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Many people have told me over the years that their favorite devotional book is one by Sarah Young titled, Jesus Calling. They've felt that Jesus was truly speaking to them, and that each day's message seemed on-target for what they were experiencing.

Jesus Calling is not the devotional book I use each day, but I do keep one August reading marked in my copy. See if it speaks to your heart as it does to mine:

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TRUST ME in the midst of a messy day. Your inner calm – your Peace in My Presence – need not be shaken by what is going on around you. Though you live in this temporal world, your innermost being is rooted and grounded in eternity. When you start to feel stressed, detach yourself from the disturbances around you. Instead of desperately striving to maintain order and control in your little world, relax and remember that circumstances cannot touch My Peace.

Seek My Face, and I will share My mind with you, opening your eyes to see things from My perspective. *Do not let your heart be troubled, and do not be afraid.* The Peace I give is sufficient for you. (John 14:27)

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Does that feel like a message to you from Jesus, today? I hope so. There is truly no substitute for the peace we can find in our relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

Through the risen Christ, you and I have the promise of spiritual peace while on this earth, as well as life eternal with God. We find this peace through our prayerful relationship with Christ. Jesus may sometimes prod us out of our comfort zones or away from sin, but it is always toward the end of bringing us greater peace in a life lived closer to the will of God.

Connie Weaver, Pastor

NOTES FROM THE SESSION MEETING OF JULY 14

The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in Room A/Session Room with a quorum of Elders in attendance and Pastor Connie serving as Moderator.

- Active Membership: 160
- Approved as read the minutes of the Stated Session of June 9, 2024; Executive Meeting of June 9, 2024; Called Meeting of June 17, 2024; Called Meeting of June 30, 2024
- Approved holding Revival on Sunday, September 15 and Monday, September 16
- Approved as presented the June 2024 Financial Report.
- Given as information: Pastor Connie will be on vacation August 3 – 10; Sandy Stewart will be in our pulpit on Sunday, August 4.

OUTREACH

Hygiene Kits (19) were sent to Church World Services to be distributed in the United States and around the world. Thanks to all who donated a complete kit or individual items that go in the kits....You are blessings needy people who are facing difficult circumstances such as natural disasters and wars !

CHRISTMAS IN JULY.....Thank you for taking and filling a box (es) for Samaritan's Purse; also, thank you to those who donated items for us to build boxes. Our final count on the number of shoeboxes collected will be placed in the church bulletin in early August. These boxes will bring a huge measure of joy to many hurting children in our world.



FAMILY PROMISE....July 22 -24 West End Presbyterian and Culdee shared nights taking supper to the Family Promise House....The meals fed three moms and 10 children. Please pray that these families will soon be able to move into housing of their own, and always pray for the staff and volunteers who serve vital ministry!



Hello, Parents!

As July comes to a close, so does our study of the "BEE" attitudes! We have learned what beatitudes are, what they mean, and done some unBEElievably fun crafts!

Coming up in August, we will be looking at Galatians 5:22-23: the Fruit of the Spirit! Each Sunday, we will cover 2 fruits and discuss what they are, what they mean, and how we can use them in our own lives. We hope your children 5 and up will join us on Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the downstairs classroom. Kaitland McKenzie

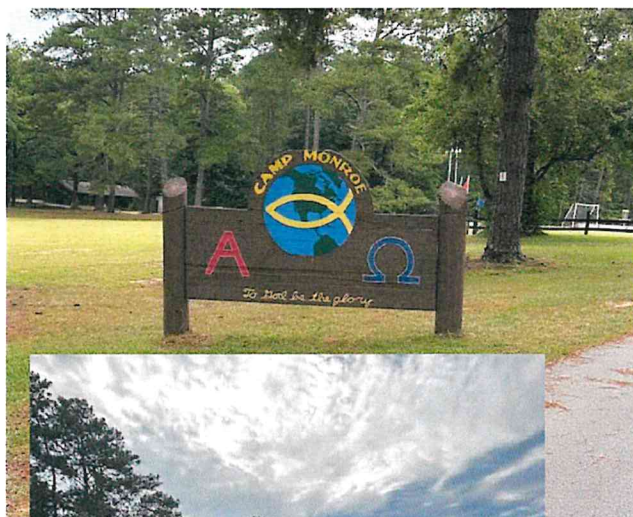
CHRISTIAN ED MINISTRY

The Christian Ed Ministry had a great month in June working with the youth. Including the Mini Sunday Funday in May, we have had the opportunity to touch sixty young lives in our Culdee family and surrounding community. On June 2nd, thirty-six youth attended our End of Year Water Splash. Everyone was soaked (including adults)! Water balloons, water guns, and sliding down the giant water slide created chaotic fun. After drying off, we moved to the fellowship hall. We began by honoring Riley Seawell and Alex Patterson. They graduated from Union Pines and have plans to attend Sandhills Community College. They have assisted with our Sunday Fundays since we began. The group enjoyed pizza and for our worship, we talked about "Life's journey and growing older while remaining rooted in God's teachings" We would like to express appreciation to Pastor Jane Love for her donation to our Sunday Funday program. This program has operated solely on donations since the program began.

