



By the Cross We Care

One Person at a Time

Barcelona Banner

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AUGUST 7 AND 14

5:00 pm

Conference Room

For all new members and anyone
interested in learning more
about the church.

MEMORY VERSE

**“Study to show thyself approved
unto God, a workman that needeth
not to be ashamed, rightly dividing
the word of truth.”**

~2 Timothy 2:15, KJV

From my heart to yours:

Some years ago, a story made the rounds. It is a story about Jack who was home from college with just enough education to be dangerous. He was visiting his parents in their humble mountain cabin. As he sat in the front room with his father, he said, "May I tell you a narrative?" His father asked, "What on earth is a narrative, son?" Jack replied, "A narrative is a tale."



Later that evening, just before bedtime, Jack said, "May I extinguish the light?" His father wanted to know, "What do you mean by 'extinguish'?" Jack replied, "It means 'to put out'."

A few days later Jack's girl friend and her family came to meet his family. Jack's father wanted very much to make a good impression on these important guests. Halfway through the evening, the old dog walked into the cabin and stretched out on the floor in front of the fireplace. Jack's father raised his voice for all to hear and said, "Jack, will you please take the dog by the narrative and extinguish him!"

We laugh at this story. But it reminds us that vocabulary is important. Christian vocabulary especially is important.

Commitment is a significant word in our Christian vocabulary. A chicken and a pig were walking along a road when they came upon an old man sitting by the edge of the road. He appeared to be lonely and hungry. The chicken said to the pig, "Let's cheer him up with a bacon and egg breakfast." The pig replied in a hurt tone, "That is easy for you to say, because for you it requires only a token contribution; but for me it means a total commitment."

God wants a total commitment of our lives to him. May I encourage you to demonstrate your commitment to the Lord by being faithful in Sunday School and Morning Worship. Like many other churches, our attendance has not rebounded from Covid days. If you have not been regular in Sunday School and Worship, get back in your place for your own spiritual well-being. Your church also needs evidence of your commitment.

You also can show your Christian commitment by being faithful in giving. The church depends on your tithes and offerings to carry on its work of local ministry and missions here and around the world. Charitable giving is down in our country from previous years. Exemptions have increased, so that charitable giving often is not figured into the tax return. It is a sad day if our giving to the Lord's work depends on a tax deduction! The Lord desires our faithfulness in giving as a sign of commitment to him.

Finally, we can demonstrate our commitment by being involved in the programs and ministries of the church. Will you assist with our important ministry to children and teens? Sharon Grussaute can use volunteers for Wednesday night and Sunday programs. What about singing in the choir? Benji Harlan can help you find a place in our music program. Will you serve on a Church Committee or Ministry Team? Our Nominating Committee will begin its work soon in filling these positions. Just say yes. God may be calling some to Deacon service. Our Deacons play an important part in caring for our church families. Sadly, it has been difficult at times to find men who are willing to assume this role.

Paul reminds us, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1-2, NKJV).

Your Pastor,
Jon M. Stubblefield

| Attendance & Finances | | | |
|------------------------------------------|-----|--------|------|
| | SS | Sun AM | Wed. |
| 06/02/24 | 99 | 128 | 34 |
| 06/09/24 | 104 | 180 | 28 |
| 06/16/24 | 93 | 115 | 31 |
| 06/23/24 | 101 | 122 | 32 |
| 06/30/24 | 99 | 124 | 26 |
| JUNE BUDGET RECEIPTS: \$64,068.06 | | | |



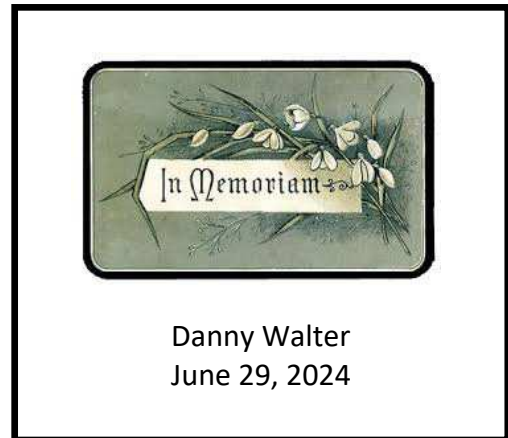
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| 3—Harold Moore | 14—Amelia Gilmer |
| 5—Susan Wade | 15—Jacque Emmert |
| 7—Ella Gilmer | 16—Judy Dacus |
| 8—River Golden | 24—Glendola Edwards |
| 9—Ruth Ann Hicks | 24—Mary Louise Wood |
| 11—Alice Attaway | 25—Faye Butcher |
| 11—Draco Matthews | 27—Tom Belin |
| 13—Jenada Ellis | 27—Vickie Russell |
| 13—Darlene Parker | 30—Lloyd Thrash |

A new generation is coming to faith in Jesus Christ through Operation Christmas Child and its follow-up program, The Greatest Journey.

Please consider supporting this ministry by starting on your shoebox now or by making a financial contribution.



