

The Messenger

Pastor Kevin Cochran

**Friendship United Methodist Church, 5222 NC 150 East, Browns Summit, NC 27214 (336-656-7151)
November 2025**



FRIENDSHIP UMC/BROWN SUMMIT UMC CHARGE CONFERENCE 2025 REPORT OF THE PASTOR

I have had the privilege of pastoring Friendship United Methodist Church and Brown Summit United Methodist Church for over seven years now. Both congregations still possess the desire to reach people for Christ and grow the membership. Financial obligations, apportionments, monthly utilities and overall upkeep of our facilities continue. Financially, I would describe our situation as stable.

Friendship UMC and Brown Summit UMC face future challenges. It is the desire of both congregations that more people fill our pews and assist in committee work. The overall age of the membership impacts the ability to do projects and the death of dedicated members have left an impact, but we continue to seek ways to reach the community with the Good News and invite our neighbors to join us in ministry. Both churches agree we are in need of younger, dedicated families.

Today's church over-all finds itself under great scrutiny. People are looking for authenticity and acceptance. We must focus on attracting more

members by remaining aligned and supportive of one another as it pertains to serving in the Kingdom of God. We must pay attention to how we present our organization, and its leadership in the community, and understand the promotion of authentic love for one another has great power to attract new ministry partners. In contrast, we must suppress the unhealthy desire to participate in negative conversation, self-serving and/or false information, and instead intentionally work toward propagating the good that happens in our churches instead of occurrences with which we may not agree. We must promote our congregations as they are; an imperfect group of people who love and appreciate God's grace, Christ's sacrifice and the Holy Spirit's leading. Our churches are a place where ordinary people can do extraordinary things with God's help. This is the message that promotes the Kingdom instead of the world and should be the only message we give society.

I am still involved in the United Methodist Church Course of Study program and, at the time of this writing, have two more classes to complete before applying to the United Methodist Church Board of Ordained Ministry for probationary ordination.

I look forward to the future of Friendship UMC and Brown Summit UMC with great anticipation as we celebrate the holy opportunity to serve God and His Kingdom purposes.

Kevin S. Cochran, Pastor
Friendship United Methodist Church
Brown Summit United Methodist Church

November

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect nothing. Give thanks.

Surrender. Be open.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give so you may receive.

See goodness in others. mary davis



FoodPantry

Everything went well at the Community Food Pantry in October. We gave out 20 boxes of food to feed 47 people. Three of those families had 5 or more members. We had one new family. Folks received food, milk, eggs, butter and meat. Also they "shopped" for clothing and miscellaneous items. Next month, we plan to get the items needed for a nice Thanksgiving meal. The November Food Pantry is Wednesday, November 19. For the month of November, we need: cranberry sauce, saltine crackers, Instant Oatmeal (pouches), broth (boxes), Instant mashed potatoes (pouches or small boxes), dried pinto beans, rice, peanut butter, brownie mix, Stuffing Mix, green beans, corn, green peas, Jiffy Cornbread mix, and mac and cheese. We will also accept any egg cartons. 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. To further help these families, we will be gathering stocking stuffers for Christmas for the children of the families we serve. If you have extra wrapping paper you would like to donate, please bring it to the church along with your food donations. The paper does not have to be a full, unused roll; leftover paper will be fine. Thank you for all you do! We appreciate each one of you!



November EVENTS

Saturday, November 1
Country Ham Supper
Friendship UMC — 5 p.m.—8 p.m.

Sunday, November 2
All Saints Sunday

Monday, November 3
Administrative Board Meeting
7 p.m.

Sunday, November 9
Veterans Day Recognition

Sunday, November 9
Shoebox Packing Party
Immediately after worship service

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

Saturday, November 15
Crafty Christmas Bazaar
8 a.m.—2 p.m.

Sunday, November 23
Thanksgiving Service/Communion

Sunday, November 23
5th Sunday Night Singing
Monticello Christian Church
6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 30
Hanging of the Greens



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5 2025



Each year, United Methodists come together at the Lord's Table, joining millions around the world in Holy Communion. But our unity doesn't stop there. If ever there was a time to celebrate our oneness in Jesus Christ throughout the world, perhaps it is now. World Communion Sunday was conceived by the Presbyterian Church in 1933 as a display of Christian unity and an opportunity for congregations to see how they are interconnected to one another. It became a worldwide ecumenical effort during World War II, which is when the

Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches (predecessors to the modern United Methodist Church denomination) also began to observe it. Presbyterian Church historian Davitt S. Bell reflects on that time, saying it symbolized an effort "to hold things together, in a spiritual sense. It emphasized that we are one in the Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ." On Sunday, October 5, Friendship UMC joined other believers from all corners of the world in the shared sacrament of Holy Communion—a reminder that we are, indeed, one body in Christ.

