

The Messenger

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From the Pastor's Desk

³⁸ Peter replied, ***"Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*** ³⁹ ***This promise is for you, your children, and for all who are far away—as many as the Lord our God invites."*** Acts of the Apostles chapter 2, verses 38 & 39, CEB

Heredity and genetics are responsible for many things, but not salvation. When you go to the doctor's office, you usually have a form to fill out asking questions about your father's health and your mother's health (diabetes, high blood pressure, heart attack/scientist claim to have found a 'fat gene' that predisposes you to obesity). No where on the list does it ask about your mother's sin or father's sin, and neither does God ask those questions. Yet, it is so easy to get into that trap that, "I am who I am because of my family" or "because of my influences." We can't use that excuse because we are not responsible for anyone else but ourselves. Just as someone else's sin cannot be held against us, our sin can't be blamed on someone else. Go to the third chapter of Genesis when God noticed a broken branch on the tree of knowledge and fruit was missing. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent, and the serpent probably smiled. (Gen. 3)

I saw a license plate recently on a car that read: "Insanity is hereditary. You get it from your kids." There may be some truth in that. But we are

responsible for our own salvation. A favorite way to deal with our problems today is to simply blame someone else. It is the parents' fault, or the husband's, or the wife's, or peer pressure, or society's influence or politics. It's all "their" fault and we're just paying the price.

Global warming, whose fault is it? It started with previous generations, but whose responsibility is it now? War, whose fault is it? Previous generations may have brought us into war, but whose responsibility is it now? Broken homes, broken marriages, you may be from a broken home, but what are *your* responsibilities now? What about church? Whose responsibility is regular church attendance now? It is your responsibility as a saved child of God to attend and serve. Sin is the problem. It is your responsibility to accept salvation and live a good life in Christ.

The Apostle Peter, in delivering his first sermon after the ascension of Christ, closes with: ***"Change your hearts and lives. Each of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*** (Acts 2:38). The Promise, not the problem, is for you and your children. If you want to do something awesome for the next generation, claim Christ as Lord and Savior and testify to Who He is and what He has done. I invite you to join us at Friendship UMC.

I hope to see you Sunday!
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**5th
SUNDAY
NIGHT
SINGING**

Join us for our 5th Sunday Night Singing on **Sunday night, August 30, at 6:00 p.m. at Fairgrove UMC.** Enjoy music from Brown Summit UMC, Friendship UMC, Jackson UMC, and Monticello Christian Church. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to a time of good singing, good food, and good fellowship.

**COMMUNITY
FOOD PANTRY**

What a wonderful day we had at the July Community Food Pantry! The weather was nice and to make it even better, everyone was served cookies and ice cream while they waited to shop! As usual, folks could choose non-perishable foods, milk, butter, fresh meat, and eggs. We also had fresh tomatoes and beautiful cantaloupes. A big "Thank You" to the local farmers who are so thoughtful to donate fresh fruits and vegetables when in season. We appreciate all the donations we receive for the food pantry. Also, our volunteers are the best! For the month of August, we need: saltine crackers, broth (boxed), peanut butter (small jars), canned fruit, canned meat, Instant Mashed Potatoes (pouches or small boxes), cookies, brownie mixes, cake mix & frosting, canned pasta (Ravioli, Spaghettios, etc.), cereal, PopTarts, instant oatmeal, grits, canned green peas, canned corn, canned green beans, and Hamburger Helper. We will also take any egg cartons and plastic grocery bags. We appreciate any monetary donations. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to Fairgrove UMC and write "Food Pantry" on the memo line. You can mail your check to Janice Henley, P.O. Box 462, Browns Summit, NC 27214. We so appreciate the kindness and generosity of all of you who regularly donate food, money, and prayers to this wonderful and important community outreach. With God's blessings, we will continue to touch lives every month. Thank you for all you do to help feed our neighbors in need!

