

# CONNECT

# September & October 2025

# Newsletter of Mount Carmel Global Methodist Church



# Mount Carmel Methodist Church

Our Vision Statement: "Mt. Carmel seeks to be a place of new beginnings, unified in the character and love of Jesus Christ."

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From the Pastor's Desk: "THE ANATOMY OF A DYING GROWING CHURCH"

Greetings Family of God! I am back from vacation and am glad to be back in church. Doug and I traveled to see some of our friends and family in some of our northern states. While we were in New England, we discovered we could camp in our travel trailer for free in several church parking lots. We watched the activity of what goes on in church parking lots when the church is closed. If you are curious as to what we saw going on, it was literally nothing! In one

Administrative Secretary: Joanne Spetz

Administrative Board Chair: Michael Spetz

of our camping spots the host was gracious enough to give us keys to the church building so we could use the facilities since we were boondocking (camping without electricity or water). This Methodist church was in a state of decline. They did not have a permanent pastor, and no longer met for worship on Sundays. But at least they were still open unlike all of the other churches in the neighborhood that had long closed. This particular church did manage to have a handful of remnant people who had a mid-week Bible Study and Prayer group which we gratefully attended. After everyone went home we had the church all to ourselves for the night. I had the opportunity to walk through the three story building and pray over the empty pews, Sunday School spaces, and nursery. The sanctuary was no longer in use and had become a storage area for old sound and music equipment. In the children's Sunday School class, I noticed a flannel board and some curriculum that looked like it was written around the 1990's. One side of the basement fellowship hall had ceiling tiles hanging down and the smell of old scout supplies. It was like stepping back into a time capsule. There were still jumbled papers, broken crayons and faded papers left on the shelves. I wondered when the last time was that this church hosted any children. I wish I could say that was only one church we experienced but on our travel north, but we saw many churches that had closed or had weeds overtaking their parking lots. It hasn't been that long ago when our upstairs "children's world" at Mt. Carmel experienced the same emptiness! So I don't take for granted the blessing of seeing new children and youth in our classrooms, and babies in our nursery once again.

A few years ago Thom Rainer wrote an insightful book called "Autopsy of a Dying Church." He listed 12 things that he found common to most dying churches:

- 1. They lived for a long time with the past accomplishments as their hero. (Luke 9:62)
- 2. They were not hanging on to Biblical truths, morality, or fighting for primary doctrines. (Jude 3)
- 3. They focused on their own needs instead of the needs of others. (Phil. 2:4)
- 4. They refused to look like their communities, and were unwilling to trust newcomers with leader ship in the church. (Luke 10:29-37)
- 5. They became a fortress. Outsider people did not feel welcome in the church. -continued pg. 3

### **NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter will continue to be mailed and emailed. The newsletter deadline is the 20th of Feb., Apr., Jun., Aug., Oct. & Dec. You can email your article at office@mountcarmelmethodist.org

#### **NEW PHONE SYSTEM**

We now have gone cellular! Church: 336-788-4183 Pastor Mary Miller: 336-788-1013 You can now easily leave messages or even leave a text message.

# **UPDATE:WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:45 am = Adult Sunday School 9:30 am = Kid's Church 10:00 am = Worship Service 11:30 am = Youth Bible Study

We will continue to do our live messages from Pastor Mary via Facebook Sundays at **10am.** Follow us on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/ mountcarmelmethodistchurch Mount Carmel Methodist Church. Web-site: https:// mountcarmelmethodist.org

LOOK!
Our email address:

"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect."

