

"Consider how the wild flowers grow"

Luke 12:27

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April Dates

Sanctuary Flowers:

April 7: Melody Fortner
April 14: Jimmy & Bess Crumbley
April 21: Albert Thornton
April 28: Russ & Carra Goodman

Deacons of the Week:

April 7: Stanley Thrift & Foster Smith
April 14: Thomas Yawn & Ron Nordan
April 21: Verlin Ritch & Cecil Barber
April 28: Russ Goodman & Alan Johnston

Tellers:

April 7: Foster Smith, Thomas Yawn, & Derek Herlocker
April 14: Matt & Ansley Carmichael
April 21: Danny Leccese, Robert Lee, & Brent Beverly
April 28: Brent & Lori James and Robert Varnedoe

Nursery Volunteers:

April 7: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
April 14: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
April 21: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
April 28: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children's Church Volunteers:

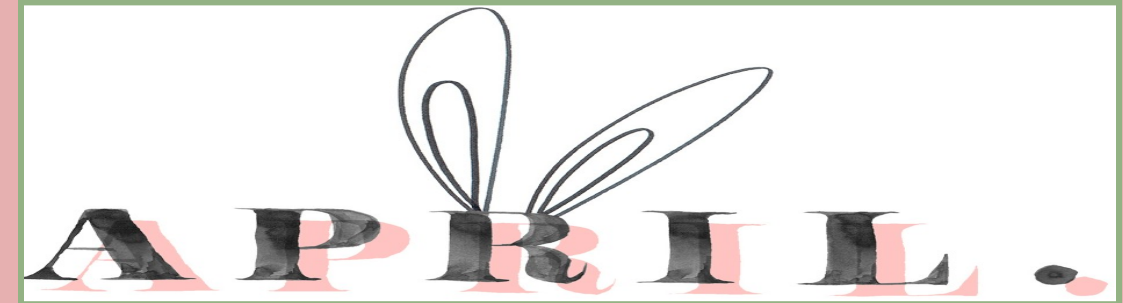
April 7: Beth Jones
April 14: Teresa Johnson
April 21: Hallie Beverly
April 28: Ansley Carmichael

**Come join us on Wednesdays
and enjoy our Bible Study Series
out of the Book of Acts with
Pastor Paul Fulton!**



**Bring your children for our
Children & Youth activities!**

- *AMPLIFY: 5:15p.m.
- *CHERUB CHOIR: 6:15p.m.
- *KID'S PRAISE CHOIR: 6:15p.m.
- *SHEKINAH STUDENT ENSEMBLE: 6:30 p.m.
- *IGNITE YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: 7:15 p.m.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 No Wednesday Night Activities	4	5 Amy Callum	6
SPRING BREAK FOR CLINCH COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEMS						
7 Dean Callum Allen Kennedy II Alison Smith	8 Laura Nipper	9 Beverly Cook Betsy Anna Davis	10 Walker Graham Wednesday Night Activities	11	12 Danny Leccese	13
14 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	15 Bess Crumbley	16	17 Betty Smith Wednesday Night Activities	18	19 Foster Smith Mildred Stovall	20
21 Hallie Beverly Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	22 Scott Leccese Happy Earth Day	23	24 Wednesday Night Activities	25	26 Chelsea Ellis	27 Billy Calley
28 Kallie Williams Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	29 Sue King	30				



I recently planted a garden. I have attempted before to plant a garden with very little success. I love the idea of a garden: providing food for my family, saving money, doing things like my father. It doesn't matter how much I like the idea of it, or if I have a great desire. My garden is not guaranteed to succeed. There is actually a great chance it will fail. Good intentions and desire have little to do with my harvest. A wise woman told me, "if you work your garden, you will have a garden." We like the putting a seed in ground, and we like the picking a vegetable off the plant, but the hard work of pulling weeds, putting down fertilizer, using insecticides, and all of the work in between the planting and the harvesting is not as desirable.

Our spiritual life is just as complicated. We love to think of the moment we got saved, and we look forward to the moment we will step into Heaven, but there is a whole lot to our relationship with Christ than those two events. Our Christian life is a life of discipline, nurturing good habits, and removing bad ones. We are called to bear fruit and that is more than planting a seed. Just like we must work a garden to have a garden; we must focus our time and energy on living a Christian life to truly enjoy the life Christ has for us.

As always, I love being your pastor!
Pastor Paul Fulton



Hello Church Family!

We are just two short months away from Snowbird Summer Camp!! The Youth are so very excited!! We have a few prayer requests as we swiftly approach summer camp. Please pray for God to open up four spots for the four Youth on the waiting list if He chooses to. They want to go, and we want to take as many as we can! This will be our biggest group that we have taken in a long time! I am excited already about what God is going to do!! Pray secondly that God will begin to prepare their hearts as we learn about The Authority of Christ as we study scripture from the book of Luke. I know that God is at work among our young people, and we thank you for lifting them up in prayer. The students are feeling the end of the school year as state testing looms around the corner. This is a very stressful time for our students. Join us as we pray for them during this time of state testing. I just want to take some time to thank our Sunday School teachers for all the hard work that they pour into the children, youth, and adults every week!! The Lord is using them in a mighty way!! If you are able and just can't seem to make it on Sunday morning for breakfast and Sunday, then you are truly missing a blessing!! The Sunday school hour is such a refreshing time of study and fellowship! If you don't feel like you have a place, you are more than welcome to join our Sunday School class upstairs, The Gathering! We would love to have you!

In Christ,
 Stephanie Herlocker



Notes from Rob

The closer I get to retirement age after almost fifty years in ministry, one question pervades much of my thought. Am I doing all that I can do to raise up the next generation of worship leaders in our churches? One thing I do know is that there are MANY churches across our state that are unsuccessfully seeking music leadership for their congregation, because there just are not enough to go around. We must equip our students for leadership in music ministry if God may choose to call them out.

One way we can do that is offer the opportunity to attend Surge Music Camps each summer. The camp is held at Shorter University in Rome, and this year is scheduled for June 17-22. The age group begins with 3rd grade and goes all the way through college freshman. The groups are separated by age categories, of course, so that activities and supervision are age-appropriate. For more information, you can call me, or go to the link: <https://brushfire.com/gabaptist/surge2024/567277>.

I hope to see you in worship this Sunday *"With a Song in Your Heart!"*

Pastor Rob



First Supper
 Sunday

April 7th

6:00 p.m.

Martha McLaine's
 Home

THERE WILL BE A DEACON'S MEETING
 AT 5:00 P.M., SUNDAY
 APRIL 21ST

THERE WILL BE A BUSINESS MEETING
 IN THE EVENING ON
 SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

**Fellowship
 Hall
 Renovation
 Fund**

**Goal:
 \$50,000**



5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. / July 14-18



COMMON
 GROUNDS

COFFEE, BREAKFAST, AND FELLOWSHIP



SUNDAY MORNING 9:30

FOLLOWED BY
 SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00
 WORSHIP SERVICE: 11:00