



# KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

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## FROM THE PASTOR

### WHAT AMERICANS ARE AFRAID OF

The Sunday supplement for the New York Times, recently ran a cover story entitled "Fear: What Americans Are Afraid of Today". With all the events in the news recently, prompting concern among most Americans, here's what readers told the NYT

- 63% are afraid of a nuclear war
- 54% are afraid of being in a car crash.
- 53% are afraid of having cancer
- 50% are afraid of inadequate Social Security
- 49% are afraid of not having enough money for retirement
- 36% are afraid of getting food poisoning from meat
- 35% are afraid of getting Alzheimer's
- 33% are afraid of being a victim of violence
- 32% are afraid of being unable to pay current debts
- 25% are afraid of natural disasters

#### Other findings:

- Is the world a safer place than when you were growing up? No, say 9 in 10 Americans
- 4 in 10 Americans feel unsafe taking a walk alone at night within a half-mile of home
- 1 in 5 fears being caught in a public place with a suicide bomber

While I know there is much about our world today that is frightening, we must always remember that as followers of Christ there should be much more of faith about us than of fear! As Dr. Hudson Taylor reminded us in a sermon I heard him preach in Chapel Hill, *"We don't need a great faith...but we do need faith in a great God!"*

I hope that these Biblical texts will give you hope and confidence as you read the newspapers and watch the TV Newscasts over this long, hot summer:

- **Luke 1:45** – Believe that there will be fulfillment of the promises that God makes to us.
- **Romans 4:20-21** – Believe that God's promises do not waver, and be fully convinced that God will perform what God promises.
- **Hebrews 11:1** – The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen!

Peace and Love,



**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**.

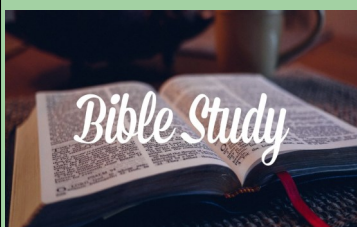
### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### 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

The Wednesday morning Bible Study will take the month of July off. We will resume in August,

join us each week!

### Youth Engagement & Participation

As of this month, our active youth involvement across age levels continues to show strong participation and growth:

- **31** PreK–2nd Grade
- **17** 3rd–5th Grade
- **20** Middle School
- **16** High School
- **15** College-Aged
- **84** **Total Active Youth (PreK–12th Grade)**



### Isle of Palms Mission Trip

July 20-25



Our High School Retreat is scheduled for July 20–25 at Isle of Palms. This retreat will provide a much-needed time for reflection, fellowship, and fun for our older youth during a busy summer. We'll be joining in with a group from Charleston and are looking forward to working during the day and enjoying the beach in the evenings.

### KIMBALL KAMP UPDATE LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026



This summer marked the launch of Kimball Kamp, our brand-new, faith-based day camp for children in preschool through middle school. Over the first two weeks (June 9–13 and June 16–20), our church campus was filled with laughter, learning, games, crafts, worship, and service. We are deeply grateful for everyone who helped make these weeks such a success—from staff and youth counselors to the families who entrusted us with their children.

While we had originally hoped to offer a third week of camp, we did not reach the minimum number of campers and available staff needed to run it effectively. In the spirit of good stewardship, and to preserve the quality and care that made the first two weeks so special, we've decided to conclude Kimball Kamp 2025.

But this is just the beginning. Our hope is to expand Kimball Kamp in future summers—offering more weeks, reaching more families, and creating even more opportunities for faith formation, leadership, and community building. We've already begun dreaming and planning for next year!

We give special thanks to **Deacon Liz** for creating the curriculum and leading the program, and to **Abigail Carpenter** for serving as our incredible Area Director along with our amazing staff of counselors and preschool teachers! Their energy and heart for ministry helped lay the foundation for what we believe will become a cornerstone of summer at Kimball.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we look ahead to an even brighter summer in 2026!

## KIMBALL MEMORIAL WELCOMES

### NEW MEMBERS

**IT'S WITH GREAT JOY** that we've welcomed the following new members in recent weeks:

**Debbie Bennet** joined us by transfer – she is a native of Kannapolis and attended A.L. Brown High School. Debbie is widowed and has 3 children and “many grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoys racing and spending time with her family. Debbie is at home at 1390 Lentz Road in China Grove; 28023 (704-506-5032) [dbennet52@gmail.com](mailto:dbennet52@gmail.com) She was sponsored by her granddaughter, Sabrina Bennet.

