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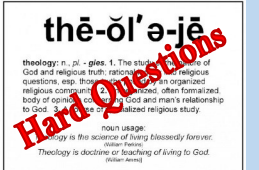
Great things are happening at Ross Grove Baptist Church. We will use this monthly newsletter as a medium to share the wonderful things that have happened over the past month, as well as a place to post information about future events. Each month, our Pastor will share his thoughts and dreams for our church and some of the important things he has encountered while serving our wonderful congregation. The other staff members will share with us as well. You will see from this document that a lot of love went into making it. You will also notice that Ross Grove is a church busy spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. Perhaps this newsletter will inspire you to look in on us sometime in the future. You will find that you are more than welcome here if you do. We believe God loves us freely and lavishly, so the least we can do is love another. Members and readers are encouraged to share this publication with others. If you want to contribute or add anything to this publication or want to see something special, please drop us a line by email at info@rossgrove.org or call us at (704)482-6051. Corrections are welcomed.



SUNDAY SERMON & SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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Wash Seven Times
 2 King 5: 1-14
- JULY 10**
He Ain't Never Done Me Nothing But Good
 Luke 11: 1-13
- JULY 17**
How Much Does A Kingdom Cost Part II
 Matthew 13: 41-51
- JULY 24**
How Much Does A Kingdom Cost Part II
 Luke 18: 18-30
- JULY 31**
5th Sunday Music Service "Moving Sounds of Worship" with Dr. Joe Collins

UPCOMING WED. PM BIBLE STUDY TOPIC



Join us on Wednesday Nights in July for a special series delving into all your theological questions. You know, those pesky questions we all have but are too afraid to ask! Come Join us for some answers and lively conversation.

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

@ 11:00 AM
 In Person in our Main Sanctuary
 Or watch live on our Church Facebook page.



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“From the Pastor’s Desk”

with Rev. Marcus McGill
pastor@rossgrove.org

Every month our Pastor shares his thoughts about God, life, church, & many other things.

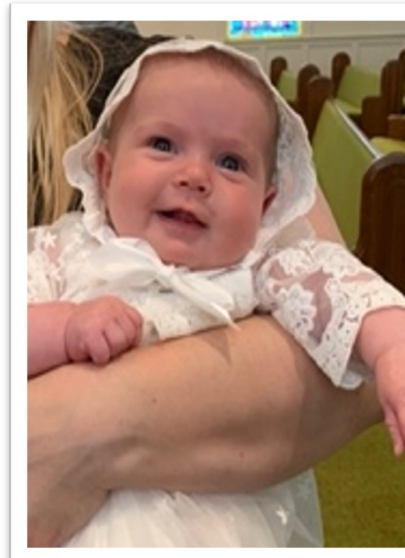


June has been a busy month. We have enjoyed so many times of fellowship. We kicked off our Wednesday night summer schedule playing cornhole. The next week, we ate hot dogs and played softball. We won't mention which team won because that would be unbecoming (ahem... it was my team). Some argued that my team was a bit stacked and we needed to do a better job dividing the talent, but all the losing teams say that, don't they? We had some casualties that weren't acknowledged until well after the game. Older men remember their age after they play, but not until they're safely out of eyesight and only their wives can hear their cries. The following week we were kept from going outdoors due to a heat advisory and missed our pickleball training seminar, so we played bible trivia instead. We had two visitors with us that night, and I joked that I had doubts that they would ever come back after witnessing our people's competitiveness. Who knew Bible Trivia could be so cutthroat?

Some may wonder where the value is in this change to the schedule. Well, it's multifaceted: 1) God's people need fellowship, 2) God's people need exercise and sunshine, and 3) the summer seems to produce an element where attendance dips. The Bible is clear about how the early church went about life together. They ate together, prayed and worshiped together, and experienced life together; through this camaraderie, they opened up and shared everything. No one felt lonely or forgotten, and when one of them was hurting, they all flocked to that singular need to meet it. To my second point, our bodies are temples of the Lord, and we should take better care of them. I know what you're thinking, but "do as I say, not as I do!" I am social exerciser. I do better when there is company there to encourage me or compete against—it's just how I am built. Thirdly, it can be so demoralizing to have prepared a bible study from scratch, with illustrations, handouts, or PowerPoint presentations, and there only be a small crowd. Even worse, when it is a multiweek study, and people miss a week or two of crucial material, it knocks the whole thing off. The summer is a beguiling mistress that lures people to miss church on Sundays and Wednesdays. In the winter, you are weighed down with darkness and depression, and you must get to God's house to throw off those yokes and find freedom again.

