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“This little light of mine, I am going to let it shine, this little light of mine, I am going to let it shine, this little light of mine, I am going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.”

This year’s theme at Mt Shepherd was Fanning the Flame. A week of camp saw many sparks within our campers that were fanned and grew throughout the course of our time together. I wanted to share with you all a bit about my week and what all happens at Mt Shepherd. It is important for you all to know what being the Pastor of the Week entails and how it connects to the ministries of Jordan Memorial UMC.

Mt Shepherd, for those that do not know is a United Methodist Camp located 8 miles west of Asheboro. They provide space and lodging for church groups, retreats, but in particular in the summer, offer a weeklong summer camp for kids of all ages. It is during this time that we see kids make lasting connections with friends and grow in their faith of God. As a pastor it is always a blessing to share with them and see how their sparks grow. Different pastors volunteer for a week at a time throughout the summer, for myself it is a week that while exhausting, is one of the highlights of my summer. I get to lead the campers in three different campfires where we worship and explore where we have seen God at camp. There is also morning devotions before breakfast each day, and then each group is scheduled for an hour long pastor time where I get to answer questions and share with each group in a smaller setting. Of course, the most fun I have is getting to spend time with each group as they enjoy their activities. This includes playing Four Square, Gaga ball, swimming in the lake and doing the high ropes and climbing wall with them. You may be wondering, why is our pastor doing all of this? Well, because we are called to.

As I spend time with each group, I get to hear their stories. Over 50% of this year’s group that I had were on scholarship. That means that they are coming from broken homes, broken situations, or places where camp would just

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<p><u>Please send mail and pray for our Homebound</u></p> <p>Ray Albright 230 East Presnell Street Asheboro, NC 27203</p> <p>Sharon Jones 2988 Tuttle Road Archdale, NC 27263</p> <p>Ann and Malvin Robinson 2800 Spoons Chapel Rd Asheboro, NC 27205</p> <p>John and Sue Sinkewicz 814 McDowell Country Trail Lot#41 Asheboro, NC 27203</p>	<p><u>Memorials and Honorariums</u></p> <p><u>In Memory of Bob Thomas</u> Chris & Lauren Hardin Tom & Debbie Hardin Griffin Rankin Lamb</p> <p><u>In Memory of Joe Hardin</u> Ron Hardin Tom & Debbie Hardin</p> <p><u>In Memory of Beverly Stout</u> Roger Stout</p> <p><u>In Honor of Mont Gilmore</u> Billy & Jamie Poole</p> <p><u>In Honor of Brian Shackelford</u> Betty Shackelford</p>	<p><u>College Students</u></p> <p>Maria Almanza (NCSU) PO Box 362 Ramseur, NC 27316</p> <p>Kara Camp 5546 Nightwood Drive Randleman, NC 27317</p> <p>Hannah Harris 2504 NC Hwy 22 South Ramseur, NC 27316</p> <p>Parker Shackelford 245 Iron Mountain Rd Asheboro, NC. 27205</p> <p>Ashley Shackelford 2367 Woodridge Drive Asheboro, NC 27205</p> <p>Melissa Strickland 2868 Spoons Chapel Road Asheboro, NC 27205</p>
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Jordan's Closet Major Announcement!

Jordan's Closet is looking for a new coordinator starting in September. We are so thankful to Ann and Wayne Hutchins for their countless hours of service to this ministry. What started as a dream of theirs has grown into one of our most fruitful ministries. There are not sufficient words to express our gratitude for all they have done. Our hope is to keep Jordan's Closet going, but that can't happen without your help!

Please reach out to Pastor Chris or any member of the Impact Team if you would be interested in leading or co-leading with another to keep the Closet going.

Jordan's Closet is no longer accepting any donations. The closet will be open the first Tuesday in August, August 1, and on Saturday, August 12 in conjunction with the Back to School Bash and if no one else steps up to take over operations then it will CLOSE indefinitely.



General Information

The Well

Join us for The Well on 2nd and 4th Thursdays!

August 10th 10:00 AM in the Conference Room 1511 Main St. Ramseur
7:00 PM at the parsonage 307 Elam Ave. Ramseur

August 24th 10:00 AM in the Conference Room 1511 Main St Ramseur
7:00 PM at the parsonage 307 Elam Ave. Ramseur



Growing Together

Join us for **Growing Together** August 19th 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. The ladies enjoy crafting while the men have been going and enjoying breakfast together. Please RSVP with Jaidy or the church office in order to prepare adequate supplies. This is open to men and women and is a wonderful opportunity to create, share, and grow!

United Women in Faith

Please join us for our meeting on August 20 at 2:30pm in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker will be Kenita Matthews White, Executive Director of Grace Given. We are excited to learn more about her ministry for those experiencing homelessness in Randolph County.

