

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday School

Sundays at 9:00 AM

Men's & Women's Small Groups

Women's Leader: Tammy Thore *Men's Leader: Greg Johnson*
Wednesdays at 6:00 PM Wednesday at 6:00 PM

Leader: Beverly Clayton

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the parlor.

Wednesday Prayer & Devotion

12:00-12:30 PM in the sanctuary every Wednesday.

Wednesday Community Meals

Will resume on October 7th

Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Red Cross Blood Drive - 11 AM- 3:15 PM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Food Pantry Team Meeting - Following worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Leadership Board - 5:30 PM

Young Adults Bible Study - New class begins! Monday nights at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall.



BRUNSWICK STEW
— for Sale —

Proceeds to benefit the Pastor's discretionary fund.

\$15/quart Sign up in
the narthex.

A Christmas of Kindness

This Christmas, Karen Ham is spreading a little kindness through the gift of reading! She is collecting new and gently used, family-friendly books and bookmarks to give to local children and families during the Christmas season. Books for adults are welcome as well, including Bibles and other faith-based books. Whether it's a favorite children's story, an encouraging devotional, or a gently loved book waiting for a new reader, your donation can help make Christmas a little brighter for someone in our community.

A collection box is available in the narthex outside the sanctuary. Thank you for helping share the gift of a good book—and a little kindness—this Christmas!





In Preparation for Sunday...

The language of “blessing” can sometimes be misunderstood. It may be easy to assume that those with financial wealth are somehow more favored by God than those who have fewer financial resources. Or that God blesses us primarily for our own enjoyment or success. But this isn’t the picture we see in the life of Jesus. Christ modeled a life of grace, compassion, humility, service and generosity. He taught that God’s blessings are not simply gifts to be enjoyed for ourselves, but opportunities to bless others.

Whatever God has entrusted to us - our resources, time, abilities, or possessions - serves as an invitation to participate in God’s work. We are blessed not merely to receive, but to give and not only to be blessed but to be a blessing to others. As we reflect on God’s generosity toward us, may we ask how we can faithfully use what God has given us to encourage others, meet needs, and share God’s love with the world around us. All that we are and all that we have come from God. We are stewards through whom God is blessing the world.

On Sunday, we will continue our stewardship worship series, “Releasing God’s Blessings.” Our scripture text is 2 Corinthians 9:6-10. The sermon title is “Blessed People Bless Others - The Grace of Increase.” I look forward to worshipping with you.

See you Sunday,
Pastor Kristy

WORSHIP SERIES

“Releasing God’s Blessings”

We often think of blessings as things we receive. While it is true that God, by grace, freely gives us all that we have, we are not just passive recipients of God’s blessings! Just as God blesses us through people in our lives, so does God promise to bless others through us. When we live from a place of gratitude for God’s gifts and trust in God’s provision, we can be agents of God’s blessing in our world.

We will walk through Paul’s guidance on generosity found in 2 Corinthians 9. We will focus to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ that receives that reward: it means abundantly and then shares abundantly as cheerful givers.

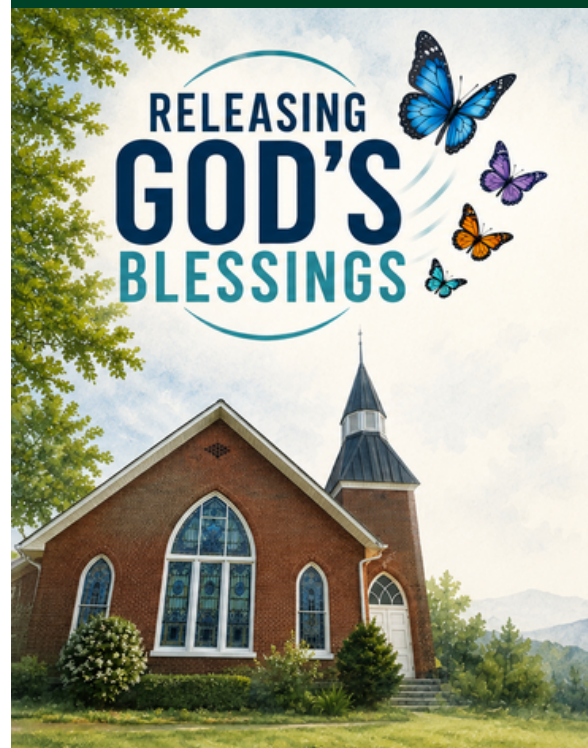
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026	Blessed People Bless Others – The Grace of Increase	2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-10
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026	Overflowing Blessings	2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-10

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**WEAR IT TO
SHARE JESUS.**
BE A CONVERSATION.
MAKE AN IMPACT.
CHANGE ETERNITY.

