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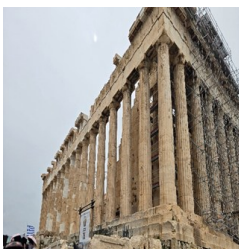
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Journeying in the Footsteps of Paul



What if this summer, instead of just reading about the Apostle Paul, we could walk where he walked? This summer, we invite you to join us on an extraordinary journey; one that spans continents and centuries, ancient cobblestones and modern questions of faith. Over the next 13 weeks, our sermon series, **Journeying in the Footsteps of Paul**, will take us deep into the heart of Greece, tracing the paths of one of Christianity's most passionate and complex figures. And the journey is more than historical. It is deeply personal, spiritually alive, and meant for each one of us.

This past spring, Jaidy and I had the extraordinary privilege of making a pilgrimage to Greece where we were able to walk the very ground where Paul preached, debated, was imprisoned, and transformed lives. Throughout the summer, those experiences will come alive in our worship through stories, reflections, and photographs from the journey. But this series isn't just our story to tell. It's an invitation for every one of you to journey alongside us.

Here is the road that lies ahead:

Philippi — We begin in the north, where Paul first set foot on European soil. Philippi was a Roman colony, a city of power and politics, and it was here that the Gospel took its first fragile roots in Europe. It is where a businesswoman named Lydia opened her home, where Paul cast out a demon from a young slave girl, and where Paul and Silas sang hymns in a prison cell. It is where a community of faith was born that would hold a very special place in Paul's heart for the rest of his life.

Thessaloniki — From Philippi, we travel south to one of Greece's great cities, ancient and modern at once. Paul's time in Thessaloniki was brief but electric. It is marked by both powerful response and fierce opposition. The church he left behind would receive two of his most urgent and tender letters.

Berea — Just down the road, the Bereans earned a reputation that still ech-

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**Congratulations
Graduates!!**

Melissa Strickland

I am graduating from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education with a focus on Professional Service. This degree will allow me to educate others about agriculture and related industries beyond traditional K-12 classroom settings. I plan to further my education in the field of sustainable agriculture and work to educate farmers and students about sustainable agriculture practices. I would like to thank the Jordan Memorial community for their support and encouragement throughout my academic endeavors.

Jonathan Burton

Congratulations to Jonathan Burton on his high school graduation and completing this important milestone in his educational journey. Jonathan is entering an exciting season of discernment and exploration. In the coming months, he plans to travel, gain new experiences, and thoughtfully consider what path lies ahead. We admire his willingness to take time to reflect before making major decisions and are confident that this season will provide valuable opportunities for growth and discovery. Please join us in congratulating Jonathan on this accomplishment and wishing him God's blessings as he embarks on the next chapter of his journey.



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Scott & Nina Wallace
Bob & Betty Jo Armfield
Bruce & Claudia Ihme

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In Honor of Betty Mace
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In Honor of Margaret Gaddy
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General Information

Meetings

SPRC and Leadership: June 7th 3:00 PM
(Pastor Evaluation)
Leadership: June 7th 4:00 PM
(No meeting in July)
Community Meal: June 16th 5:30 PM
(no meal in July or August)
Care Team: June 24th & July 29th 10:00 AM
Back to School Bash: July 13, 6:30 pm
in the ESOL room.

July Ushers

Greg Chaffin, Cindy Chaffin (Acolyte)

July Readings

July 5th	1 Thessalonians 4:9-12
July 12th	Acts 17:10-15
July 19th	Psalm 121:1-8
July 26th	1 Thessalonians 5:19-24

Jordan's Closet

Jordan's Closet is open on the first Saturday and third Tuesday each month. Saturday hours are 10am-12pm and Tuesday 5pm-7pm.
**NOTE: We will not open in the month of July due to the 4th of July and expected heat in the upstairs.

Scouts

The boy and girl scouts meet on Mondays at 6:30pm.

Ramseur Civitans

The Civitans meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30pm

Line Dancing

Line Dancing class is on Wednesdays at 10:00am, Thursdays at 7-8pm and Fridays at 1pm.. Cost is \$3.00.

Senior Bingo!

Join us the first Tuesday of each month at 10am in the Fellowship hall for Senior Bingo.

June Ushers

Kim Shackelford, Debbie Cox (Acolyte)

June Readings

June 7th	Acts 16:16-24
June 14th	Act 16:25-40
June 21st	Psalm 139:1-12
June 28th	Acts 17:1-9

Annual Conference

This year's meeting of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference will be held June 18th-21st 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. Your representatives for this year are Kathy Posey as our church delegate and David Posey as a district at large delegate.

Faith & Fitness

Exercise class meets on Tuesday's & Thursdays 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.

Lion's Club

The Lion's Club is collecting old eyeglasses, hearing aids, and cell phones. There is a collection box outside the church office. The Lion's Club also meets in the conference room on the second Tuesday each month from 6-7pm.

