



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

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SEPTEMBER

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WALK the WALK

FROM THE PASTOR BEYOND OURSELVES THIS FALL

When the legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg was a student at Yale, he was so poor that for a time he lived on twenty-five cents a day. Even so, this small

man – only five feet six inches tall – made Walter Camp's first All-American Football Team.

This splendid athlete considered the ministry: he attended Divinity School at Yale but concluded that his calling was not to the parish, but rather to the training of America's Youth. He coached football until he was almost ninety years old!

While Stagg was head football coach at the University of Chicago (a powerhouse team in his day) a phenomenal event occurred. In a game with the University of Illinois an official sustained an injury, and Alonzo Stagg was asked by the **opposing** coach to step in to referee. This was not unlike asking an attorney to judge her own case, or a farmer to determine price support for his crops, or a parent to evaluate his or her own child's final exams. It was just that Stagg possessed such a strong character and undisputed integrity, that the rival coach trusted him implicitly to make impartial calls.

During the autumn, we will continue our walk with Jesus through the Gospel of St. Luke, and we will watch as Jesus puts His words into action. He heals, teaches, performs other miracles and, most of all, Jesus loves unconditionally. This is a good season to remember that we too are called to faithfulness – not just by what we say or think - but also by what we do! What's the old saying: "You can talk the talk, but can you walk the walk!?"

Are there ministries that you can involve yourself in this autumn at Kimball Memorial - putting YOUR faith into action? Our work with Faith Formation, Samaritan's Table, our three Sunday Choirs, Sunday School, our Bible Study on Wednesday morning, helping with our ministry to Coltrane Life Center, assisting with worship, lay readers, communion preparation. Perhaps you'd volunteer to write cards to our assisted living residents or older members. Or could you serve the church as an office volunteer? And certainly, your presence at Sunday morning worship, Sunday morning bible studies, Youth and Children's Ministries and your financial gifts are needed and appreciated at any time, and for any cause. Whatever your interests, we certainly need your time, talent, and treasure.

It is always a good time to follow in the footsteps of Our Lord, moving beyond ourselves to the needs of others. Please feel free to call me this month if you need some guidance and direction in serving!

Peace and Love,

SERVICE
TIMES
COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

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 Kick-Off Sunday! ✦

Sunday, September 7th, 2025 at 10:00 AM

Join us as we kick off another exciting year of Faith Formation at Kimball! This celebration will include **groups for Kingdom Kids and 3rd–5th Graders and our High School and Middle School groups**, plus a fun morning for all ages with a **continental breakfast, games, and crafts**.

It's a wonderful chance for families to connect, children to meet their leaders, and everyone to share in fellowship as we grow in faith together. Bring your friends and neighbors—everyone is welcome at the table!

Mark your calendars and don't miss this joyful start to our Faith Formation year!

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



A Big Thank You!

A **BIG thank you** to all who donated supplies for our Preschool! Because of your generosity, our classrooms are ready and our teachers and children are excited to begin a brand-new year of learning, growing, and faith.

We are truly grateful for the support of our congregation for this important and ongoing ministry. Your kindness helps us continue to provide a loving, nurturing, and faith-filled environment for every child who walks through our doors. Together, we are planting seeds that will grow for a lifetime!



Middle School Confirmation Begins!



Sunday, September 14th 2:30–4:00 pm

Our Middle School Confirmation ministry begins this fall! This is an important and exciting time for our middle school youth as they dive deeper into the promises of baptism, explore the Bible, and learn more about what it means to live as Lutheran Christians in the world.

Students will gather once a month for lessons, discussions, games, and activities—all designed to help them connect their faith to everyday life. Parents, please be on the lookout for schedules and more details from Deacon Liz.

