



THE BEACON

Brookstown
United Methodist Church
Rev. James T. (Chip) Webb, Jr.

July 2026



A Message from Pastor Chip

Time Flies!

Dr. James “Mickey” Efird was my New Testament professor at Duke in 1978. He inspired his students with his knowledge, wisdom and quips. When students grumbled about the academic load bearing down on us, Dr. Efird often quoted:

“Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.” Matthew 6: 34

Be present in the day, mindfully addressing the challenges and seizing the opportunities. Do not be paralyzed today by the fear of tomorrow. God will give us what we need! And more! In conference year, 1988-89, the record indicates that I received “no appointment”. In that year, I got married and moved with my bride to our home in the country. In my mind, it was an estate of rolling hills along the Yadkin River with a beautiful two-story farmhouse and a detached summer kitchen – where one might cook in the summer without heating up the residence. The tax value of our house was \$847. The house was very warm in the summer and quite cool in the winter. Did I mention that it had a summer kitchen?

The 2026 Western North Carolina Annual Conference concluded recently with the Bishop “fixing” appointments for the 2026-27 conference year. These days, most all of our churches and pastors already know who is going where, but there is still a great deal of anticipation, excitement, or anxiety, as the Appointment List is posted at the conclusion of the session. Methodist preachers are appointed for one year at a time; but in July, Brookstown will begin nineteen years with the same one. Nineteen years! With my nineteenth year here, I will complete forty-five years under episcopal appointment in the United Methodist Church. Forty-five years! Thank you!

One of my favorite people in all the world is Robert Thomas. Robert was one of eleven teenage boys living at Wrenn Cottage at The Children’s Home when I was hired to be a Childcare Worker there in 1979. Robert is gifted – verbally extraordinary, with an “audio-graphic” memory. Robert loved children’s programs on television – memorizing and repeating the lines of his favorite cartoon characters. At night, Robert would pretend to be asleep during the bed check, only to hide under his covers and listen to “Mystery Theatre” on his radio.

One spring day, Robert helped me clean out a horse stall at the barn, and we hauled the load down to our Cottage garden and distributed the fertile treasure across the rows. Robert sang as we worked, mixing the compost into the raised beds. I still remember the tune and the chorus:

“Dig that horse maneuver; Chop that horse maneuver; Spread that horse maneuver!”

Yes, stall accumulations will forever be “maneuver” to Robert and to me. Funny what sticks in our minds.



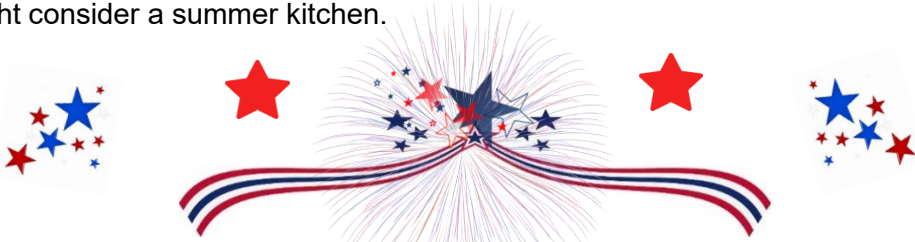
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A Message from Pastor Chip (continued)

When Robert graduated from the Home, he went to work at Mayberry Ice Cream. Last Saturday, I found him there at work. Robert is fifty-five years old now, a wonderfully-delightful fellow with loads of personality. What a gift Robert has been in my life! He will always be one of "my" boys from the Children's Home. I could not help but hug him, and hope that you might meet him some day!

A friend brought me a carload of tomatoes recently. The last time that I saw so many ripe tomatoes out-of-season was in a field, filling a rich, fertile valley during a weekend trip to Haiti in '89. Anyway, I had that bunch of tomatoes, and with the day heating up around 1 p.m., I set up an outside kitchen on the patio: the tomato sauce machine that I first saw in operation at Cecil Mock's garage; a gas cooker for stewing and canning the juice; and lots of pots for washing, sorting, and prepping. Hours later, as it started to get dark, I was about half finished, and sat there on the brick patio and enjoyed four ice-cold glasses of the best tomato juice that I have ever had. That juice might well be unforgettable!