1 Peter 3:15

	September Birthdays		October Birthdays
2	Eliud Muriungi	2	Grant Thomas
3	Lori Britt	3	Hilda Hege
4	Elizabeth Muriungi	3	Josh Harris
5	Anne Sink	3	Elizabeth Kuyper
5	Emily Miller Scott	7	Lin Jones
5	Jeff Sidden	8	Tim White
6	Kristin Ayers Stiller	8	Doug Miller
6	Kelly Miller LaFon	9	Ryan Shore
6	Jude Bowman	10	Ricky Farthing
8	Emerson North	11	Mitch Proctor
8	David Patterson III	12	Beverly Miller
11	Michael Fulcher	13	Jeanne Miller
14	Kristen Crotts	14	Colin Moffett
17	Tricia Harmon	15	Cindy Ledford Luper
21	Penny Garris	20	Cindy Jones
21	Julia Golding	20	Jonathan Lee Stallard
23	Jessie Stalnaker	20	Lenora Brelsford
23	Maia van de Velde	21	Ann Farthing
24	Bryan O'Shields	23	Florence Adams
29	Judy Ledford	24	Teresa VanHoy Weavil
30	Maggie Miller	25	Lincoln Walburn
30	Ed O'Shields	25	Brian Casey Shillito
	1/1/	28	Jamey Eddinger
	BIRTHDRY B- goal	28	Vicky White

# Gifts Given to the Glory of God

# **Graveyard Fund**

In Memory of JoAnn Shields

From: National Wild Turkey Federation

Women of Grace Nina Livengood Melinda Matthews The Floras

Sharon Applegate & James G. Scott

Chestnut Grove Church

### Youth Fund

In Memory of Faye Craver By Rev. Dr. Mary Miller

# No Meeting in Sept. We will next meet on October 5 at 7:30am Spouses welcome! Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Family Life Center

# **Prayer Concerns**

# ASSISTED LIVING

Hilda Hege (Heritage Woods, 3812 Forestgate Dr, Winston-Salem 27103)

Bob & Elizabeth Kuyper (Heritage Woods, 3812 Forestgate Dr., Winston-

Salem 27103)

# **HOMEBOUND**

June Carroll
Don Linebach
Richard Long
Tammy Moore
L.A. & Jean Topping
Lou Ann Whitlow
Joe & Jill Chucci
Wanda Gordon
Larry Essex
Wanda Gordon

# ILLNESS/SURGERY

Josh Harris
Mike Kimball
Rev. Jim Stalnaker
Baby Noah (b.8-29)
Mitch Proctor
Rev. Caren Morgan
Baby Ophelia Timmons
Sandra Robertson
Eddie Darnell
Bobbie Darnell
Joe & Jill Chucci
Larry Vanhoy

PRISCILLA SHIRER

Danny Cranford
Rev. Jim Stalnaker
Rev. Lee & Evelyn Ellis
Jason Gentry
Vivian & Bill Purcell
Yuri Morrison
Mitch Proctor
Cindy Jones
Jim Turner (Trellis/Hospice)
Penny Garris (Homebound)

# **DEATHS**

Mike Queen 7-17-25 Faye Craver 7-31-25 JoAnn Shields 8-11-25

#### **OTHER**

- Mt Carmel—witness, ministries, finances, joy!
- Students & Teachers
- School gun violence
- Ukraine & Russia (war)
- Israel (protection and end of war)
- Persecuted Church around the world
- Forsyth Cty Prison Ministry
- Those who are homeless esp. children
- Peace in our country
- Upcoming Emmaus Walks & Retreats



Wednesday Morning Prayer and Bible Study 10:30am –12:00pm

Wednesday Bible Study in Sept: "Moving Mountains" John Eldridge

\*Coming in October:

"Faith & Fire: Elijah" by Priscilla Shirer

\$16.99 order on www.christianbook.com

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- 6. They stopped reaching out to their community. (Matthew 25:43)
- 7. Their budgets moved inwardly to preserving the buildings & staff rather than missions. (Matthew 6:19-21)
- 8. They stopped inviting unchurched friends and relatives to be a part of a life changing and life giving church. (Romans 10:14)
- 9. They forgot their main purpose— the Great Commission and forgot how to make disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- 10. They no longer took the power of prayer seriously. (James 5:16)
- 11. They had no clear purpose. (Proverbs 29:18)
- 12. They were unwilling to put in the effort "to losing their lives" for the sake of the Gospel. (Matthew 16:25)

I know this has not started out as an encouraging article, but I do hope these words will open our eyes to want to be a living Church – a body of believers that Christ can use to build His kingdom in this world. So what is the solution? Well we can pray for forgiveness and ask the Lord Jesus to help us reverse items 1-12 to be a congregation that is devoted to following Christ. We can pray for the Holy Spirit to pour out the same power in us that happened in the early church.

