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Letter from the Pastor

It is springtime, so my thoughts automatically go to planting seeds. I Corinthians 3: 6-9, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but it is God who causes the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters are unified, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For God is the one whom we serve as coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building." This passage highlights both the role of the planter and the waterer, emphasizing it is God who makes the seed grow. The focus is working together in God's ministry, where each individual contributes to the growth of the spiritual harvest.

I want to share with you how impressed I have been with the members at Main Street stepping up during this most difficult time. There have been many who are doing and helping us move on. It is wonderful to see that we continue to have the programs and ministry we have always done. To me, it demonstrates that God is with us and continues to bless us. Thank you for being the church!

Steve



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Office Closed—Monday, May 27



High School Seniors

We want to celebrate you on Graduate Sunday, May 18th. Please send us your senior photo, favorite hobbies, extra-curricular activities, favorite church activity, favorite Bible verse and your post-graduate plans.

Flowers for our Worship Services

May 4 Rebecca Harmon
May 11 Skinner/Smith
May 18 Available
May 25 Shirley



Call the church office or visit the calendar on the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up to provide flowers for our worship services. Multiple families can always share flowers if there's a special date you would like.



Hearts and Hands

Tuesday, May 13th
at 11:00 am
Church Library

Susanna Circle

Tuesday, May 6th
at 10:00 am

Wesley Commons

Celebration Circle - Wednesday, May 14 @ 11:30 am
May is the time of year we are all so busy with family events. So make time to come to Allie's house for our last circle meet before summer break. Meet for a lite lunch & fellowship. Hope to see y'all then.

National Day of Prayer - May 1

Let's meet on the courthouse steps. What a wonderful time where a multitude of Christians from all denominations and churches join together to cry out to God in prayer. And... the National Day of Prayer website this year is a gold mine of resources to help you to promote and pray. Just go to, <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/> to get everything you need to help you individually and the churches we serve corporately to PRAY! God bless you all, and special thanks to Rev. David Evans and Rev. Debby Marshall for spearheading this event. Rev. Steve Keck will pray specifically for our churches and Michael Fisher will pray for revival.



Stewardship and Finance

Financial Report as of April 27, 2025

	Budgeted	Actual	Difference
YTD Contributions:	\$241,400	\$186,568	(\$54,832)
YTD Expenses:	\$241,400	\$193,322	\$48,078

Capital Fund:

04/27/25 \$15,541.51



Reminder: If you are going to make a legacy gift to the Foundation, the check needs to be written to Main Street Church Foundation. Thank you.



Wednesday, May 14th

5:15 pm to 7:00 pm

Join the fellowship!

Cookout dinner, Main Street trivia for adults, activities for the kids, and a car wash fundraiser hosted by ELEVATE Youth!



Register online or call the church office!



Epworth's Mother's Day Offering ~ May 11

100% of this offering provides comprehensive care for the children. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. So, this is your opportunity to support this ministry. Epworth Children's Home provides a safe, stable and loving environment for every child it serves. Multiple programs are offered to serve the children;

Residential Services Program

Family Care Center

Independent Living Program

Foster Care

Epworth Early Intervention Center

Kinship Care

Please prayerfully consider giving! There will be special envelopes provided on Sunday, May 11th, Mother's Day.

ELEVATE

MAIN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRIES

Stay Updated on Elevate Youth!

-  **Remind:** Text "@elevateyo" to 81010
 **Instagram:** @mainstreetyouth
 **Facebook:** Elevate Youth

May Youth Activities

Sundays:

Sunday School - 10-10:45 am in Youth Room

Wednesday Evenings:

- May 7 - 5:15 dinner, 6:00 Shrek outing
- May 14 - Main Street May Day cookout supper at 5:15, then youth will host a car wash fundraiser 6:00-7:00 under the portico
- May 21 - American Legion Flag Project for Memorial Day (meet at 5:30, pick-up at 8:00)

Mark Your Calendars:

- May 4 - TOPGOLF & Ronald McDonald House
- May 9 - Breakfast Club (Cost covered & transportation provided afterwards - let Preston know if you need a ride!)
- May 18 - Graduate Sunday
- June 8-12 - VBS



Above and Below:

These youth enjoyed cooling off at Pelican's SnoBalls on April 30 for a fun Wednesday night outing! Have joy in the Lord knowing the future with Him is better than we can imagine - see 1 Corinthians 2:9.



