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Walk Humbly, Part Four • June 22, 2025

Ecclesiastes 5:1-6 • James 3:1-12
“Speak Less, Listen More”

The Introverts have it right: speak when needed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

CEL=Celebration Hymnal

GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

CHORAL INTROIT

"We've Gathered Here Today" by Noah Melton

PRELUDE

"He Leadeth Me"

arr. John Purifoy

OPENING SENTENCE

Ecclesiastes 5:2 (CEB)

Don't be quick with your mouth or say anything hastily before God, because God is in heaven, but you are on earth. Therefore, let your words be few.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG OF GATHERING

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" GTG #728

**Somebody's knocking at your door.
Somebody's knocking at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knocking at your door.**

**Knocks like Jesus. Somebody's
knocking at your door.**

**Knocks like Jesus. Somebody's
knocking at your door.**

O Sinner, why don't you answer?

Somebody's knocking at your door.

CALL TO WORSHIP

WHAT can God expect to hear from us?

**We're invited to pray for
anything**

WHEN can God expect to hear from us?

We're invited to pray anytime

What can we expect to hear from God?

God has called us to a life of love

When can we expect to hear from God?

**God has promised to be with us
always**

What can the world expect from us?

SING

"Blessed Be the Name"

CEL #52

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

Compassionate God, please: forgive us for leaving you out too often. We leave you out of our conversations. We leave you out of our decisions. We leave you out of our accusations. We leave you out of our attempts to blame. WE leave you out of our

internal dialogue and messages. We leave you out of our perspectives. We leave you out of so much, and yet you still make yourself available to us. You still choose to live, to die, and to rise, all so that we might not be left out of your grace. May we come to reflect your generosity as enthusiastically as we receive it. Thank you for listening, God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that we have this power:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

SING

"Gloria Patri"

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning.
It is now and ever shall be
world without end: Amen, amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Word of God doesn't just inform: it reveals. The Word of God doesn't just tell us the truth, it empowers us to live our true path. The Word of God, by God's own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let us be open to this gift of God and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...

PRAY/SING

"Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken"

GTG #455

**Listen to the word that God has
spoken;**

**Listen to the One who is close at
hand;**

**Listen to the voice that began
creation;**

**Listen even if you don't
understand. (2X)**

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

READ: Ecclesiastes 5:1-6 (CEB)

Listen and speak carefully.

¹ Watch your steps when you go to God's house. It's more acceptable to listen than to offer the fools' sacrifice—they have no idea

that they're acting wrongly.² Don't be quick with your mouth or say anything hastily before God, because God is in heaven, but you are on earth. Therefore, let your words be few.³ Remember: Dreams come with many cares, and the voice of fools with many words.⁴ When you make a promise to God, fulfill it without delay because God has no pleasure in fools. Fulfill what you promise.⁵ Better not to make a promise than to make a promise without fulfilling it.⁶ Don't let your mouth make a sinner of you, and don't say to the messenger: "It was a mistake!" Otherwise, God may become angry at such talk and destroy what you have accomplished.⁷ Remember: When dreams multiply, so do pointless thoughts and excessive speech. Therefore, fear God.

READ: James 3:1 - 12 (CEB)

Taming the tongue.

¹ My brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers, because we know that we teachers will be judged more strictly.² We all make mistakes often, but those who don't make mistakes with their words have reached full maturity. Like a bridled horse, they can control themselves entirely.³ When we bridle horses and put bits in their mouths to lead them wherever we want, we can control their whole bodies.⁴ Consider ships: They are so large that strong winds are needed to drive them. But pilots direct their ships wherever they want with a little rudder.⁵ In the same way, even though the tongue is a small part of the body, it boasts wildly. Think about this: A small flame can set a whole forest on fire.⁶ The tongue is a small flame of fire, a world of evil at work in us. It contaminates our entire lives. Because of it, the circle of life is set on fire. The tongue itself is set on fire by the flames of hell.⁷ People can tame and already have tamed every kind of animal, bird, reptile, and fish.⁸ No one can tame the tongue, though. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.⁹ With it we both bless the Lord and Father and curse human beings made in God's likeness.¹⁰ Blessing and cursing come from the same mouth. My brothers and sisters, it just shouldn't be this way!¹¹ Both fresh water and salt water don't come from the same spring, do they?¹² My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree produce olives? Can a grapevine produce figs? Of course not, and fresh water doesn't flow from a saltwater spring either.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

