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“Make my joy complete by being
like-minded, having the same love,
being one in spirit and of one mind.”

~Philippians 2:2



2026
HECK-JONES
Offering

WEEK OF PRAYER
for WMU NC
GOAL: \$325,000
www.wmunc.org



This offering supports the Women's Missions of North Carolina. To learn more, please pick up a Prayer Guide, which is available at the building entrances, along with special envelopes to include your offering. You also may give online by choosing WMU offering.

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The apostle Paul had a very clear vision of what God designed the church to be. It was designed to be a body. Specifically, it was designed to be the body of Christ. The church is the physical representation of Christ on earth. Where we are present, it is like He is present in the flesh. We are His flesh and blood on earth until He returns.

Drawing on this, with both the Ephesian and the Corinthian churches, Paul leans pretty hard into the comparison of the church with a human body. He talks about the human body having a host of different parts that are all required to be working properly in order for the whole body to function like it was designed. The church is the same way.

With the Ephesian church, Paul talked about the importance of growing and maturing in our faith and understanding of the gifts God has given us to use for the growth and advancement of the body. *"Then we will no longer be little children, tossed by the waves and blown around by every wind of teaching, by human cunning with cleverness in the techniques of deceit. But speaking the truth in love, let us grow in every way into him who is the head—Christ. From him the whole body, fitting and knit together by every supporting ligament, promotes the growth of the body for building up itself in love by the proper working of each individual part."*

With the Corinthian church Paul noted emphatically that each part needs every other part. No part can do it all on its own. No part is more important than any other. No part is less important than any other. Instead, *"as it is, God has arranged each one of the parts in the body just as he wanted."*

These are all really good and important ideas in the abstract. They are good sources of encouragement both to believers who are active but doubting their worth to the body some, but also to believers who are not active like they ought to be. I've preached on these two passages more times than I remember.

This week, though—today in fact as I write—I experienced the reality of these words in a more direct way than I can remember. I'm writing this on a Wednesday afternoon. To say it has been a busy afternoon would be an understatement. But for all the busyness, I have seen Paul's description of the church play out right before my eyes, and I am loving it.

There is one group of folks in the kitchen actively working on preparing the meal for tonight's crowd, which is currently slated to be bigger than it has ever been. Another member is working on repairing a couple of access holes that were cut a few years ago and never repaired properly. Still another member is working on some details related to an informational brochure she has put together for our first time visitor gift bags. Another member came last second to make some repairs to a gas line so that we can have heat in the sanctuary building for Bible study tonight. Another couple of members are planning to take care of some safety issues that need to be addressed. There have also been a handful of others who

have been coordinating with their teams to have a plan in place in case the heat couldn't be restored to the sanctuary building and we had to go with Plan B on the night instead of our normally scheduled programming.

There are churches in other places around the country who operate with the mindset that it is the pastor's job to do all of the work that needs to be done in keeping the church up and running. Let me tell you: I couldn't have done any of the things all of these other folks were doing – either at all or nearly as well as they are doing them. Without each of these different parts of the body playing their part, the body wouldn't work.

We wouldn't have eaten the great meal we had. We wouldn't have as safe and well cared for of a building as we have. We wouldn't have had heat in the sanctuary building – meaning a whole lot of different pieces of our normal operation would have been jumbled. We wouldn't be as well prepared for guests as we are and will be. And all of those other programs happening tonight wouldn't have been able to happen like they did.

I'm not naming any of these folks because they weren't looking for recognition and probably don't want it. They were just doing the ministry God has called and equipped them to do faithfully and well. As a result, the church worked on Wednesday just like it needed to. A host of potential obstacles to the movement of God's Spirit in our midst were removed and He was able to do all the work that needed to be done. The church works best when all the parts play their part.

Now, is every day this busy? Of course not. Most of the time it's just me or perhaps Delinda and me here all day, and the phone doesn't even ring. But that is only possible because of all the different parts playing their part so smoothly and well. That is only possible because you are being who God designed and called and equipped you to be in this local body of Christ.

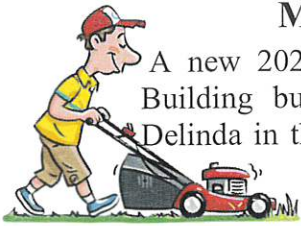
There are two things I think need to be said in light of all of this. First, thank you. Thank you to those individuals who made everything work this past Wednesday. Thank you to every single part of this community who is playing a role in helping us be fully who God designed us to be as a church body. Second, if you aren't actively playing a role in everything that is happening around here, or if you aren't sure about the role you are or should be playing, come and talk with me. Helping you do that—equipping the saints for the work of ministry, as Paul described it to the Ephesian church—is my role in the body.

God is doing a work in our midst. Let's continue to play our part in that work so we can see it expand even further to His glory and our joy. Amen.

~ Pastor Jonathan



Attention, ladies!! If you drew a name for "Secret Sisters" this year, please text, email or call Delinda in the church office to tell whose name you drew.



MOWING SCHEDULE

A new 2026 schedule has been placed on the Fellowship Building bulletin board. Please contact Tracy Lowder or Delinda in the office if changes need to be made to this list.



On **February 12**, at 12:00 p.m., you are invited to a Community Soup Luncheon in the fellowship building. Please invite members in the Oakboro community to join you and your church family for a variety of soups, cornbread, crackers, desserts and other side items. If you'd like a hard-copy invitation, you may get those from the entrance tables.

