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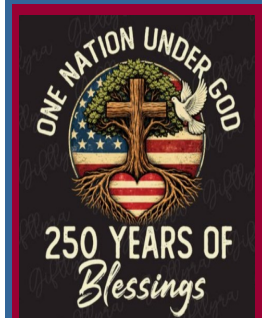


*Come and experience worshipping the Savior together!*

*Every Sunday at 11:00 A.M.*

*We would love to have you!*

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JULY

THE VISITOR

2026

# Vacation Bible School

## Saturday, August 1, 2026

### 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

(Pre-K through 5th Grade)



**True North VBS** is designed to help children navigate a challenging world by pointing them toward Jesus, who is their faithful and unshakeable friend. The program immerses kids in an **Alaskan-themed Adventure**, featuring the northern lights, mountains, rivers, and glistening glaciers, while connecting Bible stories to real-life lessons through Bible Scripture Adventures, Arctic Crafts, Imagination Station Experiments, Glacier Games, an Arctic lunch, and more.

You may register your child by calling Rev. Tim Shoaf at 336-692-5214 or by calling the church office at 336-924-9925.

### VBS Adult Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School plays a vital role in the spiritual formation, nurturing, and growth of children in the Christian faith.

Adults are needed to lead/assist in Crafts, Lessons, Bible Games, Lunch and set up. There is a sign-up sheet located in the Narthex for volunteers to sign up for the activity they would be willing to help with.

Thank you in advance for helping and investing in the lives of these children for God's kingdom.

### A NOTE FROM RODNEY

Food is a lot of things to us. It's a reason to gather together. It's a pleasure to savor. It's a pain to prepare and clean up! It's a daily requirement. Food is many things.

Food is nourishment that we all need. We understand this with a stomach that is nearly empty - it's time to stop to refuel.

It should not surprise us that the soul is similar. Our souls feed on God's presence and his Word. Both are readily available but we have to choose to stop and receive them. Each week in worship at our church we share the Lord's Supper. It may not satisfy the stomach but it nourishes the soul. And make no mistake about it - our souls need nourishment **all** the time.

Many of us live as if we are too busy to spend some time with God. Prayer is simply talking to God - letting God know we appreciate Him, noticing Him at work, and sharing our struggles. Being in his presence is nourishing. And drawing close to God through the Bible feeds and makes us stronger.

Without his presence and promises, we stumble, sputter and eventually stop altogether. The Psalms teach us this basic lesson of life: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. Thanks be to God! *Rodney*

## JULY Worship Leaders

Elder: Steve Clodfelter  
Elder Backup: Ruth Saalweachter  
Communion: Jack & Lynda Bryant  
Greeters: Jack & Lynda Bryant



## CWF NEWS

The Christian Women's Fellowship giving for 2025-2026 is as follows:



Forsyth Humane Society- \$500  
New Borns In Need (NBIN) - \$400  
Fabric for NBIN bags - \$500  
Christmount Christian Assembly - \$1000  
Crisis Control - \$1000  
Trellis Supportive Care - \$500  
Salvation Army - \$500  
Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries (FJPM)- \$600  
FJPM Re-Entry Center- \$3000  
Meals on Wheels - \$1515  
Meals on Wheels Dinner Donations - \$1485  
TOTAL GIVING - \$11,000

The next CWF Meeting will be August 18 at 1:00PM in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

ALL ladies are welcome and encouraged to come and join us!

The Christian Men's Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 9:00AM at Mama Zoe's Restaurant



on Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem. ALL men are encouraged and welcome to come and join us!



The Crisis Control gift for the month of July is **salad dressing, BBQ sauce, and hot sauce.**

We continue to support and donate to Crisis Control. Thank you to everyone that consistently supports PCC and this vital, local ministry.

## Back to School Supplies Drive

PCC will sponsor the students at Old Richmond Elementary School again this year. Rather than purchase and collect individual school supplies, we have been asked to donate gift cards so that needed items may be purchased by the school guidance office and staff for the students' needs, etc. Please bring your gift cards by the church office or to the Sunday morning worship service no later than Sunday, August 2, so these gift cards can be delivered to the guidance counselor at the school. Thank you again this year for your generous support of this outreach ministry for the children in our community.



## PCC 2026-2027 CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are beginning to update the PCC Church Directory. Please review the information we currently have on file in the Narthex and make any changes

and/or additions necessary. You may also call the church office at 336-924-9925 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 8:00A-12:00P or e-mail your changes to [office@pfafftownchristian.org](mailto:office@pfafftownchristian.org). Thank you!

## COMMUNION & GREETER VOLUNTEERS

We are in the need of volunteers for the upcoming 2026-2027 church year to prepare communion and to be greeters. **Please sign up in the Narthex.** Thank you in advance to everyone for stepping up to fill these vital positions in our church.



## Notes from Tim

### Hymn Story-Wonderful Words of Life

*Wonderful Words of Life* is a gospel hymn by Philip P. Bliss that celebrates the life giving power of the message of Christ. The hymn invites believers to rejoice in the beauty, truth, and transforming influence of the gospel. Its joyful refrain emphasizes the enduring value of God's Word for faith and salvation.

Written during the nineteenth century evangelical revival period, the hymn reflects the movement's focus on personal conversion and the proclamation of the gospel. Bliss uses simple language and memorable melody to communicate profound theological truths. The hymn expresses gratitude for the teachings of Jesus and highlights their ability to guide believers in faith and obedience. Through repetition and poetic imagery, the text encourages worshipers to treasure and proclaim the message of Christ.

-The first stanza invites believers to hear and meditate on the wonderful words of life. These words reveal faith and duty, guiding the believer in discipleship.

-The second stanza focuses on Christ as the source of these life giving words. The gospel call invites sinners to receive grace and salvation.

-The third stanza emphasizes the universal invitation of the gospel. The message of Christ offers pardon, peace, and eternal transformation.

-Each refrain celebrates the beauty and power of the gospel message, reinforcing the hymn's central theme.

*Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty.*

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
Wonderful words of life.*

*Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.*

*Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.*

This beloved hymn helped shape the tradition of gospel hymnody which emphasized personal faith, clear biblical themes, and congregational participation. After all of these years, it continues to be cherished in our Christian singing as a joyful celebration of the gospel message.

God be with each of you. -Tim

## Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** Owen Clodfelter (great grandson of Steve & Betty Clodfelter), Bobby Joe "BJ" Carmichael, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

**Others:**  
Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell  
Faye Fincher: Jill Robertson's Aunt  
Carol Jean Hartman: Friend of the Fletcher's  
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of

Helen Johnson  
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt  
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley  
Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer  
Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher  
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson  
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson  
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi  
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve &

Betty Clodfelter  
Jean Wilkens: Friend of Shawn Widmyer  
Lucky Wilmoth: Brother of Helen Johnson  
Lisa Winston: Friend of Connie Edwards

Please call the church office to add or remove someone's name from the Prayer List. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated in our bulletin and newsletter publications. Thank you!



## CROP Hunger WALK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th  
Corpening Plaza Winston-Salem

All of the money raised for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk is used to support hunger alleviation programs. Money raised is split between three organizations. 75% goes to Church World Service and 25% stays in Forsyth County and is evenly split between Crisis Control Ministry and Sunnyside Ministry to help our neighbors in need.