

Wednesday Menus for the Month of July:

Dinner begins at 5:50 pm.

All meals include tea and coffee.

\$7—11 & Up, \$4—Children, 5-10, \$7—Take Out  
\$25 max. for immediate family.

"To-Go" Plates will be prepared by the Kitchen

Personnel after the serving line closes. We cannot  
guarantee "to-go" orders until all of our dine-in family  
members are served. As available, additional take out  
plates may be purchased at the regular price.

Meal dates are to be determined!

## FYI

- **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:** Sunday, July 2nd at 7:30am in Fellowship Hall.
- **OFFICE CLOSED:** Tuesday, July 4th.
- **MEN'S MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP:** Saturday, July, 15th at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.
- **DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER:** Monday, July 17th at 9am.
- **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING:** July 20th at 6:30pm.

### TEAM MEETINGS IN JULY:

- **Building & Grounds:**  
Wednesday, July 5, at 6:15pm
- **Stewardship & Finance:**  
Wednesday, July 12, at 6:00pm
- **Security Team:**  
Wednesday, July 19, at 6:00pm
- **Church Council:** Thursday, July 20, at 6:30pm
- **Deacons' Meeting:**  
Wednesday, July 26, at 6:00pm

Please Note: All events,  
dates, and times are  
subject to change.



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"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." (Philippians 3:20-21)

Most of us do not forget where we've come from. We are generally proud of our community and nation and have plenty of reminders all around us. We are more inclined to forget where we're going. Who has time to think about eternity when there are so many important decisions to make today? Considering that we're talking about eternity, we should give it some thought. The Apostle Paul reminds us that those who have been saved by the Lord Jesus have an eternal home in Heaven. That's where we

owe our ultimate allegiance. And He's going to come back and transform us into something glorious.

Over the next couple of months, I will be preaching a series titled, "Not Our Home." Together we will look at the crumbling Old Testament kingdoms of Israel and Judah in 1 and 2 Kings and remember again and again why we place our hope in an eternity Jesus has secured. There is not a more practical question to ask yourself than where you will spend eternity. The more we look at how broken life is in this world, the more we will long for our eternal home. Together, let's look at the world around us with God's wisdom and peer into eternity with God's promises. I look forward to our time worshipping together this month.

Your Pastor,  
Michael Wren



## Men's Ministry

Saturday, July 15th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

The Men's Ministry will get together on July 15th at 6pm to discuss up coming events and fellowship with one another. Bring your own meal and join us!

OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, July 4th



COMING IN AUGUST





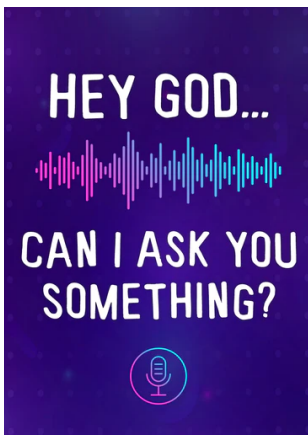
## Children's Ministries



It was an amazing week as we played our way through VBS while learning that Jesus guides us through all the twists and turns of our lives. We discovered that trusting Jesus as Savior and following Him changes the game entirely!

A huge "Thank you!" to all who planned and prepared for this exciting week of outreach and ministry. The teachers, rotation leaders, guides, kitchen crew, registration, audio/video techs, decorators, and so many other volunteers have done a fantastic job of serving in order for this week to run smoothly.

You are all so appreciated and loved!



Summer Sessions begin in July with a new unit called, "Hey, God...Can I Ask You Something?" Over the course of the summer, we'll look at some of the prayers recorded in the Bible to see just how eager God is to listen to us, speak with us, and answer our prayers.

We'll meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:00pm. Join us and bring a friend!



A playgroup is open to church families and friends, meeting once each week throughout the summer. Please contact Cortnie Teal at 706-231-7837. She will include you on a text group for times, locations, and days for the playgroup each week.

## Student Ministries



Engage will continue to meet each Wednesday evening during the month of July.

We have organized games, worship and prayer time, and Bible lessons. During the Bible lesson portion, students have the option of working from three different modules: memory verses, books of the Bible, and our biblical foundation.



A Day Trip to Carowinds in Charlotte, NC is being planned for Saturday, July 29th.

Total cost will depend on if we can get the group rate. The group rate starts at 15 people and will cost around \$75 per person. If we have under 15 persons, then the cost will be around \$115 each.

The group rate includes parking, admissions, a single-meal deal, and all-day drinks.

Look for a signup sheet near the fellowship hall. Tickets will be purchased on Monday, July 24th in the afternoon. All are welcome. Children under 12 must have a parent come with them.



ReCharge, a monthly gathering for High School students, will not be meeting in the Summer. We will resume again in August.

## Women's Ministry

### THURSDAY MORNING 10 AM BIBLE STUDY

Ladies, Thursday morning Bible Study will continue to meet throughout the month of July in room 102. We are studying "Biography of God" by Skip Heitzig.



Join us for a great time of study and fellowship.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday evening Women's Bible Study will finish up "Lessons from the Lives of Shells" from 6:30-8:00pm in room 102. In August, we will start the Mama Bear Apologetics.

## Discipleship Ministry

### CHURCH LIBRARY

The library has a new section dedicated to Discipleship. This section contains materials for Personal Discipleship, Doctrine, and Evangelism. Stop by and see what might be useful to you in your walk with Christ. Donations of books and study guides in this category are welcomed. They will be reviewed for their useability. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Cross at (706)836-9226 or email at [crossdaniel4@comcast.net](mailto:crossdaniel4@comcast.net).

## Men's Ministry

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## Senior Adult Ministry

### YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON

Will return in the month of September.



## Missions Ministry

Summer is here and it's a great time to continue packing those OCC shoe boxes!



Hello, July!

This month we will be collecting items for sewing and fishing kits. As you collect items, thank God for sewing us together in our mother's womb and for Jesus making fishers of men! Donations for sewing kits can include items such as: scissors, thread, material, buttons, and needles. Items for fishing kits can include items like line, scissors, pliers, hooks, sinkers, lures, and bobbers. Multi-colored or decorative duct tape is also helpful. Thank you for praying for these children to receive Christ!

- OCC /Missions Team

### International Missions

#### Swedes of Sweden

Please pray for a discovery Bible study beginning in Stockholm for those seeking to learn more about Christianity. Pray for church members to invite their friends and for people to be drawn to hear the Word of God.

## Music Ministry



### HBC ADULT CHOIR

Save the Date and Make a Joyful Noise! We will soon begin working on a special choir song for our Homecoming Service on September 24th. If you would like to join the Adult Choir for this special service, please see Amanda Brookins for more information. We hope to see you there!

### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir is not meeting during the summer. We look forward to meeting again when school starts back. When we resume, we will continue to rehearse special songs to share in our Sunday morning services.