SIZES: YOUTH TO ADULT 3XL

YOUTH TO ADULT XL	ADULT XXL	ADULT 3XL
\$15 EACH	\$17 EACH	\$18 EACH

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH. WEAR OUR MISSION.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for your recent donation to our Shoes for Kids drive and for helping to ensure that children had a new pair of proper fitting shoes as they started back to school. A simple pair of shoes can change a child's life. May you be blessed for your kindness!

Jennifer Richardson,
Ashe County Volunteer
Coordinator

Come See Ministry in Action!

For years, our church has supported the Red Card project with our time, gifts and prayers. Hundreds of children in our area have been blessed at Christmas through your ministry. This year, we are in a transition to an expanded ministry called Wrapped in Love. We will still do the Red Cards and purchase gifts for children at Christmas but we will also be available to kids in crisis at any time. DSS intervention, fire, school determination of need. All of these things happen to kids in our county throughout the year. Wrapped in Love keeps clothes, toiletries, and toys on hand to serve these needs. We have recently changed storage locations and we would like to invite the church to come see the new warehouse for the Wrapped in Love ministry. If you are interested in seeing it, please meet at church at 2:00 on October 11. We will carpool to Glendale Springs (where it's located) and tour the facilities. We want you to see what your ministry is doing!



A donation
was made to the
Pastor's Discretionary
Fund in memory of
Sarah Sanders by
Wade Sanders.

Birthdays

September 1	Jonathan Curtis
September 2	Marjorie Hoyle
September 3	Clay Camp
September 4	Alice Thompson
September 8	Lisa Camp
September 17	Charles Jones
September 19	Jonathan Brown & Cindy Bingham
September 20	Robin Staley
September 24	Kathy Collier
September 25	Noah Benson
September 26	Scott Henson
September 29	Erin Collier

Anniversaries

September 3	Joe & Sharon Duvall
September 12	Tommy Jones & Leigh Bradley
September 14	Mike & Jeanne Miller
September 26	Matt & Margo Levi
September 28	Joe & Tammy Thore

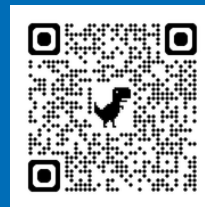
Card Ministry Leader

Lori Neaves-Gibbs

Prayer Team Leaders

September 6	Carol Seaman
September 13	Ruth Ashe
September 20	Jennie Hallsey
September 27	Jim & Marilyn Wooten

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Gifts, Presence & Service

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7-13

Gifts

Weekly Giving	\$2,793.31	Weekly Budget	\$5,740
August Giving	\$50,584.25	Monthly Budget	\$24,871

Presence

Worship	55	Online Worship	172
Sunday School			

Service

Food Pantry Households	23	Individuals	46
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Your gifts matter! Thank you for your generosity.

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Remember in Prayer

Please let Pastor Kristy or Ashley know if there is a name that should be added or removed from the prayer list.

MEMBERS:

Liz Poulos, Glenn & JoAnn Crawley, Alice Graves, Gay Freeman, Martha Scott, Alice Thompson, Dan Davis (hip surgery)

MILITARY:

Anatoly Ray, Riley Watson, John Wooten, Nicole Seaman, Anna Wooten, Jake Duvernois, Ben Trivette, Sydney Rose Cook

FRIENDS:

Jim Gambill, Walter Pugh, Stuart Tugman, Stuart Tugman Jr., Emma Griffiths, John Camp, Gail Mossholder, Madison Mielke, Brenda Boyd, Johnny, Colon Flythe, Joan Cruto, Alfred Thompson, Wanda Wilson - cancer, Steve Lecount, Gerald & Angela Long, Family of Paul Kraftchick, Jane Troutman, Gavin (motorcycle accident), Jonathan's mom, Family of Hal Nealy, Devilla Family, Buck, June LeCount (hospice), Paul Bailey's parents.

OUR STAFF:

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