



We are a Christ-Centered congregation committed to the authority of the Bible as the inspired Word of God. We follow His Word, which commands us to reach out to all people with the saving power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness and service.

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An NALC Congregation that is Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded & Congregationally Focused

***ALL EVENTS LISTED IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE PENDING DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS PANDEMIC. THE CHURCH WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO NOTIFY YOU OF ANY CANCELLATIONS IN A TIMELY FASHION. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATE AND FACEBOOK FOR THE LATEST NEWS. PHONE TREE AND EMAIL MESSAGES WILL BE SENT OUT AT LEAST ONCE A WEEK TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.**

TUNE IN TO FACEBOOK LIVE ON SUNDAYS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9:15 A.M. WORSHIP AT 10:30 A.M.

We will recognize the oldest and youngest mothers during the announcement time before worship on Mother's Day, May 10th. They will receive one of the altar flowers given by the Men's Bible Class.



Attention Graduates!

Graduates will be honored on May 17 during the 10:30 am worship service. If you will be a 2020 spring graduate or if you have graduated within the last 12 months, **please** contact the church office ASAP!!

On the 19th, graduates are invited to don their cap and gown and process as a group to their reserved seating.

May Scripture Lessons

4th Sunday of Easter, May 3

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

5th Sunday of Easter, May 10

Acts 6:1-9, 7:2a, 51-60
Psalm 146
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

6th Sunday of Easter, May 17

Acts 17:16-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

The Ascension of our Lord, May 21

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

7th Sunday of Easter, May 24

Acts 1:12-16
Psalm 68:1-10
1 Peter 4:12-19
John 17:1-11

Pentecost Sunday, May 31

Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 25:1-15
Acts 2:1-21
John 7:37-39

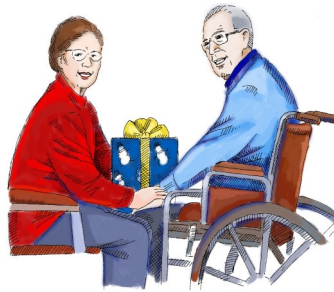
Remember those in nursing homes

Autumn Care
Joe Haas

Liberty Commons:
Elizabeth Ritchie

Trinity Oaks:
Cardell Gibson
Katherine Lyerly
Pauline Lyerly
Doris Pethel

Brookdale Assisted Living
Patti Boles



**Save the Date for
VBS 2020
July 12—16**

LCW

Miss Katherine Lyerly Group

Sister Lucille Lyerly Group

Meetings are pending

Baby Bottle Campaign announced

The baby bottle campaign for the Pregnancy Support Center will begin on Mother's Day, May 10th, and end on Father's Day, June 21st. Bottles will be available in the elevator lobby for you to pick up. The Center also has a need for various items for baby and mother. A detailed item list and more information regarding the campaign will be provided in the church bulletins and weekly updates. Please be in prayer as to how the Lord will lead you to give to this awesome organization.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:13-14.

May Birthdays

2 Clay Kirk	18 Kevin Coffey, III
2 Penelope Sease	19 Stanton Cross
3 Sandra McKenzie	20 Gary Lingle
3 Oretha Thompson	21 Charlie Shank, Jr.
4 Pat Burris	23 Trish Kelsoe
4 Paul Kluttz, Jr.	24 Kimora Cooper
5 Katherine Diaz	26 Carolyn Barringer Corl
6 Robert Mead	26 Rhett Sease
8 Jennifer Honeycutt	27 Kaitlin Peterson
8 Jeffrey Scott	
9 Michael Lowry	
9 Charles Shank	
16 Caroline Diaz	
17 Charlotte Diaz	
18 Voight Basinger	



May 3 Katie Sease

May 10 Men's Bible Class

May 17 Becky Morris

May 24 J Wood

May 31 Carmen
Merrell



Altar Flowers

FROM THE



PASTOR

When We All Get Together

(What a joyful day that will be!)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

When are we going to get back together for worship at the church? This is a question a lot of us are asking. My answer would be when Governor Roy Cooper announces it is safe for us to do so. And his answer will be based on the recommendation of those in the medical profession who have determined that the COVID-19 virus is on the downside of infecting the population. Until then I recommend we continue on with doing things the way we currently are doing them—virtual Sunday School and worship.

