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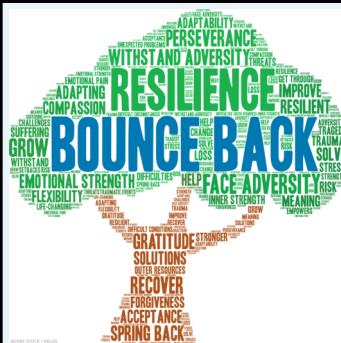
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FROM THE PASTOR....The New Buzz Word: Resiliency

These have been difficult days recently around the world with crises in Gaza, Ukraine, and here at home. *Time Magazine* recently featured a cover story on the subject of resilience, asking the question: "Why do some people bounce while others break?" In other words, how do we handle trying and difficult and scary times???

The writer defined resilience as the "ability to get through, get over, and thrive after trauma, trials and tribulations." A simpler definition just refers to resiliency as the ability to "bounce back". The article went on to say that while self-esteem was the buzz word in the first 20 years of the 21st Century, resilience was going to be the new emphasis in these days marked by great struggle.

Al Siebert, Ph.D. in his book, *The Survivor Personality*, claims that emotional resilience comes from developing the following attributes:

- ⇒ Be curious, play and laugh. Life's best survivors have a child-like curiosity.
- ⇒ Learn from unpleasant experiences. Treat difficult situations like a workout at the gym - You do your very best, pause afterward to reflect on what happened, and ask, "What can I learn from this?" Then imagine yourself doing better next time.
- ⇒ Develop strong self-esteem. Self-esteem works like a thick skin or blanket of energy around you.
- ⇒ Practice empathy for difficult people. Either find a way to love and appreciate them, or acknowledge that their opinions really don't matter – and move on!
- ⇒ Expect good outcomes. Anticipate that things are going to go well in any given situation. So often...our results are predicted by our expectations.
- ⇒ Trust God's presence to give you strength in every situation. As Christians, we are not promised any sort of refuge from difficult times – but we are assured of God's presence and power in all times. This is one of God's greatest gifts to us!

Remember the powerful words from Romans 8: ***"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or sword?...No, In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."***

Please know that loving thoughts and many prayers are with all our members in both hard and joyous times, and that all Christians are invited and encouraged to pray daily for the Church, our Community and our World.

Peace, Power and Love...

**SERVICE
TIMES**

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

**8:30 am
Contemporary**

**11:00 am
Traditional**

Online On YouTube
[@kimballlutheranchurch6062](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

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.

🍁 Kimball's Annual Fall Festival 🍁

Wednesday, October 29, 5–7pm

It's that time of year again—our **Annual Fall Festival** is right around the corner! Join us for an evening of fun, food, candy, crafts, and community. This event is open to our church family, preschool families, and the wider community.

🍬 Candy Donations Needed! 🍬

We are asking for candy donations from our congregation to make this evening sweet for all the children. A **blue barrel** will be on the ramp beginning this Sunday to collect donations. Thank you for your generosity!

👤 Volunteers Needed 👤

We need your help to make this a wonderful evening! Here are a few ways you can serve:

- **Decorate a trunk or table** and hand out candy outside.
- **Volunteer in the kitchen** to help cook and serve hot dogs.
- **Assist with crafts** so children can take home fun seasonal creations.

Your involvement makes this community event possible—whether by donating candy, volunteering, or simply showing up to share in the joy. We can't wait to see you there!



Middle School Confirmation Lunch & Service

Sunday, October 5, 12:15pm

Our Middle School Confirmation class will travel to **St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Albemarle** for a special lunch and time of Confirmation learning and fellowship. This is a wonderful chance for our youth to connect with peers in faith and grow together in Christ. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue their journey of discipleship. Please send \$10 for Lunch and we will return to the church by 4:45pm.

Crop Hunger Walk & Fellowship

Sunday, October 12, 12:15pm

Join us for the **Cabarrus County CROP Hunger Walk!** After worship, we'll gather for lunch, walk together to fight hunger, and then celebrate with ice cream after. This is a meaningful way for our youth and congregation to raise awareness and funds for those in need locally and globally. Come walk with us as we live out our call to "love our neighbors as ourselves." We should return to the church by 3:45pm

Fall Festival Student Service Project

Wednesday, October 29, 5:00–7:00pm

It's time for Kimball's **Annual Fall Festival!** Our High School and Middle School youth will serve as volunteers—helping with games, crafts, candy, and welcoming families from our preschool and community. This is one of our biggest outreach events of the year, and our youth play a huge role in making it successful. Thank you in advance for your joyful service!

