

THE

MESSENGER

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FARM VISIT @ ROCK RIDGE FARM

June 14th 10:30am -12:30pm

Enjoy feeding animals & picnic lunch

RSVP

meet us there at 10:30 (no buses available)

Bring the family and
enjoy a day on the Farm

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HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Karen Hoyle
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Weekend Minister On Call

Daniel Selman - May 25-26
John Harris - June 1-2
Tonya Garrison - June 8-9

Deacon on Call:

Wednesday, Security 05/22;
Sunday, 01/14
Eddy Jones

Wednesday, Security 05/29;
Sunday, 06/2
James Harmon

A Life of Dependence

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

A young man was approaching graduation dreaming of his future. As many graduates, he dreamed of that graduation gift that he would receive to mark this special occasion. Knowing his father could afford it, he asked for a special car that he had seen at the local dealership. On the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study and gave him a beautifully wrapped box containing a leather bound Bible with his name printed on the front. The young man said to his father, "with all your money you give me a Bible?" The young man stormed out of the house leaving the Bible. Years passed and the young man grew successful in business. Unfortunately, he never saw his father again before his father passed away. He was filled with regret when he discovered the Bible given to him many years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages, finding a special mark in it at Matthew 7:11. *"If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"* Suddenly, car keys fell from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealers name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words....PAID IN FULL.

Graduation is a special season in the life of a family. As we celebrate this milestone in their lives, we also encourage our graduates to live a life dependent upon the Lord. He has a special future prepared for each of us. In all of our lives, he provides good gifts that help to sustain us and provide direction. Stay close to Him. Follow Jesus in all your ways.

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2023	
General Fund	\$9,270.00
LightShine / Bldg. Fund	\$760.00
Back Pack	\$522.50
Youth Trips & Activities	\$142.50
Children/Kids Activities	\$460.00

IN MEMORY

Earl Estes (Date of Birth May 21st)
Gladys Estes

**New Opportunity for College and Career
(Ages 18 to 24)**

A new spiritual outreach will be called "College and Career Connect" and will be offered through social media.

The purpose of this Community will be to *Lead* College and Career Students to faith in Jesus Christ, to *Develop* them as disciples and leaders, and to *Connect* them to the life and mission of our church.

The leaders will engage weekly with those who choose to participate by offering spiritual thoughts, encouragement and ways to navigate life's challenges. If you are in this age group (18-24), please call the church office and provide your name and cell number.

Butch and Karen Moore will be leading this social media community.

Need more information or questions about this opportunity?

Feel free to call Butch Moore 828-429-9352 or Karen Moore 828-429-2279.



If you are a college graduate, please let us know where you graduated from and your degree. We would like to celebrate and recognize you in the next *The Messenger*.

Call the Church office with your information.



- 05/26 Myra Hammett, Kaye Morrow, Philip Murray, William Ruff
- 05/27 Ashlynn Barrick, Patti Hardin, Chase Robbins, Carla Scruggs
- 05/28 Lori Edwards, Heather Henry, Al Lovelace, Natalie Newton, Ginny Pitman, Marlowe Street
- 05/29 Carlyne Butler, Cole Daniels, Zan Fisher, Tanner Francis, Bill Hardin, Gavin Hughes, Jimmy Means
- 05/30 Kim Campbell, Patty Hammett, Braedyn Kallay
- 05/31 Emery Hutchins, Sydney Millwood, Mattie Urban
- 06/01 Tommy Deviney,
- 06/02 Lauren Camp, Sam Guffey, Kathy Key
- 06/03 Rodney Butler, Ty McCracken, Tyler Moore
- 06/04 Haley Elmore, Chris Lee, Dylan Litaker, Landyn Millwood, Bob Ward
- 06/05 Jamie Harris, Jennifer McDonald, Terry Munsey, Caroline Pintuff
- 06/06 Jessica Adkins, Robert McKinney, Judith Poteat
- 06/07 Lyndi Forrest, Truett Wright
- 06/08 Beckie Bailey, Hudson Blalock, Scott Duncan, Tanner Marshall, Jennifer Moore, Crystal Shytles, Kevin Tuttle



