# To God Be The Glory





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# From The Pastor's Corner:

I want to start this newsletter by saying how much Karen and I appreciate all of the calls, texts, and prayers for both of our mothers. It was quite the day when you receive calls that not one, but both of your mothers, have been taken to the hospital. We are thankful to report that Karen's mother (Chris) is doing well, just a little bruised up from her fall. The day of this writing is Easter Sunday, and my mother (Freda) is making some slight improvements each day, and we are praying that this trend continues, trusting in the Lord to do what is best for her.

It is times like this that truly make you sit back and think just how quickly life can change. My mother got ready and went to church on Wednesday evening and then by Thursday morning, she was being taken to the hospital by



ambulance; however, not all of life's changes are devastating. In fact some 2000 plus years ago, God's only begotten Son was crucified on the rugged cross and rose again three days later victorious over death, hell and the grave. This was an event that changed not only those that were present that day, but it changed the entire world for all of time. The death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus gave hope to a lost and dying world. It gave those that would accept Him as their personal Savior, a hope that lies beyond the grave. We may not know what tomorrow has in store for us each day as we traverse through this world, but we do know that if we are saved by God's grace, there is a better day that lies ahead for all of us.

On a slightly different note, we had a great turn out for the sunrise service, and a great time of fellowship afterwards as everyone came inside to enjoy breakfast; a big thank you to those that organized and facilitated everything. It was such a joy to see Brother Gary and Sister Tina Dancy get to join us for the first time since her heart transplant surgery. I have made the statement many times that it is one thing to make the decision not to come to church; it is another when you are unable to come. I am sure they would echo that sentiment as well.

Easter morning, we had a communion service with the aid of our choir and soloists. Brother Dean arranged the songs in a manner that help to tell the resurrection story. It was a beautiful service that I pray made us stop and consider the great sacrifice that was made so that we could have that blessed hope. We serve a risen Savior that seeks to save mankind from their sins. And we have been commissioned by God to, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature".

May God Bless Each of You, Pastor Robert



On **May 4<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00 - 4:30 pm, Daughters of the King will host a baby Shower for Darren and Megan Greene. They are registered on Amazon.



### **Upcoming Events:**

### May 2, 2025

Parent Nights Out Cookie Drop Off. Please drop your cookies off on FRIDAY night prior to PNO. If you are unable to participate, please advise Valerie Bowen so we can plan accordingly.

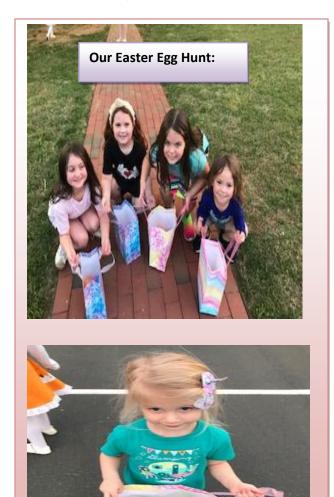
### <u>May 10, 2025</u>

Monthly breakfast meeting at 9:00 am; women of all ages are encouraged to attend to enjoy devotions and fellowship. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

### <u>2025 Baby Bottle Campaign</u>

This supports Life Choices of Rowan County. Bottle collection will run through June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your filled bottles and place them on the table in the narthex. If you did not pick up a bottle, please see Valerie Bowen, and we will provide one for you.

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We had a great time at last month's PNO as we celebrated with Easter activities including 37 children and youth! This month, we have several crafts planned for Mother's Day, and we'll be learning about the miracles of Jesus.





Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 5:45 - 8:15pm

We continue in the planning stages for VBS. Please take a flyer in the narthex and start inviting family, friends and neighbors to this year's VBS. The kids and workers will start each night with an opening assembly, and a meal will be provided as part of the VBS schedule. The adults will meet in a Sunday School classroom at 6:30pm. We are looking forward to a great turnout. Please help us spread the word and continue to make VBS a prayer priority! Pray For



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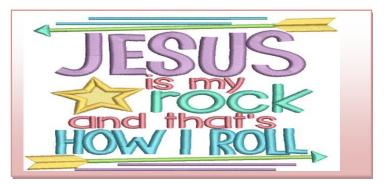
#### **Children's Church:**

I hope everyone had a great Easter. As we move closer to summer, soon the kids will be out of school. We will have more time to take time to read our bible. This past month, we looked at the life of Jesus on this earth, and the miracle He performed as well as the promise He made to us. We are continuing to learn the books of the New Testament. Remember to mark your calendar for VBS which is coming up fast, June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone has a great month. I can't wait to see what God has in store this month.