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK

CROP WALK FOR HUNGER IS OCTOBER 12TH

Again this year, our Kimball Youth will be walking for World Hunger in the annual Cabarrus County CROP Walk. This year, a portion of Kimball's gifts will be given to our local CCM organization – the Foodbank for those living in and around Cabarrus County. An additional portion of our money will be given to Lutheran World Relief, our ELCA organization which provides for hunger/relief needs here in the USA and around the world. These gifts will be given through Church World Service. As we did last year, our youth will be soliciting your pocket change (and other gifts!) at both Sunday worship services on October 12th. Please give generously to this very good cause. The Youth will meet together for lunch that day...and then will journey to Concord for the walk. After the Walk, it's ice cream to build back our energy! Anyone who would like to walk with us on October 12th is invited to join us. The walk begins at 1:00 PM at First Presbyterian Church in Concord.

JOY Group Gathering at Cracker Barrel

Thursday, October 16, 9:00am

Our Joy Group will meet for a wonderful time of fellowship and breakfast at **Cracker Barrel** on Thursday, October 16, at 9:00am. This is always a great opportunity to share stories, laughter, and encouragement while enjoying a warm meal together.

Bring your appetite and your joy—we'd love to see you there!



AUTUMN GATHERING

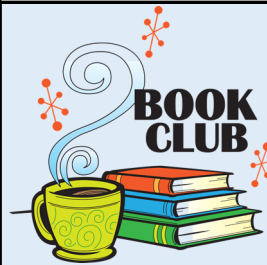
October 19th

Sign up now for an Autumn Gathering for the whole congregation on Sunday afternoon, October 19th, at the home of Tyler and Hannah Wiethorn (865 Ketner Farm Rd. in China Grove.) Supper will be served - including S'mores for dessert. Games and activities are planned for our children, youth and adults including cornhole, pumpkin painting, and tag football. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with your church family for a time of fellowship. The event begins at 4:00 pm - and a group will carpool from Kimball Memorial at 4:00 if you're uncertain of the way.

Sign-Up Now



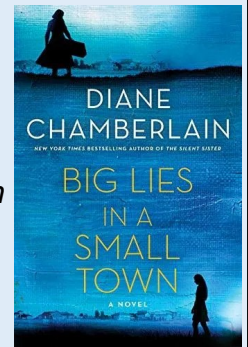
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KIMBALL BOOK CLUBS

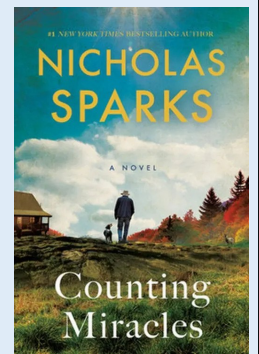
TUESDAY MORNING BOOK CLUB

Date: October 7th 10:00am
Location: Church parlor
Book: *Big Lies in a Small Town* by Diane Chamberlain



TUESDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB

Date: October 14th 6:30pm
Host: Sally Peterson
Food: Susan, Jodie
Book: *Counting Miracles* by Nicholas Sparks



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
2-Oct	Bonnie & Lonny Adair	56
7-Oct	Craig & Lauren Nichols	8
12-Oct	Sam & Jane Falls	40
20-Oct	Tim & Huyla Jackson	52
24-Oct	John & Mary Blackwelder	5
25-Oct	Chris & Jennifer Ridgell	28

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 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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

3-Oct	Frankie OVERCASH
4-Oct	Sally PETERSON
4-Oct	Easton SCHRIVER
5-Oct	Tate FALLS
5-Oct	Beth GRIBBLE
5-Oct	Liam GUY
6-Oct	Paula BRANDLE
8-Oct	Randy TRIECE
9-Oct	Joel DODSON
10-Oct	Betsy ELLINGTON-BOYNTON
10-Oct	Mike MCCOMBS
13-Oct	Manisengphet BROWN
13-Oct	John GLASS
17-Oct	Jim PERKINS
17-Oct	Rick TEUMER
17-Oct	Kara VOELKER
18-Oct	Morgan GUY
18-Oct	Sylvia SLOOP
19-Oct	Jack SMITH
21-Oct	Christopher BAME
21-Oct	Darian MILLER
22-Oct	Kerrie DILL
22-Oct	Skylar KEMPF
23-Oct	Brenda BROWN
24-Oct	Aiden BARTON
25-Oct	William HENRY
25-Oct	Shane LITTLE
27-Oct	Brad HUNSUCK
27-Oct	Melissa KEMPF
27-Oct	Lisa ROBINSON
27-Oct	Judy SLOAN
27-Oct	Blaine WHEATLEY
29-Oct	Dylan BROCK
30-Oct	Jenny JONES
31-Oct	Heidi LEE
31-Oct	Sarah TEUMER

OCTOBER SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	PROJECTION
5-Oct	Shane Little	Tim Patterson	TJ Black	Jack Smith	Nathan Carpenter
12-Oct	Diana Bentley	Emily Clamser	Lucy & Charlie Miller	Andy Robinson	Nathan Carpenter
19-Oct	Lauren Nichols	Jack Smith	Skylar Kempf	Patrick Little	Nathan Carpenter
26-Oct	Scott Harmon	Ava Ramsey	Usher	Liz Fisher	Nathan Carpenter

