

The AP Corner

Welcome to summer 2026! We have a great start to the season, with Vacation Bible School already under our belt. We hosted an average of 78 kids last week, and we welcomed quite a few entire families to our finale on Friday evening, many of whom are not currently really connected to a church family. The kids were taught about Jesus as the Light of the World all week, and we presented the gospel to them all week and specifically on Friday night with their families. Please pray for lasting fruit from the week. Also, a big thanks to ALL those who volunteered to teach, feed, lead, or serve in any way toward this effort. No space to list everyone here, but a special thanks to Beth Richards for her amazing leadership!

We have a big celebration coming up this month, of course, with our nation's 250th birthday. Let's rejoice with immense thankfulness for the liberties we enjoy as Americans, especially for the freedom to worship and assemble according to the dictates of our individual conscience and convictions. A very small percentage of the people who have ever lived on planet earth have enjoyed this freedom. It is truly worth celebrating! We should also be thankful for the Judeo-Christian heritage on which our nation was founded as we approach this milestone. Would you join me in praying for revival in our land as a part of your observance and celebration? We can all look around and see the massive moral decay and godlessness that has pervaded our society progressively over the last 60 years or so. It is not too late for God to turn it around - I know it may seem out of reach at this point, but I for one have not given up. But it does require for God's people to awaken and engage, not in a political battle but a spiritual one. God's Kingdom is eternal and inevitable. But its expression and outpouring in our context is dependent on our obedience and prayers. Remember the promise of 2 Chronicles 7:14, **"...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."** It is not hopeless - God is on His throne. But it will come one prayer at a time, one heart at a time turning to Him, one act of obedience and surrender at a time. Will you join me in pushing in on this as this month unfolds?

Minutes - Quarterly Business Meeting, April 26, 2026

Brian Derrick called the meeting to order. He opened the floor for any business. Hearing none, the meeting was closed in prayer by Chairman Derrick.

Minutes taken by Kevin Yon, Assistant Clerk

Submitted by Converse B. Cone, Church Clerk

Vacation Bible School started out with a bang - or should we say a boom!

Sunday, June 14, was a beautiful day for our VBS kick-off celebration. Croft Celebrations delivered their "South Beach XL Dual Slide Combo," and the fun began. Mr. Brian Derrick, Mr. Jerry McGee, Mr. Kevin You, Mrs. Lynda McGee, Mrs. Diedra Derrick, Blair Derrick and Morgan Derrick kept the hot dogs cooking while chips, cookies, and snow cones were ready to enjoy.



Children of all ages were having a wonderful time bouncing and playing when the clouds suddenly turned gray and the rain began to fall. Thankfully, all of the food had already been moved into the Fellowship Hall. After a quick dash through the rain, everyone was grateful to find shelter, and the festivities continued without missing a beat as we looked forward to the first day of Vacation Bible School.

Monday arrived with excitement filling the sanctuary. We welcomed a total of 80 students and volunteers on the first day and averaged a total of 78 students and volunteers throughout the week. What an awesome God we serve!

Our theme for the week centered on the truth that **"Jesus is the Light of the World,"** based on John 8:12. Hospitality ensured that everyone was well fed with delicious meals and treats, including sloppy joes with corn, macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, nachos, watermelon, and cookies. Between music with Mrs. Holly, crafts with Mrs. Nicole and Mrs. Hayley, and recreation with Mr. Brian Derrick and Mr. Cody Webb, laughter and joy echoed throughout the church each day.

On Friday evening, families gathered for Family Night. Each class performed a song and received a certificate and goody bag in recognition of a wonderful week. Following the program, everyone was invited to the Fellowship Hall for pizza and (continued on pg 3)



Intercessory Prayer List

Our military	The people of Ukraine
Betty Ann Cone	Wendel Duncan
Kent Perry	Pauline Berry
Kathleen Gibson	Rudy Stoddard
Mr. & Mrs. Verley Metts	Debbie Fallaw
Susan Carvalho	Karen Hendrix
Sandy Miller	Judy Adamick
Paul Metts	Richard Miller
Darlena Mixon	Yvonne Christenbury
Jody Daly	Sarah Schwarz
Michel Rodgers	Leila Masters
Derick Capperton	Opal Lybrand
Betty Lynn Murphy	James Campbell

The Church Family express their Christian sympathy and love to the family of Mr. Charles Phillip Burckhalter who passed away on June 20, 2026.