**Acts 2:42-47** gives us a picture of what the anatomy of what a living church looks like:

<sup>42</sup> "They <u>devoted</u> themselves to the <u>apostles' teaching</u> and <u>to</u> <u>fellowship</u>, to the <u>breaking</u> of <u>bread</u> and to <u>prayer</u>. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was <u>filled</u> with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers <u>were together</u> and had <u>everything in common</u>. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions <u>to give to anyone who had need</u>. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to <u>meet together</u> in the temple courts. They <u>broke bread</u> in their homes and <u>ate together</u> with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> <u>praising</u> <u>God and enjoying the favor</u> of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

God is turning things around here at Mt. Carmel. Our doors are opened almost everyday of the week to the community. God is blessing us with children, youth, and young adults once again. Will you join me in being a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ here at Mt. Carmel?

If so, the first step is to pray for Jesus to renew your passion to serve Him. We are already praying Ephesians 3:20 at 3:20pm. Why not pray at 2:42pm to become an Acts 2:42 Church?

The second step is to make a decision to be a present and vital part of the church. Right now we have a small number of members holding up the ministries of the church until God calls someone like you to step up and help. That person could be you! Our leadership nominations team will be meeting this month. Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal what ministry area you would like to serve and then let me know.

The third step is to faithfully support the ministries of this church as you are able with your tithes and offerings. God blesses what we give and also blesses us when we give joyfully. Look in this newsletter for the wonderful opportunities you can serve and support life changing ministries that are happening here. I hope AND pray I see you in church this Sunday! *Depending on Christ, Pastor Mary* 



# SEPT. & OCT. WORSHIP SERIES: "ABSOLUTE BASIC CONFESSIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH"

Sundays at 10:00am in person & Facebook Live 8:45am = Adult Sunday School; 9:30am = Kids Church & Nursery; 11:30am = Youth Bible Study; Young Adult Fellowship

**SEPT 7 -** "I BELIEVE: THE FIRST ACT OF FAITH" (John 1:1-14)/Holy Communion/Choir/Pastor Mary Miller

**SEPT 14** – "I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER" (Genesis 1:1, 26-38)/Choir/Pastor Mary Miller

**SEPT 21** – "I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST" (Colossians 1:15-23)/Praise Team/Pastor Mary Miller

**SEPT 28** – "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT" (John 14:15-21)/Choir/Pastor Mary Miller

**OCT 5** – "I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH" (Matthew 16:13-19)/World Communion Sunday/Choir/Pastor Mary Miller

**OCT 12** – "I BELIEVE IN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS" (Matthew 6:9-15)/Choir/Pastor Mary Miller

**OCT 19** – "I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY" (1 Corinthians 15:12-28)/Praise Team/Pastor Mary Miller

**OCT 26** – "I BELIEVE IN THE LIFE EVERLASTING" (John 3:5-18)/Choir/Pastor Mary Miller



# Join us at 10am in the Family Life Center on Dec. 4, 2025

Just a reminder everyone; the Golden Graces will be having two more meetings this year. We will not have another meeting until our Christmas Party on December 4. We have decided to have finger foods to and play "Dirty Santa". Please limit your gift to \$10-\$15 and Drinks (soda and coffee) will be provided. Come and enjoy the fun! More details to come. Save the date! Happy Fall to you all, Diane Harmon

# **New Things Happenings at Church!**





WELCOME SHERMAN ACADEMY AFTERSCHOOL TUTORING PROGRAM TO MT. CARMEL THIS YEAR!