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2025
CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP AT A TIME

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a

movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities all around the world. Friendship UMC hosted this year's Crop Hunger Walk, and sixteen walkers participated in the Northeast Area CROP Hunger walk on Sunday, October 5. Together, we raised \$625 to help alleviate hunger locally and worldwide! After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. Thank you for joining us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raised will make a difference in the lives of others.

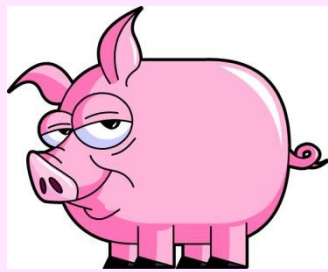


October is the month traditionally set aside to honor our pastor. We are grateful for the leadership and service that Pastor Kevin gives to Friendship United Methodist Church and Brown Summit United Methodist Church. A pastor is required to wear many hats to serve God, meet the needs of the congregation, and serve the people of our community. He is there with you through all the challenges and changes in life. On Saturday evening, October 11, Friendship honored Pastor Kevin and his wife Malisa at a weenie roast. Friendship recognized Kevin on Sunday, October 12, and took this opportunity to thank him for his contributions and services to our church and our community. We are grateful for his continued commitment and dedication. Thank you, Pastor Kevin and Malisa, for the many roles you play at both Friendship UMC and Brown Summit UMC. We are so blessed to have you both. May you know just how much we all appreciate everything you both do and that you are always in our daily prayers. God Bless You!



October 12, 2025
Friendship UMC





Country Ham Supper

The Friendship United Methodist Men will hold their annual Country Ham Supper on **Saturday, November 1, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Fellowship Hall. We'll be serving country ham, eggs, grits, baked apples, red-eye gravy, milk gravy, biscuits, beverage, and dessert. The cost is \$15.00 for adults; and \$8.00 for children under 12. Take-out meals will be available. Proceeds will go toward our mission projects. Come out for some delicious food and good fellowship.

All Saints Sunday



By observing All Saints Sunday, United Methodists honor the legacy of the faithful,

strengthen their own faith, and foster a sense of community and hope. All Saints Sunday is an opportunity for us to gather in worship and to give God thanks for those who have gone before us in the faith. Please join us at **Friendship UMC on November 2, at 9:30 a.m.** for this special worship service. We will pause to remember all our saints and light a special candle in honor of the saints of Saint Paul who have gone on to glory during the past year.



Veterans Day Recognition

They give up comforts so we can live in freedom. They leave their families behind to protect ours. They return changed by their experiences and are in need of our love and support. As you celebrate Veterans Day this year (November 11), please take a moment to thank the Lord, and also those veterans in your life, for the self-sacrificial nature of all those who've put their lives and futures at risk to protect us and preserve freedom in our nation. We salute you, veterans! Thank you for your service. **Join us, stand tall and salute as we remember and pay tribute to our veterans at Friendship on Sunday, November 9, at our 9:30 a.m. worship service.**



Shoe Box Packing Party

As we are moving into the fall and starting to think ahead towards Christmas, can you remember the greatest gift that you ever received as a child? Maybe it was a favorite stuffed animal or a boom box or a car or a handmade quilt from a loved one? Did you know that there is ministry that our church participates in annually that can help give a gift to a child who has likely never before received their own present and you can be a part of this ministry? For many years, Friendship UMC has worked with Operation Christmas Child, a branch of Samaritan's Purse, to help pack shoeboxes that can be sent throughout the world. These boxes go into parts of the world where people have never heard of God or His love for us through Jesus Christ and are given to the local children. When the children are gathered by the local leaders in their community they are taught about God and his love for us, then are blessed with their gift of a shoebox. You have multiple ways to participate in this ministry with Friendship. First off, please pray without ceasing for this ministry and the children who will be impacted by this simple gift. Second, plan to join us for an **Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on Sunday, November 9**, immediately following the worship service. We have been collecting items throughout the year and will need all the help we can get stuffing all these shoeboxes! All you have to do is show up and everything else will be provided for you! The shoeboxes will then be delivered to a drop-off location during National Shoebox Collection Week. Please join us on November 9th.

