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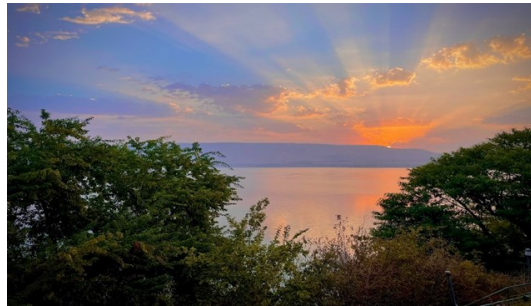
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After visiting the Sea of Galilee, it is no wonder Jesus chose this location to be the base of His ministry. Watching the sun rise over the eastern mountains was a sight I will never forget. I think what I liked the most was realizing that the sea had not changed. Yes, the landscape around it has, the nice hotel we were staying at was not there in the time of Jesus, but the water, the view across the lake, the sunrise in the morning, these were all views Jesus saw. There is nothing quite like taking a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee, being surrounded by such a beautiful scenery of mountains and aqua water. You can feel like you are right there in the Biblical stories, as Jesus would journey multiple times across this lake.

The Sea of Galilee is such an interesting place. The sea is heart shaped and is roughly 12 miles long and 7 miles across at its widest point. It is the lowest freshwater lake on the earth at 700 feet below sea level. It is this low elevation and being surrounded by mountains that makes it an ideal place for storms to arise quickly. Wind will funnel down the mountains and because the mountains block the view you can't see the storm coming until it is already on top of you. Even to this day storms can happen that cause up to ten-foot waves. The small surface area could get to churning in a hurry which made travel and fishing dangerous on the sea. In the northwest lies the small fishing villages of Capernaum, Bethsaida, Magdala and Gennesaret, these were Jewish communities, and the region Jesus chose to base His ministry. To the northeast was Gamla, the town the Zealots called home; they were close to their religious cousins but still separate in how they chose to live. On

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**Memorials and Honorariums**

**In Memory of Beverly Stout**

Roger Stout

**In Memory of Shanon Shackelford**

Betty Shackelford

**In Honor of Toni Marley**

Bob & Betty Jo Armfield  
Emily Johnson

**In Memory of Sarah Gilmore**

Mont Gilmore

**In Memory of Harvey Bur-**

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**In Honor of Emily Johnson**

Mont Gilmore

**In Memory of Bill Smith**

David & Celia Harris  
Betty Shackelford  
Emily Johnson

**William LaRue "Bill" "Pops" Smith**



**June 28, 1925 — January  
16, 2023**

Bill was a lifelong farmer and loved animals, particularly his goats: Dunkin and Dolly and the many Great Danes he had over the years. Bill was a great conversationalist, always willing to talk with anyone who would listen, and was quite capable of spinning a good yarn. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he enjoyed

spending any time he could with them. Bill is preceded in death by his wife of 42 years: Doris Stout Smith, special friend Jan White and special canine companion "Gracie."



# General Information



## Jordan's Closet

We are open first and third Tuesday's, at 5pm.

## Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee.



February 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM **Leadership Team** (Administrative Council) Meeting.

## Choir Practice

Choir Practice is Wednesday's at 7pm.

## AA Group

Jordan Memorial hosts Alcoholic Anonymous meetings on Monday and Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the conference room.

We also host a women's only AA meeting Saturday's at 5pm in the conference room.

## Handbell Practice

Handbell Practice is Wednesday's at 6pm.

## Walking Group

The Walking group meets at Franklinville at 8am, Monday – Friday.

## Growing Together

Join us for **Growing Together** February 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Parsonage. This monthly gathering is a chance to grow in our relationships with one another. Crossing cultural and language barriers, we seek to grow in our faith as we learn from each other and create out of our personal stories. Please RSVP with Jaidy or the church office in order to prepare with adequate supplies. This is open to men and women and is a wonderful opportunity to create, share, and grow!



## Craft Circle Group

The Craft Group will be moving to a new day starting in February. They will now be meeting on Wednesday's at 3:00 PM.

Bring your favorite craft and come join in an afternoon of fun and fellowship.



## Youth Program

We are pleased to announce the relaunch of our Youth Program!

Youth will meet 2-3 times each month. Our first meeting will be Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

Join us for Pizza and a chance to get to know one another as we begin this journey together.

Our next meeting will be February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. We will meet at Mt. Shepherd Retreat center where we will work together on a service project at the camp.

If you would be interested in helping with youth or providing a meal, please contact Pastor Chris or Beth Burton.



## The Well

Join us for The Well small group on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays!

For February it will be February 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM at the parsonage.

Looking ahead the Well will be expanding in order to reach more folks! Starting in March you will have two opportunities to share in a small group that best fits your schedule. It will continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays but at two times, one during the day and one in the evening.