In the summer, all is right with the world. You feel you can go anywhere do anything, and sadly, many let church fall to the wayside. So, in the summer we seek to trick you back to church, where you can find that there are fun times to be had at God's house too. My goal is that we realize a fundamental truth. Church is not optional. Church is not a weekly event (or two). Church is living in community with other believers. It's a place where we help one another, and we all thrive together. You can't do that if church is just something you do when there is nothing else to do. We've got more exciting things planned for the days ahead. Stay plugged in this summer... you'll be glad you did.

A Message from Eliza Jayne...



Well, Mommy went back to work this week (June 20th), and service around here has already begun to drop. Mommy always made sure to have my daily activities laid out, clean diapers, milk aged to the perfect vintage, pillows fluffed. Now, I am lucky to get 8 square meals a day, and a few clean diapers here and there. Also, Daddy's whiskers tickle when we snuggle, which I do not like at all! As soon as Mommy pulls out of the driveway, Daddy turns on Baby YouTube, like I am not on to him. I know what he is doing; he's trying to distract me, and it very rarely works. He is slowly learning my cues; while Mommy left a rigorous schedule for Daddy to follow, now that she is gone, I am the boss. The poor man has bags under his eyes, and his hair is all disheveled, but he tries hard... singing and dancing like a complete buffoon. Sometimes I laugh just to show him pity. All in all, I love him, but he is a far cry from Mommy. I will give him until the end of the month to shape up or ship out.

“Laughter is the Best Medicine”

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08-1 Thanks to Nick Hengeveld
DO YOU HAPPEN TO HAVE JUMPER CABLES? HE'S STANDING RIGHT BEHIND ME, ISN'T HE?
08- FIRST OFF, I'M HAPPY TO SEE THAT SO MANY OF YOU ARE ENJOYING THE NEW STREAMING OF OUR SERVICES ONLINE ...
07-20-2015

Person of the Month:

George Gibson
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The **Person of the Month** is a church member for whom we should pray. You may wish to call, send a card or visit them to share your love and concern.



Missionary of the Month

Karen Morrow
Fort Worth, Texas

Karen Morrow is a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel ministering among internationals and refugees who have been forced to flee their home countries due to violence and persecution and are being resettled in Texas. Hoping for a better life in a new country, they often find themselves overwhelmed and alone. Karen and partnering churches are the welcoming presence of Christ to refugees. Karen's ministry is simple, it involves everyday moments, life experiences and sharing the love of Christ by being a friend and welcoming new neighbors. She shares the love of Christ with refugees by providing welcome bags and small medical kits, cooking and dining together, giving guidance on practical issues such as finding grocery stores and medical care, helping to navigate complicated government processes, and teaching English as a Second Language classes. Karen also develops and facilitates "Ready for School" - an early childhood curriculum for limited/non-English speaking refugee parents and preschoolers.

The **Missionary of the Month** serves either home or abroad to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray for them and learn about their particular ministry.

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JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tom Dedmon	7/16
Beth Gibson	7/16
George Gibson	7/17
Heather Jones	7/17
Samantha Weaver	7/19
Brian Royster	7/21
Jennifer Canipe	7/25
Ethan Kidd	7/25
Beverly Ledford	7/26
Patti Ward	7/27
Florence Sharpe	7/29
Robby Justice	7/29
Kevin Weaver	7/31



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Evan and Shirley Thompson 7/5

*Did we forget a birthday or anniversary?
If so, it was unintentional.
Please contact our Administrative Assistant
by email:
rossgrovebaptistchurch@gmail.com.

