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The above picture is a view of present-day Jerusalem looking down from the Mount of Olives. This would have been the view Jesus had when he entered the city on Palm Sunday. The temple would have been where the current Dome of the Rock sits (the golden dome) and would have towered over the surrounding buildings. It is from this view that Jesus would weep over Jerusalem, pray with his disciples, and ultimately be arrested. It’s a beautiful view from the adjacent mountain, a city full of history, culture, and home to the worlds three most influential religions. You find yourself getting lost in the significance of this place and what it means for those who follow Jesus. It was the climactic ending to a journey that Jesus and his disciples had been on, a journey towards Jerusalem and the cross.

March 5th will begin our Lenten season and our journey towards Jerusalem. “Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means “spring.” The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a “mini-Easter” and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.”

From www.umc.org/what-we-believe/what-is-lent

As we enter this sacred season of Lent, we are invited into a time of reflection and deepening faith. Lent is a season of hope. The journey is taking us somewhere that will lead us closer to God. As we continue our yearlong vision of deepening our roots and strengthening our spiritual foundations, I want to

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pray for our Homebound**

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Memorials and Honorariums

**In Memory of Margaret
Vickory given by:**

Ladies Exercise Class
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield
Thomas & Pam Coward
John & Priscilla Allen
Larry & Crandall Ellison
Emily Johnson
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Margaret Burrow Gaddy Vickory Obituary



Margaret Burrow Gaddy Vickory, 89, of Ramseur, died Sunday, February 9, 2025 at Randolph Health in Asheboro.

Margaret was a native and longtime resident of Randolph County. She was a 1953 graduate of Grays Chapel High School and previously worked as a sewer with The John Plant and later worked at Acme McCrary Hosiery. Margaret was a faithful member of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church and loved her church family and the entire Ramseur community. She enjoyed working outside, exercising, reading, and making various crafts. Margaret was preceded in death by her first husband, Julian Gaddy, second husband, Jack Vickory, parents, Paul and Myrtle Williamson Burrow, son, Don Gaddy, sisters, Georgia Frye, and Elgia Wilson.

Survivors: daughters, Judy Gaddy Herndon and husband, Don, of Liberty, Debbie Gaddy Cox and husband, Jerry, of Ramseur, Myra Gaddy and husband Russ Brentnell, of Asheboro, brothers, Jimmy Burrow and wife, Joyce, of Randleman, Buddy Burrow, of Randleman, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, Jennifer Shelton and husband, Chris, and their two children, Claire and Drew, Kara White and husband, Sean and their two children, Leo and Brody, John Gaddy, Jason Gaddy, and Julian Gaddy. Other survivors are her lovely and loyal friend, Betty Mace and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, PO Box 848, Ramseur, NC 27316 or to Happy Hills Animal Foundation, 3143 Happy Hills Drive, Staley, NC 27355.

General Information

Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursday's at 9am in the fellowship hall. Equipment is provided and there is no fee. It is more than just exercise, it is a time to connect with other ladies and share in stories, prayer, and scripture. There is a physical need that is met but even more so there is an emotional and spiritual need that is met when we come together. Hope you can join us.

AA Group

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

Ash Wednesday is March 5th. We will have a special service that evening at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Join us as we begin our Lenten journey towards the cross.

United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet Sunday, March 16, 2025 at 2:30pm, in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend.

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank the Care Team for all they do for the church family.
Love, Ray Albright

Fundraiser Lunch

March 9th, immediately following the 10:30 AM service. All donations go towards the General Fund.

Lion's Club

The Lion's Club is collecting old eye glasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. There is a collection box outside the church office.

Leadership Meeting

We will have a **Leadership Team Meeting** on March 9th at 4:00PM.



Growing Together

Join us for **Growing Together** March 22nd 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM. We will meet virtually via Signal. Supplies will be put together in a kit and be available the Sunday before. Please see Jaidy for a kit and information on how to login using Signal.

Line Dancing

Line Dancing class is on Wednesdays at 10:00am and on Thursdays at 7-8pm. Cost is \$3.00



Thumbs Up

Thursday March 6th 3:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open: the 1st Saturday from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM and the 3rd Tuesday, 5:00 PM- 7:00 PM of each month!

Jordan's Closet is always looking for volunteers to help sort and organize as well as being able to help on the days the closet is open. We have seen an increase, especially on Community Meal nights, so if you would like to volunteer, please let us know!

Senior Bingo!

Join us first Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall for Senior Bingo. You might win big!

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invite you to a season of self-examining and reflection. Our Lenten journey will take us alongside Jesus as He makes His way towards Jerusalem, where the culmination of His mission will unfold. Throughout this series, we'll be exploring the theme of Jesus' journey to the cross and considering how our own journeys in life reflect His.

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem wasn't just a physical one—it was a journey of purpose, faithfulness, sacrifice, and love. Along the way, He faced temptation, moments of deep anguish, and opposition. Yet, His commitment to the will of the Father never wavered, and He moved forward with courage and resolve. This journey wasn't just for Him; it was for us. It was a journey that led to the cross, where the ultimate victory over sin and death would be won.

As we reflect on Jesus' path, we are invited to look inward. What does our own journey look like? How are we walking with Christ? Do we face our challenges with the same faithfulness that He showed? Do we embrace sacrifice, knowing that it leads to a deeper relationship with God?

The journey towards Jerusalem is not one that we walk alone. We are called to walk with Jesus, allowing His love and example to guide us. This season of Lent offers us an opportunity to examine our hearts, to repent, and to turn towards God more fully. As we follow Christ on this sacred journey, let us open ourselves to the transformation that He desires to bring in our lives.

