

# In a Nutshell

August 1, 2025

*Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.*

*~Jeremiah 33:3*

This was always my mom's favorite verse. She called it "God's phone number" for as long as I can remember. I've also heard this verse called "our direct access to God".

It's an invitation from God to call upon Him. We could actually look at it as a command from Him. He has promised that He will answer and show us things that we don't even know. Calling upon God is more than saying "give me, give me" over and over. To call upon Him, we must know Him and His Word. We must let our heart be as His heart. If I call upon Him for the salvation of the lost, I have touched His heart and He will hear me. If I call upon Him to make me more like Jesus, again, I have asked within His will. God is our Father and we can come to Him in prayer. What a wonderful blessing for God to tell us to call upon Him! We should be in awe that God will hear us and answer us! This verse gives me the faith and courage to pray because my Father has promised to answer.

It might be time to stop talking to people about your problems and take your requests straight to God. Cry out to Him, tell Him what's in your heart. Ask Him to show you the way forward, the things you don't know. He's never failed you, and He is not about to start now.

## **Colossians 4:2**

Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.

## **Psalms 91:15**

When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.

## **Matthew 7:7-8**

'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

## **John 15:7**

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

~Shared by Kim Combs

## **NEW AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Mary Martha Busy Ladies**

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 13 at 11:00am. This meeting will be catered. Debbie needs a headcount by **August 7th**. Please contact her at 919-971-5227 and let her know if you plan to attend.

## **OCIM Update**

They are in desperate need of canned vegetables, fruit, green beans, green peas, pork & beans and/or baked beans, beef stew, mayonnaise, crackers, and rice.

For the months of June and July Walnut Grove UMC contributed 834 lbs. of canned goods and garden products. Thank you to all who have donated money as well as the actual cans of food and veggies.

Looking forward to seeing what we can bring on August 31. Thank you all so much for your participation.

## **5th Sunday SongFest Returns in August**

On Sunday, August 31st, we will have another 5th Sunday SongFest with songs requested by you! I still have all of your previous requests, so if you have requested a song, this may be your lucky day! The song request sheets are on the music stand outside the choir room or you may contact Leigh McFalls at 919-818-3317 or [leighmcfalls@gmail.com](mailto:leighmcfalls@gmail.com) to help you find the song you're looking for.

## **Calling all cooks!**

Our Sunday night dinners begin soon! Please take a moment to sign-up for one meal. We strongly encourage our Sunday School classes and other groups within the church to share a week together. This year, we have a predetermined menu for each week, with recipe suggestions offered, but feel free to use your own recipes if you prefer. Suggested donations for dinner are \$5/plate or \$20/family. All funds will go to the Sunday Night Meal Fund which will help offset the cost of providing the meal. [Sign up here.](#)

## **Kitchen Coordinator Needed**

Friends, we give thanks for the gift of a great kitchen at Walnut Grove UMC and are in need of someone to help it stay organized and up to date. We are looking for someone who would be able to be in charge as a kitchen coordinator to help with a small task list. These tasks include:

- Cleaning out the fridge and freezer every two months with the exception of stew and BBQ. If you are unsure of what to toss, please ask church staff.
- Keep an eye on items that need restocking for events (cups, plates, takeout containers, cutlery, and napkins). Note any other kitchen needs which may include cleaning supplies, aluminum foil, saran wrap, dishwasher tablets, and other needed items. Let Kim, our church secretary, know if the church is running low or out of such items.
- Stocking the supplies, once they are delivered.
- Organize two deep clean days a year for the kitchen.
- Contact those who might have dishes left in the kitchen or fellowship hall for pickup.
- Place any nonperishable food that is not stored for future use and still in date in the OCIM container.
- Throw away any food left out that is perishable and near the expiration date or out of date.
- Report any major appliance or structural concerns in the kitchen area to the Trustee rep. for the kitchen.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this important task and please let Kim, our church secretary, know if you are able to serve in this capacity!