PRAYER LIST

Ross Grove Church Family:

- 8/8 Roy Dedmon
- 2/2 Jane Pace (Lung Condition)
- 5/4 Joel Greene (Peak Resources Cherryville)
- 5/10 Julie Justice (Dental issues)
- 5/11 Kay Queen
- 5/17 Evan Thompson (Continued Recovery)
- 5/18 Macy Yancey (Continued Tests)
- 5/25 The Sharpe Family
- 5/25 Danny Morton (Eye Problems)
- 5/25 Janice Morton (Thyroid)
- 5/25 Linda Wilson (Home recovering from Surgery)
- 5/25 George Ray Pendleton (Bronchitis)
- 6/1 Fuschia Putnam (Tammy H.'s Mom, Kristen's Grandmother)
- 6/21 Trish Camp (Oral Surgery July 1)
- 6/22 George Gibson (Hospital)
- 6/22 Michael Jones (Travel concerns)
- 6/22 Linda Terhorst (MRI)

Special Requests

- Ukraine and Their Missionaries
- Our Nation
- Our Farmers
- Healthcare Workers
- Mental Health Stigma
- Formula Shortage
- Rev. Jason Ballard & Family (New Associational Missionary)

Ross Grove Shut-in Family

- Shirley Bigham
- Mary Sue Blanton
- Trish Camp
- Joan Dedmon
- Roy Dedmon
- Sarah Dedmon
- Joel Greene
- Joanne Lewis
- Ronald & Linda Mills
- Vicki Royster
- Gladys Snyder
- Betty Weaver
- Linda Wilson

Family and Friends

- Tommy Haymore (Stroke, friend of Marcus)
- Tripp Gault (Health Concerns)
- 10/26 Kathy Callahan (Complications from surgery- Friend of Rick & Trish Camp)
- 12/21 Beverly Maidment (Health Issues; Friend of Rick & Trish Camp)
- 12/21 Mike Camp (Brain Bleed, Stroke; Rick Camp's Brother)
- 4/12 Charles Boone (Aortic Stenosis, congested heart failure; Kristen's Grandfather)
- 4/12 Tracy Putnam (Unspoken; Kristen Putnam's Father)
- 5/10 Dr. Tony Fulbright (Cancer)
- 5/11 Josh & Ashley Tipton (Pregnancy)
- 5/11 Judy Wright (Heart Surgery; Beth's sister)
- 5/11 Cindy Carver (Heart issues)
- 5/11 Shirley McBride (Nursing Home)
- 5/11 James Bumgartner (ICU)
- 5/11 Pam Denison (Shoulder Surgery; Thomas' Grandmother)
- 5/25 The Family of Sherry Stamper
- 5/25 The Family of Rev. Robert Devoe
- 5/25 Thomas & Tamra White
- 5/25 The Family of Gabriel Dibruno
- 5/25 David Ledford (Linda's Brother)
- 5/25 Linda Rabb (Covid)
- 6/1 The Family of Freida Ponder (Teresa's Aunt)
- 6/1 Rachel & Roger Crow (She has Breast Cancer; He has Alzheimer's)
- 6/1 Calvin Johnson (hospitalized; salvation)
- 6/7 The Family of Eric Levi Travers (Great-Nephew of Flo Sharpe)
- 6/8 Catherine Mellon (Thyroid)
- 6/8 The Family of Gene Cox
- 6/15 Ethan Martin (Home from the hospital; David's Nephew)
- 6/15 James Hastings (Fell; Has to have open heart surgery)
- 6/16 The Family of Don Ross (Darla Wyke's Father)
- 6/16 Hazel Harmon
- 6/24 Cindy Carver (Heart Surgery; Janice Morton's Sister)
- 6/29 Brittanie Sharpe (Pregnancy Complications; scheduling C-Section)
- 6/29 Jeff Weathers (Covid)
- 6/29 Angie Gault (Cancer; Chemo; Radiation)
- 6/29 Steve Justice (Kidney Transplant List)
- 6/29 The Family of JoAnn Mauney
- 6/29 Sue Dover (Infusion; Low Iron)
- 6/29 Ethan (Hip Replacement)
- 6/29 The Family of Donald Ross
- 6/29 Sue Ross (Stomach Bug)



"Worship Notes"

with Teresa Heffelfinger

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Every month our Minister of Music shares thoughts about worship and all things musical!