Pictured Left:

In April, the youth packed items that were sent in care packages to our college students. We are praying for all college students as they finish the semester!

For the congregation:

Please pray as well for those who are graduating high school and college. We will celebrate high school graduates on May 18 for Graduate Sunday!



10:4 Project

Reminder: 10:4 Project

Our ongoing effort for the youth group to have done 10 service projects over the past 4 months, any time of the year! Youth, be on the lookout for mission & service opportunities!



We extend Christian Love and Sympathy to:

Pam Faulkner on the death of her father, Bill Rogers, of Greenville and Brooke Styron, Heather Oliver and families on the death of their grandfather on April 15, 2025.

Continuing Prayer Concerns: Andrea Harris Cabe, Ann Landis, Jane Cunningham, Gail Bass, Jackie Daniel, Richard Pinckney, Mary Birchmore, Carol Evans (Joey Plyler's grandmother), Billy Plyler (Joey Plyler's grandfather), Bill and Sandra Lewis, Jimmy Britt (Drew Singletary's grandfather), John Harr, Ron Miller, Pete Callison, Elaine Dukes, Joan Herin, Peggy & Devon Aaron,

Peggy Ackerman, Cheryl McCord and Durham Bley (Cheryl's grandson), Annie Catalino, John (Steve) Robinson (Terry Robinson's brother), Edith Blanchett (Kathy Johnson's mother), Marian Adams, Ann Pendergrass, Travis & Jessica Goodman, Courtney Fingar (Mud Pies parent), Weston Boggs, Sara Catherine Wilkinson, Samarel family in Greer, SC, our church and its ministries, peace around the world and within our city, county, state, and country, and any unspoken prayers.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God. Philippians 4:6



ENGAGE in Small Groups

Engage is not just on Wednesdays~
Options are available to suit your schedule.

Monday Men's Bible Study

Join us at 6 am in the Fellowship Hall.

Led by Rev. Keck

Monday Book Study ~ NEW

Book Study Forgiveness: Forgive for Good

5 week study Monday mornings

10 am @ Allie William's home (101 Grace Street)

Lead by Cathy Painter (Last session May 5th)

Wednesday Morning Small Group

10 am @ Howard's on Main

at 330 Main Street

Wednesday Men's Bible Study

12:00 in the Library

Pizza is provided.

Come when you can! Last session is May 14th.

Thursday Morning Bible Study

11 am in the Library.

Led by Rev. Keck

Just bring your Bible and a friend!

Wednesday Nights

Engage Meal 5:15 - 6:00 pm

May 7 Grilled chicken, Brown rice, Broccoli salad,
Corn & Dessert
by the Drake Class

May 14 Main Street's May Day Cook-out

brought to you by the Children's Ministries

RSVP deadline is on Mondays each week by 1:00 pm.

Please RSVP @ www.mainstreetgreenwood.org so we
can provide an accurate headcount for our cooks.

*****To help offset the rising costs of kitchen supplies, we
are asking each group to donate \$20 of their profits to
Account #5701—General Kitchen Supplies.
Thank you for understanding!**

Wednesday Night Studies 6:00-7:00 pm

Option 1: Paul of Tarsus
(Library) Last day is May 14th

Leaders: Morelle Jones, Brian Albon,
Jimmy Kelly & Shell Dula

Option 2: Forgiveness: Forgive for Good
(Cornerstone Class) Last Day is May 7th

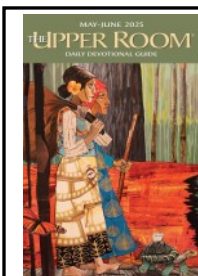


MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST 10 AM IN THE GYM

**Everyone is encouraged to bring
your mother, grandmother,
mother figure, or special friend to celebrate the
mothers in our church family.**

Looking forward... June

June 8-12	Bible School
June 22	Steve's Last Sunday
June 29	RT's First Sunday



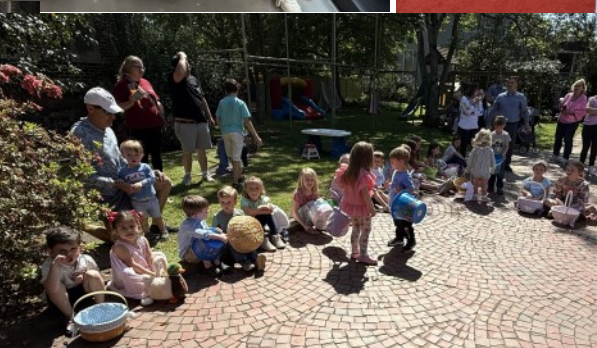
The May/June Upper Room
devotionals are available in the
church office, the
narthex, and
ramp door entrance.

