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July 2018 : Verse of the Month

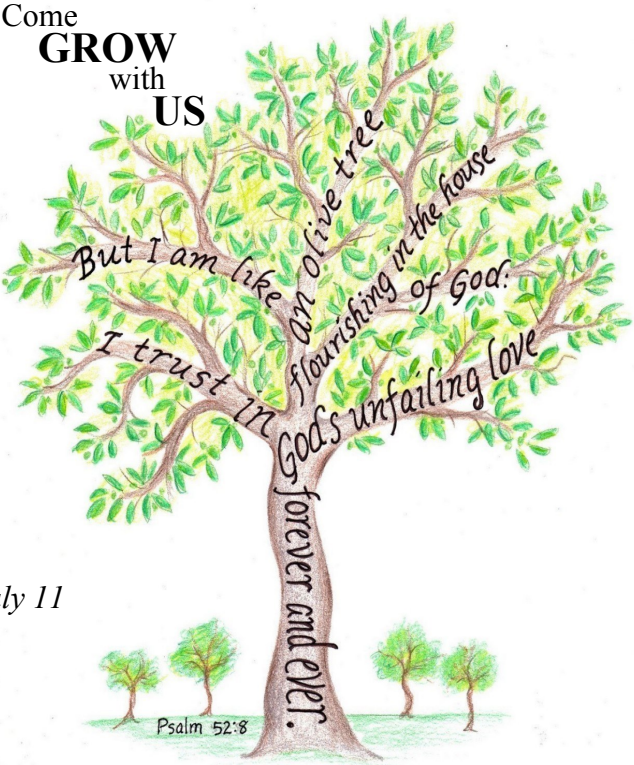
Repent and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38



WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT OAKLAND

Sunday	8:30 AM Prayer Meeting
	9:00 AM Life Groups
	9:45 AM The Connection Zone
	10:00 AM Worship Service
Tuesday	3:30 PM Backpacks of Hope
Wednesday	6:30 PM TeamKID resumes July 11
	6:30 PM Youth Program resumes July 11
	6:30 PM Wednesday Worship resumes July 11
	8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal resumes Sept. 5
Thursday	7:00 PM Jail Ministry



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

July 2018

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Pastor David's Corner

Pursuing the One Who Pursues You

There is no doubt that the Lord chases after us until He finds us. Not that we are ever lost from His sight, or have dropped from His GPS, but that we often attempt to hide, as if it were possible. It is a weak effort, one that leaves us feeling absent, alone and disassociated. So, He finds us there, hidden, but never out of His view, always within the grasp of His hands, although our temporary blindness leaves us perceiving otherwise. He is cognizant, and we are woefully unaware.

As He approaches the point of our revelation, He gently scrubs away scales from eyelids, dusts off the dirt and dust of sin, and baptizes us afresh and anew in the cleansing power of His Spirit. He finds us, enlightens, fills, and satisfies like nothing outside of His pursuit can, or ever will. We waken to new life, peace, hope and the awareness of His presence. Then, in a curious twist, He arises, turns, and walks away.

It is at this time that He begins to lead. This is where we get involved in our pursuit of the One Who has pursued us. We must follow. In repentance, we must leave that which led, and leads, to lostness, or at least the perception of it. Confessing our sins to a Holy God, we go where He goes, do what He says, and live life in the light, holy & separate from the world.

You and I, we have tried other ways. We have gone into areas that are unholy, unsacred, and unlit by His love, grace, and presence. We must lift up our eyes and seek Him, look for His movements, and pursue them with all of our being. He will be found. He's not as far away as we perceive. He's beside us every day, in every situation, and knows our whereabouts. Let's recognize that, live like that, and open our eyes, minds, and hearts to the God Who made us in His miraculous image.

Let's decide to chase after the One Who chases after us. Let's find Him, as He finds us. Let us pick up our cross, as He lifted His, and make the change. Let's enjoy life, living it more fully and abundantly. After all, isn't that His desire for us? It's not too late. Today is a great time to start. Let's do this!

PRAYER

July
Prayer
Schedule

Jerry Carnes
Bobby Kilgore
Mark McSheehan
Ray Greene
Sam Goodwin

TITHES
&
OFFERING

June 2018
Offerings to Date
\$17,484.00

Budget Needs
for July:
\$21,040.33



The church doors are locked on Sunday mornings at approximately 9:15 AM (during Sunday School). The sanctuary doors are locked after the start of services at approximately 10:20 AM.

This is a safety precaution.

June Attendance
(Worship + Children & Youth)

Sunday, June 3rd (75 + 7 = 82)
Sunday, June 10th (74 + 20 = 94)
Sunday, June 17th (77 + 21 = 98)
Sunday, June 24th (82 + 20 = 102)



***There were no Wednesday activities during the month of June.**

Prayer Requests

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Join us on Sundays at 8:30AM in the choir room for prayer time.

Eddie & Candy Anderson
Steve Brown
Lewis & Ann Cook (Doris H.'s Friends)
Lela Crump & Family (loss of mother)
Barbara Gathings (Renee's Sister)
Doris Hannah's Grandson & Girlfriend
Jack Hinson
Shelia Horne's Sister
Lory Parker
Lawanna Price

As we remember our sick, let us also pray for the lost in our neighborhoods, work places, and community. Let us pray for God's Spirit to fall on us in power and to visit us, as we open His Word, and worship Him. May we be bold in praying for how we may be a more effective witness, and a stronger disciple of His each week.



Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Ephesians 3:20

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XFuge on Mission

July 1-5 @ Ridgecrest

Key Verse: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

XFuge on Mission is a customizable mission trip for students built into a camp experience. Every morning starts with camp-wide worship before the youth group heads off to a ministry site. XFuge on Mission gives students the opportunity to serve side by side and build group unity.

Pray for our youth and youth leaders as they attend Fuge camp and as they learn about living on mission for Christ.





**TEAM KID
LEADERS**

July 4

Pre-School

Summer Break -

No TeamKID

Grades K-5

Summer Break -

No TeamKID

July 11

Pre-School

Nancy Chapman &

Claudette Kay

Grades K-5

Nan Helms &

Dianne Avery

July 18

Pre-School

Nancy Chapman &

Nancy Greene

Grades K-5

Nan Helms &

Dianne Avery

July 25

Pre-School

Nancy Chapman &

Renee Helms

Grades K-5

Nan Helms &

Dianne Avery

Spring Cleaning



Thank you to those that have poured time and energy into cleaning and maintaining the church! If you, your Sunday School class, or your small group have any interest in cleaning a portion of the church, there are still opportunities to clean. Contact the Church Office for more information!

The Closet Sorting Days

The Closet in downtown Monroe will host the following work days:

Every Tuesday 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM



Volunteers are needed to help sort, size, and tag clothes. This is a great service project for individuals, Sunday School classes, or families.

Family Discipleship Workshop

Union Baptist Association - 1744 Williams Road, Monroe NC

Tuesday, July 10th 10 AM - Noon

Speaker: Dr. Rodney Navey

(Pastor of Family Ministries at

Calvary Baptist in Charlotte)

Lunch Provided - Please RSVP by contacting the

UBA or the Church Office.



The workshop will be focused on two parts: 1) Strategic discipleship concepts for the church 2) Strategic discipleship concepts for the family.

Check out our local missions board located in the hallway near the Church Offices for more volunteer opportunities!

JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Youth @ Fuge Camp NO Deacon's Meeting	2 Youth @ Fuge Camp	3 Youth @ Fuge Camp	4 Youth @ Fuge Camp Office Closed No Activities	5 Youth @ Fuge Camp	6	7
8	9	10 10 AM - Noon Family Discipleship Workshop @ UBA	11 6:30 PM TeamKID	12 7 PM Church Council	13	14
15	16 Pastor David @ Camp Caraway	17 Pastor David @ Camp Caraway	18 Pastor David @ Camp Caraway 6:30 PM TeamKID Stuart Preaches	19 Pastor David @ Camp Caraway	20	21
22 10 AM Guest Speaker: Orlando Briones 4 PM Quarterly Meeting	23	24	25 6:30 PM TeamKID	26	27 Office Closed	28
29 5 PM Special 5th Sunday Service: The Montgomery Family & Fellowship	30	31				

CHILDREN'S LEADERS**July 1
Nursery**Sandy Richardson &
Maggie Horne**Pre-School**Ruth Outlaw &
Haley Beard**Children's Church**Jeff Lunsford &
Julie Cook**July 8
Nursery**Lela Crump &
Janet Griffin**Pre-School**Mark &
Stephanie Okada
Children's Church
Nancy Chapman &
Julie Cook**July 15
Nursery**Karyn Shauan &
Avery Shauan**Pre-School**Nan Helms &
Brandy Eudy
Children's Church
Rich Majewski &
Julie Cook**July 22
Nursery**Renee Helms &
Cindy French**Pre-School**Carolyn Street &
Lorraine McClellan
Children's Church
Dianne Avery &
Julie Cook**July 29
Nursery**Renee Helms &
Cindy French**Pre-School**Carolyn Street &
Lorraine McClellan
Children's Church
Dianne Avery &
Julie Cook**Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life:****WHY ARE WE HERE?**

July 1: What Should We Do Now?

July 8: What Happens Next?

TITHING

July 15: An Obedient Response to a Gracious God

NEHEMIAH: BUILDING A LIFE OF SERVICE

July 22: Pray

July 29: Plan

**BIBLE
STUDIES
FOR LIFE****House Party**

If you are interested in gathering in homes with other believers to worship, sing, share, and pray, please email worshipnightmonroe@gmail.com and Stuart will send you the details for July's House Party!

**Special 5th Sunday Service**

The Montgomery Family will lead worship through gospel music on Sunday, July 29th at 5 PM. There will be a fellowship following the service. Hamburgers & hotdogs will be served. All are invited!

**Worship Nights**

Will resume in August!

Check out Worship Nights on Facebook:

@worshipnightmonroe

**Vacation Bible School
Gear Up! Get Ready! Game On!**

Theme Verse: "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."

2 Peter 1:3

Three children made decisions for the Lord during VBS week. They will participate in a New Christian's Class during the month of July, followed by baptism!

Attendance: 30-35 children each night
57-67 leaders each night

VBS Missions Offering: \$423.47

The offering received will go to Pastor Paul in India and Heart for Monroe (Backyard Bible School).