Life is a gift from God. Each day holds opportunities for productive endeavors, exciting adventures, relational blessings, and joyful exuberance! And, sufficient in each day are the challenges. God will provide what we need. Seize the day. Focus on the opportunities. Exult in it. And, you might consider a summer kitchen.



Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant, we beseech Thee, that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain these liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



United Women in Faith



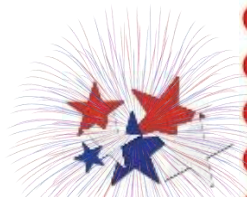
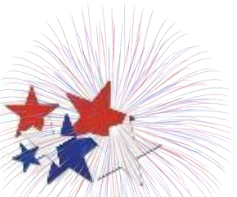
If you have never attended a meeting of our organization, we invite you to attend our monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 15, at 6pm at Southern Family Restaurant in their meeting room. It will be a time to enjoy good food, fellowship, and learn more about what we do. The program is "Serving Our Neighbors", which will focus on acts of service, especially through our National Mission Institutions, which we help fund. We are fortunate that we have one of those, Bethlehem Center, right here in Winston-Salem.

Last month we focused on "Never Stop Learning". An excellent way to continue learning is to attend **Mission u**, which is a yearly event for United Women in Faith in the Western NC Conference. It is August 21-22, and will be held at the Catholic Convention Center in Hickory. The theme this year is "Experiencing Emmanuel". You can see more information and register at the web site.

~ Martha Isenberg, UWF President



*We thank God for the freedom of salvation as well as
for the freedom of worship in this land.*



*Proverbs 3:6
Seek His will in
all you do...*



*... and He will
show you which
path to take.*

Congratulations Brookstown 2026 Graduates!

We are proud of your accomplishments and ask God's blessings on your future endeavors. Graduates were recognized on Sunday, June 14, during worship services. Pastor Chip presented each graduate with a special gift from their Brookstown Church Family.

May God bless and keep you always!

Preschool

Teagan Grace Douglas

Metro North Preschool in Goose Creek, SC

Will begin Kindergarten at Foxbanks Elementary School

Daughter of Wesley & Jessica Douglas

Granddaughter of Becky Payne

Elementary School

Caden Robert Harrell

Vienna Elementary School

Will attend Lewisville Middle School

Son of Mitchell & Lisa Harrell

Grandson of Bob & Susan Harrell

High School

Kyleigh Lynn Cleary

Ronald Reagan High School

Will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Daughter of Amanda Harrell

Granddaughter of Bob & Susan Harrell

Megan Colf

Ronald Reagan High School

Will attend Forsyth Technical Community College

Will then pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business

Daughter of Chris Dzula

Camden Bradley Douglas

Davie County High School

Will work in Charleston, SC with his Uncle Wesley Douglas

Will attend Davidson-Davie Community College, HVAC Technology Program

Son of Will Douglas

Grandson of Becky Payne

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College & University

Kaitlyn Ashley Douglas

Appalachian State University

Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Studies

Minor in Communication & General Business

Will pursue position as Legal Administrative Assistant or Paralegal

Will continue her future education at a Law School

Daughter of Joe Douglas

Granddaughter of Becky Payne

Alexander Harden

Greensboro College

Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Performance

Will pursue a Master's Degree in Music Education

Son of Glenn & Robin Harden

United States Armed Forces

Ashton William Douglas

United States Navy Hospital

Corpsman Basic Medical Education & Training Program

Will continue education at the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute,

Flight Medical Training Program, Pensacola, FL

Son of Will Douglas

Grandson of Becky Payne

Graduate & Medical School

Tyler Steppe

Duke University

Ph.D. in Pathology

Will work as the Scientific Director of

Duke University School of Medicine CORE Facility

Son of Rick & Pam Steppe

Connor Steppe

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Doctorate of Medicine

Will complete four year Dual Residency Program in Internal Medicine & Pediatrics,

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Will then pursue a Fellowship in a Specialized Field of Medicine

Son of Rick & Pam Steppe



The Brookstown Express



If they see God's love lived, they learn to live God's love.

Thank you to everyone who was a part of Vacation Bible School. We had a wonderful time and the children worked on a delightful service project. They made 70 fish pillows, stuffed with a slip of scripture and a wooden cross. There's one for every resident at Vienna Village Assisted Living facility! This month we will plan a special trip to deliver these fish and complete our service project with our Sunday school students.

