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City Road United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Online giving is available through our Give Plus app.

----- Online access information is available on our website -----

SUNDAY WORSHIP at 11:00 a.m. in person and on our YouTube

Prayer Chain Requests: Please call one of the people listed below if you have an immediate prayer need.

Tim Nicholson: (919-576-9775)

Dawn Baker: (252-455-2639)



The City Road UMC Cross and Flame



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August/September 2026

Hello, friends, and greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Missy and I want to thank you for your wonderful hospitality and warm welcome you have given us. The love you have shown us has made this transition so much easier, especially in the wake of Missy's dad's passing in the middle of our move. You truly exhibit the love Christ has called his disciples to show one another.

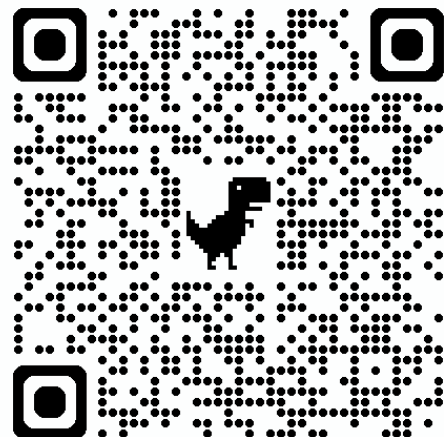
As I begin to settle into this new life as your pastor (and life as a pastor in general), I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for us at City Road. I have a lot of ideas that I will share with you over time, but for now, I want to take the time to get to know everyone better. To that end, I will be starting home visits with our shut-ins in the coming weeks, and I will be offering Time with Tim, an opportunity for us to meet one-on-one and visit for a bit. We can sit in my office, at your home, in a coffee shop, or anywhere that is convenient for you. Watch for a sign-up form soon!

Bible studies are another of my agenda items, but instead of me picking the topic, I would like to know what topics interest you. Is there a particular book of the Bible you would like to study? Would you like to learn more about a topic in the Bible or a spiritual discipline to help you grow as a disciple of Christ? There is a QR code below that you can scan with your phone, which will take you to a survey I created. Please take a moment to fill out the form so I can focus on the things you're interested in learning.

Those are just a couple of the things I would like to start working on, but I have other ideas I will be discussing with our leadership team in the coming months. In the meantime, if there is anything you would like to talk to me about, feel free to drop me an email or leave a message at the church office. I am generally in the office Wednesdays and Thursdays, but I can be available most any time except Fridays, which is when I take my sabbath.

Grace and peace to you all!

Pastor Tim



Scan this QR code for the Bible Study survey.

Cheryl Davis Scholarship Award 2026

It is with immense pleasure that the Cheryl Davis Scholarship committee announces Stephanie Thomas as the 2026 scholarship recipient. Stephanie met three of the candidate application requirements. She was a first-time applicant, post college/career change applicant, and had no affiliation with City Road, which meant she had to have a City Road member's sponsorship. Dawn Baker sponsored Stephanie. Dawn described Stephanie as having a remarkable character defined by compassion, dedication, and integrity, all perfectly fitting Cheryl's legacy. Her second recommendation letter writer echoed those same qualities as she described her association with Stephanie.

While Stephanie said she always had in her mind a nursing career goal, she acknowledged that life took her in a different direction that even better prepared her to pursue her vision. Stephanie feels she gained essential nursing qualities in her life experience roles as a wife, mother, and her experience as a CNA. And while fulfilling those roles, she was able to meet the basic requirements which led her to being accepted in the College of The Albemarle nursing program. We extend to Stephanie our wholehearted congratulations and best wishes as she embarks on her new career journey in August.

Submitted by Mary Humphries, Committee Chair
Jo Ann Herring and A. H. Davis, Committee members

Backpack Blessing & Special Offering

A blessing of the backpack service will be held on August 23rd, If you are a student or school employee, please bring your backpack, lunch box, computer or anything you might need use during your time at school. The congregation is invited to stay afterwards for a pizza and salad lunch. We want to shower you with blessings and love for the upcoming school year. Please plan to attend.

