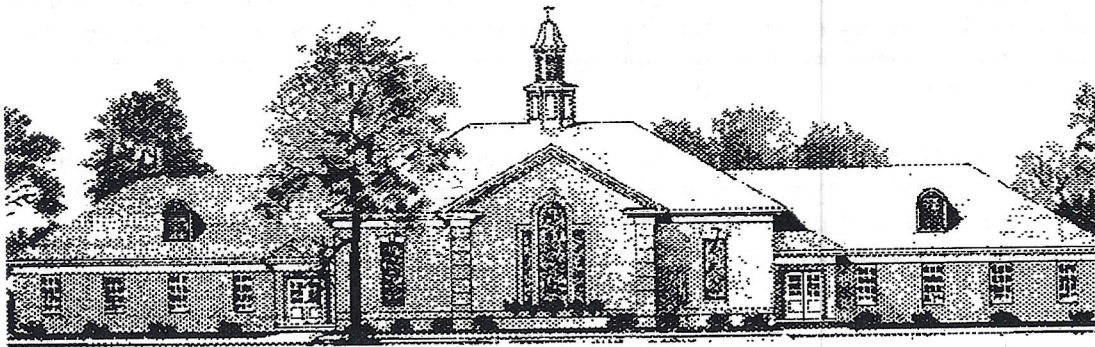


VOICES OF HARMONY

August 2026

Volume 22

Number 5



HARMONY GROVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS, OPEN DOORS



From The Pastor's Desk.....

Enter the Promise

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others." — Genesis 12:1-2 (NLT)

This August, we're stepping back in time—just as we did last year with the life of David—to journey with the patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. These men were called by God to enter a promise they would not fully see fulfilled in their own lifetimes. Their role was to trust, obey, and plant seeds for a harvest that would come long after their time on earth.

All that is required to enter God's promise is simple, yet profound: *to trust and follow His call*. Abraham left behind a comfortable life in pursuit of something greater. His journey was marked by both great faith and significant struggles. We'll discover together that while it's often easy to say "yes" to God in the beginning, remaining faithful becomes harder when tests arise and the road grows long. In those moments, it can be tempting to focus on our present difficulties rather than the glory of the promise that lies ahead.

In many ways, we stand in a similar moment. With the completion of our new fellowship hall, we have a wonderful opportunity to step into God's promise for Harmony Grove. I love the vision of this building becoming a true community center dedicated to ministry—where God's glory is known not only among our own church family, but also to our neighbors and those beyond our walls.

This building has been a long time coming. The promise began more than 15 years ago when the first gifts were given. Like Abraham, many who planted those early seeds will not be here to see the full harvest. But what they faithfully planted, and what so many have continued to give, is now ready to bear fruit for God's glory in our community.

As we move into this new season, let us celebrate what God has done through the faithfulness of His people and step boldly with God into the promise He has set before us.

Thank you for your generosity, your vision, and your continued faithfulness. I am excited to serve alongside you as we live out the mission of The United Methodist Church: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Pastor Ryan Mendenhall

336-414-9296

email: rmendenhall@wnccumc.net

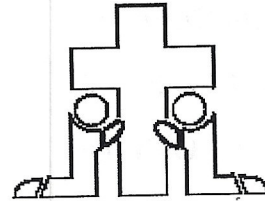
THIS 'N THAT.....



Myra Williams
Walt Liebscher
Brenda Stanley
Bill & Callie Nugent
Jennifer Nugent
John Craft
Gena Howard
Lenny McLaughlin
Loretta McClain
Rev. Ken Eller
Robin Barefoot
Bob & Linda Ellerbe
Peggy Brookshire

Paul Thompson
Bill Williams
Wendy Armstrong
Karen & Norris Griffin
Allene Gaither
Trudy Jones
JoeAnn Ogburn
Sandra Miles
Scott Todd
Jason Jones
Larry Tate
Cole Stephens
Our Youth
Our church
Our community

