



# KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

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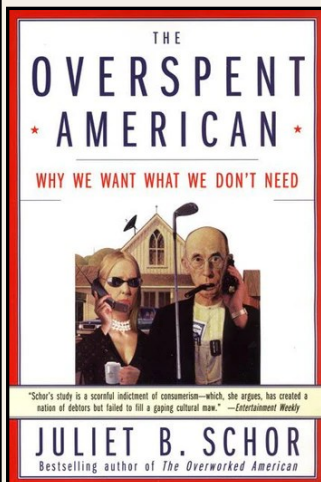


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## FROM THE PASTOR

### THE OVERSPENT AMERICAN



Harvard economist Juliet Schor has written two books that have hit a nerve with Americans. The *Overworked American* described how many of us are living highly pressured lives, teetering on the brink of exhaustion with devastating results. In a newer work, *The Overspent American*, Schor claims that the average American works 163 more hours now than in 1976, yet with less money to show for it and more stress to go with it. Yet, Dr. Schor insists, the additional work load is not the only reason most of us are coping with a profound sense of time pressure. Our wrong sense of what is and what is not necessary and our desire for goods, services and experiences –stuff- is expanding too fast. We live in such a rush that we no longer appreciate and experience the moments of our days. Life flashes by us in a blur, leaving us overworked, overspent and overwhelmed.

At the very apex of his career, the prophet Elijah suffered something akin to a burnout. It's very instructive for us to see how God dealt with this situation in I Kings 19. God's treatment program contained the following elements:

- God prescribed enough sleep and proper food – *I Kings 19:5-8*
- Assistance from the heavens was dispatched – verses 5-8
- Elijah was allowed and encouraged to verbalize his frustrations honestly and openly – *verses 9-11*
- Elijah was reminded of God's power and control – *verses 11-12*
- The still, small Voice of God was needed and it came – *verse 12*
- A renewal of purpose was given – *verses 15-17*
- Where God is concerned, Elijah learned, things are never as bad as they may appear – *verse 18*
- A friend was there to provide companionship and support – *verse 19*

Perhaps this summer – in the midst of all the busyness and stresses of life – we can learn from God's Word what we need to live happier, healthier, more productive lives. Please make sure to allow regular worship to be a part of this important treatment plan, as we go about the living of these days! Happy Summer...Remember we're here waiting for you...all Summer long!

Peace and Love,



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

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

**Online On YouTube**

## STAFF

**Rev. John Futterer**  
*Senior Pastor*

**Deacon Liz Fisher,**  
*Youth & Family*

**Keith Sutton**  
*Parish Administrator*

**Brian Seivson**  
*Music Director*

**Tim Patterson**  
*Treasurer*

**Howard Bentley**  
*Financial Administrator*

**Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

# ADULT *Sunday* SCHOOL



## 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.

The Table Sunday School Class for adults and Faith Formation for our children is on summer hiatus.

## SOUND SYSTEM

We want the congregation to be aware of updates/improvements regarding our Sound System, which will be completed over the next weeks. The work will provide four new microphones, the transition of our choir microphones to wireless, improvements in our radio frequency distribution which will improve our sound quality both in the Sanctuary and on-line, and installation/tuning/training of the new system. Bids were received and carefully considered by both our Executive Committee and Congregation Council, with the chosen bid at \$15,800. We are grateful to the congregation for your faithful stewardship, which allows us to implement these needed updates and improvements, and to our Council and Finance Committee for their diligence in making these important decisions. We will keep you informed as we move forward on this project.

## KIMBALL SOUND AND PROJECTIONS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

With the improvements being made in our Sound System, we will be providing training for everyone who will be working in the Sound booth. Thank you for your interest in helping with Kimball Memorial's Sound & Projection Ministry! We are building a volunteer team to assist with sound, projection, microphones, and online worship streaming. No prior experience is necessary — training will be provided for all volunteers.

[Sign up to Volunteer](https://forms.gle/nzCXUFGtULvv9fV68)

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## YOUTH SUMMER DATES

- Lutheridge / Campfirmation.....June 21-26
- Kimball Kamp .....June 8-12  
June 15-19  
June 29-Jul 3
- HS Mission Trip .....July 19-24

## IMPORTANT PAYMENT REMINDERS



### HS Mission Trip

Payment #2 (\$100) is due by May 14.

