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**Country Style Steak Fundraiser**  
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### Sunday Services

- 9:00am *Worship Service*
- 10:15am *Sunday School*
- 5:00pm *Adult Choir* / 4:00 pm *Praise Band Practice*
- 6:00pm *Every FOURTH SUNDAY Ebenezer Methodist Women*

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." *Matthew 28:19*



## Something to think about

### Mothers and Women can help save the culture and society.

"Guess who humans have always relied on to help people that need help and shame bad people that need correction: women.

Dear American women: I have a suggestion. Throw off the ridiculous girlboss culture that makes women look like fools. Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to curb the realm of politics and renew the culture of day-to-day helping and gifting, and reilluminate the moral universe of values and beliefs that has gone dark in the Age of Politic"

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### Darwinism and the Evolutionary Theory continue to disrupt faith and society.

You are the product of blind, random mutations. You have no purpose or meaning. That's a doozy -- especially when we couple it with the last lie. We accept without thinking what a profound effect that has on kids. Darwinian evolution is one of the most dangerous and debilitating falsehoods we've allowed in, and since we've permitted the school system to clothe that lie in a white lab coat and lionize all statements called "science," we have left our kids in a very dark wood with no way out.

And, what's worse is that our government, in order to cement the lie, spends billions of dollars each year to convince our kids that God isn't. If, for 12 to 20+ years, we send them off to schools that are devoted to the myth of religious neutrality, where the God of the Bible is either never mentioned or openly attacked, why are we surprised that our children lose their way, lose their faith right when they need it the most? An hour of Sunday School a week isn't going to counter that massive indoctrination."

<https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2023/06/>

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See "The Story of Everything" p. 4 to see how this lie, masquerading as science, is being combatted.

### WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES

- 6:30p Prayer Meeting
- 7:00p Bible Study — Adults.



### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Mon.—Friday: 8:30—1:00 p.m.

Phone: (828) 396-2214



## Meetings, etc.

### Seniors Gathering

Our Senior citizens are invited to another morning of fellowship with meal on **Tuesday, May 19th at 11:00 a.m.** Details to be announced later.

### EMW Meeting

The Women will have their next meeting on **Sunday, May 24th at 6:00 p.m.** All women of the church are invited to participate.

### Memorial/Funeral Services

There are two Memorial Funeral Services this month.

**Gerry Daniel Memorial**  
**Saturday, May 9th,**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**&**

**Billy Hefner, Jr. Funeral**  
**Saturday, May 16th**  
**Receiving: 3:00 p.m.**  
**Funeral Service: 4:00 p.m.**

Please keep Ted Daniel and his family and the Billy Hefner, Jr. Family in your prayers for comfort as they continue to deal with their losses. Thank you.

*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*  
—Proverbs 31:30-31 NIV

## Special Giving

We gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts in April:

**In memory of Bleaka Hollar** by Jane Annas, Jay & Melissa McCarraher, Freida Matthews, and Becky Silver.

## Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

**RESURRECTION  
HERE AND NOW**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

—John 8:57-58 NIV

*The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. —Matthew 28:5-6a*

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”—John 11:25-26*

*“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” --John 10:10*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! --2 Corinthians 5:17*

Christians look forward to the day when they will be with Jesus in heaven, especially as we get older or very sick and know the time is near for our departure from this world. This is a good hope, something we can hold onto when times are tough or the whole world seems to be going insane. It is wonderful to think of reuniting with our loved ones and the fellow believers we knew here on earth before they passed. We can also look forward to meeting and interacting with saints from around the world and those that were written about in history books, which we did not personally know while living. We joyfully look forward to the day of our resurrection into the eternal blessed home with Jesus when all our tears will be gone and forgotten for evermore.

But have you heard the phrase “so heavenly minded that he is no earthly good?” Though the temptation is strong to sit down and wait for that resurrection hope to be realized as your age catches up with you, or you become physically disabled or very sick, God does not want us to ever retire as disciples. Only one of the original apostles died a natural death. All the other apostles and countless other early Christians were martyred for their faith. Even John, who lived to 100 did not stop serving the faith until he died. We are saved and allowed to remain alive here to serve. Why would a loving God leave us here in a sinful place full of temptations and sorrows unless he has a plan that we are expected to help him fulfill?

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## May Events & Fundraiser

### Mother's Day Celebration

**Sunday, May 10th**



After the worship service on Mother's Day, we invite you to enjoy cake and coffee in honor of the women of our church and all our mothers, living and passed on to glory.



### Country Style Steak Fundraiser

**Saturday, May 30th**

**4-7:00 PM**

Enjoy a delicious Country Style Steak supper with mashed potatoes, green beans, and roll with a choice of homemade dessert. Dine-in or take-out for a donation to our church. Beverages include coffee, tea, or water (not provided for take-out).

