



*"In things agreed
upon unity,
In other things
liberty, In all
things the will to be
one."*

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Newsletter of the Norris Religious Fellowship
Interdenominational Community Church

As I reported last month, we will launch our ecumenical youth group on Sunday, September 7th at 3:00 p.m. at the Norris Methodist Church. One of the members at the Methodist church, Benita Odell, has volunteered to take the lead in this endeavor. Once we get started, we'll rotate meeting locations, so at some point we'll be opening our doors to our youth and providing them with some refreshment. Please pray for a good beginning for this effort.

On September 21st at 6:30 p.m. We'll be having an ice cream social to honor Emily Ott, Ethan Ferguson, Eli Ferguson, and Rhian Kouet for their educational achievements. Time to dig out your ice cream makers, your favorite recipe, and start churning! If you have any questions, please contact Susan Bowling.

I will be continuing my series of sermons from the Sermon on the Mount through the month of September. Here's the line-up:

September 7 Transformational Steps, Part 1
September 14 Transformational Steps, Part 2
September 21 Worship Practices, Part 1
September 28 Worship Practices, Part 2

Grace and peace,

Bill

Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on the following Wednesdays in the fellowship hall at 7pm. We will be studying the parables of Jesus.

September 3, 10, 17, 24
October 1, 8, 22, 29
November 5, 12, 19
December 3

Norris Food Pantry

The donation focus for the Norris Food Pantry for the month of September is liquid dish soap. Donations can be placed in the box in the narthex

The next distribution will be held on Thursday, September 25 from 8-12 at NUMC.



Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap will meet on the following Fridays at Clinch River Brewery.

September 12, 26
October 10, 24
November 7, 21
December 5

Clinch River Brewery
2045 Norris Freeway
Norris, TN 37828

Dollar Sunday

September 14

Cora Rhew from Crossroads Ministry will be our guest to update us on the Crossroads Center of Hope, a transitional home for the support of single moms with small children. Our Dollar Sunday offering will go to this organization.

Fellowship Breakfast

Fellowship breakfast at Shoney's at 9 am on Sunday, September 7. All are invited to join us for good food and fellowship.

Congregational Vote

There will be a Congregational Vote held on Sunday, September 14th to vote on the nominees for Executive Committee.

Supper Club

Supper Club will be at New China Palace in Oak Ridge at 6 pm on MONDAY, September 9. Come join us for a fun evening and a chance to donate to a local cause.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry will change its meeting to Tuesday September 23 at 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Study Group

Study group will meet Tuesday September 16 at 1:30pm for a study of The Beatitudes led by Ginny Ireland. If you would like to participate call or email the church office so we will know how many to plan for.

Women's Fellowship

Norris Historical Society

The Norris Historical Society will meet in the Fellowship Hall on October 5th at 2pm. Speaker will be Avigail Sachs the Author of The Garden in The Machine. She will discuss the early work of TVA and the developing of Norris.

Jesus, Elvis, & Cornbread

There will be an organizational meeting held on Sunday, September 7 immediately following service.

DATE CHANGE FOR THE 88TH ANNUAL BAZAAR

Due to conflict with a city meeting the Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 8, 2025. We are continuing to accept donations. Please place them in the storage building or in room just past the nursery. Large appliances, electronics, furniture, and books are not being accepted at this time. Thank you to Terry, Jake, Gabe, and Louna for moving the donations from the shed a few weeks ago. Thanks to Pat, Bob, and Yvonne for making room in the room past the nursery for donations. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



Mark Your Calendars! On September 21st at 6:30pm we will have an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. Break out the old ice cream machines for homemade ice cream. If you do not have an ice cream machine, you may bring your favorite ice cream and/or toppings. Loactose free ice cream will be available. We will also honor Church family who have achieved goals this year: Emily Ott – MS from Carson Newman; Ethan Ferguson – FNP; Eli Ferguson – BS from Lee University, and Rhian Koeut – Going to Ireland. Thank You to Carolyn Stribling for reminiscing about homemade ice cream parties.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bill Ireland, Craig Shook, Jake Mounger, Joan Hughes, Louna Koeut. Susan Bowling, and Lee Borgers.

