

WOODLAWN WINDOW

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BACK -to- SCHOOL BLESSINGS



FROM THE PASTOR

Grace and Peace to You This August!

As summer begins to wind down and the routines of fall approach, August brings a season of transition, excitement, and new opportunities. Families are preparing for another school year, teachers are organizing classrooms, and students are gathering supplies and anticipating new adventures. As a church family, let us lift up all students, teachers, administrators, school staff, and parents in prayer as they begin a new academic year.

The start of school is a reminder that every season of life brings opportunities for growth. Just as students learn new lessons in the classroom, God continues teaching us through His Word and through our daily walk with Him. We encourage everyone to seek God's guidance as we enter this busy season and trust Him with the challenges and blessings that lie ahead.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." — Proverbs 3:5

Back-to-School Prayer

Please join us in praying for:

- Students returning to classrooms and campuses
- Teachers and school staff as they prepare for the year ahead
- Parents balancing work, family, and school schedules
- College students beginning new chapters in their lives
- Homeschool families and educational ministries

May God's protection, wisdom, and peace be with them throughout the school year.

August Church Activities

Sunday Worship

Join us each Sunday as we gather to worship, fellowship, and grow together in faith. Invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to attend with you.

Midweek Bible Study

Our weekly Bible study continues throughout August. Whether you are new to Scripture or have studied for years, there is a place for you in our discussions.

Youth and Children's Ministry

As school resumes, our youth and children's ministries will also begin fall activities. We look forward to helping young people strengthen their faith and build lasting friendships.

Community Outreach

August is a wonderful time to reach out to our neighbors. Look for opportunities to serve, encourage, and share Christ's love with those around you.

A Word of Encouragement

The changing seasons remind us that God's faithfulness never changes. Whether you are beginning a new school year, starting a new job, facing a challenge, or simply continuing your daily routines, remember that God walks beside you every step of the way.

Let's commit this month to:

- Spending more time in prayer
- Reading God's Word daily
- Encouraging one another
- Serving our community
- Sharing God's love wherever we go

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This Month at Woodlawn



Sunday School

The school bells are ringing and school is back in session. Please be in prayer for our students and teachers as they begin a new school year. Pray for our Sunday School as everyone gets back from vacation and back into the swing of a new school year.

It's about time for a new SS year to start. Please be thinking and praying about where the Lord might be wanting you to serve.

*In Christian Love,
Janice & Jim Patrick*



XYZ Group

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our July gathering! We enjoyed a delicious meal, great conversation, and a wonderful time together.

We hope you'll make plans to join us for our next meeting on Sunday, August 23rd. All adults age 50 and older are welcome, and guests and family members are always invited.

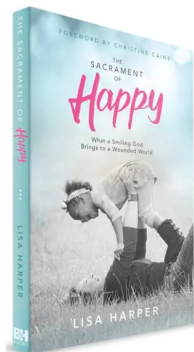
Ruth Ann McSwain



Wednesday Night Suppers

We're excited to announce that our Wednesday Night Suppers will resume in August.

Join us as we kick off the new season with a special fellowship meal on Wednesday, August 5. It's a wonderful opportunity to gather around the table, reconnect after the summer months, and enjoy time with our church family before Bible Study.



Summer Book Club

We had a wonderful time discussing My Jesus by Anne Wilson in July! Now it's time to begin reading our August selection, Happy by Lisa Harper. Join us on Thursday, August 27, at 6:00 p.m. for food, fellowship, and discussion. Watch for more details about our discussion meeting in the coming weeks. If you want to join in the fun for August and need a book, contact the church office.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

AUGUST

- Birthdays**
- 1 - Andrew Cross
 - 2 - Anthony Harris
 - 3 - Alexa LaPre
 - 5 - Kristi Bedwell / Parker Sturgill
 - 6 - Jeff Connell / Lisa Snyder
 - 7 - Isabella Hughes
 - 8 - Simeon Pickard / Betty Rosenbalm / Ken Willett
 - 9 - Emma Branson / Beth Eads
 - 10 - Tom Barker / Bobby Bedwell / Richard Teamer
 - 12 - Evan Bedwell / Maggie Leonard
 - 17 - Sadee Barrett
 - 18 - Brenda Harkleroad
 - 19 - Sean Brown / Aaron Cross / Shelby Moore
 - 20 - Morgan Bobbitt / Sandy Hutton
 - 23 - Vickie Burchett / Lucas Johnson
 - 25 - Jeff Harkleroad / Colt Teamer
 - 27 - Vincent Wayner
 - 29 - Samuel Cross
 - 30 - Miles Pickard
 - 31 - Jeremiah Pickard

- Anniversaries**
- 4 - Raymond & Shannon Stockard
 - 6 - Alan & Sandra Anderson
 - 6 - Jim & Janice Patrick
 - 8 - Jonathan & Anna Pierce
 - 9 - Lucas & Sara Johnson
 - 10 - Ross & Brandi Peters
 - 21 - Anthony & Sarah Harris

Missions & More

WMU NEWS

The Food Pantry was worked July 14th taking 167 items from the church serving 17 families for a total of 51 individuals.

It's time for Christmas in August. Boxes will be available in the Vestibule and the Fellowship Hall. Items needed are notebook paper, composition books, colored pencils, crayons (8 and 24 count), scissors (2 pack - only available at Dollar Tree), #2 pencils, pens, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners and pencil top erasers. Presently, Walmart has notebook paper for .50 cents and Pen Gear 24 count crayons for .25 cents. Sales tax exempt weekend for TN is July 31- Aug 2, and Va Aug 7-9. Items need to be at the church by August 31, 2026.

We will also participate in the Carnival Workers Ministry at the Appalachian Fair Aug 24-29. The Women on Mission group will be providing 50 sack lunches.

The project for Proverbs 3:27 Mission was overflowing with your love and kindness. Thank you all so much. It will be greatly appreciated.

The week of prayer for TN State Missions is September 7-14- 2026. Our offering goal is \$800 and envelopes will be available in the pews. The theme this year is **Together. We Pray, we Give. We go.**

THEME VERSE:

"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, **striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.**" Philippians 1:27.

Please continue to remember our projects, church and nation in your prayers.

Brenda Harkleroad, WMU Director



Ladies, You're invited!!

Join us for a relaxing morning of Movie & Brunch! Bring your favorite brunch dish to share, enjoy a delicious meal, and spend time in fellowship while we watch a movie together. We hope you'll make plans to join us!





Blessing Box Ministry Receives Community Support

We are thankful to share some exciting news about our Blessing Box Ministry! Recently, **Brenda Harkleroad**, our WMU Director, and **Dexter Barrett**, who built the Blessing Box as his Eagle Scout project, were interviewed by WCYB to highlight this ministry and its purpose of providing food and other essential items to those in need in our community.

Since the interview aired, God has already begun to work in a special way. We have received **\$200 in anonymous donations** from individuals who were touched by the story and wanted to help keep the Blessing Box stocked. We are grateful for their generosity and for the opportunity to share Christ's love in such a practical way.

Thank you to everyone who supports this ministry through donations, prayers, and service. It is encouraging to see how God can use a simple act of kindness to inspire others to give and make a difference in the lives of those around us. May we continue to be a church that shares His love with our community, one blessing at a time.

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