



# The Relay

We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church (USA) form.

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## Big Meeting and Rally Day, 2022

**Alamance**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Presents

**Big Meeting & Rally Day**  
**Sep. 11, 2022**

JOIN US FOR A POTLUCK BREAKFAST @ 9A.M., FOLLOWED BY WORSHIP WITH GUEST PREACHER, THE REV. DR. BYRON WADE; & A CHURCH-WIDE PHOTO AFTER WORSHIP ON THE FRONT STEPS.

BRING & SHARE YOUR BEST EGG CASSEROLES, BACON, MUFFINS, MONKEY BREAD, FRUIT, CINNAMON BUNS -- WHATEVER WAKES YOU UP! WE'LL PROVIDE THE COFFEE & TEA!

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### You're Invited

Swim party at Southeast Swim Club, on **Saturday, August 6, from 8-10 p.m.** Let us know you plan to attend—we must be sure to have lifeguards enough to secure the safety of all who park themselves in or beside the pool.

Bring snacks and soft drinks to share; your own towel and swimsuit.



Godly Play Sunday school class, Kids Reaching Out to Christ's Kingdom, and both youth groups took a summer hiatus through **September 11**.

All Sunday school classes — for children, youth, and adults — are invited to cancel their classes on **September 11**, to attend the Big Meeting potluck breakfast.

All of these fellowship groups resume their wonted weekly schedules beginning on Rally Day, **Sunday, September 11**. Godly Play classes resume meeting at **9 a.m.** on the **next** Sunday, **September 18**.

## August Birthdays

- 2 Taylor Brooks
- 6 Susan Hodgkin, Fields Wyrick, Anna Pearsall
- 8 Julia Fergus
- 10 Brent Craft, Nancy Durham, Barbara Reece
- 11 Alexis Sullivan
- 13 Susan Marsh
- 14 Andrew Carraway, Herman Dixon, Bill Routh
- 15 Christin Fields
- 16 Dana Smith, Sawyer Ward
- 17 Jackie Fogleman, Leah Goncharow, Sarah Holland
- 19 Tracy Gibbs, Chuck Jensen
- 21 Phyllis Monroe, LaVerne Starr
- 22 Pam Dixon, Mary Ellen Shores
- 24 Jonah Brown, Mayla Ward
- 25 Vicki Sharpe
- 26 Ally Hobbs, Michelle Roys
- 27 Barbara Tew
- 29 Patty Church, David Padgett
- 31 Grayson Gerring, Janet Hartsell

## September Birthdays

- 1 Dara Reece
- 2 Sandy Ford, Tami Holland
- 3 Matthew Gill, Willie Goncharow
- 6 Ron Medder, Joel Shores
- 7 Gwen Coble, Laurie Fields, Glenda Goncharow
- 8 Sam Nelson
- 10 Betty Oakley
- 13 Carson Burgess, Terri Busby, John Sullivan
- 14 Sam Dyson, Gary Trull
- 16 Tom Black
- 18 Beth Gentry, Catherine Holt, John Marsh, Dylan Reece, Amy Yow
- 20 Dana Adams
- 21 Jeanie Wyrick
- 24 Linda Causey, Mary Lou McAdams
- 25 Evan Sharpe
- 26 Lisa Winslow
- 27 Ariel Shores
- 28 Gabriel Shores
- 29 Chloe Mendenhall
- 30 Jerry Hartsell

## The APC Food Pantry

The Food Pantry seeks to provide nutritious food that will last a family in need for 6 -7 days, for up to 30 families a week.

Pick up extra shelf-stable foods when you grocery shop! Donations may be put in the big gold box in the Gathering Room, or in the red bin outside Brown Fellowship Hall.

Clean, dry, used, plastic grocery bags are always wanted. Put the bags in the big gold box in the Gathering Room. We DO NOT need any more egg cartons this month.

**Needed:** a volunteer to make reminder calls to clients, on Fridays. Contact Amy Yow (336-706-3550) to apply for this task.

Use the link <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/795307800019/false#/invitation> to sign up as a helper in distributing food to our guests, and/or to pick up weekly food donations from the Forest Oaks Food Lion.

