

The first graders were presented Bibles during the worship service on August 17, 2025.



THE INTERIM

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From the Pastor...

Our fall ministries are up and going strong. Thank you to all our volunteer cooks, servers and dishwashers for enabling us to have our Wednesday night meals. Thank you to our Wonderful Wednesday volunteers for making WW's a success. And thank you to our choir leaders and members for the beautiful music you will be bringing this year.

I hope everyone will join us on Wednesdays and Sundays as we settle into the new school year. We will have enriching opportunities on each day. On Sundays, we will focus on the importance of Fellowship. I will have a series of sermons entitled: Lives Bound Together: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

September 7, 2025 Fellowship – Uniting in a Common Purpose
John 17:20-23; Philippians 2:1-4

September 14, 2025 Fellowship – Sharing Life Together
Romans 12:10-18

September 21, 2025 Fellowship – Generous Living and Giving
Acts 2:42-47

September 28, 2025 Fellowship – A Little Bit of Heaven on Earth
I John 1:1-4; Revelation 21:1-5

On Wednesdays, we will study the Book of Revelation in a series I'm calling God Wins! It is based on Dr. Laurie Guy's book, Making Sense of the Book of Revelation. If you've ever wondered about this mysterious book, join us as we see how it is really a book of encouragement and hope.

I look forward to seeing you each week as we continue to celebrate our 150th Anniversary and move into the next 150 years of ministry.

Schedule

Sunday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, August 25

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,
Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, August 28

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, August 31

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, September 1

Labor Day - Church Office Closed

Wednesday, September 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

2:30 Wond. Wed. After-School Program

5:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

6:00 p.m. Music & Missions, Youth on Mission,
Adult Bible Study

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, September 4

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Friday, September 5

6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....	Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....	Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....	Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....	Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....	Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....	Accompanist / Music Assistant

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Happy Birthday

September 2

Catherine Taylor

September 3

Tyler Williams

Kelly Wilson

September 5

Jerry Campbell

September 6

Sarah Johnson

September 7

Kim Allen

September 8

Cara Brinkley

Brenda Johnston

Amanda Tompkins

September 10

Emily Ashley

Patricia Fyfe

Linda Reed

Betty Watts

September 11

Bradley Hedrick

September 12

Angie Roberts

September 13

Emily Mullins

September 14

Terri Helms

September 15

Renee Barker

Kevin Smith

September 16

Lillie Laws

September 19

Curtis Abell

Darrell Bare

September 20

Brenda Baker

September 21

Sherry Ashley

Mackenzie Barker

Ted Evans

September 23

Megan Mullins

September 25

Mary Hunt

September 27

Ben Faulkenberry

James Hunter

Jackson Wimpy

September 29

Beth McDaniel

Spiritual Statistics

	8/10	8/17
In Person	183	209
Live Stream	17	16
Sunday School	82	95

Financial Statistics

	August	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	90,113.00	901,125.00
Budget Receipts	85,298.00	883,387.00
Goals Not Met	(4,815.00)	(17,738.00)
Alms	1,853	14,942
Designated	1,188	99,245

High Five Day at N. B. Mills Elementary School

Friday, August 8, 2025

We handed out 150 high fives to the students of N. B. Mills to celebrate the start of a new school year!



A Note from Minister of Missions Elizabeth Kilby

Yesterday we were talking about summer, and now here we are in fall. It is crazy to think how fast the seasons change, yet I'm so thankful for each one. We have accomplished some great things this past spring and summer and we are taking that momentum into the fall and winter. Starting with our Operation Inasmuch which is such a wonderful community day, to our continued partnerships, packing of Operation Christmas Child Boxes and our White Christmas Day on December 6th.

Thank you for your continued prayers and partnership!

Elizabeth Kilby





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Announcements

Deacon Ministry Team Nominations

We will take nominations for the Deacon Ministry Team August 17 - 31. You may make a nomination by placing it in the offering plate or calling the church office, Deacon Orientation will be September 28 and we will vote by ballot on October 19.

2025-2026 Proposed Ministry Budget Correction

Technology is great, until it isn't. We had a spreadsheet formula error in the proposed budget we sent out. All of the line items are correct, but the total was wrong. The total of the new budget is \$1,041,353, not \$1,155,899. We apologize for the error and any confusion it might have caused.

A full explanation of the 2025-26 Proposed Ministry Budget will be given at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2025. There will also be time for questions and answers. You may ask questions in the meeting or privately with members of the Business Management Team after the meeting.

The Proposed Ministry Budget (with the corrected new total) will be presented for vote without discussion on Sunday, September 7, 2025. If you did not receive a copy of the Proposed Budget, they are available in the Church Office.

New After Worship Sunday School Opportunity

Many have mentioned 9 am on Sunday morning is not a good time for them for Sunday School. So, beginning Sunday, September 7, 2025, Dr. Hersey Miller will offer an "After Worship Sunday School Class." It will use the same curriculum as our regular classes, but meet at 11:15 am. If you are interested, join Dr. Miller in Heritage Hall One (across from Adam's Hall). If you have children and plan to attend, please let Melissa Wilson know.

Congregational Visioning Session

Sunday, September 14, 2025

We've spent a lot of time during our Sesquicentennial Celebration focusing on our past and present ministries. It is now time to look forward as well! Please plan to be present Sunday, September 14, 2025, for the first of four congregational visioning sessions.

After worship, we will have a quick lunch followed by a time of exploring our core values. Michael Cheuk, a consultant with the Center for Congregational Health, will lead our time together. We need your input, so please make plans to attend.

Welcome to our Church Family



Carl and Connie Bulabough joined our congregation on Sunday, August 17. Welcome to our church family!



Save the Date!
Saturday, August 23