### Kimball Kamp

#### Payment Schedule:

- Week 1: Due Sunday, May 24
- Week 2: Due Sunday, May 31
- Week 3: Due Sunday, June 14 If your child is attending all three weeks, please ensure at least your deposit and \$200 has been paid toward Week 1.

### Lutheridge Camp

#### Payments and Paperwork:

Payments and paperwork must be submitted to camp by **May 21**. Please copy Deacon Liz ([youth@kimballchurch.org](mailto:youth@kimballchurch.org)) on all forms so we have a copy for the trip. Camp cost is approximately \$300–\$350 depending on the program.

You will notice that many of the due dates have already passed. That means that payment is due immediately. We realize that things happen in life so if you have a specific need concerning payment, please speak to Pastor John or Deacon Liz.

## CAMPFIRMATION

### Kimball Memorial Students Attend Kairos Campfirmation

We are so pleased that our congregation is again participating in Campfirmation at Lutheridge – we’ve long since lost track of how many years Kimball Memorial has been a part of Confirmation Camp at either Lutheridge or Lutherock – but for most years since the first year of 1979.

This year the focus of Campfirmation is Holy Communion – and our keynoter for the week will be pastor Emily Harkins from The Dwelling in Winston-Salem. Pastor Emily will be talking with the young people – about 120 Middle School Students – about hunger and food issues in our nation and in North Carolina. The mornings at Campfirmation are spent in worship, Bible Study and learning...while the afternoons are spent in more traditional Lutheridge Summer activities. It is a great week. Pastor John and Deacon Liz will be two of the Kairos Campfirmation Leaders this year, along with other pastors and deacons from the North and South Carolina Synods, and the Virginia Synod.

We’re pleased that the following Middle School/Rising High School Students will be at Kairos this Summer with us. They are: Addi Carpenter, Knox Christenson, Skyla Hardister, Austin Ketchie, Addy Mazzaro, Leam Neely, Hank Schmitt. These are all active members in the life of our congregation and we are looking forward to being with them at Camp.

This group will be confirmed on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at our one 10:00 Worship Service on that Sunday. We hope the congregation will plan to be with us for this special worship service.



## BEING LUTHERAN

### Pastor John To Lead A Course On Lutheranism In June



During the month of June, Pastor John will be leading a course on Lutheranism during the four Sunday mornings in June. The class will be in the parlor during the Sunday School time – from 10:00 – 10:40. Each class will stand alone, and will focus on Lutheran theology – what makes Lutheranism a unique expression of the Christian Faith. We’ll also focus on Lutheran Worship, Lutheranism in the USA and around the world, and our own North Carolina Synod. We’ll also include plenty of time for questions. Please join us – beginning Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office. We’ll look forward to seeing you!

## MILITARY

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

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

*CAREMOOR* Aileen Tiece

*AVANTE OF CONCORD* Dianne Marlin

## Blessing Baskets Needed

for western North Carolina neighbors getting back into their home following Helene.



Baskets include cleaning supplies, kitchen items, first aid essentials, gift cards, and more. A detailed list is available upon request. Due to limited storage, contact LDRC before donating. **Contact Amy Phillips.**

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
01-Jun	Scott & Sarah Harmon	7
	Chris & Ariel Overcash	8
02-Jun	David & Jeannie Lewis	19
06-Jun	Jim & Nancy Demeny	62
10-Jun	Pr. David & Diana Keck	65
12-Jun	Jeff & Georgeann & Sapp	33
14-Jun	Jim & Ann Fisher	51
15-Jun	Adam & Hope Russell	13
16-Jun	Matthew & Sydney Bradford	5
18-Jun	Jacob & Dawn Hardy	15
19-Jun	Keith & Fran Garver	50
20-Jun	Tim & Fran Patterson	34
22-Jun	James & Lydia Dillon	2
24-Jun	Shane & Melissa Little	20
	Milton & Sherri Matheny	31
26-Jun	Randy & Debbie Tiece	45
27-Jun	Richard & Rosalie Hartman	6