## Special Collections

The APC Food Pantry has designated specific food items to be donated each month. Here's a list of the specific items wanted:

- **August:** Canned pasta
- **September:** Cereal, oatmeal
- **October:** Canned meats
- **November:** Dry pasta, sauce
- **December:** Soups
- **January:** Canned beans
- **February:** Canned pasta
- **March:** Peanut butter, jelly
- **April:** Canned fruits
- **May:** Canned vegetables
- **June:** Macaroni-and-cheese
- **July:** Crackers

## Potter's House

APC has served supper to hungry guests at the Greensboro Urban Ministry Potter's House since 2004; on the **third Saturday of odd-numbered months**. 2022 dates: **September 17**, and **November 19**.

The work is intense, but not long: Arrive at **6 p.m.** to set up; serve food from **7-7:45 p.m.**; clean up and zip out the door by **8:15 p.m.** most usually.

Let Darren Hadley know that you or your group want to help with the work at Potter's House (darren.hadley@triad.rr.com).

## Saturday Mornings at the Food Pantry

The Food Pantry always needs Saturday morning volunteers from **8:30-11 a.m.** to separate, pack, and deliver food to our clients. Pre-packed grocery carts of food are delivered to recipients in a car line — clients stay in their cars. Once their names are verified, volunteers load up the cars. This is an efficient method for clients to receive food.

Please sign up rather than just showing up! Kris Levine, Volunteer Coordinator, needs to know ahead of time how many are expected, to make this a good experience for volunteers as well as clients.

Call Kris at (336)-558-6759 — or use this link to schedule yourself onto the Food Pantry volunteer calendar: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/795307800019/false#/invitation>

## Missions Update:

Submitted by Jesse, Erin,  
and Samuel Atkinson:  
Wycliffe Translators,  
Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico  
Serving the Zapotec people  
of San Dionisio

“Txan,” dear friends!

(That’s a formal “hello” in Zapotec.)  
Life continues to chug away here in  
the Oaxaca valley as we move ahead  
with learning Zapotec. Life has been  
a mix of daily tasks, relationship  
building, language learning, and  
language analysis.

However, there have been some  
exciting developments lately, too!  
Well, one in particular — **we’re  
expecting baby #2 in early 2023!**  
Erin is just finishing the first trimester  
and is due Feb 1.

We’re praising the Lord for this  
little life and **would appreciate your  
prayers for a healthy pregnancy  
and birth.** We also **covet your  
prayers for wisdom about where to  
have the baby.** There are many  
advantages to having the baby here  
in Oaxaca (there’s a wonderful  
Christian birth center here), but  
we’re still researching and praying  
about this. We know that the Lord  
will lead us about what to do!

**One of the most encouraging  
aspects of life here is how Samuel  
is welcomed by locals** in just about  
every setting. It’s exciting to think  
about how our second child will also  
be welcomed and loved by our  
Mexican acquaintances! **Out of all of  
our efforts to make friends here,  
Samuel has made perhaps the  
single largest difference!** Locals,  
from little kids to the elderly, seem to

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want to interact with him wherever we  
go. It’s amazing to us how God can use  
a little toddler to expand his Kingdom.

We serve a God who loves to use the  
least of us for his purposes! We don’t  
have to have tons of education,  
money, status, or even a specific age.  
He can and does use us, just as we are,  
to accomplish his purposes. We praise  
him for how he’s using all of us  
together — whether it’s Samuel, those  
of you who pray, or those of you who  
give — as a team to bring his Word to  
the people of San Dionisio.

*-Jesse, Erin, & Samuel*

### PRAY WITH US:

• **PRAISE: For a healthy first  
trimester and access to good care at  
the birthing center.**

• **PRAY: For rain.** We’re in the middle  
of rainy season, but the rain has really  
slackened off the last few weeks and  
crops are suffering. Many people here  
depend on crops for all or part of their  
living. Pray that the rains will return  
soon!

• **PRAISE: God provided renewed  
temporary residency visas! We could  
feel your prayers** — overall, the  
process went quite smoothly and the  
few hiccups that we ran into were  
resolved very quickly!

• **PRAY: For rest and refreshment for  
our family.** The last few months have  
been very, very busy and we’re feeling  
a bit worn out.



