

e p i s t l e

August 2025



St. Timothy
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
B R E V A R D , N C

Dear St. Timothy,

As summer winds down and the "back to school" season approaches, our children are already buzzing with thoughts of what's to come. While this time might not directly impact many of us adults, it serves as a powerful reminder: we are all constantly learning and unlearning, no matter our age or stage of life.

You might think, "Pastor, I'm set in my ways!" And perhaps, in some aspects, that's true. Yet, even when we believe we're simply maintaining the status quo, we're subtly training our minds, hearts, and bodies to move in a particular direction. We're always adapting, always growing—even if it's just learning how to maintain equilibrium in an ever-changing world.

My hope for all of us, regardless of where we are in life, is that we embrace this continuous journey of learning with both **intentionality** and **humility**.

I'm often reminded through raising children that it's when they believe they "know everything" about a subject that they are both mistaken and, frankly, incapable of learning more. As adults, we often fall into the same trap. We might assume that because we've had a long career in a particular field or studied the Bible years ago, there's nothing new to discover. But life truly blossoms when we appreciate the joy of continuous learning, coupled with a healthy dose of humility.

Consider these real-life examples of ongoing learning: adapting to new physical limitations, navigating a new city, understanding how our actions impact others, growing in emotional intelligence for ourselves and those around us, or engaging in new spiritual disciplines. Every day and every stage of life presents immense possibilities for growth. While this learning can certainly make us better humans, my deepest hope is that it guides us toward **Christ-likeness**. And because Christ was fully human, this means learning to be more fully human in countless ways, extending beyond what we typically consider "spiritual."

So, as a new season begins, let's all "go back to school" and intentionally seize the learning opportunities before us. May we grow daily in God's grace and become more fully the people He calls us to be.

Your Pastor,
Andrew



Stewardship



BY OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Helen Barker
 JoAnn Bryson
 Nathan & Juana Siniard
 Frances Siniard
 Elaine Gales
 Larry Sherrill
 Karla Atkinson
 Lisa, Aaron, Abby, & James Thompson
 Judy & Larry Whatley
 Marge Woodruff
 Rose Hofman
 Gloria, Joe & Dylan Harris
 Glenn & Barbara Williams
 Christy Stansel
 Helen Barker
 Chris Barila
 Jayne Nash Gore
 Doris Wright (Bonnie & Bill Sutton's friend)
 Brian Gales (Elaine Gales' son)
 Michaela Rowland (Mike & Judy Rowland's granddaughter)
 Hayley (Paula Paddick's friend)
 Bob Szabo (David Mackey's friend)
 Michael Weinstein (Susan & Dave Donaldson's son-in-law)
 Rivers Stillwell (Helen Barker's grandson)
 Jay Curwen (Elizabeth Leff's friend)
 Mildred & John Abney (Harold Mullinax's friends)
 Chris Seal (Al Seal's mother)
 Max and Terry Dajnowicz
 Kathleen Thill (Mike Uhler's friend)
 Gaston Siniard
 Mariella Heidy (Rose Hoffman's granddaughter)
 Buzz Hill (Tony Dalton's friends)
 Nathan McKee (Laura Lipe's son)
 Luke Brown (David Mackey's friend)
 Hilda Lance (Cindy Dalton's mother)
 Kevin Kraft (Rose Hoffman's grandniece's husband)
 Chris & Andrea Angelacos (Elizabeth Leff's neighbors)
 Patty & Marshall Cheek (Marge Woodruff's daughter & son-in-law)
 Rick Little (Debbie Mackey's brother-in-law)
 Larry Donaldson (Dave Donaldson's brother)
 Richard Nugent (Brian Hipp's friend)
 Jay & Audrey Connors (Don Mozley's friends)
 Paula & Monty Daniell (Michael Jones' sister & brother-in-law)
 Angela Dematta (Don Mozley's cousin)
 Calvin Honeycutt (David Mackey's neighbor)
 Rick Fanning (Tony Dalton's cousin)
 Steven & Sandra Harris (Gloria Harris' son & daughter-in-law)
 Janice & Brian Woodard (Diana Allen's friends)
 Judson Holden (Mike Uhler's grandson)
 Michael Beard (Michael Jones' cousin)

