



You faithfully answer our prayers with
awesome deeds, O God our savior.
You are the hope of everyone on earth,
even those who sail on distant seas.

- Psalm 65:5 (NLT)

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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
					1	2 Susan Fortner Cecil Vest
3 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	4	5 Ivey Fortner	6	7 Rebbie Forbes	8	9
10 Braden Herlocker Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	11 Verlin Ritch	12	13 Emily Graham Marion Ritch	14	15 Lori Smith	16 DeAnna Coursen
17 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	18 Kenton McLaine	19	20	21 Marann Pritchett Nancy Strickland	22	23
24 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	25 Kathy Bateman Phillip Cook	26 Thomas Yawn	27	28	29	30
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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!
Pastor Paul 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

Back-to-School BLESSINGS

We're praying for you!

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN

THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

- Joshua 1:9

1st Day of School for CCSS

♥ Wednesday, August 6th

AUGUST ITEM OF THE MONTH

***GLUESTICK**
***GOAL: 200**

WMU

Hunger Relief Day

Sunday, August 24th

BACK -to- SCHOOL

Ministerial Prayer Service

Sunday, August 17th

wednesday nights

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

6:30 p.m.
7:15 p.m.

Amplify
Supper
Prayer Meeting
Shekinah Student Ensemble
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!