Vacation Bible School was held June 24 - June 28. We had twenty registered and lost two families (6 campers) due to family circumstances. The fourteen campers remaining were a group of energetic young people with a desire to worship and have fun. The week was extremely hot, but no one seemed to notice.



They worked with the camp counselors dying shirts, crazy competitions, worship music and song as well as their Bible discussions. The counselors deemed them: THE BEST GROUP EVER! On my travels with them, I asked each of them their favorite part and the most common response was "Worship"! They could have chosen zip lines, rock walls, the lake, pool, gaga pits, banana Olympics and more but they chose worship. That was so exciting to hear and makes us more determined to find that opportunity more often.



We would like to express our appreciation to those who sponsored campers, brought hamburger, cookies, and treats. Also thank you to the kitchen workers who made serving lunch each day simple. We also appreciate the prayers for our safe travels! After a period of rest, we will begin looking for ways to serve and move forward. Anyone wishing to join our team, we would love to have you.

Marshall Sweat and Patti Burke

Finance Ministry

Renovation

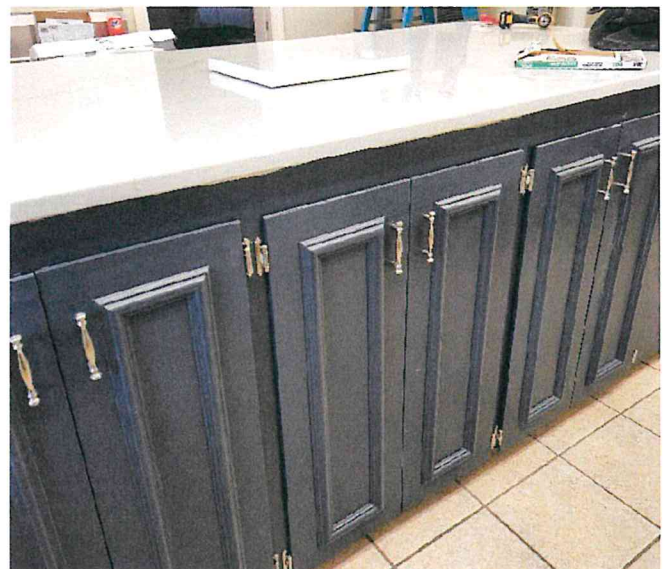


As you may have noticed, the kitchen renovations are going along very well.



By the time you see this, the quartz counter tops, and new appliances should be installed. This renovation is a

commercial upgrade that will serve Culdee in so many capacities such as missions, celebrations, gatherings, and many other occasions. This would not be possible without the volunteers who have graciously given their time and talents towards this project. Your endless devotion to this project has not gone unnoticed and is appreciated. The heart and hands of this kitchen has filled many bellies, heard many shared stories, served as an unofficial cooking school, and an overall a gathering spot for friendly conversation. The kitchen has always been a place of comfort and service and will continue to do so for many more years to come.



Annual Fall Harvest Festival Auction and Sale

Our annual Harvest Festival will be here before we know it. This year it will take place on October 19, 2024. Your help and talents are needed to make this successful. For the auction and yard sale, please visit your local shops and kindly ask if they would like to donate any items. There are *tax deductible* forms that have been placed outside of the office that can be given to any donor as their verification of generosity. This would be a wonderful time to go through items in your own home that you may want to donate. The yard sale was very successful last year, and it is our hope that it will be just as successful this year. If you should have any items that you need assistance with, please contact the office so that someone can be advised.

Parking Lot Paving

Towards the end of July you will start seeing the transformation of the current soil parking lot turn into a paved parking lot. There will be a lot going on during this time and several wonderful church members will be involved in helping with grading and prepping for this. As noted in the July updates, parking may be a little different during this process but there will be parking, and directions put out to help direct traffic and places to park during this process.

Kitchen HVAC Unit

This system has been living on borrowed time and has gotten us through some extremely hot days. The time has come to replace this unit, and this will be done in conjunction with the kitchen renovation.

