



# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

*Sunday,  
June 20*

Summer camp spots are filling up at Camp Cale! MBC will pay half of the Camp Cale fee for each camper who is a member, immediate family of a member, or regularly attends MBC.

Contact the church office.

Edenton Chowan Food Pantry Collection  
MBC Food Pantry will receive PEANUT BUTTER for the month of JUNE. Thank you church family for your faithful giving.

Nominees for two active members of the church to serve on the Nominating Committee beginning September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2024 will be presented at the June Business meeting with election to be held in July.

## Deacons of the Week:

6<sup>th</sup> Curtis Byrum  
Lonnie Coker

13<sup>th</sup> Kevin Goodwin  
Matthew Simons

20<sup>th</sup> Heath Hughes  
Elmer Overton

27<sup>th</sup> David Earley  
Mike Layton

**MBC Office Hours**  
Monday – Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Please be in prayer as we approach the selection of Deacons in the June 16 business meeting. Active members will be electing four Deacons to serve the next three-year term.

Senior Pastor.....Chris Gravning  
Deacon Chairman.....Mathew Simons  
Co-Music Directors.....Carolyn Smithwick & Phil Huey  
Secretary.....Rachel Gregory  
Custodian.....Joyce Jack



Encouraging words. I have been thinking about that idea for the past few weeks. As we have been walking through the Thessalonian letters, Paul makes it a priority to encourage the church, especially through the difficult times. The church also encourages him as well. A mutual desire to lift one another up is a thing of Gospel beauty. Because of this Gospel, they are brothers and sisters in Christ. We also are called to encourage and exhort one another to walk worthy in the Lord Jesus.

I keep a file of all the encouraging words that people have given me here and over the years in ministry. It is often helpful when I have a particularly rough day. (Yes, the pastor has rough days too. I am human by the way!) Sometimes I wonder if what I'm doing is really having much of an impact. And then God often reminds me that He is working, even when I do not see it immediately, for a long time, or ever.

I want to let you see how God encouraged me through one of our young people in the youth group a couple weeks ago. They did not put their name to their note, so I do not know who it was. (By the way, I hope you do not view this as trying to make much of myself. Believe me, if anything good that comes out of me, it is only by the grace of God alone.) But I did want to share and maybe encourage them if they read this that they did a good work of encouragement, and God used it in my life that day I received it. Here is what they wrote:

*I just wanted to thank you for your willingness to lead the congregation through COVID. I know it's your job but I still took notice of your courage in doing so. We learned about influence in youth tonight. Well, watching you lead us through COVID was a positive influence. So thank you!*

It is simple things like this that can make all the difference in one another's life. Yes, there is a time and place for rebuke and exhorting in the life of the church. But there is also plenty of room to lift each other up. Remember, that is what Paul endeavored to do with God's people constantly. This month let us make it a point to encourage someone, in the church or in our community. Write a note, pick up the phone, make a visit, buy them lunch, or anything else you can think of. Let us remember these words from Scripture.

**1 Thessalonians 2:11-12** *For you know how, like a father with his children,<sup>12</sup> we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

Love you church! - Pastor Chris



**MBC Family wishes HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following who were born in June!**

3 Lisa Jones, 6 Joanie Evans 7 Julie Simons, Finn Hughes  
8 Kaden Coker 9 Helen Overton 11 Jamie Griffin 13 Tommy Venters, Kate White  
14 Austin Bond 15 Mike Jones 17 Donald Wheeler, Beverly Young 19 Riley Gravning  
20 Evan Layton 22 Marsha Gregory 23 Cal Goodwin, Ella Layton 24 Joshua Bass  
26 Thomas Gregory, Chris Gravning 28 Tammy Bennington 30 Eric Goodwin

**Change in Services:** Because of the latest CDC guidelines regarding mask use and vaccination and the lifting of the mask mandate here in NC, we are now changing our guideline mask use from "highly encouraged" to "optional." As we continue to relax on the guidelines and get back to a more normal way, we still ask that you be mindful of your own health and please refrain from attending service if you are sick. We will still have our online options for those that are still not comfortable quite yet coming back. Continue to respect and love one another in regards to these guidelines as well.

On Sunday June 6, Adult Sunday School will resume in their individual classes. Sunday School starts at 10:00 am. If you have questions about Sunday School options, please contact the church office and we can put you in touch with our Sunday School director. The Summer quarter of Sunday school books are now available to be picked up on the table located by the water fountain next to the nursery.

## Thank You

The lunch prepared and delivered on Senior Adult Day to me and my mom was greatly appreciated as well as the note attached. Thank you to all who were involved. God bless you.  
-Angela Sary

To those who helped with Campers on Mission: Carolyn Forehand, Ann Forehand, Pat Britt, Joanie Evans, and Larry & Joanne Ambrose: Another Camp Cale work week has come and gone and once again you blessed us with a bountiful supply of food. We cannot thank you enough for this provision. To be right in the middle of a project assigned to us and not have to stop to prepare a meal was indeed a blessing! Your provision of BBQ, beans, slaw, and all the trimmings was wonderful! The coconut pies were a special delight as were the spice crackers.

The dinner that was delivered to us was very delicious. Thank you so very much. -Lillie Mae Stroud and Family

We had enough left over for that night and lunch another day!! Thank you for delivering the food. May you be blessed as you have blessed us!  
-Love in Christ, Betty Wilson, Campers on Mission.



**Mark your calendar: Vacation Bible School has been postponed to Aug. 1st—5th, 2021 6:00 pm—8:30 pm. COME JOIN IN THE FUN! VBS is just around the corner and we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help with VBS in the following areas: Bible Study teachers and Game leader. Contact the church office if you feel led to serve in any of these areas.** If you would like to help contribute to VBS decorations, we are collecting gift wrap sized cardboard tubes. If you don't have that size available, we can also use paper towel tubes. Please place donations in the designated box on the conference room table.



June 1 - Nominating Committee Meeting 7:00 pm  
June 6 - Graduate Recognition Sunday  
June 13 - Deacons Meeting 7:15 pm  
June 16 - Helen Mitchell Bible Study at MBC at 1:00 pm, Business Meeting 7:30 pm  
June 20 - Fathers Day; No evening services  
June 21 - July Newsletter info due

## GRADUATES

Aaron Jones  
Kristy Jack

