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September often feels like a turning point. Summer fades, school starts back, routines shift, and the pace of life seems to pick up. In many ways, it's a season of transition—of finding new rhythms after the looseness of summer. As a church, we're stepping into a new rhythm too: for the next several months, our worship will be shaped by the lectionary.

You may be wondering: *What is the lectionary, and why are we using it?*

The lectionary is a schedule of Scripture readings followed by churches all around the world. It typically includes four passages each week—a reading from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a Gospel, and a New Testament letter—designed to guide us through the major themes of the Bible over the course of the church year. These readings align with the seasons of the Christian calendar (Advent, Lent, Easter, etc.) and help connect our worship to a broader, deeper story than just our own.

But beyond simply being a reading plan, the lectionary offers something we all deeply need right now: a rhythm.

In a world that often feels unpredictable, fast paced, and scattered, the lectionary invites us to slow down and dwell in the Scriptures alongside others across time and space. It helps center us—not just on what we feel like hearing, but on the fullness of Scripture, even the parts we might otherwise skip. It shapes our faith not just week to week, but season by season, forming us over time into people who are rooted, attentive, and spiritually grounded.

As we step into this lectionary rhythm together, I invite you to think of it as more than a list of readings. Think of it as a practice of listening—to God, to Scripture, and to one another. Think of it as a way to mark time differently, not just by our calendars or to-do lists, but by the movements of grace, challenge, hope, and renewal that Scripture offers.

As we move into fall, what rhythms are shaping your life? In this season of shifting schedules and new beginnings, it's a natural time to reassess what grounds us, what feeds us, and what brings us closer to God. Maybe it's setting aside a few quiet moments each morning to reflect on the weekly readings. Maybe it's carving out time for prayer or joining a small group. Or maybe it's simply committing to being more present in worship each week, knowing

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pray for our Homebound**

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**Being the Hands
of Ministry**

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

September Ushers	James Rank	Cheryl Rank
September Readers		
September 7th	Betty Jo Armfield	Luke 14:25-33
September 14th	Pastor Chris	TBA
September 21st	Celia Harris	Revelation 21:1-7
September 28th	Anne Cox	Luke 16:19-31

Stewardship – The True Value of Health

In today's society there is an inordinate emphasis on the accumulation of wealth and material possessions. Even among Christians you see the "prosperity gospel" which cultivates an attitude of materialistic self-interest rather than the Biblical view of Christians as faithful stewards of resources to glorify God and serve others.

As you already know stewardship encompasses responsible caretaking of all resources entrusted to us by God. This includes physical health, mental well-being and healthy relationships. Prioritizing health through balanced nutrition, regular exercise and mindful living can increase well-being, energy and clarity. So while the church needs your monetary stewardship, it also needs you!

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that these rhythms are forming you in ways you may not even realize.

Let this be a season not just of busyness, but of intentional rhythm—a time to root yourself in Scripture, in community, and in the steady, faithful movement of God's Spirit. We're walking this path together, one week at a time. Let's lean into the rhythm—and see what God might do.

Pastor Chris

General Information

Thumbs Up

Thumbs Up Group will meet Sept 4 at 3:30pm and on first Thursday each month.

Veterans Project

Thank you for all your support with this much needed project. The Asheboro VA office was so pleased with all the gifts of towels, wash clothes, sheets, blankets, quilts, food and personal hygiene items collected. Along with the above, \$700 was given by several to purchase items. The mini-Food Pantry is not staffed so any help given was much appreciated. When delivering items, it was a blessing to meet and talk with veterans visiting that day. **Thank You** again for giving back to those who served our country and now need our help.

Line Dancing

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

AA Group

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

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.

Small Group Bible Study

Join us on 1st and third Thursdays! Two convenient options for the day or in the evening!

September 4th 10:00 AM Conference Room or 6:30 PM at the Parsonage

September 18th 10:00 AM Conference Room or 6:30 PM at the Parsonage

Announcements!

Leadership Team Meeting
Sunday, September 7th at 4:00 PM

Congregational Care Team
Monday, September 22nd at 10:00 AM

Join us for **Growing Together** September 27th 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM at the Church. This monthly gathering is a chance to grow in our relationships with one another. Crossing cultural and language barriers, we seek to grow in our faith as we learn from each other and create out of our personal stories. The ladies enjoy crafting while the men have been going and enjoying breakfast together. Please RSVP with Jaidy or the church office in order to prepare adequate supplies. This is open to men and women and is a wonderful opportunity to create, share, and grow!

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!

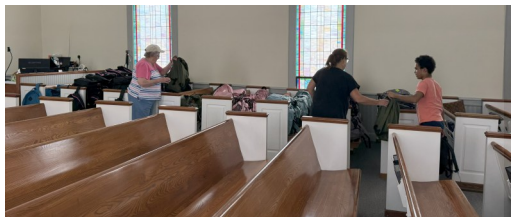
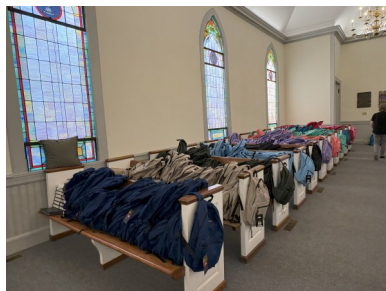
Lion's Club

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



Back to School Bash 2025

Celebrating 10 Years!