Our church council has agreed to host the Sherman Academy, a Christian after school tutoring program at our church through the school year. Sherman Academy will be renting out the Discovery Room (the old preschool and youth room) from 3-6pm on Mondays-Fridays when the school is open. We are excited about this partnership. There are 20 students from Kimmel Farm and Ward Elementary who are bussed over to our church around 3:15pm. Please pardon the noise. These kids are excited to be out of school and in a new place. Let's give them a warm welcome! Please be praying for the students, their parents, and staff (Ms. Rayna and Dr. Trey) to have a wonderful year. Please also be praying for our witness as we invite these new families to our church events.



Note: Candy and decorated cars are needed! Please no candy with peanuts and also, please just individually wrapped candy! Please contact Ann Farthing if you would like to help!

# Opportunities to Serve God



# JOIN US FOR OUR NC GMC CONFERENCE CONVOCATIONS

Clergy & Laity — You're Invited!
This is your invitation to be renewed, equipped, and united in our calling to embody Christ's Holy Love in every aspect of

ministry and life. September 6, 2025 – 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

(Hickory District) First Methodist of Conover September 13, 2025 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (Raleigh District) Asbury Church in Raleigh

Register on-line: Walk in Love: Living as God's Beloved Ephesians 5:1-2



October 18 – Asbury Chapel (Huntersville/Charlotte Area) Registration begins at 9:00 am Ends at 2:00 pm includes lunch.

- Learn the Kingdom Growth Ecosystem!
- · Disciple-Making Made Simple!
- How Your Church Can Grow & Multiply!
- Open to pastors, laity and leadership team

Wednesdays starting August 6 at 6:30 pm in the Discovery Room for 13 weeks

# GRIEF SHARE® Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm

Mt. Carmel began a 13 week "Grief Share" Support Group on began Aug.6 at 6:30pm-8:00pm. A Grief Share support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. We are pleased to be able to offer this 13-week Biblical and video prayer resource program as a part of our Congregational Care Team at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. Please RSVP so we can have enough workbooks for everyone by calling the church office at 336-788-4183. For more information, contact Saundra Little or Peggy Simmons.

# **Crisis Control Items Needed for July & August**

Crisis Control has a Gift of the Month. For the month of **September: Instant Grits, Oatmeal.** 



# For the month of October:

Canned Meats (Salmon, Tuna, Corned Beef, SPAM, etc.) If you would like to donate this item, please bring it to church and put it in the designated box outside the church office.

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Sundays at 8:45am = Adult Sunday School Sundays at 9:30am = Nursery & Kids Church (PreK-5th) Sundays at 10am = Main Worship Celebration Sundays at 11:30am = Middle/High Bible Study Sundays at 11:30am = Young Adult Fellowship

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR:

Sept. 2 = 6:00 pm = Children & Youth Meeting (DR)

Sept. 3 = 10:30 am = Bible Study/Prayer Group (P) /5:30pm = Messy Church (FLC) /6:30pm = Grief Share Support Group (P)

Sept. 5 = 6:00 pm = Friday Night Jamboree at Trinity Methodist Church

Sept. 5 = 8:00 pm = Private Wedding Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Sept. 6 = 9:30 am - 2:00 pm = Private Wedding in Sanctuary

Sept. 7 = 7:30 am = NO Men's Breakfast

Sept. 7 = 8:45/9:30am =Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship & Holy Communion/11:30 am= Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship

(P) /1pm = Staff Parish Relations Committee/ 2pm = Communion Visitation

Sept. 10 = 10:30am = Bible Study/Prayer Group (P)/5:30 pm = Dinner

Church (FLC) /6:30pm = Grief Share (P)

Sept. 11 = 4:00 pm = Choir Rehearsal (S)