**March 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM in the Conference Room**

**7:00 PM at the parsonage**

**March 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 AM in the Conference Room**

**7:00 PM at the parsonage**

## WHEELCHAIR RAMPS

For several years now JMUMC has had a ministry called IMPACT Ramseur which builds wheelchair ramps for needy individuals. We are in need of more volunteers for future projects. Therefore, we would like to create a list of interested people. Obviously, we need folks skilled in the use of hammers, saws and power tools, but we also need helpers. For more information, or to get on the list of volunteers see Megan or Dorsey Chamblee or Wayne or Ann Hutchins.

## JORDAN'S CLOSET TRAINING



On Saturday, February 4 at 10:00 am there will be a one hour training session held for Jordan's Closet. We will begin in the fellowship hall for a general explanation and some handy tips for how things are done and then go upstairs for some hands on practice of how you can help with the sorting, storing and displaying on clothes. See Ann or Wayne Hutchins if you have questions. Hope to see you there!

## United Women in Faith



United Women in Faith has started 2023 with much enthusiasm. We were able to donate \$200 to Lydia's Place through our Christmas Card delivery system. We also have collected and delivered 27 towels, 5 hand towels, and 4 wash cloths for Lydia's Place. Thanks to all who have participated with these important mission projects.

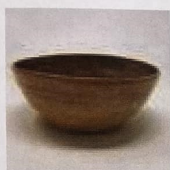
Our February and March mission project is collecting blankets and reusable water bottles for the homeless in Randolph County. Thank you for any donations you might wish to place in the container outside the church office.

This year's fundraiser will be our silent auction, which is scheduled for March 26 directly following our church service. This is open for all in the congregation, not only for bidding but for contributing a baked good, a craft or other new item for sale. All monies raised will be used for mission outreach.

Finally, the Ramseur Library has once again designated a special reading section for our Reading Program. There are some excellent books available.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for March 12 at 2:30pm. Please come! .





## The Ramseur Area Civitan Club



will host "Soup Bowl Saturday"  
Saturday, February 18 - 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 pm

*All proceeds will help support Civitan Charitable projects in the Town of Ramseur and Randolph County. Projects include but are not limited to: Fill the Truck Events to support the Ramseur Food Panty, Scholarships for ERHS students, Support for Exceptional Children Classes at Coleridge, Ramseur Elementary, SERMS and ERHS, Back Packs for Kids via Ramseur Ministerial Association, special grant to the Ramseur Public Library for the new Children's Learning Room, Special Olympics of Randolph County and of NC.*

The event will be held at  
Jordan Memorial Church Fellowship Hall, 1511 Main St, Ramseur, NC

Attendees could buy a beautiful handmade pottery soup bowl made by a talented Seagrove potter, while supplies last. All soup comes with oyster crackers or cornbread. The All You Can Eat options also include a dessert and a drink.

### Soup Menu (while supplies last):

Beef and Barley	Potato Soup	Broccoli and Cheese
Cowboy Bean Soup	Chicken Noodle	French Onion Soup
Cheeseburger Chowder	Taco Soup	Ham and Bean Soup
	Black Bean - Vegan	

**\$20:** All You Can Eat Soup with a handcrafted pottery bowl, includes a drink and dessert (eat in only).

**\$12:** All You Can Eat Soup without the pottery bowl, includes a drink and dessert (eat in only).

**\$6:** Pre-Order Pint or Take-out Pint.

For more information, questions, or presales orders: email "Norval Kraft" at [ngKraft51@gmail.com](mailto:ngKraft51@gmail.com) or call (561)-373-1398.



### Scout Sunday

Scout Sunday will be February 12<sup>th</sup> during our 10:30 AM service. We look forward to hearing about all the Scouts are doing and having them participate with us in worship.



### Ash Wednesday

Join us Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM for our Ash Wednesday Service. This is a great way to begin our Lenten Season together as we journey towards Jerusalem with Jesus.



### Mount Shepherd

February 19<sup>th</sup> La Luz will be moving our worship service to Mt. Shepherd. Following the service, we are going to spend the afternoon working around the camp. We would like to invite anyone who would like to come out that afternoon to help. You are welcome to come to worship or just to help. Projects will include changing out 7 PTAC units in the lodge, deep cleaning the lodge, cutting and sorting lumber from the old climbing tower, and blowing leaves off of the trails. Many hands make light

work so we hope you will join us this afternoon as we help Mt. Shepherd continue to be a place that restores souls, strengthens hearts, and transforms lives.

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the west coast was Tiberias, a city that Herod would frequent often, and few religious Jews would live. Finally on the eastern side was the region of the Decapolis, 10 cities that were mostly pagan and Hellenistic, very different from the towns just across the water.

