



KIMBALL COMMUNICATOR

Kimball Memorial Lutheran Church

101 Vance St. Kannapolis, NC 28081



FROM THE PASTOR

For Parents: "Time, like an ever-rolling stream..."

I was privileged to participate in our High School Mission Trip to Williamsburg last month - I suppose that makes around 30 Mission Trips for me over my years of ministry. Each one is special because of the work completed, the parts of the country visited and - most of all for me - the opportunity to get to know our young people better and to grow close to them in this week away.

As you can imagine, it takes a lot of planning for an event like this to take place. We must choose a location that is safe and fairly easy to navigate. There are mission locations to identify, local churches/pastors from which to receive information and guidance, and the assurance that there are "fun" things to do in addition to the work which is foundational to any trip. This was, in so many ways, an easy trip - with good planning on the part of Deacon Liz and myself, great college student advisors, a very nice and comfortable place to stay, and the fun of being together at Busch Gardens Williamsburg - where the weather cooperated and the travel was safe. If you haven't already done so, I hope you'll look at our Facebook Page for two sizeable posts showing our "work and play" during this week away in Virginia.

After a busy summer, now we are in August when we begin to transition back to a normal schedule. As I've returned, I've been reflecting on the importance of our young people - not just for the future of the church, but for the present of our congregation. As a parent myself, I know how busy these times of returning to school and a set schedule are. I am also aware of how quickly our busyness eats up time. One of my professors at Divinity School used to say that "Time passes in the sheer living of it!"...and this is most certainly true. It seems that as soon as you turn around, our children are leaving the days of being a toddler...or a preschooler...or an elementary student. Let me assure you, once your children enter Middle School, it's as if someone pushes down the accelerator and everything begins to speed up. The years leading up to High School just fly by - but High School is but a blur, as these four years flash by. One of my favorite hymns puts it this way: ***"Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away"***. Life is like that - so quickly a phase of life is over and done with for our children...and therefore for us!

Amid all the busy things you're getting ready for this Autumn...please don't let worship - especially worship with your children or grandchildren (or with those children who are close to you and your family)...Please don't let these opportunities for worship go by. I remember so well a member of a church I formally served saying to me - with great sadness: ***"I have very little memory of being in church with my parents. It was just something we didn't do together...and I'll regret that always"***. I've long since lost touch with this former member, but my hope and prayer is that her family "corrected" that serious omission...and that she and her family worship together, commune together, sing hymns, confess the creed and pray together on a regular basis.

Please make worship a priority as you begin this busy fall season. Prioritize Sunday morning as a time your family will be together in a familiar pew, worshipping together. Too many Americans have let this important part of family life fall by the wayside. For all of us, may we let this new season mark a new commitment to being in church - Praising God for all our Blessings and receiving Words of Hope and Promise for the Living of these Days!

Peace, Power, and Love...

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8:30 am
Contemporary
11:00 am
Traditional

Online On YouTube
[@kimb11lutheranchurch6](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkimb11lutheranchurch6)

STAFF

Rev. John Futterer
Senior Pastor

Deacon Liz Fisher,
Youth & Family

Keith Sutton
Parish Administrator

Brian Sevison
Music Director

Tim Patterson
Treasurer

Howard Bentley
Financial Administrator

Rev. Dr. David R. Keck,
Pastor Emeritus

ADULT *Sunday* SCHOOL

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.

The Table Sunday School Class for adults and Faith Formation for our children is on summer hiatus.

KIMBALL SOUND AND PROJECTIONS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

With the improvements being made in our Sound System, we will be providing training for everyone who will be working in the Sound booth. Thank you for your interest in helping with Kimball Memorial's Sound & Projection Ministry! We are building a volunteer team to assist with sound, projection, microphones, and online worship streaming. No prior experience is necessary — training will be provided for all volunteers.

