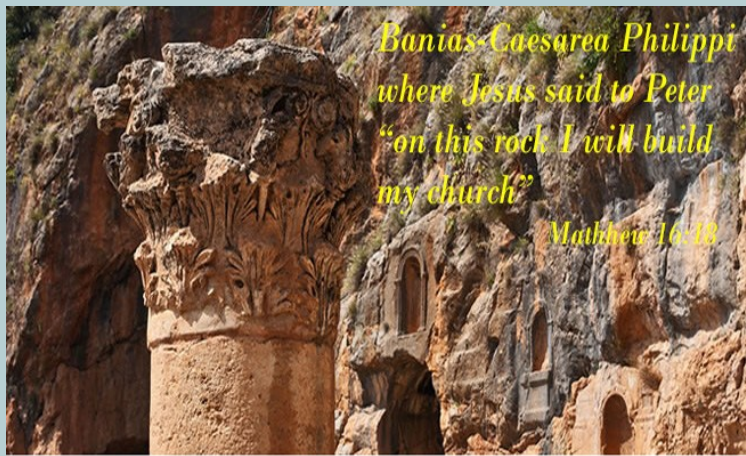


August 23, 2026

THE PARISH NEWS

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



*Banias-Caesarea Philippi
where Jesus said to Peter
"on this rock I will build
my church"
Matthew 16:18*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed, justice for those in need.

FLOWERS

We give thanks for today's flowers. They are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Lucas Benjamin Hesley's ninth birthday on August 30th.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

One item on the agenda for the Congregational Meeting on August 30 is voting on the proposed updated Constitution. The ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations was used to make these updates. These updates have been approved by our Church Council and after Congregation approval on August 30, it will be sent to the Legal Committee to review and ultimately be approved the Synod Council. Our congregation will then vote to approve the final version that has been approved by the Synod Council.



[Link to Proposed Constitution](#)

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday August 23

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

Monday August 24

Preschool Teachers Return

Tuesday August 25

6:30 pm Book Club at Taylor's

Wednesday August 26

6:30 pm Contemporary Choir
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday August 27

5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

Sunday August 30

10:00 am Combined Worship
Congregational Meeting

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—AUGUST 30

There will be a special congregational meeting on Sunday, August 30th at the beginning of our combined 10:00 worship. The two items of business are:

1. Vote on proposed revised constitution. This has been approved by our church council and will then go to the NC Synod for approval.
2. Vote on proposed bid to remodel all bathrooms in the educational building.



WE REJOICE WITH the family and friends of long-time Kimball Memorial Member Betty Ritchie, whose 100th Birthday Celebration was held yesterday. We give God thanks for her faithfulness over the years at Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church. Happy Birthday!



October 30th at 10:00 am

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
 Susan and Jim 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
 Andrea, Wayne, Colby, Gus Miller
 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
 Ron Ballou
 Teresa Beaver
 Hans & John Bengstrom
 Pete & Kathy Berntson
 Debbie Bost
 Lois Boynton
 Tommy Brown
 Pastor Palmer & Cindi Clemmer
 Tim Cox
 Crews Family
 Gary Dennison
 Doug & Holly Doreen
 Mary Lou Dreisbach
 Tony Duplisea
 Gene & Jackie Ellington
 Melva Faggins
 Rick Freeman
 Gagen Family
 Maggie Gama
 Sue/Cletus Gill
 Freda Gomez
 Tommy Graves
 Leslie Griffin
 Patty Gurka
 Andy Harris
 Jeff Hearn
 Family of Eddie Hewitt
 Bryson & Emery Hildebrandt
 Gale Kelly & Family
 Glenda Kirkman
 Paul Kraehling
 Grace & Lindsay Marcus
 Jan Marcus
 Jeff McCombs
 Family of Kay Measmer
 Karen Sloan Miller
 Collin Mocus
 Max Moore
 Paul Parker
 Denise Pegram
 John / Carolyn Poston
 Will Quinn
 Gary Ritchie
 Tracy / Kendall Roberson
 Blake Robinson
 Jill Rory
 Mark Scott
 Evelyn Sibert
 Megan Smith
 Tallie Stancil
 Family of Robin Suggs
 Sarah & Austin Tinker
 Betty Ann Townsend
 Jolynn Tuttle
 Nick Wagner
 Pat & Lil Wagner

FAMILY AND FRIENDS..CONT

Betty Walter
 Joann & Albert Winger

HOSPITAL REPORT

Rick Teumer - Atrium Cabarrus
 (Discharged)

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)



LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Both of music ensembles, 8:30 Contemporary and 11:00 Chancel Choir are looking for new people to join. The 8:30 Contemporary has resumed rehearsals for the fall and Chancel Choir will resume on August 26.

PRESCHOOL BOARD—Would you like to make a difference in the lives of 48 students and 8 staff? Become part of the Preschool Board. If you have an interest, contact Sherri Matheny.

SCHEDULES FOR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES are upcoming. Watch for information about meetings for Parents/Grandparents to discuss our events for the 2026/2027 School Year.

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30	11:00	10:00
	23-Aug	23-Aug	30-Aug
Lectors	Hope Russell	Ben Hesley	Anne Futterer
Worship Assistants	MaryLee Blackwelder	Michele Nichols	Mary Lee Blackwelder
Acolytes	Charlie Miller	Anniston Wheatley	Skylar Kempf
Communion Helper	Lucy Miller	Blaine Wheatley	TBD
Sound	Andy Robinson	Gavin Carpenter	Liz Fisher
Projection	Scott Harmon	Leam Neely	Gavin Carpenter
Greeters	Jim & Ann Fisher		Alice Lloyd / Shirley Miller
Council Assistants	Rick Teumer / Melissa Little		Ben Hesley / Sally Peterson
Healing Prayer	Scott Harmon		Sydney Bradford
Communion Prep	David & Judy Sloan		Kathy Hunter / Tony Lippard
Tellers	Kathy Roginski / Mike McCombs		
Slide Prep	Kim Kane		

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 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 \$277 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.

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—AUGUST 16

In Person	134
Online	75
Total	209
General Fund Offering	\$7,357

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Aug 10	Levi McDonald	Aug 20	Diana Bentley
	Landon Ridgell		Colby Miller
Aug 13	Florence Calanda		Gus Miller
	Shelly Farris	Aug 21	Emily Clamser
	Anna Gribble		Lena Gillon
Aug 15	Liza Jane Lee		Louise Moser
Aug 17	Lisa Dunlow	Aug 22	Tammy Kilby
Aug 18	Kay Cress	Aug 23	Howard Bentley
Aug 19	Betty Ritchie	Aug 29	Wyatt Bradford
			Aubrey Whitcomb

There was a mix-up in the birthday listing for last week so this week includes all recent and upcoming birthdays

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.

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 _____



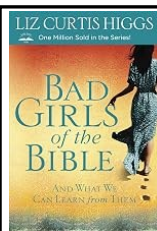
Kimball Memorial Lutheran Preschool

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 your to easily purchase a needed item.



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



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.



BLESSING BOX
URGENT NEEDS

- +Canned tuna, chicken, potted meat
- +Single cereal cups/boxes
- +Canned beans (pinto, kidney, black, etc)
- +Pasta sauce (small cans-no jars)
- +Water bottles (mini or regular)



Please ensure all food items are sealed and within expiration date.