

THE GARDEN POST

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Kernersville, NC 27284

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What is the Bible? Part 4 Which is the Best Translation of the Bible

You might be surprised at the number of English translations of the Bible. The options include the famous: King James Version (KJV), English Standard Version (ESV), New King James Version (NKJV), New International Version (NIV), Common English Bible (CEB), New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), The Voice (TV), and many others.

Needless to say, it can be a bit daunting for someone new to reading the Bible to figure out where to begin. Reading the Bible is an extraordinary gift for us today in 2021. Part of the Reformation with Martin Luther began the movement of people having the Bible in their own language. With the addition of the printing press, personal Bibles became possible.

The Bible is written in three original languages. The Old Testament includes mostly Hebrew and Aramaic (Daniel and Ezra). and the New Testament is in Koine Greek. Most of us cannot read these languages, thus necessitating the need for an English translation.

When we read an English translation of the Bible, we must recognize that the work of interpreting what the Bible says and the application of the Word has already begun for us. English translations are typically divided into two categories: wooden translations (word for word) and dynamic (thought for thought). Whenever translation from another language occurs, the translator must make interpretive decisions. Language continues to evolve in our midst. When I was on Wilderness Trail with our youth this summer, I learned words like flex, shade, and bussin. It took me all week to figure out how to correctly use them within a sentence. Often, I still didn't use them correctly, which ensued much laughter! Another example is that before the 19th century, if you said something was awful, you didn't mean it was terrible; you meant that it inspired awe and stirred a sense of wonder. As our language evolves, the need for translations continue to evolve.

If I had to recommend a translation for someone to use, I usually select the NIV (New International Version) or NRSV (New Revised Standard Version). When I study and prepare to preach each Sunday or for Bible Studies, I like to read broadly in the translations. Translations I agree with and don't agree with so that I am aware of how the Scripture is approached. The translation I use most Sundays for sermons is NRSV, because it matches the pew Bibles.

At the heart of the matter is not to get hung up on translations but to make sure we are studying God's Scriptures and asking God's Spirit to teach us and reveal how we can apply this wisdom within our lives. In the next newsletter, we will explore the three great questions to ask each time we read Scripture.

May God meet with you as you open His Scriptures!

Pastor Justin

From the Finance Committee

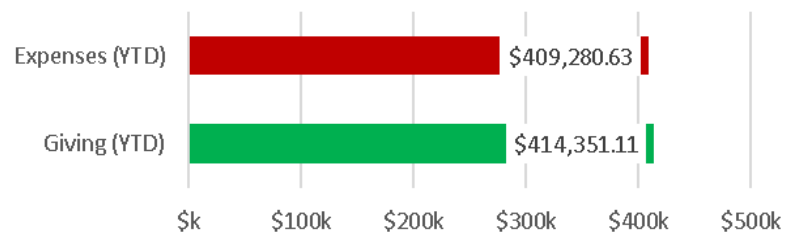
Needed to Meet Weekly Budget
Expenses: **\$13,163.00**

Year to Date General Mission & Ministry
Fund Giving: **\$414,351.11**

OUR GIFTS :

General Mission & Ministry Fund:
9/15/2021 - 9/30/2021 **\$18,506.23**

September 2021 Mission and Ministry Fund Update



SPRC Update

We are searching for a person to join the Staff Team as Church Office Coordinator (full-time). Details of this position may be found on our church website.

Thank you to Anne White, who continues to serve as our Congregational Care Team Leader (volunteer position) as a Staff Member.

Mark Chandler, 2021 SPRC Chairperson

ISRAEL 2022 PILGRIMAGE TRIP

Melissa and I invite you to join us as we lead a trip with Rev. Dr. Jeff Patterson and his wife Tammy in February 2022. We've always wanted to tour the Holy Land so that as we read and study the Bible, it would become more alive for us.