Samuel continues  
to love Oaxaca  
cuisine! He’s a big  
fan of mole,  
tortillas, and  
beans!

Some preliminary  
literacy materials  
in Zapotec.



Jesse reading **Brown Bear, Brown Bear**  
in Zapotec to some of the neighbors.  
The kids weren’t quite sure what to think  
of this strange man speaking and  
reading their language!



12 weeks  
pregnant!

### STAY CONNECTED:

**Our Wycliffe page/Giving:** [wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson](http://wycliffe.org/partner/JEAtkinson)

**Facebook Group:** [facebook.com/groups/  
AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca](https://facebook.com/groups/AtkinsonAdventuresInOaxaca)

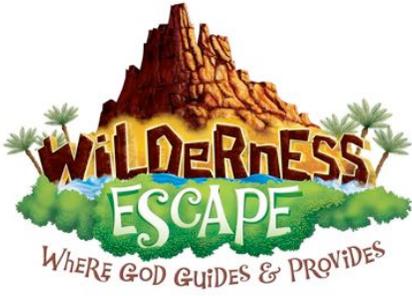
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Oaxaca (wah-HAH-kah), Mexico





### Vacation Bible School 2022: Wilderness Escape

They came. They crafted. They sang. They played. They listened.  
On the whole, they behaved a lot better than the actual Israelites did,  
during the actual "wilderness adventure" with Moses.





It was so good to meet in person, after a two-year hiatus!



## Newsletter Editorial Policy

The Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church adopted a formal policy for *The Relay*, at its stated meeting on September 22, 2019. Policy points are based on an article in the April 2004 issue of *The Newsletter Newsletter*.

Our newsletter:

- Will always seek to reflect the spirit of Christ.
- Will seek to portray the congregation in a positive light, without exaggeration.
- Will not report matters that would expose members to ridicule or embarrassment.
- Will not fuel controversies. However, when controversial issues must be reported, the newsletter will report both sides in an unbiased manner.
- Will not include opinions in *news* articles. Opinions will be reserved for articles clearly identified as *opinion* pieces: the pastor's column, letters to the editor, open letters to the congregation, etc.
- Will not print material deemed inappropriate by the editor or pastoral staff.
- Will always strive for accuracy. When appropriate and useful to readers, errors will be acknowledged and corrected as soon as possible. A respectful hearing will be given to anyone bringing errors to the staff's attention. Extra effort will be used to verify the accuracy of all information, especially about individuals.
- Will not publish copyrighted material without the permission of the copyright holder.

- Reserves the right to edit any submitted material for length, style, and content.
- Will not accept submissions after the stated due date.
- Will not use language that is derogatory toward any person or group on the basis of appearance, gender, race, religion, political affiliation, or national origin.
- Will follow the strictures of the HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996), a United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information.

## Celebrations and Concerns

Each week, we publish a prayer list with celebrations and concerns of the congregation. A few hard copies are available in the sanctuary every Sunday — any leftovers are moved to the church office area after worship. An electronic copy of the list is posted on our church website every week.

This is an ephemeral publication: No copies of the *Celebrations and Concerns* sheets are stored away for reference. Some of the concerns expressed stay active for a long time; the documents themselves only endure for a week. Electronic copies are consigned to the desktop trashcan on the church secretary's computer. Hard copies are plopped into the recycle bin in the office workroom.

## Ministry Musings

Greetings Family,

It's been a minute since I've written, but SO much has been going on lately! Many of you know about my mother's health issues, our Middle School trip to Charlotte, the success of Vacation Bible School, and my own recent bout with COVID — but what you may not yet have heard about is a new ministry program we're imagining, called YoCo.

"What is YoCo," you ask? Great question!

Over the last several months, Youth Director Andrew Long and I have been working with other Presbyterian youth leaders in Greensboro to create a new method for youth ministry.

Alongside Presbyterian partners from Westminster, Fellowship, Community in Christ, St. James, First Greensboro, and Guilford Park, we've created a zygote of an idea we're calling the Greensboro Youth Collective, (YoCo for short), which will organize collaborative events for high school and middle school youth; held at different churches on the fourth Sunday of each month.

We are still in the planning stages of this exciting opportunity. We are blessed to be working with gifted colleagues to imagine new ways to come alongside our young people on their faith journeys.

