



COMMUNITY CHURCH
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May I never
boast except
in the
cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
through
which the world
has been
crucified to
me, and
I to the world.
Galatians 6:14 (NIV)

For the
message
of the
cross is
foolishness
to those
who are
perishing,
but to us
who are
being saved
it is the
power of
God.

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NIV)

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NEWSLETTER

Pastor Joel Stamper

Jesus loves sinners. He only loves sinners. He has never turned anyone away who came to Him for forgiveness, and He died on the cross for sinners, not for respectable people. - Corrie ten Boom

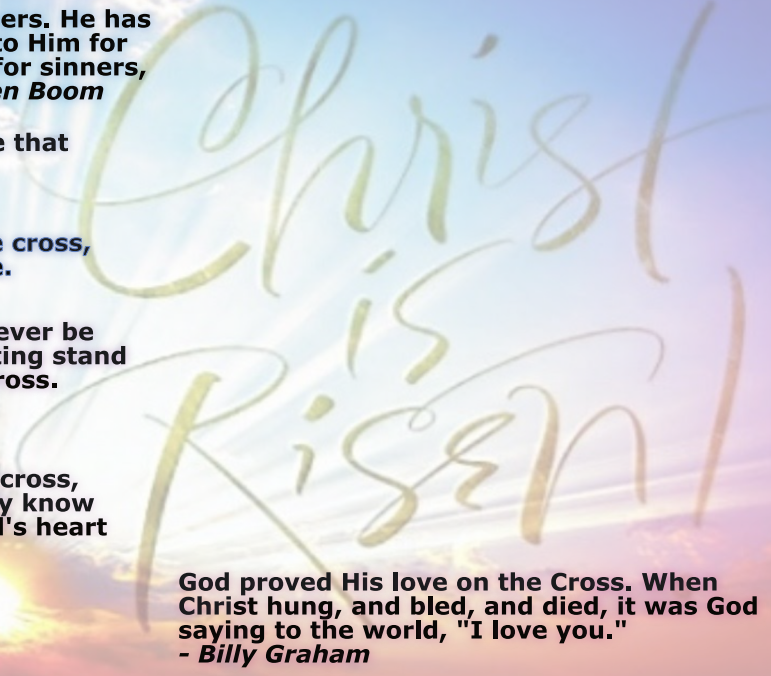
Is it not wonderful news to believe that salvation lies outside ourselves?
- Martin Luther

It was Christ who willingly went to the cross, and it was our sins that took him there.
- Franklin Graham

Long-lasting victory can never be separated from a long-lasting stand on the foundation of the cross.
- Watchman Nee

His brokenhearted cry on the cross, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," shows God's heart toward sinners.
- John R. Rice

God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, "I love you."
- Billy Graham



Up Coming Events

Sunrise Service

An informal sunrise gathering will be held at the church pavilion (weather permitting). Service to begin at 6:30 am.

Men's Breakfast

April 23, Saturday at 8 am. All men of the church are invited for a time of food and fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child

May 1, Pastor Mark Brumbelow will be sharing with us during our worship service.

Pastor Mark and his wife, Cherry, serve a church of 30 members in Wild Peach, Texas. This small church reached a miraculous goal in 2016 to pack more than 2,000 Christmas shoeboxes. In 2017, the church packed 8,030 boxes, even though many of their homes were devastated by flooding from Hurricane Harvey. They even raised the suggested donation of nine dollars for each gift. Shortly after, the Brumbelows were invited to travel to storm-ravaged Barbuda to distribute shoebox gifts to children who had lost their home to Hurricane Irma. Through Operation Christmas Child, this remarkable couple brought hope and joy to children worldwide in spite of tragedy. To hear more about how God has been using the Brumbelows for His glory, join us May 1.

NOTE: April donation collection is personal care items: bar soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, hair bows, sunglasses, adhesive bandages, etc.

Lillian Bloodworth Memorial

April 21, family visitation from 1 pm - 2 pm. Service to begin at 2 pm. Interment at Sparta Cemetery to follow service.