\$1.00 for regular
\$1.50 for large print



Wednesday Evenings 6-7 pm
May 7 and May 14
(Nursery Provided)
Bible Study, Music, Games, and Mission Projects

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April was a busy month for the Children's Ministry, but boy, are we blessed or what? We started off our first Wednesday night with a shopping trip with our loose change from March to Walmart for supplies for Mud Pies preschool! We carried in palms for our Praise Parade on Palm Sunday and had our annual Easter egg hunt with Mud Pies that afternoon! Easter Sunday was a busy but great day for the children and their families! There was a great turn out for the family Easter breakfast and taking flowers to the Living Cross and then a devotion on the front steps during our Sunday School time. We processed into worship with an Alleluia banner and Alleluia bells we made, and we also sang in worship!

So many helped to make all these activities possible! Thank you to Cindy and Steve Skinner for hosting the egg hunt, and all those that helped setup, hide eggs and break down— Mary Kate Skinner, Ashley, Caroline and Addison Leopard, Josie Shirley, Allison Wooten and Wendy Hill, Preston Goforth and the Youth! Many thanks to Jon Bassett for our Easter devotion, Mary Kate Skinner and Lindsay Burns for setting up and tearing down the Easter breakfast and to all the families who contributed to breakfast. It was a great success! Again thank you for your service and making the Children's ministry run smoothly.

Much Love and Blessings, Kayla

CELEBRATIONS

May Birthdays

- 1 Andrew Keck
- 3 Greg Shelley
Randy Rouse
- 4 Katie Funderburk
- 7 Linda Bell
Ashley Leopard
Kerri Jones Thompson
John Young
- 8 Hudson Smith
- 9 Vada Valkenburg, David Irwin, Steve Williams
- 10 Prakash Elston
- 11 Mary Kate Skinner, Sydney Sluder
- 12 Kim Sprouse, Jonathan Leopard
- 13 Campbell Driver, Annabelle Chappell
- 14 Terry Robinson
- 15 Tommy Chalmers
- 16 Mary Dula
- 17 Susan Thompson, Kit Adkins, Verena Valkenburg
- 21 Frankie Connell, Ryan D'Alessandro
- 22 Lily Adkins, Candy Tinsley, Joseph Shirley
- 23 Mike Johnson, Jim Kelly
- 24 Keaton Alexander
- 25 Joey Adams, Hannah Thompson, Margaret Crooks
- 26 Amy Young, Allison Wooten
- 29 Frank Workman, Hannah Workman
Lori Anne Hagood
- 30 Hazel Bennett, Graham Shaffer
- 31 Lisa Smith



May Anniversaries

- 1 Tyler and Lauren Coats
- 6 Rhett and Angie Baker
- 9 Steve and Laura Keck
- 13 Jim and Kathy Kelly
- 15 Frankie and Judy Connell
Fred Wactor and Myra Greene
- 18 Mike and Kathy Johnson
- 20 Ryan and Ashley D'Alessandro
- 26 Tyler and Jennifer Larkins
- 27 Morelle and Rhoda Jones
- 29 Tommy and Cathy Chalmers



Asher Wells Bowen

received the sacrament of baptism at the 11:00 worship service on April 13, 2025. Asher was born on October 19, 2023. He is the son of Nash Bowen and Brianna Booker. His proud grandparents are former member, Kim Bowen, and Keith Bowen.

Missions

May's Mission Project



Who: Kairos Prison Ministry

What: Store bought cookies— no icing, sprinkles, nuts or monetary donations (Make check out to Kairos Prison Ministry ~ Leath on the For line)

When: Please donate by **May 14th**

Where: Leave donations outside the office or outside the Fellowship Hall.