**EVENTS
AUGUST 2026**

Monday, August 10
Women of Faith and Friendship (WFF)
Meeting
(Guest speaker Sandy Brady)
Fellowship Hall—6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11
UMM Meeting—6:30 p.m.
Sanitary Café—Reidsville

Sunday, August 15
Clothing/School Supplies Giveaway
Friendship UMC—8:00 a.m.—12 noon

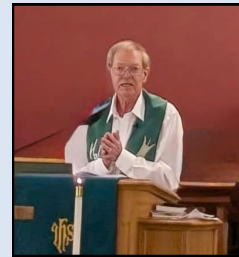
Saturday, August 16
Blessing of the Bookbags
Friendship UMC
9:30 a.m. worship service

Sunday, August 30
5th Sunday Night Singing
Fairgrove UMC—6:00 p.m.

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. (Matthew 19:13 NIV)

What A Wonderful 170th Homecoming!

Friendship United Methodist Church celebrated its 170th Anniversary Homecoming on Sunday, July 19, and what a great day it was! It was a special time to worship together, reconnect with former members and friends, and look back with gratitude on the church's long and faithful history. Rev. Gary Owens, former pastor of Monticello Church, brought the Homecoming message, and Kenneth Chrismon shared special music. Pastor Kevin also read letters from former pastors, who shared memories and stories from their time at Friendship. Their words reminded us of the many people who have helped shape the life and ministry of our church through the years. In the fellowship hall, everyone had a chance to enjoy a history display filled with photos and articles from years past, along with a photo collage honoring Friendship's legacy. A *Special Edition* of *The Messenger*, featuring the church's history, current ministries, and schedule of events, was also available for everyone who attended. The day was a meaningful blend of worship, reflection, fellowship, and celebration. After the service, everyone enjoyed good food and conversation, making this Homecoming a memorable way to honor 170 years of Friendship UMC's faith journey. If you were unable to attend in person, we hope you'll take time to watch the service on YouTube or visit our website at friendship-umc.com. We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Homecoming on Sunday, July 18, 2027!



Summer Break

The choir is on summer break and will resume choir practice on September 9. Thank you to all the choir members, our sound system operator, and pianist Kathy Brande for the beautiful gift of music they brought to worship. We hope you'll consider joining the choir. See you in September.



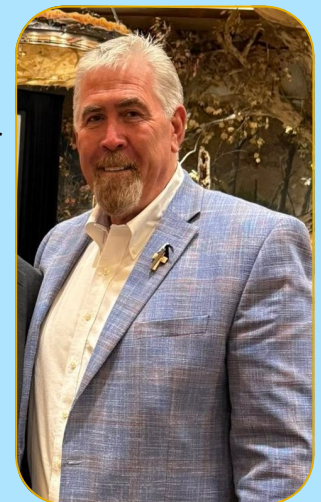
Ladies Group



Sandy Brady to speak at the Women of Faith and Friendship meeting

The next Women of Faith and Friendship (WFF) meeting will be held on **Monday, August 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Our guest speaker will be Sandy Brady. Sandy is considered a local, having grown up in Reidsville. In June, 2026, Sandy had been sober for 19 years. He said, "19 years ago my life was consumed by alcohol and drug abuse. I was helpless, hopeless. I was a broken soul. It was either die or get sober and to be honest the thought of dying was a more appealing thought. I surrendered and was willing to go to any lengths to turn my life around. I chose to go the 12 step program way and for me it has been the blessing of all blessings . . . it led me to the relationship I have today with Jesus and gave me the greatest group of friends in the most awesome fellowship." He is grateful for second changes. In 2007, Sandy experienced personal and professional adversity that would forever alter his perspective on: family, work, friendships, recreation, and his faith. Sandy reflected on these challenges as steppingstones to overcome and created the Traveling Pocket Cross Ministry out of tobacco sticks as a symbol of love, hope and second chances. Sandy has handed out over 176,400 Pocket Crosses to serve as a powerful symbol to be thankful and kind. Sandy was a former cameraman and co-host of *Tom Miranda's Outdoor Adventure Magazine*. Sandy and Tom created many how-to videos on "VHF Tapes" on hunting and trapping. Today, Sandy serves as a Board Member for several prestigious conservation organizations and creates beautiful awards for: the North Carolina Wildlife Habitat Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and Delta Waterfowl. Sandy also serves as an active member of the KT Team, a nonprofit in Georgia that specializes in providing quadriplegics and other disabled persons with profound outdoor experiences following their tragic accidents. In April of this year, Sandy was named the Sportsman of the Year by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation (NCWF). This award is one of the highest honors NCWF bestows, recognizing individuals who embody the spirit of conservation through active participation in protecting North Carolina's wildlife and natural resource. In August, Sandy will be inducted into the "Legends of the Outdoors" Hall of Fame at the John L. Morris' Bass Pro Base Camp in Springfield, Missouri. Sandy continues to provide outdoor expertise for several highly reputable television and social media outlets. He serves as a co-host on "Legends of the Outdoors TV," performs standup segments for the Outdoor Channel, and provides content for the Sportsman Channel social media platform. Sandy has helped expand youth opportunities and protect important habitats. His leadership in programs like Youth Sportsman Camp and Rockingham County Youth Outdoor Day continues to inspire the next generation of conservationists. We hope each of you (men included) will join us on August 10 as Sandy shares his testimony. He'll be passing out his pocket crosses.