[Sign up to Volunteer](https://forms.gle/nzCXUFGtULvv9fV68)

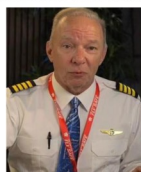
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Charlotte Area Lutheran Men



Chicken and Corn Roast

Saturday, August 22rd at noon
\$15.00 per person



Guest Speaker: Steve Schiebner
Captain Steeve, former airline
pilot and YouTuber
www.captainsteeve.com

Christ Lutheran Church
4519 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC
704-907-0507



YOUTH DATES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS — AUGUST 9

At both services, students, teachers, school staff, and families are invited to bring their backpacks, lunchboxes, or work bags to worship for a special blessing as we begin a new school year. Join us as we pray for a safe, joyful, and faith-filled year!

SAMARITAN'S TABLE MEAL — AUGUST 13

Our youth will help prepare and serve the Samaritan's Table meal on August 13. This is a wonderful opportunity to put our faith into action by serving and sharing God's love with our neighbors. If you are interested in helping please text or tell Deacon Liz.

SALVATION ARMY CENTER OF HOPE MEAL — AUGUST 20

On August 20, our youth will prepare and serve a meal for our local shelter. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and care for others in our community. If you are interested in helping please let Deacon Liz know.



CENTER
OF HOPE



Instant Church Directory™

Your church directory
on your
mobile device.
Instantly!

We are excited to introduce our new **Instant Church Directory**—a secure and easy way to stay connected with our church family. You can access contact information anytime, and you have full control over what information is shared. Full details are included in the August Newsletter. Need help or have questions? Contact Mary Lee Blackwelder at 803-984-4946



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.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL/POOL PARTY SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH



Remember that our annual Ice Cream Social – with swimming available! – is coming up Sunday, August 9th at the Northwest Swim and Racquet Club. From 1:00 – 3:00 the Ice Cream Truck from our friends at Sweetest Thing Ice Cream in Kannapolis will be present. All expenses for this fun afternoon are paid by Kimball Memorial – please use Kimball Connection on the back of the Weekly Parish News in your bulletin to reserve your spot!

It's a hot Summer – come and cool off!



NEW DOOR ACCESS SYSTEM

A new key fob entry system has been installed. If your service at Kimball requires regular access outside of office hours, we encourage you to complete the Key Fob Request Form available in the church office, which will be reviewed and approved by our Security Committee. Currently if both spouses need access, we are asking that they share a Fob. No Fobs will be issued to anyone under the age of 18.

Stewardship

Give of your:

- ♥ Time
- ♥ Talent
- ♥ Treasures



ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Mark your calendars now for November 22nd, with the Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, Emily Hartner, as our guest preacher for the one 10:00 am worship service. Following worship, our Youth and children will be sponsoring a Thanks and Thanksgiving luncheon in the Commons. We hope you'll plan to join us!

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	COUPLE	YRS
08-Aug	Eric & Cheryl Dearmon	18
11-Aug	Joel & Bretta Dodson	19
11-Aug	Jim & Susan Harris	52
13-Aug	Joseph & Pat Tallent	43
21-Aug	Danny & Susan Sloop	25
26-Aug	Rob & Kathy Roginski	54

PRAYER REQUESTS

KIMBALL MEMBERS

Bonnie and Lonny Adair, Sylvia Anderson, Susan Bame, Jerry and Pat Beam, Sherri Bennett, Howard and Diana Bentley, Silvia Binnon, Robin Ballard, Pat and Jerry Beam, Sydney Bradford, Allen Brantley, Brad Brothers, Sharon and Doug Brothers, Florence Calandra, Bretta Dodson, 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, Ryan, Luna, and Skyla Hardister, Susan and Jim Harris, Kathy and Mike Hunter, Tim and Huyla Jackson, Sherry Johnson, Eric and Jenny Jones, Wilma Keller, Sarah and Skylar Kempf, Steve and Peggy Lynch, Ed MacTaggart, Grace Marcus, Dianne Marlin, Margaret McCombs, Andrea, Wayne, Colby, Gus Miller, Heather and Charlie Miller, Pat Moser, Murph Family, Betty Ritchie, Lisa Robinson, Kip Russell, Juanene Savage, Kathy Scott, Roger Sizemore, David Sloan and Family, Mary Jo Snipes and Family, Jean Tatarka, David and Donna Taylor, Debbie Troutman, Gary Yount