OUR PRESENCE

		Sunday School	Worship
July	6	6	(9) 90
	13	7	(14) 81
	20	7	(10) 84
	27	5	(25) 98

BY OUR GIFTS

2025 Ministries Budget	251,086.00
Budget requirements for the month	20,924.00
Amount received for General Budget for June	30,003.00
Rent and Use of Facility	375.00
Amount Spent from General Budget in June	21,716.00
Additional Receipts	
Building & Grounds Capital Fund	18,544.00
The Haven	795.00
Oak Grove Cemetery and Ground Maintenance	1,500.00
Rise & Shine Freedom School	100.00
Sharing House	1,230.00
Total Additional Receipts	\$22,169.00

BY OUR SERVICE

Greeters

Aug.	3	Cynthia & Dave Cady
	10	Betty Brewster & Judy Drury
	17	Andrea & Jeff Brewer
	24	Theresa & Marion Smalls
	31	Agnes LaBree & Jean Price

Counters

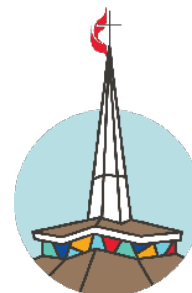
Aug.	3	Ginger Campbell & Don Mozley
	10	Jean Price & Diana Allen
	17	Michael Jones & Charles Wallis
	24	Betty Brewster & Jeff Brewer
	31	Betty Brewster & Charles Wallis

Ushers

Aug.	3	Tony Dalton, Don Mozley, David Mackey & Jeff Bradley
	10	Dave & Susan Donaldson, Mike Rowland & Jim Allen
	17	Ellen Hooper, Pam Winstead, Michael Jones & Brad Caldwell
	24	Nathan Siniard, Jeff Brewer, Norm Campbell & Johnny Barnett
	31	Michael Jones & TBD

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Security Check for August
 Marcy Thompson



Council Highlights

The Church Council met on July 16, 2025, with 13 Council members present. The minutes of the May 21 meeting were approved as submitted.

Chair Jim Allen announced he is restructuring our meetings so that we will present any item that needs a council vote before we address other business. The following was presented for a vote at this meeting:

Approval of Paid Days off/Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): The SPRC presented a motion that we use the Transylvania County holiday schedule as published on a yearly basis as the schedule for paid days off for our church office staff. We currently give 6 paid holidays, and this would add Memorial Day, MLK Jr. Day, Veterans Day, Good Friday, and Christmas Eve. This would add 6 more days off for our office staff, days when the church office would be closed. This does not pertain to our part time staff. If the employee needs to work on a religious holiday (at the pastor's discretion), that employee would be allowed an alternate day of holiday leave. After discussion, the vote was taken and the motion carried.

Finance Committee, Treasurer and Financial Secretary Reports: In preparation for developing a proposed budget for 2026, Finance Chair Charles Wallis passed out budget information with expenditures so far this year to committee chairs and asked that their proposed budgets be returned to him by the end of August. That proposed budget will be presented to the Council for approval at the September meeting. Treasurer Agnes LaBree reported our income and expenditures looks good so far for 2025. We have a surplus of \$33,000 of income vs. expenditures thus far this year. We have received 25% of our desired fund for the capital improvements. Giving toward pledges is on track and a few of our members are using the QR code for giving. Charles reported the financial audit of our files has been done for this year.

Trustee Report: Trustee chair Marcy Thompson reported work is coming along on the recently approved renovations. A new outside door to the Gathering Space and one into the new location for the church office have been ordered from Lab Doors in Asheville. We are working to upgrade our church entry and security systems. We are waiting to get an engineer to give specifics for cutting the new office doorway (as that wall is a load-bearing wall). New windows replacement in the Education wing and office/choir room wings will begin on July 17. Window World of Asheville is doing this work for us. There is discussion of cutting back the shrubbery in front of our building and the Council wants the trustees to address this. Marcy reported for the Cemetery Trustees that the tree has been removed at a cost of \$6,000, some of which is covered by our insurance. The damaged headstones have not been repaired yet.

