Tidings from Mt. Pleasant

Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church
4136 Mt. Pleasant Road, Sherrills Ford, NC 28673
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October, 2026

Where Is God Leading Us?

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." — Proverbs 16:9

Over the past several months, we have been asking an important question together as a church: **Where is God leading Mt. Pleasant?**



That question is bigger than a new program, a new ministry, or even a new five-year plan. It is a question of faith. Our task is not simply to preserve what has been handed down to us, do things the way we have always done them, or chase whatever is popular. Our calling is to listen for God's voice, pay attention to what He is doing around us, and make disciples of Jesus Christ whose lives resemble His. That is the mission of the church, and it always will be. That is why we began this vision-planning journey- not to reinvent who we are, but to faithfully pursue the mission God has given His Church.

We began with prayer, then we invited you, as part of the congregation, to share what you love about Mt. Pleasant, where you see opportunities for growth, and where you believe God may be calling us in the years ahead. We have heard from long-term members, newer families, and people with different perspectives and experiences within our church.

Now comes the work of discerning what we have heard. The process is not about discovering a "perfect" vision statement or creating a list of everything we want our church to accomplish. It is about being a faithful and obedient church- faithful to Christ and obedient to His mission for His Church. Healthy churches are not churches that have everything figured out. Healthy churches are willing to listen, learn, grow, and invite others into a living relationship with Jesus Christ. **I believe that is what we are doing at Mt. Pleasant**. On October 17th, our Administrative Board will spend time discerning the themes, opportunities, challenges, and possibilities that have emerged from this process. Please be praying for our Board as we meet in a few weeks. We also hope to gather as a church after worship soon to share what we have heard and what the board has been discussing.

It is exciting to be a part of what God is doing here, and I am grateful to pastor a church willing to be uncomfortable for Jesus. God has been faithful to Mt. Pleasant for generations, and I believe He has more for us—not simply to become a bigger church, but to become an increasingly faithful church: a church where people encounter Jesus, where families find a place to belong, where disciples are formed, where our community is served, and where God's grace is shared beyond these walls. We do not know every step ahead of us. But we don't have to. We simply need to take the next faithful step.

Peace in Christ,
Pastor Kaleb

Family Ministries Update

Church Family,

My goodness is the Lord moving in our church and in the many ministry opportunities that we have. Can you feel the Spirit moving? With the Fall season just beginning, there's an excitement in the air for football, pumpkin patches, and cooler weather. I'm also looking at the exciting events we have coming up: Happy Camper Date Night, Annual BBQ, Children's and Youth Sunday, and Fall Fest. All four of these events are just in the month of October. Each event that our church hosts is an opportunity for you, Church Family, to become involved in being the hands and feet of Jesus. Each one of you has many gifts and talents that can be used for the work of the Kingdom. So, I am giving you all a challenge. Ask yourselves, "What is another way that I be involved in our church ministry opportunities?" I can guarantee you that the Spirit will answer that question and place a longing on your heart. When you satisfy that longing, you will be filled with the joy that comes from the Lord.

I have immensely enjoyed coming onto church staff since the beginning of August. It is such a privilege to be able to lead, shepherd, and have fun with our youth and children. To me, there is nothing better than seeing the smiles on these students' faces when they are praising the Lord, laughing in fellowship with one another, and bowing their heads to pray. It's amazing what the God is doing at Mt. Pleasant. Come be a part of it!

Blessings,
Alexis Thompson

From The Administrative Board

Autumn Blessings Everyone! I hope this correspondence finds you all doing well. On Thursday, September 17th, our Admin Board held our 5th meeting of the year. Our Finance committee reported that our tithings so far through the year are below what we expected but we still have time to increase this in the remaining year. They also reported that the returns on our investments that we have made this year are doing well.

