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Greetings friends of Jordan Memorial UMC and happy start to your summer! This summer, we’re doing something new—and we believe something necessary. Our sermon series, ***Difficult Conversations & Courageous Questions***, will focus on the kinds of topics that can be uncomfortable, challenging, and even divisive.

Rather than avoid them, we want to bring them into the light with honesty, humility, and grace.

Each Sunday, instead of hearing from a single preacher, we’ll gather around a panel of voices from our own church community. These individuals will reflect on the week’s question or theme, offering their personal stories, insights, and experiences. But this won’t be a one-way conversation. We’re creating space for you to participate as well—through questions, reflections, and dialogue.

We believe that something sacred happens when people share their stories. When we speak from our lived experience—our struggles, our joys, our doubts, our faith—we invite others to see the topic through a new lens. Often, it’s not facts or arguments that change us, but the power of someone’s honest story. In this series, each voice becomes a window into a deeper understanding—not necessarily agreement, but empathy.

These conversations will be shaped not by the goal of consensus, but by the hope of connection. The goal of this series is *not* to achieve uniformity or persuade everyone to think the same way. Instead, our hope is to learn how to listen more deeply, speak more kindly, and love more fully—even when we disagree. In a world where disagreement so often leads to division, we’re choosing a different path. We are not trying to change anyone’s opinion or convince anyone to “get it right.” Instead, our goal is to grow in our ability to listen, to learn, and to love across differences.

We recognize that within our congregation, there is a wide range of beliefs and perspectives. That’s not a problem to solve, it’s a gift to embrace. These diverse experiences can help us see God and one another more fully.

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**In Honor of Mont Gilmore**

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Tom and Elaine Evington  
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Church of Christ  
Emily Johnson  
Martha Thomas  
Ed and Shirley Mitchell  
David and Celia Harris  
Thomas and Pam Coward  
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**In Memory of Roger Stout**

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This year's meeting of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference will be held June 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> at Lake Junaluska. Please be in prayer for all the pastors and delegates that will be traveling and doing the work on behalf of the Annual Conference. You have a lot of representation this year! Along with Pastors Chris and Jaidy who will be your clergy delegates, we have Kathy Posey representing Jordan Memorial and Francisco representing La Luz De Cristo. Along with them we have 5 others serving as district at large delegates; David Posey, Carla, Veronica, Carlos, and Cipatly. Please be in prayer for all our delegates.

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We want to foster a church culture where curiosity is encouraged, differences are respected, and love is the common ground we return to again and again.

As John Wesley said, "Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?" That is the spirit of this series. We hope these Sundays will be marked by courage, grace, and an openness to the wisdom that lives in each of us.

We invite you to come with open ears, open hearts, and a willingness to be part of something deeper than a debate—a holy conversation. Let's listen. Let's speak. Let's grow.

And most of all, let's love—together.

Pastor Chris

## *Congratulations Graduate*

***Hunter Jayce Shackelford*** graduated Randolph Early College on May 21st, 2025 and Randolph Community College on May 14th, 2025. While at RECHS, Hunter obtained his Associates Degree, was a member of the Beta Club, an officer of the Beta Club, a member of the Science National Honor Society, a NC Scholar, revived the Faith team and was a Senior Advisor Officer. Hunter put his heart into everything he decided to do. In his years of Beta, he won 5 individual awards and 5 team awards at State and National Beta Conventions. Completing numerous volunteer hours in the community, school and church. While attending RECHS Hunter has worked at Chick-fil-A. Hunter will continue his education at UNC Charlotte in the fall, where he will pursue his degree in Management. We are so proud and excited for Hunter. May he continue to follow the path and walk with God, down the path he has provided.



## UWF NEWS

### United Women In Faith

The UWF selects a monthly mission outreach project during the year. This month we are reaching out to help our veterans with their needs in the surrounding area.

