

## “A Stones Throw”

What a blessing this April was and what a joy to anticipate all that May has to offer. It is impossible to say these great Easter words of acclamation with out a smile, “Christ is Risen—He is Risen Indeed”!

What a blessing Easter service and breakfast were! It is a joy to be the people of God at Mt. Pisgah and as Easter People we are truly people of Joy. As one bumper sticker puts it, “Christ is Risen..so Smile!” It was just a 2 years ago in May that we worshipped in Celebration Hall as the sanctuary renovations took place. As you look at at our new worship space we realize that God truly has been good to us! We have a special Mothers Day Service May 8<sup>th</sup> ( gifts for all women) and our Congregational meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with Preschool and the celebration of Pentecost on May 15<sup>th</sup> (wear red). Don't miss a thing!

In His gracious grip,

Pastor Mike

For Your Calendars:

May 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday worship/ new members received  
May 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday youth 6-11 Village Inn and “Gods not Dead 2”  
May 8<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day youth/special worship and gifts for women  
May 15<sup>th</sup> Pentecost- birthday of the church!  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> God & Country Services, Preschool Sings, Congregational Meeting to vote on Budget and council nominees.  
May 24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Men's & Women's Bible Study Groups Banquet at 6:00  
May 28-30 KIC retreat  
June 12<sup>th</sup> Graduates honored,  
June 19<sup>th</sup> Father's Day ---special services and cookout lunch and inflatables for kids – join us  
June 26-30 Youth Sunday and V.B.S.  
(Note Wednesday(s) dinners and ministries go thru Wed May 25<sup>th</sup> ---Join Us!)

Please pray for our youth: KIC retreat in May; VBS in June and Workcamp, Confirmation and Leadership camps in July- with over 120 participating!

We welcome the Alexander County Boy Scouts with us on Thursday nights beginning in May!

Thanks for your faithfulness in our latest stewardship campaign. We are presenting to our May 22<sup>nd</sup> Cong meeting a very conservative but full budget and are blessed to have our building mortgage down to \$175,000. Thanks to your faithfulness we continue to touch lives in so many ways with the love and grace of our Savior!

Thanks to your faithfulness in giving we are able to give all of our Wednesday Lenten offerings to outreach. This Lent we gave over \$1,000 to the Ugandan Children's choir and 9 child sponsorships and \$500.00 each to both Catawba and Alexander Hospice ministries. Over \$500 went to Your upcoming outh Mission trip as well as \$500 to Safe Harbor Rescue Mission and \$750.00 to the Gideon ministries!

Thanks to all who helped and participated in the Youth yard sale- we raised over \$2200.00 for our upcoming mission/work camp. A large truck load of yard sale leftover treasures was gratefully received by Safe Harbor Rescue Mission

**Budget and Attendance Information**  
**For the Month of April 2016**

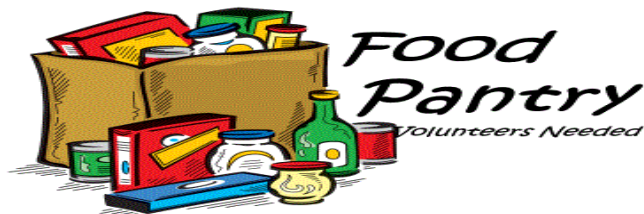
Needed Weekly	\$ 7,296.10
Offering for April	\$27,055.31
B2B3 Building Fund	\$ 3,627.00

**The Good Samaritan Food Pantry**

Food for the month of **May** is canned meats, tuna and crackers, pork -n- beans, dried bean and rice peanut butter, Jelly, soups, vegetables, canned chicken, canned green beans, canned tomatoes, mac and cheese, and Jams. Food stamp recipients cannot buy health items with food stamps so laundry detergent, shampoo and paper products (**especially toilet paper & soap**) are always needed and appreciated.



The Food Pantry is open on:  
 Monday 3:00-5:00 PM  
 Friday's 1:00-3:00 PM.



As you know, Mt. Pisgah is dedicated to Outreach. One of these endeavors is the Food Pantry. We feed about 180 families each month. We now are in need of two volunteers. One, on the second Monday of the month, 3-5 pm; the second on the second Friday of the month, 1-3 pm. Please let me know if you can serve. We need you as do the residents of Alexander County!!!

