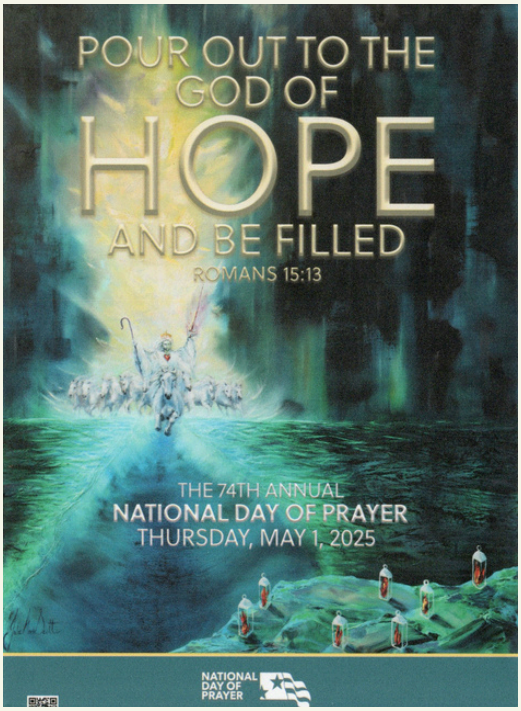
FIRST THINGS FIRST

April 2025



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The Estelle Brooks Circle will open the sanctuary Thursday, May 1, 2025 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the National Day of Prayer. Please join us in prayer on this day as we seek God's blessing for our nation, our community and our family.

BIBLE STUDY

A Bible study on the book of Esther will begin on April 29th. This will be a 6-week study that meets on Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11. Workbooks cost $10 and videos can be watched as a group or at home. Anita Phillips will be leading this exploration of daring faith for such a time as this.





PLAYGROUND

Our playground has been updated with new mulch! Be sure to stop by and take a look. We hope it will be well used as our children grow and more families visit our church fellowship.

IN APPRECIATION

There are no words that could possibly express our appreciation of Donna Rosser. As you know, she will be retiring as our Minister of Music effective April 27th. Donna's knowledge, love of music, love for our Lord, and love for our church is recognized by her dedication to our music program. We are blessed by Donna's servant's heart and the way she uses her gifts and talents for the glory of God. We will miss you, Donna! We wish you much joy!

In recognition of Donna, we will have a covered-dish luncheon on April 27th following worship. Bring your favorite dishes to share as we celebrate Donna. Bread, beverages, and dessert will be provided. Hope to see everyone there!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Our theme of Lemons to Lemonade continues this Wednesday! Supper begins at 5:30pm. This is an incredible opportunity for outreach in our community!

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on June 29th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

FRESH PAINT

The church exterior has been beautifully refreshed with a new coat of paint! Take a moment to walk around and admire the transformation. We're so thankful the project was completed just in time for our Easter celebration!

T-SHIRTS

We will be placing an order for church t-shirts soon. These will be worn during outreach activities, monthly mission projects, or whenever you'd like! If you would like to purchase one, please let Jessica Little know. We will be ordering a few extras as well.

PASTORAL UPDATES

Alden will be in Greensboro for Navy chaplaincy duties from May 1st - 3rd. He has now been confirmed for training with the Chaplain Corps beginning on June 8th and is waiting to receive orders. R.G. Rowland has agreed to be here during Alden's absence, who is scheduled to return August 4th.

PARISH NURSE NOTES

Lemons to Lemonade has been a great success so far, with good attendance and participation. Bonnie got us started with elder care issues, which was most helpful. She talked about the difference in how care is paid for when we need rehab versus long term care. It's complicated!

Dr. Brenda Stokes talked about palliative and hospice care and their differences. Palliative care is a relatively new approach, which is helpful with conditions that are serious, but not terminal. The goal is the same in both cases, to be as comfortable as possible. The attention is also on families as well as the patients. Multidisciplinary teams include physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, and chaplains.

David Shreve addressed legal issues, and that session could have lasted much longer! Wills and POAs and probate were all clarified. Now if we can just recall it! But the answer to the topic "Do I Really Need a Will" is Yes, we all do.

We hope to see you back at Lemons to Lemonade on Wednesday evening for Trey Finch's presentation on funeral preparation and the reasons for doing so.

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