

September 20, 2026

THE PARISH NEWS

The Weekly News of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church, Kannapolis, NC



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

FLOWERS

We give thanks for today's flowers. They are given by to the Glory of God and in honor of Nicholas and Sabrina Bronson's first anniversary.



WE REJOICE TO HAVE PASTOR RICHARD GRAF and his wife, Shirley, with us today as our guest preacher at both services. Pastor Graf (PG) served Lutheran congregations in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Florida. Dick also served Kimball as our Interim Pastor during our 100th

anniversary celebration 2014, and he and Shirley are well remembered and much beloved in our parish. If you've not met the Grafs, please strive to do so this morning. And if you're already acquainted with these dear folks, please renew that friendship today! Welcome PG and Shirley!!!

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday September 20

8:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Brunch Honoring Clergy
11:00 am Traditional Worship
2:30 pm Confirmation at Kimball
4:00 pm Women's Bible Study
4:00 pm Youth Dinner & Service Project

Monday September 21

9:00 am Tellers Count Offering

Wednesday September 23

10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Contemporary Choir

Thursday September 24

3:00-6:00 pm Mobile Vet Clinic (Cats)
5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

Friday September 25

12:00-5:00 pm Mobile Vet Clinic

Saturday September 26

10:00-2:00 pm Mobile Vet Clinic

Sunday September 27

8:30 am Contemporary Worship
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IT'S WITH GREAT JOY that we honor our clergy this morning at a 'Milestone in Ministry' Celebration. Please join us for Brunch and a short presentation between services, as we recognize our Pastor Emeritus David Keck on the 50th anniversary of his Call to Kimball Memorial back in 1976; Pastor John Futterer on the 40th Anniversary of his ordination and call to Kimball Memorial (for the first time!) in 1986; and Deacon Liz Fisher who is a life-long member of the congregation and is celebrating over 15 years with us as a Minister of Word and Service. We do hope you'll join us for this celebration in the Commons, between our two worship services.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

FAMILY AND FRIENDS NAMES WILL REMAIN ON THE PRAYER LIST FOR ONLY 2 WEEKS, UNLESS RESUBMITTED.

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Bonnie Adair
 Sylvia Anderson
 Susan Bame
 Jerry and Pat Beam
 Sherri Bennett
 Howard and Diana Bentley
 Silvia Binnon
 Robin Ballard
 Allen Brantley
 Bronson Family
 Brad Brothers
 Sharon and Doug Brothers
 Charlie Buttner
 Florence and Jennifer Calandra
 Abigail & Nate Carpenter
 Emily Clamser
 Lisa and Eddie Dunlow
 Betsy Ellington-Boynton
 Teresa Erwin
 Shelly and Ava Farris
 Ann Fisher
 Liz Fisher
 Sudie Foil
 Pastor John and Anne Futterer
 Fran and Keith Garver
 Todd Haley
 Ryan / Skyla / Luna Hardister
 Scott Harmon
 Larry Harris
 Kathy and Mike Hunter
 Jackson Family
 Eric and Jenny Jones
 Sarah and Skylar Kempf
 Tammy & Tom Kilby
 Alice Lloyd
 Steve and Peggy Lynch
 Joyce Mallernee
 Ed MacTaggart
 Grace & Lindsay Marcus
 Dianne Marlin
 Margaret McCombs
 Heather and Charlie Miller
 Pat Moser
 Kathryn Murph
 Murph Family
 Betty Ritchie
 Grace Robinson
 Andy and Lisa Robinson
 Blake Robinson
 Christina Rolland
 Diana / Joe Saullo
 Juanene Savage
 Kathy Scott
 Roger Sizemore
 David Sloan and Family
 Mary Jo Snipes and Family
 Jean Tatarka
 David and Donna Taylor
 Rick, Doris, & Sarah Teumer
 Debbie Troutman
 Gary Yount

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Pete Accumanno
 Pete & Kathy Berntson
 Lois Boynton
 Tommy Brown
 Tim Cox
 Aaron Deaton
 Gary Dennison
 Tony Duplisea
 Gene & Jackie Ellington
 Jackson Erwin
 Mary Jane Goodson
 Tommy Graves
 Patty Gurka
 Jeff Hearn
 Bethany Helms
 Hunter & Becca Jackson
 Kayla Jones
 Sarah Kingston
 Glenda Kirkman
 Charles Lent
 Richard & Risa Little
 Grace Marcus
 Jan Marcus
 Karen Sloan Miller
 Paul Parker
 Denise Pegram
 Erica Phillips
 Family of John Pritchard
 Will Quinn
 Lee Rhinehardt
 Gary Ritchie
 Tracy Roberson
 Blake Robinson
 Megan Ross
 Travis Scott
 Lane Shue
 Janet Stancil
 Linda Streble
 Sarah Tinker
 John Troutman
 Jolynn Tuttle
 Nick Wagner
 Pat & Lil Wagner
 Joann & Albert Wingler
 Pastor Bob Young

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—SEPT 13

In Person	159
Online	96
Total	255
General Fund Offering	\$13,311

MILITARY

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

THANK YOU

I just want to thank the congregation for their prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and visits. It has given me strength throughout my recovery. Sincerely,

Rick Teumer

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

BILL PAY – Individuals can set up their offering as a bill, and a check will be issued from that account and mailed to Kimball.

TITHE.LY – By going to our church website or using *Scan to Give cards* (found in pew racks,) individuals can present offerings through an electronic service provided by Tithe.ly. The offerings can be set up as a one-time event or as recurring.