Sandy Moore, ncsandymoore@gmail.com or 828-228-9407

**Weddings for the 2016 Year**

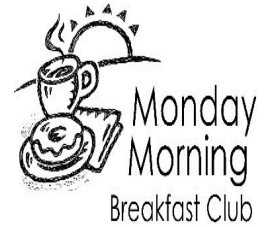
October	8 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie & David
November	12 <sup>th</sup>	Alex & Russell



**Breakfast Club Schedule 2016**

May 9 Rector Group  
 May 23 No Meeting  
 May 30—At Frank & Patti Simmons Home

June 6 out to eat  
 July 11 out to eat  
 Aug 1 out to eat



Monday @ 9:00 AM

**Altar Guild Volunteer 10:30 Service**  
**For the year of 2016**

May	Sherrie & Jeff Davis
June	Mickey Adair
July	Meredith Priestley
Aug.	Ruth Harkey
Sept	Caroline Farmer
Oct	Hilda Yager
Nov	Shawn Frank & Shannon Pham
Dec	Lisa Cozart



Lay Assistants for 2016

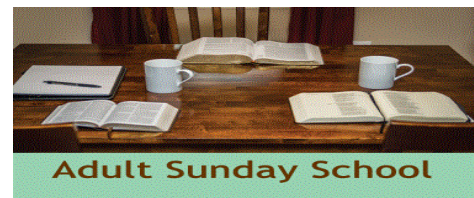
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**10:30**

May	Janice Simmons	James Adair
June	Lori Reed	Faye Stafford
July	Margo Mosley	Patti Simmons
Aug	Connie Killian	Yvonne Osborne
Sept	Donovan Douglas	Jen Tice
Oct	Margo Elder	Paul & Gina Lingle
Nov	David Moser	Scott Frank
Dec	Evelyn Robinette	David Land

**Adult Sunday School**

Join us for the Adult Sunday School Class on April 24<sup>th</sup> ---May 29<sup>th</sup>., Our study will be on the book "Never Thought I See The Day" by author David Jeremiah. Our leaders will be Yvonne Osborne and Connie Killian.



Adult Sunday School

## Bookclub Schedule

Our next meeting will be Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> .  
“Above the Waterfall” by Ron Rash will be the book discussed by our leader Barb Beck.

(Ron Rash is a professor at western Carolina University at Culowhee)

“Above the Waterfall”--- In this poetic and haunting tale set in contemporary Appalachia, Ron Rash illuminates lives shaped by violence and a powerful connection to the end. Les, a long-time ranger with a harrowing past, finds solace amid the lyrical beauty of this patch of NC.

Becky, a park ranger with a harrowing past, finds solace in this patch of North Carolina.

Enduring the mistakes and tragedies that have indelibly marked them, they are drawn together by a reverence for the natural world. When an irascible elderly local is accused of poisoning a trout stream, Les and Becky are plunged into deep and dangerous waters, forced to navigate currents of disillusionment and betrayal that will force them to question themselves and test their tentative bond and threaten to carry them over the edge.

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## 2016 Ushers

### 8:00 Ushers

May Billy & Mia Johnson  
June Evelyn Robinette &  
& Dolores Bolick  
July Steve & Penny Dagenhart  
&  
Aug Darrell & Libby Sigmon  
Sept Don & Sandy Hefner  
Abernathy,

### 10:30 Ushers

Kyle & Terri Setzer  
Hilda Yager  
James & Mickey Adair  
Yvonne Osborne,  
Meredith Priestley  
Heather Brashears  
Brenda  
Kathey Sigmon &  
Michael

Farmer  
Oct April Land & Paul & Gina Lingle  
Nov Tim & Cathy Thick  
Dec

We have a few months still available .....If you want to participate/be a usher, please contact Meredith Priestley and let her know what month would work best for you.



## Check us out on the web!!!

Our website has been updated and we want to know what you think? Find us at [www.mtpisgahelca.org](http://www.mtpisgahelca.org) Leave us a message on our Facebook page and tell us your thoughts and ideas. Keep in touch with your church family and friends on Facebook! If you have something to contribute, email to [mtpisgahelca@gmail.org](mailto:mtpisgahelca@gmail.org) Mt. Pisgah is such a caring community, these are ways we can keep in touch!



\* Sunday Sermon on now on web!

## Men's Bible Study

Join us as we continue marching our way through the book of Mark on Tuesday(s) 5:30-6:30

We will resume Tuesday(s) April 26th – May 17th . May 24th @ 6:00 is our Bible Study Banquet with the women's group and spouses.



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Join us for the  
**Alexander County Senior Center  
Bible Study**

8:30-9:30 AM Wednesday(s)

We dig in to the Gospel of Mark With Pastor Mike Stone



## New Members Class

We are so blessed to have new members join with us.



### **New Members Class**

They will be received on May 1<sup>st</sup> at the

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### **Daisy Girl Scouts --- for young Girls (5-6 years old)**

Our Girl Scouts "Daisy" Troop is meeting here at Mt. Pisgah in the old choir room downstairs on Monday(s) 6:30 -7:130 PM. This is open to all girls kindergarten – first grade. Join Us!

Scout leader: Duranda Hedrick

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### **Boy Scout Troop 275 will be meeting here at Mt. Pisgah 6-8:00 PM each Thursday.**

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### **Calling All Confirmands /Youth For your calendars!**

We have our Mission camp trip to Jacksonville, Florida July 24-31. This is with Team Effort and the cost is \$200.00.