A pleasant surprise awaited those who attended Church on a recent Sunday morning. Three cases of fresh broccoli were left on the front porch with instructions to give the broccoli to Members and Attendees. The broccoli that remained after the distribution was cooked by the Hospitality Committee, and it was served as an added treat with the Wednesday evening meal. A Big and Special THANKS to Mr. Amancio Palma and to Titan Farms for donating the broccoli to our Church!

(continued from pg 2) ice cream, providing a sweet ending to an unforgettable week.

A special thank you goes to every person who volunteered, contributed, served, and prayed over Vacation Bible School. Ridge Spring Baptist Church is truly blessed to have so many willing servants within our congregation. We praise God for a successful week and for the opportunity to share His love and the light of Christ with so many children and families.

Upcoming Events

Jul 1: Wed 6 pm Meal 6:30 Devotion, Children's activities
Jul 8: Wed 6 pm Meal 6:30 Devotion, Children's activities
Jul 13: Ramblers lunch at Migs, leave church @ 11 am
Jul 15: Wed 6 pm Meal 6:30 Devotion, Children's activities
Jul 22: Wed 6 pm Meal 6:30 Devotion, Children's activities
Jul 26: Quarterly Business Meeting
Jul 26: Titus 2 Devotion & Soap Making craft 3:00 pm
Jul 29: Wed 6 pm Meal 6:30 Devotion, Children's activities

Rambler News: Our plans have changed again! Our next gathering will be Monday, July 13th. We're having lunch at Mig's in Saluda. The bus will be leaving the church at 11:00 am. The trip to the lavender farm has been postponed until next spring. Their u-pick season has ended for 2026. Looking forward to seeing you July 13th!

Morgan & Ethan Warner are expecting a baby boy on August 4th. Morgan is the daughter of Tracy & Lisa Price. The church will be collecting gift cards (Amazon, Target or Walmart), diapers (size 2 & up) and wipes. They prefer Freestyle, Healthy Baby or Kudos brand diapers and wipes. A collection basket will be available in the vestibule during July.

A newsletter from Heritage Ukraine was received, and copies are on the table in the vestibule. Read the newsletter and see how our funds are being used to help friends in Ukraine. Thank you for your continued support of this project!



WMU

Titus 2 ladies Bible Study and Craft on May 24 was enjoyed by all in attendance. We learned the importance of Patriotism according to God and why it is important to honor our heritage. We also made wonderful patriotic door hangers for Memorial Day and the upcoming 250-year anniversary of our great country. A wonderful time was had by all.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

July

Birthdays & Anniversaries ➡

3 M/M Halleck Butts	14 Guy Rutland
4 M/M Wayne Fulmer	18 Diedra Derrick
5 M/M Cort Proctor	18 Hannah Kelly
7 Jennifer Kelly	23 M/M Gerald Taylor
11 Cody Webb	27 Drake Yon
12 Vivian Forrest	29 Cyndi Fox

	<u>Deacon of the Week</u>
July 5	Tim Crouch
July 12	Brian Derrick
July 19	Kevin Yon
July 26	Chan Corley
	<u>Nursery</u>
July 5	Corbin & Jill Yon
July 12	Drake & Nicole Yon
July 19	Diedra, Blair & Morgan Derrick
July 26	Shannon DuBose & Lydia Yon
	<u>Children's Church</u>
July 5	Kyle & Beth Richards
July 12	Kevin & Lydia Yon
July 19	Shannon DuBose & Mildred Webb
July 26	Tanya Butts & Nicole Yon
	<u>Flower Calendar</u>
July 5	Betty Ann Cone
July 12	The Leroy Asbill Family
July 19	Rick Christie
July 26	M/M Kevin Yon

	<u>Children's Sermon</u>
July 5	Kyle Richards
July 12	Lydia Yon
July 19	Mildred Webb
July 26	Kevin Yon
	<u>Church Greeters</u>
July 5	Vicki Pierce
July 12	Jerry & Lynda McGee
July 19	Holly Derrick, El & Ada Yon
July 26	Brian & Diedra Derrick
	<u>Safety Team Duty</u>
July 5	Kevin Yon
July 12	Will Boatwright
July 19	Brian DuBose
July 26	Dray Wannamaker

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