It has been refreshing to have some time away to rest for the last few weeks. During the illness and death of my Mom, we had not been able to travel to see our grandkids since January, and my sister and I put off a trip we had planned in February. Of course, we didn't expect soaring gas prices for our trip, but it was truly worth it to slow the pace down, tune out distractions – as least as much as we could – and enjoy resting.

I have been reminded that God, in His divine plan, set aside time for rest and renewal every week. It is called the Sabbath! The Lord's Day! We get so carried away making plans and agendas that sometimes we overrun Sundays, filling every day on our calendars and every minute on our clocks. The pandemic allowed us to worship from home during a time when it was unsafe to gather. So we make excuses to stay home. Certainly it is true that we can worship from anywhere. And I do believe that God wants us to gain perspective by getting away occasionally and spending time with family and, more importantly, with Him in a different place.

However, in the day- to- day journey of our lives, that key time of rest and renewal is a sacred time that we need to honor every week. Gathering with our church family, joining in song and prayer to worship the Lord, to lay our petitions before Him, can be as refreshing as a vacation or a cool sip of water on a hot day. I pray that we all find that being in His presence is exactly what you need every week.

July gives us another opportunity to gather for a special service of music. On July 31st we will have Dr. Joe Collins back with us to lead us in worship using his dulcimer. It is always a pleasure to have Joe here and God uses his unique talents to bless us richly.

The choir is meeting again – on specified Sundays during the summer. If you are interested in joining, please let me know. We would love to have you.

Just a note about the instrumentalist position: We have a few folks interested in the position at this time, and I am working with the Personnel Committee to set up time to interview them and determine the best person to join the music ministry at Ross Grove. There are several important things to consider and we appreciate your prayers during this process.

CHOIR MEMBERS

- Allana Bryson
- Lindy Bryson
- Deb Camp
- Myra Dedmon
- Beth Gibson
- Mark Heffelfinger
- Lance Justice
- Brittany McGill
- Marcus McGill
- Janice Morton
- Madison Royster
- Florence Sharpe
- Michael Sharpe

CHOIR PRACTICE

**JULY 10
JULY 17**

PSALM 150: 3-5

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with tambourine and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Marcus E. McGill, Pastor
Teresa Heffelfinger, Minister of Music
Lindy Bryson, Music Ministry Intern
Madison Royster, Student Ministry
Helen Williams, Administrative Assistant

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

KEEPER OF THE KEYS

**Kris Dedmon
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DEACON OF THE MONTH

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**Focus on Hymn History:
"America the Beautiful"**

The author, Katharine Lee Bates, was born in 1859. She was a young English teacher who was also a poet. She wrote "America, the Beautiful" at age 33. Two years following a sightseeing trip to Pike's Peak, Colorado, in 1893, she still remembered how awe-struck she was with that area of our country. She then wrote a poem that has been embraced by the people of America.

Her poem explores the lingering impact of the victories and joys experienced by all Americans. She includes a stirring exhortation that all Americans should recognize the "grace" of God extended to our people in the dramatic developments that shaped our country.

The musical setting, now used with Bates's poem, was written in 1882 by composer and organist Samuel Augustus Ward. He wrote the tune, in his head, while on a ferryboat trip from Coney Island back to his home in New York City.

Several bills have been brought up in the United States Congress that have suggested that this song replace our national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner." Many believe the song to be more expressive and less militaristic. Both songs are widely used today, the way most Americans want it.

Taken from <https://www.staugustine.com/story/lifestyle/faith/2016/07/01/story-behind-song-america-beautiful/16304275007/>

STUDENT MINISTRY



Student Sunday School
For All Ages
9:45 AM
Location: 2nd Floor
Education Wing



Nursery Is Provided
During Sunday School,
Morning Worship, &
Wednesday Night Services
(Ages Infant - PreK)
Location: Ground Floor
Education Wing

**SUNDAY MORNING
NURSERY WORKERS
SCHEDULE**

- July 3: Kristen Hutton*
Shaylynn Sharpe
- July 10: Jeanne Dedmon*
Floey Sharpe
- July 17: Dian Pendleton*
Lauren Sharpe
- July 24: Beverly Ledford*
Mildred Justice
- July 31: Brittany McGill*
Flo Sharpe

* denotes if needed for infant care.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT
NURSERY WORKERS
SCHEDULE**

- July 6: Dian Pendleton
- July 13: Pat Weathers
- July 20: Beverly Ledford
- July 27: Mandy Mauney

REMEMBER:
All nursery workers rejoin their Sunday school class or worship service after 30 minutes if no one needs nursery services. If you arrive late, see Kristen Hutton.