Kure Beach confirmation camp is July 14-17 with leadership 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Cost for Kure is \$120.00. Please sign up for camps asap.

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### **Thank You**

Dear Pastor Mike Stone and Mt. Pisgah, Thank you for your donation to Alexander Central Beta Club. We were able to compete in State Beta Convention contests such as special talent and oratory. Your contribution helped to greatly improve the experience of Beta Club members.

Thank you Alexander Central Beta

## **Mt. Pisgah's Preschool**

Mt. Pisgah's preschool will conclude another successful year with a couple of celebrations. On Sunday, May 22, the preschoolers will sing and perform for Mt. Pisgah's congregation. This is always a wonderful program for proud parents, grandparents, and friends. The community is invited to attend.

In addition, the staff is planning graduations for three-year olds on May 26; four-year olds will graduate May 27. This is a special milestone in the children's lives. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Mt. Pisgah's preschool staff believes the care and instruction children receive in these foundational years set the stage for a successful educational process throughout their entire school years. Thus the teachers are committed to each child's success from the day children first step into preschool. A combination of high expectations and a nurturing environment challenges children to succeed and excel.

Small class size provides an ideal student to teacher ratio which allows staff to give each child the individual attention that is so important during these early years. Our preschool teacher, Linda Bloom, is experienced and knowledgeable about early childhood education. We are blessed to have a certified teacher of Mrs. Bloom's caliber lead this program.

Mt. Pisgah's preschool is accepting applications for the 2016-2017 school year. If you want your child to be a part of this highly regarded preschool program, call Linda at Mt. Pisgah (495-8251) or at home (256-2503), or drop by the preschool to pick up an application.



Every day is a good day for learning and play at preschool.



## Stewardship

**Please get your pledge cards in!**

The Apostle Paul shared that logic with the Corinthian Church when he wrote 2 Corinthians 8:9

*For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.*

And in 2 Corinthians 9:8

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything you may share abundantly in every good work.*

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## Youth

- Confirmands did Great Sunday!

Wednesday Nights – Dinner 5:30-6:15  
Confirmation 6:30-7:30 see ya!

May 7<sup>th</sup> Saturday 6:30 Pizza (Papa Johns @church)  
bring a friend-----Bo's later then Football and Bible Study.

May 8<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day (Sunday)  
if interested in playing instrument please see Pastor Mike or Josh Stone. ASAP

Kure Beach July 14-17 Thursday – Sunday  
Leadership July 17-19 Sunday – Tuesday  
Please look over list if you are on and not going or are not listed please contact Pastor Mike or Leah ASAP---Thanks

**\*\*\* Check both list! \*\*\***



# Kid's In Christ - (3 years – 6th grade)

## Upcoming Events – Mark your calendars

Wednesday night's KIC – Wednesday nights will be coming to an end at the end of May. Please join us these last few Wednesday nights to prepare for some special activities we have planned. Meal 5:40 – 6:20 and program from 6:20 – 7:30.

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!! – Kids sing during the 10:30 service.



*Our annual 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Memorial Weekend Retreat is quickly approaching. This year's retreat is the FAITH Retreat and will be May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>. We will leave from the church at 4:00 on Friday and will return by 4:00 on Sunday. Deadline to sign up for this event is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see Crystal for more information! (Next year's rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are also invited)*

**\*\*Mandatory parent meeting for all parents whose children are attending the FAITH Retreat on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in the upper room.**

Summer is just around the corner and you know what that means... That's right VBS! VBS will be June 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>. The theme for VBS is "Cave Quest, following Jesus the light of the world!" Please be on the lookout for volunteer and registration flyers coming soon!



## Sunday School!

*A special thank you to these teachers for yet another year of volunteering and all your hard work and dedication to our Mt. Pisgah children!*

Preschool through Kindergarten – Kelly Daughtrey, Kathryn Tesh & JoAnna Talley

1<sup>st</sup> grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – April Childress and Olivia Daughtrey

4<sup>th</sup> grade - 6<sup>th</sup> grade - Fran Cook and Jessica Cook

**I, along with all the teachers, am blessed and grateful for all our children who participate in Sunday and Wednesday night activities. Thank you parents/grandparents who bring them! Such a special blessing!**

*Congratulations to each of you who took the First Communion class and shared in first communion with you family. What a special gift! I enjoyed spending time with each of you and getting to know you and your families more!*

*Thank you to everyone who helped hide and those who found the Eggs during our Grand Easter Egg hunt. What a fun and exciting time and we couldn't have don't it without your help!*

If you have any questions or need a ride to any of the events, please call text or email me anytime. Jesus loves you and so do I! Crystal (228-1306 or crystal1234cook@gmail.com)