



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

April 8, 2025



What Makes a Successful Church?

The answer to that question depends on whom you ask. Most people think a successful church is measured in large numbers, big budgets, programs that meet their needs, and state-of-the-art facilities.

However, none of those "standards" are proof of success. In fact, each one of those characteristics could just as well be present in a dead church. Do you remember the church at Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)? This was a church that had a good reputation and was alive and well in the eyes of the community, but in the eyes of God, they were dead (Revelation 3:1).

Apparently, God doesn't see as we see (Isaiah 55:8-9), and He doesn't measure success in the same way that we do. While there is nothing wrong with numbers, programs, big budgets, and large facilities, a church can be successful in the eyes of God without focusing on these qualities.

What, then, is the measure of a successful church?

Christians who humbly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives daily.

Christians who love scripturally revealed truth supremely, who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God's revelation and hopes for His Kingdom.

Christians who are committed to moral living and are more concerned with godliness than fitting in with society.

Christians who love peace and fellowship in Christ more than they do a fight and who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss.

Christians who support the weary and weak, restore the fallen, and reaffirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.

Now, these characteristics would make a successful church! And note: It's not about size or other outward measures. Rather, it's about inward transformation and spirituality. We can have a vibrant church with meaningful discipleship and ministries without megachurch numbers, multi-million-dollar budgets, or cutting-edge-state-of-the-art facilities. The qualities that bring success and constitute greatness in God's eyes are within our reach. The present and future success of First Methodist Church of Conover begins with you and me.

As our Visioning Team has been seeking the Lord's guidance, wisdom and direction for the next few years, I am excited about what I'm hearing. My heart rate has quickened as our team has begun to put together a plan for the next step in our journey of following Jesus. I'm so glad you're a part of where we are headed!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS

Let Us Pray...

As an ongoing part of our Nurturing Ministry, we are asking all members of our church to pray for six specific families. Each week we will list a different group of six families as we work our way through our church roll. The families for this week are:

Lisa Rudisill, Peggy Rudisill,
Donna Salomone, Gail Sanders,
Lori Schulze, Jacob Scott.



B A B Y *in bloom*

**JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER
HONORING**

LINDSAY KEISLER

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 27
12:00 - 3:00 PM**

All are invited to the CFLC to celebrate the newest addition to the Keisler family!

Registered at babylist.com

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Anthony Price at Frye RMC (At home)

GREETERS FOR APRIL 13

8:45am - Mary Logan

11:00am - Greg & Joy Flynn

If you would like to greet your church family on Sunday mornings, please contact Nancy Wall at (704) 325-0330.

LOCATION OF CLASSROOMS FOR April 13

**FAITHBUILDERS CLASS - MEET IN
CONFERENCE ROOM**

**CROSSROADS CLASS - MEET IN
PARLOR**

METHODIST MEN'S MEETING

The Methodist Men will meet in the CFLC on Thursday, April 24th. A meal will be served at 6:00pm with a program to follow. We are requesting for 5-7 members to assist in setting up and preparing the meal.

If you are available to help, please be at the church by 5:00pm.



Methodist Men

NEWS TO USE



ASHURE NEWS

The Ashure Ministry food request for April is canned

or dried beans. All canned food is useful and appreciated, but cans with pop top lids are important for our homeless clients. These may be placed in the red bins in the hallway between the CFLC and Beth's office along with grocery bags.

Here are the impressive March statistics for our church at Ashure Ministry:

Pounds of food	119
Number of volunteers	20
Hours volunteered	241

Thank you, church family!

Anita Deal

TIME CHANGED

TIME OF PRAYER



**6:30 Every Tuesday
in the Parlor (upstairs)**



PASTOR'S QUIZ

"If thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out and cast it from thee," said Jesus, immediately following his admonition against

- a. committing adultery in one's heart
- b. the old saying, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth"
- c. swearing at all
- d. growing angry at one's brother

(The correct answer is on the back of the newsletter.)

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence April 6, 2025

Sunday School:
101

Worship:
8:45am Service 134
11:00am Service 129
Total 263

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

General Fund	\$ 18,924.00
<i>(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)</i>	
Children's Bank	69.00
Total	\$ 18,993.00



Connor College Scholarship

Forms available in
church office.

Deadline April 27

First Methodist Church
410 First Avenue North
Conover, NC 28613
Return Service Requested

Non-Profit
Organization
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2025 FLOWER CHART

If you would like to sign up to place flowers in the Sanctuary one Sunday in honor of or in memory of someone, please call the church office at (828) 464-4635 to schedule a date.

Please do not write your name on the flower chart but call the church office.

A slide will be shown at both services on the Sunday that you choose with the information given by you.

