



# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Jim Henry; Dave Fleury; Journey Manis (Barbara Kirby's daughter-in-law's niece); Carolyn Hickerson; Bill Dowell; Doug Ford; Jack Barker; Bob Sauser & family; Skip Brannen; Janice Hayes (friend of Beth Harris); Jim & Barbara Northcut; Caroline Moore; Catherine Shutters; Dennis Daniel (Uncle of Angie Cass); Missy McKenna; Amanda Mealer-McArtor & Sophie McArtor; Steven Lyle; Cheryl Bingham; Bill Allen; Mai "Mike" Nary; Angelita Sedigo; Shawn Baldwin; Scottie, Jake & Jack Summerlin; Dewayne & Sue Renfro; Lyndsay Wells (Bill Allen's Step-Sister); Rona Gary; Chuck Martin; Mary Gifford (Mary Davis' sister-in-law); Paul Shoun; Gary Wilkes; Jill McPhail DeVore (Kate Gilliland's mother); Erick Griggs; Daniel Tomanelli; Gary Goforth; Nick Dobbs; Howard VanZant; Judy Fitzgerald; Edward Everett (Gayle Mingledorff's cousin) John Black (Barbara Voss's brother); Leroy Lewis (Bob Lewis' brother).

Contact the church office to add or remove someone on the prayer list, 267-4506.



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, July 29

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 1
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 1
- 12:15pm **CRITI meal delivery:**



This month's menu - Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Rolls, BBQ Sauce, Watermelon.

If you can help by providing one of these foods, see the sign up sheet outside the Sanctuary or call the church office at 267-4506.

### Monday, July 30

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting; Conference Room
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, July 31

- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, August 1

No Scheduled Activities

### Thursday, August 2

- 7:00 am Men's Group; Bluegrass Grill

### Friday, August 3

- 3:00 pm Community Kitchen Volunteering
- 7:30 pm NA Meeting; Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, August 4

No Scheduled Activities

### Sunday, August 5

- 9:30 am Door Greeters; Covenant Group 2 (Shoun)
- 9:30 am Christian Education for all ages
- 10:30 am Coffee & Conversation; Crane Lounge
- 11:00 am Worship; Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Sanctuary Clean Up; Covenant Group 2

## FROM THE TABLE:

*When the sun hangs low in the west  
And the light in my chest  
Won't be kept held at bay any longer  
When the jealousy fades away  
And it's ash and dust for cash and lust  
And it's just hallelujah  
And love in thoughts and love in the words  
Love in the songs they sing in the church  
And no hard feelings*

–The Avett Brothers, “No Hard Feelings”

Lisa and I have a couple of fun things planned for this fall. One of those things is attending the Moon River Music Festival here in Chattanooga, which will be headlined by one of my favorite songwriting bands, the Avett Brothers. The lyrics above are some of my favorites, as they serve as a great meditation on mortality and what we, in the Christian tradition, might refer to as abundant life.

Jesus' ministry was, at its core, about inviting people to participate in the Kingdom (or Reign) of God (In Greek, the Basileia tou Theou), which was both a sense of lived, present-tense community and a hope for an ultimate future where all things were reconciled, and as the Avetts sing, It's just hallelujah, just love, and all the stuff that keeps us wedded to hurt, anger, prejudice, and jealousy just fades away.

For Jesus, The Kingdom of God could be glimpsed in the here-and-now, even if its ultimate fulfillment is only “at hand,” as the Gospels suggest.

This week's scripture comes from the Gospel of John, and in our sermon series on “Healing, Health, and Wholeness,” offers us a glimpse

of abundant life in the form of a meal. The Kingdom of God comes a little nearer when people join Jesus for this meal. It's absolutely miraculous.

But does that mean it can't happen for us? Do we ever have meals that give us a glimpse into God's Kingdom?

If you've ever wondered, why not come and see?

*Grateful to be in ministry with you,,  
Rev. Brandon*



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS!

*Back to  
School  
Time!*

On Sunday, August 12th, we will spend time in worship celebrating the beginning of the school year and offering a special blessing to all of our students, educators (currently teaching or retired), and all of those who support our children throughout the academic year. Whether this will be your first day of school or if it's been 30 years since retirement, you are welcome to bring your backpack for a special blessing on August 12th.





## JULY

- 29 Heather Droke, Sanford Sharp
- 30 Jack Grisham
- 31 Jim Northcut

## AUGUST

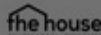
- 1 Leah Summerlin
- 2 Wanda Jones
- 3 Brandon Hubbard-Heitz
- 4 Abi Adkins, Delores Kenyon
- 5 Bill Rich
- 10 Iola Fulgham
- 15 Jim Davis, Jan Webster
- 16 Rusty Russell
- 18 Matthew King
- 23 Shawn Fulgham
- 25 Gail Dobbs, Gail Holcombe

## CORE GROUP LEADERS NEEDED

THE HOUSE NEEDS LOCAL CHURCH MEMBERS IN OUR CITY TO SHARE THEIR LIFE AND FAITH WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS AS A CORE GROUP LEADER. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A THEOLOGIAN OR TRAINED COUNSELOR - WE'LL TAKE CARE OF ANY SPECIFIC TRAINING! YOU SIMPLY NEED TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS AND BE WILLING TO LOVE COLLEGE STUDENTS. THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY FOR LOCAL CHURCHES TO IMPACT YOUNG ADULTS AND CONNECT THEIR CHURCH COMMUNITY WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS IN CHATTANOOGA.

CORE GROUP LEADERS GUIDE 4-6 STUDENTS OF THE SAME GRADE AND SEX WHO MEET WEEKLY TO STUDY THE SCRIPTURES, PRAY, AND SHARE LIFE WITH ONE ANOTHER FOR AN ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR. AND THIS SCHOOL YEAR, LIKE LAST YEAR, WE ANTICIPATE 200 STUDENTS SIGNING UP FOR CORE GROUPS.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT LEADING A CORE GROUP PLEASE CONTACT KIRSTEN HYDE  
KIRSTENRHYDE@GMAIL.COM



650 McCallie Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN 37403