Our Trustees have also been working diligently on several projects. They recently completed the first stage of the remodel in the CLC. Our stage area has been updated and we have added two new TV's in there which will give us the capability to live stream any service we may have in the Sanctuary if we were ever to need to use the CLC as an overflow area. The Trustees have also ordered new exterior locks and keys for the entire campus. These locks will require new keys so all of the current exterior church keys that are in circulation will soon be of no use. We recently had a company come and provide us with a safety assessment and the countless number of keys that folks currently have was a red flag. There will be a limited amount of new keys made as well as an official list of who has access to a key and for what purpose. With this new setup more of our classrooms inside the building will be able to remain unlocked and there will be no changes made to the interior locks and keys. This process will help ensure that we are keeping our campus as safe as possible. Lastly, our Trustees reported that they are in the process of receiving bids for the repaving of our church parking lot in the near year.

As many of you know, we have recently sent out some surveys to each of you asking for your input regarding our future and vision for what we desire here at Mt. Pleasant. I want to thank everyone who gave their time to complete this. We asked our congregation to prayerfully consider: "Where is God leading our Church?" From these surveys and our amazing vision planning day that we held on September 12th, we are hearing some consistent themes. Our Administrative Board will use these responses to help guide our time of discernment and to focus on a clear vision for our future.

In closing, I would like to share with you all that October is Pastor Appreciation Month! I hope that we will all reach out to Pastor Kaleb and let him know how thankful we are for him and for all that he does here for our Church family and this community! October is also an exciting and busy time of the year for us here at Mt. Pleasant. On Saturday, October 24th, we will be having our annual BBQ! This event takes time to prepare for beforehand and on the day of so I hope that we can all come together for this time of fellowship, fundraising, and sharing of God's blessings with others!

Yours in Christ,

Brandon Cline



Soli Deo Gloria

MPMC Music Ministry Happenings
Dawn Broom

Thank you for allowing Mark and me to take a brief hiatus to attend the Sing! Conference 2026 in Nashville last month. This conference is a concentrated music and worship event sponsored by Keith & Kristyn Getty, the two contemporary Irish hymn writers whose texts and music we find so profound and refreshing. Why, our pew hymnal, Our Great Redeemer's Praise, contains 15 of their hymns, and, in my opinion, we're all the more spiritually rich for it.

While in Nashville, we learned a few things and heard some great speakers bring very powerful messages on worship and music in worship. As I've stated before, I am always on high alert for all sorts of articles supporting congregational singing, and this month I'll share with you some reflections from Dr. Sinclair Ferguson, one of the speakers at the Sing! Conference 2026. The sermon, "There is Only One Song Leader," has many great points.

"Hebrews 8:1-2 presents Jesus as our High Priest, ministering in the heavenly sanctuary. Hebrews 2:12 speaks of Him praising God in the congregation. It describes Jesus by a Greek word that means 'the Priest who leads the liturgy.' He says we do have a High Priest, a Priest in the heavenly sanctuary, who leads His people in the liturgy, and that's what He does every time we gather to sing His praises. This is where the straight line begins to bend and becomes a circle, and we find Jesus Christ right there in the middle. Every time we sing there may be worship coordinators; there may be instrumentalists; there may be cantors (Catholic tradition meaning lead singer), but there is only ONE song leader, and His name is Jesus. And it's because of Him, this Conference is called Sing!"

As we prepare for worship this week, draw upon this encouragement in every rehearsal and while singing every song. Whether you direct the music, play an instrument, or sing from the pew, remember that Christ Himself leads His people in praise. Step back and let Him lead your heart through the presence of His Holy Spirit within you. This position of submission to Him will change your life. Let your new life in Christ begin this week, this month, this year, etc.

As always, thank you for your support and encouragement of the music ministry at Mount Pleasant Methodist. There is still time to join the Chancel Choir in preparation of our Advent music. You are most welcome to join us in the Music Suite on Wednesday evenings 7:00pm-7:30pm.

Soli Deo Gloria – "To God alone be the glory."

"Teach me Your way, Lord,
so that I can walk in Your Truth.
Make my heart focused
only on honoring Your name." Psalm 86:11 (CEB)

YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US!

The Janie Killian Circle invites all women of the church to join us for an hour of fellowship with other women of faith.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May at 1:00 PM in the church parlor. You are welcome to drop in to any meeting to learn more about our group. We look forward to seeing you.



Dear Church Family,

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the incredible generosity and heart you showed during our Operation Christmas Child project. Together, by the goodness of God, we packed 309 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Each box represents our expression of love and a precious opportunity for a child to hear the Gospel message.