All: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S SERMON "Name Calling"

ANTHEM

"God's Promises"

arr: David Schmidt

SERMON

"Speak Less, Listen More"

Rev. David Ealy

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

SING

"Seek Ye First"

GTG #751

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

"Be Still and Know"

arr: Lloyd Larson; Duet: Noah and Lora Melton

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Let us pray...

"Kumbaya"

GTG #472

Hear us praying, Lord, kumbaya!

Hear us praying, Lord, kumbaya!

Hear us praying, Lord, kumbaya!

O Lord, hear us now. (IX)

**...Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us
this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our debts as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

SONG OF SENDING

"Show Me Your Ways"

by Russell Fragar

Show me your ways

That I may walk with You.

Show me your ways

**I put my hope in You.
The cry of my heart is to love you more
To live with the touch of Your hand,
Stronger each day,
Show me Your ways. (3X)**

SENDING & BENEDICTION

Let us say together the Benediction...

**The Introverts have it right: speak
when needed.**

SING

"Share the Joy!" by Noah Melton

**I'm gonna sing with the joy down in
my heart.**

**I'm gonna love with the joy down in
my soul.**

**I'm gonna share my song, serve Him
all day long!**

**I'm gonna live with the joy down in
my heart! (2X)**

POSTLUDE *"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"*
arr. John Carter

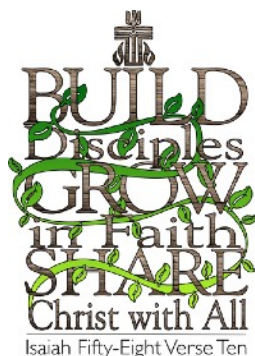
PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

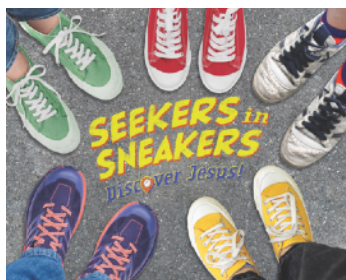
The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Danny Yancey
- Alamance Burlington School System—budget proposal
- Clint Barrett—increased weakness (Debby Ferrell's father)
- Hawfields Child Care Center—direction
- Emily Johnson—cancer diagnosis
- The Mitchell Family
- Carol Ray—recent fall/cancer treatments
- Bill Thomas—for strength as he continues through chemo for pancreatic cancer (Tammy Karnes' brother)
- The Family of Thomas Vinson
- Erin Westbrook—requires a bone marrow transplant (Nanette's nephew's wife)

Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Harriett Covington (under hospice care), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), and Pat Webster





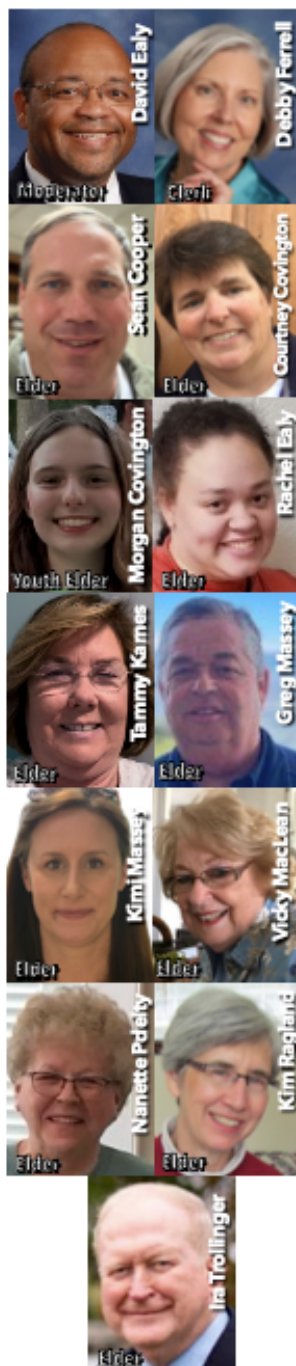
9AM to 11AM MONDAYS
June 23, 30 & July 7
Vacation Bible School