We covet your prayers for this ministry and hope you're as excited as we are to see where it leads!

Peace and blessings,

*Pastor Jess*

## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Our Sunday morning Coffee Hour is one of many ways we connect as a congregation, as in our mission statement: "We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve."

You are invited to "connect and serve" as a Coffee Hour host, on a Sunday of your choosing. Hosting requires setting up and cleaning up needed supplies in the Gathering Room, and brewing a few urns of coffee. A detailed description of the tasks is provided to hosts.

Coffee Hour has long been hosted by a dedicated group of volunteers. It's now time to change the quarter-year assignment schedule to a monthly online sign-up format. This scheduling change lets everyone in the congregation take a turn at this vital APC ministry. It also gives that dedicated group of long-term volunteers a much-needed break from hosting.

The host sign-up change will become effective **Sunday, August 7.**

## Seniors & Friends

This fellowship group meets on **even months** in the Coble House for a meal and fellowship. Next meal: **Monday, August 8, 11:30 a.m.** Please call or email the church office to let us know you want to attend this festive event: We need to let the cook know how much water to add to the soup, for as many people who show up with empty bellies.

## Greeters and Offering Collectors

Are you of a cheerful disposition? Can you cope with short stacks of bulletin packets at the entrances to the sanctuary? Have you recently longed to pass a collection plate among the pews, then fling the takings into a combination safe and twist a dial to secure those tithes and offerings from theft? Do you yearn to be of service to this congregation on a once-a-month schedule?

Rejoice! You, too, can be an official Greeter or an Offering Collector for APC. Contact Robin Long (336.706.5141) or Terri Busby (336.509.7166) to join either of these merry crews of helpers.



175 flags were displayed on veterans' graves in the APC cemetery this year.

Due to weather conditions and the mowing season, flags are only displayed there from Memorial Day through Independence Day.



## Seniors & Friends VISIT THE BILLY GRAHAM LIBRARY!

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

CHARLOTTE, NC

THE CHURCH BUS WILL DEPART AT 9 A.M.  
& RETURN AROUND 4 P.M.

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING MONEY FOR LUNCH & GIFT SHOP

EMAIL [JESS@ALAMANACECHURCH.ORG](mailto:JESS@ALAMANACECHURCH.ORG) OR CALL

THE CHURCH OFFICE @ 336.697.0488 TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT

SIGN UP BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

## Some Good News

BIG MEETING is coming in just six weeks! We'll use Big Meeting to kick off the fall season, this year.

We'll start with a different take on a shared meal: We're having Potluck for Breakfast this year! Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share. We'll eat in Brown Hall **before** worship.

This breakfast is a launch for a new season of Sunday school and small group ministry. We encourage all young people AND adults to find their way to a Sunday morning class, or other opportunity to learn and grow in faith. Find out all we have to offer on the Small Groups page of our website.

Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Byron Anthony Wade. Byron is the Executive Presbyter of the Western North Carolina Presbytery, which covers churches from Hickory and Gastonia westward to Murphy.

Prior to his service in Western North Carolina, Byron pastored Davie Street Presbyterian Church in Raleigh for 24 years. He was the Vice Moderator for the 218<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in 2008, and he continues to be a leading voice in our denomination.

In addition to these Sunday morning opportunities, we plan a volunteer opportunity with the North Carolina Folk Festival happening in Greensboro that weekend. The NC Folk Festival is our city's largest event every year, and we want to be a visible presence at it. Sign up ASAP on the APC website.

But the thing about which I am perhaps most excited about is a photo. For years, I have wanted a whole-church photo, on the front steps. I planned to do it at Easter 2020; then we were shut down through the pandemic. We have many wonderful photos and paintings of our beautiful facility. They are great, but they are not pictures of our "church." You have heard from me many times that Alamance Presbyterian Church is *not* a

building (or a cemetery) on a hill. Alamance Presbyterian Church is a congregation of people.

I want to frame that photo of this great church family and put it on the wall. I want you to have it for the wall in your home. I want to feature it on our website, social media, brochures, etc. When new folks moving into our community look for info about Alamance, I want them to see our *faces*, not bricks and mortar!