Ministry Team Updates: The Outreach team reported we served refreshments for Davidson River School graduation on June 5. We provided a weekend meal on Jun 27-29 for the Haven. We collected \$1,215 for Bread of Life (Third Mile), \$800 for Rise & Shine Freedom School (Angel Project), and 176 lbs. of food for Sharing House in May and \$1,230 for Sharing House (Third Mile), \$755 for The Haven (Angel Project), \$100 for Rise and Shine and 91 lbs. of food for Sharing House in June. Our congregation continues to be very generous. The Nurture team will provide light refreshments following the Sam Woodruff Memorial Service on July 26. The Church cookout is planned for August 24. Hot dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Sign-up sheets for side dishes will be posted in the gathering space.

Worship Chair Laura Lipe reported a worship sub-team is working on securing and making new Christmon ornaments for our sanctuary tree. The current ornaments were made in 1975 and 1999 and are in pretty bad shape. Some of the old ornament will continue to be used but any we do not use will be offered to the congregation to take as keepsakes. The old sanctuary Bibles we replaced were given to the District office to share with churches who might need them. Nathan Siniard has added a new board to the Memorials plaque display in the Narthax.

Membership Report: Sandy Case, Membership Secretary, reported we began the year with 180 members, have lost 3 to death, and added 14 new members, so the membership total now is 191. Andrew's goal is to get us to 200.

Council Highlights (cont'd)

Forward-Looking Discussion: At this point, the group discussed what our church should look like in the coming years, what is going good for our church, what we are doing or could do to outreach into the community, any suggestions for improving worship, using our individual skill sets, etc. We captured those thoughts on a whiteboard, and will discuss this topic more at a future meeting.

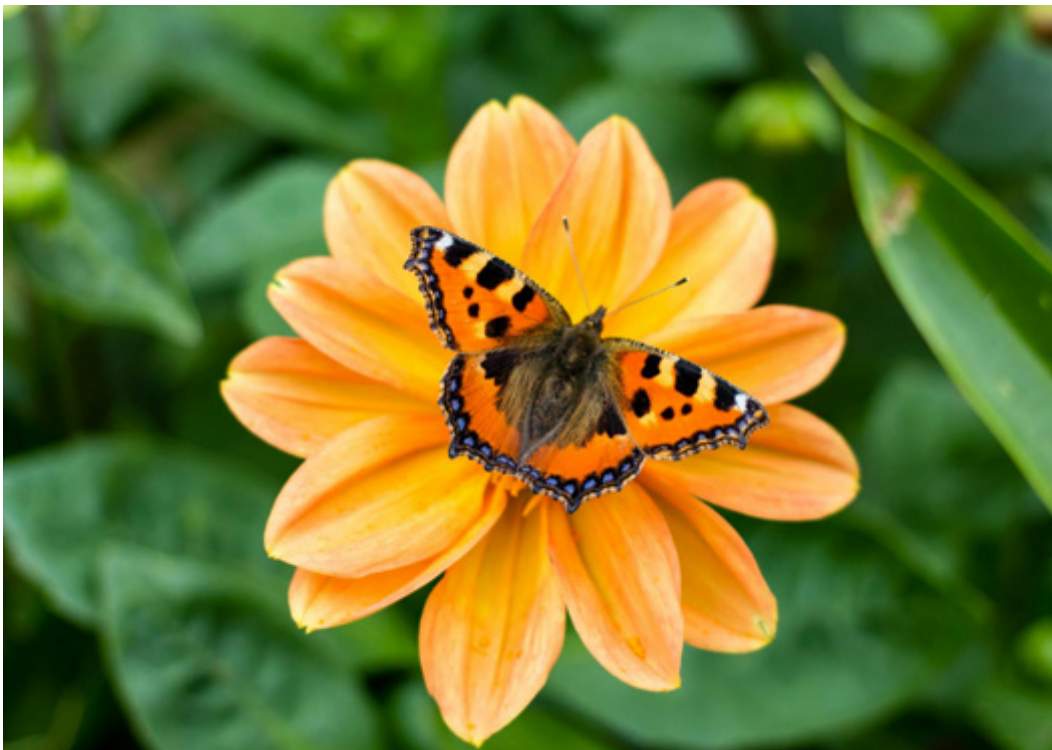
Pastor's Time: Andrew said we are blessed to have new people joining our membership. Our goal is to shape us all to be good disciples of Jesus Christ. We will continue to look at how we serve and how we serve together. He is grateful for all everyone does.