COMMUNITY WIDE • SEMI-ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

Our Fall Food Drive was a huge success. This year's food drive was dedicated to the memory of Lee Gordon who had volunteered in the past. Volunteers from Friendship UMC participated in the Fall Food Drive on Saturday, October 25. 2,200 pounds of non-perishable food items was raised for the Greensboro Urban Ministry's food pantry. The volunteers fought the cool weather passing out flyers, asking for donations, packing 48 boxes full of much needed food for those in need. Thank you to all our volunteers and to the Hicone Food Lion staff and most of all thanks to those who gave bag after bag after bag. What a Blessed Day!



Happy Thanksgiving!

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of
God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:18, NKJV



Join us at **Friendship UMC on Sunday, November 30, at 9:30 a.m.** for the Hanging of the Greens worship service, preparing our sanctuary and our hearts for the Advent season of expectation. This is a beautiful, inspirational and informational worship time that speaks and sings of the symbols of our Savior's birth.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Friendship United Methodist Church will hold its 16th annual **Crafty Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** We have over 25 vendors this year, including 10 new vendors. We are really excited about this year's Bazaar! You'll find a treasure trove of vendors offering everything from recycled, renewed, reclaimed décor items, home baked goods, homemade jams/chutney/relish, bird houses, Christmas ornaments, handmade jewelry and cozy knit creations to festive wreaths and adorable plushies - there's truly something for everyone. We have a local blacksmith set up outside who will be doing demonstrations throughout the day. Hot dogs will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The continued success of the Bazaar is a testament to the strength, generosity, and fellowship of our community. The net proceeds from the Bazaar will go toward any mission projects.

Friendship UMC will hold our **Thanksgiving Service and Communion on Sunday, November 23, at 9:30 a.m.** November is the month when we set aside a time for thanksgiving. It is grounded in the events of the lives of the early pilgrims who were first settling this land. Despite their hardships, they took time to remember their God and to thank him for sustaining them. The Thanksgiving season is grounded in our tradition of faith. It reminds us that everything we have comes from the Lord. We see our model for giving thanks in the Bible where, time after time, God's people pause to proclaim their gratitude. As we gather this year in ones or twos or more, as we break bread together, let us remember and be thankful: in the midst of it all, God is with us. God will never desert us. God will walk with us into this new future. God knows the way and will guide you. This season remember to give thanks: for the people you love, for your home and the comforts you have within that home, for this beautiful world, and the majesty of nature that reflects but a glimmer of God's majesty.



In the Old Testament's Psalms, it's recorded "make a joyful noise unto the lord . . . serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing." This is exactly what we do at the 5th Sunday Night Singing. Monticello Christian Church will host the next 5th Sunday Night Singing on **Sunday, November 23, at 6:30 p.m.** All who love to sing and hear good singing are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in Monticello's new Community Outreach Center following the singing. This is a time of good music, good fellowship, and good food. We hope you'll join us.



Advent Bible Study Waiting Here For You

Pastor Kevin will lead a four-week Advent Bible Study on the book entitled "Waiting Here For You: An Advent Journey of Hope" by Louie Giglio. "Waiting Here For You" helps us anticipate rather than dread the busy season of Advent and Christmas. A season overflowing with anticipation, Christmas

comes the same time each year with great hope and promise of a baby born long ago. But, this season meant for joy is often consumed by busyness, pressure, mixed emotions, and is gone as quickly as it came. What is it all for? In the journey of Advent - a season of expectant waiting and preparation - we find our answer. It is in the waiting season of Advent that we prepare our hearts to meet December 25 with joy, peace, hope, and promise in our newborn King.

Pastor and author Giglio invites you into an Advent journey of hope to discover that waiting is not wasting when you're waiting on the Lord. Take hold of the chance to uncover the vast hope offered through the season of Advent and find peace and encouragement as anticipation leads toward celebration!

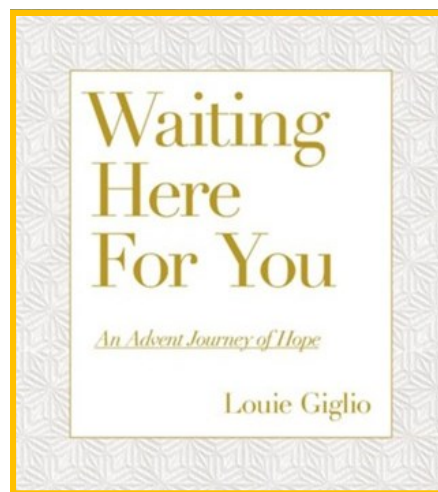
You will have two opportunities each week to participate in the Bible Study: **Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at Brown Summit UMC and Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. at Friendship UMC.** The four-week Study will begin December 1 and run through December 23. The book may be purchased from cokesbury.com; christianbook.com; or amazon. For additional information, please contact Pastor Kevin (336-552-7912). We hope you will join us.

