



First Methodist Church OF CONOVER

The Weekly Newsletter of First Methodist Church Conover

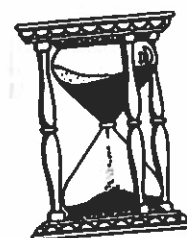
July 15, 2025

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JOHN

This is a guest-post: a devotional from Paul David Tripp, out of his book: *Everyday Gospel*. One of the most significant limits that God, in His wisdom, has set for us is the limit of time. You and I will never enjoy a ten-day week. We will never experience the luxury of a forty-day month or a five-hundred-day year. We will never be granted a thirty-five hour day, and none of us will physically live forever on this fallen earth. It is the height of foolishness to deny the limits of time that God, in His infinite knowledge, has set for us.

God has hardwired us with the limit of time. Denying this reality will only get you into difficulty. Psalm 90:12 reveals how we should approach this limitation:

**Teach us to number our days
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**



Notice that the psalmist connects numbering our days with gaining a heart of wisdom. Acknowledging the limits of the life God has given you is a significant part of living wisely. When you live with your limits in view, you don't waste your time. You don't load your schedule with things that don't matter. You value your time, and you want to invest it wisely. When you live with your limits in view, you want to understand what is important to God and you spend your days pursuing those values.

Wasting time is easier now that it ever has been before. With the twenty-four-hour infotainment media, social media platforms, network television, and streaming services - most of those content available on your phone - it is possible to waste hours every day without ever being aware of how much time has blown by. It takes humility and discipline to say no to the noise that greets you from the time you wake up until the time you go to bed.

Here's our problem. Humility and discipline aren't natural for us. We love what is comfortable and pleasurable. Most of us would rather be entertained than study, learn, work, and serve. So, like every other psalm, Psalm 90 preaches the gospel to us. It confronts us with the fact that our biggest problem in life isn't outside of us. No, our biggest problem in life is us. Psalm 90 reminds us that Jesus lived, died, and rose again both to rescue us from the external evils of this fallen world, and to rescue us from us.

He offers us not only forgiveness but also empowering and transforming grace. In the power of His grace, we can humbly admit our limits with the discipline of wisdom, investing ourselves in that which has eternal value. Our days are numbered; may we reach for the grace to invest in them well.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

PRAYERS, PRAISES AND NEEDS



MEAL PREP & HELP WITH FUNERALS

If you are available to help prepare a side dish or to help as a server for funerals here at FMCC, please contact Michelle Cloninger at (828) 381-3184 to be added to a list of people she can call on when the need arises.

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:

Alex, Hiley, Jolie & Margaret Baucom,
Danny & Sandy Baucom, Don, Andrea & Grace Ann Beatty,
Jordan Beatty, Hank Beck,
Haley Beech.

IN/OUT OF HOSPITAL

Everest Hedrick (at home)

DONATION TO THE LIBRARY

Two books have been donated to the library written by Richard Carmichael. He has been visiting First Methodist Church of Conover for several months now and has kindly signed and donated these books "to his church friends." The title of these two books are:

1. Common Sense Economics 2025 Edition
2. American Economic History 2025 Edition



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

July 20

8:45am - Nancy Wall
11:00am - Need volunteer

July 27

8:45am - Amber Hendren
11:00am - Ruth Brown

We need volunteers. If you are available to volunteer, please contact Beth via email at woods777@aol.com or call her at (336) 480-4551.



Greeters for July 20

8:45am - Marsha & David Phillips
11:00am - Steve & Alice Christmas

July 27

8:45am - Amber & Justin Hendren
11:00am - Cindy & Jimmy Clark

August 3

8:45am -
11:00am -

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

The correct answer is located on the back of the Newsletter.

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ?

The book of Jonah tells the story of a prophet who ran from God, faced a storm and learned about God's mercy. Which of the following statements is true?

- A. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
- B. The fish that swallowed Jonah washed up on the shores of Joppa.
- C. Jonah preached in Nineveh for forty days and forty nights.
- D. After the city repented, Jonah rejoiced and built an altar to the Lord.



NEWS TO USE



The Ashure Ministry food request for **July** will be **snacks for kids**. 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.

Thanks to the 9 FMCC volunteers last Monday at Ashure Ministry. Your donations of time and energy helped to provide food for the 360 families served that day.

Thank you, Anita Deal

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

By Our Presence July 13, 2025

Sunday School:
92

Worship:

8:45am Service -	150
11:00am Service -	149
Total	299

God's Tithe & Our Gifts

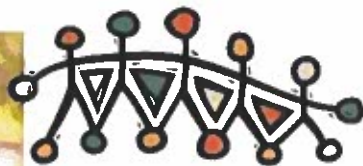
General Fund \$ 15,339.00
(Needed weekly for budget: \$15,258)

Ashure Ministry	25.00
Children's Bank	31.95
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
Texas Flood Disaster Relief	2,337.00

Total \$ 17,832.95

SAVE ^{THE} DATE

Sunday, Sept 7 evening concert



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR™

**Music
for Life**

We have the privilege of hosting the **African Children's Choir** for the opening concert of their 2025-26 touring season. You don't want to miss this fabulous concert! Watch for more information coming soon, but mark your calendars now!

Part of hosting includes providing **housing**. We will need about 10 homes that can host 2-3 children and an adult. Please talk to Pastor John or Beth if you are interested.

MEMORIALS

General Fund

In memory of Charles Reed by:
Rick & Linda Parker

In memory of Trevor Lee Monk by:
Harry & Trenia Monk

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In memory of Charles Reed by:
Gene & Beverly Swithenbank

July 26 - Let's Go to a Hickory Crawdads Game!



