

May 2026

Tabernacle Methodist

Monthly Newsletter

How Can I?

In our series, The Church Jesus Started, we're being reminded of a powerful truth: the church Jesus started was not a place people attended—it was a people being changed.

And one of the clearest marks of that change was how they lived with one another.

Yet even today, it's easy for our perspective to drift. Without realizing it, we can begin to view the church through the lens of "Why didn't they?"

Why didn't they reach out?

Why didn't they serve?

Why didn't they step up?

Those questions may feel natural, but they don't produce the kind of community Jesus rose to create.

The church Jesus started was built on a very different posture.

Instead of "Why didn't they?" the early believers lived with a simple, powerful question: "How can I?"

How can I serve?

How can I give?

How can I care for the person in front of me?

This is exactly what we see in Philippians 2:3-4: "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.." This is not passive faith. This is active, intentional, others-first living.

And when that kind of heart takes root, something remarkable begins to happen.

We see it clearly in Acts 4:32-35. The early church wasn't just unified in belief—they were open-handed in life. Scripture says, "And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had... there were no needy persons among them."

That is radical generosity.

That is open-handed living.

That is the church Jesus started.

They didn't ask, "Why isn't someone doing something?"

They asked, "How can I be part of the answer?"

An open-handed church is not just generous with resources—it is generous with time, attention, compassion, and presence. It notices needs and moves toward them. It holds loosely to what it has so it can faithfully respond to what God is doing.

And this kind of culture doesn't happen by accident. It is built one decision at a time.

It happens when someone chooses to initiate a conversation with a guest.

It happens when someone steps in to meet a need without being asked.

It happens when we stop waiting for "someone else" and begin offering what we have.

Galatians 6:9 reminds us, "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Open-handed living may feel small in the moment—but over time, it builds a church where people are truly seen, cared for, and loved.

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How Can I?-cont.

So as we step into this truth, let's lean into the question that shaped the early church:

"How can I?"

How can I live open-handed this week?

How can I reflect the heart of Christ in a tangible way?

How can I be part of the kind of church Jesus started?

Because when we begin to live that way together, we don't just talk about the early church—we start to look like it.

-Pastor Matt



The Methodist Men's Annual Yard Sale is coming up on **Saturday, May 2, from 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM!** Start your morning with breakfast biscuits at 7 AM (while supplies last), and stick around for hot dogs starting around 10:00–10:30 AM. Spaces available: ~50 spots (20' x 20') for \$10 and Tables available for an additional \$5 (or bring your own). This is the Methodist Men's biggest fundraiser of the year, and we'd love to see you there. Not selling? No problem—come out, browse for treasures, grab some food, and support a great cause! The Methodist Women will also be hosting a bake sale—you definitely don't want to miss it! Come early, bring a friend, and help make this a great event!

To reserve a space, contact Jay Gordon at [336-681-2682](tel:336-681-2682) or jdgordon60@gmail.com.



A Message from the Finance Team:

Generosity – The quality of being kind, unselfish, and willing to freely give money, time, resources or help, often exceeding expectations.

Thank you for being a generous church!

Take a look around our church campus. We are blessed with beautiful, functional facilities, well equipped to serve the needs of our congregation and community. Our clergy, staff and volunteers are dedicated to serving, generously sharing God's gift of love through Jesus Christ.

God has generously blessed our church, enabling worship, ministries, and programs that enrich our souls and bring Christ to the unchurched. Over the coming months we will be highlighting some of our outreach ministries during Sunday worship services, all made possible through your prayers, involvement and financial support. Please be in prayer about how you can honor God's generosity in your own financial support of his kingdom at work in Tabernacle.

Through March 31, 2026

General Fund Giving	\$145,177	CLC Mortgage Balance	\$1,047,067
General Fund Expenses	\$180,671	Monthly mortgage payments	of \$9,095
Shortfall	\$(35,494)	are in addition to operating expenses.	

Proverbs 11:25 – A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

Thank You!

Thank you Allie for coming alongside children and their families!
 Thank you for loving and serving them so well.
 We are grateful for your commitment and season of serving at
 Tabernacle! Thank you!

Tabernacle Pastors and Staff
 Tabernacle SPRC



KidMin Check-In Station

We launched a new Kid's Ministry Check-in Station on Sunday mornings at Tabernacle! Thank you to the Cook and Meyers families for coming alongside us and helping make this possible and fun! We look forward to welcoming families that have kids fifth grade and below inside the gym at the CLC. Come see us and check-in on Sunday Mornings from 8:45am-9:15am. We look forward to greeting you in May and beyond!