## Lauren's Baby Shower



## Opportunities and Work Days with Disaster Ministry

Deployment dates for North Corridor Early Response Team. To volunteer or if you have any questions, please contact Jim Polhamus at [jbuspolhamusii@gmail.com](mailto:jbuspolhamusii@gmail.com). Please prayerfully consider joining us and mark your calendars below:

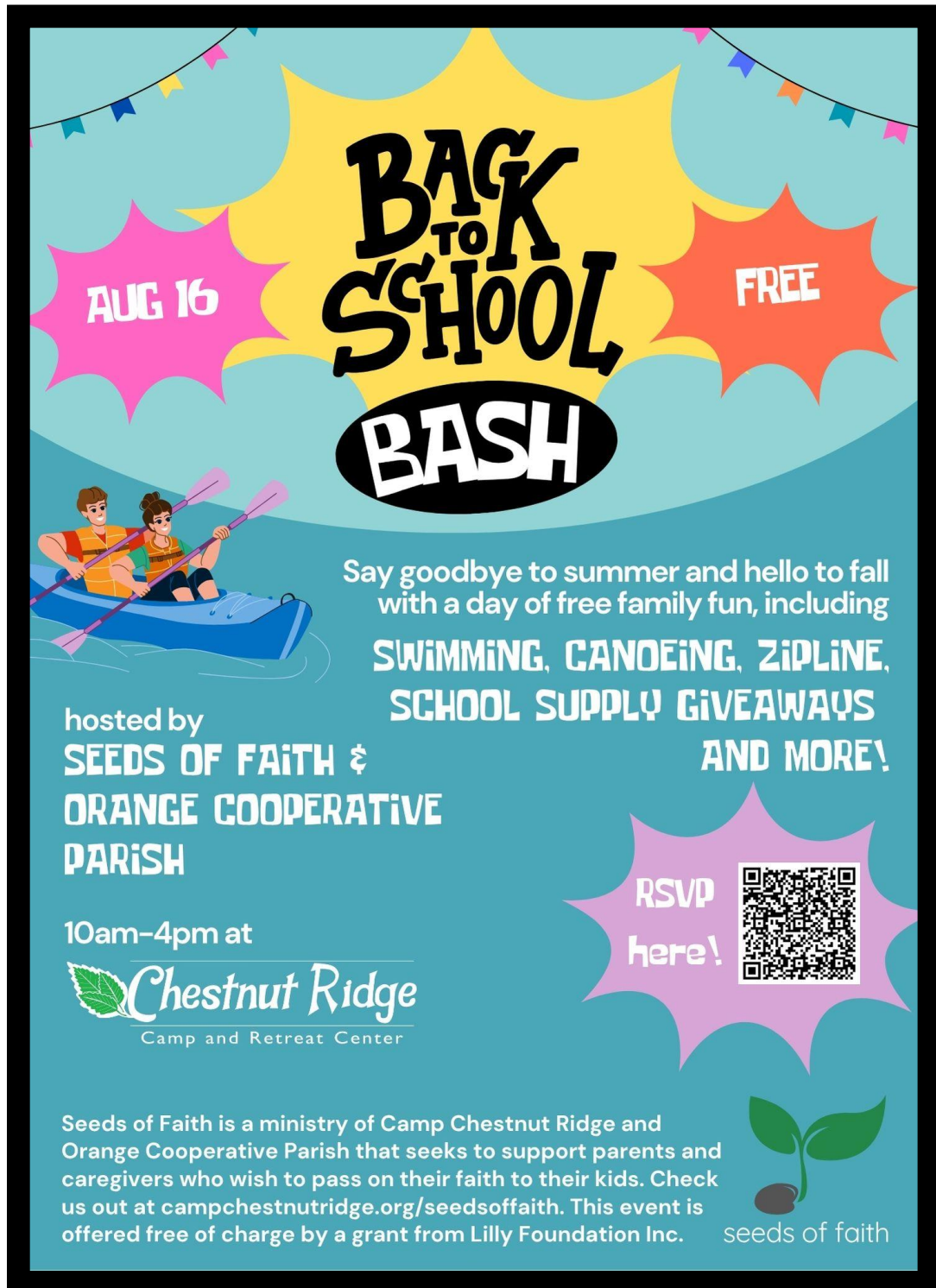
**August 7 -9**, LTRG08, Columbus Co, NC - (Leland Disaster Center, Zion UMC Parsonage, Leland, NC) - open to ERT and non ERT members

**Sep 8 - 13**, LTRG09, Western NC Conference UMC- (Location TBD ( Spruce Pine, Asheville, Hendersonville), UNC-Wesley students to potentially join Thursday -Saturday, - open 1 ERT to 1 non ERT member, Reservation and awaiting confirmation

**Oct 9 - 11**, LTRG10, Columbus Co, NC - (Leland Disaster Center, Zion UMC Parsonage, Leland, NC) - open to ERT and non ERT member

Please let us know if you can help! The OCP is needing volunteers if you are able.  
Let Lauren know!

