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Sunday Services

- 8:30a Worship Service (Contemporary)
- 9:50a Sunday School
- 11:00a Worship Service (Traditional)
- 6:00p Youth Group (Grades 6-12)
- 6:00p Adult Choir Practice
- 7:00p Every FOURTH SUNDAY United Methodist Women



Pastor's Corner — Rev. Eric Lane



Greetings in the name of Our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ,

Time flies. Just when we were beginning to get use to the noise of the children being home from school, it is time for them to go back.

There are several items that I wish to make note of that are coming up.

First, please mark your calendar for August 16. We have invited Nathan Merrill (see p. 6) to join us, and share with us how he, his wife and family are beginning an orphanage in Romania.

Next, mark your calendar for the flu shot clinic that will be held on Saturday August 22. Then, continue that day by traveling over to Grace Chapel and enjoying the "Back to School Bash." (See p. 6)

Then don't forget our 5th Sunday gathering with worship at 10:30 on August 30. We will again have a guest speaker, who will share how Christ changed his life. I hope that you will invite a friend to come out and hear his testimony.

But the day is not over with the worship service, because everyone is invited to travel to Julian Price Memorial Park for a picnic. Bring a covered dish, and we will leave following the service and gather on the mountain top—just like the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand.

I hope that you have had a wonderful summer. As we head into fall, I look forward to all that God has in store for us.

May God continue to bless you,

Rev. Eric R. Lane



WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:00p New Life Rehearsal
- 7:00p Bible Study —Children & Adults.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

Phone: 828-396-2214



Meetings

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will meet Sunday, **August 9 at 4:30 p.m.** All members of the church are invited to attend.

Lord's Supper Ministry

I think this ministry will deliver their meal on **Monday, August 10th**. Drivers need to be there at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers see Ricky or Shawn Baker for details.

United Methodist Women

The UMW will meet on **Sunday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.** Celeste Creaseman will present the program. Nancy Sears and Barbara Miller are in charge of refreshments. All women of the church are invited to participate.

Combined Worship Service

We will have a 5th Sunday, combined worship service on **August 30th at 10:30 a.m.** Sunday school will meet at **9:00 a.m.** After the service, everyone is invited to a *Bring Your Own Picnic* outing at Price Park above Blowing Rock.

Sept. Newsletter Items

Please have information and articles for the August 2015 newsletter in by **August 23**. Thank you. —Editor

Church Office Closure

The Church Office will be **closed on Mondays beginning August 3rd**.

But this battle over same-sex marriages and homosexuality in general is not about sex or sexuality. It's about the sovereignty of God.

Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

They know God, but they do not give him the honor that belongs to him, nor do they thank him. Instead, their thoughts have become complete nonsense...—Romans 1:21a GNT

**BUT THE EMPEROR
HAS NO CLOTHES!**

The United States Supreme Court has voted to recognize same-sex marriage as a "right." Polygamy, polyamory, marriages of siblings, and more are on the way to being "legalized." Don't say God didn't warn us. He has. His written revelation is clear and concise, despite multitudinous attempts to deny that truth. His natural revelation about sexual relationships is also clear in His design of our bodies—male and female—and He has told us how best to live out that relationship in the world. (See Genesis 2:24)

But this battle over same-sex marriages and homosexuality in general is not about sex or sexuality. It's about the sovereignty of God. Is our God really omnipotent and omniscient and unchanging? Or is He changeable, arbitrary, and capricious and bribable (as the Allah of Islam and the idol gods are)? How can anyone claim that parts of the Bible can be discarded because they are culturally biased, and therefore, not applicable to our current culture? If that is true, take this to its logical conclusion—nothing in the Bible is applicable to today's culture; because all of the cultures in the Bible are different from today's perceived culture. If God cannot determine and insure that what is in the Bible is what He wanted to be in the Bible, then He is not omnipotent, nor all-knowing, nor all-seeing.

But logic itself is no longer applicable to today's culture. Irrationality rules the day. We promote sex with same-gender parties, despite the obvious design of our bodies for complementary sexual relations—a man and a woman's body fit together. Think nuts and bolts—but nuts and bolts are out; nuts to nuts, and bolts to bolts are in—any logical, rational person would see that doesn't compute. But logic is out.

Christianity and Judaism are based on logic, evidence, testimony, and historical facts. What other religions have sacred books filled with names of individuals who actually lived and died on this earth, plus historically verifiable stories? Today the blind are leading the blind and they have both fallen into the pit of irrationality and chaos.