Your willingness to give your time, resources and continuous prayers humbles us. It is a true reflection of the love Christ has poured into our own fellowship! We are looing forward to what God will do through us in 2027!

By His Grace,
Alice Lineberger
Melissa White

METHODIST MEN

Next meeting: October 4th, 7:30am in the CLC

All men of the church are invited & encouraged to attend a great breakfast & time of fellowship

Coffee is ready @ 7:00am, Breakfast @ 7:30 am

Cook Team 4: Jack Baumann, Kenny Chester, Charles Freeman, Tom Johnson, & Darin Little

METHODIST WOMEN
Circle News

All ladies of the church are invited to join one of our three circles. Meeting days are:

Jewel Dierwechter—1st Monday at 11:00am
Janie Killian—2nd Tuesday at 1:00pm



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4

During our worship service at 10:00am ,we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. While being faithful to the words of Christ when He said, "***Do This in Remembrance of Me***", we will partake of the elements via intinction at the altar.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let's remember to honor our Pastor this month and let him know how much he is appreciated! We are fortunate to have Pastor Kaleb caring for and partnering with us in ministry. Let's shower him with love!



BE A HERO...
SAVE THREE LIVES!

SAVE THE DATE

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

November 5, 2026

2:30pm to 7:30pm



Mt. Pleasant Preschool News

The Preschool will be closed on **Thursday, October 22nd** for everyone to attend a **field trip to Red Wolf Farm in Maiden**. We will meet at the farm around 9:30 am. **I need to get a head count and receive your money no later than Friday, October 2nd.**

In September, Medic Melanie spoke to the children about **Car Seat Safety**. As parents, it is your responsibility for the safety of our children. This month she will discuss **Fire Safety.**

October is Fire Prevention Month. The **Sherrills Ford Fire & Rescue w**ill be bringing trucks for the kids to see and learn the importance of fire safety on **Thursday, October 1st and Wednesday, October 7th.** This is always a good time to discuss ways to escape from your home and where to meet, if there is ever a fire in the home.

October is a busy month, along with **Stretch-n-Grow with Mrs. Hilary** and **Chapel Time with Pastor Kaleb**.

Fall pictures will be on **Monday, October 12th and Tuesday, October 13th**.

The **Preschool will be closed** on Friday, October 16th for a Teacher's Workday.

Scholastic Book Orders will be sent home occasionally with the children. This gives parents the opportunity to order quality books at affordable prices. When you place your order, not only will your child benefit by having a new book, but the Preschool receives points to help in ordering new books for our library! Anyone can order books from the Preschool.

Order due date:10/09/26

Shop our class page:orders.scholastic.com/HQYJ4

Shop the flyers: clubs.scholastic.com/all-flyers/

To end the month of October, all classes will be having **Halloween parties on Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th**. The teachers will be sharing what is needed for each class. The children may wear their costumes if they choose too. Weather permitting, we will be having **hayrides** around the church by a grandfather of a former preschooler. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy this with their child. Two's ride will be 10:00-10:15, Three's ride will be 10:15-10:30 and Four's ride will be 10:30-10:45.



This year's BBQ will be held on Saturday, October 25th. Sign-up sheets for volunteers to help will be located in the Narthex We need lots of help with the event as well as desserts. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Sigmon, Jessica Little, or any member of the BBQ Committee or the church office.



Our next Family Night is Wednesday, October 7th at 6:00pm in the CLC. This will be a covered dish meal, so prepare your favorite dish, dishes, and/or dessert to share and join us for a time of good food, fun and great fellowship.

MP KIDS - OCTOBER 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER?

Children's Choir is in full swing!
It's not too late to join us!
Simply scan the QR code to register.

Our big community wide outreach event is coming up on Halloween from 4-7pm. Save the date for Trunk-or-Treat, Chili Cookoff, and fun for the whole family!