✦ *We look forward to this year of growing together in Christ!*



HS & MS Youth Lunch-Los Arcos



Sunday, September 14th at 12:15 pm

All High School and Middle School Youth are invited to join us for lunch at **Los Arcos Mexican Restaurant**. We will meet at the restaurant at 12:15 pm and enjoy food and fellowship together, please bring \$10 to help offset the cost. Parents can pick up at 2:00 pm. Come hungry, bring a friend, and let's share a meal and some laughter!



Youth Dinner & Service Project



Sunday, September 28th from 4–6 pm

Our High School and Middle School Youth will gather for dinner and a special service project with Pam Smith from CCM (Cooperative Christian Ministry). This month's project: **Packing Beans for CCM**. Please bring bags of dry beans to help support our neighbors in need. Together we'll learn, serve, and make a difference!



Donation Needed: Bags of Beans



We need **bags of dry beans** for our September 28th Youth Service Project. If you are able, please bring a bag (or several) to the church before the 28th so our youth can use them in their service work with CCM. Thank you for your generosity and support of this important ministry!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

IT'S WITH GREAT JOY that we welcomed the following new members into our fellowship during the month of August:

Melissa Kempf joined us by Profession of Faith. She grew up in Durham, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has retired from the Insurance industry. Her daughter, **Sarah Kempf** joined us by Holy Baptism. Sarah is a stay at home mom at this point, a graduate of Person Senior High School, and enjoys making jewelry in her spare time. **Skylar Kempf** also joined via Holy Baptism – she is the daughter of Sarah and granddaughter of Melissa. Skylar was a student in our preschool this past year, and has begun Kindergarten this fall at Forest Park Elementary. This wonderful family was sponsored by Deacon Liz Fisher and Sherry Matheny – the Director of our Preschool. The Kempf family is at home at 105 Brookshire Avenue in Kannapolis (336-782-2175) kempf.sarah.sk@gmail.com

The Stanwick Family joined us as well: **Jon and Betty** are both life-long Lutherans, with roots in South Dakota, Iowa, and Minnesota. Jon is “retired” from sales...and Betty is retired as a paralegal. They have spent a lot of their work life volunteering with fire departments, EMS agencies, the Red Cross – helping agencies. And now they spend a lot of their time enjoying music and reading. They have four grown children. One of those “children” is **Jim**, who was raised by Jon and Betty in New York, served as a United States Marine, and is now the head custodian at Millbridge Elementary School in China Grove. He lost his beloved wife, Sandra, this past fall, and the funeral was here at Kimball Memorial. Daughter **Sierra** is a graduate of A.L. Brown, works full time and is also a full time mom to her daughter, **Karlee**. Karlee will be in our 4 year old class at Kimball’s Preschool, and enjoys playing Princess! Karlee joined our church via Holy Baptism. Jon and Betty are at home at 1004 Brighten Circle in Kannapolis (704-906-0691) and Jim, Sierra and Karlee live at 525 Collins Avenue in Kannapolis (704-425-3143) jstanwick1@yahoo.com The family was sponsored by Kathy and Mike Hunter.

We rejoice in receiving these wonderful new members, and invite you to consider membership at Kimball Memorial this fall. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor John.



DONATE BLOOD

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church
Wednesday, September 10
2:30 PM – 6:30 PM

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **OneBlood T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use **sponsor code 42421**

ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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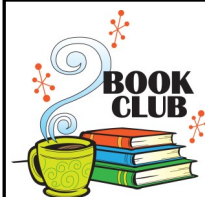
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KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Date: Sept. 2 at 10:00am

Host: Church Parlor

Book: *The Briar Club*

By Kate Quinn

FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Date: Sept. 5th at 6:30 pm

Host: Pattersons

Food: Pattersons, Thackers

Book: *The Wager*

By David Grann

Preschool Board Meeting

Monday, September 15th at 6:30 PM
Church Library

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
6-Sep	David & Sheila Goodnight	40
14-Sep	Anna Rich	2
17-Sep	Anna Gribble / Matthew Clark	3
20-Sep	Nathan & Kathryn Murph	17
22-Sep	Dolph & Taren Myrick	46
24-Sep	Greg & Lori Whitcomb	20
29-Sep	Joshua & Anna Lamberth	6

