

August 9, 2026

THE PARISH NEWS

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



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

THIS WEEK AT KIMBALL

Sunday August 9

8:30 am Contemporary Worship-*Backpack Blessing*
10:00 am Adult Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional Worship-*Backpack Blessing*
12:30 pm Ice Cream Social

Thursday August 13

5:00 pm Samaritan's Table

Sunday August 16

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

FLOWERS

We give thanks for today's flowers. They are given by Georgann and Jeff Sapp to the Glory of God and in memory of Grandmother, Myrtle Ketchie Roberts. Happy 100th Heavenly Birthday, (July 19th)



SUMMER ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Join us today at the Northwest Swim and Racquet Club in Kannapolis, from 12:30 - 3:00. We will enjoy ice cream from the Sweetest Thing Ice Cream Truck. All ages are welcome! Please come even if you have not signed up previously.

There is no charge to swim, visit, enjoy cool ice cream treats.



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!



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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. Need help or have questions? Contact Mary Lee Blackwelder at 803-984-4946

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 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

Mike Abernathy
Pete Accumanno
Teresa Beaver
Hans & John Bengstrom
Jill Bodenheimer
Debbie Bost
Lois Boynton
Joe Bracy
Tommy Brown
Sandy Canon
Family of Steve Christy
Tim Cox
Louise Current
Maggie DeGamma
Gary Dennison
Tony Duplisea
Gene & Jackie Ellington
Melva Faggins
John Fisher
Gagen Family
Maggie Gama
Sue/Cletus Gill
Freda Gomez
Tommy Graves
Patty Gurka
Sylvia Harrington
Christina Harvey
Jeff Hearn
Eddie Hewitt
Hunter & Becca Jackson
Gabby Johnson
Gale Kelly & Family
Glenda Kirkman
Paul Kraehling
Richard & Risa Little
Roz Lloyd
Jeff McCombs
Karen Sloan Miller
Donna & Eddie Nicholson
Jason Overcash
Overcash Family
Louise Pair
Paul Parker
Denise Pegram
Celeste & Doug Pierce
John / Carolyn Poston
Will Quinn
Norm Reid
Gary Ritchie
Tracy / Kendall Roberson
Blake Robinson
Janet & Jeff Stancil
Tallie Stancil
Family of Robin Suggs
Sarah & Austin Tinker
John Troutman
Trinity Turgeon & Family
Jolynn Tuttle

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ken Upright
Nick Wagner
Pat & Lil Wagner
Joann & Albert Wingler
Joe Zuhoski
Megan & Sam
Myron & Jeff
Edd's Family, Christine

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)

HOSPITAL REPORT

Ed MacTaggart - *Atrium Cabarrus*

Rick Teumer - *Atrium Cabarrus*



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
980-622-8125
Karahardister82@gmail.com
- Church office

MARY JO SNIPES' NEW ADDRESS

Mary Jo Snipes
HarborChase of Riverwalk
749 Dunkins Ferry Rd. Apt 2118
Rock Hill, SC 29730

SUNDAY MINISTERS

	8:30		11:00	
	09-Aug	16-Aug	09-Aug	16-Aug
Lectors	David Sloan	Sharon Brothers	Laura Pennell	Ben Hesley
Worship Assistants	Donna Taylor	Sara Kempf	Huyla Jackson	Kathy Hunter
Acolytes	Skylar Kempf	Delaney Little	Austin Ketchie	Rory Hesley
Communion Helper	TBD	TBD	Isaiah Gregory	Liam Hesley
Sound	Andy Robinson	Patrick Little	Gavin Carpenter	Gavin Capenter
Projection	Nathan Carpenter	Nathan Carpenter	Leam Neely	Leam Neely
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	8/10 Kathy Roginski / Betsy Ellington-Boynton			
Slide Prep	Kim Kane			

KIMBALL SOUND AND PROJECTION 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. 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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Just ask one of our ushers, who will guide you through their easy use.

ATTENDANCE / OFFERING—AUGUST 2

In Person	124
Online	74
Total	198
General Fund Offering	\$8,453

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Aug 10 Levi McDonald Landon Ridgell
Aug 15 Liza Jane Lee
Aug 13 Florence Calandra
Shelley Farris
Anna Gribble

ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

BILL PAY – Most banks today offer a bill payment service with recurring feature. 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. If you would like any more information about any of these options, or assistance in getting one of the options set up, please contact any member of the finance team, or the church office.



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>

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!

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 _____

GOD'S CARE, OUR CALLING



"...I can't help but imagine God doing the same—not oppressing us, but anxiously waiting for life to erupt from our frames, smoothing the way for us, and gently redirecting us when we stray."
—Bishop Emily Hartner

Read Bishop Emily's Full Reflection
<https://nclutheran.org/bishops-reflections/gods-care-our-calling/>



PLAYING THE RIGHT TUNE

Lutheran faith, divided loyalties, and the American Revolution

In this Living Lutheran article, Jonathan M. Boynton, pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester, VA., reflects on Lutherans during the American Revolution. Jonathan, who grew up at Kimball, is the son of Bob and Betsy Ellington-Boynton.

<https://www.livinglutheran.org/living-faithfully/playing-the-right-tune/>

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