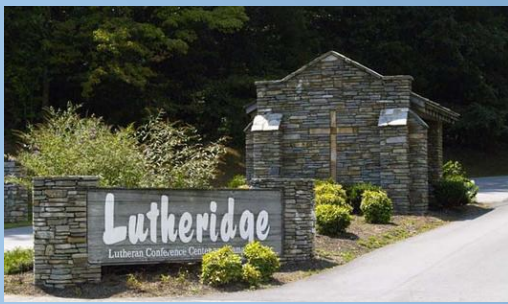


BD	NAME
1-Jun	Keith SUTTON
2-Jun	Randy RIGSBY
5-Jun	Kim KANE
6-Jun	Patrick LITTLE
7-Jun	Ava FARRIS
	Connie LONG
	Cody MYRICK
8-Jun	Eliana TRIECE
9-Jun	Mary Lee BLACKWELDER
	Tim PATTERSON
10-Jun	Hannah BRYANT
12-Jun	Lauren NICHOLS
	Juanene SAVAGE
15-Jun	Savannah HOTT
	Steven POOLE
16-Jun	Ariel OVERCASH
	Kathy ROGINSKI
17-Jun	Miriam CASTOR
	Robert MEACHAM
18-Jun	Palmer ROBINSON
20-Jun	Amanda CAUTHEN
	Kara HARDISTER
	Jerrod SMITH
22-Jun	Kyler BLACK
	Mark DEARMON
	Anniston WHEATLEY
	Lori WHITCOMB
23-Jun	Jeffrey BROCK
24-Jun	John BLACKWELDER
	Gracie MATHENY
	Fran PATTERSON
26-Jun	Spencer FALLS
	Austin JOYCE
27-Jun	Brian HUNSUCK
29-Jun	Diana KECK
30-Jun	Luna HARDISTER

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### **KIMBALL MEMBERS**

Bonnie and Lonny Adair, Sylvia Anderson, Susan Bame, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, Howard and Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Robin Ballard, Pat and Jerry Beam, Sydney Bradford, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Florence Calandra, Bretta Dodson, 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, Ryan Hardister, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Tim and Huyla Jackson, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, David and Diana Keck, Wilma Keller, Sarah and Skylar Kempf, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Andrea, Wayne, Colby, Gus Miller, Heather and Charlie Miller, Pat Moser, Murph Family, Betty Ritchie, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy Scott, Roger Sizemore, David Sloan and Family, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Jean Tatarka, David and Donna Taylor, Debbie Troutman, Gary Yount



**LUTHERIDGE JUNE 21ST-26TH, 2026**  
**Service at 11am, lunch served at 12:30 pm**  
**Departure time at 1:00 pm**

We are really excited that our congregation is once again participating at Camp at Lutheridge! We've been loving THIS camp for over 45 years! What a blessing it is to continue this tradition of faith, friendship, worship, and fun for another summer!

We are also excited to help get your families packed, prepared, and ready to "Get on the Bus!" (Yes... there will absolutely be laughter, and at least all the littles ones asking "Are we there yet?" before we leave the church parking lot.)

***We want to do our best to get you ready but we are in dire need of the forms that Deacon Liz sent out on May 13th, it had all the medical forms you need, medication lists, packing instructions and a list of what you need for camp. If you have not yet returned those forms we need them no later than June 1st!***

### ***Camp Departure Information***

We will depart from Kimball Memorial on Sunday, June 21st at 1:00 pm by charter bus to Lutheridge. Before we head out, we would love for all campers and their families to join us for a wonderful hot dog luncheon provided by the church following worship. It will be a great time for fellowship, final reminders, and sending our campers off with love and prayers!

**\*\*\*\*\*Important Paperwork Deadline\*\*\*\*\***

ALL camp paperwork must be turned into the church office no later than Monday, June 1st, or your child's camp spot may no longer be available. If you have already submitted paperwork directly to Lutheridge, we still require copies for our church records as well. This includes:

- Medical forms / • Insurance information / • Medication forms / • Copies of any prescription information

### **Medication Instructions**

Any prescription medications must be sent in the ORIGINAL prescription bottle or packaging. Please place all medications for your child inside a gallon-sized Ziplock bag with your child's FIRST and LAST NAME clearly written on the outside of the bag. If your child only takes over the counter meds, camp will provide those so no need to send them just add it to your medication form.

Inside the bag, please include:

- Prescription medications ONLY in original containers
- Completed medication administration form
- Any instructions related to the medication
- Please fold the medication form and place it inside the Ziplock bag with the medications.



### ***Bus Ride & Electronics***

Since we are traveling by charter bus, campers are welcome to bring electronics for the ride including: Cell phones, Tablets, Gaming systems, iPods or music device. We simply ask that your child bring earbuds or wired headphones so everyone can enjoy the ride peacefully, if you include a charger for the wireless earbuds, Deacon Liz will be happy to charge them for you).