I love that this is where Jesus chose to be. For him it was not a diverse region of territories, but rather a terrain connected by a simple boat ride. Where others saw borders and barriers, Jesus saw brokenness and bereavement. Danielle Shroyer says this, “Galilee’s borders may have been separated into quadrants, but Jesus traveled in that boat like a divine sewing needle, stitching up people who had come apart, stitching people together from every regional fabric lining the shores.” *Where Jesus Prayed* We get multiple accounts of Jesus crossing the lake, he goes back and forth trying to connect these various groups that have become divided over time. He lives his life in the in between and finding ways to bring groups together. Of course we know what happens when you bring various groups together. There is friction, there are storms, and of course in the middle of the sea, this middle ground of religion, culture, and politics, we find Jesus calming the storms and walking on the water.

In Hebrew culture the water was seen as a symbol of chaos and evil. It was the frightful abyss, the deep, the unknown. This is why the disciples are so fearful when a storm comes and why they think Jesus is a ghost when he comes walking to them on the water. I love this image though, in the middle of our chaos is where we find Jesus, he comes walking on top of the chaos, he is the master of chaos. He brings order to what we are facing, he calms the waves and stills the wind. Jesus is still in the business of connecting our lives and bringing order out of the chaos of our lives. The Sea of Galilee is a beautiful place, but it symbolizes so much for us as followers of Jesus. It was on the shores of the sea where Jesus called the first disciples, it was the sea that he used to connect various cultures and regions together, and it was the sea that symbolized the chaos of the world to which he came to silence. In this one picture of a sunrise over the water we see all of this, calling, connection, and creating order out of chaos. The overarching Biblical story being shared through the landscape of this beautiful place.

On our trip we got to take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. As we were riding out the captain was playing music over the speakers. He could have played any song, any hymn but the song that was playing was Kristine DiMarco’s *It Is Well*. This is a contemporary song that combines the lyrics of the hymn *It Is Well* with newer lyrics. This song means so much to me because it was the song I listened to over and over again after my mom passed away. It was where I found comfort in that difficult part of my life, and here I was in the middle of the Sea of Galilee with Jesus still speaking, still calming the waves, still quieting the chaos. It was a reminder that His love is very real and ever present, that death and chaos do not have the final word, it was a calming of the storm of grief and loss because Jesus still traverses the waters of chaos in our lives to bring order. The bridge of the song says, “let go my soul and trust in Him the waves and wind still know His name.” My prayer for each of us is to let go and trust because the waves and wind still know his name. The mountains still rise in praise the water still renews our spirits, creation continues to remind us that Jesus travels through the in between places of our lives to connect us, to calm our storms, and to create order in our chaos. The waves and wind still know His name. Amen!

Pastor Chris

# February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Craft Grp 3pm	2 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	3	4 Jordan Closet tng 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
5 Youth 2pm Leadership Team 4pm	6 AA Mtg 6:30pm	7 9am Faith & Fitness	8 Craft Grp 3pm Handbell 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	9 9am Faith & Fitness Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	10	11 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
12 Scout Sunday 10:30am	13 AA Mtg 6:30pm	14 <b>Happy Valentine's Day!</b> 9am Faith & Fitness	15 Craft Grp 3pm Handbell 6pm Choir Practice 7pm	16 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	17	18 Civitan's Soup Saturday 11am Growing Together 10am Women AA Mtg 6:30pm
19 Youth 2pm Mt Shepherd worship & projects	20 <b>President's Day</b> AA Mtg 6:30pm	21 9am Faith & Fitness	22 Craft Grp 3pm <b>Ash Wednesday 6:30pm</b>	23 9am Faith & Fitness Small Grp 6pm AA Mtg 6:30pm	24	25 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
26	27 AA Mtg 6:30pm	28 9am Faith & Fitness				

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** : Beans, Pork & Beans, Instant Potatoes. Always a need: Personal Hygiene items, Infant Formula, Baby Food, Diapers. Additionally, the Food Pantry is in need of donations of bar soap, packs of disposable razors and shaving cream.

## February Birthdays

01-Grey Graham  
03-Jack Embree, III  
04-Brady Armfield  
04-Karen Burgess McPherson  
09-Doug Collins  
09-Jane H. Anderson  
09-Jimmy McPherson  
11-Beth Lankford  
11-Kelly W. Painter  
12-Greg Chaffin  
14-Jane Embree  
14-Scott Leonard  
15-Jason Leonard  
15-Matthew Leonard

15-Kevin Ihme  
20-Beth Ann Leonard Mace  
21-Mary Miller  
21-Andy Kirkman  
22-Wayne Hutchins  
24-Roxanna Smith Bryant  
24-Michael Ray Albright  
24-Emily Renee Albright  
25-Robert E. Thomas  
25-Kevin Shelton  
25-Mary Jane Pelech  
26-Mary Tate Moon  
27-Dee Marley  
28-J. Ray Albright  
28 - Kelly Schlechtweg



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Free **Community Meal** February 21<sup>st</sup>, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Join us for our Community Meal, it's a great time of food,  
fellowship, and faith!

### Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:30am  
La Luz Service 12:30pm