CHILDREN'S TIME

4th - Heather Roseman
11th - Megan Logan
18th - Lily Lawing
25th - Raven & Wren

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Oct 4th - No Choir
11th - Choir at 3:30pm
18th - Choir at 3:30pm
25th - No Choir

Kids Discipleship Groups

Sunday Mornings at 8:45am

- **NURSERY**
  Infants - Toddlers
- **LOWER ELEMENTARY**
  Kids ages 4 - 1st grade
- **UPPER ELEMENTARY**
  Kids 2nd grade - 5th grade

MT. PLEASANT METHODIST CHURCH

Fall Fest

OCTOBER 31, 2026

4-7PM

4136 MT PLEASANT ROAD

SHERRILLS FORD, NC 28673

FREE EVENT FOR THE COMMUNITY

CHILI COOKOFF | TRUNK-OR-TREAT (4:30-6:30PM)

PHOTO BOOTH | POPCORN | GIFT CARD RAFFLE

QUESTIONS?

(704)483-3087

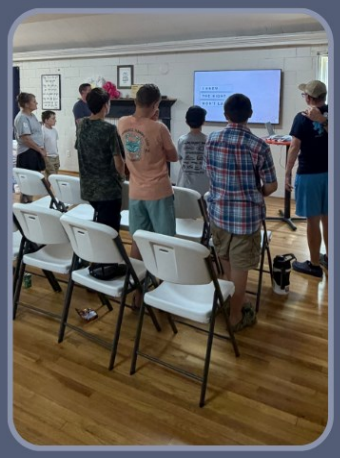
MOMENTUM YOUTH

October

This month is full of opportunities for service and ministry. We are kicking off the month with Fall Retreat. We have 10 students and 2 adults attending. Please be in prayer for this Retreat.

The Youth will be practicing their leadership skills by helping provide chilcare for the Happy Camper Date Night on October 10th.

Of course, there is the Annual BBQ coming up on the 24th and our Fall Fest on October 31st. There are so many wonderful things going on in the life of Mt. Pleasant & our youth ministry.



Who We Are

We are a Youth Group with Momentum for Jesus putting our faith in motion. Please be in prayer for our Youth group and the leaders.
If you have any projects around your house or tasks that our Youth group could help with, please let Alexis Thompson know.

Upcoming Dates

- 2-4th - Fall Retreat
- 10th - Childcare Opportunity
- 11th - Reg Youth
- 18th - Reg Youth
- 24th - Annual BBQ
- 25th - Children's & Youth Sunday – Reg Youth



DATE NIGHT



Sign up here!

Registrations limited to 20 couples



Calling All Veterans

The Vets at Mt Pleasant Methodist Church are having a **Vets Coffee Call**

Thursday, 1, October 2026 in the Youth Center

0800-1000 (or until the coffee runs out)

No program **No agenda**

Just other Vets to talk to, complain to, or "remember when" with and it's all FREE!

Besides, who else but another Vet is going to understand??

It doesn't matter where you served or when you served. You served…so did we.

Come have a cup with us

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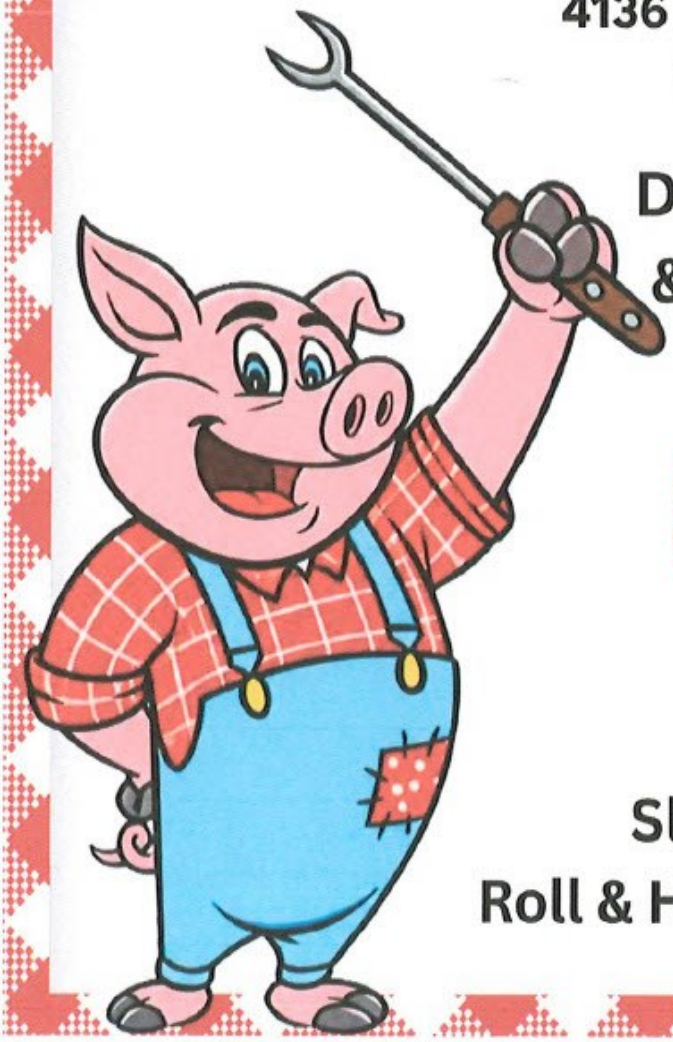
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church