HOPE Fellowship has booked another trip to Narrowway Productions in Fort Mill, SC. On Saturday, **March 28**, leaving the church at 3:00 p.m., the group will go to enjoy **THE FOURTH CROSS**. The church family ticket price is \$31 each. It is highly IMPORTANT that you sign up or contact Betty Huneycutt or Deborah Tucker, as Narrowway had only 17 tickets available. When those are spoken for, no additional tickets can be ordered.

VALENTINE'S DAY *Dinner*

SPONSORED BY FBO YOUTH

FEBRUARY **7** AT 6PM

LASAGNA, SALAD, & DESSERT

SIGN UP BY SUN, FEB 1

DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR
YOUTH CAMPS & MISSIONS



Stanly County
SENIOR SERVICES



Join Us For Lunch

Seniors 60 and older are invited to join us for a nutritious midday meal at your local Senior Nutrition Lunch Site operated by Stanly County Senior Services Department

- Lunch is catered by Golden Corral-Asheboro
- Cost: Donations accepted & appreciated
- Diners must eat at the site/no take-outs
- Please call by 12 the day before to reserve your lunch

RSVP by calling:

Oakboro Senior Nutrition Lunch Site
(Old Boy Scout Hut)
626 N. Long St., Oakboro
704.485.8211

For More Information, please call
Joy Richardson, Senior Nutrition Program Supervisor
704.986.3773-----8:30am-5pm

OUR RECORD OF GIVING

(service cancelled 1/25/26)

Budget Goals – January	26,663.80
Budget Receipts – January	24,440.00
Budget Goals – YTD	139,984.15
Budget Receipts – YTD	133,574.03
Budget Variance	- 6,410.12
Special Offerings	
Building Fund	8,560.99
The Gathering Place	598.00
NC Children's Homes	100.00
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	95.00
Gideons	60.00
Deacons	30.00
CentriKids Camp Deposits	850.00
CentriFuge Camp Deposits	250.00

LIFECHANGINGCAMPS

 FUGECAMPS

Youth: We are registered for June 22-26 at Chowan University
Sign-ups are now open, and deposits are due! See Youth Parent
GroupMe for the link.

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camps

Our camp dates are **June 15-19** at Chowan University. Please see or
contact Missy Wadkins if your child is interested in attending this
year.



In memory of **Eugene Wall**,
Tommy Wall's dad, contributions were
made to the Building Fund by:
Jim & Cheryl Cameron
Mike & J. J. Hughes
Tracy & Lisa Lowder
First Baptist, Oakboro.

In memory of **Jill Turner**, donations were given to the Building Fund by:

Doris Hatley
Jim & Cheryl Cameron
Tracy & Lisa Lowder
Jewell Parker

Donations were made to the Building Fund in memory of

Doyle Hatley by:

Jim & Cheryl Cameron
Tracy & Lisa Lowder
Jewell Parker

Blessed Assurance Sunday School Class
First Baptist, Oakboro

In Honor

In honor of **Rita Crisco**, a donation was made to the
Meals On a Mission by Bruce & Lorraine Hric.

In honor of **Betty Huneycutt's 85th birthday**, contributions
were given to the Building Fund by
Mike & J. J. Hughes and Eddie & Linda Arrowood

Deborah Tucker made a donation to the Senior Adult fund
in honor of **Betty Huneycutt's birthday**.



"Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the
expressions of love and kindness you have showered us
during this difficult loss of our Jill. Thank you for every
card, every visit, every call and every prayer. Thank you
to the food groups that served us, and thanks to those who
worked to make her home ready for her return home. We know that she is at
rest now in her heavenly home. What a blessing it is to belong to such a
loving and caring church family!
With love and gratitude," The Family of Jill Turner

Celebrating FEBRUARY Birthdays

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February 11 Micah Waits
13 Cooper Haymond
14 Erica Floyd
15 Jim Davis
16 Jennifer Stancil
21 Theo Burris
22 Mark Smith
23 Sophie Tucker
24 Bill Young
25 Melanie Hudson
Rick Baucom
26 Kim Goodman
28 Daniel Jenkins

March 1 Vickie Yandle
2 Katie Broadway
3 Juliette Hines

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	2 6:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting	3 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 Bible Study for ALL Ages 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	4 12:00 p.m. Greater Oakboro Business Association (GOBA) Lunch Meeting	5	6 VALENTINE'S DAY Dinner SPONSORED BY FBO YOUTH FEBRUARY 7 AT 6PM
7	8 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	9	10 Youth Raffle Kick-Off 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 The Sisterhood Bible Study 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	11 12:00 p.m. HOPE Fellowship & Community Soup Luncheon in Fellowship Building	12 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. YMCA in Fellowship Building & Youth Center	13 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. EXALSION
14 HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY!	15 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	16 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Care Ring in Youth Center	17 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 Youth Prayer & Game Night Bible Study 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	18	19	20
21	22 8:30 a.m. Two or More Prayer	23	24 5:30 p.m. The Gathering Place (please sign up) 6:30 Bible Study for ALL Ages 7:30 Worship Choir Rehearsal	25	26	27
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Weekly Sunday Schedule
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (Live & Zoom)
10:00 a.m. Worship

Please email or call the church office
with additions to or deletions from the
calendar.