

The Weekly Update

August 14, 2026

A Little Construction, A Lot of Improvement!

Starting **Monday, August 24**, we'll begin renovations on our bathrooms! The project is expected to take about one week, so during that time, please use the bathrooms located in the MPS.

Also on **August 24**, the Fellowship Hall windows will be replaced. We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we make these improvements to our church home. Thanks for helping us navigate a little construction dust as we continue caring for the place we all call home!



SUMMER SERIES

**Sun, Soil & Soul:
A Summer of Growing in Faith!**

THIS SUNDAY: 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!

**LET US KNOW
YOU ARE
COMING!**

Hey Kids! Welcome to Worship!

Families with children ages 3 through 3rd grade are invited to Welcome to Worship on Sunday, September 13, immediately following the 10:15 am service.

This fun, 30-minute experience will help children and parents feel more comfortable and confident worshipping together at Cross & Crown. Parents will meet with Pastor Melody in the Common Room to talk about children in worship and how we can help them grow in faith. Children will meet with our C&C Kids Leaders in the Fellowship Hall to learn about C&C Kids this fall. Then, we'll head into the sanctuary together to explore the different parts of worship and learn why we do what we do each Sunday. We'll have snacks (allergy friendly snacks, too!)

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!



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.



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.

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!

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!



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 Wleznjak'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 Ucmans
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 Ucmans' 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 Ucmans
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 Ucmans
Haley White, Barbara Maillet's granddaughter
Lucas White, Barbara Maillet's grandson

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.

Happy Birthday

Harold Heidegger	AUG 14
Kim Kirk	AUG 15
Allison Goode	AUG 16
Larry Pool	AUG 17
Preston Tiller	AUG 17
Debra Cox	AUG 18

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

KEEPING OUR PRAYER LIST CURRENT (Beginning Sept. 4)

Thank you for sharing your prayer concerns with our church family. It is a privilege to pray for one another and to walk alongside each other in every season of life.

To help keep our weekly prayer list current and meaningful, we are making a few updates. Going forward, most prayer requests will remain on the published list for approximately four weeks, with some exceptions for longer-term needs. Prayer requests will be reviewed periodically, and longer-term situations can be renewed as needed.

General Guidelines

- **Health concerns: approximately 4 weeks**
- **Hospitalizations or emergencies: approximately 2 weeks**
- **Chronic or long-term illness: up to 3 months, with renewal as needed**
- **Military deployment or hospice care: remain on the list until updated**

If someone you have asked us to pray for is currently on the list and still needs ongoing prayer, you do not need to do anything right now. If a request needs to remain longer than the suggested time, or if there is an update or answered prayer, please contact the church office so we can adjust the list accordingly.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue praying with and for one another, and we thank you for helping us keep our prayer list current and meaningful.

Coming up this week...

Tuesday, August 18: 12 pm- Staff Meeting
7 pm- Finance Committee Mtg.
Wednesday, August 19: 1 pm- Mahjong
6:30 pm- Executive Committee Mtg.