*PLEASE prepare your child ahead of time that all electronics will be collected and stored once we arrive at Lutheridge. When loading the bus, we will provide each camper with a gallon Ziplock bag to store their devices safely for the week. Campers are welcome to place chargers in the bag as well, and we will gladly help charge electronics before the trip home.*

We are so excited for another incredible week of Campfirmation filled with worship, learning, laughter, friendship, and growing in faith together. Thank you for allowing us to share this important part of your child's faith journey! If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Liz or the church office.

# JUNE 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
7-Jun	Diana Bentley	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Skylar Kempf	T J Black	Rick Teumer	Scott Harmon
14-Jun	Shane Little	David Sloan	Lucy Miller	Charlie Miller	Patrick Little	Sarah Harmon
21-Jun	Lauren Nichols	Emily Clamser	Palmer Russell	Asa Russell	Andy Robinson	Addi Carpenter
28-Jun	Rob Roginski	Paula Brandle	T J Black	Skylar Kempf	Jack Smith	Nate Carpenter

FLOWER CALENDAR	
7-Jun	Available
14-Jun	Bradford
21-Jun	Matheny
28-Jun	Whitley

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
7-Jun	Kim Kane	Anne Futterer	Isaiah Gregory	Colson Bradford	Gavin Carpenter	Liz Fisher
14-Jun	Tony Lippard	Ben Hesley	Amara Seisay	Wyatt Bradford	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
21-Jun	Gracie Matheny	Jerrold Smith	Rory Hesley	Iris Keith	Nathan Carpenter	Gus Miller
28-Jun	Tim Jackson	Huyula Jackson	Anniston Wheatley	Blaine Wheatley	Liz Fisher	Nathan Carpenter

	8:30	11:00
<b>Greeters</b>	Keith & Fran Garver	Joyce Mallernee/ Scott Harmon
<b>Council Assistants</b>	Melissa Little/ Rick Teumer	Kara Hardister/ Bob Hill
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Peggy Lynch	Sydney Bradford
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Lisa Dunlow/ Debbie Troutman	Sydney Bradford/ Joan Croote
<b>Tellers</b>	Roberty & Peggy Pergola	
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Scott Harmon	

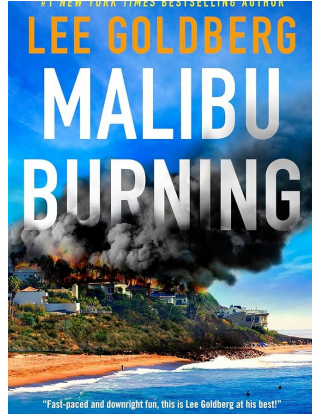
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>	<b>3-Jun</b>	<b>10-Jun</b>	<b>17-Jun</b>	<b>24-Jun</b>
	Pastor John	Deacon Liz	Rob Roginski	Pastor Joe



## KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS

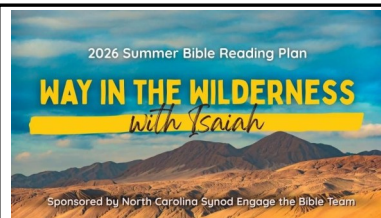
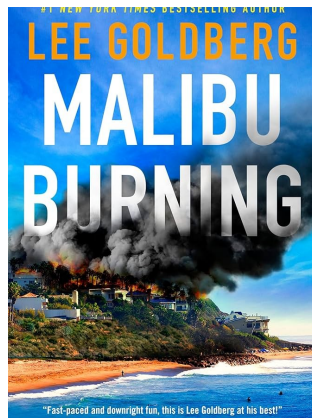
### Tuesday Morning Book Club

**Date:** June 9 10:00 am  
**Location:** Church Parlor  
**Book:** *Malibu Burning*  
**Author:** Lee Goldberg



### Tuesday Evening Book Club

**Date:** June 30 6:30 pm  
**Host:** Judy Sloan  
**Refreshments:** Joyce Mallernee  
**Book:** *Malibu Burning*  
**Author:** Lee Goldberg



### READ ISAIAH TOGETHER THIS SUMMER!

Join folks across the synod to read the Bible together—individuals, congregations, small groups—in this summer's Bible Reading Plan brought to you by the synod's Engage the Bible Ministry Team. *Way in the Wilderness with Isaiah* will begin on **Sunday, July 5**.

