

CONCORDIA CONNECT - HIGHLIGHTS

August 16, 2026

Shaped By Christ... To Share His Love!

Today's Theme

God's righteousness overflows with promise and hope. All those who believe and love the Lord will know unending joy in His house of prayer. Israelites are still the chosen ones in the great lineage of prophets, priests, and kings. And yet, because they deny the Gospel, rejecting Jesus, they will not inherit eternity. But Jesus patiently waits, eager to embrace everyone who turns from disobedience and rebellion and cries out, "O Lord, have mercy." And He does.

Today's Lessons

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

"My house...a house of prayer for all peoples."

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

"God has consigned all...that He may have mercy on all."

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus Heals

Connect with Staff

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Members:

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Greg Roseman
Angelique Bost
Etta Gardner

Church & School Staff:

Nick Butcher Katrina Garrison
Alyssa Scalf Colleen Fox

Sympathy to: Pastor Michael Kane upon the
death of his brother Patrick.

Seminary Student: Lamar Stewart

Missionaries: Rev. Jason & Emily Groth, Belize
Rev. Jonathan Anderson, Panama

Military:

Eric Galloway Kendall Hamm Tony Sherrill
Christopher Walker Jaylen Joyner Nathan Malin
Amber Miller Clay Weedman Madison Jordan

Friends:

Eli Ames
Greg Sigmon
Nathan Brown
Marsha McNair
Ginger Sermons

Nursery Hours

8:45a - 12:15p

Located down the main hall off
the sanctuary on the right-
hand side, just a few doors past
the office area. Look for the
sign.

Greeters Today:

(9:00) Keith & Lisa Travis
(11:00) Dennis & Carolyn Quackenboss

Lectors Today:

(9:00) Katrina Palozzi
(11:00) Betsy Murray

Fellowship Today:

Carla Hafer

Greeters Next Week:

(9:00) Jimmy & Jane Martin
(11:00) Clarence & Joyce Pugh

Lectors Next Week:

(9:00) Audra Kuchenbecker
(11:00) Jill Adair

Fellowship Next Week:

Dale & Dianne Lawing

Trustees for August:

Jeff Smith & Brandon Elrod

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 16

Dedication of Board Members and Church Officers at both services.

8a LLL

9a Worship & Communion

10:10a Christian Education

11a worship & Communion

Monday, August 17

1:30p Quilting

5:30p Mission & Ministry

6:30p Scouts

Tuesday, August 18

9a Staff Devotion & Meeting

6:30p Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, August 19

7a Ladies' Bible Study - EM

Thursday, August 20

6:30a Men's Bible Study

6:30p Praise Band

Friday, August 21

2p Joyful Stitchers

Sunday, August 23

9a Worship & Dedication of Teachers

10:10a Christian Education

11a Worship & Dedication of School

Teachers & Installation of Betsy

Murray, Principal

12:15p Back to School Bash

These Sunday Christian Education Classes are offered at 10:10a.

Pre-school 3 – K – Led by Jerri Alice, Maggie Lou & Mary Elizabeth Carter. Beside nursery

1st – 3rd Grade – Led by Sharon White & Ron Bumgarner - Education wing of the church

4th - 5th Grade - Led by Nick Butcher - Education wing of the church

6th - 8th Grade Confirmation - Led by Kelly Roth - Education wing of the church

Adults - A#2 - Led by Katrina Palozzi - "Parenting: 14 Gospel Principles"

Adults - A#1 - Led by Pastor Geml/Carl Roth - A Longer Look at the Lessons

Adults - Emmaus Room - Led by Kevin Graudin - The Story

Adults - Library - Led by Jen White, Promised Rest



Scan the QR code to register your child(ren) for Sunday School.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUG. 19
AUG. 23 - TEACHER DEDICATION &
BETSY MURRAY INSTALLED AS
CCDS PRINCIPAL**



**National Thrift Store Day
Monday, August 17th**

9-4:30p

GRAB BAGS

\$5 BINS

TOTE BAG FILL-UP

BINGO PULL

BOOK DEAL

FURNITURE SALE

Come early, dig deep, and thrift with purpose!

Birthdays* and Anniversaries* Aug 16 - Aug 22

If your name is missing from one of these lists, please let the church office know,
sharman@concordianc.org 828.464.3324

Birthdays: Gina Sigmon, Debbie Spencer, Stephen Huss, Bobby Moore, Aidan White, Doris Kirby, Joe Rhyne

Wedding Anniversaries: Andrew & Susan Matthews, Fred & Nancy Starnes, Arden & Lois Hintzmann

Just the Facts:

General Fund Offerings: \$ 11,662

Budget Needs: \$ 19,407

Attendance: 220

Online Giving: \$ 1,285

Member of the Week: Doris Kirby - 4435 S NC 127 Hwy, Hickory, NC 28602-9301