AA Group

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

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oes through the centuries — for receiving the Word with eagerness and searching the Scriptures daily to see if what Paul said was true. There is something here for all of us who want to engage our faith with both an open heart and an open mind.

Meteora — We pause here for something breathtaking. Meteora was not a place Paul visited, but it stands as one of the most remarkable results of the faith he carried into Greece. Perched impossibly atop soaring rock pillars, the ancient monasteries of Meteora were built by monks who sought God in solitude and in stone. To stand there is to see the long reach of the Gospel, how a message carried by one man into a foreign land became a faith that shaped civilization.

Delphi — Here we step into the world Paul was entering. Delphi was the spiritual center of the ancient Greek world — home of the Oracle, site of the famous Pythia, and a place where kings and generals came to seek divine guidance. It was a world saturated in religion, superstition, and hunger for meaning. Understanding Delphi helps us understand the extraordinary challenge Paul faced in every city he entered: not a world without religion, but a world with a great deal of it and the Gospel had to find its way through and beyond all of it.

Athens — Few moments in the New Testament are as intellectually thrilling as Paul standing on the Areopagus, looking out over a city "full of idols," and addressing the philosophers and thinkers of the ancient world. Athens invites us to think about how we speak of faith in a skeptical age, how we find the bridges between the Gospel and the culture around us, and what it means to proclaim an unknown God to people who are already searching.

Corinth — Our journey brings us finally to Corinth, a city of commerce, diversity, complexity, and considerable moral chaos. Paul spent more time in Corinth than almost anywhere else, and the letters he wrote to the Corinthian church address some of the most enduring human struggles — pride, division, love, death, and resurrection. It is a fitting place to anchor ourselves as we consider what the church is called to be in the world.

On our final Sunday of the summer, we will circle back to where it all started, the letter to the Philippians. What makes this so moving is that Paul wrote to the Philippian church not from a place of triumph, but from prison. Years after that first visit to Philippi, chained and uncertain of his future, Paul wrote what many consider his most joyful letter. These are not the words of someone for whom everything has gone according to plan. They are the words of someone who has been transformed by the journey.

On that last Sunday, we will also do what Paul did, reflect. We will look back over our summer journey together: the places we've explored, the questions we've wrestled with, the moments of unexpected grace. Where have we seen God? What has shifted in us? Who have we met along the way that has helped us see Jesus more clearly?

At its heart, this summer is about learning to see. Paul didn't just carry the Gospel into Greece — he received it back, again and again, through the people he met. Through a jailer whose life was upended in the middle of the night. Through a young woman whose chains were broken. Through tentmakers, merchants, philosophers, and seekers of every kind. Paul experienced Christ through the people he encountered along the way.

That is our invitation this summer as well.

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We will be asking ourselves: **Where is Jesus in the places we go? And where are we called to carry Jesus?**

One of the ways we want to explore this together is through our **Journey With Jesus Activity**, a fun and creative way for all of us, families and individuals alike, to carry Jesus into our everyday world. You can find the details for this in the Journey With Jesus section in this newsletter! We hope you'll jump in and share in the joy of it.

Whether you have traveled to Greece or never left your hometown, whether you are deeply rooted in your faith or quietly wondering what you believe, this series is for you. Paul's journey was not a neat, triumphant march. It was full of detours, opposition, exhaustion, and surprise. It was also full of beauty, friendship, and the persistent, disruptive grace of God showing up in places Paul never expected.

The same God is still moving. The same roads are still open. Come journey with us this summer.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." — Philippians 1:3–5

Summer Camp



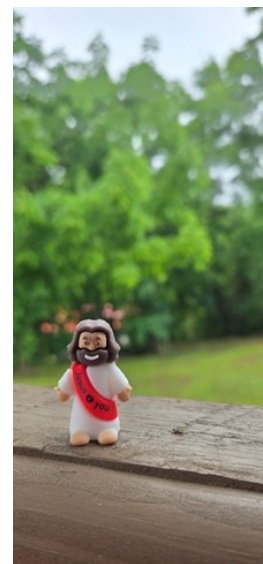
Summertime means summer camp and we are blessed to have Mt Shepherd right here in Randolph County! Each year we as a church take a week to help with camp and offer support to the staff that work so hard to give each child a wonderful experience while they are at camp. One way we do this is through Pastor Chris spending the week at camp where he leads devotionals and worship with the kids. Another way is through supporting the staff with care packages. This year our week is July 19th-24th. We are asking for snacks, cookies, or any other expressions of love that we can share with the staff. Cards are also wonderful with words of affirmation and encouragement! If you would like to help, please speak with Pastor Chris or Celia Harris.

Journey With Jesus

Where will you take Jesus this summer? This summer, we're inviting everyone to take part in our Journey with Jesus activity! Pick up one of our small, pocket-sized Jesus figures and take Him with you wherever your summer adventures lead — the beach, the mountains, the lake, around town, or anywhere in between.