Bill Mazur's Memorial Service

April 30th at 11:00 am at Grace.

New Addition



Marsali Angelina

Born: March 28, 2022
8 lbs. 5 oz.

Proud Grandmother, Kris Matthieu, wanted to share the good news. On March 31, the baby began to nurse and was able to go home with her first time parents. The whole family sends their thanks for all the prayers for a healthy precious little girl.

This is My Story: Noah O'Bryan Barber

My salvation experience was a bit of a winding road. I grew up in Louisiana with my pops (grandfather) who took me in when I was 3 years old. Around 12-13 years old, I struggled greatly with depression and anxiety with thoughts that my parents didn't want me, my pops only took me in by obligation, and that I was too broken to come to God. The Lord showed me in a very personal experience just how untrue that was. I accepted Christ at 14 and my life has never been the same.



Noah & Hannah

After graduating from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary last spring, I moved to Alleghany County. My wife, Hannah, is from here and I moved here at the end of last May 2021. We got married in the middle of last June.

I heard of Grace when my former pastor in Raleigh connected me with Dale Caveny. Dale and I had lunch that first day that I moved here and then the next week we had lunch with Joel. Hannah and I then visited, and Rick quickly plugged me into the music ministry. Hannah and I fell in love with this church family and wanted to be a part of it!

NOTE: Bad News / Good News

Hannah and Noah are leaving us. . . but will be back. Hannah has been working as an X-Ray Technologist at Alleghany Memorial Hospital. Now she has an opportunity to use her skills in other hospitals. As they travel from hospital to hospital, they know they will have breaks that will allow them to return to Sparta (their home). It might be a dry spell between visits. But they will be back.

They are leaving shortly for Maine where they are scheduled to stay for 13 weeks. That is the first stop in their travels. Noah says he will be working with various churches helping with their services. He is so talented, we are glad to know he will still be using his talents to the glory of God.

We need to remember this special couple in prayer as they venture out. They want to continue to give and share the gospel as the Lord leads. Let's all pray that God will bless their efforts and many will be reached. While they will not be present in our church, their hearts are with us.

Noah and Hannah, we love you and are so thankful for all you mean to our church.



In this month's newsletter authors/books are recommended from our large fiction section. Karen Kingsbury books have been described as inspirational/life-changing, Lynn Austin is known for her historical fiction and Terri Blackstock is known for her mystery/suspense novels. The two movies are from a 6 pack that features not only those reviewed below but also; *Overcomer*, *Courageous*, *Fireproof* and *War Room*. You will not be disappointed in any of these movies!

Favorites.....by Wanda Miles

There are many good Christian book series in our church library. The ones I have enjoyed the most were written by Karen Kingsbury, Lynn Austin, and Terri Blackstock. The ones that inspired me the most was **The Restoration Series** by Terri Blackstock. They are about a cyber attack that knocks out electricity all over the world. Think what that could mean to each of us in today's modern world of technology with no electricity.

FLYWHEEL (video).....reviewed by Sid Hiemstra

I thoroughly enjoyed the movie **Flywheel**. It's about a used car dealership owned by Jay Austin. He runs the business to maximize profits, which is so evident in today's world. He's "all in" about the business leaving not much time for family and church. Again a common problem all around us everywhere, it's so easy to drift into this little by little. But God speaks to him through his conscience and friends. He makes a bold 180° turn, loses his salesmen, bank note is due, etc. and boy is his faith ever tested! How does God come through? Watch the movie - you will enjoy!

FACING THE GIANTS (video).....reviewed by Sid Hiemstra

We love the David and Goliath stories, sometimes referred to as Cinderella events. In this popular movie Grant Taylor is a high school football coach. He's had this job for 6 years and can't seem to win a game! Along with other problems in his life, and very low team morale he is one very frustrated guy. He prays, and through other people's comments the proverbial light bulb goes on in his head; it's more than football, it's about life. Living the Christian life with integrity, how will the team respond? Will there be a change? Watch this great movie and get caught up in the excitement.