

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY, AUGUST 10</b>	
8:00 A.M.	Deacons
8:00 A.M.	Chancel Choir
9:00 A.M.	Sunday School
10:00 A.M.	Worship
4:00 P.M.	Back To School Bash
<b>TUESDAY, AUGUST 12</b>	
11:00 A.M.	W W Club
<b>WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13</b>	
11:00 A.M.	Adult Prayer/Bible Study

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Mitchell Starnes - cancer

Dana Tyson - recovery

Bobby Hughes - recovery from heart ablation

Mark Huey - recovery

Diana Hallman - ALS

Karen Thomas - recovery

Jennifer Deason - recovery

Shut-Ins:

- Linda Henderson
- Al Starnes
- Robert and Nancy Watterson
- Jean Stogner
- Gail and Joanne Dailey

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>	
08/10:	Wanda I./Lisa M.
08/17:	Karen B./Robin C.
<b><u>SAFETY PATROL</u></b>	
08/10:	Tommy Deason
08/17:	Pat Lee
<b><u>DEACON OF THE MONTH</u></b>	
Greg Brasington	
<b><u>ELDER OF THE MONTH</u></b>	
David Cox	
<b><u>USHERS:</u></b>	
Pat Lee, Mike Wells,	
Sam Tyson, Jonathon Carnes	

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\* If you haven’t been receiving text messages from us recently, please contact the pastor. We have had several people mention that they haven’t been receiving notifications.

\*\* We are celebrating our 150th Anniversary this year!! If you would like to make a financial contribution towards the 150th Anniversary Celebration, that would be greatly appreciated. Please use a pew envelope or your offering envelope and mark it “150th Anniversary” and place them in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!!

\*\* Planning is underway for the church’s 150th Anniversary Celebration and the committee is seeking your help! If you have church history items/artifacts or photos that you would like to share and display throughout the year, please contact Robin Cox.

FROM OUR CORNER

\*\*\* Reprint from early spring\*\*\*

In our last “From Our Corner”, I reminisced about an incident that occurred during one of our Women’s Morning Bible Study Group almost 50 years ago. Since then several people made the comment that reading about the honey triggered memories of similar childhood experiences. I was sharing this with two of my West Virginia cousins with whom I shared several weeks during school vacations with exchange visits. My cousin, Pam, asked me to write about the summer of our mud pie bakery. The week of the “PIE BAKE OFF”, I happened to be visiting Ellen and Pam in Fayetteville, WVA. We were ages 6, 7 and 9, and we enjoyed playing in their play room which was a part of a back yard shed. Ellen and Pam had been collecting small round tin cans used for pantry tuna and salmon. That week, we decided that we would have this “pretend bakery business “. We began to make several dozen mud pies, but they were not pretty. We wanted them to look like chocolate merengue pies. I remembered a school Christmas project where the teacher showed us how to whip Ivory Flakes with a tiny bit of water into a fluffy spread to cover our paper mache snowman. Aunt Edna had a new box of the Ivory Flakes and we “borrowed” some without asking and presto... we had beautiful merengue pies. We realized that a bakery might have birthday cakes so they should have colored frosting. Aunt Edna’s laundry room also provided us “bluing” which was used in the rinse water to make bed linens and such bright white. We found by adding this bluing to our merengue, we had beautiful blue birthday frosting, and all was well until... Aunt Edna wanted to do the week’s laundry before we packed for me to return to Covington, Virginia. We had used all of the Ivory Flakes and most of the bluing! When questioned, we led Aunt Edna to our bakery and proudly showed her our pies and cakes. She just smiled and shook her head. Last week as we cousins remembered our fun, it also dawned on us that back then, the laundry products we had used, probably made a dent in the family budget and also, Aunt Edna did not drive... a REAL inconvenience living in the country!

In closing, if you have fond childhood memories you wish to share, I would love to pass them on! HAPPY SPRING!

CHURCH

OUR FAITHFULNESS FOR  
AUGUST 3, 2025

TREASURER’S REPORT

2025 BUDGET	\$374,280.08
BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE	\$227,509
OFFERING TO DATE	\$224,572.81
BEHIND	\$2,936.19
NEEDED 08/03	\$7,339.00
OFFERING 08/03	CONTRIBUTIONS - \$13,417.56
	FACILITY RENTAL - \$100
	COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$375
	TOTAL RECEIVED - \$13,892.56
In honor of Janice Hughes for her birthday, August 7th, by Glenn and Marcie McCain	
In honor of Mrs. Sara Logan for her birthday, August 10th, by Glenn and Marcie McCain	
ENDOWMENT	
In memory of Mrs. Cheryl Rosso by Reggie and Vivian Starnes	
In memory of Francis L. Bell by Reggie and Vivian Starnes	
BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD	\$6,550.32
BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 08/03	\$66.15

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Our annual Back-to-School Bash will take place this Sunday afternoon, August 10th, starting at 4pm. Bring your swimsuits and prepare to get wet as we will have a waterslide and Nerf War. The Women’s Ministries will supply pizza for supper.

BAPTISMS

Pastor Hammond will meet with the parents of the children being baptized on Homecoming Sunday after worship service this Sunday, August 10th, by the church organ.

CALLED MEETING OF THE SESSION

The Session will have a called meet at 9:30am on Sunday, August 17th, in the Men’s Bible Class to receive new members.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Please make plans to join us for prayer and Bible study on Wednesday mornings at 11am in the church sanctuary. We will begin a new series as we study the book of Jeremiah.

WW CLUB LUNCH

The WW Group will have lunch at the Wagon Wheel on Tuesday, August 12th. We will meet at the church at 11am. If you would like to meet us there, plan on being there at 11:30am.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, August 24th will be Homecoming. This will be an especially exciting event as we celebrate our 150th anniversary. We will begin the day at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary with a brief meeting of the Memorial Association, followed by a Psalm Sing. We will follow at 11:00 a.m. with our worship service where our own Rev. Hammond will be our minister. In honor of our 150th celebration, we are asking each family to provide a side dish and/ or dessert for lunch. Chicken and ham will be provided. If you can’t bring food, please don’t let that stop you from attending. We will join together in the fellowship hall at 12:30 for our meal. Please plan to stay and join us at 2:00 p.m. as we will have a special service to commemorate our 150th anniversary. There will be historical displays and our cemetery map will be available for those seeking info on current plots. We are excited about this special day in the life of our church and hope you can be part of it.

DEACON MEETING

Sunday, August 10th  
8:00 A.M.

CHANCEL CHOIR PRACTICE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH  
8:00 A.M.