Tabernacle Methodist Church

VBS 2026

MISSION:
DEEP SEA



← SIGN-UP, SCAN HERE

We are so excited to dive in deep with your kids this summer! TMC VBS is Monday, June 22-Thursday, June 25. 9am-12pm. There will fun stations, snacks, games, worship and Jesus! Stay tuned for more details.

WHO HAS TALENT OR A HOBBY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH OUR SUMMER CAMP KIDS?

We would love to host a variety of activities this summer to make the time together more special and exciting. We will provide any materials that you need. Please contact Cindy at [\(336\) 674-0335](tel:3366740335) so that we can set up a day and time for you to share your talents with the next generation.



PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Playschool program has stated enrolling for the 26-27 school year, August - May. We accept potty trained 3yo's on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30am. 4yo's M-W-F 8:30-11:30am. Please call the daycare office for more information.

We Need Your Help

VBS volunteers needed!

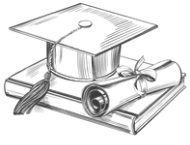
We need crew leaders, snack makers, station leaders and more!

If you are able to serve with us please contact:

Laurie Golden: 711golden@gmail.com or

Steven Nelson: snelson@tabernaclemethodist.com.

MAY 31 Graduation & New Member SUNDAY *celebrate with us!*



Honor Our Graduates

CELEBRATING YOUR HARD WORK AND BRIGHT FUTURE!

We will recognize and pray over Kindergarten, 5th grade, and 8th grade students during worship. High school seniors and college graduates will be recognized in our worship bulletins.

To have a High school or college graduate included in our bulletins, please email a photo, school name and degree, future plans, and favorite Scripture to: Steve Nelson: snelson@tabernaclemethodist.com or the Office: office@tabernaclemethodist.com by May 17th.



Welcome To Our Church

WELCOMING OUR NEW MEMBERS AS WE GROW IN FAITH

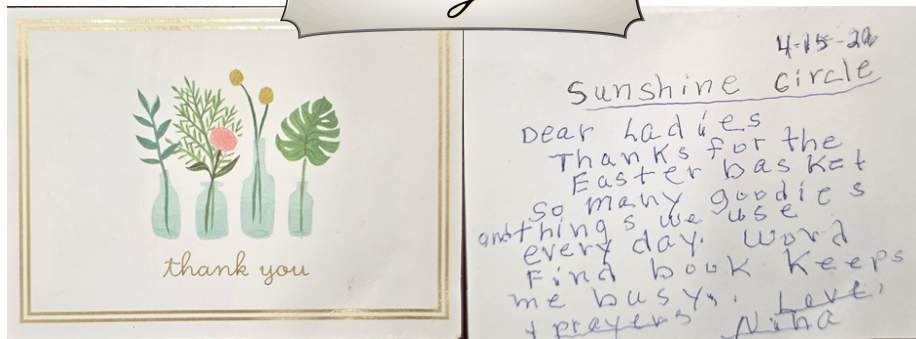
Together in faith, we look forward to the journey ahead. As we welcome our newest members, we give thanks for each person joining us and anticipate the many ways we will grow together. We look forward to walking alongside one another in love and service as we write our future chapters together in this community of worship and fellowship.

May NEWSLETTER **Summer** COMBINED ISSUE
JUNE • JULY • AUGUST

May's newsletter will be our final single-month edition for this season. Beginning this summer, we will move to a combined summer newsletter covering June, July, and August. Then, in September, we will return to our regular monthly format with individual newsletters each month.



a thank you note



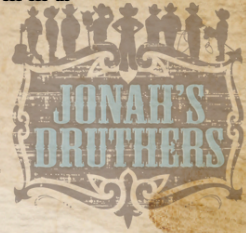
FOOD DRIVE SUCCESS! **Thank you** to our volunteers...

for supporting the Food Drive at Food Lion—

we collected 1,193 lbs of food and \$214!

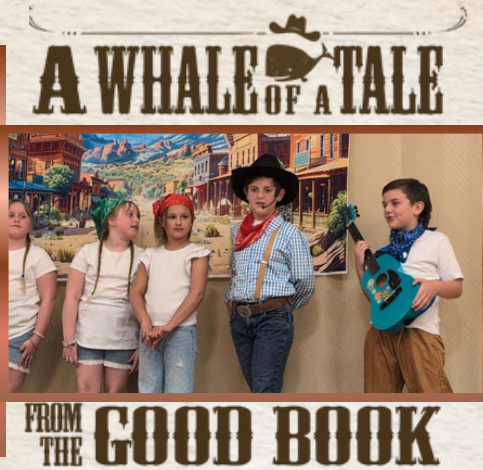


THANK YOU, TABERNACLE KIDS CHOIR FOR A GREAT PERFORMANCE!



They shared the story from the Old Testament of Jonah and the whale...
"Jonah's Druthers!"