As of this writing we have had only one member die of the virus—Carolyn Corl, who was a resident at The Citadel (formerly Genesis); and one member— Tony Hawkins, who contracted the virus and is fully recovered from it. To my knowledge, no other members have contracted the virus. And I believe that is because we are doing what the governor has mandated and are staying home and wearing masks when we go out and are washing our hands and disinfecting things we touch such as doorknobs, surfaces, mail, keys, cellphones, etc.

When we do get back together don't expect things to be the way they were. I'll be working with our executive committee and council to plan how this will happen. I'm thinking we will start with just worship and then as things prove safe we will add other activities. I see disinfectant wipes in all the bathrooms for people to wipe down toilet handles and seats after use, as well as faucet handles. I see bottles of hand sanitizer located throughout the building and every other pew taped off to practice physical distancing. I see encouraging the use of masks for those who want an added layer of protection.

We will continue to provide livestreaming worship on Facebook for those who don't feel comfortable gathering in the sanctuary just yet, as well as for those who are unable to come to worship at church. In the meantime I propose that we all stay safe and practice good hygiene to flatten the corona curve as quickly as possible. Continue to pray, read and study your Bible and live out your faith in word and deed.

The verses above from Hebrews tell us to consider ways to encourage one another to live our life in Christ. An important part of that is gathering together for Bible study and worship and doing good works. In this time of the coronavirus pandemic it is imperative that we continue to encourage one another to love and good works, and since we are prohibited from gathering together we will just have to be creative in how we do this.

We live in an age of technology and we can use these tools to stay in touch with one another: to call, video chat, message, twitter, email, social media, send pictures, video conference. The sky is the limit. So be creative. Stay in touch. Encourage family and friends to remain faithful and do all you can to stir one another to love and good works.

God is with us and will empower us to do his will under these circumstance. He will bless us for our efforts and cause them to bear fruit. The LORD bless you in the days ahead to stay steadfast in the faith, seeking to do that which is well pleasing in His sight, all the while anticipating the day when God will bring us back together for fellowship, study, worship and service.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Carl



To the Youth Fund in honor of Jackson Ray Smith by Madeline Zieverink

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Lane Pethel by Madeline Zieverink, LaVaughn & Alan Beaver, Nick & Charlotte Pacilio, Doris Ritchie

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Carolyn Corl by Granite Quarry Class of 1955, Cheryl Tanner, Nelson Page, Mike & Kate Beretsky, Cam & Laurie Ritchie, Doris Ritchie, Charles & Jenny Roberts, Kevan Barringer, Bobby Barringer, William York, John Rink, Joe & Phyllis Freeze, Deron & Cynthia Freeze & children, Dale & Brenda Gardner, Betty Rose Witty, Dale & Marsha Beaver, Jeff & Angie Fleming, Kate & Mike Beretsky, Kay Abernathy, Nancy Huneycutt, Vaughn & Betty Hatley, Onetia Bruce, LaVaughn Beaver, Eddie & Debbie Eller & family, Frances Peeler, Joyce Trexler, Ann Peeler Winkler, Carla Ashton, Douglas & Jayne Lingle

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Ann Carscaddon by Mike & Kate Beretsky, Cardine, Lora & Tom Jones, Betty Rose Witty, LaVaughn Beaver, Frances Peeler, Roy & Lynda Pethel

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Tony Hawkins by Roy & Lynda Pethel

To Brighten the Beacon in honor of Eddie & Debbie Eller by Cheryl Tanner

To Brighten the Beacon in memory of Denny Goff by LaVaughn Beaver

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Lane Pethel by Dale & Marsha Beaver

To the Pastor's Discretionary Fund in memory of Carolyn Corl by Madeline Zieverink

To the General Fund in memory of Lane Pethel by Sheryl Lyerly

To the Cemetery Fund in memory of Carolyn Corl by Larry Corl

Dear Fellow Christians,
Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all the prayers, phone calls, cards and memorials.