FLOWER CALENDAR	
5-Oct	Heidi Lee
12-Oct	Roginski
19-Oct	Marlin
26-Oct	Blackwelder

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	SOUND	PROJECTION
5-Oct	Lindsay Daugherty	Bob Hill	Mollie Freeze	Gavin Carpenter	Gracie Matheny
12-Oct	Gracie Matheny	Kim Kane	Anniston & Blaine Wheatley	TR Roland	Leam Neely
19-Oct	Tim Jackson	Huyula Jackson	Leam & Lucas Hesley	Gavin Joyce	Nathan Carpenter
26-Oct	Sally Peterson	Owen Whitcomb	Emma Messenger	Leam Neely	Gavin Carpenter

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Melissa Little/ Doris Teumer	Alice Lloyd/ Shirley Miller
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer/ Todd Haley	Tom Ramseur/ Ben Hesley
Healing Prayer	Scott Harmon	Joyce Mallernee
Communion Prep	Ann & Jim Fisher	Huyula & Tim Jackson
Tellers	Tim & Huyula Jackson	
Slide Prep	Amy Black	

	1-Oct	8-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct
Wednesday Bible Study	Class	Pastor John	Pastor Joe	Deacon Liz	Class



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. 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.

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool



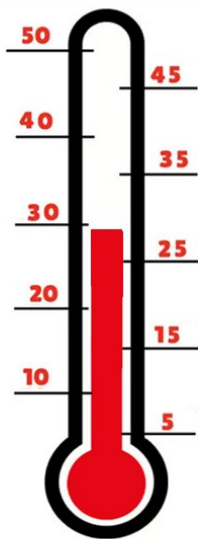
Preschool Sunday Celebration Sunday, October 5

We invite everyone to join us for **Preschool Sunday** at **11:00 am** worship on October 5th! On this special day, our preschool children and their families will be recognized and celebrated as an important part of our Kimball Memorial family.

Pre-Service Fun at 10:00am

Come early for a light reception and children's activity in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a wonderful time for families to connect, enjoy refreshments, and let the children participate in a fun craft before worship.

This is always a joyful service that reminds us of the blessings of our preschool ministry and the ways our congregation supports the youngest in our care. Please come out and help us celebrate our children and families!



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You will receive your Kimball Memorial contribution statement in early October. On the statement, you will see how much you have pledged and how much you have contributed to the Lutheridge Capital Campaign. This appeal goes through the end of 2026.



October Schedule

- **October 23** 3:00-6:00 pm (Cats Only)
- **October 24** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **October 25** 10:00 am—2:00 pm

OCTOBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	2 5:00p Samaritan's Table	3	4
Pentecost 17 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Children's Activity 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship- <i>Preschool Sunday</i> 12:15p Handbells 2:30p MS Confirmation	6	7 10:00a Tuesday Morning Book Club 6:30p Stewardship Committee	8 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	9 5:00p Samaritan's Table	10	11
Pentecost 18 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells 12:15p CROP Walk	13	14 6:30p Tuesday Night Book Club	15 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	16 9:00a JOY at Cracker Barrel 5:00p Samaritan's Table	17	18
Pentecost 19 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	20 6:30p Preschool Board Meeting	21 10:00a Bingo- Coltrane Life Center 2:00p Hinson Trust	22 10:00a Bible Study 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	23 3:00p – 6:00p (Cats) Vet Clinic 5:00p Samaritan's Table 7:00p Church Council	24 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic	25 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic
Pentecost 20 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Faith Formation 10:00a Adult/ HS/MS Sun School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:15p Handbells	27 10:00-11:30a Senior Food Program Distribution	28	29 10:00a Bible Study 5:00p Fall Festival 6:30p Contemporary 7:30p Chancel Choir	30 5:00p Samaritan's Table	31 2:00-3:00p Senior Food Program Distribution	



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COME JOIN OUR

BIBLE



Study

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDAY RETURNS

Each week 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!



FALL FOOD DRIVE FOR CCM IN OCTOBER

During the four Sundays of October we'll be collecting food items for Cooperative Christian Ministries - our Food Bank for this area. This corresponds to our Youth participation in the CROP Walk for Hunger, and our "noisy offering" of change, at our 8:30 and 11:00 worship services - both events on October 12th. Items that are particularly needed in this Fall Season are:

- Canned chicken
- Baked beans, Black beans, Pinto beans
- Pasta sauce, Spaghetti, Mac N Cheese
- Toilet paper, Paper towels

Thank you so much for your willingness to participate in this Food Drive - it is important, and most appreciated!