Congratulations to R&R Farms 2026 Conservation District Farm Family of the Year

The Guilford Soil and Water Conservation District recently presented the 2026 Conservation District Farm Family of the Year award to R&R Farms of Browns Summit. R&R Farms was originally founded by BJ Roberts' grandfather and is now operated by BJ and Patty Roberts. For more than 80 years, their family has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to agriculture and conservation. From implementing cover crops, no-till farming, erosion control practices, and becoming the first farm in Guilford County to receive cost-share assistance for a center pivot irrigation system, R&R Farms has continually embraced innovation while protecting our natural resources. They have successfully transitioned the family farm from tobacco production to wheat, corn, and soybeans, all while continuing a proud legacy of stewardship. Their dedication to sustainable agriculture and conservation serves as an inspiration throughout Guilford County. Congratulations to BJ and Patty!



Friendship United Methodist Church hosting free clothing/school supplies giveaway

Friendship United Methodist Church is preparing to open its arms to the community for a day of generosity and connection. On **Saturday, August 15, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon**, the church will host its Annual Clothing/School Supplies Giveaway, an event that has grown into a beloved tradition for many in the area. Coats, shoes, handbags, and clothing for all ages and sizes will be free for anyone who attends.

We will have volunteers helping guests find just what they need. Join us on August 15 - the ice cream truck will be at Friendship from 11 a.m. to 12 noon for free ice cream for the kids. Bring any clothes that don't fit and items you don't use, want or need to the church by Sunday, August 9. Our goal is to provide all sizes of clothing, including infants, children, youth and adults. Age appropriate school supplies will also be available. It is open to the public; please invite your neighbors or anyone else you think might benefit. As a church, you have an amazing opportunity to pour into your community and share a blessing of helping your neighbors. At the completion of each Giveaway, the extra clothing will be donated to other organizations.



Book Bag Blessing Sunday – Start the School Year with Faith!

Is your child or grandchild gearing up for a new school year? We invite all students and teachers to bring their book bags to worship on **Sunday, August 16, for a special Book Bag Blessing during the 9:30 a.m. service at Friendship UMC**. During Children's Time, we'll offer a blessing over each student for a meaningful and productive year ahead. Every child will receive a backpack tag as a reminder that they are loved, supported, and surrounded in prayer throughout the school year. We also invite you to take a few moments to pray for all students, teachers, and school staff across our area schools. May this school year be filled with growth, connection, and hope.



Shoebox collection items for August - books (coloring books, picture books)

Back to School



Back-to-school season is officially here, with many students returning to class in August. With each new school year comes the excitement and anticipation of a new beginning, a new journey, a new chapter.

The **A B C S** of *praying for students*



Attitude – Psalm 19:14
Boldness – Psalm 27:1
Courage – John 1:9
Discernment – Philippians 1:9-10
Enthusiasm – Colossians 3:23
Friendliness – Proverbs 18:24
Generosity – 2 Corinthians 9:7
Humility – Philippians 2:3-5
Initiative – 1 John 3:18
Joyfulness – Philippians 4:4
Knowledge – Proverbs 18:15
Listening – Proverbs 12:15
Maturity – 1 Corinthians 14:20
Neighbors – Mark 12:31
Overflow – Romans 15:13
Perseverance – Galatians 6:9
Quiet – Proverbs 29:11
Respect – Romans 12:10
Self-control – 2 Peter 1:5-7
Thankfulness – 1 Chronicles 16:34
Understanding – Psalm 119:130
Victory – Psalm 18:29
Wisdom – James 3:17
eXcellence – Proverbs 3:9
Youthfulness – 1 Timothy 4:12
Zeal – Romans 12:11

In order for a pastor to fulfill the Lord's command to feed God's flock, the sheep must show up during feeding times.

