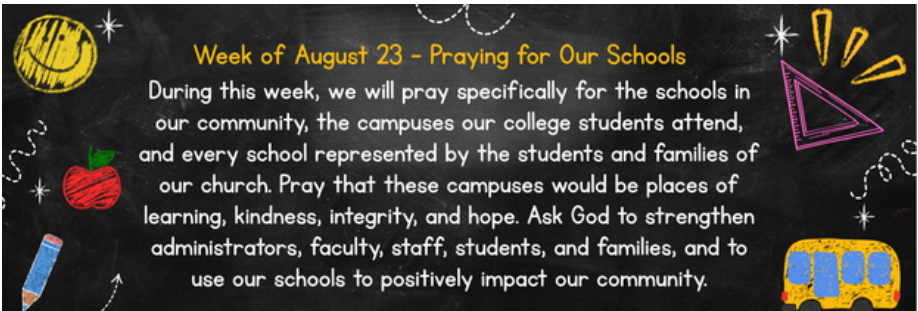


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Week of August 23 - Praying for Our Schools

During this week, we will pray specifically for the schools in our community, the campuses our college students attend, and every school represented by the students and families of our church. Pray that these campuses would be places of learning, kindness, integrity, and hope. Ask God to strengthen administrators, faculty, staff, students, and families, and to use our schools to positively impact our community.



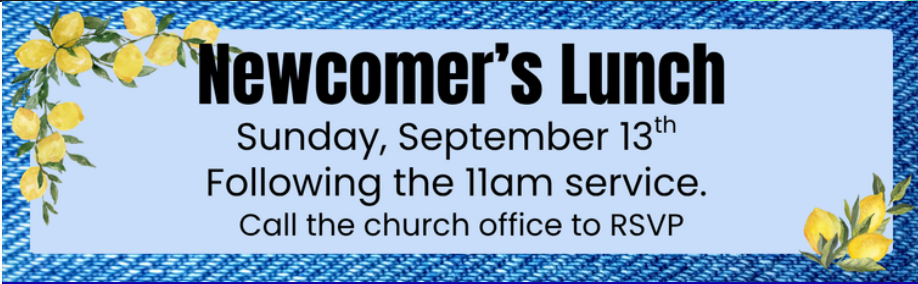
SAVE THE DATE!
ADULT HANDBELL
WORKSHOP

August 29th from 10:00 - 1:30 p.m.
at Manning Presbyterian Church
If you are interested in joining
handbells please contact
JaNeen Webb.



BACK
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BASH

AUGUST 26TH AT 6:00P.M.



Newcomer's Lunch

Sunday, September 13th
Following the 11am service.
Call the church office to RSVP

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“We exist to make Christ known and adored to the glory of God.”

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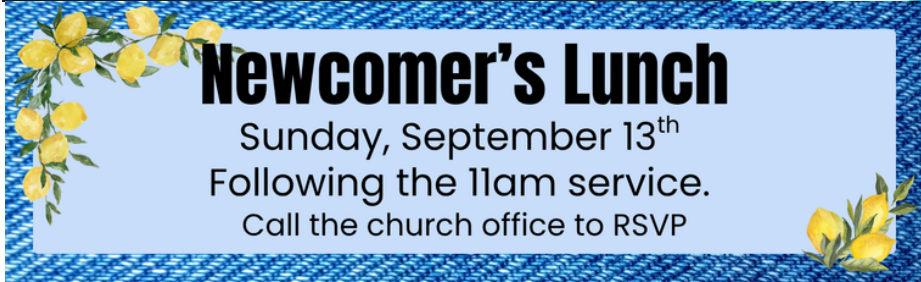
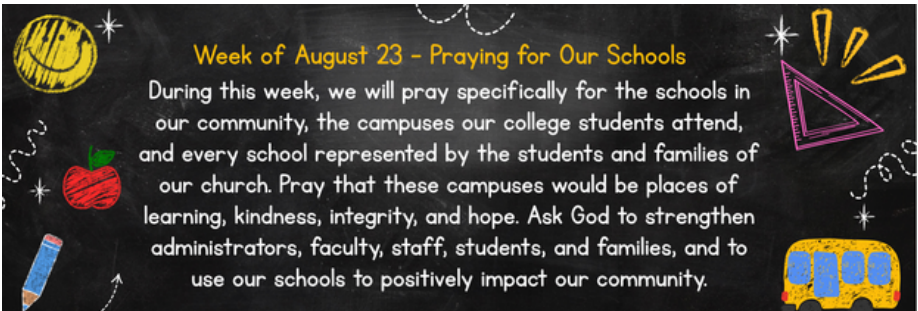
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“Jesus Paid It All”	
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Announcements and Reminders

- **Wednesday Night Supper** Menu for Aug. 26: Join us at 5pm for a delicious meal featuring breakfast for dinner. Suggested donations of \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children. Families Not to Exceed \$20.00.
- The **United Ministries** is in need of 2lb bags of flour & grits and 1lb bags of dried beans & rice. Put them in the drop off box across from the SS Room in the hall.
- **Women’s Fitness Center** Is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **For our Young Worshipers** - You can find coloring sheets, sermon notes, and quiet activity pages for children in the balcony and at the end of the children’s wing. We love having children in worship and hope these resources help make the service meaningful and welcoming for them too.
- **JL Black Foundation** - Donate gently worn, used, and new shoes! Drop off at the Sunday School Desk and the Fellowship Hall.
- **Adult Handbells:** Save the date for our annual Adult Handbells workshop on August 29th . If you are interested in joining the handbell choir please contact JaNeen Webb.

