



SYCAMORE HIGHLIGHTS

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DEACON OF THE MONTH

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SERVING AS THE BODY

As we move through the summer months, I have found myself reflecting on the beautiful picture the Apostle Paul paints of the church in 1 Corinthians 12. He reminds us that the church is not simply a gathering of individuals but the Body of Christ. Each member has been gifted by God, and every gift matters. *"Now you are the body of Christ, and individually members of it"* (1 Corinthians 12:27).

If you were to write each area of the church you serve on a sticky note, how many sticky notes would you wear? Did you know that some members of our church wear as many as 5 or more sticky notes? While others wear one. A few wear none at all.

This is a reminder of how differently we are all called to serve. Some seasons of life allow us to carry many responsibilities. Other seasons may only allow for one. But every follower of Christ is called to be an active part of the body. As Paul reminds us, *"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'"* (1 Cor 12:21). Every ministry, every act of service, every willing heart matters in the Kingdom of God.

Serving isn't simply about filling a position or checking a box. It is one of the ways we love God and love one another. Whether you greet at the door, teach a class, prepare a meal, sing in the choir, work behind the scenes, or quietly encourage others, your faithfulness strengthens the entire church. Part of serving together in a Baptist church also means participating in the life and leadership of the congregation. As Baptists, we have long believed that Christ leads the church through the prayerful participation of His people.

If you already serve in several areas, thank you. Your faithfulness is a blessing, and we are grateful for the many ways you give of your time and gifts. If you currently serve in one area, thank you for your commitment. And if you are not serving anywhere or are on a committee that has very few or seasonal tasks, perhaps this is an opportunity to prayerfully ask, "Lord, where would You have me serve?"

Likewise, I encourage you to make our church conferences a priority whenever you are able. Our quarterly conferences are more than reports and votes; they are opportunities to seek God's direction together, celebrate what He is doing, and faithfully steward the ministry He has entrusted to us. At the past few conferences, we have not had enough members present to reach a quorum. This means important decisions were delayed. Your presence matters. Your voice matters. Most importantly, your participation helps us faithfully discern God's will together as a church family.

The church was never intended to be carried by a handful of people while others watched from the sidelines. We are strongest when every member finds their place, every gift is shared, and every voice joins in the work God has called us to do.

As Paul writes in Ephesians 4:16, *"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

May we continue to be a congregation where every member knows they are needed, every gift is valued, and together we joyfully serve Christ and one another.

Pastor Tracey



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

*Extending Christ's love through service and generosity
to those in need around the world.*



HerMission and Community Connections are joining forces for our July Mission project. We will be collecting & making items for the Franklin Department of Social Services Foster Care kits. Each kit will contain a handcrafted blanket and a “squishy” or stuffed animal. We will also be collecting children’s underwear and socks. Look for more information about this collection.

‘Children are placed in foster care in a hurry. They often aren’t able to grab even comfort items. The items we are collecting will give these children a few items to call their own.’

Join us for our monthly meeting and lunch on Sunday, July 5, at 11:30 a.m.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This month, we will be collecting **small toys for boys**. These toys may include cars, balls, Legos, a Slinky, an Etch-a-Sketch, stuffed animals, musical instruments, or interactive toys that include push buttons, lights, and noise (including extra batteries). These are just a few suggestions of what may be added.

A collection container will be located in the fellowship hall, marked with a sign indicating it is for Operation Christmas Child.



We plan on having a packing party at the end of the year, but if you would like to pack your own box throughout the year, you are more than welcome. Just let us know and we will get a box to you as soon as we get them.

If you have any questions, please see one of us. Thank you in advance for all of your help and participation.

Erin Harcum & Janet Bulls

HERMISSION POP-UP PROJECT



At the HerMission June meeting and luncheon the group learned that one of Sycamore’s former members, Nichole Bulls Prillaman, and two of her children, Caroline and Hayden,

were going to Romania in June to serve with missionaries at a Vacation Bible School. The HerMission group designated \$200.00 from the Family Night Fund to be donated for the purchase of items to be placed in their “snacks and goodies” store.

Nichole sent pictures of “opening day” and shared that the store was the participant’s favorite part of camp!



CHURCH LIFE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HERMISSION FAMILY NIGHT



The fellowship we share during Family Night Supper is one of the highlights of the week. We appreciate all the work that goes into preparing meals. Here are this month's cooks:

July 1	PTracey & The Daughtreys
July 8	Debbie Oliver & Joey Francis
July 15	Tricia Davis
July 22	PTracey & The McPhersons
July 29	VBS - No Family Night

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The regular quarterly church conference is scheduled for Sunday, July 26, immediately after worship. The budget will be presented for the coming church year by the Finance Committee as well as the Nominating Committee recommendations. Deacon nominations will also be made.

SAVE THE DATES FOR VBS

July 27 - 30

See Pastor Tracey if you are interested in helping.



COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join me for a time of fellowship. Coffee and Conversation meets every Tuesday from 9 am to 1030 am.

July 07: StoreHouse
July 14: Starbucks
July 21: StoreHouse
July 28: Starbucks



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DEACON REPORT

The Deacons met on June 1, 2026. Debbie Oliver opened the meeting with a devotion. Prayer requests were presented, followed by prayer.

The meeting included the following:

- Deacon Team Reports were given.
- Pastor Tracey will be on vacation from June 19-23 for her graduation and vacation time.
- Rev. Brian Williams will be the speaker while PTracey is away and Jon Smith will deliver the message on June 28 for Men's Sunday.
- Aplos church software installation is ongoing.
- Building and Ground matters were discussed.

Deacon Ministry Team Leaders:

Bereavement – John Jenkins
Casserole- Debbie Oliver
Hospital/Homebound – Joey Francis
Prayer – Charlie Harcum
Transportation – Terry McPherson

Contact these Team Leaders if you, or someone you know, has a need for any of these services.



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JULY 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Family Night Schedule	2	3	4 
5 Sunday Morning Schedule HerMission 11:15 a.m.	6 Deacons Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7 Coffee & Conversation StoreHouse 9-1030 a.m. Nominating 7 p.m.	8 Family Night Schedule	9	10	11
12 Sunday Morning Schedule Community Connections 11:15 a.m.	13	14 Coffee & Conversation Starbucks 9-1030 a.m.	15 Family Night Schedule	16	17	18
19 Sunday Morning Schedule Church Council 11:15 a.m.	20	21 Coffee & Conversation StoreHouse 9-1030 a.m	22 Family Night Schedule	23	24	25
26 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Schedule Conference 11:15 a.m.	27 VBS Schedule: Dinner 5:15 p.m. Classes 6:00 p.m.	28 Coffee & Conversation Starbucks 9-1030 a.m. VBS Schedule	29 VBS Schedule	30 VBS Schedule	31	

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise noted on the calendar)
 Sunday School 9:00 am. | Worship 10:00 a.m.

FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise noted on the calendar)
 Meal: 5:45
 Adult Study II: 6:15
 Men's Bible Study:& Youth 6:45
 Mission Friends & Children in Action: 6:45
 Adult Choir: 7:45

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