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## Revive us, O Lord! Revival

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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*



## Pastor's Pen



### Building Together: Strengthening Men's and Women's Ministries

Dear Church Family,

One of the greatest blessings of our congregation is the way God is shaping and growing us through our various ministries. Among these, our Men's and Women's Ministries continue to be central and powerful avenues for fellowship, discipleship, and service. When men and women are actively engaged in ministry, the church becomes stronger, more unified, and more effective in reaching our community for Christ. **We celebrate men's and women's ministries in our congregation this month on the 7th and 21st of September.**

**Our Men's Ministry** led by brother, John McCrary, is a vital part of our spiritual growth as a congregation. It provides a place where men can come together to address emergent community needs, for prayer, Bible study, and encouragement. Through these gatherings, men are equipped to lead their homes, workplaces, and community with integrity and Christlike character. Proverbs 27:17 reminds us, "*As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.*" When men build each other up in faith, the ripple effects reach their families, their church, and beyond.

**Our Women's Ministry** led by Ms. Kim Ellis is a very critical and equally vital component of the overall ministry of our church. This ministry among many other things, creates opportunities for women to grow in their walk with God while finding meaningful fellowship and support. Through Bible studies, small groups, and acts of service, women nurture one another and strengthen the body of Christ. Titus 2:3-5 reminds us of the importance of mentorship and discipleship among women—passing on faith and wisdom to future generations.

Together, these ministries reflect the beauty of God's design for the church where men and women, working side by side, use their God-given gifts to glorify Him and build up the body of believers. As Romans 12:5 says, "*So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*"

I want to remind you of upcoming ministry opportunities to Grow and Serve. As we look ahead, there are some exciting events designed to strengthen our

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### 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.

### Lord's Supper Ministry

This ministry has been canceled for now. We will continue to reach out to people in recovery from health issues in other ways.

### Retire Debt Meeting

All project groups need to report what they are doing or plan to do at this meeting on **Tuesday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m.** The leader of each project should attend or send a representative. Anyone interested in helping may attend.

### Methodist Men's Sunday

On **Sunday, September 7**, the men of our church will be in charge of the worship service. Please come and help us honor our men of faith.

### Seniors Gathering

Our Senior citizens are invited to another morning of fellowship with meal on **Tuesday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m.** Details to be announced later.

### Nominations Committee

The Nominations and Personnel Committee will meet on the following dates in **September: 9th, 16th, & 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** Members are: Pastor Simon, Bleaka Hollar, Cindy Satterwhite, Chuck Adams, Linda Moretz, Judy McCrary, Phyllis Minton, Kim Knepp, & Becky Silver.

### EWG Meeting

The Women will have their next meeting on **Sunday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m.** All women of the church are invited.

**"Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts."**

—Sir Winston Churchill.

## Something to Pray About

by Cindy Sears

They all joined together **constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.  
—Acts 1:14 NIV

### PRAYER & REVIVAL

References: Acts 1:12-14; 2:1-4; NIV Luke Commentary by Ajith Fernando.

*They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers...All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.* --Acts 1:14, 2:4

Pentecost came after constant prayer. In the history of the church, revival comes after persistent prayer also.

In 1857 one man, Jeremiah Lamphier, began a weekly prayer time in New York City. On the first day at noon, Lamphier prayed alone for 30 minutes, and was joined after that by 6 men from 4 denominational backgrounds. The group grew from 6 to 20 to 40 to 100, then they began praying daily. Preachers who came to the meetings went back to their churches and began prayer groups at their own churches. This was the beginning of "The Great Awakening" in North America. From 1857-1859 two million people turned to Christ (out of a population of 30 million). (See Fernando, pp. 80-81)

Prayer is the key to great things happening in individual lives, in churches, in communities, and in countries. Persistent, passionate prayer can move mountains, remove obstacles, and lead to great revivals. All of which leads to big changes in the people's lives and in the church, and then in the culture and society. (p. 82)

"Often in the case of an adult but rebellious child or an unconverted spouse, we can do little directly to change the person. Advice and rebuke may only worsen the situation. But we can persevere in prayer for them. History is replete with examples of answers to such prayers." (Fernando, p. 82)

Locally, our community has a high level of drug and alcohol abuse. We are finding out that our government, state and federal, has a high level of fraud, waste, and misuse of taxpayer funds going on. We can and should work toward helping drug addicts fight their addictions with counseling, and medical interventions. We can and should work toward removing bad actors among our governing representatives, and from the bureaucracy. But these changes will not last unless these people turn to

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## September Events & Fundraiser

### Supper Fundraiser

**Saturday, Sept. 6**  
**4-7 PM**

We're working hard to retire our Disaffiliation Loan before December 30, 2025. We hope you can help while enjoying a wonderful meal. You choose the price to contribute to our debt retirement. Eat in or take out.