## Seeds of Faith




A vibrant poster for a 'Back to School Bash' event. The background is a light blue sky with a large yellow sun in the center. A string of colorful triangular flags hangs across the top. The event title 'BACK TO SCHOOL BASH' is prominently displayed in a stylized, bold font. To the left of the title, a pink starburst contains the date 'AUG 16'. To the right, an orange starburst says 'FREE'. Below the title, an illustration shows a boy and a girl in a blue inflatable boat on water, holding paddles. To the right of the boat, text describes the activities: 'Say goodbye to summer and hello to fall with a day of free family fun, including SWIMMING, CANOEING, ZIPLINE, SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAYS AND MORE!'. The hosts are listed as 'SEEDS OF FAITH & ORANGE COOPERATIVE PARISH'. The time and location are '10am-4pm at Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center', with the center's name in a script font and a leaf logo. A purple starburst on the right contains the text 'RSVP here!' next to a QR code. At the bottom left, a paragraph explains that Seeds of Faith is a ministry of Camp Chestnut Ridge and Orange Cooperative Parish, supported by a grant from Lilly Foundation Inc. At the bottom right, there is a small green seedling logo and the text 'seeds of faith'.


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Seeds of Faith is a ministry of Camp Chestnut Ridge and Orange Cooperative Parish that seeks to support parents and caregivers who wish to pass on their faith to their kids. Check us out at [campchestnutridge.org/seedsoffaith](http://campchestnutridge.org/seedsoffaith). This event is offered free of charge by a grant from Lilly Foundation Inc.

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## Youth/Kids Upcoming Events





### **Tithes and Offerings**

We now have five ways to give to our ministries. If you would like your offering to be allocated towards a specific ministry, please indicate it in the memo of your check or you will be prompted on the website.

1. Give during our weekly Worship Services.
2. Mail in a check to 7215 Walnut Grove Church Road, Hurdle Mills, NC 27541.
3. Use our church [website](#). Click GIVE in the upper right corner.
4. Use our "My Church" mobile app. Click GIVE in the lower right corner.
5. Use our Vanco QR Code, which you can find on the back of the Sunday bulletins or right here in the weekly *In A Nutshell*.

### **Budget News as of July 31, 2025**

Year to Date Income: \$ 146,262.66

Year to Date Expenses: \$ 172,820.94

Difference: \$ (26,558.28)

Matthew 25:35 Fund Balance: \$ 3,646.00

Harvest Festival Fund Balance: \$ 29,796.34

### **Vanco QR Code**

As we continually adapt to the gift of technology, Walnut Grove now has a Vanco QR code provided on the back of the bulletin and in the Nutshell for online giving. Simply hold your phone or tablet's camera over the code for the link to Vanco. You may also access the link on our website for convenient giving. Alternatively, cash or check contributions continue to be accepted through our tithes and offerings. Your generosity helps us continue serving Christ and reaching out to our community in mission and faithful witness.



### **JOYS & CONCERNS**

#### **Prayer List**

- Iris Tilley, recuperating from a recent fall
- Gilbert Lee in Prince George, VA, who recently had surgery for cancer. He is Richard Lee's father
- Gene Parker, brother of Dorothy Roberts, uncle of Mike Roberts, and family of Debbie Oakley and Sue Powell
- Craig Powell, brother of Ed Powell, with health problems
- Maria Guerrero, mother-in-law of Alejandro Rivas, Duke intern, as she deals with terminal illness.
- Herbert and JoAnn Cates, both with health issues. They are members of Walnut Grove UMC.
- Jerry Forrester, bilateral lung cancer
- Liz Matthews, friend of Katie Whitaker
- Debbie Langdale diagnosed with stage 5 kidney disease, waiting for transplant. Friend of John and Brooke Sherron
- Kelly Schoch, with brain cancer. She is co-worker of Erica Nading
- Will Hall, of Cedar Grove, NC with serious health issues- son of Billy Hall and Lynn Clark, nephew of Tommy Hall and Lorraine Parker, cousin of James Parker.
- Kathy Kimrey with health concerns. She is the sister-in-law of Lorraine Hines and Pam Kimrey.