Lane & I were so happy to be a part of such a loving and caring group.

Please continue to pray for me in the lonely days ahead.

Love in Christ,
Marlene & family

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● **The Brad Patrick** ●


● **Scholarship will be** ●

● **presented during the** ●

● **10:30 a.m.** ●

● **Sunday in the Grove on** ●

● **May 24.** ●

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PRAYER CONCERNS: Don Smith, recovering from appendectomy. Linda Cline's mother, broken hip. Rick Roper's father, hospitalized in NY with COVID-19 virus. LaVaughn Beaver's husband Alan, recovering from further foot surgery. Judy Kirk's son Clay, put on active duty with the Navy. Tony Hawkins, recovered from COVID-19 virus and back at work. Patti Boles friend Joyce Ledbetter, treated for cancer. KC Coffey's sister in law Angela, stage 3 breast cancer. Coffey's 8 year old friend Landon, hospitalized with injuries sustained in an ATV accident. Becky Kepley, Stanback Rehab Unit NHRMC for PT. Jeanne Diaz, healing from surgery, awaiting chemo treatments. David Preslar's mom, Geri, had a radiation treatment for brain tumors. Doris Pethel, recovering from stroke. Katherine Lyerly, pneumonia. Patti Boles, at Brookdale Assisted Living, rm 26 awaiting transfer to a nursing home for skilled care. Joe Koehn, facing knee and hip surgeries. Tom Chapman's niece Vickie McSwain, colon cancer. Linda Crouch's sister, Diane Owens, taking chemo treatments for breast cancer. Tammy Hill's friend, Linda Shaw, cancer spread. Joe Haas, Autumn Care rm. 808. Wanda Smith's friend Becky Lord, treatment for stage 4 cancer. Marsha Beaver's friend, Patsy McBride, cancer. Wanda Smith, receiving injections for back pain. Rose & Don Dedmon in poor health. Bill Welch, bladder cancer.



Our Sympathy to Denise Koehn and family at the death of her brother Denny Goff.
Our Sympathy to Betty Hatley and family at the death of her mother Ann Carscaddon.

Council Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2020

Present:	LaVaughn Beaver	Kevin Holland	Also Present:	Absent:
Jason Smith, President	Jay Goodman	Jenny Roberts	Carl Haynes, Pastor	Robbie Robinson
David Preslar, V Pres.	Sue Wall	Mike Yarbrough	Laurie Ritchie, Treasurer	
Linda Crouch, Sec.	Earlene Ritchie	Laura Ritchie		
Boni Lowry	Eddie Eller	Marlene Pethel		

Concerns, Receptions and Approvals:

Council meeting minutes of March 8, 2020 were approved as presented. Thank you to LaVaughn Beaver for taking and typing minutes.
March envelope offering was over budget \$2,756.67 with year to date above \$10,939.01.
March income was over budget \$3,364.94.
March expenses were over budget \$876.33.
Year to date expenses under budget \$13,641.16.
Spendable cash as of March 31, 2020 was \$84,795.29.
Contributions to Brighten the Beacon Fund in March were \$1,817.00.

Special notes for Financial Report:

A gas refund of \$421.00 was received.
A sales tax refund of \$1,219.92 was received.
The first loan repayment of \$1,700.00 was made to F&M on February 28, 2020.

The financials were approved as presented.

Reception of:

Pastors Report for March 2020 was received with special notes of the start of livestreaming the worship service on March 22nd and livestreaming Sunday School (Dale Beaver) on March 29th due to COVID-19. In addition, Becky and Harold Morris, Kathy Haynes and Joyce Cavanaugh-Wood have been helping lead the worship services along with Jason Smith operating the camera and Terry Ritchie running the sound board. Carolyn Corl is the first member of our congregation to die of the COVID-19 virus.