T h a n k Y o u

Dear St. Timothy Family,

As you may remember, in September, 2024, I lost my home during Hurricane Helene. Since then I have found finding affordable housing in Transylvania County extremely challenging. After ten long months, FEMA has finally approved a relocation plan for me. So, I will be relocating soon to a comparable home in the Sherwood Forest community in Cedar Mountain made possible by a 30-year loan funded by the US Small Business Administration. The greatest blessing I received from this relocation plan is that the amount of funds I needed for a down payment after FEMA funding was almost to the penny of the amount of the love offering I received from my St. Timothy family. This relocation plan would not have been possible without your generous financial support! Another blessing is when the sellers heard my story, they surprised me by leaving the home almost completely furnished. These blessings prove to me that God is in control as written in Jeremiah 29:11. I am sincerely grateful for the kindness and love shown to me during my time of need, and thank you for your continued prayers.

With love, Christy Stansel



O u t r e a c h

July donations included \$1,677 for the ABCCM Veterans' Program, \$375 for school supplies, \$45 for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund and 79 pounds of canned goods for The Sharing House. Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to support our students by donating to the school supply drive. All donations will be distributed through The Sharing House, Rise and Shine and the Boys and Girls Club.

Our August Third Mile Offering is another opportunity to support Transylvania County students. Now in its 17th year, the **Backpack Buddies** program provides "backpacks" filled with nutritious, non-perishable food items on non-school days throughout the year, including weekends and holidays. It only costs \$150 to sponsor a child for the entire year so our combined donations provide meals for multiple local children.

Our Angel Project for August is Project AGAPE Christmas Shoeboxes, a ministry to Armenia. This is a collaborative effort of the North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Conferences of The United Methodist Church in conjunction with the Armenian Apostolic Church. You can participate through monetary donations that will be used to create shoeboxes or by putting together a shoebox yourself. Instructions for making individual shoeboxes for girls or boys of specific ages are available on the Outreach table. The Outreach team will deliver all Christmas Shoeboxes to Grace United Methodist Church in Asheville in early September for shipping.

Please note, in anticipation of outcoming renovations the Outreach table and Sharing House canned goods donation box will be moved beside the Outreach bulletin board, across from the restrooms. The hearing devices, which need to be plugged in to stay charged, are on the end table beside the sofa.

N u r t u r e



On Sunday August 24 immediately following the worship service, we will have our annual church hamburger - hotdog cook-out/picnic. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space for side dishes. So please sign up and help us with these.

Mark your calendar now for August 24 for a time of good food and fellowship.

Set-up time is 9:00 AM on Saturday, August 23.

T h e O v e r 5 0 ' s

The Over 50's will meet at 11:30am on Tuesday, August 12 in the Azalea Room. Please bring your own lunch.



Welcoming New Members

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS....



We recently welcomed Nancy E. Forrest into our membership. Nancy moved to Brevard in October, 2024. She has previously lived in Whiteville, NC (Columbus County) and Holden Beach, NC (Brunswick County).

Nancy is a widow and lost her second husband in 2004. She has two children by her first husband— a son Curtis who lives in Sparta, NC and her daughter Jennifer who lives in Pisgah Forest. Nancy also has one step-son, Kevin, in High Point, NC, and she has 8 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and another due in November this year. She has been truly blessed!!