On August 23rd, there will also be an Annual Day of Giving/Love Offering for the Pasquotank Minister's Council for Education. This offering will be used to help with children's needs, scholarships, emergencies and PMCE signage.

City Road Helping Hands

The City Road Helping Hands ladies meet the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm in Edwards Hall. We would love to have you join us.

Each meeting begins with an inspirational devotional presented by Cecilia Koch, followed by a program led by Marvinna Mann. Marvinna is currently leading a study on the "Women of the Bible". So far, we have learned interesting facts about Mary Magdalene, Bathsheba, Abishag, and Athaliah.

During the business portion of our meetings we discuss ways to serve our local community and support our church. We have made several memorial donations to City Road's building fund and have also contributed to Camp Cale. Recently Judy Hughes and Cecilia Koch visited the girls at Just Girls delivering supplies that our group donated for their summer program.



We are currently collecting school supplies for Elizabeth City Middle School and Northside Elementary. We sincerely appreciate your support with this project. A collection bin is located by the ramp entrance to the Sanctuary for your donations. A list of needed supplies is included in this newsletter.

We invite you to join us as we grow in faith, fellowship, and service to others!

Submitted by Betty Jo Raby

Northside Elementary School School Supplies Needed	
●	Glue Sticks & Bottle Glue
	No. 2 Pencils
	Pack of Crayola Crayons(24) & Colored Pencils
	Composition Notebooks & Spiral Notebooks
	Dry Erase Markers (thin) perfer Black
	Headphones (not earbuds)
	Box of Tissues
	Index Cards
	Ziploc Bags (Sandwich, Quart or Gallon)
●	Pencil Box/pouch (hard or soft)
	Scissors
	Sanitizer Wipes or hand sanitizer bottle
	Pack of Erasers
	Pastic Folders & 3-prong Folders
	1 inch 3-ring blinders with front clear pocket
	Clorox Wipes
	Yellow Highlighters
	Loose Leaf Paper
	Sticky Notes & Notebook Tabs
●	Tote Bag (can be purchased from the dollar store)

Elizabeth City Middle School School Supplies Needed	
●	3 inch 3-ring Binder
	Loose Leaf Paper (college rule)
	1 pack 8 tab dividers
	5 subject Notebooks
	spiral 1 subject notebooks
	1Pencil pouch
	No. 2 pencils
	Pens (black or blue ink)
	pack of highlighters
●	Headphones or Earbuds with cord
	Colored pencils
	Dry Erase Markers
	Tissues
	Markers
	Hand Sanitizer
	Sticky Notes
	Yellow Highlighters
●	

Thank you Notes

Dear City Road,

Thank you for the delicious sandwich tray. Meaningful gifts such as yours remind us of the caring people who were such an important part of Mama's life. Your thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time are greatly appreciated. We are so blessed by extended family and have been into our lives and times like this remind us just how important those bonds are. Your kindness, support and generosity mean so much to our family and have brought us great comfort during this time.

With heartfelt thanks,

The Bray Family

Dear City Road Church family,

Thank you so much for your outreach of love and support during my recent surgery. Your kindness has meant so much and has made my recovery a lot easier. All of the calls, cards, messages and food have been greatly appreciated.

With love,

Jo Ann Herring

The Family of Jill B. Koch acknowledges with grateful appreciation and kin expression of sympathy. - Richard Koch & Family

Dear City Road Family,

We are so grateful for the many prayers, calls, kind words, and loving support, following the death of our mother.

We really appreciate our City Road family. Ya'll are a wonderful bunch.

