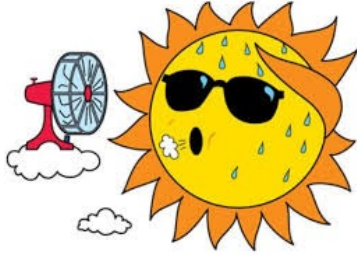


## West Corinth News



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### **Pastor's Corner:**



Well summer is here, and the days are hot, muggy and long. The summer solstice was early this year as it came on June 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the day with the longest period of time between sunup and sundown. However, with each passing day, it grows shorter many times without us even noticing. Each morning we climb out of bed, go through our normal routines (if there is such a thing as normal anymore) not realizing that we lose an average of 20 seconds a day of daylight until we reach the shortest period of time between sunup and sundown (winter solstice) which is on December 21. Before we know it, the sun will be going down about the same time that we are getting home from work or sitting down to supper.

Our lives are much the same way. None of us know how much time (or daylight) we have left; therefore, we need to live for God and accomplish as much as we can for the glory of God while we can. Jesus said in John 9:4, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work." Unlike the days that get shorter and then begin to get longer, again we only have one life to live. We cannot add one second to our lives. We cannot backup and relive a time that has gone by. We are not promised tomorrow, but we can live now in the present. We need to make sure that we are living in such a way today as we will not look back with regret tomorrow. Proverbs 27:1 says, "Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."

James 4:13-15 says, "Go to now, ye that say, Today or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain. (14) Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. (15) For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that."

When we are young, we feel like we will live forever, but as the days pass by and we realize that there are more days behind us than in front of us, we begin to take inventory. God has given us the days that we have left on this earth to bring honor and glory to Him by representing His loving goodness to a lost and dying world. May we share God's great plan of salvation while we still have the opportunity. Someone else's eternity may be hanging in the balance, and a good Word from you could be what it takes to lead them to the Lord Jesus Christ.

May God open doors and richly bless each of you,

Pastor Robert



**Let's Celebrate!**

Happy Birthday to...

- Lynn Nodine - 4th
- Chris Teter - 8th
- Richard Nantz - 12th
- Audrey Springs - 12th
- Phyllis Honeycutt - 13th
- Phillip Orbison - 13th
- Noah Ledbetter - 14th
- Earl Greer - 16th
- Janelle Bentley - 19th
- Billy Beaver - 23rd
- Makenzie Nodine - 24th
- Braddie Lowery - 25th
- Jake Hopkins - 25th
- Tina Dancy - 28th
- David Hager - 30th



Happy Anniversary to...

- Lewis & Cindy Karriker - 6th
- Richard & Shirley Nantz - 7th
- Wayne & Janice Wilson - 10th
- Phillip and Patty Orbison - 12th
- Jim & Dianne Burr - 26th
- Ron & Kathy Webb - 29th



**Mark your Calendars**

**August 6:**

Parents' Night Out - 6:00 PM

**August 8:**

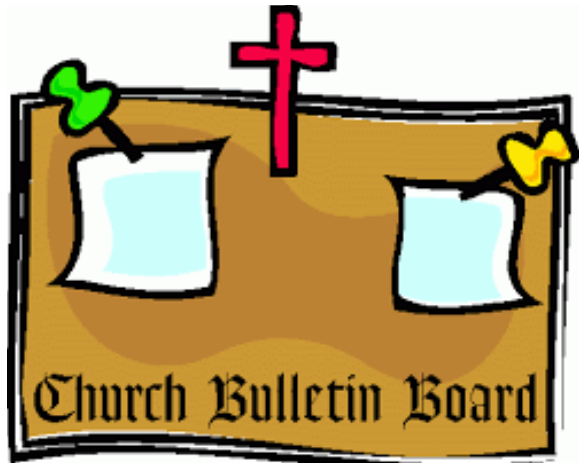
Deacon's Meeting (Evening)

**August 22:**

Special Worship Service of  
Celebration & Luncheon

**August 29:**

Baptist Men - 8:00 AM  
Fifth Sunday Song Service



**Save the Date:**

Nov 13 - Legacy 5 Concert

Nov. 14 - Youth Sunday





# Matthew Walton

**How long have you been a member at West Corinth?**

*Since April 18, 2021*

**What has changed at our church since you joined?**

*Not much in 3 months*

**What can the youth do to serve our church?** *Stay connected*

**What is your favorite church event?**

*The Easter Service*

**What is your favorite TV show?**

*Survivor*

**What is your favorite hymn?**

*Amazing Grace*

**How has West Corinth affected your life?**

*I love the Pastor.*

**What is your favorite story in the Bible?**

*Noah's Ark*

**What types of jobs have you had?**

*I worked for Kroger in Virginia. Now I work at Harris Teeter.*

**How old were you when you were saved?**

*Early 20's*

**What is your favorite food?**

*Pizza*

**Do you have any hobbies?**

*Pool, bowling, video games, animals*

**Where did you grow up? Have you always lived in NC?** *Roanoke, VA; I have lived in North Carolina since 2006.*

**What is your favorite memory at West Corinth?** *All of the get togethers*



**A special Missions message:**

First and foremost, let me start by thanking the church for supporting me on the mission trip to South Africa. It was a great opportunity, and I brought back memories that will stay with me for a lifetime.

It was an 11 day trip of which three days were spent in travel, six days were spent on missionary work, and two days for excursions and sight seeing. Our missionary team consisted of three from Charlotte, five from Atlanta, and four hosting missionaries. During our missionary work, I was amazed at how receptive people were to the gospel of Jesus Christ. We attended various churches, a homeless shelter, a school and a day camp of which I gave my personal testimony many times. I witnessed churches with dirt floors and meager furnishings in some very rough areas but despite it all, they worshiped with enthusiasm and praise. We also visited several properties that are being considered for a future Christian school site.

While the location may have varied, we started each day with a devotion. The most memorable was the one on a Sunday morning in a cemetery outside the city limits. Another memory, because of such a short life span in South Africa, I realized early on that I was one of the oldest in the country, or it felt that way! Since I was considered an elder, I was treated with great respect for the duration of my trip.

On a personal note, we were allowed to pick several excursions of which I chose skydiving and an African Safari hunt. On the hunt, I killed a kudu (deer family) of which the meat will be used to feed needy children at a nearby Christian camp for several months. I also waded in the Indian Ocean, which is something I never thought I would do!

Overall, it was just a great experience and gave me a new outlook on what it means to be a servant of Christ. I'm thankful to God for allowing us to have a safe trip despite all the political and health concerns. One of the local pastors whom Jeremy mentors said it best. As we were parting ways, he said he would never see me again here, but that he would see me in Heaven. That's what it's all about, spreading the gospel so we can all be together in Heaven.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve with Jeremy Hall, and I look forward to our church continuing to support his ministry in the future.

Scott Hardwick

(Pictures are included on the following page.)

