



Deacons of the Month

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#### Schedule of Services

Sunday School...9:30 a.m.  
Worship; 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Supper  
6:00 p.m.  
(reservation required)  
6:30 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study  
*Children, Youth*  
*activities*  
7:30  
Committee Meetings



#### NC State Missions Offering Month

| Sun                                                                                       | Mon                                                                                                        | Tue                                                                                                                            | Wed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thu       | Fri                                                                                                                                   | Sat       |
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|                                                                                           |                                                                                                            | <i>1 VJ Day, WW II</i><br><br>7:00 pm Choir | <i>2</i><br>6:00 pm Family Night Supper resumes<br>6:30 pm Bible Study and Prayer & Children's Bible Study<br>7:30 pm Church Council                                                                                                       | <i>3</i>  | <i>4</i>                                                                                                                              | <i>5</i>  |
| <i>Week of prayer for North Carolina</i><br><i>State Missions Offering: September 1—6</i> |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |           |                                                                                                                                       |           |
| <i>6 NC Missions Offering</i><br>9:30 pm Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship                | <i>7 Labor Day</i><br>    | <i>8</i><br>7:00 pm Choir                                                                                                      | <i>9</i><br>6:00 pm Family Night Supper<br>6:30 pm Bible Study and Prayer & Children's Bible Study<br>7:30 pm Finance Committee                                                                                                            | <i>10</i> | <i>11 Patriot Day</i><br><i>"Never Forget"</i><br> | <i>12</i> |
| <i>13 Grandparents Day</i><br>9:30 pm Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship                   | <i>14</i><br>6:30 p.m. Brotherhood Supper                                                                  | <i>15</i><br>7:00 pm Choir                                                                                                     | <i>16 American Legion Day</i><br><br>6:00 pm Family Night Supper<br>6:30 pm Bible Study and Prayer & Children's Bible Study<br>7:30 pm Deacons' Meeting | <i>17</i> | <i>18 National POW/MIA Recognition Day</i><br>    | <i>19</i> |
| <i>20</i><br>9:30 pm Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship                                    | <i>21 Peace Day</i><br> | <i>22 First Day of Autumn</i><br>7:00 pm Choir                                                                                 | <i>23</i><br>6:00 pm Family Night Supper<br>6:30 pm Bible Study and Prayer & Children's Bible Study<br>7:30 pm Church in Conference                                                                                                        | <i>24</i> | <i>25</i>                                                                                                                             | <i>26</i> |
| <i>27</i><br>9:30 pm Sunday School<br>11:00 am Worship                                    | <i>28</i>                                                                                                  | <i>29</i><br>7:00 pm Choir                                                                                                     | <i>30</i><br>6:00 pm Family Night Supper<br>6:30 pm Bible Study and Prayer & Children's Bible Study                                                                                                                                        |           |                                                                                                                                       |           |

**GRACE**  
is when God gives  
us good things that  
we don't deserve.

**MERCY**  
is when He spares  
us from bad things  
we do deserve.

**BLESSINGS**  
are when He is gen-  
erous with both  
Grace and Mercy.

God is good all the  
time!



September is the month that  
holds secrets in its morning  
mist and promises in its evening  
light.

ARTFULDIARY

Christian Symbol: **SUNFLOWER**

The sunflower, a symbol of faithfulness and devotion, represents a life turned toward God. Just as the flower follows the sun, believers are called to seek the light of Christ and remain focused on Him.



Its bright bloom reflects the joy and glory of God’s presence, while its steady growth points to a life rooted in faith. The many seeds of the sunflower can also symbolize spiritual fruitfulness.

In Christian symbolism, the sunflower reminds us to remain steadfast, to seek God daily and to reflect His light in all we do.

After his resurrection, Jesus asked one of his disciples the same question three times: “Do you love me?” The disciple felt hurt, wondering why Jesus kept asking. Who was this disciple? Find the answer in John 21:17



**The American Legion**

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization. Focusing on service to veterans, servicemembers and communities, the Legion evolved from a group of war-weary veterans of World War I into one of the most influential nonprofit groups in the United States. Membership swiftly grew to over 1 million, and local posts sprang up across the country. Today, membership stands at over 1.6 million in more than 12,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments: one each for the 50 states, along with the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Latin America and the Philippines.

Over the years, the Legion has built its identity by achieving hundreds of benefits and services for veterans, supporting the U.S. Armed Forces and instilling the values of responsible citizenship among young people. From the nation-changing of The American Legion-drafted GI Bill to relief for veterans exposed to toxic contamination in the service, veterans of The American Legion have worked for over a century to improve and strengthen the nation they swore with their lives to defend.

**Recipe of the Month**

Flourless Chocolate Coconut Caker



- 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, plus more for the pan
- 10 oz semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 tb cocoa powder plus more for garnish
- 6 large eggs
- 1 1/4 C granulates sugar
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1 C unsweetened shredded coconut, toasted
- 1 tsp flaky sea salt
- 1 C crème fraiche (or substitute equal amount of full fat sour cream or Greek yogurt)

Preheat oven to 325. In a small pot over low heat, melt the butter. Once melted, turn off the heat and add the chocolate chips. Whisk to combine. (The residual heat should be enough to melt the chips.) Whisk until smooth and shiny. Set aside to cool.

Coat a 9” springform pan with a generous amount of butter. Line the bottom of the pan with parchment and butter the parchment. Sift 1 Tbl cocoa powder evenly across the bottom and sides of the pan. Tap the sides of the pan to even out.

In the bowl of a stand mixer, combine the eggs, sugar, kosher salt, vanilla, and 1/2 C coconut. Beat on low for 1 minute and then on high for about 10 minutes or until the texture is similar to marshmallow fluff. Remove the bowl from the mixer and gently fold in the melted chocolate until completely incorporated.

Scrape the batter into the pan and tap the pan on the counter to remove any air bubbles. Set pan inside a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until firm to the touch. (The top of the cake should sound hollow when tapped.) Sprinkle the top with the flaky sea salt. Transfer pan to a wire rack and let cool for 1 hour.

Once cool, slide a knife around the edges of the pan to release the cake. Dust with cocoa powder, slice, and serve each piece with a dollop of crème fraiche and a generous pinch of shredded coconut.



The record for drinking Ketchup belongs to Dustin Phillips (USA). On September 22, 1999 he drank a 14 oz. bottle of Ketchup through a 1/4” straw in 33 seconds.



**Apple of Your Eye**

“Apple of your eye” means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): “Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.”

Can you find the word “apple” 12 times in the puzzle?  
Look up, down, across, and even backward!