God Bless you all,

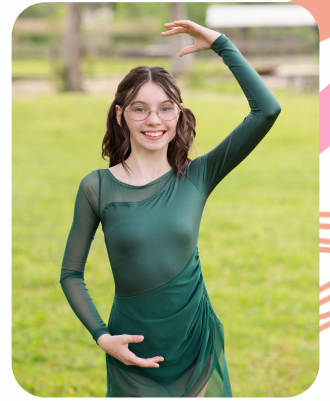
Keith and Marilyn Boyce

Welcome Luncheon for Tim & Missy



SCHOOL NEWS 2025-2026

Josie Baker - Josie continues in her homeschool curriculum and participates in the Albemarle Homeschool Support League's field trips and TEC (Tuesday Enrichment Classes). She recently took her yearly standardized test and received exceptional scores. She continues to dance at the Dance Company of Hertford and has recently started participating in plays through All About Improv.



Charlotte Baker - Charlotte continues in her homeschool curriculum and participates in the Albemarle Homeschool Support League's field trips and TEC (Tuesday Enrichment Classes). She recently took her first standardized test and received above-grade-level scores. She continues to participate in dance at the Dance Company of Hertford.

Kaitlyn Frazier- Completed 9th Grade, Camden County High School, A/B Honor Roll for the year, JV Volleyball Team, Varsity Soccer Team, HOSA-Future Health Care Professionals-HS Club- 3rd in Regionals for Physical Therapy, Classic Dance+Competition Team, ODSC Club Soccer, ARVC Club Volleyball

Pierce Frazier - Completed 6th Grade, Camden County Middle School, A Honor Roll for the year, Received 5s on both End of Grade tests, CMS Soccer Team, CMS Basketball Manager, CMS Track Team- received Rising Star Award, ODSC Club Soccer, Camden Hurricanes AAU Basketball

Audrey Lee - finished up 5th grade this year, and we are so extremely proud of her. She received A/B honor roll for the entire 26/26 school year. The President's Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement. The I-Ready Superstar Award (math). The Social Studies Academic Achievement Award. The "Dolphin Award" which is given to a student who is clever, friendly, and always a team player. And last, but certainly not least, Audrey received the citizenship award, which we are most proud of! Audrey also finished her 7th year in dance this year and learned that she likes volleyball too! She will be going to Camp Cale again this summer for a week in July, and then a volleyball camp and an art camp after that! She will begin middle school in August, and we are all really excited about this new chapter.



SCHOOL NEWS 2025-2026

Gracie Chesson daughter of Mary Beth & Timmy Chesson was on the Dean's List at NC STATE UNIVERSITY both semesters. She was also a member of the marching and symphonic bands at the university. Gracie will begin her final semester at NC State in the fall.

Aliyah Lee, granddaughter of Mary Beth & Timmy Chesson, received the SAT (SUPERINTENDENTS ACADEMIC TEAM) award. She was on the volleyball team and was the manager of the softball team at ECMS.

Kashyn Lee, grandson of Mary Beth & Timmy Chesson, graduated from Pre-K and received Most Improved and also the Octopus Award for always giving a helping hand. He played T-ball for EC Parks & Rec.

Grandsons of Lewis and Judy Hughes

Jackson Hughes graduated from kindergarten at North Topsail Elementary

Gentry Hughes completed pre-school at Scotts Hill Baptist Church

Christian Jones graduated from North Brunswick High School

Mason Mims graduated from North Brunswick High School as an Honor Graduate and Summa Cum Laude.

Granddaughter of Lewis and Judy Hughes

Makayla Mims graduated from Cape Fear Community College as a Veterinary Medical Technician

YAY

AWESOME

WAY TO GO

Father's Day Golden Cross:

In honor of:

Stephen Koch

James McLamb.....Cecilia Koch

K.C Beavers

Matthew Goldburg

Joe Robertson.....Muriel Bright

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In Memory of:

Charles R. Koch Sr.

Cecil C. Gibbs Sr.....Cecilia Koch

Cary Bright Sr.

