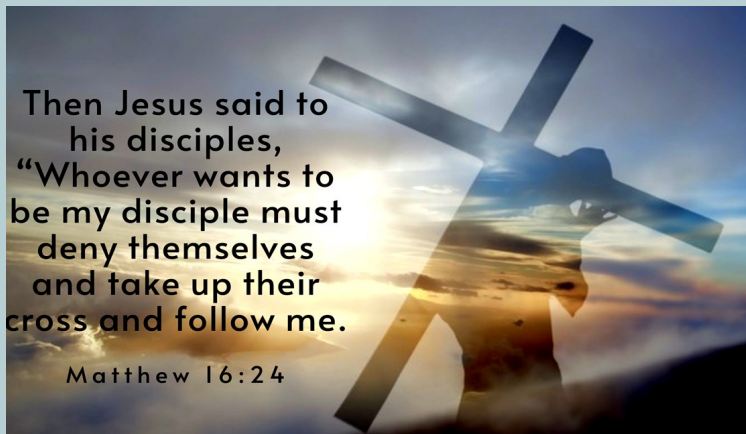


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THE PARISH NEWS

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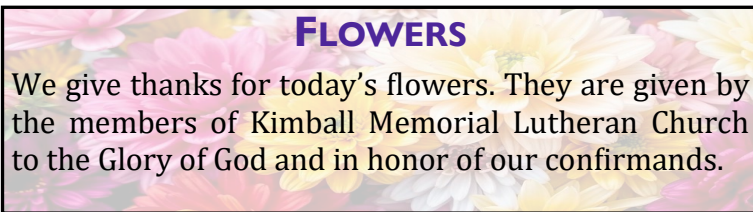


Then Jesus said to his disciples,
“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God’s words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn’t grasp Jesus’ words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



FLOWERS

We give thanks for today’s flowers. They are given by the members of Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church to the Glory of God and in honor of our confirmands.

IT’S WITH GREAT JOY that we welcome these young people who will be confirmed today, and welcomed into adult membership via the Affirmation of their Baptism. They are: Addilyn Carpenter, Knox Christenson, Skyla Hardister, Austin Ketchie, Adriana Mazzaro, Leam Neely, Hank Schmitt. We rejoice with these young people at the completion of their studies with our Confirmation Cluster and their participation in Confirmation Camp at Lutheridge. We are grateful to the congregation for making these important parts of Faith Formation available to them, and appreciate their families and friends for supporting them in this walk of faith. A special welcome to those who are here this morning to celebrate this event, and a special word of thanks to Sherri Matheny who has completed the video presentation honoring our Confirmands.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday August 30

10:00 am Combined Worship-*Congregational Meeting*
4:30-6:00 pm Preschool Open House

Monday August 24

10:30 am—12:00 pm Preschool Open House

Tuesday September 1

10:00 am Book Club in Church Parlor

Wednesday September 2

10:00 am Bible Study
6:30 pm Contemporary Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday August 27

5:00 pm Samaritan’s Table

Sunday September 6

8:30 am Contemporary Worship
10:00 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday September 7

Labor Day—*Church Office Closed*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—AUGUST 30

There will be a special congregational meeting at the beginning of worship today. The only item of business is to vote on the proposed bid to remodel all bathrooms in the educational building. A vote on the proposed changes to the constitution will be held at a later date.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS for a brunch honoring clergy milestones in our congregation, upcoming on Sunday morning, September 20th at 10:00. We’ll welcome Kimball Memorial friends Richard and Shirly Graf back to be with us on that Sunday morning. Pastor Graf will be preaching at both the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services. We hope you’ll join us!

PARENTS OF OUR YOUTH/CHILDREN will meet on Sunday morning, September 13th at 10:00 AM in the Church Commons to talk about the upcoming year. We’ll go over schedules, programs, and any upcoming costs for camp or other activities. Please be present for this important meeting.