As you travel, snap a picture of your Jesus figure in each location. Have fun with it and try to capture the scenery and backgrounds in your photos! Then, send your pictures to the church office by email or text throughout the summer.

At the end of our summer series on August 30, we'll put together a special slideshow featuring all the places we "traveled with Jesus" this summer. We can't wait to see where your journeys take Him.



MONEY AUTOBIOGRAPHY-PART 3

Management Questions

In what ways are you a good money manager? In what ways are you a poor money manager?

How do you feel about talking about your finances with other people? Why do you feel this way?

Do you use credit cards? Do you pay the monthly balances in full? How does buying on credit make you feel? Why?

How much money do you have in the bank/invested? How did you arrive at this figure/ How close is this to the amount you actually have?

How much money do you give to church and charity? Do you tithe? How do you decide how much to give? How do you decide where to give.

Do you have a personal budget? Why? How do you make decisions about what to spend, save and what to give?

What are your greatest concerns? How do you make decisions concerning retirement, insurance, drafting a will, etc. If you have not made decisions, why not?

Dear Jordan Memorial UMC,

Thank you for your kindness and generosity during Teacher Appreciation Week. Your blessing made our week extra special. We appreciate your support!
The Staff at Southeastern Randolph Middle School.

Blood Drive

The Ramseur Lion's Club is hosting a blood drive on Monday, June 29 from 1-5pm in the fellowship hall.

UWF NEWS

Jordan Memorial United Women In Faith is a very active group. We reach out to help with needs of the church and community. During the first five months of the year, we have helped with several Mission Outreach needs from bereavement meals, gift baskets to Ramseur Elementary School for Teacher Appreciation Day, desserts and tea to Southeastern Randolph Middle School for their Teacher Appreciation Day, Mother's Day tea for Ramseur Library for their program and funds to help the library with their Summer Library program.

With your help, we collected small bottles of water and snacks for Hospice to be shared with those families there at this difficult time.

Our Back to School Bash is such a special gift to our community children and parents. We not only donate to this much needed program but help the committee prepare for that big day on Saturday. What a beautiful day it is!

We are a small group, but we are strong-hearted. It is our goal to reach others in need and at Jordan Memorial.

Thank you for all your support.

Our next meeting is Sunday, August 23rd. Please join us. There is always room for one more. Our guest speaker will be Sarah Lee, our District UWF President.



Thank you!

Your generosity helps our church create, build, and serve. ❤️

If you're joining us online or prefer to give electronically, scan the code to support the ministries of **Jordan Memorial UMC.**

❤️ Give Online



Your gifts make a lasting impact.
We are grateful for you. ❤️

Together, we are **creating, building,** and **servicing** in faithful love.

It's Almost Time!

Back to School Bash 2026

Its coming up August 8th! We continue to collect supplies to go in each bag, you can contribute by purchasing items or donating funds for us to purchase. This marks the 11th year of the Back to School Bash! Please help us so we can continue this tradition and bless our students as they get ready to return to school! Also, if you would like to volunteer the day of you can reach out to Melisa Perry or the church office.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026 10AM-1PM

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH 2026

FREE BOOKBAGS FILLED WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

FREE FOOD, CLOTHING, VISION SCREENING, AND ACCESS TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES

ARE YOU READY?

Main Street Ramseur

FREE TO ALL K-12 STUDENTS

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	2 Faith & Fitness 9am Senior Bingo 10am Civitan's Mtg 6pm	3 Line Dancing 10am	4 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	5 Line Dancing 1pm	6
7 Graduate Sunday SPRC Leadership mtg 3pm	8 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	9 Faith & Fitness 9am Lions Club 6pm	10 Line Dancing 10am	11 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	12 Line Dancing 1pm	13
14	15 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	16 Faith & Fitness 9am Jordan Closet 5pm Community meal 5:30pm Civitan's Mtg 6pm	17 Line Dancing 10am	18 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	19 Line Dancing 1pm	20
21 Father's Day	22 AA Mtg 6:30pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	23 Faith & Fitness 9am	24 Line Dancing 10am Care Team 10am	25 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	26 Line Dancing 1pm	27
28	29 AA Mtg 6:30pm Blood Drive 1-1pm Boy Scout 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm	30 Faith & Fitness 9am				

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 Hailey



Community Meal June 16, 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Join us for our Community Meal, it's a great time of food, fellowship, and faith!

July 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Line Dancing 10am	2 9am Faith & Fitness AA Mtg 6:30pm Line Dancing 7-8pm	3 Line Dancing 1pm	4 Happy 4th!
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Ramseur Food Pantry: rice a roni, macaroni & cheese. We will need volunteers July 13-17.

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-Robert Cody Allen
21-Wesley Kurtz
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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Traveling this summer? Join us online Sunday mornings or at your convenience during the week so you don't miss out on our series "**Journeying in The Footsteps of Paul**" and all that is happening at Jordan Memorial UMC!

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You're Invited to
WORSHIP WITH US!

We're glad you're here.

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Sundays at 10:30 AM

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and serving*