We were amazed at your singing, speaking and fun, loving way that you shared the truth of God's word. They taught us that if we are faithful to God we are sure to find that He is full of love, grace, and mercy. We all had a great time at fellowship after the performance at the churchwide supper. :)



UPCOMING Events & Celebrations

TO HELP KEEP THIS NEWSLETTER CURRENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE UPDATES OR NOTICE ANYTHING WE MAY HAVE MISSED.

May

2 MM Yard Sale: 7am-1pm

5 Cinco De Mayo

10 Mother's Day

10 Mother's Day Brunch Between Worship Services CLC

13 Our Table @ Tabernacle 5-6:30 pm CLC

17 Memorial Sunday

17 Church Council 5:30 FH

19 TWDS End of Year Program 6-10pm CLC

20 Newsletter Content Due

25 Memorial Day

27 Our Table @ Tabernacle: 5 - 6:30pm CLC

31 Graduation Sunday

31 New Member Sunday

31 SEHS Band Booster Club Car Wash: 1-5pm CLC PK LOT

Church office & TWDS CLOSED

Memorial Day, May 25th

Church Council Meeting 2026

May 17, 5:30 PM Fellowship Hall - Dinner Served

Monthly

Kids Choir Practice - **Sundays 11 am Rm132**

Alive Praise Band practice - **Sundays 7pm CLC**

A "Good Start" Bible Study - **Mondays 6am CLC**

Women's Fitness Fellowship - **Mondays 5:30 pm CLC**

Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts - **Mondays 6:30 / 7:30 pm FH**