Investments

As of June 30th, 2024, the Stifel Nicolaus investments report, the year-to-date dividends, interest, and realized gains are \$3,552.13. The year-to-date unrealized gains are \$17,433.01 leaving the total year to date realized and unrealized gains at \$20,985.14. Currently, the investments are doing very well and are being monitored daily for adjustments that may require action.



James and Allistair McKenzie serving as Acolytes

We appreciate their willingness to serve and be a part of our Sunday service. We also encourage any other youth willing to serve to speak with the ushers and we will begin training.

Linda Upole's 90th Birthday Celebration



Culdee was honored to celebrate the 90th birthday of Linda Upole on June 9, 2024. The Culdee Quilters presented her with a beautiful wrap quilt for this special occasion. Thank you to Culdee's family and friends for joining the Uphole family in celebration.



AUGUST



Sadie Cuff	01
Jackie Thamm	04
Sarah Cuff	05
Tracy Vest	09
Vickie Mehta	11
Tammy Parsons	11
Wayne Vest	11
Zach Marks	11
Nelson Blue	12
Ray Barber	13
Tony Rouse	15
Peyton Martin	15
Eve Williamson	18
Andrew Craven	19

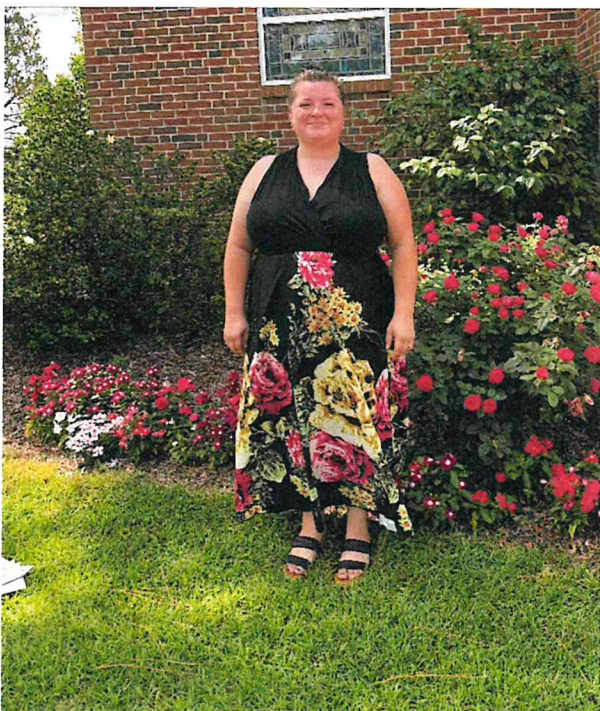
Lisa Campbell	20
Myers Buckley	21
Grace Bowen	22
Deelie Whitesell	23
Jackson Aldridge	23
Nancy Howle	25
Kristy Taylor	25
Norman Harris	25
Dana Vest	26
Skylar Lilly	26
Sharon Cuff	30
Lisa Huffines	30
Wyatt Cole	31

Congratulations to our Graduates:

Alex Patterson, son of Tim & Lisa Patterson
 Kaitland McKenzie, wife of James McKenzie
 Camden Allen Vest, grandson of Jewell Vest
 Hannah Lassiter, granddaughter of Mills Hodge & Laura Phillips
 Luke Moon, grandson of Junior & Sharon Moon
 J.P Moon, grandson of Junior & Sharon Moon
 Riley Seawell, grandson of Deelie Whitesell



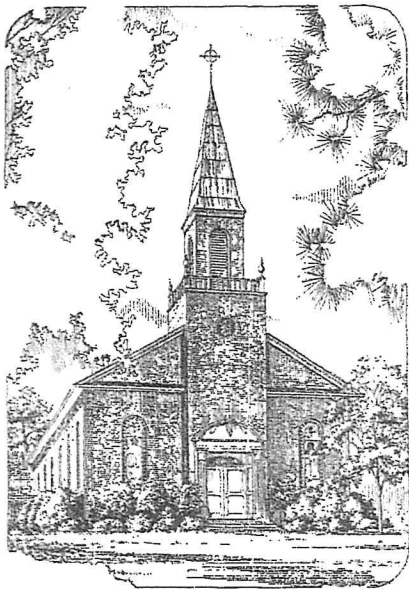
Congratulations to our Doris Moore Scholarship recipients.



Kaitland
McKenzie

Roston
&
Braxton
Barber





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*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his
name; make known among the nations
what He has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8*

Culdee Presbyterian Mission

Culdee Presbyterian Church will build caring relationships with our local and global community while proclaiming the Word of God and building up our faith community.

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