#### Pastor Jesse

**Children's Church Schedule:** 

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sam and Jeanna Gregory
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Michael and Angela Hinson
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Michael and Felicia Hayes
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Mike and Melissa Tabor





### Youth Ministry:

We had a great time at the NC zoo. I want to thank all the volunteers who came and helped out. See the last page of the newsletter for a few photos.

Remember Wednesday and Sunday night youth services and bring a friend!

### Pastor Jesse's Thought for the Day:

This month I have been studying wisdom and knowledge in the bible and what it means to seek both. In Hosea 4:6, the bible says, my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Now we can all agree that knowledge and wisdom go hand in hand. But what is true wisdom? And what is true knowledge? We get wisdom from the Lord, and with wisdom, comes knowledge. Studying and reading God's word brings wisdom and knowledge and will lead to a better relationship with our Lord and Savior.



## Let's Celebrate!!

### Happy Birthday to.....

Dianne Burr – 4<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Pennell – 10<sup>th</sup> Frankie Julian – 20<sup>th</sup> Richard Moody –20<sup>th</sup> Willaree Beaver – 21<sup>st</sup> Krista Holt – 24<sup>th</sup> Barbara Smith –24<sup>th</sup> Brenda Leazer – 28<sup>th</sup> Wayne Wilson – 29<sup>th</sup> Cindy Karriker – 30<sup>th</sup>





## May Events:

#### Happy Anniversary to ...

Tom and Doll Childers - 4<sup>th</sup> Scott and Vernelle Davis – 7<sup>th</sup> Van and Billie Ann Alford – 8<sup>th</sup> Michael and Angela Hinson – 12<sup>th</sup> Richard and Linda Moody – 12<sup>th</sup> Earl and April Greer – 20<sup>th</sup> Sam and Angie Rogers – 24<sup>th</sup> Richard and Cindy Bean – 31<sup>st</sup>

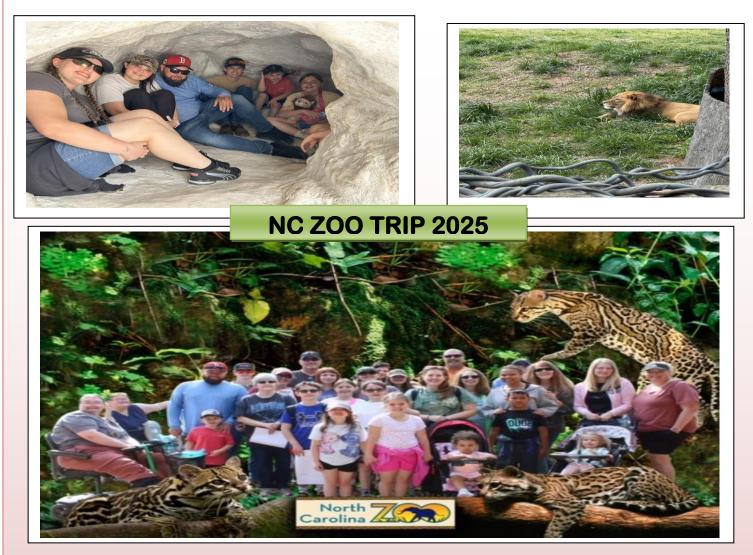


A big shout out to all of our Parent's Night Out volunteers! Our volunteer participation has been up the last several months, and we are so pleased as we couldn't do it without you. Thank you for your service and commitment to sharing the gospel with all children and youth who join us each month!





On **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will take up a love offering for Pastor Robert. This supplements his salary and is open to anyone interested in giving.





Thank you to all those who went to the zoo and a special thank you to Pastor Jesse for organizing!

### **Outreach Opportunities:**

For the Race City event on May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9am to 3pm, we are setting up a tent and "taking to the street" in downtown Mooresville to tell the Good News about Jesus as well as sharing information about our church. If you feel led to serve in this way, there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex this Sunday, April  $27^{th}$ , and next Sunday, May  $4^{th}$ .

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, to share with our community at our second community breakfast, starting at 7:30am. Let's make it even more successful than the first one which was great!