ANNUAL BBQ

11:00 AM - 7:00 PM

OCTOBER 24TH, 2026

4136 Mt. Pleasant Church Rd.
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673



Drive-Thru, Sit Down
& Sold by the Pound

$15.00

All You Can Eat

Pit Smoked BBQ,
Slaw, Fresh Cut Fries,
Roll & Homemade Dessert!



Blood Drive
Sherrills Ford Community
Mt Pleasant Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall
4136 Mt Pleasant Church Rd
Sherrills Ford, NC 28673

Thursday, November 5, 2026
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To make an appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sponsor Code "MtPleasant"

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

Scan to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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The GMC NC Young Adults are excited for the second annual

Round the Fire retreat!

Stir the Fire Within, A Call to be Holy!

Special Guest Speakers: Heather Grabbs, Rev. Kaleb Setzer,

Grace Marie Ward, & Rev. Clayton Tovo.

You don't want to miss out!!

When: November 20 - 22, 2026.
Where: Dogwood on Lake Norman
Registration: $200.00, $50.00 per kiddo (5-11) / 5yr younger - $10.00 – for those Young Adults who want to bring the whole family.
All Registrations and Full payment are due by October 31st.

Birthdays

October

1 Carol Hicks
2 Bree Smith
4 Robert Panaccione
7 Brenda Sigmon
Jennifer Nicholson
8 Brian Martin
9 Ben Edwards
11 Bryce Thompson
12 Ronnie Rathbone
17 Bill Lail
19 Cole Helderman
21 McKinleigh Martin
24 Rusty Howard
28 Millie Sigmon
29 Kari Howell
Jessica Little
31 Elliott Forbes-Robinson



Anniversaries

October

4 David & Debbie Rice
6 Mark Morris & Dawn Broom
7 Micke & Kay Graham
10 Charles & Vickie Mackie
16 Jeff & Sharon Howard
17 Chet & Abby Sigmon
18 Jerry & Billie Jo Lawing





Congratulations to ***Cooper and Bree Alexander*** on the arrival of ***Caroline Rose*** on September 12th. Proud grandparents are ***Pastor Byron & Jana Alexander.***



Congratulations to ***Travis White and Lexie Lineberger*** who were married on September 16th.



Remember those in Assisted Living or Nursing Homes

The Shaire Center of Lenoir: Pete Crump
Abernathy Laurels: Joy Howard
Hickory Village Memory Care: Marilyn Beardslee
Wexford House: Deneil Caldwell



Our sincere Christian sympathy is extended to…

April Lail and Family at the passing of ***Wade Lail*** on September 2nd.

Jackie Thompson and Family at the passing of ***Ken Thompson*** on September 27th.

Mabel Huffman and Family at the passing of her son, ***Michael Huffman*** on September 29th.

Please continue to keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.



Memorials have been received in memory of ***Wade Lail*** from:

The Robinson Adult Bible Class
Carol Ann Rowe
Mt. Pleasant Methodist Men
Kevin Brady
Cathy & Jeff Eudy





If you would be willing to serve in any of these capacities, please contact the church office (704-483-3087). Most require very little time or commitment and are very important contributions in making Sunday mornings run smoothly. We appreciate those who faithfully serve week after week.

