

The Weekly Update

August 7, 2026



SUMMER SERIES

Sun, Soil & Soul:

A Summer of Growing in Faith!

August 16: Sow & Go!

We are called to share faith and spread hope. Celebrate the end of summer with great food, bluegrass music, and the Great Commission. Then roll up your sleeves as we serve others through Operation Sandwich, putting our faith into action.

Pastor Matt will be smoking BBQ and we will have music by the Charlotte Bluegrass Allstars!

**RSVP USING
THE LINK
BELOW!**



LOVE WHERE GOD HAS PLANTED US: ROADSIDE CLEANUP

At Cross & Crown, we always say, "Welcome Home." But being at home also means caring for the place God has called us to serve. One simple way we can show Christ's love to our neighbors is by helping keep our community clean and beautiful.

Join us for our next Roadside Cleanup on **Saturday, September 12**. We'll gather at the church at 8:45 a.m. for a brief safety review before beginning cleanup at 9:00 a.m. Most teams finish in about two hours, but the difference. No experience is needed, and volunteers ages 12 and older are welcome. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve alongside fellow members, meet new people, and be a visible reminder that Cross & Crown cares about our community. Use the sign-up link below or contact Jason Watts @ jswatts72@gmail.com for more information. Together, let's care for our community and help everyone feel a little more at home!

Backpack Blessing – August 23rd

Ready, set, learn! Join us on Sunday, August 24, for our annual Backpack Blessing. Bring your backpack, book bag, laptop bag, or teacher tote as we pray for an exciting, safe, and successful school year. Whether you're heading to preschool, college, or the classroom as a teacher or staff member, we'd love to send you off with God's blessing and the encouragement of your church family. Let's start the school year knowing God goes with us every step of the way!



Ladies Lunch Bunch August 10

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet at Jekyll & Hyde in Matthews at 12:30 pm. on Monday, August 10. All women are welcome! RSVP to Kathy Shepler (kathylovespete@gmail.com).

Worship at The Dwelling- August 30

Join Pastor Matt on Sunday, August 30, as we travel to The Dwelling for a meaningful worship experience. The Dwelling is a unique faith community where everyone is welcomed and valued, and it's a wonderful opportunity to worship alongside our neighbors in Christ. If you'd like to attend, we'd love to have you join us! Simply sign up using the link below and indicate there if you'd like to carpool or if you're willing to drive. Come experience a different expression of worship and see firsthand the ministry we've supported through our mission partnerships.



CAROWINDS!

Join us for a day of fun at Carowinds on Saturday, August 29! All youth and their families are invited to come along for an awesome day of rides, laughter, and fellowship. Important: Children in 5th grade and younger must have a parent or guardian attend and supervise them throughout the day.

We hope you'll join us for a fantastic day together!

Schedule:

- Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m.
- Return around 4:30 p.m.

What Do You Need to Bring:

- Admission (unless you have a season pass)
- Money for lunch & food

Need a ticket? No problem! We can purchase discounted tickets through one of our season pass holders!



YOUTH WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES BEGIN THIS FALL

As we begin a new school year, we're excited to offer more opportunities for our older elementary, middle, and high school students to serve during the 10:15 am worship service. Our hope is that every student will discover a meaningful way to use their gifts and become more connected to the life of our church.

4th & 5th Grade Students are invited to serve as junior helpers alongside older students in roles such as acolyte, tech team, greeter, usher, nursery assistant, and C&C Kids assistant. This is a great way to build confidence while transitioning from C&C Kids into worship leadership.

Middle & High School Students can serve on the tech team, as assisting ministers, greeters, ushers, nursery assistants, C&C Kids assistants, or with the worship band (see Pastor Matt). Students will now be scheduled regularly rather than only serving as substitutes.

Training will be provided for all ministry roles. If your child is interested in serving this fall, please let Pastor Melody or LeAnne know as soon as possible. LeAnne will coordinate schedules and share additional details.

Books of Faith Adult Sunday School

Looking for a meaningful way to grow in your faith? Beginning in August, the Books of Faith Adult Sunday School Class will begin a study of the book of Proverbs—a timeless collection of God's wisdom for everyday living. Together, we'll explore practical insights for navigating life's decisions, relationships, and challenges with faith and discernment.

The class meets each Sunday at 9:15 a.m., following the early worship service. Whether you've been attending for years or are looking for a place to connect for the first time, you're warmly invited to join us!

