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August Dates Sanctuary Flowers:

August 3: Wink & Nancy Strickland August 10:Cecil & Debbie Barber August 17: Thomas & Eleanor Yawn August 24: James & Mildred Stovall August 31: LORD'S SUPPER

Deacons of the Week:

August 3: Brent James & Wink Strickland August 10: Foster Smith & Thomas Yawn August 17: Verlin Ritch & Cecil Barber August 24: Russ Goodman & Alan Johnston August 31: Derek Herlocker & Danny Leccese

Tellers:

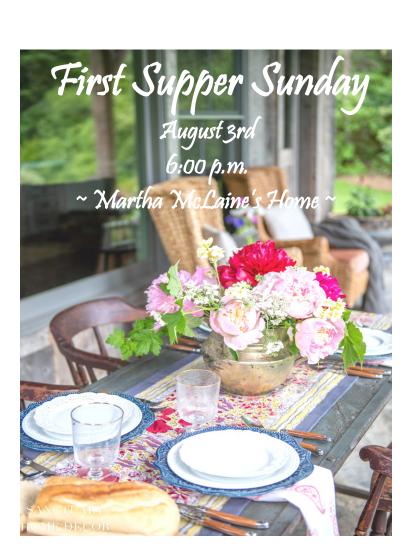
August 3: Foster Smith, Thomas Yawn & Derek Herlocker August 10: Matt & Ansley Carmichael August 17: Danny Leccese, Robert Lee & Brent Beverly August 24: Brent & Lori James & Robert Varnedoe August 31: Fred & Liane Register

Nursery Volunteers:

August 3: Dora Lee & Heidi Strickland August 10: Hallie Beverly & Jaclyn James August 17: Stacy Minson & Ansley Carmichael August 24: Hallie Beverly & Jaclyn James August 31: Dora Lee & Hallie Beverly

Children's Church Volunteers:

August 3: Maddie Fortner August 10: Susan Fortner August 17: Ivey Morgan August 24: Beth Jones August 31: Teresa Johnson



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Susan Fortner Cecil Vest Robbie Forbes Sunday Worship Ivey Fortner S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m. Braden Herlocker **Emily Graham** Deanna Courson Sunday Worship Verlin Ritch Leri Smith S.S. - 10:00 Marion Ritch A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m. 22 23 Marann Pritchett Sunday Worship Kenton McLaine S.S. - 10:00 Nancy Strickland A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m. 26 Kathy Bateman Sunday Worship Thomas Yawn S.S. - 10:00 Phillip Cook A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m





As the school summer break draws to an end and our students and teachers head back to Clinch County Schools and various colleges, we look forward to another wonderful year. It is exciting to have a fresh start—no grades in the grade book and no wins or losses on the field. Anything is possible. This could be the moment when a student decides to get motivated and turn their grades around, or when an average player works harder and becomes the star.

A new school year brings unlimited possibilities. The Christian life is very similar, except we don't have to wait until the first of August each year for a fresh start. Scripture tells us that when we confess our sins, He casts them into the deepest sea—they are forgiven and forgotten. Each day we wake up to a clean slate if we truly confess our sins to God. Every day, we have the opportunity to commit ourselves to Him and go from an average Christian to one of God's righteous ones, as He described Job.

So, let us be challenged as we send off our students, hoping this will be their best year—the year they shine brightest. And let us also strive to live each day with the purpose of honoring God, avoiding temptation and growing closer to Him.

As always, I love being your pastor!

Fastor Faul Fulton



Hello Church Family!

It's hard to believe that August is already here! The summer seems to have flown by! As we enjoy these last few weeks of sunshine and rest, many of our students and families are preparing to bringing a new school year. This season brings

fresh routines, new opportunities and a chance to lean into the Lord for guidance and strength in the months ahead. Isaiah 41:10 encourages us with this truth: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." As our youth step into their classrooms, sports practices, and after-school activities, we pray they will be reminded that God walks with them every step of the way.

We're also excited to kick off a brand-new **Fall Bible Study** for our Youth group! This will be a time to gather, dive deeper into God's Word and grow in faith together—especially important as the business of the school year begins. More details will be shared soon, so stay tuned and keep us in your prayers as we plan and prepare. Wednesday night gatherings will return to their regular schedule as soon as school begins. As always, we would love to have Youth to join Laura Nipper in Sunday School!! Thank you, church family, for your continued prayers and support. As we step into this new season, may we keep our hearts open to God's leading, trusting that He is at work, doing something new and meaningful in the lives of our Youth and throughout our church!

In Christ, Stephanie Herlocker



Notes from Rob

Camps for kids, youth, and band members are winding down, which means summer is coming to an end. Maybe an end to the hot weather will soon follow. Let me take this opportunity to post some important dates as we gear up for a new church

year. Our Wednesday evening activities will resume on Aug. 20, and I'm sure Mrs. Jean and her crew will have a great meal lined up for us that night. We will resume choir rehearsals in Room 115 that night, so choir members make plans to be in your place. There will be some new music in addition to some old favorites, so let's get ready to lead our people in worship.

The next week, on Wed. Aug. 27 we will celebrate CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST, as our Christmas music is already on my desk. "Hope in a Manger" is our offering this year for our December worship event, and I invite present choir members as well as new faces to join us to preview the music. We will enjoy some Christmas desserts as we preview the music, and I'll keep the room cool if you want to wear your favorite Christmas sweater.

Shekinah Student Ensemble will continue to have a rotation leading our morning worship as we head into fall, and rehearsals resume on 8/20 at 6:30 after supper. Haven't our students done a great job of leading worship this summer! I look forward to seeing you back in worship this next Sunday "With a Song in Your Heart!"

Pastor Rob



Ist Day of School for CCSS >> Wednesday, August 6th

AUGUST ITEM OF THE MONTH

*GLUESTICK
*GOAL: 200





WMU Hunger Relief Day Sunday, August 24th



wednesday nights

5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.

6:15 ρ.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m.

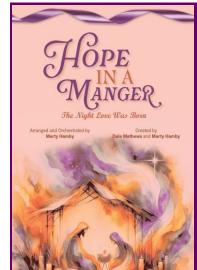
Amplify Supper Prayer Meeting

Shekinah Student Enjemble

Prayer Meeting Ignite Youth

Worship Choir

Starting August 20th



Christmas in August!

Preview our 2025 Choir Christmas Music

Wednesday August 27th

7:15 p.m.

Room 115

Share your favorite Christmas dessert!