This year we will be hosting some of the children from the Hawfields Child Care Center for VBS! For four Monday mornings, **June 23rd, 30th & July 7th**, from 9AM to 11AM, we will be holding a Vacation Bible School experience that is open to all kids aged 4 and up! Feel free to bring along any grandchildren or friends who want to join in on the fun. The deadline to register is June 2nd using the link below. There is no cost for this event.

<https://forms.gle/TGcVwLcqNFR124hL6>

If you would like to be part of the VBS team of leaders, please contact Mandy Ealy at mandy@hawfieldschurch.org or Caroline Massey.

THE 2025 SESSION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRESH OR SALT WATER

So many metaphors for us in the Bible. Salt and light. Body of Christ. Servants, even. But one metaphor we need to spend more time fulfilling is the idea that we are spring water. Spring water simply flows. It comes out ready with whatever properties it's supposed to have. When people come to drink of the water you offer: what can they expect from your spring? When looking for faith, for prayer, for grace, for truth, for encouragement, for courage, for answers, for love, are you a reliable source? As you move through the week, remember that, unlike the springs we encounter in nature, you can choose what kind of spring of water you will be.

QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- How do you know what a person is thinking?
- What's more important to you: speaking or listening?
- Does God do more speaking or listening in your prayers?
- In your conversations, do you listen for information or for opportunities to speak?

THANK YOU (CORRECTION)!

Elder Kim Ragland worked hard to secure a grant that will serve to reseal (not replace) the roof on the Sanctuary. Related to our status on the Historical Register, the grant is meant to preserve pieces of our state's history and our Sanctuary is seen as a part of that. Thank you, Kim, for your work!

TAI CHI AT HAWFIELDS

Join Elder, Kim Ragland, for a 6-week tai chi Basic Moves course. The "Basic Moves" are a set of movement patterns based on the ancient art of tai chi that focus on mindfulness, relaxation, balance and coordination. The class will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 1 PM, beginning on **June 19th**. The cost of the 6-week course is \$20. All proceeds go to Hawfields Church. To register, email Kim at lkimterl@gmail.com or call 336-578-9671 (leave a message).

SANCTUARY CHOIR

The Sanctuary Choir will not be a part of worship leadership July 6th through August 17th. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment and share your appreciation with them for their commitment to creating music the past year. Their talents

and time together have inspired all of us, and their work has showcased the many majestic qualities of our Lord! We will reconvene on Wednesday, August 20 for another meaningful season of joy filled music making. We welcome you to join us in the fall if you seek another opportunity to deepen your call to discipleship. The Sanctuary Choir meets on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:45 PM in the education building in the choir room.

FITNESS FUN

We're excited to announce two fitness classes coming up in the Fellowship Hall, and we would love for you to join in on the fun! First, we have Senior Chair Dance, a fun chair-based dance fitness program, starting on Thursday, **June 26th**. This class will run from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM. Next, we have our Senior Fitness class starting on Tuesday, **July 1st**, also from 11:15 AM to 12:00 PM. Both classes are perfect for seniors of all fitness levels and is a fantastic way to improve your strength, flexibility, and overall well-being. The cost per session is \$5. Please contact Sam Beaudry at sambeaudry8@yahoo.com with any questions.