This is a Surprise Supper! We are not sure what we will be serving at this time, but we guarantee it will be good and include homemade desserts. (Hear that Ebenezer bakers?)

We thank you for your support and prayers!

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

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

—1 Corinthians 1:18 NIV

### Ministry Opportunities

#### Bibles for Uganda.

We are continuing to collect Bibles to send to Uganda. Or you can give money by writing "Uganda Bibles" on an offering envelope in the "Other" field.

#### Retire Debt Committee.

We will have a another meeting on September 2nd to discuss progress on ways we have chosen to pay off our disaffiliation loan. Anyone may attend. All leaders of the previously chosen projects need to attend. This debt is cramping our style. Let's get it paid off!

#### Homecoming/\$10,000 Sunday

Start praying and setting aside money now for our annual Homecoming goal of \$10,000 above our normal giving. Dig deep with a big shovel. Let's reach this goal and surpass it this time. God will bless everyone who gives in many ways and our church, too. We thank you for all your support, financially, physically, and with prayer. Only death stopped the first apostles, so let's keep going until God calls each of us home.

## September Celebrations



- 3rd—Leonard Teague
- 7th—Rosanna Bachman
- 18th—Aubree McCrary
- 18th—Kenny Silver
- 19th—Billy Campbell
- 30th—Hayden Boone
- 30th—Russ Knepp

#### Happy Anniversary

- 3rd—Paul & Linda Moretz
- 10th—Chuck & Tammy Adams
- 25th—Paul & Annette Burson
- 26th—Wayne & Kim Ellis

## Our Military

Ricky Garland  
Shane McRary  
Jamie Mullinax  
Hunter Tolbert



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

*John Wesley Said:*

***"God does  
nothing but in  
answer to  
prayer."***

## Upcoming Events & Ministry Opportunities

September 1—Church Office Closed for Labor Day  
September 28-30 — Revival Services, 7:00 p.m.  
October 5 — Church Council Meeting, 4:00 p.m.  
October 12 — Homecoming & \$10,000 Sunday with lunch  
October 25 — Trunk or Treat, 5-7:00 p.m.  
November 1—Country Store, 8-2:00 p.m.  
November 9—Charge Conference  
November 30—Evangelist Andy Lambert Preaches  
November 27-28—Church Office Closed for Thanksgiving



## Something, cont'd

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God, to Jesus for salvation, because only that will change their hearts and minds and move them towards righteousness and away from evil.

"What we need is Revival. That means a return to our Christian heritage, to heroes who bridge the gap between chaos and order, like our President and those who join us in this mission to restore our nation. America must turn back to God before God turns His back on us. Only then can we truly make America great again."  
—American Thinker, *Faith and a Moral Society*, comments

Our revival services are coming up September 28-30. Please be in constant prayer that we will step up, invite people to come, that the Holy Spirit will compel them to come, and that all our hearts will be touched mightily during these services. Let us pray that true revival will come among us and lead to *actions* that will bring more people to Jesus for salvation and give us the will and strength to show his love to everyone in our families and our community, and beyond. Pray as if your life depends on it. Pray as if your family's life depends on it. Pray as if your community's life depends on it. Pray as if your nation's existence depends on it. Because it does.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." --Matthew 7:7-8 NIV



## Pastor's Pen, cont'd

faith and deepen our commitment to God's work:

**Lay Convocation** – Mark your calendars for **Saturday, September 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at First Methodist Conover. This is a valuable training opportunity for those interested in becoming certified Lay Servants or Lay Speakers. Attendees will receive credit toward their certification and be equipped to serve more effectively within the local church. ([You must pre-register. Contact Cindy in office if you did not receive the email with the link to do this.](#))

**Fall Revival** – We are thrilled to announce our Fall Revival, **September 28–30, at 7:00 PM** each night. This will be a powerful time of renewal, worship, and seeking the presence of the Lord together. Our Men's and Women's Ministries will have special roles during the revival, helping to lead prayer, hospitality, and outreach. Let's invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us as we experience the life-changing power of God's Word and Spirit.

As we move forward, let us commit to praying for these ministries and for the work God is doing through our church. May our Men's and Women's Ministries continue to be places of growth, encouragement, and service as we build together for the Kingdom.

In His Service, Simon.