**Lewis Family (David, Jeannie, and Natalie)** joined us by transfer. They are at home at 8965 Stokes Ferry Road in Salisbury; 28146 (704-305-2584) and were sponsored by Anne Futterer. David is a graduate of North Stanly High School and is a night shift foreman at Martin Spockets. He enjoys hunting and working on cars for a hobby. Jeannie is a graduate of Albemarle High School and is a CNA in the pre-op department of Novant Rowan in Salisbury. She enjoys reading. Natalie will be a junior at East Rowan High School this fall, and she enjoys reading and video games.

**Bob and Kathy Meacham** joined us by transfer. Bob is a retired electrical engineer with Duke and Areva Energy. He is a native of North Carolina, and he and Kathy have 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. Bob enjoys reading, amateur radio and archeology. Kathy is also a native of North Carolina and a retired secretary. She enjoys her grandchildren very much, and also enjoys cooking and reading. Bob and Kathy share a dog they love named Molly. They were sponsored by Joyce Mallernee and are at home at 215 Wilson Street in China Grove (704-925-3389) [rmeacham1@carolina.rr.com](mailto:rmeacham1@carolina.rr.com);

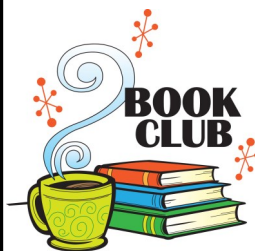
### REMEMBER KIMBALL MEMORIAL THIS SUMMER

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!

**Schrivers family (Eric, Liz, Evie and Easton)** joined us by transfer. Eric and Liz are both Penn State Graduates – Eric is originally from central Pennsylvania and is a Network Engineer for Cisco Systems. He enjoys boating and golf. Liz was born and raised in upstate New York and, after earning her Masters Degree in Elementary and School Administration, she is an Assistant Principal at R. Brown McAllister Elementary School in Concord. She enjoys cooking and boating on Lake Norman and they both enjoy spending time with their children. Evie just returned from her first trip to Lutheridge and is a rising 4<sup>th</sup> Grader at Boger Elementary. She enjoys dancing and arts/crafts. Easton is a rising 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader at Boger, and is very involved with STEM activities at the school. He also enjoys robotics and playing with his Legos. The family is at home at 6298 Chamar Circle in Kannapolis; 28081 ([egw201@gmail.com](mailto:egw201@gmail.com)) 607-759-2214. They were sponsored by Adam, Hope, Palmer, and Asa Russell;

We are so happy these new members have joined with us – if you are interested in membership at Kimball Memorial, please speak with Pastor John.

### KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS



#### Friday Night BookClub

**Date:** July 11th 6:30pm

**Host:** Mike and Laura Abernathy

**Book:** *The Last Mile*  
By David Baldacci





## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
07/01	Matt & Lori Woodle	30
07/15	Blake & Ligia Larsen	14
07/15	Terry & Darla Steinert	36
07/16	David & Judy Sloan	53
07/19	Bob & Betsy Ellington-Boynton	45
07/19	Frankie & Kelli Overcash	6
07/27	Ethan & Zoya Polzin	1
07/30	Mike & Kathy Hunter	48

## HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

**CAREMOOR** Aileen Triage

**MORNINGSIDE—CONCORD** Gaye St. John / Betty Shaver

**SPRING ARBOR OF ALBEMARLE** Mary Dorton

**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, 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, 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, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, Pr. David & Diana Keck, 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, Randy Tallent, David and Donna Taylor, Sarah Teumer, Debbie Troutman

# Happy Birthday JULY

07/01	Jane GRIBBLE
07/02	Adam FISHER
07/03	Jean TATARKA
	Tiffany WINN
07/04	Jennifer RAMSEY
07/05	Charlie MILLER
07/06	Chris RIDGELL
	Grady SMALL
	Jude SMALL
07/07	David LEWIS
07/08	Von BLOCKER
07/10	Debbie TRIECE
07/11	Bailey HAMILTON
	Sherri MATHENY
07/14	Larry HARRIS
07/17	Eric DEARMON
	Dakota MOFFITT
07/18	Peggy PERGOLA
07/20	Amara SEISAY
07/21	Ginger HAMILTON
	Greg WHITCOMB
07/22	Kaylee HELFRICH
	Jodie HOTT
	Daniel PENNELL
07/23	Dale BROWN
	Friel GUY
07/24	Sharon SIZEMORE
07/25	Matthew BRADFORD
	Maria BROWN
07/27	Ella RAMSEY
07/29	Pat MOSER
07/30	Ellis WIETHORN
07/31	Buddy CHRISTY II
	Donna TAYLOR