Sept. 11—14 = 7:00pm = Men's Walk to Emmaus (High Point)

Sept. 13 = 10:00am = Youth leave for Faithfest (Wilkesboro)

Sept. 14 = 8:45/9:30am =Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship &

Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P)

Sept. 16 = 9:30 am = North Lake HOA (FLC)

Sept. 17 = 10:30am = Bible Study/Prayer Group (P)/6:30pm = Grief Share(P)

Sept. 17 = 2:00 pm = Administrative Bd. Mtg. (D)

Sept. 18 = 3:00 pm = Praise Band Rehearsal (S) / 4:00pm = Choir (S)

Sept. 18—21 = 7:00pm = Women's Walk to Emmaus (High Point)

Sept. 21 = 8:45/9:30am =Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship & Praise Team/11:30 am=Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P)

Sept. 17 = 10:30am = Bible Study/Prayer Group (P)/6:30pm = Grief Share(P)

Sept. 24 = 10:30am = 5:30 pm = Dinner Church (FLC)

Sept. 25 = 1:00 pm = Women of Grace (D) / 4:00pm = Choir Practice (S)

Sept. 28 = 8:45/9:30/10 am = Sunday School/Kids Church/Worship/Choir

Sept. 28 = 8:45/9:30am =Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship &

Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P) /

12pm = Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion Group Lunch (FLC)

Mondays @ 6:00pm = BSA Scout Ministry Monday-Fridays @ 3-6pm during school days: Sherman Academy After School Care Meets in the Discovery/Youth Room

#### **OCTOBER CALENDAR:**

Oct. 1 = 10:30am = Prayer Group/5:30 pm = Messy Church (FLC) / 6:30pm = Grief Share (P)

Oct. 3 = 6-9:00 pm = Friday Night Jamboree at Trinity Methodist

Oct. 4 = 9 am—5 pm = WOG Craft Day (FLC)/Youth Rally (Concord)

Oct. 5 = 7:30 am = Men's Breakfast (FLC) /8:45/9:30/10 am= Sunday School/Kid's Church/Worship/Choir/World Communion Sun-

day/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Study (P) 2pm = Communion Teams

Oct. 8 = 10:30am = Prayer Group/5:30 pm = Dinner Church (FLC) / 6:30pm = Grief Share (P)

Oct. 12 = 8:45/9:30am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship & Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P) 11:30 am = Youth Bible Study and Lunch (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P)

Oct. 8 = 5:30 pm = Dinner Church (FLC)

Oct. 12 = 8:45/9:30/10 am = Sunday School/Kid's Church/Worship/

Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adults (P)

Oct. 15 = 10:30am = Prayer Group/6:30pm = Grief Share (P)

Oct. 16 = 3:00 pm = Praise Band Rehearsal (S)

Oct. 18 = 8:00 am—1:00 pm = Youth Yard Sale (\$35 a space)

Oct. 19 = 8:45/9:30am =Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Worship/Praise Team/11:30am=Youth Bible Study/Young Adults (P)

Oct. 21 = 9:30 am = North Lake HOA (FLC)

Oct. 22 = 10:30am = Prayer Group/5:30 pm = Dinner Church (FLC) /

6:30pm = Grief Share (P)

Oct. 23 = 1:00 pm = Women of Grace (D)/4:00pm = Choir (S)

Oct. 25 = 3:00—5:00 pm = Trunk or Treat = Church parking lot

Oct. 26 = 8:45/9:30am =Sunday School/Kid's Church/10am = Wor-

ship & Choir/11:30am = Youth Bible Study (DR)/Young Adult Fellowship (P) / 12pm = Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion Group Lunch (FLC)

\*Please contact PEGGY SIMMONS or JOANNE SPETZ at the church office to reserve your event on the church calendar.







WOMEN OF GRACE NEWS! Photo: 40 Pre-K Nap Blankets were made by our sewing group for Kimmel Farm Elementary School in August.

