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# REVELATIONS AT CONCORD

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Enter to Worship: Depart to Serve

August 2017

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## Mission Statement:

To share the Word of God  
and draw people unto Christ  
through a ministry of service,  
love, compassion and outreach.

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## Pastor's Corner

As I was preparing my sermon for July 30<sup>th</sup>, one of the lectionary texts I decided not to use was the Gospel lesson from Matthew 13. I decided to go in a different direction, but this passage is a very interesting text that contains a number of short parables Jesus shared with the crowds he was teaching. Two in particular stand out to me, from Matthew 13: 44-45, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and

then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

Both of these short parables compare the Kingdom of Heaven to treasure. And in both cases, the person that finds this treasure is overjoyed to the degree that the person sells everything they have in order to acquire it. Unlike some of Jesus' parables, these two short ones seem pretty straightforward. The love and grace of God is the precious treasure, worth giving up the things of this world that we value. Jim Elliot, a missionary who was killed during his efforts to spread the faith, once said, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Elliot understood what the people in Jesus' parables knew: there are the things of this world we value, and there is the ultimate, invaluable gift from God. How could we possibly be unwilling to risk everything, to give up whatever is keeping us from totally committing to seeking after the Kingdom of Heaven?

*Michael*

## *Prayer Requests*

### EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES:

Doris Hauser (Clemmons Village 11)  
Marie Horton (Salem towne)

### MILITARY:

Carl Craft  
Christopher Ford  
Jonathan Hinshaw  
Scott Kyser  
Jonathon Prisk

### CHURCH FAMILY:

Lib Barefoot  
Danny Binkley  
Kit & Martin Binkley  
Margaret Boggs  
Glenn Boone  
Nancy Cook  
Family of Larry Cook  
Jim Friend  
Donna Garner  
Phil, Vicki, and Robert Ingram  
Family of Phyllis Jones  
Stefanie & Bryan Jones  
Jean Messick  
Sylvia Russell  
Kathy & Darrell Surface  
Jean Suddarth  
Frank Transou

### CHURCH FRIENDS:

Family of Kirk Brown  
Joyce Caskey  
Wesley Freshwater  
Charles Holder  
Henry and Carol Jackson  
Tom Jones  
Kathleen Larson  
Billie Sue Lee  
Ronnie Lee  
Wanda Needham  
Braydon Odom  
Peter Robie  
Kathy Rogers  
Dan Simmons  
Carolyn Smitherman  
Aline Sparks  
Tracey Surface  
Kathy Surface's God Daughter  
Kathy Surface's brother  
Amanda Tetzlaff  
Eddie Warren  
Mickey Watson  
Allen West  
Sam Whitehurst's brother

## *Weekly Attendance and Gifts - June*

Amount Needed per Week for General Budget:  
\$2,467.00

7/2/17	Attendance:	37
	General Budget	2,616.00
	FLC Principle	535.00
7/9/17	Attendance:	29
	General Budget	1,941.00
	FLC Principle	75.00
7/16/17	Attendance:	33
	General Budget	1,663.00
	FLC Principle	0.00
7/23/17	Attendance:	25
	General Budget	793.00
	FLC Principle	705.00
7/30/17	Attendance:	41
	General Budget	1,575.00
	FLC Principle	150.00

## *Memorials & Honor Gifts*

A gift has been given to the glory of God and Concord FLC Principle in memory of Larry Cook by: The Bennett Family; Melinda S. Essic and Charles M. Essic Jr.; Harrison Krites; Reverend Edwin and Wanda Needham; Ann Robinson; Bill and Marla Sparks; Jean Suddarth; Steve & Charlene Teague; A. D. Walker; Class of 1951 Lewisville High School.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 5 Shelton Barefoot
- 10 Charlie Flack  
Alex Flack
- 11 Rod Gainsford  
Scott Styers  
Cindy Simpson
- 12 Quay Whitehurst
- 14 George Doub
- 17 Wilma Jones  
W. S. Reich
- 19 Kevin Bennett
- 20 Stacie Prisk
- 22 Jamie Cook
- 23 Phil Ingram



## Prayer Shawl Group

*The Prayer Shawl Group meets every other Thursday at 10:00 am to work on shawls to donate to those in need of a special blessing in their lives. All are welcome to join this ministry. If you are unable to knit or crochet, we are willing to help you learn. Call Helen Gainsford at 923-7449.*

*This month we will meet on August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>.*

## Church Nursery

According to our Church's Safe Sanctuary Policy, we always need at least two people in attendance whenever we are caring for our children.

If you are able to help in the Nursery, please contact Helen at 923-7449.

The Safe Sanctuary Policy can be viewed on our Church Website: <http://www.concordumclewisville.org/Links>



## *Faithful Path*

Our congregation is currently engaged in a multi-week study called, "**Choosing the Faithful Path.**" We meet in the Family Life Center at 3pm each Sunday, and each session will last about an hour. This is an important time for as many people as possible to gather and discuss our history, our current situation, and what we need to do in order to revitalize and reach out into our community. Please make it a priority to be there each week as we make a plan for our church's future.

## *Transportation Help*

If there is anyone in the community who needs help with transportation to church or doctor appointments, please contact Charlene Teague at 336-413-0913. If you are able to assist in providing transportation for those in need, please contact Charlene.

## *Monthly Prayer Meetings*

Please join us for a time of prayer for our church and community each month on the first Wednesday at 7pm, and the third Saturday at 8am. This month, they fall on **Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**, and **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

## *Family Nite Out*

There will be no Family Nite Out in August.

## *Women's Handicrafts*

We will meet on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am for a time of fellowship in the Family Life Center. All are invited to come join in the fun. Bring any handwork with you, or just come and enjoy the fellowship.



## *United Methodist Women*

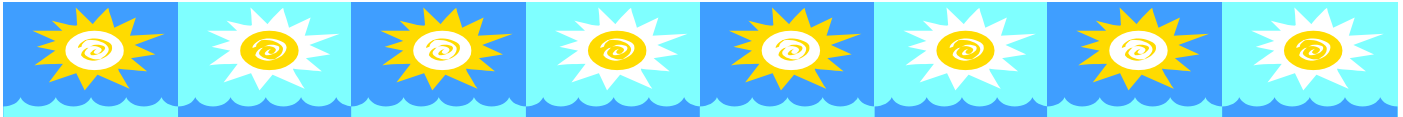
UMW meets on first Monday of each month at 10:00 am. This month, they will meet **August 7<sup>th</sup>**.

Also, remember to continue collecting Campbell soup labels for education, including the bar code, and other education points on various other products.

The little blue education coupons do not have a bar code attached. They are found on such products as Zip-Lock bags, Cheerios, and various other products.

These coupons are helpful for purchasing educational materials.

*United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*



◀ April **August 2017** June ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7pm Prayer Meeting	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10am SS 11am Worship 3 pm Faithful Path	<b>7</b> 10am UMW	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10am SS 11am Worship 3 pm Faithful Path	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10am Women's Handicraft Group  7pm Admin Council	<b>17</b> 7pm Choir	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8am Prayer Meeting
<b>20</b> 10am SS 11am Worship 3 pm Faithful Path	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10am Prayer Shawl 7pm Choir	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10am SS 11am Worship 3 pm Faithful Path	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7pm Choir		



**YOU ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY!**

Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Worship: 11:00 am

*For where two or three are  
gathered together in My name, I  
am there in the midst of them.”  
Matthew 18:20*

*“For the Father seeks such as  
these to worship him.”  
John 4:23*

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