The following florists have a key so that they can deliver the flowers on a Saturday:

Twigs & Twine - Conover

Newton-Conover Florist - Newton

Blooms Greenhouse - Conover



Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:
a committing adultery in one's heart
(Matthew 5:27-29)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods pastor@fmconover.org (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell 208 2nd St NE, Conover
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Organist	Kevin Haney khaney01@gmail.com (704) 914-6510
Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 preschool@fmconover.org
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635
Website:	www.fmconover.org

MORE NEWS TO USE

April 13, 14, 15, 16 & 18, 2025

6:00 – 8:30 each evening

The “Journey to Jerusalem” Prayer Walk is next week! This immersive walk-through experience tells the story of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, from creation and the fall, prophecies to birth, through His ministry, and to His death and resurrection. The Connor Family Life Center has already been transformed into winding passageways, and daily we’re adding displays that tell this moving story with scenes, sounds, scents, costumed characters, and live action.

This is a “not to be missed” event for our church and community. Plan to attend and bring your family and friends! The walk will take approximately 20-30 minutes, and you may want to pause a moment longer in some places. We will have **wheelchairs available** and there are chairs and benches throughout the walk so you can remain present in the experience, without worrying about fatigue or mobility limitations.

WARNING: Some scenes are intense and may upset younger travelers. We recommend moving through these areas quickly rather than turning back. This way your little one will also see the open tomb, and you can share the good news that ***Jesus is alive!***

If you have questions about this ministry, please contact Anthony Price (828) 228-6467 or Beth Woods (336) 480-4551.



DON'T FORGET OUR MEMBERS IN NURSING FACILITIES AND OUR HOMEBOUND

Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658

Dottie Aycock-Harris - TerraBella Newton, (Room B1)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658
(Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919)



James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care Center)
Mail to: Jeanette Davis
102 Leonard Avenue, Room 210, Newton, NC 28658

Margaret Kilpatrick - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) (Room 2010)
102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658

Robert Matthews - Heritage Care (Room 16)
3430 Lester Street, Conover, NC 28613

Rick Parker - Catawba Valley Assisted Living (Room 107)
4174 Shook Road, Claremont, NC 28610
(828) 381-4988 - Rick's cell (828) 381-7328 - Linda's cell

Gilda Pennell - Abernethy Laurels (2103 Noble)
102 Leonard Avenue
Newton, NC 28658

Mary Ann Simpson - Kingston Residence (Room 214)
904 2nd Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C1)
1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658



Don Hedrick - Mailing address: PO Box 542, Claremont, NC 28610
Physical address: 4028 E US 70 Hwy, Claremont, NC 28610
His wife, Cheryl's phone# (828) 381-7956

Lee Moritz, Sr. - 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613
(828) 464-3383

If you know of any members that should be added to our list, please contact the church office at
(828) 464-4635.

**NEWEST MEMBERS OF
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF CONOVER
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025
(JOINED AT 11:00 SERVICE)**

(Pictured at left)

Lynn Haynes
3440 Duck Pond Drive NE
Conover, NC 28613

Cell: (704) 682-4423
Email: lynnhman799@gamil.com

(Pictured at right - Lynn's father)

William "Bill" Pitts
3440 Duck Pond Drive NE
Conover, NC 28613

Cell: (404) 202-0148
Email: bpittssr@bellsouth.net



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us as we guide children through the
"Journey to Jerusalem" Prayer Walk
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt

Happy

Easter

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 AM

First Methodist Church Conover
410 1st Ave N, Conover, NC 28613

BRING YOUR BASKET!

www.fmccconover.org

We still need help!

If you can lead a group of 8-10 children through the Prayer Walk or help "hide" the Easter Eggs, please let Beth know this week!

Woods777@aol.com or 336-480-4551



Join us for

AWANA

Ages 3 - 5th Grade

Activities:

- Engaging Bible Study
- Music
- Games
- Snacks
- Lots of Fun!

Intro Dates:

Sunday, April 27

Sunday, May 4

Sunday, May 18

5pm - 6:30pm

Full Program to
Kick-Off in the Fall

Address:

First Methodist Church Conover
410 1st Ave N,
Conover, NC 28613

**Because Kids
Matter
to God**

Awana Clubs
Cubbies 
3 - 5 Year Olds

Awana Clubs
Sparks 
Grades K - 2nd

 **Truth &
Training**
Grades 3 - 5

youth
Grades 6 - 12
will also meet
during this time



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SPRING CONCERT

featuring

Bells of Lake Norman

Saturday, April 26

6:30pm

Trinity Baptist Church

725 W. 13th St.

Newton NC

The Corner Table Presents



Drendel Auditorium, Hickory, NC
243 Third Avenue NE, Hickory, NC 28601

4-29-2025 | 6-8PM

"Standup to Hunger" is a variety show talent competition fundraiser to benefit the The Corner Table's Backpack Program. The show will feature a diverse lineup of local performers, including comedy, music, dance, and more! Standup to Hunger promises you a night filled with excitement, creativity, and unforgettable performances, all while raising vital funds for local children in our community. Don't miss this chance to support a great cause and enjoy a night of incredible talent!

Tickets: \$25/piece (Children under 2 are free)
Sponsorships Available

All proceeds benefit:



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