Monday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 2, at 10:30 a.m. - Friendship
Chapter 1: God Is Working While You Wait

Monday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. - Friendship
Chapter 2: God Will Use Your Waiting

Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m. - Friendship
Chapter 3: Waiting on God and with God

Monday, December 22, at 7:00 p.m. – Brown Summit
Tuesday, December 23, at 10:30 a.m. - Friendship
Chapter 4: God Is Waiting for You





Congratulations to Jake Chrismon and Megan Puckett on your wedding on September 13. May God bless your marriage and may your life be filled with love and happiness. Jake is the son of Jeff and Tracie Chrismon and the grandson of the late Dwight and Mary Sue Chrismon.



Congratulations to Mitch Strader and Leah Isenhour on their recent engagement!

Friendship hopes your future together is filled with infinite happiness, laughter, and love. May God bless both of you with warmth and care. Mitch is the son of Skeeter and Jodie Strader and the grandson of Ronnie and Joe Anne Strader.



Congratulations to Sarah Cochran-Murray! On October 21, she became a PhD candidate at N.C. State University. She obtained her undergraduate degree at N.C. State in 2016, and her Bachelor's in Plant Biology in 2019. In 2022, she obtained her Master's degree in Plant Pathology. She considers herself a long-time member of the Wolfpack! Sarah's mentor at N.C. State, Lina Quesada-Ocampo, said, "[Sarah] continues to impress with her dedication to training the next generation of plant pathologists and improving disease management for vegetable growers." Sarah is the wife of Zeb Murray and the daughter of Pastor Kevin and Malisa Cochran. Friendship is very proud of Sarah and all of her accomplishments!



In January, 2026, Garrett Law will have the incredible opportunity to be part of "TRO To Go," an initiative from Thomas Road Outpost. Their team will be traveling back to the Philippines to partner with Camp JeLoY, a ministry faithfully reaching children and strengthening church leaders. They'll be serving alongside Camp JeLoY by hosting one-day camps in unreached villages, helping with light construction projects, sharing the gospel in schools, prisons, and churches, and encouraging pastors and their families. Garrett is grateful for the chance to walk alongside our brothers and sisters in the Philippines and join them in the work God is already doing. Please prayerfully consider partnering with them on this mission as they travel to the Philippines. When you give and pray, you are not just supporting Garrett - you are stepping into this work as a partner, helping carry the gospel to children, families, and leaders in the Philippines. "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of the messengers who bring the good news.'" Romans 10:13-15. Thank you so much for partnering with Garrett and his team as they head to the Philippines in January! If you wish to sponsor Garrett, you may write a check to Garrett Law, 102 Kilmer Lane, Reidsville, NC 27320. God bless you!

Honor Flight Takes Veterans to Washington, D.C.

The Honor Flight of West Central Florida pays tribute to American Veterans for their service and sacrifices by flying them to Washington, D.C. at no cost to visit the memorials and participate in a day of reflection and celebration of their service. On Tuesday, October 21, the 55th Honor Flight with 74 Veterans departed St. Pete-Clearwater Int'l Airport on a flight for a day-long visit to Washington and the war memorials in our capital. Guardians accompany the Veterans on the honor flights and offer valuable support to them. A record was set on this Mission as 23 Veterans were flying with their son or daughter as their Guardian. On this flight, there were two - WWII veterans; two - Korean War; sixty-six - Vietnam; one - Cuban Missile Crisis; one - Vietnam/Cold War; one - Desert Storm; and one Gulf War. The two WWII Veterans were both 100 years old! The Veterans and their Guardians flew into Baltimore and rode the bus into Washington. They visited the Arlington National Cemetery to witness the Changing of the Guard Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and spent time at the WWII, Korean, Lincoln, and Vietnam Veteran's memorials. They received a Welcome Home celebration upon their arrival back at St. Pete later that evening.



Hal Augustine, a member of Brown Summit UMC, was one of the Veterans who participated on this honor flight. He was a Sgt. in the United States Army and served two tours in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. Hal re-enlisted in the Army in 1972 and served until 1992. During this time, he was deployed to various places around the world. His last deployment was to Heidelberg, Germany, where he worked with General Norman Schwarzkopf during Desert Storm. Hal received a Purple Heart from injuries that he incurred during Vietnam and spent time in Japan for rehab. Thank you, Hal, for your unwavering service and sacrifice!