- 05/26 Jimmy & Linda Bradley, Bruce & Melanie Lynch, Adam & Heidi Moose, Roger & Denise Queen
- 05/28 Matt & Michelle Clement, Phillip & Jessica McKinney
- 05/31 Jeff & Tammy Arrowood
- 06/01 Eric & Christy Marshall
- 06/02 Sam & Elaine Guffey, John & Emily Sain,
- 06/04 Don & Helen McSwain
- 06/05 Dean & Mary Cole, John & Cameran Nunez
- 06/07 Roy & Sherry Finley
- 06/08 Ron & Barbara Harris, Brandon & Julie White

Golf Opportunity



As a Men's Fellowship opportunity, we are starting a golf fellowship program. The first opportunity will be Monday night June 3rd. Our first tee time will be at 5:00 PM. We are limited to 24 golfers. We are playing at Forest City Municipal. If you are a member the cost will be \$9.00, non members it will be \$16.00.

The first night we will play 4 man captains choice with the teams randomly drawn.

If you are interested in joining us on June 3rd, please email John, at youth@florencechurch.net.

It will be first come first serve.

Important Meetings:

Camp Information

Our next MANDATORY Camp meeting is Sunday night June 2nd, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Loft.

Camp Items we need donated:

During the month of May we will be collecting:

- Bagged individual chips
- Granola bars
- Pop tarts
- Breakfast bars
- Canned drinks (please no water bottles)
- Cups (disposable)
- Plates (dinner size only)

If you would like to donate any of these items, no matter the amount, please drop them off in the Loft!

Sunday Night Schedule

- May 26th - No Evening Activities (Memorial Day)
- June 2nd - Final Camp Meeting

What a wonderful Graduation Sunday we had this past Sunday. I wanted to express my sincere gratitude for all of those who played a part in making it a day of celebration. Special thanks to those who provided breakfast items for the Graduate breakfast (special thanks to Missy and Claudia for setting it up and cleaning it up). I am also thankful for a church that allows me to speak from my heart on Sunday mornings. When I stand before you, it is a great honor and I feel especially humbled by all the sweet comments I received. Those comments and the peace I felt yesterday, all affirm my calling to local church ministry.

This past Wednesday marked 5 years since Steve became victim of Transverse Myelitis. His right side suddenly paralyzed followed by a lengthy hospital and rehab stay. He came home in a wheelchair and progressed over time. The effects of that day still linger but so does the memory of all the prayers and God's close presence then and now. We still do not know what caused this virus, how and why it attacked, but we know others in this county and beyond have faced the same thing. Each body responding differently. While we wish it had never happened, it did. Through it all God showed up and we are thankful for so much then and now.

This reminds me of Jacob's struggle with God before his name was changed to Israel. Jacob walked away with a limp. A constant reminder of the struggle. Steve has a constant reminder of his struggle as do so many of us in our own struggle whatever that is. It is that very struggle that brings God closer. As I reflect this day, I am not happy about a struggle our family faced but I am happy as I know God was in it with us and because of Him we have today to be thankful for. God will always bring something good out of something bad! Thank you Lord for your faithfulness!

Tonya



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Or Current Resident

Church Activities

OPPORTUNITIES FOR May 26—June 1

SUNDAY:

8:45 - First Light Service (LEC Gym)
9:45 - Bible Study for All ages
11:00 - Salt and Light Service (Sanctuary)

No Evening Services (Memorial Day Weekend)

MONDAY:

Church Office Will Be Closed
The Messenger will NOT be published this week.

TUESDAY:

10:30 AM Bible Journaling

WEDNESDAY:

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir
6:30 - Prayer Meeting
7:30- Adult Choir Rehearsal
8:30 - Adult Praise Band

Nursery Volunteers

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:45 AM

Karen Hamrick, Doris Jones, Kris Landry
Rena Caffell, Jennifer Clay

11:00 AM

Sheena Gabbard, Jessica Herndon

5:45 PM

Gina Greene, Rosemari Holland, Ashton Owens, Jamie Harris, Kaley Spurlin, Katie Squires

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