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# I Corinthians 13

'If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong-doing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.'

# Dear Church Family,

As my ninth grade Spanish teacher would say, "Love is in the Air". The Murray's echo these words of wisdom from the Apostle Paul. We echo these words because as Christians we believe that, "Love takes off the masks that we fear we cannot live without and know we cannot live within"-James Baldwin.

First, thank you for the warm and loving way into which you welcomed us into the Ramseur community. Your generosity, care, and support will be remembered for many years to come. I invite you to continue to "Love God and Love People" as we navigate our way through the unchartered waters of COVID-19, civil unrest, and election season. I have faith that we shall get through this difficult time because Hebrews 13:5 reminds us that our Lord will never leave us nor forsake us. God is with us, therefore, let us stay grounded and rooted in our faith and share our love for one another through holy and loving action. Again, I would like to thank you for welcoming the Murray's into the Jordan Memorial family. We are so excited about what God is going to do during our time in this beautiful community. Brittaney, Sophia, and I continue to welcome your prayers and support as we get adjusted and acclimated to the community.

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# <u>Please send mail and</u> pray for our Homebound

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# **Memorials and Honorariums**

# In Memory of India Craven

Billie W. Cox

#### **In Memory of Joanne Luck**

Billie W. Cox

#### **In Memory of Beverly Stout**

Roger Stout

#### In Honor of Pastor Willie Murray and Family

Grey Graham

#### In Memory of Claude & Wilma Hardin

Bruce & Claudia Ihme

#### In Honor of Bob & Betty Jo Armfield

Bruce & Claudia Ihme

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Lastly, please know that we are here for you to help and serve in any way that we can. "For where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty." I invite each of you to lean and live into the freedom we have in Christ, and to keep afresh on your minds and in your hearts that in Christ we have the victory. "In Christ, we live, move, and have our being." May God's love, grace, and peace keep until we meet again.

Love, Pastor Willie

# **College Students**

During the Covid-19 time, all of our college students are at home. Please be in prayer for each of them as they navigate their educational endeavors.

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The drive through to meet and greet the Murray Family was a great success!



# **Jordan's Closet Grand Reopening Guidelines**

Jordan's Closet will open once weekly on most Tuesdays beginning August 4 from 5-7pm.

Friends shopping at Jordan's Closet must agree to the following conditions:

You must provide your first and last name and telephone number so that you can be contacted if a case of coronavirus is reported by anyone attending the closet.

You must agree to notify the church @ 336-824-2252 if you are diagnosed with coronavirus within 14 days of attending the closet.

You must agree to having your temperature taken with a touchless thermometer before going upstairs. If your temperature is 100.4F degrees you will not be allowed upstairs and you will be advised to get tested for coronavirus.

Hand sanitizer must be used before going upstairs (provided).

A mask covering nose and mouth must be worn the entire time you are in the church (will be provided if you don't have one).

Use of the bathrooms and water fountains is prohibited.

No children younger than 16 upstairs. No child care provided. No children playing in the Sunday school room.

No more than 5 people will be allowed upstairs at one time and social distancing of remaining 6 feet away from people not in your household will be in effect. If there is a need, the hours of opening may be extended, but the closet will remain closed on Mondays.

# Homecoming/Memorial Day

It is with deep regret that the Annual Homecoming/Memorial Day observance for Jordan Memorial must be postponed due to Covid-19 pandemic that we are now experiencing. It was originally scheduled for September 20, 2020. This was a day that we remember those members who joined the Church Triumphant during the past year. Jordan Memorial members looked forward to seeing former members, friends and relatives on this occasion.

At this time, we do not have another date set for this observance. That will depend on how this pandemic evolves. We will follow the guidance of the health authorities as well as our Bishop before we consider a new date. The health and safety of our members, friends and relatives must have priority. Please be in prayer for our church, community and nation as Jordan Memorial members seek to provide comfort and care for those who are suffering due to the current situation.

# **AA Group**

Jordan Memorial is hosting an open discussion **AA Group** on Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the church's conference room. Please be in prayer for this important ministry. If you have questions, contact Joy Collins at 336-622-3839.

# Congratulations

to Brad and Melanie Craven on the birth of their baby boy Bennett Russell Craven. We celebrate this wonderful news with you and your entire family!





# Hi Church Family,

I pray that you are all safe and continuing to see God in all things. Thank you so much for supporting our Free Haircut Day with your prayers, financial contributions, and supplies. As you know, it will look quite different this year. Children will receive a bag of nonperishable food items, and a book bag



filled with school supplies. Many churches, businesses, and public agencies have contributed both food and school supplies. Haircut vouchers will also be given to needy children so that they might get their hair cut at a later date. Please get the word out through social media to help make this a success.

As in the past, this event is a community project that brings many groups together to extend God's love to our community. Food bags and book bags will be given out on August 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-1:00. This will be a drive through event. Items not picked up will be delivered to local schools. Thanks once again for being Christ in the world and for supporting our mission

Grace,

**Doug Collins** 

# Congregation

As a member of Jordan Memorial, I share in your longing to be back in church where we can not only encounter God in our worship space, but also in our conversations and relationships. Although we know that God is no farther away than our own breaths, something special happens when we gather, sing, pray, and share in the sacraments. We really do not know what the next few months will look like, but we are hopeful that we will be able to safely worship together again in the future. We will keep you updated on plans that are being made to gather and share in God's grace and love. I encourage you to continue to reach out to friends who might be struggling during these times of isolation. Thanks to all who continue to help make our online worship services meaningful

#### **ZOOM On-line Check ins**

On Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m., we will begin online check-ins via Zoom. This service will replace the Monday morning prayer. The Zoom check-ins will provide an opportunity for us to stay connected during the pandemic. During these services I invite you to share testimonies, give prayer requests, and read scripture. In light of that, please know that you can submit prayer requests at any time.

Grace and peace, Pastor Willie

#### **Grants**

Grants are a major source of funding for our missional outreach and community engagement. We continue to pursue applying for available grants and we will share good news as it is received. We know that the pandemic is causing suffering within the community and have faith that we can help those with needs. The everpresent spirit of God continues to mold us into His image during these difficult times. God is with us!

# August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Circle of Grace Spm	3 AA Group mtg 6:30pm	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 AA Group mtg 6:30pm	11	12	13	14 9am Stuff Book bags	15 10am Free Haircut Day
16	17 AA Group mtg 6:30pm	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 AA Group mtg 6:30pm	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 AA Group mtg 6:30pm					

<u>Ramseur Food Pantry</u>: Hot & Cold Cereals, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes. We will need volunteers at Food Pantry August 17-21.

# **August Birthdays**

- 02-Hayden Lindquist
- 02-Aidan Armfield
- 04-Nancy Gant
- 10-Larry L. Ellison
- 12-Hilda W. Leonard
- 16-Erin Lankford
- 16-Larry Kreiser
- 17-John Armfield
- 17-Jordan Miller
- 18-Mary Luck Cooper
- 18-Pastor Charles Lindquist
- **18-Corrine Benbow**
- 19-Rebecca Benbow Smith
- 19-Gary Williams

- 19-William S. Dorsett
- 20-Mia Leonard
- 21-Robert Craven York
- 22-Ashley Shackelford
- 23-India Craven
- 24-Debbie Cox
- 24-Joyce Kirkman
- 25-David Cox
- 25-LouEllen P. Stout
- 26-E. Pat Leonard
- 27-Jacob Lynn Stout
- 31-Doris H. Allen
- 31-Jeff Wood



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