Committee & Auxiliary Reports:

- Stewardship:** A motion came from the Fellowship committee for approval to place the remaining funds from the Lenten Meals in a separate line item for Fellowship activities only. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Property:** Jason Smith and Kevan Barringer planted grass seed at the dogwood tree. A leaky faucet was repaired at the parsonage. Repairs are being discussed regarding the remaining wall damage from the removal of the bees.
- Social Ministry:** Food was provided and prepped for the evening meal on March 26, 2020 and the breakfast meal on March 27, 2020 at the homeless shelter. Due to the COVID-19 virus the meal was served by the employees at Rowan Helping Ministries.
- Evangelism:** The pictorial directory has been distributed and the phone app is available for the directory. Forty Days-Forty Items Lenten Challenge has stopped for the present time; however, Rowan Helping Ministries will be able to accept our donations at a later date. Blessing Bags are still available for the congregation to keep in their car and distribute to any homeless people they may encounter. Future items that are being considered is a favorite scripture devotional book and the Love Bible Project.
- Fellowship:** A thank you was given to everyone that assisted with the Lenten meal. Soft drinks have been provided for today's blood drive.
- Landscape:** A yard workday has been scheduled for May 2nd with lunch being provided.
- Nehemiah Group:** Continues to provide safety personnel while livestreaming services are being conducted.
- Brighten the Beacon:** Table and chairs are being purchased for the Fellowship Hall with some of the designated Thrivent funds. A portion of the Thrivent funds will also go to the Pastors' Discretionary Fund.
- SL:** Members participated in a Food for Thought packing party at RHM on March 3, 2020. Provided the BtB meal on March 10, 2020 which included various soups, sandwiches, salads and dessert.

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Sunday School 9:15 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

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Council Secretary: Linda Crouch

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Church Treasurer: Laurie Ritchie
Organist/Music Director: Becky Morris
Youth Director: Brittney Barnhardt

Christiana Lutheran Men: Jason Smith
Christiana Rowdy Seniors: Jenny Roberts

Chancel Choir
Becky Morris, Director
Wednesdays 6:45 p.m.

Handbell Choir
Kathy Haynes, Director
4 p.m. Sundays

Children's Choirs
Becky Morris, Director
Little Thrive, afternoon on Sundays
Young Thrive, afternoon on Sundays

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Prayerful Consideration of Council Matters:

The total cost for the removal of the bees was \$2,075.00. Estimates are being obtained for the repairs which will include replacing the sheetrock, painting and brick work.

The fire ants in the cemetery have been spot treated; however, they are still increasing in number. A quote of \$850.00 was obtained which includes a gel treatment to be administered as needed and includes a one year warranty. The Executive Committee was contacted regarding approval of this service and the cemetery was treated on April 18, 2020 with the funds coming from the cemetery fund.

A new phone tree system is needed for the office which will allow the messages to be sent to all members simultaneously and will free up the phone lines for Ann Teague. The new phone tree system can also be used for e-mails and text messages. This system can be accessed from any location other than the church which will be more convenient for sending out messages. The costs for the first year will not exceed the sum of \$600.00 and are being covered by an anonymous donor. A motion was made, seconded and approved for the use of this new phone tree system for the period of one year and to review the continuation in 12 months.

A camera was purchased (less than \$500.00) for livestreaming the worship services and Sunday School. A motion was made to take the funds from the Music and Worship Fund. After discussion, the motion was amended to take the funds from Undesignated Funds. The motion was seconded and passed.

A word of thanks was given to Jason Smith for providing the funeral meal for Lane Pethel.

Next meeting: May 10, 2020 at 7:30am

Lockup and Devotions for May: Boni Lowry

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Crouch, Council Secretary