Approval of Minutes: Susan motioned for the minutes to be approved as written, Joan seconded, motion carried.

Financial Report: The Operating Fund is slightly in the black for July. It is in the red for the year. We're having trouble with insurance and getting the payments accepted. We may need to look at a different Broker and different insurance. In August the biggest expense will be the distribution of half of the Benevolence Committee budget.

Ministers Report: Working to launch Youth Group. They'll start on September 7 and the locations for the meetings will rotate. Next week Bill will be out of town as the Academy for Spiritual Formation. He's leaving on the 11th and will return on the 15th.

Bill will be going to New York to visit Mary Virginia from Tuesday, August 19 to the 22nd.

Bible Study and Theology on Tap will resume the end of the month.

Old Business: Contract for Parsonage – Joan will talk to the Finance Committee about it.

Nominating Committee – Is still looking for one new member but they have chosen: Susan Bowling, Jake Mounger, with Jocelyn Borgers as Assistant Treasurer.

Roof and Gutter Repair – Jaked talked to one person who can't do the work. Craig talked to Dave Ott and got a bid for \$2500.00. Bill motioned to accept the bid as written and Joan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Member Directory Update – Make changes to simplify so things are easier to find. Bill will hand out forms for people to fill out Sunday in church.

Visitors July 12 & 18 with Breakfast on the 13th – The visitors were well behaved. They wrote us thank you notes. They kept Bill informed and in the loop of what was going on.

New Business: Evaluate Janitorial Service – Office has not been cleaned in a month. Louna will make a list of minimums that need to be done and give to Bill.

Accountant – We talked to Patience Marcum a QuickBooks Certified Bookkeeper. She is a Certified QuickBooks Pro about being our new Accountant/Bookkeeper. She's done Corporate Accountant for several years. She started her own business but has years in Accounting and Finance. She has done tax returns for nonprofit at a CPA firm. Will do as much or little as we want and will work with a CPA as needed. She can do W2's and 1099's for payroll. She does not have any tax software like for quarterly taxes. She will check and see if she can easily do if it can be filed manually. Pay is based on average transactions volume by month and how many accounts need reconciling and payroll.

Congregational Meeting to Elect Officers – Sunday, September 14 after church

Dates: October 18 – Bazaar

December 6 – Jesus, Elvis, and Cornbread

December 14 – Potluck with Santa



PRAYER REQUESTS

Howard Helton
Dianne Cole
Wendy Hall
Cheryl Spaldi
Tom Post
Paulette Booker
Karoline Berg
Lois Wolfe
Robert Pierce
Mary Shelton

If you have a prayer request, you
may send them to the church email
at norrisrf@comcast.net

Let's Pray for one another

A simple way to do this is through our
birthday calendar.

September Birthday's

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| 1 | Greyson Wilson |
| 9 | Louna Koeut |
| 12 | Amy Bakaletz |
| 13 | Jacob Pierce |
| 16 | Bob Gregory |
| 18 | Jim Miller |
| 20 | Kian Borgers |
| 21 | Matthew Borgers |
| 23 | Hannah Haverkamp |
| 26 | Dara Koeut |
| 29 | Emily Haverkamp |

Don't see your birthday listed?
please email the church office at
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September Greeters

Sept. 7th – Jim & Susan Miller
Sept. 14th – Bob & Pat Gregory
Sept. 21st – Sara Brubaker
Sept. 28th – Laura & Jo Croft

Coffee & Fellowship

Sept. 7th – Yvonne Webb
Sept. 14th – Lee Borgers
Sept. 21st – Laura Croft & Sharon
Colenmonger
Sept. 28th – Wendy Hall, Tom Post,
& Dave Hughes