Satan has been working to destroy the family since he first appeared in the Garden of Eden. With 70% of black families with only one parent present and now Hispanic and white families headed the same way, Satan is achieving his goal. The progressives and leftists and socialists want to see him succeed, because when the family is broken, the church is weakened and silenced; then the government can step in to fill the gaping hole left by the absence of the father, especially, or the mother in the family. Liberty dies; slavery to the government begins and grows. The undermining of parental authority and Christian doctrinal authority is part and parcel of Satan's and his helpers plan to destroy the family and force people to depend on government instead.

Truth and Rationality are dead: A man is transitioning to a woman!

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Looking Forward to September

Kids for Christ

A new Children's church ministry



Jessica is still looking for helpers with this new ministry. Please see her about the program. This is not like Sunday School, but is a worship service with singing and a sermon for children.

Beginning September 6th

During first service.

A time to break out,
and learn about Christ
through music and scripture.

Pre K-5th grade

Please pray about this ministry and for the leaders.

Jessica Haas is looking for
12 helpers to rotate monthly.

Our motto for these services is to follow the admonition from Proverbs 22:6:
"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

P & S Class Invitational Golf Tournament

Golfers and wannabe's are invited to participate in the Pairs & Spares Class's Invitational Golf Tournament coming up in September.

Format: 4-Man Captain's Choice (Shotgun Start)

Cost: \$55 a person/\$220 a team (Includes free Mulligan)

Place: Cedar Rock Country Club

When: September 26 (Rain date: Oct. 3)

Time: Registration at 11:30 a.m.; Lunch at 12:00 p.m.; Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m.

Hole sponsorships are \$100 each, but all donations are welcome!

First and Second Place receive gift certificates to Pro Shop! Door Prize Raffle and much more.

Please see a member of the P & S Class for registration forms, or call Tyler Baker: 320-5616 or Jeff & Ann Smith: 728-5748 or Candace Collins: 499-0715 for more information.

Proceeds help those in need at Christmas and beyond!



Special Giving

Ebenezer UMC and its members, gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts received in July:

In Love & Memory of Viola Childers by:

Laura Silver

In Memory of Peggy Duncan by:

Jimmy & Heather Stone
Appalachian District Western NC Conference
Wayne & Kim Ellis
Jo Nell Harrison
Larry & Alice Hill
Marsha McRary & Explorers Class
Leonard & Jeanette Teague
Heavenly Sonlighters Class
Judy & Jim Mackie
Ron & Vickie Livingston

In Memory of Keith McRary by:

Kim Knepp

In Memory of Bob Sears by:

Robert & Teresa Herman

In Memory of Keith Bradford by:

Grace Bradford

In Honor of Patty Coffey by:

Robert & Teresa Herman

In Honor of Kim Ellis by:

Robert & Teresa Herman

In Honor of Bill & Delores Campbell's 47th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 7th by:

Delores & Gary Paul Campbell

In Honor of Billy Wayne Campbell's 46th Birthday on Sept. 19th by:

Delores & Gary Paul Campbell





Something, con't

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Truth and Rationality are dead: Two men or two women can get married!

Truth and Rationality are dead: A white women can be a black woman because she feels black!

Truth and Rationality are dead: A man of obvious Indian heritage is called "so white" because he is a conservative and Republican.

Truth and Rationality are dead: Black men and women are called "Uncle Toms" when they assert that African Americans can succeed in America with a good education and hard work.

Truth and Rationality are dead: Scientists proclaim that life spontaneously occurred out of lifeless materials (that also appeared out of nothing!).

Truth and Rationality are dead: Christians claim to believe in a Sovereign God, but deny His ability to determine the contents of the Bible over millennia and make sure it contains exactly what He wants it to say.

Truth and Rationality are dead: Parents can be charged with neglect and child abuse when they let their children play alone outside their own house.

Truth and Rationality are dead: A human being can be carved up in the womb and pieces sold for experimentation, but a man is condemned if he does the same thing to the human being after it has passed through the birth canal.

Truth and Rationality are dead: A woman can legally opt to have her baby murdered in the womb because it's birth would be inconvenient to her or her boyfriend, but a mother is condemned when she murders her toddlers because they are inconvenient to her and her current boyfriend.

Truth and Rationality are dead. Dear Lord Jesus, open our eyes that we may see Your Truth again! Amen. ✝



SCCM Pantry Fundraiser—Win a sofa!