Mark your calendars! Our next craft day will be on Oct. 4th from 9-5. Cost is \$35, and that includes lunch, prizes, and plenty of snacks! This is our bigger fundraiser of the year, so we're hoping for a good turnout. We have folks come who quilt, paint, scrapbook - about anything. Please call the office or let Laurie know if you want to come or have questions. Also, it takes a lot to pull this together, and as we all are getting older and health situations have changed, this is getting more difficult to pull off. We will be setting up on Friday 10/3 at 3:00. If you can come help us set up on that Friday and/or help with the cleanup on Saturday 10/4 after it's over, it would be greatly appreciated! If we can get a few folks willing to help out a bit, it would make it easier on those of us that stay all day on Saturday. Just let me know if you can help - thanks! If you are not already involved in the Women of Grace, please join us. Our next meetings are at 1pm on the 4th Thursdays of each month — September 25 & October 23 in the Disciple Room. Join us! —Brenda Walburn, Women of Grace President



# Church Budget for July-August (as of August 31, 2025):

(Our weekly budget is \$4,904)

Our weekly budget is \$4,904.00

7/13/25 7/20/25 7/27/25	\$ \$ \$	1,580.00 2,755.00 1,746.00 1,030.00 607.00
08/03/25 08/10/25 08/17/25 08/24/25 08/31/25 August online giving Total	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	2,312.00 4,144.00 2,776.00 3,075.00 1,736.00 663.00 14,706.00

As of 8/31/25 our budget is \$173,110 and our YTD offerings are \$114,639. We are currently behind our YTD budget vs. YTD offerings by \$58,471. As of 8/31/25 vs, the same period this year we are \$39,702 behind YTD budget vs YTD offerings. Our actual expenses to date are \$170,703 and our income to date is \$114,639 for a difference of -\$56,064. All bills for August have been paid. If you are away, you can now give on our secure website at https://mountcarmelmethodist.org/giving. Thank you for your faithful support of our church ministries. If you have any questions, let me know. —Darrell Stallard, Treasurer

# Trinity Global Methodist Church 3819 Country Club Rd, W-S Rev. Douglas Miller, Pastor

Friday Night Jamboree 1st Friday of each month at 6-9pm



Trinity Methodist Church on 3819 Country Club Rd



\*Renew \*Refresh \*Rejoice

October 3-4, 2025 Crossroads Church 220 George W Liles Pkwy NW, Concord, NC 28027 For 6th—12th graders

https://ncglobalmethodist.org/2025/06/04/re-youth-retreat-2025

# **GROW IN GOD'S WORD: DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



# Sundays at 11:30am-12:30pm Youth Bibl∈ Study

Meets in the Discover Room behind FLC Middle & High School Age with Pastor Josh Lineberry

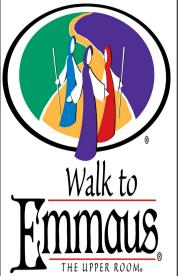
# YOUNGADULT

# MINISTRY LAUNCH

Ages 18-29

Beginning in September at Mt. Carmel! Sundays @ 11:30am-12:30pm in the Parlor

Save the date for our Fall Emmaus Walks
Men's September 11-14 & Women's September 18-21, 2025



The Fall Walk to Emmaus will be held for the men on **September 11-14 from** 7pm Thursday until 7pm on Sunday. The Women's Walk will be held September 18-21 from 7pm on Thursday to 7pm on Sunday. Both Emmaus Walks are held at Camp Maranatha in High Point. The cost for room and board is \$100. If you are interested in attending a weekend retreat please Edgar Miller or Pastor Mary. Scholarships are available. We will still host our monthly Emmaus/Chrysalis Reunion Group on the 4th Sundays of each month at 12pm in the Family Life Center. Our next gatherings will be Sept. 21 & Oct. 6.