So, I ask this of you: **Plan to be at Alamance on September 11, 2022.** Clear your calendar for it. Make every effort to come to worship. Be one of the bright faces shining in that photo. Not only that, but invite your family to be here too. Encourage those who have not come to church in a while. I want everyone to be in our church family photo!

Treat Big Meeting like a church homecoming or a family reunion. Be here for it! We want you included in the photo. We want to see you on that big Sunday in the life of our church.

In Christ's love and light,  
*Kyle*

## Session Report

The Session of Alamance Presbyterian Church met on Sunday, July 24. in the Uffman Room. Dr. Goodman opened the meeting with prayer.

The Admin. Team gave a financial report. Contributions were much stronger in June than in previous months. Offering income totaled \$45,625.20 for June; \$12,967.86 greater than was budgeted. Year-to-date, our offering income still lags \$5,368.39 behind budget. Including all other revenues, we have collected \$272,524.52 this year; \$5,233.54 behind budget.

Our expenses are right in line with the budgeted \$307,651.07 through the year. Net total is at a deficit of \$35,126.55 for the year. (We had budgeted to be behind \$28,968.30 by now). The second half of the year is always stronger in contributions than the first. We have planned several fundraisers, starting with a Chicken Supper on August 6. We will balance this year's budget with reserve funds, and new income from the Yellow House rental, at the end of the year.

Session approved the team's recommendation to pay for a new air conditioning unit for the upper floor of the Grant Building, through reserves in the Ward Capital Fund.

Session heard reports from the Child Development Center, about staff reconfiguration and hiring searches. The shade structure on the playground has finally been installed.

The Congregational Care and Outreach Team reported their progress on church membership roll examinations. They will recommend that Session remove 70-110 names from the rolls at a later meeting.

Session discussed plans for Big Meeting, and a potential "ministry fair" for this fall. They approved canceling the Kentucky mission trip, due to low participation. They scheduled communion servers for July 31. They heard a report of the progress on the Yellow House rental to the non-profit *Voices Together*. They approved a request for a chili sale, date TBD. They approved Graham Dail as an Elder Commissioner to the September meeting of Salem Presbytery.

Session began its annual review process for Kyle Goodman. The Rev. Jess Rigel concluded the meeting with prayer.

## 2022 Golf Tournament

**Saturday, August 27**

Forest Oaks Country Club

**8 a.m.** Shotgun start

Team or Individual

Captain's Choice

Breakfast and lunch provided

\$75 registration fee

Door prizes

The outreach missions and ministries of Alamance Presbyterian Church provide resources for the southeast Guilford and Greensboro communities.

As part of APC's fleet of vehicles, a rear-access mobility Doge Grand Caravan is available for use by individuals who require specialized transportation. Proceeds from the 2022 Golf Tournament will benefit the APC Lift Van — and contribute toward a project to provide shelter for the whole bunch of buses and vans.

For more information about the 2022 Golf Tournament:

**Darren Hadley** (336.402.0297, [darren.hadley@triad.rr.com](mailto:darren.hadley@triad.rr.com))

**Kirby Ward** (336.337.0684, [kirbyw@gscnc.com](mailto:kirbyw@gscnc.com))

## 2022 Golf Tournament Registration Form

**Registration deadline: Tuesday, August 23**

Forest Oaks Country Club **8 a.m.** Shotgun start

Team or Individual Captain's Choice

Breakfast and lunch provided

**\$75 registration fee**

Team Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about the 2022 Golf Tournament:

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We also have sponsorship opportunities! Please consider them, as they apply to your marketing and community support strategies, and philosophies about promoting community growth. Thank you in advance, for your consideration and support.

**Platinum Sponsor \$500:** Exclusive sponsorship, "Hole in One" 4 participants, program recognition

**Gold Sponsor \$375:** Tee box signage, 4 participants, program recognition

**Silver Sponsor \$225:** Tee box signage, 2 participants, program recognition

**Bronze Sponsor \$100:** Tee box signage, program recognition

**Door Prizes:** Contact Kirby Ward (336-337-0684) to donate

**Gift Bag donations:** Coupons or other marketing materials

## Special Missions Offering for August: Mustard Seed Community Health Clinic

Mustard Seed Community Health Clinic is nationally recognized as a model for integrated care. Its patients are some of the most vulnerable people in Guilford County. Many don't have health insurance, live in homes that make their families sick, or are struggling with trauma. Many went without healthcare until Mustard Seed Community Health Clinic opened, in 2014.