OUR ONEBLOOD DRIVE this past Thursday was successful. We had 18 of our Members and Friends who presented to give blood, and we collected 15 pints of life saving blood. This equates to 45 lives saved with these donations. Many thanks for your dedication - your decision to come forward as a donor is most appreciated. Thank you!



**ASSISTIVE LISTENING
SYSTEM**

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30		11:00	
	20-Sep	27-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep
Lectors	Fran Patterson	Emily Clamser		Ben Hesley
Worship Assistants	Pastor John	Ava Ramsey	Deacon Liz	Scott Rolland
Acolytes	Charlie Miller	Palmer Russell	Colson Bradford	Maydin Kohlmeier
Communion Helper	Lucy Miller	Asa Russell	Wyatt Bradford	Lucas Hesley
Sound	Needed	Jack Smith	Gavin Carpenter	Gavin Carpenter
Projection	Sarah Harmon	Paul Smith	Leam Neely	Isaiah Gregory
Greeters	Frankie Bogutsky / Tammy Stearns		Tim & Huyla Jackson	
Council Assistants	Scott Harmon / Rob Roginski		Kara Hardister / Bob Hill	
Healing Prayer	Debbie Troutman		Sherri Matheny	
Communion Prep	Melissa, Sarah, & Skylar Kempf		Debbie Troutman	
Tellers	Frankie Bogutsky /Judy Sloan			
Slide Prep	Kara Hardister			
Blessing Box	Paula & Mickey Brandle			

ADULT MYRTLE BEACH TRIP

Nov. 9-11

All rooms at The Beach Cove Resort are oceanfront. The price includes two breakfasts and dinners at the Original Benjamin's and Joe's Grill. Additionally, we will enjoy two shows: The Carolina Opry and the Legends Theatre. Cost is \$274 per person with double occupancy.

Checks should be made to KMLC and designated for Adult Beach Trip. So, choose your roommate and sign up today for Christmas Shows, delicious food, shopping, and wonderful time with friends at the beach. Registration deadline is October 1st.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sep 20 Mary Jo Snipes	Sep 24 Travis Black
Sep 22 Liam Hesley	Sep 26 Charlotte Fisher
Cathy Young	Gavin Joyce
Sep 23 Brad Brothers	Christina Rolland
Jeannie Lewis	

THE FIRST CONFIRMATION CLASS of this year will be held this afternoon at Kimball Memorial from 2:30 - 4:00, as we begin our work with the Apostles' Creed. In addition to Kimball Memorial, other participating Lutheran churches in our Confirmation Cooperative Group are: First Lutheran Church in Albemarle, St. John's Lutheran Church in Concord, St. Martin Lutheran Church in Concord, and St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Albemarle. This year in Confirmation class our students will be studying about the Apostles' Creed, Holy Baptism, Holy Communion, and Christian Values and Justice. We appreciate our parents and grandparents who make sure that their children and grandchildren are learning about the Lutheran Church and our beliefs and practices.

THIS YEAR WE WILL BLESS THE ANIMALS as St. Francis Day falls on a Sunday. Sunday, October 4th at 3:00 pm is the time for this Blessing, with Kimball Members and Friends invited to bring beloved pets to the blessing outside at the church - on leash or in kennels please! The service is not long, and is a way of acknowledging what a blessing our beloved animals are for so many of us, and to remember the life of St. Francis of Assisi - the patron Saint of animals. We hope you'll join us.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FAITH FORMATION begins next Sunday, September 27th at 10:00 AM for our Youth and Children. There will be children's classes at 10:00 each Sunday morning, and a class for High School and Middle School Youth. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Liz at the Church Office. Thank you!

2027 BUDGET

All committee chairmen or individuals responsible for budget line items should submit their requests for the Kimball 2027 budget to the Kimball Treasurer, treasurer@kimballchurch.org with a copy to the finance chairman, David Sloan, sloan3662@gmail.com, by October 8, 2026.



KIMBALL CONNECTION

We are so pleased you worshipped with us today. If you are a guest, please introduce yourself to us and let us know how we may be a help to you. If you are a member, please record your attendance and prayer requests here. Please remove this portion and drop it in the offering plate.

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Children _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Prayer Requests _____

___ I/We received communion today.

___ Member ___ Visitor ___ Regular Worshiper

___ I would like to talk to the pastor.

___ I am new to the Kannapolis area.

___ The above is an address/email change.

___ I am interested in becoming a member of Kimball Memorial.

Use this section to register for

Name _____

Number Attending _____



BLESSING BOX URGENT NEEDS SEPTEMBER 2026

- Canned Chicken, tuna, and potted meat
- Canned pinto, kidney, chili, black beans, etc
- Canned carrots and peas
- Canned spaghetti sauce and pasta noodles
- Bottled Water (4oz or 8oz)***
- Fruit cups
- Pudding Cups

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



VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know your church family better.

Simply got to the App Store (Apple or Android) and download and install Instant Church Directory.

IMPORTANT: For your information to be included in the online directory, you must complete an opt-in form. Copies are available from the ushers.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lee Blackwelder.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH will be meeting this afternoon at 4 PM for Supper (Our thanks to the Troutman family!) and a service project for Lutheran World Relief. In the light of the terrible flooding in Nepal earlier in the Summer, our Youth will be putting together 'Health Kits' to be shipped to that nation through our Lutheran Agency for Disaster Relief. We'll have photos posted of this important youth project on our Facebook Page later this evening.