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triece

MORNINGSIDE—CONCORD Betty Shaver

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

COMPASS HEALTHCARE—SPENCER-Gaye St. John

PRAYER REQUESTS

MILITARY

- Rajeem Baptist (Washington)
- Robert Busteed, 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)

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, Sarah Harmon, Susan and Jim Harris, Prebble Henrickson, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Tim and Huyla Jackson, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, Tony and Paula Lippard, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, 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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Sep	Jacob HARDY
	Randy PRICE
	Betty WALKER
2-Sep	Eric JONES
3-Sep	Ame GUY
	Alexis NICHOLS
4-Sep	Bryana MCDONALD
	Paulette PEELER
5-Sep	Grace ROBINSON
6-Sep	Allen BRANTLEY
	Gary YOUNT
7-Sep	Mickey BRANDLE
	David GOODNIGHT
	Lori WOODLE
8-Sep	Sandy BARTON
	Doug BROTHERS
	Taylor MURPH
	Hunter PATTERSON
	Tom RAMSEUR
9-Sep	Jennifer BUTTNER
13-Sep	Keith LEE
14-Sep	Lucy MILLER
	Alyssa NICHOLS
	Paul SMITH
15-Sep	Ashlyn CHRISTY
19-Sep	Ben HESLEY
	Natalie LEWIS
20-Sep	Riley DODSON
	Mary Jo SNIPES
22-Sep	Liam HESLEY
	Cathy YOUNG
23-Sep	Brad BROTHERS
	Jeannie LEWIS
	Karlee STANWICK
24-Sep	Travis BLACK
26-Sep	Lydia DILLON
	Charlotte FISHER
	Gavin JOYCE
28-Sep	Sylvia ANDERSON
29-Sep	Jon Todd HOTT
	Andy ROBINSON JR.
30-Sep	Liz FISHER
	Peggy LYNCH

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
7-Sep	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Sarah Harmon	Skylar Kempf	TBD	Jack Smith	Nathan Carpenter/ Patrick Little
14-Sep	Lisa Robinson	David Sloan	TJ Black	TBD	Patrick Little	Nathan Carpenter
21-Sep	Paula Brandle	Nancy Demeny	Lucy & Charlie Miller	TBD	Andy Robinson	Nathan Carpenter/ Patrick Little
28-Sep	Sharon Brothers	Donna Taylor	Delaney Little	TBD	Rick Teumer	Nathan Carpenter

FLOWER CALENDAR	
7-Sep	Harris
14-Sep	Troutman
21-Sep	Hesley
28-Sep	Lynch

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
7-Sep	Pat Tallent	Kim Kane	Liza Jane Lee	Rory Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
14-Sep	Peggy Pergola	Lindsay Daugherty	Maydin Kohlmeier	Lucas Hesley	Leam Neely	Nathan Carpenter
21-Sep	Jerrold Smith	Michele Nichols	Alyssa Nichols	Tyler Nichols	Colby Miller	Leam Neely
28-Sep	Laura Pennell	Scott Roland	Aubrey Gregory	Isaiah Gregory	Luna Hardister	Nathan Carpenter

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Jim and Ann Fisher	Tom Ramseur / Tony Lippard
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon/ David Sloan	Tom Ramseur / Kim Kane
Healing Prayer	Debbie Trouman	Anne Futterer
Communion Prep	Debbie & Jessica Troutman	
Tellers	Judy Sloan / Frankie Bogutsky	
Slide Prep	Amy Black	

	3-Sep	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep
Wednesday Bible Study	Pastor John	Deacon Liz	Rob Roginski	Pastor Joe



ADULT MYRTLE BEACH TRIP

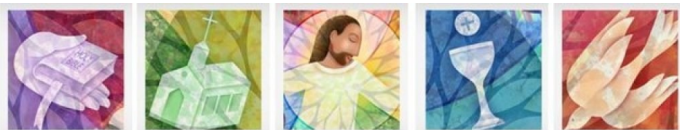
November 12-14

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. **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.



