

July 2025

To God Be The Glory



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From The Pastor's Corner:

This past month of June was much like every other month and I guess life in general. It was filled with many ups and downs. The Apostle Paul instructed us this way..... Phillippians 4:8 says, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Each day we are faced with situations that make us stop, reflect, and react. For most of us, it is the "reaction" part that gives us trouble. However, when the devil throws an obstacle in our path, we need to stop or pause for a minute, reflect on the entire situation as a whole, before we react. Now I of all people know that is

much easier to say than to implement, but we need to spend our time and energy on things that have eternal consequences, not temporal. Again, the Apostle Paul tells us 1st Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you".

This past month had one of those events with eternal consequences. I know we have already spoken about and thanked all of those involved in VBS 2025, but I would like to again give a personal thank you to each of you. Brother Jesse continues to take on a larger roll in the planning and coordinating of such events and this year, although not perfect, VBS seemed to go off without any large hiccups. The seed of salvation was planted in the hearts of all those that attended



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in not only the lessons but the music and crafts as well. Only time will yield the fruit that will come from the seeds that were planted during those five days. It is not our job to save but to share, share the “Good News” that Jesus saves.

In closing, any time we have a program that is designed to bring others from outside of the local church, we must remember that in most cases they did not have the same type of upbringing that many of us did. They have not been taught about the church and how to present and conduct themselves. A hard lesson to remember is that you cannot clean a fish before you catch it. The world has a grip on our young people and that should be our motivation to show them there is a better way. Do not let the world drag you down by telling you that you are not making a difference - YOU ARE!

May God Richly Bless Each of You,
Pastor Robert



Please plan to support the Back to School Bash on Saturday, July 26th, from 10am to 2pm. Book bags and supplies will be given out while quantities last. This will be on a “first come first serve basis” so once we run out, that will be it 😊, so plan to come early!

There will be hot dogs, pop corn and ice cream. There will also be five gift card giveaways so everyone must fill out a ticket. There will also be a giant slide and bouncy house as well as other games and face painting.

If you'd like to volunteer for a station, text Vernelle at (704) 490-8105.

Have a Blessed 4th!



Please join us Wednesday, July 2nd at 7:00pm for a presentation of **The Good News Club**, a Christian program for public school children.

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We had a great time at our Parents Night Out last month as we continued learning about the miracles of Jesus. We made cards for Father's Day and we are looking forward to our next Parents Night Out as we celebrate the 4th by grilling hamburgers and continuing in the New Testament with learning more about the miracles performed by Jesus.

Volunteers are needed more than ever given the holiday, so please come and help out!

Our preschoolers playing Duck Duck Goose!



Community Pancake Breakfast



Thank you to all those who supported last month's pancake breakfast! It was a nice time of fellowship and special thanks to the Outreach Committee for coordinating!

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Thank you to the youth class for counting and rolling the coins for Life Choices of Rowan and also to Howard and Valerie Bowen for 'hauling' all those coins to the bank!



Daughters of the King – LifeChoice Facility Tour

On **Saturday, July 12th**, the Daughters of the King will be touring the **LifeChoice Facility** in Salisbury. After the tour, we will enjoy lunch together in Salisbury.

Schedule:

Arrival at the church: 9:15 am

Bus departure: 9:30 am sharp

We look forward to a meaningful visit and fellowship time together! And, a special THANKS to everyone that donated to the LifeChoice Baby Bottle Drive! LifeChoice was thrilled with the donations!

We are sponsoring a weekly meal for Richard and Shirley Nantz. An updated MEAL MISSION SCHEDULE will be available in the narthex. Please pick up a revised schedule. Thank you to everyone that has volunteered.

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Children's Church:

Happy 4th of July! First off, I want to say thank you to all that volunteered for VBS. Everyone I have talked to said they enjoyed it. Before we know it, it will be time to start practicing for the Christmas play 😊!! This month, we have been learning about the creation as found in Genesis.

Time is flying by so enjoy your summer!

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Pastor Jesse

Children's Church Schedule:

July 6 th	Sam and Jeanna Gregory
July 13 th	Sherri Hannah
July 20 th	Scott and Vernelle Davis
July 27 th	Mike and Melissa Tabor

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Youth Ministry:

I want to say how proud I am of all those who sang for the VBS commencement on Father's Day. There will be a Youth Lock In on Friday, July 11th. Watch for next month's newsletter for pictures and a write up regarding the activities. Also, keep checking the bulletin for upcoming events.

Pastor Jesse's Thought for the Day:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance.

Psalm 33:12

VBS Wonder Junction 2025

See the last page of the newsletter for additional information.



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Let's Celebrate!!
Happy Birthday to.....

Mildred Cook – 3rd
Bobby Fowler – 4th
Ronnie Flowers – 8th
Dean Orbison – 8th
Sam Rogers – 10th
Jim Burr – 12th
Cheryl Leazer – 14th
Scott Davis – 17th
Hannah Walton – 20th
Dylan Williams – 21st
Carol Hager – 23rd
Haley Walton – 23rd
Lawson Greene – 25th
Megan Bean – 29th



Happy Anniversary to...

Darren and Megan Greene – 25th
Bobby and Bonnie Fowler – 26th



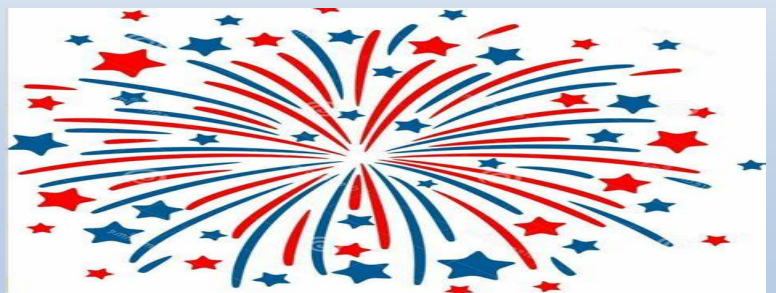
Please join us on Sunday morning, July 13th, as missionaries David and Melanie Powley share updates regarding their mission work in Mexico. Please plan to attend! A love offering will be collected.



This month's shout out goes to Pastor Jesse and all those volunteers who supported **Vacation Bible School!** It was a great week and without the support of our volunteers, we couldn't accomplish all that we do. Thanks to all those who slid money to the boys and girls for the Chispas of Change offering! Also, special thanks to all our prayer warriors who remembered to lift a prayer for our VBS!

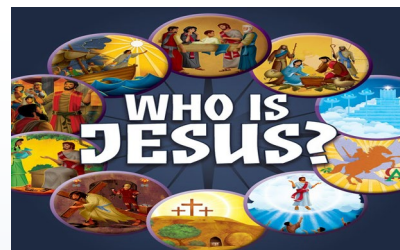
July Events:

Parents Night Out	July 4 th
Youth Lock In	July 11 th
Daughters of the King	July 12 th
Deacons Meeting	July 13 th
Quarterly Business Meeting	July 20 th
Back to School Bash	July 26 th
Baptist Men	July 27 th



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**Wonder Junction
VBS 2025**



We averaged approximately 90 workers, adults, youth and children each night. Of the total, we averaged approximately 42 children and youth. The total offering collected was \$1,129.02. This will go to Chispas of Change, our Guatemala mission team. And, the **boys won** the offering competition this year!