After talking with and visiting our local VA office, we found they have a small food pantry at their location which is set up like our local pantry. They have nonperishable canned goods which includes beans, rice, cereals, jello cups and fruit cups. They also have toothpaste, soaps, shampoos, body wash and deodorant just to name a few items. There is also a need for new or gently used sheets, pillowcases, towels, wash clothes, blankets, bedspreads and comforters.

We will be collecting items from now until August 17th. Please place them in the box outside the office and they will be delivered. If you do not have any items but would like to help, they collect \$10 Food Lion gift cards so items not on their shelf may be purchased.

Please see Betty Jo or Crandall if you have any questions.

Our next UWF meeting is Sunday, August 17th in the fellowship hall.

Thank you for considering helping those who have served our country and now need our help.

# 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.

## Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open: the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

## Meetings

Leadership: June 8th at 4:00 PM (No meeting in July)

Bible Study: 10:00 AM at Church & 6:30 at Parsonage June 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> (only one meeting in July)

Community Meal :June 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30 PM (no meal in July or August)

Care Team: June 25<sup>th</sup> & July 30th 10:00 AM

Growing Together: July 19<sup>th</sup> (No meeting in June)

## Thumbs Up

Thumbs Up Group will meet Thursday, June 5 and July 3, at 3:30PM in the Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

## Senior Bingo!

Join us first Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Fellowship Hall for Senior Bingo. You might win big!

## Line Dancing

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

## Stewardship

When we think about stewardship we frequently only think about tithes and offerings. But according to the Holman Bible Dictionary, stewardship is defined as "utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation".

Let's consider environmental stewardship. One simple thing is recycling to minimize landfill waste. Another simple idea is to avoid littering. Keep a waste basket in your car. Kill invasive species on your property.

See if you can think of other ways to take care of this beautiful earth God has given us!

## May the Fourth Be With You! Star Wars Day!



### Serving This Month June

| Ushers    | James Rank            | Eric Hutchins     |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
|           |                       |                   |
| Readers   |                       |                   |
| June 1st  | Ephesians 2:1-10      | Betty Jo Armfield |
| June 8th  | James 2:14-18         | Celia Harris      |
| June 15th | Matthew 5:1-12        | Beth Burton       |
| June 22nd | Conversation Partners |                   |
| June 29th | Conversation Partners |                   |



### Serving This Month July

| Ushers    | Kim Shackelford       | Celia Harris |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|
|           |                       |              |
| Readers   |                       |              |
| July 6th  | Conversation Partners |              |
| July 13th | Conversation Partners |              |
| July 20th | Conversation Partners |              |
| July 27th | Conversation Partners |              |
|           |                       |              |

### **Covenant For Holy Conversation Series**

As a community committed to growing in love, understanding, and grace, we covenant together to engage in these conversations with open hearts, respectful spirits, and a shared desire to reflect Christ's love. We understand that we will not always agree—but we believe we can always choose to treat one another with dignity and care.

**As participants in these sacred conversations, we commit to:**

#### **1. Listen Deeply and Respectfully**

- I will listen to understand, not to respond or debate.
- I will give others my full attention when they speak.

I will not interrupt or speak over someone else.

#### **2. Speak from Our Own Experience**

- I will use “I” statements, sharing from my own story, background, and beliefs.
- I will avoid generalizations or speaking on behalf of others.

I will honor the uniqueness of each person's journey.

#### **3. Maintain a Spirit of Grace**

- I will not criticize, belittle, or mock another person's thoughts, experiences, or beliefs.
- I will resist the urge to correct or convince others that they are wrong.

I will seek to understand rather than to be “right.”

#### **4. Keep Christ at the Center**

- I will remember that our call is to love one another, as Christ loves us.
- I will pray for humility, compassion, and openness in every conversation.

I will hold space for mystery, trusting that God is present in the questions as well as the answers.

We may not think alike, but we choose to love alike.

We may not agree, but we choose to remain in relationship.

We trust that the Holy Spirit is at work in all of us—guiding, stretching, and teaching us through these conversations.

Let this covenant guide our words, shape our hearts, and draw us closer to one another and to God.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Summer Fun!