In the meantime, we are enjoying the summer time vibes all over the church, the ocean scenes upstairs and the seagulls downstairs. We are ready to keep making a splash, in the name of the Lord, this summer!



We appreciate everyone's help!

Jonna Lasley, Youth Ministries Coordinator

Marsha Campbell, Children's Ministries Coordinator



BSSC Program

We would like to ask the congregation to help us provide small rewards for the summer care children for good behavior. We need small, inexpensive items they would enjoy. Monetary donations are also appreciated, as our expenses keep rising. Thank you for supporting this program and our wonderful director, Jenny Tilley!

~ BSSC Board



Did You Know?



In 1958, a history teacher in Lancaster, Ohio, gave a class assignment to redesign the national flag as both Alaska and Hawaii neared statehood. Robert G. Heft, who was 16 at the time, designed a new flag using the old 48-star flag and \$2.87 worth of blue cloth and white iron-on material.

His design earned him a B-minus, which he challenged by sending it to Washington D.C. to be considered by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. According to his 2009 obituary, Heft was one of thousands to submit a flag design, but he was the only person who actually stitched together a flag and shipped it to D.C.

Once the flag was selected, Heft's grade was rightfully changed to an A! His design became the official flag in 1960, and is the one still in use today.

He also designed a 51-star flag that would be used if a new state joins the United States.

RED, WHITE & BLUE BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 4th from 8:00 – 10:30am

Join Us for Breakfast & Fellowship!

Donations Accepted

Menu:

Strawberries, Whipped Cream, & Blueberries
Biscuits & Gravy, Tenderloin, Sausage, Bacon
Breakfast Beverages



Independence Day Prayer

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved.

On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.

We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come.

We thank You for our independence and peace,

and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.

We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet, as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.

We ask You to forgive us for those times.

On this day, we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You.

With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.

Make us a generous people, a holy nation, a people set aside to love You forever, for the sake of the land of the brave and free, and the people and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country.

Our land is in need of You, our people are in need of You, our industry and business is in need of You, our leaders are in need of You.

May we look only to You this Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit; breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.

May justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never-failing stream, until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit; one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.

Community Festival ~ September 12, 2026

Festival Bible Verse:

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:24-25, NIV

Preparations are underway for our upcoming Community Festival. We are all looking forward to another great Saturday filled with delicious food, inspirational entertainment, lots of great vendors, helpful volunteers, and wonderful fellowship!

We already have some vendors registered, with a variety of items for sale. Roberta Lasley is our Vendor Coordinator, so contact her if you have any questions or know of possible vendors.

We are working on filling volunteer slots, so please contact Tim Lasley, Jimmy Holder or Roberta Lasley if you are able to help. We will need help for set-up, breakfast, lunch, Country Store, Bakery, Tractor Pull, frozen baked goods, vendor assistance, and clean-up. We will also hold a Chicken Pie Workshop this summer to fill our freezers for Festival Day. There are lots of ways to volunteer before, during, and after this very special day.

Our Festival planning meetings will begin soon and the dates will be published. Anyone who would like to help with planning is welcome!

~ The Festival Committee

Tim & Roberta Lasley, Jimmy Holder

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us recall St. Paul's words to the Galatians:

“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters.

But do not use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature.

Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.”

Galatians 5:13 (NLT)

Blood Drive

Wednesday, July 1, 1:30-5:30pm

Make plans to come out to Brookstown and give the gift of life by donating much-needed blood to the Red Cross! You can make an appointment by calling Tim Lasley at 336-817-4593, or sign up online:

www.redcrossblood.org

Use Sponsor Code: Brookstown

Tim has to leave early that day and needs someone to take his place as the check-in person. Please let him know if you can help him out with this.

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,

for amber waves of grain,

For purple mountain majesties

above the fruited plain!

America! America!

God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good

with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea!

~ Katharine Lee Bates

A Charitable Thought

Buy bags of pet food for a shelter instead of fireworks.

Make a difference instead of a noise.





Happy 4th of July



*The God Who gave us life,
gave us liberty at the
same moment.
~ Thomas Jefferson*



*I have been driven to my
knees many times because
there is no place else to go.
~ Abraham Lincoln*



Patriotic Parfait

On the 4th of July, make this healthy, festive dessert to share with family and friends.