Our Nation & World



HARMONY GROVE FINANCIAL RECAP

Truist Checking **\$18,403.99**

Truist Building Fund Checking **\$15,891.46**

Truist Designated Savings **\$21,106.64**

UMF Building **\$30,245.49**

UMF Parsonage **\$77,528.29**

Scholarship **\$40,588.08**

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

August 1 Jason Jones
August 1 Sandra Castle
August 2 Bill Slater
August 5 Donna Ireland
August 6 Susie Freeman
August 6 Norris & Karen Griffin
August 8 Chris Ogburn
August 11 Bob Ellerbe
August 14 Peyton Ogburn
August 16 Aaron Barefoot
August 23 Katie Freeman Rios
August 24 Mark & Christina Stack
August 26 Craig Harper
August 29 Trudy Jones

August 19 5:30pm UMM & UWF
meetings-Joy Prim will be our guest
speaker

August 26 4:30pm Choir practice

AUGUST EVENTS

August 4 1:00pm Bible Study
August 5 9:45am Choir Practice
August 5 6:00pm Evening Bible Study
August 9 11:00am Homecoming &
Dedication of the Fellowship Hall
August 11 1:00pm Bible Study
August 12 4:30pm Choir Practice
August 15 9:00am Rise Against Hunger
@ Lewisville UMC
August 19 3:00pm Drive Thru Prayer
August 19 4:30pm Choir Practice

FUN & GAMES.....

Wordsearch G49 - Sermons of Jesus 4

Bible Wordsearch

Sermons of Jesus 4

Wordsearch G49

Matt 7:1-12

R	O	O	D	E	R	C	A	S	I	T	O	I	S	E
R	E	H	T	A	F	K	N	A	L	P	P	F	K	S
A	G	V	S	T	H	R	O	W	B	R	E	A	D	U
E	E	G	O	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	E	U	M
T	I	L	T	M	G	N	R	U	T	S	E	N	O	S
P	P	I	P	I	E	C	E	S	O	D	D	O	H	E
M	M	E	F	M	H	R	T	T	O	E	P	T	S	E
E	E	T	A	E	A	Y	O	R	R	S	D	S	I	K
S	S	A	A	R	L	R	E	M	R	T	E	A	F	S
I	P	V	S	R	L	C	T	S	K	E	G	K	I	S
M	E	E	A	U	E	S	R	L	C	H	D	N	N	W
N	U	E	C	I	R	E	Y	E	O	P	U	O	D	A
E	L	C	V	K	H	E	T	H	N	O	J	W	S	L
C	R	E	H	T	O	R	B	E	K	R	K	L	O	R
D	S	D	O	O	G	I	V	E	N	P	E	V	I	L

BREAD
BROTHER
CHILDREN
CLEARLY
FATHER
GIVEN
GOOD
HEAVEN
JUDGED
KNOCK
MEASURE
OPENED
OTHERS
PEARLS
PIECES
PROPHETS
RECEIVES
REMOVE
SACRED
SAWDUST
THROW
TRAMPLE

DOOR
EVIL
EYE
FEET
FINDS
FISH
GIFTS
KNOW
LAW
LOOK
MORE
MUCH
PIGS
PLANK
SEEKS
SNAKE
SPECK
STONE
SUMS
TEAR
TIME
TURN
UNDER

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

MORE PUZZLES AT:
<http://biblewordgames.com>

COPYRIGHT 2015

ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

Harmony Grove UMC
5041 Styers Ferry Road
Lewisville, NC 27023

Address Service Requested

**Ministry and Staff
of the Church**

Rev. Conforti
District Superintendent
Rev. Ryan Mendenhall
Pastor
Kim Marpoe
Sunday School Superintendent
Chris Center
Music Director
George Powers
Chairperson of Trustees
Jennifer Nugent
Chairperson of Administrative Board
Eric Hurd
Chairperson of Vision Quest Team
John Craft
Lay Leader
Norris Griffin
Chairperson of Evangelism
Carole Rosenbaum
Chairperson of Outreach
Donna Ireland
Administrative Assistant

August Outreach Needs

Prison Ministries - Soap, bath size

Samaritan Ministries - Sugar, canned tuna

Church- School partnership - Underwear (children's sizes), sweat pants (children's sizes)

LCAP-Brownie mix, Coffee, Dishwasher Detergent,

Disposable razors

Bethlehem Center—Clorox

September Newsletter Deadline:
Friday, August 28