To all veterans, thank you for your service! You are all heroes!

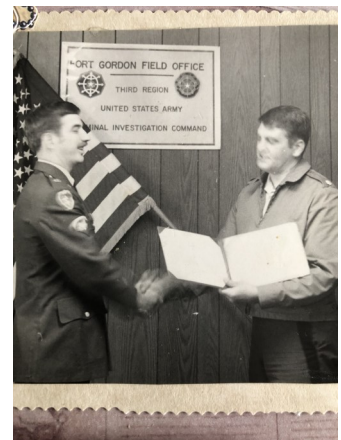


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Hal marching in
honor guard in
Korea



Hal acting squad leader
at Fort Jackson, S.C.



Hal re-enlisting in
Fort Gordon, Georgia

**And Now on
Honor Flight**





Church Family — Wayne Brann, Margie Chrismon, Norma Gordon, BeJay Hisey, Shirley Huffines, Henry & Sue Lambeth, Pastor Rick & Dianna LeBaube, Giles & Jewel Lewis, Mike & Karen Linnane, Rick Racz, Pastor Nick & Libby Scandale, Steve & Sharon Troxler

Other Friends & Family — Roger Baldwin, David Brann, David (Butch) Chrismon, George Cunningham, John Estes, George & Ruth Gilchrist, Michael Gordon, Doris Hall, Jane & John Hall, Bill & Gayle Hughes, Bobby Jones, Leroy Martelle, Bob Massey, Angel O'Baugh, Eric Parsons, Michael Payne, Sabrina Soyars, Jennifer Terry

In Sympathy — the families of Russ Roberts, Tommy Flynt, Mike Holt, Tim Talley, Billy Apple, Janice McMillan Swicegood, Chris Cox, Terry Busick, Mark Holder, Lee Gordon, all those who lost their lives by Hurricane Melissa

In Our Military — Sgt. Wade Lynch; Staff Sgt. Will Brann

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If you have a pastoral need, Pastor Kevin can be reached at his cellphone number (336-552-7912)

Pastor Kevin requests that only emergency calls be made between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m.

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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!

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November

2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Thanksgiving Service/ Communion on 11/23						1 Ham Supper
2 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Tme ends Happy Birthday! Deana Jones	3 Admin Board Mtg Happy Birthday! Karen Linnane	4	5	6 Happy Birthday! Tim Brande	7 Happy Birthday! Jan Brown	8 Happy Birthday! Sarah Johnson Merci Martin
9 Veterans Day Service	10 Happy Birthday! Riley Jackson	11 UMM Meeting Happy Birthday! Charlotte Brann	12	13	14 Happy Birthday! Giuliana McLamb	15 Crafty Christmas Bazaar
16 Happy Birthday! Gavin Wagoner	17	18 Happy Birthday! Cheryl Rumley	19 Happy Birthday! Petra Hellams Happy Anniversary! Giles & Jewel Lewis	20	21 Happy Birthday! Audrey Hellams	22 Happy Birthday! Scottie Lewis
23 5th Sunday Sing Happy Birthday! Kim Boyd Woody Childress Gary Swing	24 Happy Birthday! Jerry Apple Jack Hall	25	26	27 Happy Thanksgiving Happy Birthday! Bi Lambeth	28	29
30 Hanging of the Greens						

October Happenings

CROP WALK



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



FOOD DRIVE



October Happenings

PASTOR APPRECIATION



Friendship United Methodist Church



6:00 PM-8:00 PM

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COUNTRY HAM SUPPER

FRIENDSHIP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5222 Highway 150 East, Brown Summit, NC 27214

For more information, contact friendshipumc150@gmail.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

5:00 - 8:00 PM

FRIENDSHIP UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Adult Plate: \$15.00

Child's Plate (under 12): \$8.00

Proceeds will be used for various mission projects

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men

MENU:

Country Ham with Red Eye Gravy, Milk Gravy, Eggs, Grits, Apples, Biscuits and Variety of Homemade Desserts

**Come join us for good food and fellowship!
Invite Family and Friends!**



JOIN US FOR OUR

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 15, 2025
8 AM TO 2 PM

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF CRAFT VENDORS
AND THE CHURCH WILL BE SPONSORING A
HOT DOG & BAKE SALE TO SUPPORT VARIOUS
MISSION PROJECTS

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