GOD & COUNTRY PRAYER SERVICE

On Friday, **July 4th**, at 10 AM, we will have a prayer service devoted to thanking God for our nation and praying for its welfare. We will speak to our hopes and make space for what worries us. Come ready to bless the Lord who has blessed our country.

BURLINGTON SOCK PUPPETS

Everyone is invited to see the Burlington Sock Puppets play on **Friday, July 11th**. The game starts at 7PM, but the gates open at 5:30PM. Tickets are \$16 per person and include all you can eat burgers, hot dogs and drinks. You can sign up for this event below. The deadline to sign up is **July 1st**. Friends and family are welcome!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49AEA82EABFA7-56992027-burlington>

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS

On Sunday, June 8th, the Congregation met immediately following the morning

worship service in the Sanctuary. There were two purposes for the meeting. One was to hear and act on the proposal from the Childcare Center for the purchase of land from the church. The second was to choose two folks from the congregation to serve with one of the active Elders on Session as our Nominating Committee for the Class of 2027 Elders. After considerable debate, the congregation elected to say "No" to the proposal in its current form. There was passion about the role of the Center in the community and our historical part in starting it. There were also concerns raised surrounding the value of the property in question and the best way to contextualize the Center's offer. In the end, the majority chose no. Following that, we elected Elder Sandy Muller and Elder Carol Phillips to serve on the Nominating Committee.

YOUTH GROUP LUNCH

If you can help provide lunch for the youth group meetings, please sign up using the link below for available dates. Your contributions are appreciated! Favorite menus include: chicken nuggets, pizza, Bojangles, taco bar, & subs.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0D49AEA82EABFA7-56894443-summer>

MANNA MARKET NEEDS

The following are the non-perishable items needed for Manna Market: mixed veggies, canned potatoes, canned corn, pork & beans, diced tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, pasta noodles, jar spaghetti sauce, canned kidney beans, canned black beans, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, mac and cheese, jam/jellies, canned tuna, canned chicken, Jiffy corn bread, pancake mix and syrup, Raman noodles, pop tarts, and saltines. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

MISSION: POSSIBLE!

Kids Edition

Saturday, June 28th 9AM to 1PM

Join us for Mission Possible Saturday, **June 28th** from 9AM to 1PM. This will be a day of mission project fun as we explore what it means to serve our neighbors near and far! We will begin the day with singing and a Bible story then break into groups to create toys for the animal shelter; run, hop, and skip to gather items for hygiene kits; get a little dirty helping in the church gardens; and enjoy a snack and story. This experience is for children ages 3 and up. Families are welcome to stay for the fun! You may register for Mission Possible using the link below. There is no cost for this event. The deadline to register is **June 20th**. Lunch will be provided.

<https://forms.gle/CRdhHwyH4TNDWqAQ9>

THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, JUNE 22

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School
9:15 AM Coffee & Treats
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
11:15 AM Youth—Skating @ Rollabout
6:00 PM Faith @ Night Service

MONDAY, JUNE 23

10:00 AM Vacation Bible School

TUESDAY, JUNE 24

11:00 AM Staff Meeting & Prayer
7:00 PM Boy Scout Meeting (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

10:00 AM Busy Bees Workshop
1:30 PM Hawfields Dulcimers
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

THURSDAY, JUNE 26

6:30 PM AA Meeting (Fleming Room)
6:30 PM Session Meeting

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

9:00 AM Walking Group (church track)
9:00 AM "Mission: Possible" Mission Day

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

9:00 AM Youth Sunday School
9:15 AM Coffee & Treats (F. Hall)
10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service
11:00 AM Youth—Escape Room
6:00 PM Faith @ Night Service

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BY THE NUMBERS _____ 6/15/25

Giving Budget 2025 \$346,202.00

Gen. Fund YTD \$106,676.05

Needed monthly \$28,850.17

G.F. Month to date \$7,769.00

Needed weekly \$6,657.73

Last week \$2,845.25

Building Fund \$0.00

Youth \$190.00

Helping Hands Balance \$75.01