive to be gentler, kinder and more respectful of one another during this month. Blessings to you all as we seek to follow Christ...together!

Peace and love,



**8:30 am**  
**Contemporary**

**11:00 am**  
**Traditional**

**Online On YouTube**  
[@kimballethurch6062](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimballethurch6062)

## 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
- **Nursery:** Available during Faith Formation
- **All Youth** are invited to the Youth Room from 10:00–10:45 am for our summer Sunday school, it's filled with food, fun and faith-filled time together on Sunday mornings!

### 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.

#### KINGDOM KIDS



#### KINGDOM KIDS & 3RD–5TH GRADE POOL PARTY!

Join us on Sunday, August 10th—12:30–3:00 pm for our Kimball Pool Party & Ice Cream Social at the Northwest Cabarrus Swim & Racquet Club!

This free event is open to all Kingdom Kids and 3rd–5th graders—and yes, the ice cream is free too! Sign up using the bulletin insert or text Deacon Liz at 704-713-1758.

Come make a splash and enjoy a sweet afternoon of fun and fellowship!



*August at Kimball Memorial: Faith, Fun & Fellowship! August is packed with exciting opportunities for all ages to grow in faith and serve our community. Mark your calendars and join in!*

#### AUGUST 7 | YOUTH SERVE AT SAMARITAN'S TABLE

Our High School youth will prepare and serve dinner at our Free Community Meal from 4:00–5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come ready to serve with joy!

#### AUGUST 20 | MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES SERVE AT NIGHT SHELTER


Families will make tacos for 40 and deliver them with dessert to the night shelter. Meet in the kitchen at 4:00 pm. Pick up at 6:00 pm (or join to help deliver!) Look for the sign-up link via text from Deacon Liz by August 10.

#### AUGUST 24 | YOUTH POOL PARTY & ICE CREAM SUNDAES

2:00–4:00 pm at Deacon Liz's house. Middle & High School Youth + recent grads are invited for a fun time of fellowship and sweet treats!

#### 2026 LUTHERIDGE CAMP PRE-REGISTRATION-OPEN!

We're headed back to Lutheridge next summer – June 21–26, 2026! 📅 Spaces fill quickly, especially for elementary programs, so we're asking all families to preregister by the end of August.

 Sign up here:

Need the link? Text Deacon Liz at 704-713-1758 and she'll send it right to you!



*Let's close summer strong—with faith, service, and community!*

*Questions? Contact Deacon Liz!*

#### LOOKING AHEAD

- *September 7th Sunday Faith Formation Kick Off at 10:00 am with a Continental Breakfast.*



## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

It's with great joy that we welcomed Megan Kratzsch into our membership in July, as she transferred her membership to our congregation. Megan is a native of Cary, graduated from college at the University of Alabama and completed her Master's Degree at UNC Charlotte. She is employed by Wells Fargo. Megan was sponsored by Keith and Fran Garver and by Abby Carpenter. She and her husband, Philip had a wonderful July, as they welcomed their first child, Isabelle, on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Isabelle weighed 8 lbs, 13 oz, and was 21 inches long. Mom and Baby (and Husband!) are doing well, and were all in church together on July 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Address:** 902 Virginia Street, Kannapolis 28083