Faith Formation

As we begin a new season of Faith Formation, we invite you to prayerfully consider serving with us on Sunday mornings from **10:00–11:00 am**.

Faith Formation is one of the most important ways we nurture our children's growing faith, and it is made possible by the love and support of our church community.

All materials and lesson plans are provided—what matters most is your willingness to serve.

We invite each member of our community to consider signing up for **one Sunday each month**. You can see available dates and roles on **SignUpGenius**: <https://tinyurl.com/pxk3x69z>

Your presence and gifts, no matter your role, make a lasting impact in the lives of our children and help them experience the love of Christ in our community. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve!

JOY GROUP LUNCHEON & GUEST SPEAKER

Thursday, September 25th at 11:30 am

The JOY (Just Older Youth) Group will meet for lunch at the church in the Commons! Bring your appetite and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship together. We'll also welcome a **special guest speaker** who will share with us after the meal.

All are welcome—invite a friend to join you for this time of food, faith, and fellowship!



First Confirmation of the Fall at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

We have 8 young men and women who will be confirmed this Fall at Kimball Memorial. Confirmation took place on the last day of August for 3 of our Confirmands. They are: **Delaney Little** — an eighth grade student at Kannapolis Middle School and the daughter of Shane and Melissa Little; **Tyler Nichols** —

an eighth grade student at Roberta Road Middle School, and the son of Ron and Michelle Nichols; and **Robert (TR) Roland** — a 9th grade student at South Rowan High School and the son of Scott and Christina Roland. All three of these students have completed two years of Confirmation Study, and a week with Pastor John and Deacon Liz at Lutheridge for Campfirmation. We rejoice with these young people and their families as they affirmed their Baptism — they are all very active members in our congregation. And we rejoice at that as well! Special thanks to Sherry Matheny who put together a wonderful slide show about these young people.



September Schedule

- **September 25** 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- **September 26** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **September 27** 10:00 am—2:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2 10:00a Book Club in Parlor	3 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	4 5:00p Samaritan's Table	5 6:30p Book Club @ Pattersons	6
Petnecost 13 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation Kickoff 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	8	9	10 10:00a Bible Study 2:30p Blood Drive 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	11 5:00p Samaritan's Table	12	13
Petnecost 14 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 12:15p MS & HS Lunch 2:30p MS Confirmation	15 6:30p Preschool Board Meeting	16 10:00a Bingo-Coltrane Life Center	17 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	18 5:00p Samaritan's Table	19 Bronson/Bennet Wedding	20
Petnecost 15 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	22 10:00-11:30 Senior Food Program Distribution	23	24 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	25 11:30a JOY Group 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	26 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	27 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Petnecost 16 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 4:00p Youth Dinner/Project	29	30				



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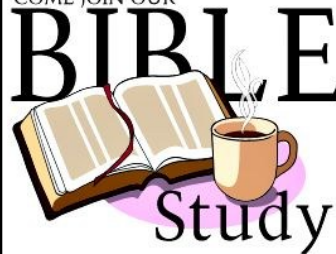
BLESSING BOX NEEDS

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

COME JOIN OUR



**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY RETURNS**

Each week beginning
September 3 at 10:00 am

Members and Friends are invited to join us each Wednesday morning in the Church Parlor at 10:00 am for a one hour Bible Study. The topic changes each week, it's very flexible and if you can't be here EVERY Wednesday...that's okay too. A group usually tries to go out to eat (Dutch Treat) after each class – again, that's optional...but it's a fun group! If you have any questions about this Bible Study, please call the Church Office. We do hope you'll join us!