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)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

CAREMOOR Aileen Triage

AVANTE OF CONCORD Dianne Marlin

Happy Birthday

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08/03	Carson MESSENGER
08/05	Jean CAUTHEN
	Lisa SCHMITT
	Gabriel WALTERS
08/06	Pallas ALEXANDER
08/07	Amy BLACK
	Betty STANWICK
08/08	Amy JOYCE
08/10	Levi MCDONALD
	Landon RIDGELL
08/13	Florence CALANDRA
	Shelley FARRIS
	Anna GRIBBLE
08/15	Liza Jane LEE
08/17	Lisa DUNLOW
08/18	Kay CRESS
08/19	Betty RITCHIE
08/20	Diana BENTLEY
	Colby MILLER
	Gus MILLER
08/21	Emily CLAMSER
	Lena GILLON
	Louise MOSER
08/22	Tammy KILBY
08/23	Howard BENTLEY
08/29	Wyatt BRADFORD
	Aubrey WHITCOMB
08/30	Lucas HESLEY
	Terry KISER
	Deborah LAMBERT



Please join us in celebrating
BETTY RITCHIE'S
100TH
BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND | 12:30 PM

KIMBALL LUTHERAN CHURCH
(FELLOWSHIP HALL)
KANNAPOLIS, NC

100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Join us on Saturday, August 22nd at 12:30 pm to celebrate Betty Ritchie's 100th birthday.

Use the link below to sign up:

<https://evite.me/ugCNyEa3Fy>

AUGUST 2026 SUNDAY MINISTERS

8:30	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
2-Aug	Paula Brandle	Lauren Nichols	Lucy Miller	Charlie Miller	Jack Smith	Nathan Carpenter
9-Aug	David Sloan	Donna Taylor	Skylar Kempf	TBD	Andy Robinson	Nathan Carpenter
16-Aug	Sharon Brothers	Sara Kempf	Delaney Little	TBD	Patrick Little	Nathan Carpenter
23-Aug	Hope Russell	Emily Clamser	Charlie Miller	Lucy Miller	Rick Teumer	Scott Harmon

11:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
2-Aug	Bob Hill	Tony Lippard	Maydin Kohlmeier	Lucas Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
9-Aug	Laura Pennell	Huyia Jackson	Austin Ketchie	Isaiah Gregory	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
16-Aug	Bob Boynton	Kathy Hunter	Rory Hesley	Liam Hesley	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely
23-Aug	Ben Hesley	Michele Nichols	Anniston Wheatley	Blaine Wheatley	Gavin Carpenter	Leam Neely

10:00	LECTOR	WORSHIP ASSISTANT	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION HELPER	SOUND	PROJECTION
30-Aug	Anne Futterer	Mary Lee Blackwelder	Skylar Kempf	TBD	Deacon Liz	Gavin Carpenter

	2-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug
Samaritan's Table	St. Josephs Sally	Kimball Youth Pastor John	Bethel Bob	Christ Lutheran Pat

FLOWER CALENDAR	
2-Aug	Wiethorn
9-Aug	Sapp
16-Aug	Tallent
23-Aug	Hesley
30-Aug	Church

	8:30	11:00
Greeters	Jim & Anne 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 / Various	
Slide Prep	Kim Kane	
Blessing Box	Pastor John / Schneider Family	