Homecoming/Memorial Day / September 21, 2025

Jordan Memorial members and friends will celebrate the church's 139th anniversary when we observe our Annual Homecoming/Memorial Day on September 21, 2025. The worship service will begin at 10³⁰ am. We will also remember those who have joined the Church Triumphant since our last homecoming service. We invite family members and friends of those being remembered to worship with us on this special occasion.

A fellowship meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. The bereaved families will be the guests of Jordan Memorial at the luncheon.

We look forward to seeing our members, former members and friends at this special service.

Dale Mark Byrnes	Margaret Burrow Gaddy Vickory	Charles Dennis "Son" Lane, Jr.
Roger Dean Stout	Ruth Nixon Powell	Isaac Worth Brady Carolyn Sue Smith

Digital Newsletter

After prayerful consideration and evaluation of the costs associated with mailing our monthly newsletter, the church leadership has decided to transition to a **digital-only format**. Printed copies will still be available for pick-up at the church.

We understand this change may be an inconvenience for some, but we believe it is a faithful step toward being good stewards of our resources.

If you are unable to access the newsletter via email or pick up a copy at the church, please contact the church office, and we will make arrangements to ensure you continue receiving it each month. To ensure a smooth transition please let us know if you are not currently receiving a weekly email from the church so we can check to make sure we have an updated email address for you on file.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

United Women In Faith Fundraiser

The United Women In Faith will have a fundraiser on Sunday, October 5th following the worship service. Our menu is soup, salad and dessert. We are a very active group at Jordan Memorial. Please plan to stay and support us and enjoy great fellowship.

Look forward to seeing you.

United Women in Faith (UWF)

United Women in Faith had a very informative program on Social Principles of UMC presented by Pastor Chris. This was from the Book of Discipline of UMC 2020-2024. These guidelines are reviewed and updated every four years. The new updated copies will be available in December or early January. He reminded us that the Doctrines of the Church cannot be changed

Our annual district meeting was in Lexington this year. Three members attended. Our Jordan Memorial group was recognized for participating in the Reading Program, being a Gold Mission Today Unit, and a Silver Justice Today Unit. We are a busy group.

Again, we will be collecting 2026 calendars for distribution in area nursing homes. Our September/Fall Mission Outreach Project will be to collect **new** children's books for Partnership for Children. These books will be distributed to area doctor offices for our young children to explore the beauty and enjoyment found in books.

September 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Office Closed AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	2 Faith & Fitness 9am Civitan Mtg 6pm	3 Line Dancing 10am Organize Supplies 6:30pm	4 9am Faith & Fitness SM Grp 10am /6:30pm AA Mtg 6:30pm Thumb Up 3:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	5	6
7 Leadership Team 4pm	8 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	9 Faith & Fitness 9am Senior Bingo 10am Lion's Club 6pm	10 Line Dancing 10am Organize Supplies 6:30pm	11 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	12	13
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21 Homecoming 10:30am	22 AA Mtg 6:30pm Care Team 10am Boy Scout 6:30pm	23 Faith & Fitness 9am	24 Line Dancing 10am Organize Supplies 6:30pm	25 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	26	27 Growing Together 10am
28	29 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm	30 Faith & Fitness 9am				

Ramseur Food Pantry: Peanut Butter and Jelly

September Birthdays

01-Emily Leigh Gann
04-Tommy Boyd
04-James Scott Riddle
05-Kenneth Hudson
05-Courtney Collins
05-Aaron Bressler
06-Marc Williams
08-Darrell E. Williams
10-Rebecca L. Hinshaw
10-Magnum Embree
11-Tim E. Lankford
12-Malvin Robinson
12-Amy Petty
13-David Craven
13-Pastor Chris A. Smith
14-Joy Collins
14-Celeste Byrnes
15-Bradley Russell Craven
15-Ann Robinson
15-Ann Hutchins
18-G. Ronnie Hardin
19-Emily C. Johnson
19-Betty K. Shackelford
21-Williams G. Allen

21-Ed. A. Mitchell
25-RoseMary Bonham
28-Brenda Siers
29-Nathan G. Harris
29-Ann W. Pike
29-Chad Lankford
30-Kenneth S. Rains



Lectionary Texts for September

	Old Testa- ment	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
September 7th	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Philemon 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33
September 14th	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalms 14:1-7	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
September 21st	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalms 79:1-9	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
September 28th	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31

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Free Community Meal

Join Us September 16th at 5:30 PM as we start back up our Community Meal, The Table. We are always looking for volunteers to help cook, cut desserts, and clean, and of course the most important task, people that know how to have conversation and eat! We look forward to this time every month and can't wait to see you there!

Worship times

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship Service 10:30am