Learning is a gift from God

As we begin this new school year, we give thanks that God has given us the ability to learn many things in many ways.

Loving God, sometimes a new school year seems exciting or scary or both.

Help us remember to show our thanks for Your gifts of learning by doing our best every day.

We ask that You bless our schools, teachers, classmates and friends.

We ask that You bless those who prepare our lunches, those who drive us to school, and those who keep our schools clean and safe.

We ask God's blessing on this new school year, that it may be a time when we appreciate and fully use God's gift of learning.

Amen.



Church Family — Jerry Apple, Kathy Brande, Wayne Brann, Norma Gordon, Mac & Nancy Knight, Sue Lambeth, Pastor Rick & Dianna LeBaube, Giles & Jewel Lewis, Mike & Karen Linnane, Nick & Sherry Racz, Ronnie & Joe Anne Strader, Pastor Nick & Libby Scandale, Steve & Sharon Troxler

Other Friends & Family — Hal Augustine, Henry Chapman, Lilly Cheek, Melvin Chrismon, Tim Crews, Chad Durham, Stephen Durham, George & Ruth Gilchrist, Michael Gordon, Doris Hall, Jane & John Hall, Robbie & Rhonda Kiser, Samuel Law, Bethany Mounce, Michael Payne, Veronica Percell, Bobby Joe & Faye Roberts, Harley Savo, Kristin Shores, Carole Smith, Sabrina Soyars, Debbie Swaney, unspoken requests

In Sympathy — the families of Gail Bryson, U.S. Senator Lindsay Graham, Linda Barham Hershman, George Hipp, Henry Lambeth, Leroy Martelle, Sr., Jimmi Lynn McGuire, Gary Millsap, Michael Paquette, Carolyn Pegram, Jerry Shropshire

In Our Military — Staff Sgt. Will Brann



Staff Sgt. Will Brann
705 Banister Drive
Clarksville, TN 37042

Pastor Kevin's Office Hours

Friday/Saturday—Days off

Other hours by appointment
(336-552-7912)

If you have a pastoral need, Pastor Kevin can be reached at his cellphone number
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Pastor Kevin requests that only emergency calls be made between
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Our **homebound members** can't come to church due to health or other reasons. Please pray for them or take a moment to send a note or card to let them know that they are missed. It will brighten their day!

Sue Lambeth

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August

2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy Birthday! Chad Huffines
2	3	4 Happy Birthday! Kamryn Cable	5 Happy Birthday! Taylor Amos Ray Parenteau	6 Happy Birthday! Randy Soyars	7	8
9	10 WFF Meeting	11 UMM Meeting	12	13	14	15 Clothing/School Supply Giveaway
16 Blessing of the Book Bags	17	18	19 Happy Birthday! Sarah Cochran- Murray	20	21	22 Happy Birthday! Isla Cable
23 Happy Birthday! Jane Parenteau	24	25	26 Happy Anniversary! John & Nikki McLamb	27 Happy Birthday! Shannon Law Amanda Thompson	28	29 Happy Birthday! Amanda Troxler
30 5th Sunday Night Singing	31					



CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

FRIENDSHIP UMC

15 AUGUST 2026 | 8 AM - 12 PM

GRAB YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!
COME GET FREE CLOTHING & SCHOOL SUPPLIES.
FREE ICE CREAM FOR KIDS.
ICE CREAM TRUCK WILL BE ON SITE
FROM 11 AM- 12 PM.

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FURTHER INFORMATION:

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Friendship's Women of Faith
and Friendship

Church-Wide Yard Sale

\$10 Table Rental Fee

September 12th
8 am - 12 pm

Friendship United Methodist Church

5222 HWY 150 East

Browns Summit, NC 27214

*Email to reserve your spot. Vendors
may set up at 7 am. In the event of
rain, the Yard Sale will be inside the
Fellowship Hall.*

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