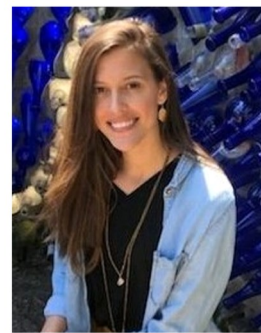


Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
Location: 2nd Floor
Education Wing
Discipleship & Activities For All Ages

- GROVEkids I
(Grades: K - 2)
- GROVEkids II
(Grades: 3 - 5)
- GROVEteens I
(Grades: 6 - 8)
- GROVEteens II
(Grades: 9 - 12)

“Student Grove”
with Madison Royster, Youth Ministry

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Every month our Minister of Students gives us an inside look at Youth Ministry



During the month of June, the students and I completed a series about wisdom. Things would be a lot easier if God spoke to us in really obvious ways. Obvious signs or audible words. It would be much easier to find guidance, feel comforted, or make difficult decisions if we could see and hear God. The good news is that Jesus hasn't left us alone! He sent the Holy Spirit in his place. The students learned how God's spirit guides us as we discovered that the Holy Spirit is God's gift to us and shows us truth, love, and wisdom.



For the month of July, the students will discover that we all have our unique family structures, quirks, traditions, values, and struggles. It is not always easy to be happy with our families. However, the bible is full of guidance on how to love each other well. We just have to be willing to apply those at home! In this series, the youth and I will explore Bible stories that

early days of the church. Learning how to be a part of God's family can help us learn how to be a part of our own.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

name: Stephen Sharpe
age: 11 **birthday:** Aug 3rd
grade: 3rd **fav. subject:** Science
siblings: 5 sisters & 1 brother
favorite food: Fried chicken
favorite color: red
hobbies: Playing VR (Oculus)
favorite bible story: David & Goliath



“Announcements & Highlighted Events”

Brotherhood Ministry Meeting - Saturday, July 9th @ 9:00am

The men of the church will be gathering for a breakfast meeting to talk about the future and the wonderful ministry opportunities that lie ahead for the men of this church. As the old saying goes, “where there’s food, there will be hungry men waiting.” We will provide the food, send us the men



Nominating Committee Meeting - Thursday, July 14th @ 5:00pm

It's that time of year again! It has been said that the Church Nominating Committee is the most important committee in the church. This is because the Nominating Committee finds volunteers from within our church that will strongly affect the direction and energy of the church. Pray for them as they study the membership of the church and offer up a new slate of volunteers for the upcoming 2022-23



The Women's Ministry Meets - Saturday, July 16th @ 10:00am

The women of Ross Grove do not just rest on their laurels, they gather together to pray, sing, eat, and organize new missions. Each month there will be a new program and a wonderful meal. It is sure to be a meaningful time of fellowship for all who attend. Bring a friend or a



C.A.R.E. Ministry Meeting - Thursday, July 21st @ 2:00 PM



The C.A.R.E. Ministry will begin meeting again every third Thursday at 2:00 PM . We have a time of devotion and prayer for members who have birthdays and anniversaries the following month. Cards are handmade, handwritten, and signed by ones attending. See Dian Pendleton if you'd like to get involved!

Quarterly Church Conference — Sunday, July 24th After Worship

At Ross Grove, church governance is a family matter. All members are voting members and must make the decisions of the church, led by the Holy Spirit, of course. Church Conference, held quarterly, is where the leaders of the church submit financials, read previous minutes, accept and send forth membership letters, and discuss important matters of the church. These meetings usually last about 30 minutes after the worship service on the 4th Sunday of the first month in the new quarter.