- 5—Keith and Tammy Friederich
- 8—Grady and Linda Waggoner
- 9—Alan and Sue Farrow
- 14—Clint and Sharon Grazier
- 23—Kenneth and Darlene Parker
- 25—Jim and Ann Webb
- 25—Ed and Ida McCluer
- 27—Larry and Cindy Harper
- 30—Glen and Sharon Grussaute



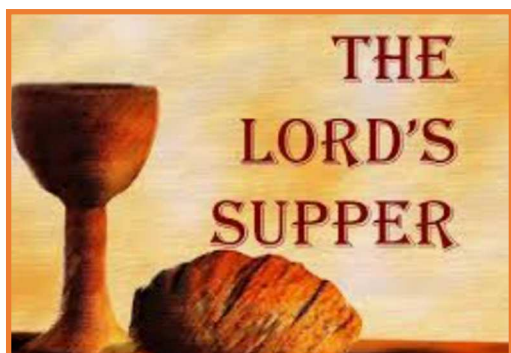
TUESDAY, AUGUST 6—6:00 P.M.



**Plan to attend the August Potluck Dinner
August 28—4:45 p.m.—Fellowship Hall**



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20—8:00 A.M.
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Make plans to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on August 11 at 10:30 a.m. Worship Service.



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
2—4 PM**

FOR: K-HIGH SCHOOL

Food—Games—Bounce House

**Invite friends and come
for a fun time.**



At GriefShare, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

Tuesday mornings, 9:30—11:30 AM

Fellowship Hall Classroom



AUGUST

2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------------------------|
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 5 | 6 9:30 GriefShare 6:00 Deacons Meeting | 7 1:15 Staff Meeting 5:00 Member Orientation 6:00 Prayer Service | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/ LORD'S SUPPER | 12 | 13 9:30 GriefShare | 14 1:15 Staff Meeting 5:00 Member Orientation 6:00 Prayer Service | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 19 | 20 8 :00 Men's Bible Study 9:30 GriefShare | 21 1:15 Staff Meeting 6:00 Prayer Service | 22 | 23 | 24 2:00-4:00 Back to School Bash |
| 25 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 26 | 27 9:30 GriefShare | 28 1:15 Staff Meeting 3:30 Children/Youth 4:45 Potluck 6:00 Prayer Service | 29 | 30 | 31 |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



A daily average of 36 children and adults attended this year's VBS.





Library News

As promised in last month's newsletter, here are descriptions of our new books.

Stop in and visit!

Double Take by Lynette Eason—Detective James Cross has been honorably discharged from the Army Criminal Investigation Division due to wounds sustained when an IED blew up near him. Now with the Lake City Police Department, he's rooming with his good buddy and partner, Cole, while he figures out his family dynamics. Physician Assistant Lainie Jackson is eighteen months out from an attempted murder perpetrated by her ex, which ended when she managed to grab the weapon and shoot him. When he appears to have survived and is back to finish the job he started, Lainie insists it's not possible. But someone keeps trying to kill her and she keeps seeing his face. Together, Lainie and James must work to find out who, exactly, is after her and why he wants her dead. And failure is not an option.

Fragile Designs by Colleen Coble—Since her police-officer husband Eric's mysterious murder, Carly Harris has been struggling to support herself and their infant son. Her career as an antique dealer isn't sustainable, nor is her dream of becoming a novelist. So when her grandmother proposes she and her two sisters restore the family's large Beaufort home and turn it into a bed-and-breakfast, she immediately gets to work clearing out the house. In the process, she uncovers a family secret that Eric kept hidden. And an heirloom that the wrong person wouldn't hesitate to kill for.

Homicide detective Lucas Bennett isn't his neighbor's biggest fan, not since she broke his brother's heart years ago. But when Carly turns to Lucas for help, believing she's found a lost Fabergé egg that would be worth millions and that could put her family's lives in danger, he can't help but get involved. Soon, they're entangled in a mystery with threads that lead all the way to the Russian mafia. Lucas has gotten in deep, and while he trusts his ability to keep Carly and her family safe, he begins to realize he's vulnerable to an unexpected kind of danger. And he's helpless to stop the freefall. As they continue working closely together, Carly and Lucas realize they may have found something more precious than gold. Yet it's only a matter of time before Carly—or worse, someone she loves—gets hurt.

[“You have set all the borders of the earth;](#)

[You have made summer and winter.” \(Psalm 74:17\)](#)

Christie Rimmer and Kay Dierks, Librarians

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The Barcelona Banner is published monthly to keep members informed about programs of the church and to report news about its members.

Deadline for articles is the fifteenth of each month.

You may e-mail your articles to brbc3office@att.net or bring to the church

If you are moving, have an email or phone number change, please contact the church office so your records can be changed.

Schedule of Services:

Sunday Services:

Sunday School – 9:30 AM

Sanctuary Worship Service – 10:30 AM

Wednesday Evening:

Children/Youth - 3:30 PM

(During school year)

Prayer Service - 6:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 PM

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM—2:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM—11:30 AM