Cost for the trip, including airfare, transportation, and hotels, begins at \$4,198.00 per person leaving from Greensboro, NC.

There are flyers in the Narthex and in the Welcome Center. If you have questions, please call me.

Pastor Justin



Memorials

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

In Honor of Jenny Linville

Chancel Choir

Peggy Conaway

Join the Fun Preschool Sub-Teachers Needed

If anyone in the church is interested in being a preschool sub-teacher for the fall, please contact Judy Hoyle in the preschool office at 336-788-2230.

Hours are 8:30 to 12:30 on the day you are in a classroom. We arrange for subs to be co-teachers and will notify you for working as soon as it is known that a sub is needed.

It's a fun job; playing with children and guiding open-ended activities for children 2 to 5 years old.

For more information, let us hear from you. Thank you!

Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.



Join us at the table for Communion Sunday!

Trustees Committee Update Scout Hut Renamed

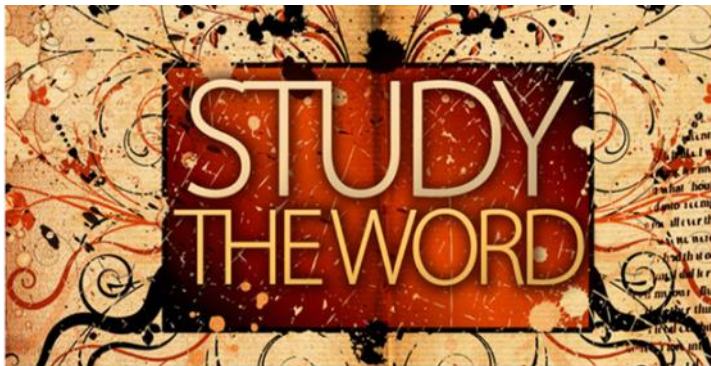
The Trustees and Administrative Board approved the renaming of the Scout Hut to the Bryan Staley Scout Hut. It was a surprise to Bryan. As the Troop 779 Court of Honor wrapped up, former Scouts, friends, and family were there to celebrate and honor Bryan. John Miller, Trustee Chair, and Mike Ritchie, Scout Master, shared the news to Bryan. At troop 779 Bryan has helped 52 Scouts achieve the rank of Eagle. He served as Scout Master for 21 years and has been a mentor to countless individuals. Former Scouts were present to share stories and thank him. We celebrated the evening with a ribbon cutting, plaque unveiling, and picture framed with awards. Be sure to thank Bryan when you see him for his investment in current and future leaders. Congrats Bryan!



October ~ Birthdays ~ Anniversaries ~ Celebrations

Birthdays

10/1	Susan Burleson Ava Dunlap Johnathan Larrimore Dustin Marshall Meredith McCliment Will Oakley	10/12	Jeffrey Gass Shay Godwin Anthony Gurley Amy Hobbs Jamie Reid Justin Reid	10/25	Kevin Hunter Ron Julian Ben Ritter
10/2	Kinsey Leonard Joni LeRibeus	10/13	Kevin English Troy Machamer Jenifer Tumlin	10/26	Payton Eubanks
10/3	Erin Jackson John Ross, Jr. Sage Swaim	10/14	Henry Leetz III	10/27	Chandra Parker Linda Sites
10/4	Shirley Ayers Charles Benson Dawson Dolesh Mindy Elliott Scott Pope	10/15	Debby Alexander Michelle Edwards Jessica Langham	10/28	Patsy Ebert Robin Larrimore Ben Manuel
10/5	Tracie Bedsole Hudson D. Heath Venita Hunt Jack Shetzler Cheree Smothers	10/16	Denny Holder Joan Nichols Betty Peddycord	10/29	Chase Craver
10/6	Anna Beth Colby Cindy Eubanks	10/17	Olivia Houseknecht Bonner Thomason Lucas Tuttle	10/30	Chuck Driskill
10/7	Kathryn Pope Mark Stewart Gage Smith Philip Whapham	10/18	Lisa Chandler Linda Eubanks Gale Love Deter Thompson	10/31	Becky Honeycutt Kim Hunter Charlotte McFarland Jill Mooney
10/8	Sonia Boles Glenn Carter Sarah McClure Doug Watts	10/19	Lisa Otey Carrie Wilson	<i>Anniversaries</i>	
10/11	Brenda Berrier Lily Shetzler Tim Turner	10/20	Auston Pegg Larry Robbins Darrell Walker	10/1	Tim & Debbie Ritter
		10/21	Molly Cooke Leslie Miller	10/3	George & Jeanette Peace
		10/22	Richard Moore	10/4	Josh & Maggie Miller
		10/23	Jason Ring Emily Stokes Beau Tice Jill Yokley	10/6	Andy & Diane Hatfield Chad & Amanda Betters
				10/7	Otis & Linda Eubanks Jim & Peggy Mumaw
				10/8	Richard & Mona Terrell
				10/10	Joe & Ann Coffey
				10/11	Steve & Suzanne Williams
				10/14	Brian & Amy Motsinger
				10/17	Chris & Melissa Roth
				10/20	David & Shirley Matthews
				10/21	James & Barbara Taite
				10/29	Zach & Lauren Heath Kevin & Megan Brady