Choose from three different ways to engage:

- **Subscribe** to receive daily emails
- Watch the **synod's homepage** for daily web posts
- Read the PDF compilation (**ready by the end of June**)

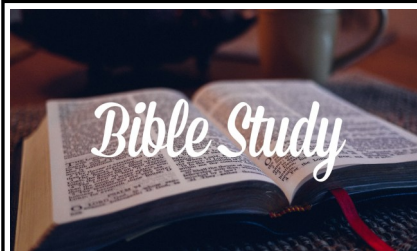


### GREETINGS FROM YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL,

- A huge thank you to Rick and Doris Teumer for cooking the delicious food for the Lutheridge Camp Fundraiser and to the Table Sunday School Class for a fantastic game of Kimball Family Feud. The fundraiser was a great success, raising approximately \$5000 for the Kimball youth and Carver kids' week of camp.
- The Council would like to thank the congregation for their patience as we work through Sanctuary audio issues. We hope to have these corrected in the next 2-3 weeks.
- The Social Ministry Committee is appreciative to all of those who volunteer to fill the Blessing Box, bring supplies, or support financially. If you'd like to be a Blessing Box filler, please reach out to Kara Hardister.
- Please keep Sarah and Scott Harmon, Deacon Liz and Pastor Futterer in your prayers as they will be travelling to Lenoir Rhyne University for the NC Synod Gathering, May 28th - 30th.
- Our year to date income is \$164,298 against our budget of \$174,500.

### May Schedule

- **June 18** 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
- **June 19** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **June 20** 10:00 am—2:00 pm



### Weekly Bible Study

Join us each Wednesday in the Parlor at 10:00 am an in-depth, lively discussional bible study. We have excellent facilitators/teachers including Pastor John, Deacon Liz, Pastor Joe, and Rob Roginski. We will meet the Wednesdays in June and will then take a two month break and begin again in September.

# JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
			10:00a Bible Study- Pr. John	5:00p Samaritan's Table-Peterson		
<b>Pentecost 2</b> 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Being Lutheran Class 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
		10:00a Book Club- Parlor	10:00a Bible Study- Deacon Liz	5:00p Samaritan's Table-Futterer		
			<b>Kimball Kamp –Week 1</b>			
<b>Pentecost 3</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Being Lutheran Class 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
		10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo	10:00a Bible Study- Rob Roginski	3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Boynnton 7:00p Church Council	12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic 2:00-3:00p Food Box Distribution 4:00p Commons Reserved	10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
			<b>Kimball Kamp –Week 2</b>			
<b>Pentecost 3</b> <i>Father's Day</i> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Being Lutheran Class 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
			10:00a Bible Study- Pr. Joe	5:00p Samaritan's Table-Tallent		3:00p Commons Reserved
			<b>Lutheridge Summer Camp &amp; Campfirmation</b>			
<b>Pentecost 4</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 10:00a Being Lutheran Class 11:00a Traditional Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	
		6:30p Book Club at Sloan's				
			<b>Kimball Kamp –Week 3</b>			





**BLESSING BOX  
URGENT NEEDS  
MAY 2026**

- Canned pinto, kidney, chili, black beans, etc
- Canned carrots and peas
- Canned spaghetti sauce
- Capri Suns or juice boxes
- Bottled Water (4oz or 8oz)
- Bar Soap and deodorant
- Pasta noodles

Please ensure all food items are sealed and within expiration date.

**DROP-OFF LOCATION:**

Top of ramp in designated bin or on the table in the Blessing Box room.

**FOR QUESTIONS  
CALL, EMAIL OR TEXT:**

- Kara Hardister  
980-622-8125  
Karahardister82@gmail.com
- Church office



# Celebrate America

COMMUNITY SINGERS  
COME SING WITH

## THE PIEDMONT CHORAL SOCIETY

IN OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
ALL PATRIOTIC MUSIC CONCERT

NO AUDITION OR FEES

★ **PERFORMANCES** ★

JUNE 18 <sup>TH</sup>	7:00PM
JUNE 19 <sup>TH</sup>	7:00PM
JUNE 21 <sup>ST</sup>	3:00PM

★ **REHEARSALS** ★

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
200 BRANCHVIEW DRIVE  
CONCORD

BY JUNE 1ST REGISTRATION - 704-699-6053

MONDAYS - JUNE 1, 8 & 15  
7:00-8:30PM

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
950 BRADLEY STREET  
CONCORD

In humble celebration to honor our service personnel and their families. Special tribute to our POWS and MIAs



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