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** **CARRILEA'S CORNER** **
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Dear Grace,

This Sunday, we are celebrating a beautiful ritual in the life of our church: child dedication. I've been told we haven't had one of these since before COVID. Which is part of the reason we will have a wide range of age ranges we are dedicating, so that is exciting!

Child dedications are more than a ceremony—they are a communal promise. A moment when we, as a church family, say yes to being the village for our children. We promise to love them, support them, and show up for them—not just in words, but in presence, care, and example.

Child dedication reminds us of what church can be at its best: A place where we lift each other up, raise each other's kids, and shape the kind of world we want to leave behind.

Rituals like these remind us of what we're building and they invite us to slow down and name what's sacred: life, love, belonging.

In a world full of clubs, teams, schools, and services, this faith community says:
You belong.

Not because of what you achieve.

Not because you fit a mold.

But because you are made in the image of God.

And we're committed to helping you flourish—in spirit, in body, and in love.

Come join us as we bless these children and their families—and renew our calling to be the kind of community that helps raise up the next generation with hope.

Gratefully,
Carrilea

February 8-14, 2026

February Birthdays

- 4 - Grady Lippard, Jr.
- 9 - Janice Comer
- 10 - LeAnda Barnard
- 10 - Lydia Comer
- 14 - Alexander Lee Kudlacek
- 15 - Patti West
- 15 - Steve Hughes
- 18 - Vincent Touns
- 18 - Linda Marshall
- 19 - Landon Hayes
- 19 - Jo Salisbury
- 19 - Autumn Tilley
- 29 - Hollace Scanlan

Anniversary

- 14 - Mike and Gay Shaver

The Mission Board will be "Cultivating Young Minds" by collecting books and money for Speak Life and Live's summer reading camp. The camp is completely free to the kids who participate, and books are available for them to take home and keep. We are asking for donations of money (the cost for the camp is \$150/child), and new or gently used books, beginning reader through young adult levels. Thank you for your generous support of our special offerings!

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ELEPHANTS YOU WANT TO REHOME, BRING THEM TO CHURCH SUNDAY AND PUT THEM ON THE BACK BENCH. THE BINGO PRESENTS DON'T HAVE TO BE COSTLY - THEY OFTEN BUY SOME OF THEM AT THE DOLLAR TREE. CONTACT SHERI COARSEY (704-880-0827) IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

ICM NEEDS CEREAL, RAMEN NOODLES, AND MAC-N-CHEESE.

BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$12,708.00

Received year to date: \$12,846.73

OVER budget: \$138.73

Weekly needs: \$2118.00

This Week's Offering: \$2560.00



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