Ushers



October	**4**	10:00am	Jeff Little, Kenny Chester, David Carpenter, Guy Cline
	11	10:00am	Jeff Little, David Carpenter, Kevin Brady, Wayne Merchant
	18	10:00am	Jeff Little, Pete Lail, Guy Cline, Kevin Brady
	25	10:00am	Jeff Little, Brandon Cline, Roger Britt, Rick Hubbard

Greeters



October

4	10:00am	Patti Mendiola & Amy Howard
11	10:00am	Cathy Eudy
18	10:00am	Daisy Vaughan
25	10:00am	Kevin Brady

Sound and AV Techs



October.

4	10:00am	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
11	10:00am	Drew Dotson, Jeremy Martin, Kolton Buff
18	10:00am	Drew Dotson, Brandon Cline, Kolton Buff
25	10:00am	Drew Dotson, Jeremy Martin, Kolton Buff

Liturgists



October

4	Jack Baumann
11	Bobby Lutz
18	Kenny Chester
25	Ann Herron

Children's Time



October

4	**10:00am**	Heather Roseman
11	**10:00am**	Megan Logan
18	**10:00am**	Lily Lawing
25	**10:00am**	Raven & Wren Watts

Acolytes



October

4	**10:00am**	Katelyn Bell & Millie Sigmon
11	**10:00am**	William & Ellie Roseman
18	**10:00am**	Elliott Lawing & Alice Dotson
25	**10:00am**	Claire Little & Charlotte Logan

Nursery Care Givers



*Amanda Kochosky will notify nursery workers of their schedule



Communion Stewards
October 4

Lead Steward: Ann Herron
Stewards: Wes & Beth Bell
Jack Baumann

Wednesday Schedule
6:15pm Bells of Praise
7:00pm Chancel Choir
8:15pm Living Stones

Sunday Schedule
8:45am Discipleship Groups
10:00am Worship Service
3:30pm Children's Choir (seasonal)
4:00pm Youth Group



Weekday Schedule
(Unless otherwise noted)
Preschool M-W-F 9am-1pm
T-T 9am-1pm
Study Buddies M-F 3:30pm-6pm
Girl Scouts Mon. 6:30pm
Cub Scouts Tues 6:00pm
Boy Scouts Tues 7:00pm

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:00am Vets' Coffee Call 11:00am Keenagers @ 1st Thursday Lunch 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	2 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Youth Fall Retreat	3
4 **See Sun Schedule** 7:30am Methodist Men 11:15am New Members Class 12:00pm Sigmon Family Reunion Youth Fall Retreat	5 11:00am JD Circle Preschool Stretch n Grow 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Connect Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts	6 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	7 **See Wed. Schedule** 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Family Night Travel Softball Practice 7:00pm Connect Group	8 6:00pn Travel Softball Practice 6:30pm Nominations Team	9 10:00am Keenagers' Planning Team 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	10 5:00pm Marriage Date Night
11 **See Sun Schedule** 11:15am New Members Class	12 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Connect Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts	13 1:00pm Janie Killian Circle 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	14 **See Wed. Schedule** 9:30am Preschool Safety 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	15 9:30am Preschool Safety Keenagers Trip to Black Mountain 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice 7:00pm Finance Team	16 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	17 9:00am Admin Board Retreat 10:00am Private Event Parlor 3:00pm Private Events Pavilion & CLC
18 **See Sun Schedule** 11:15am New Members CLass	19 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Connect Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts	20 9:30am Preschool Chapel 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	21 **See Wed. Schedule** 9:30am Preschool Chapel 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	22 4:30pm Pastor's Pickin's 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	23 **ALL DAY CLC RESERVED** 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	24 **11:00am Annual Church BBQ**
	BBQ Prep—		Campus Blocked			
25 **See Sun Schedule** 11:15am New Members Class	26 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Connect Group 6:30pm Girl Scouts	27 10:00am Preschool Stretch n Grow 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice Cub Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts	28 **See Wed. Schedule** 10:00am Connect Group 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice	29 9:00am Exercise Class 6:00pm Fall Church Softball	30 6:00pm Travel Softball Practice 	31 4:00pm Fall Festival 