**Phone:** (919) 454-5092.

**Email:** [megan.r.phillips.99@gmail.com](mailto:megan.r.phillips.99@gmail.com)

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL / POOL PARTY

**August 10**

**12:30-3:00 pm**  
**Shelter**

**1:00-3:00 pm**  
**Sweetest Thing**  
**Ice Cream Truck**



**Northwest Swim & Racquet Club**

**Sign Up on Bulletin Insert**

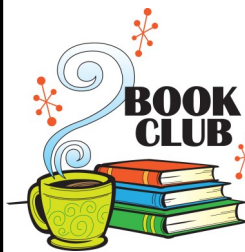


**KIMBALL  
BASEBALL  
NIGHT**

**AUGUST 30  
7:00 PM**

**SIGN UPS IN THE  
BULLETIN**

### KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

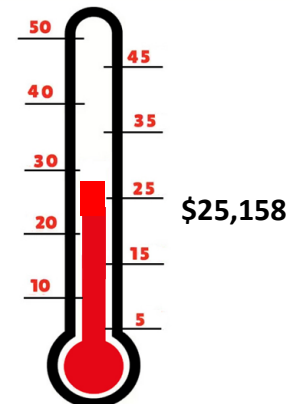


**Tuesday Night BookClub**

**Date:** August 19th at 6:30pm

**Host:** Paula Brandle

**Book:** *Big Lies in a Small Town*  
By Diane Chamberlain



**\$25,158**

**the Lutheridge**  
**75<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN  
PASS THE FAITH

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
8-Aug	Eric & Cheryl DEARMON	17
11-Aug	Joel & Bretta DODSON	18
11-Aug	Jim & Susan HARRIS	51
13-Aug	Joseph & Pat TALLENT	42
14-Aug	Prebble HENRICKSON & Ed	4
21-Aug	Danny & Susan SLOOP	24
26-Aug	Kathy & Rob ROGINSKI	53

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triece

MORNINGSIDE—CONCORD Gaye St. John / Betty Shaver

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, Jr. (Virginia)
- Christopher Bame (California)
- Sinatra Dreisbach (California)
- Mason Hott (Georgia)
- Ben Kirchner (Georgia)
- Chris Kirchner (Missouri)
- Preston Mays (Maryland)
- Chris Overcash (North Carolina)
- Andrew Smith (Arizona)

### KIMBALL MEMBERS

Sylvia Anderson, Robin Ballard, Rev. Susan Bame, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, Howard / Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Mickey and Paula Brandle, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Florence Calandra, 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, Kara Hardister, Sarah Harmon, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, Tony and Paula Lippard, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Dianne Marlin, Sherri Matheny, Margaret McCombs, Miller Family, Pat Moser, 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, Bob and Jean Tatarka, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman



1-Aug	Ruby GARROW
3-Aug	Carson MESSENGER
5-Aug	Jean CAUTHEN
	Lisa SCHMITT
6-Aug	Pallas ALEXANDER
7-Aug	Amy BLACK
	Anna LAMBERTH
	Betty STANWICK
8-Aug	Amy JOYCE
10-Aug	Levi MCDONALD
	Landon RIDGELL
13-Aug	Florence CALANDRA
	Shelley FARRIS
	Anna GRIBBLE
15-Aug	Liza LEE
16-Aug	Gaye ST. JOHN
17-Aug	Lisa DUNLOW
18-Aug	Kay CRESS
	Addison PERKINS
19-Aug	Betty RITCHIE
20-Aug	Diana BENTLEY
	Colby MILLER
	Gus MILLER
21-Aug	Emily CLAMSER
	Michael FISHER JR
	Lena GILLON
	Louise MOSER
22-Aug	Tammy KILBY
23-Aug	Howard BENTLEY
29-Aug	Wyatt BRADFORD
	Aubrey WHITCOMB
30-Aug	Lucas HESLEY
	Terry KISER

### August 18–21 | Preschool Staff Returns

Welcome back to our wonderful Preschool Staff!  
Open House is Sunday, August 24 from 4:30–6 PM  
and continues Monday.  
Students return Tuesday, September 2!



# AUGUST SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
3-Aug	Todd Haley	Mary Lee Blackwelder				Nathan Carpenter
10-Aug	Emily Clamser	Scott Harmon	Skylar Kempf	TBD	Colby Miller	Nathan Carpenter/Patrick Little
17-Aug	Hope Russell	Jodi Hott	TJ Black	TBD		Nathan Carpenter
24-Aug	David Sloan	Lauren Nichols	Lucy & Charlie Miller	TBD	Colby Miller	Nathan Carpenter/Patrick Little

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
3-Aug	Kathy Hunter	Sally Peterson	Emma Messenger	Liza Jane Lee	Gavin Joyce	Leam Neely
10-Aug	Michele Nichols	Tony Lippard	Colson Bradford	Isaiah Gregory	Gavin Carpenter	Gracie Matheny
17-Aug	Heidi Lee	Jerrold Smith	Karly Stanwick	Amara Seisay	Gavin Joyce	Leam Neely
24-Aug	Hannah Wiethorn	Ben Hesley	Mollie Freeze	Rory Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Gracie Matheny

10:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
31-Aug	Liz Fisher	Alexis Nichols	Austin Rigsby	Austin Joyce	Nathan Carpenter	Leam Neely

FLOWER CALENDAR	
3-Aug	Bryana McDonald
10-Aug	Tallent
17-Aug	Hesley
24-Aug	Bradford
31-Aug	Church

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky/ Tammy Stearns	Joyce Mallernee / Needed
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer/ Melissa Little	Hannah Wiethorn/ Sally Peterson
Healing Prayer	Peggy Lynch	Lindsay Daugherty
Communion Prep	Judy and David Sloan	Sydney Brandford/ Joan Croote
Tellers	Kathy Roginski /Jim Harris	
Slide Prep	Kim Kane	



## ADULT MYRTLE BEACH TRIP November 12-14

All rooms at The Beach Cove Resort are oceanfront.