Join us as we reflect on the steps Jesus took, and as we seek to align our own lives with His. May this journey lead us all to a deeper understanding of His love, sacrifice, and the hope of resurrection.

We look forward to journeying with you through this season of Lent.

Pastor Chris Smith

Stewardship

In Proverbs 3:9-10 we read “Honor the Lord with thy substance and the first fruits of all thine increase: So shall they barns be filled with plenty and thy presses shall burst out with new wine”. These verses teach us that when we honor God with the first of our resources, He will bless us abundantly in Heaven.

In practical terms this suggests that we should give the first 10% of our income to the Lord and trust Him to provide a way that what remains will take us to the next check. This may not work for everyone, and it makes no measurable difference to the church's finances, but it is a form of intentional giving that honors God.

Small Group Bible Study

Join us for small group Bible Study.

March 6th at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room and 6:30 PM at the Parsonage

March 20th at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room and 6:30 PM at the Parsonage



Being the Hands of Ministry

Thank you for being willing to serve by adding your gifts to our worship services!

March Ushers	Greg Chaffin	Brian Burton
March Acolyte	Crandall Ellison	
March Readers		
March 2nd	Betty Shackelford	Luke 9:28-43
March 9th	Doug Collins	Luke 9:51-62
March 16th	Emily Johnson	Matthew 4:12-17
March 23rd	Jonathan Burton	Matthew 6:16-18
March 30th	Donna Roberts	Luke 9:23-27



Holy Week

Join us for our special Holy Week Services—April 13-20.
Stay tuned for specific details for these services!

Scripture Readers

Below is a list of scripture readers through early June. Please mark the date on your calendar. If you are unable to read on your assigned date, please call the church office.

03/02	Luke 9:28-43	Betty Shackelford
03/09	Luke 9: 51-62	Doug Collins
03/16	Matthew 4:12-17	Emily Johnson
03/23	Matthew 6:16-18	Jonathan Burton
03/30	Luke 9: 23-27	Donna Roberts
04/06	John 11:17-27	Brian Shackelford
04/13	Luke 19:28-44	Melissa Perry
04/20	Luke 21:1-12	Crandall Ellison
4/27	Luke 24:13-35	Celia Harris
05/04	Revelation 2:1-7	Shirley Mitchell
05/11	1 Peter 8:28-39	Hunter Shackelford
05/18	Romans 8:28-39	Beth Burton
05/25	Ephesians 2: 1-10	Rob Roberts
06/01	James 2:14-18	Betty Jo Armfield
06/08	Matthew 5:1-12	Betty Shackelford

Church Construction

We Did It! Our repairs to our foundation are complete! This includes all repair work, installation of new sump pumps, and encapsulating the crawlspace underneath. This has been a huge undertaking, and I want to thank everyone that has been involved. Because of your generosity we were able to complete this project without having to take out a loan. We leave this project with no debt or lingering monthly payments. I believe this is an amazing accomplishment for a small church! To each and every one of you who helped to contribute to this project we say THANK YOU! It is a testimony to the power of when we all come together for the common good, what we can accomplish. Thank you for helping to bless and continue the ministries here at Jordan Memorial UMC.



Back to School Bash 2025

We want you to go ahead and mark your calendars!

August 9th, 2025 will be our Back To School Bash!

This year marks our 10th anniversary of this amazing ministry. What started as free haircuts has grown to over 700 bookbags with supplies, free food, community resources, and a lot of fun!

This year we want to make the 10th year celebration special! If you have any suggestions on things we can do to commemorate this special occasion please let your Back To School Bash Team know.

Our first meeting to begin planning will be **March 27th at 6:30 PM** in the Craven Room



March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Jordan Closet 10am
2	3 Senior Bingo 10am AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	4 Faith & Fitness 9am Civitian Mtg 6pm	5 Line Dancing 10am Ash Wednesday 7pm	6 9am Faith & Fitness Thumbs Up 3:30pm AA Mtg 16:30pm Small Grp 10am and 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	7	8 Fellowship Hall re- served
9 Fundraiser Lunch 11:30am Leadership Team 4pm	10 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	11 9am Faith & Fitness Lion's Club 6pm	12 Line Dancing 10am	13 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 16:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	14	15
16 UWF Meeting 2:30pm	17 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	18 9am Faith & Fitness Jordan Closet 5pm Community Meal 5:30pm Civitian Mtg 6pm	19 Line Dancing 10am	20 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 16:30pm Small Grp 10am and 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	21	22 Growing Together 10am
23	24 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	25 9am Faith & Fitness Back to School 6:30pm	26 Line Dancing 10am	27 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 16:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	28	29
30	31 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm					

Ramseur Food Pantry: Peanut Butter and Jelly. We will need volunteers March 17-21.

March Birthdays

02-Rosemary G. Odom
02-Dan Bressler
03-Denise Lowe
04-Susan Stevenson
05-Colton Embree
05-John Williams
07-Logan Armfield
07-Christy Embree
08-Jonathan Burton
09-Beth Embree
09-Priscilla Allen
09-David Harris
10-Mary Cole Pike
10-Kimberly Ragsdale

13-Shirley Mitchell
14-Betty Mace
15-John Allen
15-Jason Gager
16-Tim Benbow
17-Benjamin Lankford
19-Micah Kurtz
24-David Posey
24-Lindsay Armfield
24-Bradley McPherson
24-Fletcher Rains
27-Keith Mace



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Free Community Meal

Our next Community Meal is March 18th, 5:30 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