FREE ALZHEIMER'S & GERIATRIC CARE SEMINAR

Do you have a family member, friend, or neighbor who is caring for someone with Alzheimer's disease or another age-related illness? Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care is offering a free educational seminar designed to provide practical information, guidance, and support for caregivers. This one-hour seminar will feature a geriatric physician who will share valuable information about Alzheimer's disease and other conditions affecting older adults. The evening includes 30 minutes of educational information & 30 minutes of questions and answers. Whether you are a caregiver, have a loved one living with dementia, or simply want to learn more, this seminar is an excellent opportunity to receive trusted information, ask questions, and discover resources that can help reduce the stress and challenges of caregiving.

This event is free, but reservations are requested by August 11.

To RSVP, call 704-576-4754 or email Nate@blessedadultcare.org.

PRAYER list

MEMBERS:

JEANETTE ABBOTT
CARRIE BOAN
JENNY BOOTH
JIM BURNS
BECKY CARTER
DENNIS DOWNEY
LINDA FARIES

HAROLD HEIDEGGER
KATHI & FRANK MACARINE
GREG & KELLY RICHARDSON
JOE & CRISS UCMAN
JD WINFREY

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Kenneth Ackerman, Larry Pool's brother-in-law
Kristi Alary, Julie Moffat's sister
Sidney Ames, Susan Arcuri's sister
Scott Anderson, friend of the Ucmans
John Bailey, Russ Bailey's father
Andrew Bernauer, son of Wayne & Rosemary Bernauer
Larry Black, Roger Black's brother
Jim Carty, Suzy Wlezniak's brother
Joann Church, Behzad Vaqar's mother
Drude Corbet, Angelina Corbet's brother
Rick, Debbie & Jason Eldridge, friends of Vivian Farland
Reid Evans, friend of Barbara Maillet
Brad Faries, Barry & Linda Faries' son
Owen Farr, Julie Wright's grandson
Dorothy Henke, Lisa Roth's mother
Jim Kozlinski, Cathy Kozlinski's husband
Mark & Ellen Kramm, friends of Jill Jurgensen
Helen Laatz, sister-in-law of Leslie Laatz
Randy LaMere, Jennifer LaMere's father
John Lawler, Cathy Rudolph's father
Madsen family, friends of Joe & Criss Ucmman
Marylou, friend of Annette Downey
Jeanne Maylor, Denise Bratschie's friend
Ted Meiss, Christine Meiss' husband
Karen Mulford, Christine Meiss' sister
Alice Louise (Lou) Miller, Criss Ucmman's cousin
Kimberly Bell O'Day, friend of Claudia Eybl
Fred Olafson, friend of the congregation
Brian Orton
Nga Pace, Yen Forsblom's sister
Jonathan Pierce, Debra Cox's brother
Olivia Reardon, daughter of Barry & Linda Faries' friends
Michel Roberge, Jason Roberge's father
Ray Sipe, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmman
Sameer Saproo, Teri Strom's nephew-in-law
Nancy Scholhammer, friend of Susan Arcuri
Mindy Sopher, friend of David & Debra Cox
Joanne Varum, friend of Joe & Criss Ucmman
Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

Coming up this week...

Monday, August 10: 12:30 pm- Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, August 11: 9:30 am- Squares of Love Quilting
12 pm- Staff Meeting
Wednesday, August 5: 1 pm- Mahjong
Thursday, August 6: 7 pm- Miriam Circle

Happy Birthday

Teddy Roach **AUG 8**
David Cox **AUG 9**
Pat DeJuneas **AUG 9**
Jack Taylor **AUG 11**
Emily Phillips **AUG 11**

If we have missed your birthday, PLEASE email LeAnne @ office@crossandcrown.org so we can add your birthday to our list.

Changed Choices Reentry Simulation

Changed Choices is partnering with the NC Department of Corrections to host a Re-Entry Simulation. This interactive simulation should be of interest to anyone who would like to learn more about the challenges confronting those returning to society following incarceration. If interested in carpooling or going as a group, please contact Cathy Kozlinski. Scan the QR Code to register.

Thursday, August 20th from 1-3 pm at Steele Creek Church



SCAN TO RSVP!

Or use the link below!



Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Yard Sale! And thanks to everyone who volunteered at the Yard Sale, especially our awesome youth! We appreciate you all! -Miriam Circle

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY – AUGUST 23

Join us on Sunday, August 23, as we celebrate Confirmation Sunday! During the 10:15 am worship service, our confirmation students will affirm the promises made at their Baptism and publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ. This is a significant milestone in their faith journey, and we invite our entire church family to surround these young people with your prayers, encouragement, and support as they take this important step. We hope you'll be with us as we celebrate God's faithfulness and the work He continues to do in their lives.