#### **From The Mailbox**

Dear Members of the Prayers & Squares Ministry of Walnut Grove UMC.

Prior to Gilbert's surgery for colon cancer, our son, Richard Lee, gave his dad this lovely quilt which was made with love and prayers by your group. Richard goes to your church. What a wonderful gift and surprise. Gilbert has had his surgery and was in the hospital for almost two weeks. He then went to a rehab center for ten days. At this point he's recovering slowly but gaining his strength. His next step is seeing the oncologist for a plan of treatment.

Blessings to each of you that work to make this ministry possible. Your talents, dedication, love and prayers have touched the lives of more than you can imagine. Thank you for this wonderful gift.

In Christian Love,

Gilbert and Carole Lee

P.S. We are members of Gary's UMC, South Prince George, VA.

## **Birthdays**

Saturday 8/2 – Paul Beck, Jeff Clayton

Sunday 8/3 – Jennifer Woods, Barbara Parker

Tuesday 8/5 – RJ Roemmich

Thursday 8/7 – Nicholas Hengsterman

Friday 8/8 – Alexis Patten

Saturday 8/9 – M.J. Bumgarner

If your birthday is incorrect or missing, please contact Kim at the church office at 919-732-5722 or by email at [office@walnutgroveumc.org](mailto:office@walnutgroveumc.org) so we can update our records.

## **STAYING CONNECTED**

[WG YouTube](#)

[WG Facebook](#)

[Website](#)

## **Serving in Worship**

### **August 3rd**

Acolytes: Eleanor Whitaker/Gracie Hall

Greeters: Krystal Robinson/Erica Smith

Ushers: Phil & Lorraine Hines

Scripture: Lorraine Parker

Nursery: Debby Donnelly/Laurie Rogers

Trustee Open/Close: Jacob Blankenship

Communion Servers: Faith Parker/Krystal Robinson

Financial Rep: Ashley James

### **August 10th**

Acolytes: Isaac Conway/Max Kemnitz

Greeters: Tyler & Stephanie Smith

Ushers: Scott & Cheryl Humphrey

Scripture: Margaret Anne Dow

Nursery: Sharyn Gates/Pam Kimrey/Michael Roberts

Financial Rep: Brenda Berry

Trustee Open/Close: Mike Roberts

## **Mowing Schedule**

August 2- Bruce Richardson

August 9- Todd Harris

August 16- Mike Parker

August 23- Clay Parker

August 30- Chuck Davis

**NOTE:** If you're unable to serve in your role listed above, please find someone to serve in your place and notify the church secretary of the change. This will allow us to have an updated listing to publish each week.



## Upcoming Happenings

Sunday, August 3	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 4:00-7:00pm Youth pool party
Tuesday, August 5	7:00pm Men's Group
Wed., August 6	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Sunday, August 10	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 6:00 – 7:30pm – Youth/kids fishing trip
Wed., August 13	11:00am Mary Martha Busy Ladies
Sunday, August 17	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service
Tuesday, August 19	7:00pm Men's Group
Wed., August 20	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Saturday, August 23	3:00pm Lauren's baby shower
Sunday, August 24	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 10:45am Children's Church 2:30 – 4:30pm – Youth/kids quilting workshop
Wed., August 27	6:30pm Worship Band 7:00pm Worship Choir
Fri-Sat., August 29-30	Walnut Grove Crafters
Sunday, August 31	9:00am Doughnuts/Coffee for everyone!! (provided by Men's Group) 9:30am Sunday School Opening - Joint Sunday School (Adults) 10:30am 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday SONGFEST Service

See You Sunday!!