### TRANSFERRED TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT



Michael "Mike" Shane Queen Nov. 15, 1972— July 17, 2025

Michael Queen, 52, of Winston-Salem, passed away at home on Thursday July 17th, 2025. He was born to Harold Queen and Enna (Shew) Queen on November 15th, 1972 in Taylorsville, NC. He was the youngest of 6 boys. He loved music and working as a Youth Director. He was well loved by many and will be missed. He was preceded in death by his father Harold Queen, brothers Dwight Queen, H.L. Petrea, and Keith Petrea, and his son Dustin Shearon. He is survived by his mother Enna Queen, wife Shannon Queen, daughter Brandy Saltzman (William), son Alex Queen (Sarah), brothers Jesse Petrea, Duran Queen, and Darrel Queen. He is also survived by an aunt, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends that were like family.

The family held a service on Aug 9th, 2025 at Mt. Carmel Church, 4265 Ebert Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27127. The family has asked that donations be made to Bread for the World in memory of Michael Queen.

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### Thank You Notes!

A very nice thank you note from Savannah Harmon came, thanking the church for the scholarship that was awarded to her. Best wishes to Savannah, as she continues her education!

-The Scholarship Committee

My Dear Mt. Carmel Family,

I would like to thank you for all the prayers and phone calls after my eye surgery. They are much appreciated.

Love my church family, Joanne Spetz



Faye Burgess Craver Nov. 6, 1944 -July 31, 2025

Mrs. Faye Burgess Craver, age 80, of the Wallburg Community passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 31, 2025, while at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. She was born on November 6, 1944, in Forsyth County to the late Walter C. and Helen K. Burgess. Fave was a life-long member of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. She retired from the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County School System after 31 years, where she worked as an assistant librarian at various schools. Faye had served as assistant softball coach at Parkland High School. Her time was spent traveling and supporting her family in their various hobbies. In addition to her parents. she was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Donald Nelson Craver who passed away in April, 2022; and brother, Fredrick E. Burgess.

Surviving family includes her loving son, Dwayne Craver and wife Kim of Winston-Salem; granddaughter, Khristy Payne and husband Bryce; three great-grandchildren, Kamden, Adleigh, and Mallory Payne; many nieces and nephews; and extended family and special friends.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at Mt. Carmel Global Methodist Church with Pastors, Mary Miller and Andy Craver officiating. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be directed to Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home, 101 Hospice Lane, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27103.





JoAnn Nelson Shields June 14, 1933— August 11, 2025

JoAnn Nelson Shields, 92, of King, passed away Monday, August 11, 2025, at Forsyth Medical Center, Mrs. Shields was born June 14, 1933, in Forsyth County, to Kenneth Bruce Nelson and Lucille Lashmit Nelson. JoAnn retired from R.J. Reynolds after 30 years of service. She was a member of Mt. Carmel Methodist Church, where she was an active member of Methodist Women and sang in the choir. She was a person of faith, trusting in God's goodness, and sharing love and care for others. JoAnn dearly loved her husband, her children, their spouses, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. She loved telling of their fun times together. Happy memories were made at the beach collecting shells and fishing with family and friends. In addition to her parents, JoAnn was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas Kimel Shields; and her brother, Robert L. Nelson.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Kenneth G. Shields (Lois); her daughter, Kathy Seelman (Paul); five grandchildren, Mandy Wardrup (Steven), Jessica Smith (Travis), Stuart Seelman, Cora Seelman, and Amy Seelman; and three great-grandchildren, Connor Smith, Bristol Smith, and Mikayla Wardrup.

A funeral service was held August 15, 2025, at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, with Rev. Dr. Paul Seelman officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Mt. Carmel Methodist Church Graveyard Fund. The family would like to say a special thank you to the staff at Priddy Manor, King, NC, for their love and special care of Mom for almost twelve years.



