# THE CHURCH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, JULY 13

8:00 A.M. Deacons

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:00 A.M. Worship

5:00 P.M. Children/Youth

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Mark Huey - recovery, now at home

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**

#### **NURSERY**

07/13: Wanda I./Lisa M. 07/20: Karen B./Robin C.

#### **SAFETY PATROL**

07/13: Steve Willis 07/20: Mike Hagins

#### DEACON OF THE MONTH

Bryan Walker

## **ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Billy Carnes

#### **USHERS:**

Jamie McCowan, Darin Robinson, Bryan Walker, Tommy Deason

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# T H E L A M P L I G H T E R

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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.
- \*\* Please be in prayer for our Appalachia Mission Team this week as they are hosting VBS. Those attending are Pastor Hammond, Toni Flynn, Avery Robinson, and Destiny Peasley. They will return home on Friday evening.

#### THANK YOU

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, texts, food and acts of kindness as I have navigated my cancer diagnosis. Thank you, also, for your understanding as I have been working from home. I have now returned to the office, resuming my schedule of Mondays and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m - 12:00 noon. You may still reach my on my cell phone on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. I appreciate your continued prayers as I am still recovering.

With love, Jennifer

#### MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION BOARD

The Memorial Association Board will meet at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 20th.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Deacons: Sunday, July 13th at 8:00 a.m.

Devotion: Greg Brasington

UWM: Sunday, July 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Session: Sunday, July 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Conference Room

#### WORKDAY ON THE GROUNDS

The Deacons will have a workday on the church grounds on Saturday, July 26th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. There will be pine straw to spread and other projects to be completed in order to ready our campus for our 150th anniversary celebration. ALL help is welcome!!!

# OUR FAITHFULNESS FOR JULY 6, 2025

#### CHURCH 84

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

2025 BUDGET \$374,280.08

BUDGET NEEDS TO DATE \$198,153

OFFERING TO DATE \$190,068.27

BEHIND \$8,084.73

NEEDED 07/06 \$7,339.00

OFFERING 07/06 CONTRIBUTIONS - \$4,660.64

**FACILITY RENTAL - \$** 

**COTTAGE RESERVATIONS- \$400** 

TOTAL RECEIVED - \$5,060.64

In honor of Joseph McCain's birthday by John and Rhonda McCain

In memory of Janice McCain for her birthday, July 10th, by Glenn and Marcie McCain

In memory of Francis Bell, Phillip Helms - our son, and Jeff Broadway - our nephew,

by Bobby and Ray Helms

MEMORÍAL GĂRDEN

In honor of Janice Hallman for all the dedication she commits to the gardens. May God bless her.

By Eric Stogner

GLENN ŘIBELIN FUND

In memory of Glenn W. Ribelin, Jr. as he celebrates his first Heavenly Birthday! We love and miss you!

By Rush and Sophie Preston

COTTAGE PAINT

In memory of Glenn Ribelin by Doug and Debra Eudv

**BLDG/ GROUNDS MAINTENANCE YTD** 

\$6,010.86

**BLDG/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE 07/06** 

\$90.49

In memory of Francis Bell by Richard and Patty Carter

#### FROM OUR CORNER

When you have lived in one place as long as I have, certain memories sometimes "pop-up" and linger. For those of you with whom I have at school, or Sunday School or enjoyed in a Girl Scout troop, you will never be old. You are frozen in time! Of course, I recognize you as adults who have proven yourselves to be wonderful and productive and enhancing the world we live in today. When I look at you, however, I see my sweet, precious children, and I have to remind myself that some of you are even grandparents! These past few days, I find myself smiling as I remember a GS camping trip that Lisa Hallman and I experienced. I needed a driver for the old school bus to transport our Unity sponsored troop to Camp Congaree which was located south of Columbia and I needed her as another adult helper. Lisa agreed to fill both of those roles. We had twelve girls with us that Friday afternoon, and we had fun singing as we went. We had time to enjoy what we called nosebag suppers brought from home, stow gear in our three platform tents, and build a campfire for s'mores before dark. We were experienced campers and were based lakeside and a distance from headquarters. We had all settled in for the night with six girls per tent and Lisa and I in the leader tent. Lisa and I had not turned out our lanterns as we were waiting to make sure the girls were okay with the arrangements. As we talked, our tent flap moved, and one of our girls came slithering in. After a moment, we realized the child was sleepwalking! When we finally managed to waken her, she shared that sometimes, when she was extra tired she did sleep-walk! This was info the mom had not put on her health form! Needless to say, Lisa nor I slept during the entire weekend. We were in the woods and next to a lake! The girls, however, had a great time, cooking meals over the campfire, hiking and playing games. Sunday morning, we had a "Scouts-Own", which is a time of devotional and music to replace the church service we were missing at home. None of us thought it was fun when we discovered that a neighboring troop have left early and left the whole camp site clean-up for us to do! Everyone pitched in to leave the site better than we had found it. This was a tradition we always honored. Lisa and I were proud of "get it done" attitude without complaints. We passed council inspection with flying colors! Later, Lisa and I laughed when we shared that we headed straight for showers and then LONG NAPS as soon as we got home! I am not sure Lisa ever camped again... but she set a wonderful example for our girls that weekend.

### 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. More info will be mailed out soon!