# JULY SUNDAY MINISTERS

<b>8:30</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>6-Jul</b>	Darla Steinert	Liz Fisher	T J Black
<b>13-Jul</b>	David Sloan	Tim Patterson	Lucy Miller
<b>20-Jul</b>	Hope Russell	Scott Harmon	Palmer/As a Russell
<b>27-Jul</b>	Rob Roginski	Emily Clamser	Delaney Little

<b>FLOWER CALENDAR</b>	
<b>6-Jul</b>	Debbie Troutman
<b>13-Jul</b>	Tallent
<b>20-Jul</b>	Sapp
<b>27-Jul</b>	Hunter

<b>11:00</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b>	<b>ACOLYTE</b>
<b>6-Jul</b>	Kim Kane	Anne Futterer	Skyla Hardister
<b>13-Jul</b>	Tim Jackson	Owen Whitcomb	Rory Hesley
<b>20-Jul</b>	Joyce Mallernee	Alyssa Nichols	Liza Jane Lee
<b>27-Jul</b>	Frankie Bogutsky	Sarah Harmon	Blaine/Anniston Wheatley

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Jodie Hott	Tom Ramseur/ Tony Lippard
<b>Council Assistants</b>	Scott Harmon/ Todd Haley	Tom Ramseur/ Ben Hesley
<b>Healing Prayer</b>	Debbie Troutman	Joyce Mallernee
<b>Communion Prep</b>	Fran & Keith Garver	Kara & Ryan Hardister
<b>Tellers</b>	Mike McCombs / Joyce Mallernee	
<b>Slide Prep</b>	Amy Black	



## 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.*



## CHURCH COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR

- We welcome Pastor John, Deacon Liz and all of the campers back from Lutheridge. We hope they enjoyed their week of fellowship, friendship and fun.
- We would also like to thank Deacon Liz, Abby, the staff and volunteers for a successful 2 weeks of Kimball Kamp. With all of the other youth activities this summer we will not be having a 3rd week of camp but we are already looking forward to Kimball Kamp next summer.
- The large condenser, that cools the upstairs Nursery side of the church, will soon be replaced. The cost of replacing the 25 ton unit will be \$22,200.
- The funds received from the sale of the Hoke Ritchie property will have 10% tithed to the church and the remaining balance will be put into the Endowment Fund in his memory and in honor of his wife, Betty.
- 2 Fellowship opportunities are coming up in August. Plans for the annual Ice Cream and Swimming Social are being finalized so be on the lookout for that date. Also, Kimball will be having another CannonBaller night on Saturday, August 30th. More details will be provided on this as well.
- Our monthly General Funds Offering update - In May, in General Funds we collected \$34,913.35. Our monthly budget for 2025 is \$42,916.00. As of May 31st, Year to date our General Fund income is \$18,075.00 below budget.



Below is the schedule for July.


- **July 24** 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- **July 25** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **July 26** 10:00 am—2:00 pm



## SUMMERTIME ACTIVITIES

- Pool/Ice Cream Celebration  
**Aug. 10**
- Cannonballers Congregational  
Outing **Aug. 30**

# JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 5:00p Samaritan's Table	4 	5
<b>Petnecost 4</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship	7	8	9	10 5:00p Samaritan's Table	11 6:30p Friday Night Book Club	12
<b>Petnecost 5</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship	14	15 10:00a Bingo- Coltrane Life Center	16 6:30p Contemporary	17 5:00p Samaritan's Table	18	19 12:00p Birthday Party
<b>Petnecost 6</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship	21	22	23 6:30p Contemporary	24 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table	25 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	26 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Youth Mission Trip at Isle of Palms						
<b>Petnecost 7</b> 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship	28 8:30-10:00 Senior Food Program	29	30 6:30p Contemporary	31 5:00p Samaritan's Table		





## Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church Kimball Communicator-Newsletter



### 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 will soon reach a point of having an empty Blessing Box. 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

### NEW SOCIAL MINISTRY PROGRAM



The Social Ministry Committee met with Second Harvest and CCM staff to start a new project for Kimball. The program is called CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) and is a government sponsored monthly food distribution for Seniors. We will start with deliveries up to 29 individuals and keep up with the calls and paperwork required. Our plan is to host the deliveries on the fourth Monday of each month, 8:30 -10:00 am, starting in July. CCM will assist with enrolling clients and bringing the packaged food to Kimball. Right now, we will use the committee for distribution, but we will be needing some more volunteers in the future.