Amenities include indoor and outdoor heated pools, a weight room, and a kitchenette with refrigerator. Each room has two queen beds. Check-in is 4:00 pm Wednesday and checkout is 11:00 am on Friday.

The price includes two breakfasts and dinners at the Original Benjamin's and Chuck's Steak House. Additionally, we will enjoy two shows: The Carolina Opry and the Legends Theatre. Note: The annual Christmas Craft Show is also that week.

Cost is \$280 per person with double occupancy. If desired, you can pay in three payments with the first due on June 15. **Checks should be made to KMLC Pastor's Discretionary Fund designated for Adult Beach Trip.** Emergency cancellations can be made until October 6. So, choose your roommate and sign up today in the Narthex or Commons!

*See Pat Tallent for questions.*



## REMEMBER KIMBALL THIS SUMMER

In these Summer Months, please remember the financial needs of the congregation. After all, your church never goes on vacation, and our fiscal commitments and responsibilities continue during June, July, and August. Thank you so very much for your strong stewardship in this congregation. It is much appreciated!

## Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool















**Kicks Off September 2nd!**

Our preschoolers return on **Tuesday, September 2nd**, and we're so excited to welcome them back for another year of learning, laughter, and love!

As we prepare for the start of the school year, we need **your help!** A **Preschool Wish List** will be posted outside the worship space starting **August 10th**, and we invite you to pick up an item (or two!) to support our little learners and amazing teachers.

### Ongoing Needs Include:

-  Paper towels & Kleenex
-  Band-aids & rubber gloves (for diaper changing)
-  Huggies wipes
-  Sharkvac disposable mop pads & multi-surface cleaner
-  Dial foaming pump soap
-  Crayola 24-pack crayons
-  Glue sticks & Play-Doh
-  Paper plates, napkins, tall kitchen garbage bags
-  Ziploc bags (snack, sandwich, gallon sizes)
-  Animal crackers, goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, gummies, veggie straws
-  AAA, AA, C batteries
-  Gift cards are always appreciated (Walmart, Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby)



Thank you for helping us build a warm, safe, and faith-filled environment for our children! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Sherri Matheny or Deacon Liz.

Let's make this a wonderful year together!



## August Schedule

- **August 21** 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- **August 22** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **August 23** 10:00 am—2:00 pm

## EMAIL SCAMS

Kimball staff's names and emails are out there on Social Media and on our website. If you receive an email that is supposedly from one of the staff, please check to see if the email address ends in [@kimballchurch.org](mailto:@kimballchurch.org). If it does not, then it is probably not from us. We will not contact you by email to request you purchase gift cards or send you copies of the church directory.



# AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Birthday Party
<b>Petnecost 8</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:30p Contemporary	<b>7</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table--Youth	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Petnecost 9</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 12:30p Ice Cream/Pool Social	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>14</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 12:00p Birthday Party
<b>Petnecost 10</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	<b>18</b> 6:30p Preschool Board	<b>19</b> 10:00a Bingo- Coltrane Life Center 6:30p Book Club	<b>20</b> 4:00p Youth Serve at Night Shelter 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table	<b>22</b> 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	<b>23</b> 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Salvation Army Shelter of Hope Meals						
<b>Petnecost 11</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 2:00 – 4:00p Youth Pool Party	<b>25</b> 8:30-10:00 Senior Food Program Distribution	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00p Cannon Ballers Game
<b>Petnecost 11</b> 10:00a Combined Worship 11:15p Handbells	<b>31</b>					



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**BLESSING BOX NEEDS**

We have an **URGENT NEED** for the items on this list. **Our supplies are dwindling and we are running out of items to stock.** We need your help! Donations to purchase items for the Blessing

Box are also welcome and appreciated.

- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Canned Beans and Vegetables
- Fruit Cups / Pudding Cups
- Water / Shelf-stable Milk
- Oatmeal
- Canned Spaghetti sauce

**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!