

Worship at the Lake

September 14th

10 am - 2 pm

Rankin Lake



Join us as we Praise the Lord at the park through worship & song! Worship will begin at 10 am and we will have a fellowship picnic following. Bring a dish, or two, to share, bring your own beverage, and a lawn chair if you'd like. Meet us at picnic shelter #11 by the lake. There will be no service at the church on this Sunday.

Annual Craft Vendor Show



September 20th

9 am - 3 pm



We are getting close to the big day and time to tie up some loose ends!

Saturday, September 6 - 10 am - craft making party, making crafts for show

Friday, September 19 - 5 pm - need volunteers to help set up tables inside

Saturday, day of show, need volunteers to prepare and serve snacks & lunch for purchase

Lunch plates will be Baked Potato Bar. We need toppings donated for our potatoes! And don't forget putting together some baskets for our raffle! We have more vendors this year than we ever have had; some outside as well!

Let Pat Culver know where you can help out!

New/Updated Prayer Concerns

Jen Armer* (Culver's granddaughter) recovering from meningitis, is home, waiting on more tests results

Amon Choate - healing from a dog bite which resulted in several stitches on his head

Laura McDonald - at Gaston Health Rehab, (**address below*)

Mildred McElveen - will begin chemo soon, 1x wk/12 weeks

Ongoing Prayer for Health

Beverly Cole

Mandi Merritt

Ann Myers*

Jeff & Lisa Casey*

Linda Raxter

Harvey McDonald

**Friends/family of members*

Laura McDonald, Gaston Health & Rehab, Room 221, 1770 Oak Hollow Rd, Gastonia, 28054 (*formerly known as Alexandria Place*)

Pray for Covenant, pray for the members of our church family, pray the Lord brings new visitors to worship with us, pray for the finances of the church. Don't forget to reach out to our members who are homebound; they miss being in fellowship with us! Take a moment and give them a quick call and let them know you are thinking about them ☺

September Devotion

“Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest.”

Jesus had a great deal to say about labor. He knew that a laboring man needs rest and recreation. We Americans have Labor Day, a day in which the wheels of industry stop and the entire nation is reminded of the tremendous contribution that labor has made to the American way of life. Jesus himself was a laboring man. In His biography we are told that He was a carpenter. Wouldn't you like to have been able to spend a day in Joseph's little shop and to watch Jesus use the hammer and saw? Sometimes we forget that Jesus was human as well as divine. He had calluses on His hands. If the chisel had slipped and cut His fingers, His blood would have been red and warm like ours. He knew what it meant to work long hours, to come in at night tired and weary. ~ Day By Day with Billy Graham

We will celebrate Labor Day on Monday September 1. Hopefully all will have the opportunity to rest and enjoy the day with family and friends. Remembering Jesus' labor on earth helps us to realize that all work is sacred if done as unto the Lord. In Ecclesiastes 3:22, Solomon said, “So I saw that there is nothing better for people than to be happy in their

SEPTEMBER

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Amy Aldridge
- 4 Wayne Houser
- 6 Libby Meek
- 17 Lisa Lowe
- 19 Arianna Lowe
- 20 Doug Gibson
- 22 Caitlin Merritt
- 24 Malcum Meek
- 25 Teresa Wilson

Happy Anniversary!

- 4 Tom & Joan Turner - 54 yrs!
- 16 Ron & Pat Culver - 58 yrs!
- 19 Scott & Kim Ramsey - 38 yrs!

Hand Bell practice will resume September 9th at 6 pm.

Anyone who would like to play bells is welcome to join us!! You don't have to know how to read music, but you do have to know your colors and how to count! You can do it!

August Worship Attendance & Giving			
August 3	19	\$2,300	
August 10	19	680	
August 17	23	2,633	
August 24	22	1,503	
\$2,528 is needed weekly to meet our 2025 budget.			



Beginning September 3rd, there is a slight change* in the hours that Tammy will be in the office.
See new schedule below:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 9 am - 1 pm
Wednesday* - 12 pm - 4 pm



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Weekly Scheduled Activities

Sunday

10:30 am Join us for worship, held in the sanctuary

9:30 am Promised Land Worship, held in the fellowship hall

9:00 am Haitian Worship, held in the chapel

Tuesday

10:00 am Covenant Praise Team

6:00 pm Joyful Noise Ringers

Thursday

4:00 pm Kids at Work

**COME
WORSHIP
with us!**

Monthly Activities

First Monday

10:30 am Covenant Women in Faith Circle Meeting

Fourth Saturday

11:00 am - 12:30 pm Community Lunch



September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Home Game 6:30 pm	3 12:30 pm Home Game	4 4:00 Kids at Work Home Game 6:30 pm	5 Home Game 7 pm	6 10:00 C making for Home Game Fan Appreci Day!
8 Parents Day	9 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells Resume	10	11 4:00 Kids at Work	12	13
15 - 2:00 up at rk!	16 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells Home Game 6:30 pm	17 12:30 pm Home Game	18 4:00 Kids at Work Last Season Game 6:30 pm	19 5:00 Set up for craft show	20 9 am -
22 Council Mtg rship	23 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	24	25 4:00 Kids at Work	26	27 11 am - 12 Community
29 rship	30 10:00 Praise Team 6:00 Hand Bells	FYI: Kingsman (Baseball) Academy uses the Fellowship Hall Monday-Friday 3:30 - 5:00			 Fall is H