FIRST THINGS FIRST

May 2026

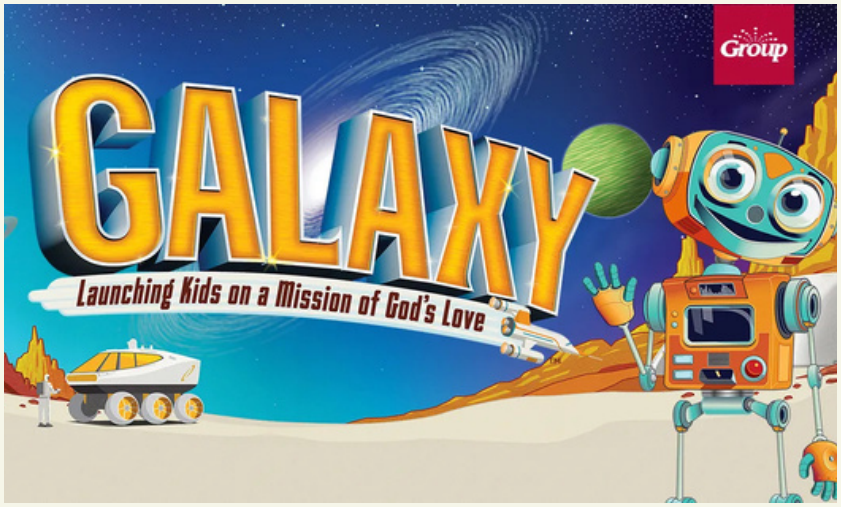


OUTREACH

On Wednesday May 6th, volunteers delivered Blessing Bags to the Altavista Combined School for Teacher Appreciation Week. What would we do without our teachers? Not only do we greatly appreciate them, chances are we have all been inspired by a teacher at some point in our lives!

VBS

Spread the word! Vacation Bible School is coming up fast! June 8 - 9 from 6 - 8pm. Kindergarten - rising 6th grade. In Partnership with Lane Memorial UMC. We could always use more volunteers!





IN THE NAVY

During my 2-weeks of active service, I was placed with Marine Aircraft Group 39 which has a number of helicopter squadrons. These Marines are hard at work, ensuring the helicopters are properly serviced and ready to fly. I also had a chance to see them do some test flights. There's a lot of uncertainty right now, so be sure to remember these brave men and women in your prayers.

CHURCH UPDATES

CPR/AED class

We have reached out to a local organization who would come to our Fellowship Hall and conduct a Basic Life Support class. This would certify participants on CPR and teach us how to properly use our AED (which is located in the hallway by the music office). While we are still waiting for an estimate, it would be done at a very reasonable cost. If you would be interested in attending, please let Alden know so we can look at some possible dates on the calendar.

Facility Lights upgrade

Everyone has probably noticed the boxed of lights in different areas of the church. Alden will be continuing the LED light conversion soon. While it takes some time, it will both save us money on our power bill and improve the quality of light in our facility. Your patience is greatly appreciated!

GRADUATES

If we have any graduates this year, please let the church office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on June 28th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

OFFICE HOURS

Beginning June 1st, Alden will have regular office hours.
Monday and Tuesday 9 - 12
Wednesday 12 - 4
These hour may be adjusted in the future to better serve the congregation.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We are working on a new room for children's church and will be starting Children's Church on August 2nd. This will take place every other Sunday through the school year for all K - 5th graders. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Little.

PASTORAL UPDATES

No drill until July 10 - 11! (Greensboro, NC)