Dates to Remember

- Aug. 25- Royal Servants- TEL 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 26- Back to School bash in gym 6:00 p.m.
- Aug. 28- Church Council meeting 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

- Aug. 23- Soldiers Again
- Aug. 30- 5th Sunday Lunch

Nursery Volunteers

- Aug. 23- Erica Eaddy & Ashley DuBose
- Aug. 30- John & Natalie Dabbs

Greeters

- Aug. 23- Renee Stogner & Jan Hardy
- Aug. 30- Bozard Family

Safety

- Aug. 23
 - Organ door 8:30-9:30- Gene Floyd
 - Organ door- 9:30-12:00- Bobby Ridgeway
 - Nursery door 9:30-12:00- Tyler Bloodworth
- Aug. 30
 - Organ door 8:30-9:30- NO EARLY SERVICE
 - Organ door 9:30-12:00- Buddy Lester
 - Nursery door 9:30-12:00- Bo Shotwell

Prayer Needs

FBC Members:

Martin Beatson
Don Bragg
Carolyn Brewer
Dr. Coker
Judy Collins
Rubin Hardy
Kay Jones
Dr. Ray Langston
Bill Mahoney
Bill Martin
Margaret McCoy
Karl Miller
Kay Parnell
Jeri Phillips
Mary Queen
Search Committee
Vonda Strickland
Ben Wheeler
David Woods
Dana Young
Families of:
William Brewer
Rosanne Jackson

Sunshine Pals:

Kenneth Beatson
Virginia Beatson
Carolyn Boersema
Linda Dennis
Alice DuPont
Betty Gamble
Alice Hyman
Katherine McClam
Mike Moody
Tracy Morris
Doug Strickland
Butch Wilkes

Family & Friends:

Tracey Avin
Annette Browder
Walker Dresch
Wilson DuBose
William & Patty Epps
Bert Floyd
Jackie Howell
Larry Lee
Terry Lee
Billy McIntosh
Roger Moore
Shawn Phillips
Kenny Queen
Chris Ross
Teachers
Deborah Vinson
Bertha Welch
Dickie Williamson
Gina Wilson

A Word from the Pastor

“What is a Church?”

In High School, a few of my friends and I were members of the FFA club. Before joining the club, we attended a meeting where the leaders of the club explained what the FFA is. At the time, I thought this was simply perfunctory. However, as I look back on it, I now realize that this was exactly what those leaders should have done. Because membership in the FFA is directly tied to the FFA’s identity. In other words, a student looking to regularly play chess, would not want to join the FFA. Instead, they would want to join the chess club. The same is true of the church. Therefore, as we delve into this series on church membership, we must first ask, “What is a church?” Below, I would like to briefly discuss four aspects of the local church’s identity from the New Testament.

First, the church is a gathering. The Greek word for “church” is *Ekklesia*. In the time of the New Testament, that word was often used to describe a gathering or assembly of individuals. Therefore, by definition of the word, we can argue that the church is a gathering. To make the case even stronger, the author of Hebrews explicitly relates the concept of gathering to the church in 12:22-23.

Secondly, the church is a body. More specifically, the church is the body of Christ. Colossians 1:17-18 says, “He [Jesus] is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church.” This metaphor might be the clearest in terms of its relationship to church membership. For now, we will simply state that the body does not exist without its individual members.

Thirdly, the church is a picture. It is a picture of the Kingdom of God that will one day be revealed in its fullness. In Genesis, Adam and Eve were given the responsibility to be God’s representatives. They were to expand His Kingdom throughout the earth. However, they were no longer able to fulfill that purpose perfectly when they sinned. That is why Jesus declared at the beginning of His ministry that, “The Kingdom of God is at hand.” In other words, with His arrival, The Kingdom of God was breaking through into this world. Now that He has ascended, the church is to represent His Kingdom until He returns.

Lastly, the church is a family. The New Testament is packed with family imagery. God is referred to as our Father. Christ is referred to as our Brother. And Paul refers to the churches as brothers and sisters. This is my favorite of the metaphors that we have discussed in today’s article. The language and imagery of the family is one that everyone can relate to on some level. What a blessing it is that we are called children of God!

Next week, we will begin unpacking how these metaphors relate to the concept of church membership. Until then, be reminded by God’s Word that the church is not a place or building. It is clear from these metaphors that the church is a people. A people created and saved by God for His glory.

-Pastor Andy

Upcoming Sermon Scriptures:

- 8/30: Luke 7:36-50
- 9/6: Luke 8:1-8
- 9/13: Luke 8:19-39
- 9/20: Luke 8:40-56