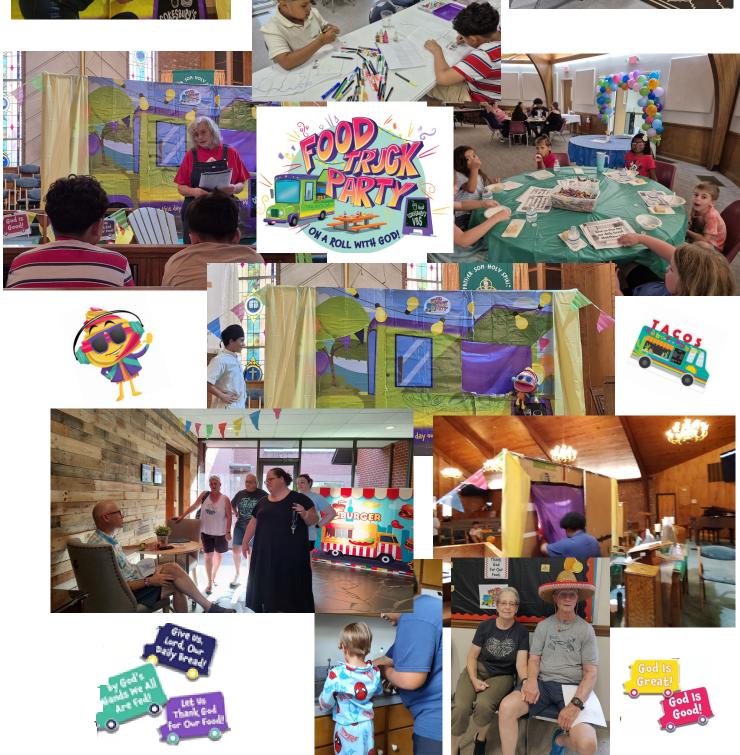
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# Memories from our Vacation Bible School "Food Truck Party" in July



We held our first Vacation Bible School in 8 years in July. Catherine Pherson and Ann Farthing were our directors. We had lots of wonderful adult volunteers. Our youth amazed us with their talent in decorating and leading the main sessions. We had around 30 children and youth in attendance. Thank you to everyone who helped out. We look forward to next year!





# CHILDREN \*YOUTH \* FAMILY



The youth led worship on August 17, 2025. The youth shared the mountains they are challenged with, and Josh invited the congregation to offer up words of encouragement. Erin East did a great job preaching the sermon, and Nia Dunson sang a beautiful solo. Our church is blessed by these youth!!!

# A message from Josh

It has been a wonderful experience so far worshipping with you guys. My family and I love this church and everyone in it. We are becoming closer with the youth every day through messages and calls. Everyone has their own distinct personality that we are learning.

We have begun some different studies on how we all must have a Biblical Worldview that is consistent with the Word. We plan on eventually starting a New Testament Survey where will be learning some important fundamentals.

As always, pray for me and my family. We are raising up the next generation of leaders in the church. We cannot do it alone.

# \*Upcoming events for our Youth

Sept 13th - 10am-10pm = FaithFest in North Wilksboro
Oct 1st— 5:30pm-6:30pm =-Messy Church at 5:30pm
Oct 4 - 8am-8pm = GMC Youth Retreat for 6 to 12 Graders
in Concord, NC

Oct 18th - 8am-1pm = Youth Yard Sale 8am to 1pm
Oct 25th—3pm to 5pm = Trunk or Treat (parking lot)

\* We are in need of candy! Please bring in individually wrapped candies and be sure there is no peanuts!

### Our New Bus!



Thank you to all that made the purchase of a new bus possible. Pictures is our youth on their first bus trip to Holden Beach for their retreat in July.



Picture left is our youth at their Bible Study which is held at 11:30 am on Sundays.

Our children youth volunteering at the Harvest Food Bank this summer.





1st Wednesdays of the month at 5:30pm-6:30pm
2025: Sept. 3, Oct. 1st, Nov. 5th, Dec.3rd
2026: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 4, April 1, May 6th, June 3rd
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