May Top Donations

Soup, Pasta
Peanut Butter, Fruit
Canned Meat, Pop Tarts

May 8, June 12, July 10, & August 14



**FOOD
MINISTRY**



May's Loose Change

May 25

We will purchase children's books for Greenwood Genetic Center's waiting rooms.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We hope to see you at our events! Call the Church Office with any questions.	5 6:00 am Men's Monday Study 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Book Study Forgiveness: Forgive for Good 11:00 am Member Care Meeting 4:30 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Trustees Board Meeting 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	6 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Susanna Circle Women in Faith At Wesley Commons 5:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 5:30 pm SPRC Meeting	 7 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:15 pm Wednesday Supper 6:00 pm Children's Ministries 6:00 pm Elevate Youth to see GHS Shrek 6:00 pm Bible/Book Studies 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Carolina Sprinters	1 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:00 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Carolina Sprinters 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	2 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	3
4 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Worship 2:30 pm Elevate Youth Top Golf & Ronald McDonald Outing 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	12 6:00 am Men's Monday Study 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:30 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:15 pm Greenwood Women Care 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	13 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Hearts & Hands Women in Faith 5:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB	14 Main Street May Day 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 10:00 am Wed. Small Group 11:30 am Celebration Circle 12:00 pm Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm Engage May Day 6:00 pm Elevate Youth Car Wash Fundraiser 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Carolina Sprinters	15 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 4:00 pm Staff Meeting 4:00 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Carolina Sprinters 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	16 7:30 pm Mud Pies Preschool 5:00 pm Barbary/Waldrop Wedding Rehearsal 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	17 9:00 am Soup Kitchen Volunteers TEAM #4 5:00 pm Barbary/Waldrop Wedding 
11 Mother's Day 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Mother's Day Breakfast 11:00 am Traditional Worship 7:30 pm Pick-up Basketball	19 6:00 am Men's Monday Study 7:30 pm Mud Pies Preschool 4:30 pm SC Elite Boys BB 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	20 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Greece Trip Meeting	21 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 5:30 pm Elevate Youth Flag Project 5:30 pm Mud Pies K4 Graduation and Reception 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm Carolina Sprinters	22 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 4:00 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Carolina Sprinters 7:00 pm Pick Up Basketball	23 7:30 am Mud Pies Preschool 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	24
18 Graduate Sunday 9:00 am Early Service 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service 7:30 pm Pick-Up Basketball 	26 6:00 am Men's Monday Study 4:30 pm SC Elite Boys BB 6:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 911	27 5:00 pm Passionate Era Boys BB	28 10:00 am Wed. Small Group 4:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Carolina Sprinters	29 11:00 am Thursday Morning Bible Study 4:00 pm SC Elite Boys BB 5:30 pm Carolina Sprinters 7:00 pm Pick-up Basketball	30 6:30 pm Celebrate Recovery	31



Children's Ministry Volunteer List

Email to be part of the rotation at
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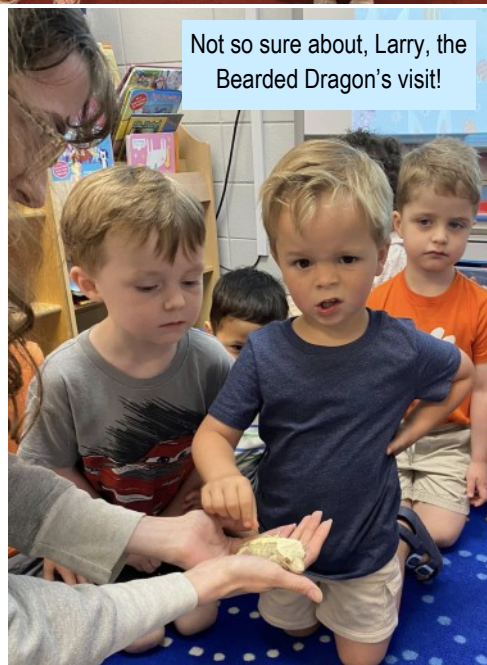
Acolytes and Crucifer

May 4 Crawford Burns and Peyton Larkins
May 11 Maggie Shirley and Caroline Leopard
May 18 Benjo Smith and John Luke Moore
May 25 Crawford Burns and Joshua Albon

Sunday School & Extended Session:

May 4 Allison Hartung and Kayla Beard
May 11 **Mother's Day Breakfast - Asbury Gym**
Children will sing at 11:00 worship
May 18 Allie Williams and Kayla Beard
May 25 Lindsay Burns and Kayla Beard

Nursery: Sydney Sluder & Rachel Jolly



Not so sure about, Larry, the
Bearded Dragon's visit!

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