Nancy is a retired legal secretary/paralegal. She also worked for 15 years as a personal assistant for a large construction company in Holden Beach. She has not gotten involved in any volunteer work since moving to Brevard.

Nancy has played tennis for years, and basketball and softball but not so much in recent years. She loves to walk, reads a lot, and word hunt. She attends an exercise class at Silvermont every Monday.

Nancy is transferring from Holden Beach Chapel (an inter-denomination congregation) and while a member there she served as lay reader, attended Sunday School class (and has already joined our SS class here), and helped serve and clean up after meals. She is willing to help with the Nurture committee here and serve as a greeter as needed.

Nancy no longer has a computer and only has a small “flip phone” so phone calls or letters (or in person) are best for contacting her. Nancy’s number is 910-617-7412 and her address is 159 Turnpike Road, Brevard, NC 28712. Introduce yourself to Nancy; she is a delight with whom to visit.



Debora and Larry Durham recently joined our fellowship. They are both from Greenville, SC. Larry was born in Burlington and moved to Greenville in '62. They started living in Brevard full-time in June of this year.

Debora and Larry married on Thanksgiving Day, 2023. They were neighbors for over 12 years. Neither of them has any children, but their dog Holly keeps them company. Right now, they foster Holly, but will most likely be adopting her. They have an 18-year old cat, Zoosha. Their extended families are in SC and Burlington, NC.

Both Larry and Debora are retired. Larry was in industrial sales. Debora practiced law for 13 years and then retired from serving as the county Probate Judge.

They have not selected a volunteer opportunity so far. They are still unboxing and trying to attend to all the details of setting up home here. They are interested in Sharing House and the Rise and Shine non-profits.

The Durhams love sport, music, hiking, and the beach. Larry is a classic car guy, too.

Larry is transferring to our church from Northside Methodist in Greenville, SC. Debora is moving her membership from First Baptist in Greenville. At former churches, Debora has sung in the choir and Larry has served as treasurer. They are still unsure where they want to serve at St. Timothy.

Debora has her 96-year-old mother that she looks after in Laurens, SC and that demands a lot of her time. Debora is hoping her mother will soon be well enough to live independently at her own home.

The Durham’s address is 850 Barclay Road, Brevard, NC 28712. Larry’s email is ldurham56@gmail.com (phone 864-386-2082) and Debora’s email is dafaulkner@outlook.com (phone 864-283-2900).

Introduce yourself to this nice couple and get to know them!!



AUGUST

birthdays



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|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - Bart Bonar | 9 - Jim Hubbard | 23 - William Siniard, Jr. |
| Rock McKinnish | 10 - Rick McKinnish | Lisa Thompson |
| 2 - Elizabeth Leff | 16 - McKenzie Justice | 24 - Chase Nelson |
| 5 - Pat Messer | Cody Siniard | 25 - Jim Allen |
| 7 - Carrie Siniard | 17 - Brooke Siniard | 26 - Ginger Campbell |
| 8 - Andrew Crimmins | 20 - Carol Roth | 27 - David Siniard |
| Janahia McCall | 22 - Mike Bradley | 30 - Christy Stansel |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 10:00am Prayer Group 10:00am Knitwits	5 9:00am Men's Coffee @ FH	6 5:00pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
10	11 10:00am Prayer Group	12 9:00am Men's Coffee @ BRB 11:30 Over 50's	13 5:00pm Choir Practice	14	15	16
17	18 10:00am Prayer Group	19 9:00am Men's Coffee @ BRB	20 5:00pm Choir Practice	21	22	23 9:00am Picnic Setup
24 12:00pm Cookout	25 10:00am Prayer Group	26 9:00am Men's Coffee @ BRB 10:00am Women's Coffee	27 1:30pm SPRC 5:00pm Choir Practice	28	29	30
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ST. TIMOTHY
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Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service



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St. Timothy Staff

Rev. Andrew Crimmins.....Pastor
Linda Jenkins..... Director of Music Ministry
Elizabeth Leff.....Administrative Assistant
Keith WorleyCustodian
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