Center Grove Baptist Church is sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit South Caldwell Christian Ministries in the construction of their new pantry. Tickets are being sold at \$5 each to win a brand new sofa! Sofa is being donated by Wally Mitchum, owner of Carolina Classic Furniture. The winner gets to choose the upholstery material for the sofa.

If you want to buy a ticket or help sell tickets, please contact Wally Mitchum at Center Grove Baptist or call SCCM at 396-4000 for ticket information.

The drawing will be held in September during the Open House celebration at SCCM.

August is Ebenezer UMC's month to collect non-perishable food items for the SCCM Food Pantry. Please place your donations on the green bench in the old Fellowship Hall. SCCM needs canned goods, crackers, cookies, etc., and paper products to distribute to those in financial distress in our community.

We thank you for your support of this ministry.

SCCM School Supplies Wish List

School will be starting very soon! Please help us provide school supplies to children in the area who are in need of assistance. Book bags need to contain the following items and should be marked with the GRADE and for MALE or FEMALE. (Individual items will be accepted also.) Here are the lists:

K-1st Grade: pencils, pens, glue, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, erasers, highlighters, notebook, notebook paper, folders, rounded scissors, pencil box, writing tablet. Opt. facial tissues, antibacterial wipes.

2nd-5th: Same as above to scissors, then pencil pouch. Optional items: facial tissues, antibacterial wipes, calculators.

6th-8th: notebook paper, dividers with tabs, folders with pockets, 2 spiral notebooks, pencils, colored pencils, 2 color highlighters, and black, blue, and red pens.

9th-12th: 1 notebook and notebook paper, 4 spiral notebooks, pencils, pens, highlighters and dividers with tabs.

Bags are needed by August 12th.



August Celebrations



Happy Birthday!



- 2nd—Mastin Seagle
- 3rd—Ellen Minton Lance
- 6th—Tyler Baker, Danielle Triplette
- 9th—Hoke Clark, Mackenzie Kohnle
- 11th—Anthony Austin
- 11th—Becky Clark, Ariel Carlisle
- 18th—Kinley Starbuck
- 23rd—Monte Hollar
- 24th—Candace Collins, Casey Collins
- 24th—Cooper Behmer, Connor Johnson
- 25th—Kaylee Haas
- 30th—Kaleigh Seagle

Happy Anniversary!



- 4th—Lyle & Angie Miller
- 16th—Thomas & Lillie Johnson
- 24th—Robert & Missy Mullinax
- 25th—Brian & Kim Knepp

Who Will Choose to Be Jesus?

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

“If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.’”

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

How do I hide God's word in my heart? Memorize it!

It is better to trust in the LORD than to depend on people. It is better to trust in the LORD than to depend on human leaders.

—Psalm 118:8-9 GNT



Acolyte Schedule - AUGUST

2nd Savanna Creaseman

9th Makayla Settlemire

16th Kevin Miller

23rd Payton Lyda

30th Bethany Huss

Nursery Schedule - AUGUST

2nd 8:30 Nancy Sears & Tammy Adams
11:00 JoAnn Knepp

9th 8:30 Heather Stone & Kim Ellis
11:00 Tasha Haas

16th 8:30 Keith & Susan Keener
11:00 Kay Gilbert

23rd 8:30 Bleaka Hollar & Nancy Sears
11:00 Beth Lane

30th 10:30 Teresa Simmons & Dawn Yount

Our Military

Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.

Nick Austin
Kyle Blair
Anthony Coffey
Paul Coffey
Joey Deal
Dakota Fox
Ethan Fox
Andy Gaillard
Ricky Garland
Jason Gibson



Trey Hefner
Chris Kaisenski
Shane McRary
William E. McRary
Travis Miller
Joey Moore
Jamie Mullinax
Michael Potts
Alex Shealy
Hunter Tolbert
Josh Yount

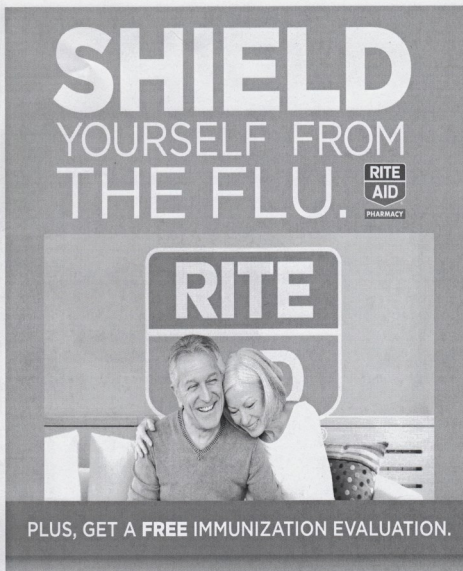
United Methodist Church News & Information

The Western North Carolina conference website is: www.wnccumc.org. You can sign-up for Conference Newsletters at the bottom left of the homepage. Appalachian District no longer maintains a website, though I think they have a Facebook page. You can access the United Methodist Church website at : www.umc.org.