5th Sunday Musical Worship Service - Sunday, July 31st @ 11:00 AM

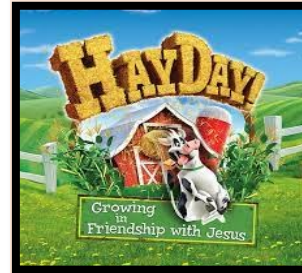
Join us for a special service featuring the mountain music of Dr. Joe Collins. Joe has been a folk musician and mountain dulcimer player since the late 70s. He is a songwriter and vocalist, his primary musical love is the mountain dulcimer. In 2007, he won the National Mountain Dulcimer Championship held in Winfield, Kansas. He honors the Lord with his gift of music and his testimony. You don't want to miss this special service brought to you by the Music Ministry of Ross Grove.



Other Dates to Remember:

- * July 3 — Communion
- * July 4 — Happy Independence Day!
- * July 5 — Church Office Closed
- * July 6 — No Wednesday Night Service
- * July 13 — Finance Meeting 7:00 PM
- * July 20 — Trustee's Meeting 7:00 PM
- * July 28 — Church Office Closed
- * July 29 — Church Office Closed

A VBS Message from Mrs. Kristen



Vacation Bible School was such a success this year! We had about 25 kids in attendance and about 20 volunteers! As most of you know, this was my first year as VBS director. I have definitely learned a lot of things through this experience. One of the biggest things I learned was you can never have too many volunteers—I could not have done any of this without you all! Thank you! From music to teaching to crafts to decorating to food to set-up, there is no way that I could have covered all of these areas by myself. I am also very thankful for all the prayers and encouragement that our church family has given me throughout this whole process.

In VBS this year, the kids learned about Zacchaeus, the tax collector. They learned that he took more than he should from the people, and that is how he became rich. But then something amazing happened to him, he changed for the good! When he realized that Jesus still wanted to be his friend, even after he did bad things, he gave back double what he took from the people. During the lesson, the teachers and assistants handed out candy to each of the kids; that was their money. Then their “money” was taken away when Zacchaeus came through; this made the kids feel sad or angry. The story continued, and just like the people in the Bible, they got back twice as much “money!” The Bible point of the day was, “Jesus will ALWAYS love us! He is my friend!”

During Moo-sic and More, the kids got to learn a couple of songs and dances. They also got to meet Sunflower Sam! Sam inherited a farm but was definitely not a farmer. She fed her pigs pizza and watered her plants with Gatorade. Throughout the day, she met some pretty skilled farmers and made a friend in Old McDonald; she learned that you do not feed pigs pizza or water plants with Gatorade; you feed them slop and water flowers with water! With all of her hard work, she successfully grew sunflowers!

During crafts, the kids painted their own birdhouses to take home with them. Things got a little messy, but that is what crafts at VBS is all about! Next, they went to Missions, where they colored postcards and wrote notes to our shut-in families at Ross Grove. They really enjoyed getting to write special notes to our shut-ins and letting them know that Jesus loves them, and so do they! If you are a part of our shut-in family, keep an eye on your mailbox for some special letters for our farmers!

The last of the three rotations was recreation. Here the kids played a game called “Egg Toss,” but instead of an egg, they used a water balloon! This is where they partner up and toss the water balloon back and forth, trying not to drop it. After two rounds of Egg Toss, it was time for Zacchaeus Says (a play on Simon Says).

After all, the rotations were finished, it was time for the famous RGBC waterslide! Our 75-foot waterslide is always a big hit with the kids, but this year some of the volunteers participated in the fun! We used about ten bottles of soap for the duration of the waterslide! The kids would slide down and run back up the hill to do it all over again. They were covered from head to toe in bubbles! It was such a fun day, and I cannot wait to see what next year holds! Remember, “Jesus will ALWAYS love us! He is my friend!” *****Please visit our church Facebook page to see all the fun pictures from VBS 2022*****



“Office News”

with Helen Williams, Administrative Assistant

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Every month the Administrative Assistant works with you to accomplish the goals of our church!



**“BE THANKFUL, LIVE SIMPLY, BE KIND,
DO YOUR BEST, USE PLEASE AND THANK YOU,
CHERISH FAMILY AND FRIENDS,
NEVER GIVE UP, BELIEVE IN YOURSELF,
LISTEN WITH YOUR HEART, HELP OTHERS,
LAUGH OFTEN AND LOVE LOTS!”**

I read these words recently on a plaque. I guess I don’t think about those words often because I try to live them every day, but as I read the words over and over, I was reminded that I could do more. The Lord has blessed me beyond measure, and I want to be pleasing to him. So, when things may not go the way I think they should, I will pause, take a deep breath, and just follow the steps mentioned above.