What you need:

- Clear glasses or plastic cups
- Spoons
- Vanilla yogurt
- Cut strawberries
- Fresh blueberries
- Whipped cream, red and blue sprinkles, and white sparkling sugar sprinkles or coconut (for red, white and blue topping).

What to do:

1. Place a couple spoonfuls of yogurt in the bottom of each cup.
2. Add strawberries to cover the yogurt.
3. Add more yogurt over the strawberries.
4. Add a layer of blueberries.
5. Repeat layers until you reach the top of the cup.
6. Top with whipped cream
7. Sprinkle with red, white and blue toppings.
8. Celebrate and enjoy!



Puzzle!

Freedom in Christ

This Independence Day, remember that our true freedom comes from faith in Jesus.



Directions: In each set of letters, determine the pattern. Then write the letter that completes the pattern. To reveal Galatians 5:1 (NIV).

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

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G	R	K	U	D	Q	P
H	S	J	T	E	P	Q

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H	P	C	G	B	M	O	R	J	C	V
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Q	C	R	S	U	D	P	G	C
R	D	S	T	T	E	Q	F	D

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Answer: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.



July



Anniversaries

Wayne & Lydia Burton 3
 Jack & Christine Huntsman 20
 Leon & Sandy Tysinger 26



If your birthday or anniversary
 needs to be added, please
 let me know by email
 or call the church office.
 ~ Lavonda



Flowers for Worship Services

July 26 – Randy & April Hager
 All other Sundays in July
 are open.



*Jesus said to the people
 who believed in Him,
 “You are truly My disciples if you
 remain faithful to My teachings.
 And you will know the truth,
 and the truth will set you free.”
 John 8:31-32 (NLT)*



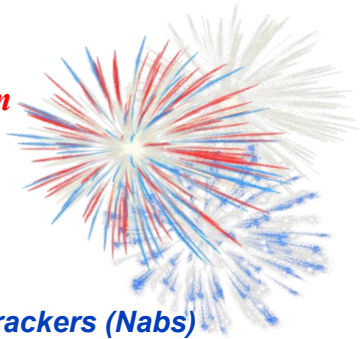
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Crisis Control Gifts of the Month Salad Dressing, BBQ, Hot Sauce

For Kids: Snack Packs of Cheese & Peanut Butter Crackers (Nabs)
 There are containers at the church entrances for donations.
 Please help fill them for those who are in need.



Birthdays

Jeannie Bannister 1
 Maggie Nye 2
 Alex Nye 2
 Anita Clifton 3
 Sam Warlow 5
 Karan Greenwood 7
 Darlene Burton 8
 Gina Reed 10
 Gloria Yates 12
 Linda Thomson 13
 Sam Nye 13
 Katie Nye 13
 Janice Doub Berger 14
 Tim Lasley 16
 Bradford Bailiff 17
 Paul Lasley 19
 Kimberly Lewis 19
 Jim Downey 22
 Jackson Hayes 24
 Mark Davis 24
 Josh Powers 25
 Josh Douglas 26
 Candy Plummer 27
 Geraldine Huff 31

*“We’re blessed with the
 opportunity to stand for something
 – for liberty and freedom and
 fairness.” ~ Ronald Reagan*



*“In the truest sense, freedom
 cannot be bestowed;
 it must be achieved.”
 ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt*

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July Schedule of Events at Brookstown UMC

<i>July 1</i>	<i>Red Cross Blood Drive, 1:30-5:30pm</i>
<i>July 4</i>	<i>Red, White & Blue Breakfast, 8-10:30am</i>
<i>July 15</i>	<i>United Women in Faith Meeting, 6pm</i>
<i>Tuesdays</i>	<i>Tai Chi Class, Fellowship Hall, 6:30pm</i>
<i>Wednesdays</i>	<i>Choir Practice, 7pm</i>
<i>Monday – Friday</i>	<i>Brookstown Summer Care, 7am-6pm</i>

Worship Opportunities

<i>Sundays, 8:30am</i>	<i>SonRise Worship Service & Breakfast, Fellowship Hall</i>
<i>Sundays, 10:00am</i>	<i>Informal Worship Service & Breakfast, Fellowship Hall</i>
	<i>Adult Sunday School in the Ola Apperson Room</i>
<i>Sundays, 11:00am</i>	<i>Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary</i>
	<i>Children & Youth Sunday School, Upstairs Classrooms</i>