Bible Study with Rev. Karen
Wednesdays at 11:00am or Sundays at 4:00pm

Join us in praying for our church everyday at 3pm!

*God, help Sedge Garden
United Methodist Church
to be faithful to the call you
have for us and to be fruit-
ful in Your Kingdom. In
the Name of Jesus, Amen.*



Pastoral Care Notes



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the following:

- † The family of Kathy Chalfant in the death of Kathy's husband, Gaylord Chalfant, on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Congregational Care Circle of Concern

Prayers are lifted up to God for the following church family and friends who are currently hospitalized, had a surgical procedure, or are in a hospice or rehabilitation facility:

Norma Freeman (Recent Procedure)
Fran Fiumara (Recent Hospitalization)

Ron Talley (Recent Procedure)
Jerry Young (Recent Procedure)

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:

Shirley Ayers	Nina Holder	Scott Mooney	Linda Spencer	Dana Wooten
John Buckley	Pat Kinnamon	Jim & Peggy Mumaw	Bryan Staley	Vickie Wooten
Patsy Ebert	Betsy Lindsey	Betsy Richardson	Mona Terrell	
Diane Hatfield	Caitlin Little	Ellis Rouse	Cheryl Walker	
Myrtis Holder	Tom Martin	Erline Shelton		

Our Homebound Friends

Ann Coffey	Peggy Holder	Dick Martin	Jean Shelton	Pat Vogler
Jenell Hart	Myrtis Holder	Gladys Paschal	Dot Sides	

Nursing Home, Assisted Living and Independent Living Residents



Betty Bryant (Westchester Manor Nursing Home)
Imogene Elam (Trinity Elms Rehabilitation Center)
Thomas Hamilton (Kerner Ridge)
Gayle Hampton (Homestead Hills)
Murphy Ann Hastings (Arbor Ridge)
Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax)
Jimmy Laughter (Kerner Ridge)
Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge)
Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge)
Patsy Murray (Providence Place, High Point)
Betty Peddycord (Kerner Ridge)
Larry Smith (Kerner Ridge)
Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge)
Virgil Smith (Heritage Woods)
Linda Southern (Kerner Ridge)
Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ridge)

Church Members Currently on Active Military Duty

Jared Robbins	Sam Tice	Markus Hamilton	Cameron Ashburn
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Updated on September 30, 2021

****All names above have given permission to the Congregational Care Ministry to be listed***

Change of Address:
Bub and Karen Manning
5060 Salemtowne Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Change of Address:
Carrie Lowe
910 Kaye Gibbons Court
Kernersville, NC 27284

October Outreach Opportunities

We continue to collect donations of canned goods for Crisis Control Ministry. Soup and crackers are always needed. You may leave your gifts at the West Portico entrance.