KIMBALL MEMORIAL BOOK CLUBS

Tuesday Evening Book Club

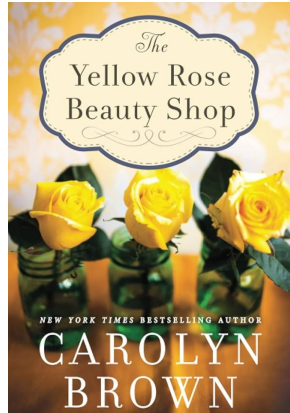
Date: August 25— 6:30 pm

Host: Donna Taylor

Refreshments: Mary

Book: *The Yellow Rose Beauty Shop*

Author: Carolyn Brown



NEW MEMBERS : It's with great joy that we received the following new members in July:



Karen Eagle joined us by Transfer, and was sponsored by Paula Brandle. Karen is from Rowan County, a retired elementary school teacher and is a life-long Lutheran. She is a graduate of UNCG, and received her Master's Degree from UNCC. Karen enjoys attending live music events, walking for exercise, yoga, reading, and animals.

Address: 3577 Coletraine Avenue, Kannapolis, 28081

Phone: 704-433-5852

Email: kejohnson48@yahoo.com



Steven, Kim and Kellen Williamson

Steven and Kim by Transfer and their child Kellen Michael by Holy Baptism. Steven is a native of South Carolina, a graduate of Clemson University, and is employed by Passport Parking in Charlotte. He enjoys hockey, rock climbing, and reading. Kim is a native of Virginia, a graduate of James Madison University, with a Masters degree from East Carolina University. Kim is a Speech and Language Therapist at W.M. Irvin Elementary School in Concord. She enjoys crochet, scrapbooking, and sports. Kellen Michael was born on January 17th, and his godparents are Matthew and Leigha Fleck. He was surrounded by family and friends, including his maternal grandparents Jeffrey and Sherri Fleck, paternal grandparents Michael and Victoria Williamson, and great grandparents Rodney and Linda Simpson.

Address: 5121 Wakehurst Street, Kannapolis 28081

Phone: 803-394-6384 - Steven

434-221-9734 - Kim

Email: steven@stevenwilliamson.net

We rejoice to receive these new members. If you are interested in membership at Kimball Memorial, please speak with Pastor John.



THRIVENT CHOICE IS NOW EASIER

Thrivent members have directed over \$660M in grant funding to organizations, fueling real and lasting impact. The Thrivent Choice® program has recently been upgraded, making it even easier for members to give. Previously, Choice Dollars accrued over time; now they will be available in full at the start of the year.

[Learn More](#)

August Schedule

- **Aug 20** 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
- **Aug 21** 12:00 pm—5:00 pm
- **Aug 22** 10:00 am—2:00 pm



AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Pentecost 10 7:15a Men's Breakfast 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	3	4	5	6 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Peterson	7	8
Pentecost 11 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship 12:30p Ice Cream Social <i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i>	10	11	12	13 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Youth	14	15
Pentecost 12 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	17	18 10:00a Coltrane Life Center-Bingo	19	20 3:00p-6:00p Vet Clinic (Cats Only) 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Boynton 6:00p Youth serve at Shelter 7:00p Church Council	21 12:00p – 5:00p Vet Clinic 2:00-3:00p Food Box Distribution	22 10:00a – 2:00p Vet Clinic 12:30p 100 th Birthday Party for Betty Ritchie
Pentecost 13 8:30a Contemporary Worship 10:00a Adult Sunday School 11:00a Traditional Worship	24 Preschool Teachers Return	25 6:30p Book Club at Taylor's	26	27 5:00p Samaritan's Table-Tallent	28	29
Pentecost 14 10:00a Combined Worship-- <i>Congregational Meeting</i> 4:30-6:00p Preschool Open House	31 10:30-12:00 Preschool Open House					



**BLESSING BOX
URGENT NEEDS**

- < Assorted snacks
- < Single cereal cups/boxes
- < Canned Beans (*pinto, kidney, lima, black, etc*)
- < Pasta sauce (*Small cans-no jars*)
- < Water bottles (*Mini or Regular*)

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
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Karahardister82@gmail.com
- Church office



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