

From Your Pastor

Did you know that one of the best gifts you can give someone is your attentive ear? Listening to each other is incredibly important. When we listen, we communicate, "You matter. I want to hear what you have to say, and what you say is important to me."

In the book of Job, as he started to endure a significant period of suffering, his friends gathered to offer advice and assign blame. Job responded to one of them, saying, "If only you would keep silent; that would be your wisdom!" (Job 13:5).

I have been reading *I*, *Julian*, a powerful novel by Claire Gilbert. This is a fictional memoir of Julian's life. After she died, a friend reflected on her counseling ministry and how it involved listening.

Julian listened. And the person speaking would after a time fall into silence, and she would hold their gaze with her loving look, and the love would reflect in their faces as sweet lightness. Words failed as love itself was set free in the encounter, melted form the ice that kept it prisoner. Their questions were not answered, nothing was resolved, life flowed on with its doubts and distresses, but I never saw a visitor leave without a lighter step and a steadier gaze directed to God.

May we be good listeners.

Blessings, Ande



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES





Avery County

6 weeks of volunteer opportunities for various projects for all skill levels. Sign up using the QR code!





McDowell County

Contact disasterrelief@cbcfc.org for more information on this new home build volunteer opportunity!

Starting Sunday, June 1st

8:45am Contemporary Worship Service in Family Life Center

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Classic Worship Service in Sanctuary

With the addition of a worship service, Preschool Worship Volunteers are needed! Please contact cduffy@cbcfc.org

Weekly Opportunities

Sunday School

Sundays at 9:15 am

There are Bible study classes for all ages!
Visit cbcfc.org/about/sunday-school/ for a list of classes.

Media Center

Come take advantage of the resources your church library has to offer! Open Sundays 8:30am - 10:20am
Wednesdays 9:30 am - 12pm; 2pm - 4pm; and 5:30-6pm

Family Life Center

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday | 8am – 8pm

Wednesday | 8am – 2pm and Friday | 8am – noon

The fitness calendar can be found on our website at

cbcfc.org/calendar/fitness/

Sunday Night for College & Young Adults

Small Group......7-8pm.... cturner@cbcfc.org for info

Wednesday Night LIFE

Pre-K thru 5th grade..... 6-7:30pm..... Children's Space 6th-12th grade..... 7-8:30pm..... Youth Space

Wednesday Night for Adults

Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:15-7:30pm Music Suite Devotion with Ande Myers . . . 7pm Facebook

Preschool Worship Workers

April 27 Kim Millard, Jason & Alice Martin, Beki Brooks, Hadley Brooks

May 4 Kristi Pendley, Kate Cooper, Avery Brewer, Barbara Newman, Lynn Bates





Family Info

In the hospital:

Betty Lane - UT

Home from the hospital:

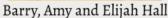
Bud Bales - LifeCare Blount County Flo Clarke - NHC Oak Ridge

In Sympathy

The family of Helen Shackelford

Welcome new members:







The Central High School Partnership will be serving a picnic lunch to the faculty and staff on Friday, May 9. We would like to ask you for your prayers as we serve them. If you would like to know of other ways you can help, we can always use donations to help with the cost, you can volunteer to help prepare items for the lunch, or you can come and serve them as well. Please feel free to see Denise Brown, Judy Weber or Debbie Crowder to plug yourself into this opportunity within our community!

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Weekly Record

	' <u>Required</u>	<u>Received</u>	Last Year
4/20/25	\$31,038.46	\$34,831.67	\$30,729.62
YTD	\$900,115.38	\$921,597.95	\$829,289.46
Morning Worship 555			
Sunday School289			
Easter Missions Offering Goal: \$20,000			
		Given: \$16.8	842.58

EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING

Thank you for giving to our missions' emphasis at Easter. We have made great progress toward our goal of \$20,000 having given \$16,842.58. This is a very reachable goal for us as a church. You are encouraged to consider giving to this worthy cause. Each dollar given will help a needy individual. Please serve Christ by helping others!

Thanks. Ron Mouser for the Missions Team



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS TODAY!



Scan QR code for more info & to register!



Spring Sing

Wednesday, April 30 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall

Preschool and 1st - 2nd Grade Children's Choirs





WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIFE END-OF-THE-YEAR COOKOUT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 16-8PM VOLLEYBALL COURT CBCFC KIDS, YOUTH, & FAMILIES COME KICKOFF THE SUMMER WITH US!

SUNDAY, MAY 18 | 10:30AM

High school, college, and graduate level graduates

will be honored in worship. Graduates please send in: Name, School, Degree (if graduating from college), Accomplishments, Post graduation plans, Kindergarten graduation photo,

and Current graduation photo. Graduates are invited to lunch with Caleb after worship on May 18.

Email info and lunch RSVP to kpendley@cbcfc.org by May 12!

Sunday Morning Worship

April 27, 2025 10:30 a.m.

Prelude The Strife is O'er, The Battle Done Held

Welcome to Worshipers Rev. Ande Myers

Fellowship Chorus Because He Lives

Hymn No. 205 Christ Is Alive

Scripture Reading & Prayer Luke 24:13-35 Caroline Cooper

Choral Worship On the Third Day Pote

Hymn No. 203 Day of Arising

Offertory Prayer Rudy Worthington

Offertory

Solo Were You There? arr. Courtney

Rob Huffaker

Message We Are Easter People Rev. Ande Myers

Recognizing Jesus

Hymn No. 207 Low in the Grave He Lay

Postlude Toccata in A Minor Demorest

The sanctuary flowers are placed in loving memory of Michael Williams for his birthday by his family.