Proceeds will be used to fund our church ministries. We thank you for your support.



### May Celebrations



- 5th—Brei Ledford
- 8th—Marsha McRary
- 12th—Paul Burson, III
- 12th—Heather Helton Wallace
- 13th—Ricky Baker
- 13th—Meredith Starnes
- 14th—Carolyn Davis
- 15th—Darren McCrary
- 24th—Gavin Bachman
- 27th—David Bachman
- 29th—Ted Daniel

### Happy Anniversary

- 2nd—Lucas & Sarah Teague
- 4th—George & Sarah Christas

### Feeding the Hungry

**Saturday, May 9th**

**11:00 AM—til'**

Clean out your pantry or buy some shelf stable foods and canned items to donate to feed the hungry. Collections will be going on at the Granite Falls and Hudson Post Office on this day.

We thank you for your generosity, and may God bless you for caring.

### How do I hide God's word in my heart? Memorize it!

And this is the testimony: *God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

—1 John 5:11-12 NIV

### Our Military

Ricky Garland  
Shane McRary  
Jamie Mullinax  
Hunter Tolbert



Please pray for the men and women who protect our freedoms.

*John Wesley said:*

"I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England."

### Upcoming Events & Ministry Opportunities

- May 4th? — Pastor Simon Returns
- May 9th, 1:00 p.m. — Gerry Daniel Memorial Service
- May 10th, — Mother's Day Celebration with cake and coffee
- May 16th, 3:00 & 4:00 p.m.— Billy Hefner, Jr. Receiving & Funeral
- May 19th, 11:00 a.m. — Senior Citizens Gathering
- May 24th, 6:00 p.m. — Ebenezer Methodist Women's meeting
- May 25th, All Day — Church office closed for Memorial Day
- May 30th, 4-7:00 p.m. — Country Style Steak Fundraiser



### Something, cont'd

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Maybe Jesus will return tomorrow. Maybe it will be centuries from now. But our resurrection is assured because it has begun already. Jesus arose and walked among his disciples for days before he went up to heaven to prepare a place for each of us who believe. After we accept him as our Savior and Lord, we also begin our resurrection here, now. We are new creations in Christ. We are on the road to being made into his image now. Our abundant life and our eternal life begin here, not only after death. So, live with that joyful hope of the bodily resurrection after our departure from this life and time on earth. Let it move you to willingly let God's Spirit that dwells within you make you more like Jesus every day. Never stop growing in your faith and in your obedience to God. Never stop serving in his church and his kingdom's work. There is a reward awaiting in heaven for all who suffer for his sake now—in small and large ways. I'll see you there at the rewards ceremony. I pray your crown is bigger than mine!

In memory of Bleaka Hollar who never stopped serving until God called her home. May we all do likewise. We mourn the loss of her presence but glory in her service to our Lord. †

### A Quote to Ponder

“Belief in the afterlife keeps me sane. Because there ‘s so little justice in this world. If God is just...then there has to be justice in an afterlife...if God is good there has to be an afterlife...if God is just there has to be an afterlife...and I don't believe that God would create the ability of human beings to cherish justice, but he doesn't (cherish justice). He made us.” —Dennis Prager

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. —Genesis 1:27*

### “The Story of Everything”

“It turns out that discoveries from physics and astronomy reinforce a theistic view. Physicists have determined that the fundamental laws and parameters of our universe are "finely tuned," against all odds, to make life possible. Even slight alterations of many independent factors -- such as the strength of gravitational or electromagnetic attraction, or the initial arrangement of matter and energy -- would render life impossible. Thus, an increasing number of physicists no longer believe that chance and randomness provide ultimate answers. Instead, they believe that life is only sustained by a cosmic "fine-tuning." And that of course implies that there must be an ultimate "fine-tuner."

“[A] new film to be released on April 30, entitled, *The Story of Everything*, takes you on a journey through the biggest discoveries in modern science -- cosmology, physics, and biology. “

The Story of Everything at <https://fathomentertainment.com/releases/the-story-of-everything>.

Learn why Intelligent Design science is winning out over the Darwinian notion of random, unguided, evolution as an explanation for our world and universe's existence.

Unfortunately, I couldn't find any theater closer than Charlotte showing this. Hopefully, it will be available online in the near future. Find out about how science is proving the truth of the Bible at Answers In Genesis (Ken Ham)

<https://answersingenesis.org> and Discovery Institute at <https://www.discovery.org>.

You will find out why Darwin's Evolutionary Theory is NOT settled science. It is turning out to be a convenient “just so story” for atheists, instead of real science.

God and science are not enemies; only God and secular scientists are.

“The truth shall set you free.”