Let's have some fun this summer! On May the fourth we had several folks dress up in their favorite Star Wars characters, this service was fun for all, but especially the children. One of our kids asked me what the next theme is going to be! This child said it would be fun if each Sunday we had a color, and everyone would wear that color. What a great idea and from the mind of one of our children! So, this summer we want to invite you to a summer of colors, de colores! This is something simple to do that will be fun, but most of all shows our children that we listen to them and their suggestions and value what they want to see happening in worship! We hope you will participate in each Sunday's color of choice! It will be fun to see but most of all it will help to excite our children that are coming! Can't wait to see all the colors each week!



|                       |                 |                       |                   |                         |              |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| June 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Pink or Coral   | July 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Red, White, Blue  | August 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | White        |
| June 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Red (Pentecost) | July 13 <sup>th</sup> | Purple            | August 10 <sup>th</sup> | Tropical     |
| June 15 <sup>th</sup> | Blue            | July 20 <sup>th</sup> | Yellow            | August 17 <sup>th</sup> | Fav. Team    |
| June 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Green           | July 27 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas in July | August 24 <sup>th</sup> | Your choice! |
| June 29 <sup>th</sup> | Orange          |                       |                   |                         |              |

## Let's Celebrate!

Let's help Celia Harris celebrate her birthday this year; by helping with a "Go Fund Me" for the Cancer Society. since she is dealing with cancer. And it's a dog walking campaign at that! It's open for the month of June.

Here's the link to the fundraiser: <https://gofund.me/ab7d1de5>

Thanks!! And Happy Birthday Celia! We wish you the best.



## Isaac Worth Brady

**June 10, 1929 — May 28, 2025**



Isaac Worth Brady, age 95, of Asheboro passed away on May 28, 2025 at the Randolph Hospice House.

Mr. Brady was born in the Pleasant Grove Township of Randolph County on June 10, 1929 to Isaac and Mae Kiser Brady. Worth served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Randolph County Honor Guard for 17 years. He was a member of Calvary Methodist Church. He attended Jordan Memorial Church/LuLuz De Cristo Church. Worth retired from Pinehurst Textile/Vesture Corporation with over 30 years of service. He loved gardening and working in his yard. He enjoyed watching NASCAR Racing and the Atlanta Braves. In addition to his parents, Worth was preceded in death by his sisters, Loucilla Chilton, Madar Garner, Ella Mae Fagg, and Betty Sue Greene, and brothers, Walter

Ray Brady, William Maxton Brady, Lester Gale Brady, and Garland Brady.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Claudette Stephens Brady; brother, Lavan Brady (Linda) of Seagrove; brothers-in-law, Bill Stephens (Sharon) of Rocky Mount, Phillip Stephens of Delaware, and Joseph Davison of Delaware; sisters-in-law, Sarah A. Brady of Asheboro and Mildred Cox Brady of Atlanta, GA; and 7 nieces and 6 nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Jordan Memorial Church/LuLuz De Cristo Church, 1511 Main Street, Ramseur, NC 27316 or Randolph County Honor Guard, P.O. Box 1672, Asheboro, NC 27204-1672 or Hospice of Randolph, 416 Vision Drive, Asheboro, NC 27203.

# June 2025

| Sun                               | Mon                                                        | Tue                                                                                     | Wed                                    | Thu                                                                                           | Fri | Sat                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------|
| 1                                 | 2 Back 2School 6:30pm<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm | 3 Faith & Fitness 9am<br>Civitan Mtg 6pm                                                | 4 Line Dancing 10am                    | 5 9am Faith & Fitness<br>Thumbs Up 3:30pm<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm              | 6   | 7 Jordan Closet 10am |
| 8 Leadership Mtg 4pm              | 9 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm                        | 10 Faith & Fitness 9am<br>Senior Bingo 10am<br>Lion's Club 6pm                          | 11 Line Dancing 10am                   | 12 9am Faith & Fitness<br>10am & 6:30pm Bible<br>Study<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm | 13  | 14                   |
| 15 Father's Day<br>Trinity Sunday | 16 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm                       | 17 9am Faith & Fitness<br>Community meal 5:30pm<br>Jordan Closet 5pm<br>Civitan Mtg 6pm | 18 Line Dancing 10am                   | 19 9am Faith & Fitness<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm                                 | 20  | 21                   |
| 22                                | 23 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm                       | 24 Faith & Fitness 9am                                                                  | 25 Line Dancing 10am<br>Care Team 10am | 26 9am Faith & Fitness<br>10am & 6:30pm Bible<br>Study<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm | 27  | 28                   |
| 29                                | 30 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm                       |                                                                                         |                                        |                                                                                               |     |                      |