Dear IMPACT Ramseur,
 Thank you so much for building John Porter's Ramp. They are thrilled with the ramp! Thank you for a job well done!

Sincerely, Connie Russell
 Call Center Specialist

Faith & Fitness

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

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.

Walking Group

The Walking group meets at Franklinville at 9am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Craft Circle Group

The Craft Group meets on Wednesday's at 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall.

Announcements!



SPRC Meeting Sunday August 27th
 3:00 PM

Leadership Team Meeting Sunday
 August 27th 4th at 4:00 PM

Dear Jordan Memorial Family,
 Thank you so much for your thoughtful graduation gift. I have enjoyed serving our community through your ministry and I hope to continue to learn from both my new book and those in our amazing community. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Anna
 Matthew 25:40



Back to School Bash 2023

Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is too such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Mark 10:14-16

We hope you have marked your calendars for August 12th and the Back-to-School Bash! This event is always a wonderful time and a blessing to our community. The reality is that many of our students will face the upcoming school year at a disadvantage from their peers. They will be hindered because they do not have the means to get the supplies that are needed. Our goal in this event is twofold.

1. To provide school supplies so that every student has a chance to enter the year with the tools necessary to succeed.
2. To reach our community through means of grace that they may know they are loved by God and us!

This is how we follow Jesus’ command in Mark 10:14-16. By providing a safe and fun environment for kids to come and have fun, eat great food, and get the tools they need for the upcoming year. This is our way of helping and not hindering. I hope you will join us on this special day. We of course need volunteers but even if you are not able to help, come and see, listen, and experience the love of God in action!



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simply not be an option within their family budget. I am thankful that Mt Shepherd works to gain funds to help send kids to camp that would not normally be able to go. I also get to show them that pastors are normal and that they can have fun. This seems small but it makes a huge difference in their lives. They get to see me as someone they can relate to and by forming these relationships it allows our time together to be much more fruitful. As the saying goes, “People don’t care how much you know until they know how much you care.” Most of the campers will not remember what we talked about, they will not remember Moses and the different stories we shared, they will forget the Hebrew words we went over, but they will not forget they were loved, they will not forget the fun they had, and they will not forget that this crazy pastor spent time with them. I had several campers come up and ask if I knew which week I would be back next year so they could come that week. I don’t say all this to gloat or to say I am amazing; I say it to simply say that ministry is not about being able, it is about being present. Showing up and caring about another person is simple. It doesn’t require gifts or talents, it just requires being human.

We as a church can learn a lot from camp. In fact, camp is simply a Fresh Expression of church. It is a place where kids that would normally not attend a church on Sundays come and find others just like them. They worship together, they eat around the table together, they laugh together, they are in community together. They check all the boxes of being a church. What if church looked more like camp? Not saying we need a climbing wall in the sanctuary, but what if church was more about being present and with instead of for? What if instead of looking to grow numbers we looked to grow authentic love-based experiences? This is why Fresh Expressions matter, because the church of the past 50 years is not the church of the next 50 years. The only way to know what to do is to jump into the activities and listen. I learn about the kids by playing Four Square and Gaga ball, I eat meals with them, I am present. For us as a church, it is time we quit spectating our community and get in the game. We need to be intentional listeners and be willing to learn and not assume we have all the answers. That’s what we can learn from camp.

All of campers could not wait to get signed up for next year, some even begging to come the next week. In a world where all we hear is that the church is dying, and we have lost the next generation, I would recommend you visit a camp. Our camps are reaching children and youth in ways our churches have struggled with for decades. This is why it is important to support them, financially, with our time, and yes even with your pastor. It’s in places like Mt Shepherd that God’s kingdom is being shown on earth as it is in heaven. I pray that at Jordan Memorial we can look more like camp. That we can be in ministry with and not for, and that we can create authentic love-based experiences that form lasting connections within the body of Christ. I also pray that this article has fanned your flame, and that your spark has grown. We have so much potential ahead of us. It’s time to let our little light shine!

Chris Smith



August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	4	5 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
6	7 AA Mtg 6:30pm	8 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm	9 ^ 6:30pm organize supplies Craft Grp 3pm	10 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm The Well 10am & 7pm	11 Stuff bags 10am.	12 Back to School Bash
13	14 AA Mtg 6:30pm	15 9am Faith & Fitness	16 Craft Grp 3pm	17 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm	18	19 Growing Together 10am Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
20 UMW 2:30pm	21 AA Mtg 6:30pm	22 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm	23 Craft Grp 3pm	24 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm The Well 10am & 7pm	25	26 Women only AA Mtg 6:30pm
27	28 AA Mtg 6:30pm	29 9am Faith & Fitness	30 Craft Grp 3pm	31 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm		

Ramseur Food Pantry: Canned Fruit (reg & Sugar free), Rice

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
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

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Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am
Worship Service 10:30am
La luz Service 12:30am



Community Meal

Community Meals will resume on September 19th!