August Fundraisers & Events

For information about the upcoming flu clinic call Rite Aid Pharmacy: 754-2171. Please tell Bleaka Hollar if you plan to attend and what shots you are interested in getting. Anyone may participate.



SHIELD YOURSELF FROM THE FLU.

RITE AID PHARMACY

PLUS, GET A FREE IMMUNIZATION EVALUATION.

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Date: August 22 Time: 8 AM—12 PM

Location: Ebenezer UMC

Biscuits Sales

We will be selling ham, sausage, egg and gravy biscuits AND fried fruit pies on **Thursday, August 13th.**

We start at **6:00 a.m.** and stop when they are all gone. It doesn't take long! So **call early or pre-order on Wednesday by calling: 396-7924, 313-9996, 396-2214** (church office; Mon.-Fri. 8:30-1:00 pm).



We deliver orders of 10 or more. Proceeds support our yearly mission trip to and work in Costa Rica.

Yum! Yum!



Biscuit Sale Price List

\$2.00	Ham or Sausage
\$2.50	Ham or Sausage with egg
\$2.00	Egg
\$1.50	Jelly
\$2.00	Gravy
\$2.50	Gravy with Sausage
\$2.00	Fried Fruit Pie

We continue to accumulate funds for a church van. As of July 26th, we have

\$3,156.85!

We thank you for your help in building up this fund.



Back to School Bash

**Saturday
August 22nd
3:00 to 7:00 PM**

We invite you to a "Back to School Bash" at the Community Park and Walking Track at Grace Chapel UMC. There will be free food, games, contests, and worship. There is no admission charge.

School supplies will be presented to the teachers of Caldwell County from our churches and local businesses.

This event is sponsored by Grace Chapel UMC, First UMC Granite Falls, and Ebenezer UMC. We hope to receive some funding from the WNC of UMC, too.

Let's support our teachers and students, and have some fun, too!

Youth Car Wash/Yard Sale

**Saturday
August 29th
7 AM to 12 PM**

The Youth want to wash your cars and trucks and sell off your old and no longer needed items to raise funds for their activities and ministries.



Donations of used items can be dropped off at the church during normal office hours or left under the overhang in the corner near the office.

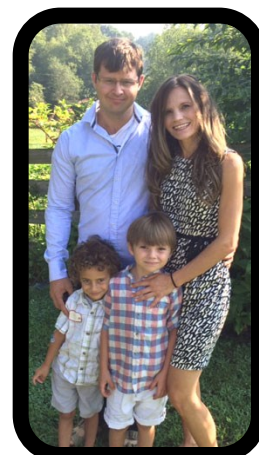
Please stop by to support our youth, and drive off in a clean vehicle with, hopefully, bargains from the sale piled in the back.

Further details were not available at press time.

Special Speaker

**Sunday
August 16th**

We will have a special guest speaker for our worship services on August 16th. **Nathan Merrill** will talk to us about the orphanage that he and his family will be building in Romania. We encourage you to attend this service and invite your friends and neighbors, too, as we hear about what is being done to show the love of Christ around the world.



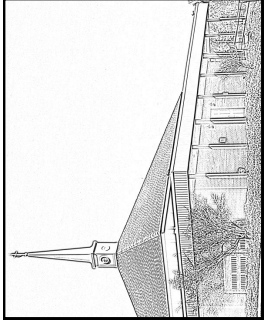


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday school 11:00 a.m. Worship	Church Office is now closed on Mondays.	See p. 5 for Nursery and Acolyte Lists	Every Wed.: 6 pm: Praise Band 7 pm: Children and Adult Bible studies			1 DERT Training, see Cathy Huffman
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Church Council—4:30 PM	10	11	12	13 Biscuit Sales—6 AM 'til gone!	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Flu Clinic—8-12 PM, see p. 6 Starbuck BD Party—?
23 UMW—7 PM	24 BACK-TO-SCHOOL	25	26	27	28	29 Youth Yard Sale and Car Wash—7-12 PM, see p. 6
30 ONE SERVICE Sun. Sch.—9 AM Worship—10:30 AM	31		