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Canned/Powered Milk, Self-Rising Flour, Sugar, Vegetable oil

**June Birthdays**

- 01-Zach Clark

03-Rebekah Wilkinson

03-Shirley Lane

05-William Johnson

05-Ryan Leonard

07-Taylor Leonard

09-John Sinkewicz

09-Ray Leonard

10-Clara Vandiford

12-Joy Gantt

16-Anna Shelton

16-Randy Cox

16-Randy Strickland

18-Mary Jane Elizabeth Albright
- 21-Billy Mitchell

23-Ricky Cox

24-Mike Dorsett

24-Chris Dorsett

26-Cindy Chaffin

26-Pamela Trexler

29-Emerson Allen

29-David True

30-Morgan Hainey



# July 2025

| Sun | Mon                                                                   | Tue                                                               | Wed                  | Thu                                                                              | Fri                   | Sat                         |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|     |                                                                       | 1                                                                 | 2                    | 3 9am Faith & Fitness<br>Thumbs Up 3:30pm<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm | 4 Independence<br>Day | 5 Jordan's Closet 10am      |
| 6   | 7 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm                                   | 8 Faith & Fitness 9am<br>Civitan Mtg 6pm                          | 9 Line Dancing 10am  | 10 9am Faith & Fitness<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm                    | 11                    | 12                          |
| 13  | 14 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm<br>Back to School Bash<br>6:30pm | 15 Faith & Fitness 9am<br>Senior Bingo 10am<br>Lions Club Mtg 6pm | 16 Line Dancing 10am | 17 9am Faith & Fitness<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm                    | 18                    | 19 Growing Together<br>10am |
| 20  | 21 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm                                  | 22 Faith & Fitness 9am<br>Jordan Closet 5pm<br>Civitan Mtg 6pm    | 23 Line Dancing 10am | 24 9am Faith & Fitness<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm                    | 25                    | 26                          |
| 27  | 28 AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Boy Scout 6:30pm                                  | 29 Faith & Fitness 9am                                            | 30 Line Dancing 10am | 31 9am Faith & Fitness<br>AA Mtg 6:30pm<br>Line Dancing 7-8pm                    |                       |                             |

**Ramseur Food Pantry:** Rice A Roni, Macaroni & Cheese. We will need volunteers July 21-25.

## July Birthdays

01-Tyler Wood  
02-Cindy Strickland  
03-Lisa Johnson  
03-Sandra Leonard  
04-Betty Fields  
05-Judith L. Gibson  
05-Dylan Trexler  
05-Martha Kreiser  
08-Deborah L. Goldsberry  
09-Brad Graves  
10-Eddie Leonard  
12-Kim Shackelford  
13-Daniel Cox  
14-Kathy D. Posey  
15-David H. Ihme  
15- Heather Bateman  
16 - Jaidy Smith

17-Perry Stout  
18-Joseph Armfield  
19-Kathryn B. Nichols  
19-Robert Cody Allen  
21-Wesley Kurtz  
23-Jimmy Moody  
24-Robert L. Armfield, Jr.  
25-Weston Wood  
26-Melissa Strickland  
26-Brendon Trexler  
26-Hunter Shackelford  
27-Brian Burton  
29-Elizabeth Chaffin



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Our Next Back to School Bash meeting is July 14 at 6:30pm.

Worship times  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Worship Service 10:30am



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