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-Boynnton
 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
 Steve and Peggy Lynch
 Joyce Mallernee
 Ed MacTaggart
 Grace & Lindsay Marcus
 Dianne Marlin
 Margaret McCombs
 Heather and Charlie Miller
 Pat Moser
 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
 Kelly Alexander / Family
 Teresa Beaver
 Hans & John Bengstrom
 Pete & Kathy Berntson
 Debbie Bost
 Family of Taylor Botton
 Lois Boynton
 Tommy Brown
 Tim Cox
 Crews Family
 Gary Dennison
 Doug & Holly Doreen
 Mary Lou Dreisbach
 Tony Duplisea
 Gene & Jackie Ellington
 Melva Faggins
 Gagen Family
 Maggie Gama
 Sue/Cletus Gill
 Tommy Graves
 Leslie Griffin
 Patty Gurka
 Bailey Hamilton
 Grace & Lindsay Marcus
 Chris & Becca Loflin
 Jan Marcus
 Jeff McCombs
 Karen Sloan Miller
 Sabrina Miller
 Collin Mocus
 Max Moore
 Eddie & Donna Nicholson
 Louise Pair
 Paul Parker
 Denise Pegram
 John / Carolyn Poston
 Will Quinn
 Barbara Reavis
 A C Renken
 The Richards' Family
 Gary Ritchie
 Tracy / Kendall Roberson
 Blake Robinson
 Jill Rory
 Travis Scott
 Evelyn Sibert
 Megan Smith
 Tallie Stancil
 Robin Strickland
 Sarah & Austin Tinker
 John Troutman
 Ken Upright
 Nick Wagner
 Pat & Lil Wagner
 Betty Walter
 Brenda Willaims
 Teresa Wilson
 Rachel Zaionz

FAMILY AND FRIENDS..CONT

HOSPITAL REPORT

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)

EGG CARTONS & GROCERY BAGS

Feeding Kannapolis Hunger is in need of 12ct egg cartons and plastic grocery bags. They use these items for their monthly food giveaway at Second Presbyterian. You can leave these items at the top of the ramp. If you have any questions about this ministry, contact Bob Boynton.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes this Wednesday, September 2nd, at 10:00 am in the Church Parlor. All members and friends are invited and are welcome. The Bible Study lasts about an hour and a half, and those who are able/interested normally go out for lunch afterwards. We hope you'll join us!

OUR HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH will have their traditional opening luncheon at Los Arcos on Sunday, September 13th immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Friends are welcome - please contact Deacon Liz if you have any questions.

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	10:00	8:30	11:00
	30-Aug	06-Sep	06-Sep
Lectors	Anne Futterer	Diana Bentley	Peggy Pergola
Worship Assistants	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Sarah Harmon	Sally Peterson
Acolytes	Skylar Kempf	Skylar Kempf	Aubrey Gregory
Communion Helper	TBD	Lily	Harmony Gregory
Sound	Liz Fisher	Andy Robinson	Gavin Carpenter
Projection	Gavin Carpenter	Delaney Little	Leam Neely
Greeters	Alice Lloyd / Shirley Miller	Frankie Bogutsky / Tammy Stearns	Tim & Huyla Jackson
Council Assistants	Ben Hesley / Sally Peterson	Scott Harmon / Rob Roginski	Kara Hardister / Bob Hill
Healing Prayer	Scott Harmon	Debbie Troutman	Sherri Matheny
Communion Prep	Kathy Hunter / Tony Lippard	Melissa, Sarah, Skylar Kempf	Debbie Troutman
Tellers	Kathy Roginski / Mike McCombs	Frankie Bogutsky / Judy Sloan	
Slide Prep	Kim Kane	Kara Hardister	

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—AUGUST 23

In Person	165
Online	77
Total	242
General Fund Offering	\$8,672

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Aug 30	Lucas Hesley Terry Kiser	Sep 04	Bryanna McDonald Paulette Peeler
Sep 01	Jacob Hardy Randy Price	Sep 05	Grace Marcus
Sep 02	Eric Jones		
Sep 03	Anne Guy Alexis Nichols		

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.

Enter your email and select “Send Secure Sign-In Link.” Check your email and click on Sign in to 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.

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 (through kimballchurch.org) – 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.



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.

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

NEW BIBLE STUDY Beginning Sunday, September 13 at 4:00 pm, all women are invited to a ten-week Bible study based on Liz Curtis Higgs' book *Bad Girls of the Bible*. Together we'll dive into the stories of some of Scripture's "bad girls" and see how God's grace meets us right where we are—no perfection required, just a willing heart. This study will be led by Mary Lee Blackwelder and is open to women of all ages who want to grow closer to God in a fun, relaxed, and welcoming setting. The book *Bad Girls of the Bible* is available on Amazon, so you can grab your copy ahead of time and come ready to read, laugh, share, and be encouraged.



Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool

Our Preschoolers return on Tuesday, September 8th, and we are so excited to welcome them back for another year of learning, laughter, and love!

As we prepare for the start of the school year, we need your help. A Wish List will be posted in the Narthex. Included this year is an Amazon Wish List which allow you to easily purchase a needed item.



Amazon Wish List Link
<https://gwplgzf.s.gy/my-link>