Sunshine Circle - **3rd Monday 7pm Rm 130**

Men's Basketball Fellowship - **Tues/Thurs 6:30 pm CLC**

Kids' Tumbling - **Tuesdays 4:15 pm CLC**

Backpack Ministry - **Wednesdays Basement**

Quilt Ministry - **2nd Wednesday 10 am Basement**

Youth Group - **Wednesdays 6:30 pm (no summer) CLC**

Chancel Choir practice - **Wednesday 6:30 pm Sanctuary**

Our Table @ Tabernacle - **2nd & 4th Wed. 5 - 6:30 pm CLC**

Methodist Men - **2nd Sunday 8 am (no summer) FH**

Fellowship & Friendship Circle - **2nd Thursday 2 pm Rm 130**

June

10 Our Table @ Tabernacle 5-6:30pm CLC

10 Last Day of School for GCS Students

11 Southeast High School Graduation 9-11am Greensboro Complex

13 TWDS Annual Color Run 8 am-3pm

17-20 GMC NC Annual Conference

21 Father's Day

22-25 VBS 2026

20 Newsletter Content Due

24 Our Table @ Tabernacle: 5 - 6:30 pm CLC

24 Lunch and Learn at Mt. Pisgah Church

27 Church Under the Bridge 3-7:30pm

Adult Sunday Classes - Classes Start at 10-10:45am -

Rm 130 Adult Disciples

CLC Men's Bible Study

CLC Women's Bible Study

Rm 134 Curiosity Class

Rm 126 The Parables Class

Parlor The Amor of God

Birthdays

1 Megan Ehrhardt

2 Ruby Archie

3 Brad Fields

4 Liz Wyrick

5 Lawson Kidd

6 Mike Brown Jr

6 Aaron Moss

6 Mack Scott

7 Lucas Carlisle

8 Sawyer Deltano

9 Matt Morris

9 Tim Shoffner

9 Judy Shoffner

10 Jean Penry

10 Joyce Morris

10 Lylan Wingfield

10 Steve Redmon

11 Dale Sartin

11 Phyllis Brawley

12 Sandy Jones

12 Daniel Little

13 Amy Ehrhardt

13 Sandra Kiger

13 Hudson Perry

15 Rebecca Collins

15 Alex Bradley

15 Karla Stapleton

17 Steve Nelson

18 James Moore

21 Alec Bradley

22 Alexandria Branson

25 Phyllis Love

27 Laurie Golden

28 Tyler Griffin

28 Mary Benson

28 Phyllis Horney

28 Susan Panzner

29 Amie Kay

29 Alex Smith

30 Chris Foust

30 Keith Deltano

Anniversaries

1 Alger & Joyce Morris

6 Beverly & Linda Calhoun

9 Tim & Judy Shoffner

13 Ben & Nicole Rafferty

14 Jesse & Sandra Pratt

14 Nate & Allie Roth

14 Chris & Michelle Meyers

26 Matt & Kerri Morris

28 Brad & Teresa Ehrhardt

Meeting and Loving the
HOMELESS



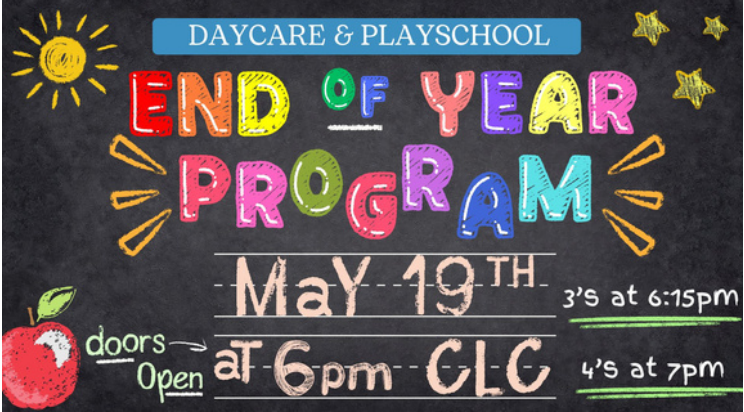
Come help serve...
Saturday June 27th, 2026
Contact Joe to sign up.



DAYCARE & PLAYSCHOOL

END OF YEAR PROGRAM

May 19TH 3's at 6:15pm
doors Open **at 6pm** - **CLC** 4's at 7pm




Our Table @ Tabernacle - Now Twice a Month!!
Join us every 2nd and 4th Wednesday for a free community meal (Jan-Oct). Whether you dine in or take it to go, we'd love to have you! We invite you to bring a dessert to share if you can. To volunteer, call **Matt or Emily Stevenson at (704) 213-0035.**

GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS

SAVE THE DATE
Family Night

GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST AT 6:30PM
DETAILS COMING SOON!




MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



In Loving Memory of John Dyson by
Warren & Paula Ginn
Jimmy & Karen Moore
Chancel Choir
Charlotte Fogleman
June Sofley
Nancy Durham
Milton & Wanda Beneke
Steve & Patty Starr
Fran Griffin
Martin Ballew
Mike & Ellen Smith

In Loving Memory of Jean Brown by
Leon Brown

In Loving Memory of Wayne Leard by
Alan & Marie Byrd

In Loving Memory of Mike Nelson by
Alan & Marie Byrd

In Loving Memory of Michael Burke by
Alan & Marie Byrd

In Loving Memory of Neil Horney by
Shellia Williamson

In Loving Memory of Nancy Royal by
Shellia Williamson

In Honor of Ronnie & Glenda Stout by
Tracey Owens

In Honor of Matt Morris and all servers and kitchen workers for Festival of Tables by
Charlotte Fogleman

May Student Ministry Calendar

TMC Students and Friends on Sundays at 10AM downstairs in the main church in our student ministry rooms. We will have delicious doughnuts during May! Bring a friend!

Save The Date

June 3: Invite Night
June 10: End of Year Party

VBS Student Volunteers Needed

VBS is Monday, June 22—Thursday, June 25, 9AM-12PM this summer! We need several students to help with stations, snacks, games, crews, worship, skits and more! Come alongside Scuba Steve and sign-up to help! Let Steven know at snelson@tabernaclemethodist.com if you are interested.

Sunday Morning Live

@ 10AM on Sundays, Doughnuts & Devo:

May 3
May 10
May 17
May 24
May 31



TMC Student & Friends

@ 6:30PM on Wednesdays in our CLC gym:

Dinner, drinks, and snacks are always provided, friends are always welcome and we will have new things each Wednesday this month! Bring a friend and join us for food, fun, and the Word!

May 6: Invite Night
May 13: Testimony Night
May 20: Feast Night
May 27: Hype Night



COLOR FUN RUN/WALK

JUNE 13, 2026 @ 10am

Children 2-12 \$10 each Adults 13+ \$20 each
 Participants will walk/jog/run around the ballfield track and will be sprayed with watercolor at various color stations. There will be a FOAM PARTY at the end for the children to enjoy! Come dressed in a white t-shirt so that the colors will show up better. All proceeds will go towards the upgrade of three daycare/church playgrounds.
 Deadline to register: June 5th

TABERNACLE WEEKDAY SCHOOL
 5721 Methodist Rd. Greensboro
 336-674-0335

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Name	Age (If under 13)	Email	Phone #	Address	Shirt Size	Fee

Forms can be returned to:
 Tabernacle Week Day School
 5721 Methodist Rd. Greensboro, NC 27406
 Make checks payable to: TWDS

T-Shirt Sizes Available:
 Youth-: YS, YM, YL, YXL
 Adult: S, M, L, XL, 2X

Total Fee \$
 Enclosed

Waiver: I hereby absolve and hold harmless the race sponsors, TWDS and all persons connected with the Color Run, from any liability or injury by me while participating in the run or walk. I further provide that this hold harmless agreement applies to my heirs, executors and assignees. I am physically fit to participate in this event.

Adult/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____