Cary (Chip) Bright Jr.....Muriel Bright

Donald L. Ray.....Charlie & Donna Ray

Leroy Copeland.....Melvin & Betty Jo Raby

R.L. "Bob" Pippen Sr.

Charles N. Jones Jr.....Robert & Charlene Pippen



June 7th - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Charlotte Baker's 8th Birthday, given by her family.

June 14th - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pastor Josh, his family, and the dedication he has put into City Road UMC the past two years.

July 5th - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in Honor of Josie Baker's 12th Birthday, given by her family.

July 12th - Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

Prayer List:

Betty Dowdy, Judy Venters, Lea Robinson, Cecilia Koch, Curtis Brickhouse, Mike Stokely, Susan Pritchard, Bill & Paula Webb, Alicia Perry, Pearl Spear, Mary Lou Croft, Jim Bridges, Ronnie Pippen, Howard Flowers, Meiggs Family, Lucy Sawyer, Dora White, Douglas Ivy, Joe Peel, Barbara Jackson, Carl Gray, Keith Boyce & Family, Vince Saunders, Johnny Layden



Are you looking for a meaningful way to participate in our worship service? Pastor Tim is inviting members of the congregation to occasionally read the Psalms during worship. If you would like to serve in this way, we'd love to have you participate. Please let Pastor Tim know if you're interested in becoming a reader.

We received a Community Award from the Girl Scouts. If you would like to take a look at the award, it is on the communications board.



August Birthdays

4 - Mariah Mims

10 - Janet Demetres

11 - Lyle Strathearn, Jeff Morey

13 - Barbara Sawyer, Charlene Pippen,
R.C. Pippen

14 - Reba Betts

16 - Leslie Otts

18 - Carol Saunders, Kursten Sawyer

21 - Mary Louise Croft, John Rhodes

23 - Noah White

24 - Brooklyn Boyce

25 - Xander Sawyer, Jimmy Strickland

31 - Becky Owens, Robert Davis

September Birthdays

1 - Dave Lange

2 - Michelle Strickland, Alexis Boyce,
Kaitlyn Frazier

3 - Janet Pittman

4 - Doug Lange

8 - Donald Sawyer

9 - Richard Seymour, Donna Ray

11 - Steve Koch

12 - Linda Lehmann, Jeff White

14: Missy Nicholson

16 - Cecilia Koch

18 - Bobby Luton

24 - Wren Sawyer

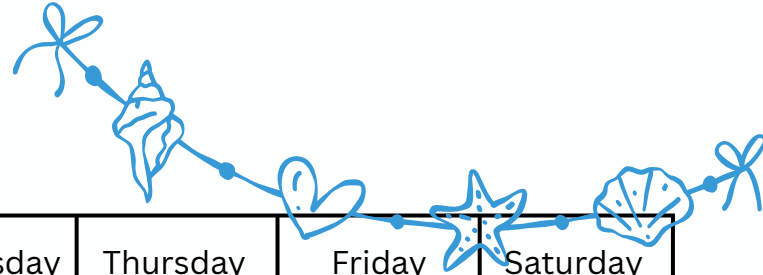
25 - Debbie White

26 - Jim Bridges

27 - Kaye Bean

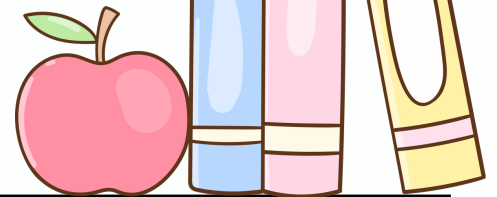
28 - Renee Jones

August



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Girl Scouts	3	4	5	6 Blood Drive 11:00 - 3:00 Food Bank Volunteering 2:00 - 4:00	7	8
9 Board Meeting after worship service	10	11	12 City Road Helping Hands 1:00pm	13	14	15 Men's Breakfast 7:30 am
16 Girl Scouts	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Blessing of the backpack & luncheon	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

September



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