Thanks to your generosity, 570 lbs. of food was delivered in September 2021. (This is the second largest amount this year!) The total for August was 189 lbs., and the grand total so far this year is 3,480.5 lbs. of food to help feed our community. October's collection item is applesauce, November's is sugar, flour, and baking items, and December's is saltine crackers. Can we reach 6,000 lbs. of food donated by the end of the year??? Let's support Crisis Control Ministry and reach our goal!

Sedge Garden UMC PACKATHON

October 31st
8:20am *or* 11:00am



GOLDENAGERS OCTOBER 25 @ 1:00 PM HALLOWEEN PARTY

VEGETABLE SOUP AND SANDWICH!



WEAR YOUR COSTUMES!



ENTERTAINMENT TOO!

grounded

YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7

UMYF Schedule

- October 3rd
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups In-Person or on Zoom;
 - 1:45-2:45pm - Confirmation (both Cohorts) @ Youth Room Yard;
 - 3-5pm - GYM @ Pavilion
- October 10th
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups In-Person or on Zoom;
 - 1:45-2:45pm - Confirmation (both Cohorts) @ Youth Room Yard;
 - 3-5pm - GYM @ Pavilion
- October 17th
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups In-Person or on Zoom;
 - 1:45-2:45pm - Confirmation (both Cohorts) @ Youth Room Yard;
 - 3-5pm - GYM @ Pavilion

I PRAISE YOU BECAUSE
I AM FEARFULLY
AND
WONDERFULLY MADE
YOUR WORKS ARE WONDERFUL
I KNOW THAT FULL WELL
PSALM 139:14

"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

Matthew 10:29-31

CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2021

The pandemic certainly upset many plans over the last year and a half, but that has not stopped the Confirmation Cohort of 2020-2021! After a pause in their classes, the Cohort resumed their Confirmation journey this past spring, and this past weekend, they were finally able to go on their Confirmation Retreat to Lake Junaluska! Although the Lake is no longer providing a Confirmation weekend, with the help of Pastor Justin, we were able to design a Confirmation Retreat that held all of the past traditions that we love, plus a few new things that made for a very memorable time. Over the weekend, we talked about worship, John Wesley, the Wesleyan quadrilateral, grace, perfection, prayer, and Holy Communion. We visited the cross, held our own Communion service, and spent time in worship. We also made our Confirmation stoles, and



shared our journeys with each other. There were some fun outings and many meals shared! It was truly a wonderful weekend for all!

Make sure you sign your Youth and family up to support the Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser, as this will be what funds our subsidies for the summer trips of 2022!

Pumpkin Patch Hours:
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-8pm;
Sat. 10am-8pm; Sun. 1-5pm

2021 SGUMC Pumpkin Patch

October 1st-30th

A fundraiser to support the Choir, Garden Kids, and Youth Ministries!

To volunteer, sign up at

www.sedgegardenumc.org

Chad & Amanda Betters, Co-Directors of Youth Ministry

chad@sedgegardenumc.org

336-682-6899 & 336-624-1423

amanda@sedgegardenumc.org

youth@sedgegardenumc.org



Garden Kids

Garden Kids Small Groups are definitely the coolest place to be on Sunday mornings! Our Small Group Leaders go above and beyond to plan activities and discussions that will help the Garden Kids to connect the message with their own lives. Last

month we talked all about initiative and looked at the example that Nehemiah set as he led God's people to rebuild the wall around Jerusalem. Mrs. Anne and Mr. Bob's class got to build just like Nehemiah as they talked about what initiative looks like for a 2nd Grader!



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Coordinator of Contemporary Music
Director of Children & Youth Ministries
Co-Director of Youth Ministries
Congregational Care Team Leader
Director of Preschool Ministry
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