

CARRILEA'S CORNER

How often do you eat a meal around a table with others?
Daily? Weekly?

Honestly, right now I hope for family meals around the table—but most days we end up eating in shifts. The kids eat at 5 p.m. (to quiet the “I’m hungry!” chorus), and Andrew and I finally sit down right about the time they’re finishing.
(The part of parenting I wasn’t expecting was how hard it was to feed everyone.
Dinner happens so frequently!)

Over the next few weeks, we’re exploring what it means to gather on purpose—to make room for God, for one another, and for the future. This Sunday we’ll talk about what happens when we gather around the table: can ordinary meals become sacred?

But as we begin this new series, I also want you to think about why we—as a church—gather at all.

Here are some of the many purposes of gathering. Which ones resonate most deeply with you right now?

Purpose of Gathering	Goal / Meaning	Example
Communion	To connect deeply with God and one another	Worship, prayer, Communion
Formation	To learn and grow in faith. To be shaped spiritually and morally.	Bible study, small groups
Discernment	To listen for the Spirit’s direction	Visioning sessions, meetings
Service	To embody love through action	Mission work, volunteering
Healing	To find comfort and restoration. To tend wounds (individual and communal)	Care ministries, Grief groups
Celebration	To mark joy and gratitude; to play & have fun.	Baptisms, weddings, milestones
Remembrance	To honor and carry forward our story	Funerals, All Saints
Imagination	To dream new possibilities together	Planning, creativity
Stability	To feel grounded in rhythm and tradition	Weekly worship, liturgical seasons

Take a moment to notice: When you come to worship—or when you think about being part of Grace— which of these purposes feels most true for you? Which ones do you long for more of? Or is there a different purpose you want to name?

Gratefully,
Carrilea

October 12-18, 2025

October Birthdays

- 1 - David Grose
- 2 - Grant Lippard
- 2 - Lawrence Lippard
- 3 - Doug Hendrix
- 5 - Mary Whitted Hendrix
- 6 - Peggy Nicholson
- 6 - Ben Kudlacek
- 11 - Will Kenney
- 12 - Maple Scott
- 13 - Millie Corcoran
- 14 - Ulysses Marshall
- 16 - Brandon Tilley
- 16 - Grady Adams
- 20 - Tom Wiberg
- 21 - Kevin Angell
- 24 - Steve Coarsey
- 24 - Ellie Smith
- 30 - Jean Stroupe
- 30 - Mike Shaver
- 31 - Tristan Brown
- 31 - Serenity Brown

Anniversaries

- 5 - Maggie and Susie Hurst
- 18 - John and Melissa Hendrix

HERE IS STEVE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

October 19: Greed
October 26. Anger.

*Scary Supper is coming-November 2nd.
If you would like to help with meal prep or set up, let Nancy know.*

OCT. 20TH CARRILEA IS LEADING A MORAL MONDAY EVENT AT PAT HARRIGAN'S OFFICE IN HICKORY. AND ON OCT. 21ST THERE IS A FAITH AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SUMMIT THE NC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IS HOSTING IN BOONE.

BEER AND HYMN DATES ARE NOV. 18 AND DEC. 6

Our Fall work day will be Saturday, November 8th from 9am - 12pm. Our biggest task will be cutting down some tree limbs. Please join us and bring your chainsaws and mulchers!

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BUDGET

Needed year to date: \$81,672.00

Received year to date: \$89,454.45

OVER budget: \$7,782.45

Weekly needs: \$1,992.00

This Week's Offering: \$13,605.00



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