There is a
Christian concert
after the game.

Sign-up sheet is by Jason's office
door in the CFLC.

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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.

Several silk arrangements are available for you to use if you wish to make a donation in lieu of flowers. A flower fund was set up by the Harold Thornburg family in memory of Ruthie. Please call the church office if you wish to do so.

Thank you.





Answer to this week's Pastor's Quiz:

- a. Jonah told the sailors he was running from God, and they threw him overboard.
(Jonah 1:9-15)

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. John Woods pastor@fmccconover.org (828) 464-4635 (336) 480-4550 - cell 208 2nd St NE, Conover
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Preschool Director	Julie Robinson (828) 466-3158 preschool@fmccconover.org
Lead Nursery Worker	Pilar Tobar
Custodian	Luisa Toro Bryan
Church Office	(828) 464-4635

MORE NEWS TO USE

Members in Nursing Facilities	Members at Home
<p>Rev. Dixon Adams - TerraBella Newton (Room B7) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Dottie Aycock-Harris - TerraBella Newton, (Room B1) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658 Her husband, Ron's cell - (704) 460-4919</p> <p>James Davis - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) Mail to: Jeanette Davis 102 Leonard Avenue, Room 210, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Margaret Kilpatrick - Abernethy Laurels (Memory Care) (Room 2010) 102 Leonard Avenue, Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Robert Matthews - Heritage Care (Room 16) 3430 Lester Street, Conover, NC 28613</p> <p>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</p> <p>Gilda Pennell - Abernethy Laurels (2103 Noble) 102 Leonard Avenue Newton, NC 28658</p> <p>Mary Ann Simpson - Kingston Residence (Room 214) 904 2nd Street NE, Hickory, NC 28601</p> <p>Sybil Windsor - TerraBella Newton (Room C1) 1088 Radio Station Road, Newton, NC 28658</p>	<p>Elaine Biles - In a nursing facility in Indiana. Send mail to her son, Jim at: 1140 S. Michigan Ave. Greensburg, IN 47240</p> <p>Don Hedrick - Mailing address: PO Box 542, Claremont, NC 28610 Physical address: 4028 E US Hwy 70, Claremont, NC 28610 His wife, Cheryl's phone (828) 381-7956</p> <p>Armando Lagunas - 1515 28th St., Lane SE Hickory, NC 28602</p> <p>Lee Moritz, Sr. - 103 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28613 (828) 464-3383</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div>
<p>If you know of any members that should be added to our list, please contact the church office at (828) 464-4635.</p>	

PRAYER WALK & HARVEST FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

It is hard to believe it has been almost a year since our last get together, but it has.....
I would like to invite anyone that has helped in any manner (no matter how) with the Prayer Walk or the Harvest Festival to come to my families tent at Balls Creek Campmeeting. So all from both services can get there, please plan to be there by 1:30. You can arrive earlier if you prefer. As always, there is plenty to do with the crew.

What's Happening: 3rd Annual FMCC PWHFV Sunday Luncheon

Where: Balls Creek Campmeeting Tent #94 (back of tent is along road - will see blue balloons)

When: August 16th at 1:30

I need to Bring: Your favorite....picnic special.....reunion delicacy.....finger licking goodness.....or whatever you think will tickle this groups taste buds.

Loading and unloading is behind tent, but the only parking is across road only.

Dress appropriately.....as it is always a little warm on a Sunny August Sunday Afternoon under the tin roofs.

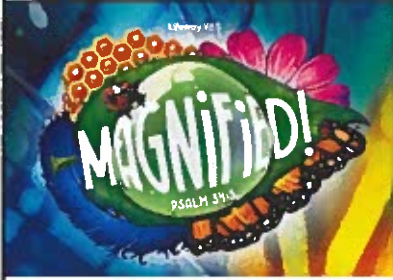
Come and join us for a wonderful and blessed afternoon of fun and fellowship and entertainment (we know who has the banjos, now who has a fiddle(s) and guitar(s)).

I for one cannot wait to see all of you there.

Oh, how wonderful is our GOD.

Anthony Price
828-228-6467 (text with any questions)

EVEN MORE NEWS TO USE



MAGNIFIED! We had a great start to our 2025 Vacation Bible School on Sunday, July 13. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped (and those that will help with the sessions to come!)

Through games, science discoveries, Bible stories, songs, crafts, dinner and snacks, and great conversations, we encouraged kids to look closely at the details of God's amazing world and magnify the greatness of God. God made us, cares about us, loves us, forgives us, and is faithful to keep all His promises to us. We can praise God together! We were made to magnify God!

The remaining sessions for children ages 3- 5th grade will be held 5:30-7:30 on July 20, 21, and 22; and 10 am - noon on Saturday, Aug 9. Sessions for adults will be July 15 and 16: 10am -noon, followed by lunch.

Please continue to pray for all the kids and adults who will be touched by this ministry!

SISTERS IN CHRIST BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON **FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT BOXCAR GRILLE**

All women of the church are invited to a luncheon at Boxcar Grille in Claremont on Friday, August 8th at 11:30am. We will be honoring those who have birthdays in July and August. Lunch is on your own except the birthday girls will be treated.

There will be a sign up sheet next to Beth's office for everyone wanting to attend. Please sign up by August 1st. If your birthday is in July or August please put a star by your name.

For questions contact Cindy Clark at (828) 302-3217 or Jeanette Stewart at (828) 315-0821 or Jean Slate at (910) 624-9843.



Christian Yoga/Exercise Class for All



Thursday, July 17
10:00 – 11:15
CFLC

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF PRAYER



6:30 Every Tuesday
in the Parlor
(upstairs)