From Helen's Table

Breakfast Sausage Casserole

INGREDIENTS:

- ⇒ 1 Pound of Sausage (Mild, Hot, or Maple)
- ⇒ 2 Rolls of Crescent Roll Dough Sheets
- ⇒ 1 (8 oz) Package Cream Cheese

DIRECTIONS:

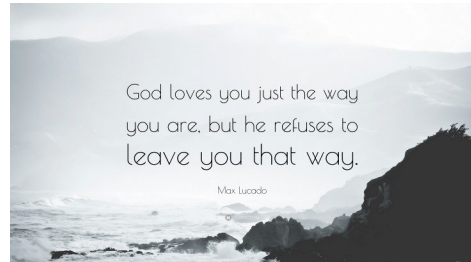
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.*
- Brown sausage and drain grease.*
- Mix in cream cheese until melted and mixed well with the sausage.*
- Roll out one roll of the crescent roll dough in a 13 x 9 lightly greased casserole dish.*
- Spread the sausage mixture into the dish. Top with the 2nd roll of crescent dough.*
- Spread evenly over the sausage mixture making sure the dough is covering the sausage.*
- Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes or until golden brown. This dish is great for breakfast served with gravy on top or just by itself.*

“A Word from Lindy”

with Lindy Bryson
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Every month our Intern shares her thoughts, ideas, and experiences so far at Ross Grove.

I spent two weeks at the beach recently. While I was there I saw many people picking up shells. Most people are always in search of the perfect and prettiest shell and pass over all of the broken ones. This reminded me of the song, “Just As I Am I Come Broken.” The choir sang this song at church recently. It talks about how God doesn't ask us to be perfect. He accepts all of our flaws and brokenness. He wants us to come to Him just as we are. He will always mend us back together. So next time you are on vacation, remember we are just like the broken shells, but God still sees us as beautiful.



God loves you just the way you are, but he refuses to leave you that way.
Max Lucado



HAPPY Father's DAY

A Very Special Father's Day Indeed

June was a special time at Ross Grove—specifically June 19th. It was Father's Day that Sunday, and we honored two men for

their roles in their respective families. **Bill Spangler** was the Oldest Dad at 93 years old, and **Pastor Marcus** had the newest child present, Eliza Jayne, at 12 weeks old. The pair received special gifts to commemorate this special day. **Dr. Carroll Page** led the service to give Pastor Marcus a chance to enjoy this day as a parent. Dr. Page holds a special place in the McGill's heart, as he was the chaplain present when Jameson was born. Extended families packed the pews to witness the Church's first baby dedication of 2021 and the first since the Pandemic. The following babies were dedicated to the Lord: **Korbin Loyd Dedmon, Jasper Vincent Hart, and Eliza Jayne McGill.** **Kolton Dedmon**, older brother to baby Korbin, and **Kixxon Dedmon** closed the service with a cute rendition of “Jesus Loves Me.” We encourage you to go to the archival footage on the Church's Facebook page to see this special service. If you are planning to dedicate your child to the Lord, please contact Pastor Marcus ASAP.



Summertime & Wednesday Nights

During the summers at Ross Grove, members gather together for a time of fellowship, prayer, and fun. And while the weather didn't always cooperate, we had a wonderful time. The first week we played a cornhole tournament where Alex Pendleton and his dad, Jerry, took the coveted Corn Cup. To say they swept the brackets is an understatement, but the rumor is that Jerry plays during his lunch break at work, so that makes the sting of losing a little easier for the rest of us. The next Wednesday night, we played a fun game of softball, where the Pastor is sure to remind you that his team won 12 to 6, not that they were keeping score. The next two Wednesday nights were altered due to thunderstorms and heat advisories. We had planned to play pickleball but opted for Bible Trivia in the dry, air-conditioned fellowship hall. It is obvious to any outsider when visiting during this time Ross Grovians are competitive, even at bible trivia, but they mean well—the preacher needs to preach more on “the last shall be first” (himself included). All in all, everyone had a great time, and memories were made.