In the 1950s, the Cottage Grove neighborhood on South English Street was a thriving African-American community of homes, shops and professional offices. By the 1970s, the community was in decline.

A decade ago, neighbors began to restore Cottage Grove to its proud roots, even though the community was changing. Now Mustard Seed's patients include families from Myanmar, Haiti, Mexico, Vietnam, the Congo, and more.

Long-neglected apartment complexes have been rehabbed, community gardens and a weekly fresh produce market offer healthy food, new park equipment and sidewalks offer safer places for physical activity.

### What does Mustard Seed provide?

Mustard Seed Community Health's primary effort is to provide care to those in the Cottage Grove community who cannot afford medical insurance. (Residents of surrounding neighborhoods will be accepted

for care if they have private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare.) This care includes:

- Basic urgent medical care for health concerns: acute illnesses, cuts and burns, fractures, and medical issues needing prompt attention.
- Screening and treatment of anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder; referral to local specialized behavioral health providers.
- Continuity care for chronic disease such as diabetes mellitus, hypertension, seizure disorders, and asthma.
- Complete physical exams for adults and adolescents, with routine screening for STDs, HIV, and chronic viral hepatitis (B & C).
- Complete physical exams for children: sports physicals, well-child exams, routine immunizations.

In addition, Mustard Seed Community Health Outreach workers keep in touch with patients and their families, and help them connect with other services they might need.



## Grace Extended

Alamance Presbyterian Church now participates in a food-relief mission engagement with Grace Community Church in southeast Greensboro.

Grace has a program, very similar to our Open Door, each Wednesday evening in the Glenwood neighborhood. They prepare and serve meals to the over 200 folks — many of whom are experiencing homelessness — who attend these weekly community suppers.

We have agreed to work **every third Wednesday**, through August of 2022 (**August 17**) at Grace Community Church (643 W. Gate City Blvd, Greensboro, NC 27403; in the old McIver School); for food service and worship from **5:15-7 p.m.**

Needed: 4-6 volunteers to help prepare and transport food each month, and 5-10 volunteers to help plate and serve the food at Grace Church.

You can also participate by enjoying the worship experience that begins at **5:45**, and the meal that starts around **6:20**.

The Mission Team knows that to continue this ministry requires some missional funds. The team hopes that Alamance will walk by faith to support this shared ministry.

Questions? Want to volunteer for any Wednesday? Let Jess Rigel or Kyle Goodman know that you want to join this partnership which engages us ecumenically in the wider community.

### Are we done yet?

Those of you who have already helped with the Grace Community Church suppers are invited to let Jess and Kyle know if you think that Alamance should maintain this partnership, for the foreseeable future. Your opinion is valuable to the Session, when it considers whether or not to continue supporting this local mission.

## Memorials and Honoraria

**To the Operating Fund:** In memory of Barry Grubb by Ralph & Nina Spear, Willie & Glenda Goncharow, Marie Hodgins, Gary & Kendra Trull, Richard & Janice Coble, Clint & Linda Aydelette, the Agapé Circle, Nancy Dyson. In memory of Claude Church by Willie & Glenda Goncharow, Marie Hodgins, Clint & Linda Aydelette, Nancy Dyson. In memory of John Goodman by Willie & Glenda Goncharow, Marie Hodgins. In memory of Sam Brewer by Marie Hodgins. In memory of Linda Carraway by John & Mary Watkins. In memory of A.W. Higgins by John & Mary Watkins. In memory of O.L. & Lottie Watkins by John & Mary Watkins. In honor of Joy Thomas and Darren Hadley, for a wonderful VBS, by Harold & Barbara Alexander. In honor of the Rev. Kyle Goodman by Catherine Church.

**To the Food Pantry:** In memory of Barry Grubb by Bob & Grace Dagenhart. In memory of Claude Church by Bob & Grace Dagenhart. In memory of John Goodman by Bob & Grace Dagenhart.

**To the Lift Van Fund:** In memory of Barry Grubb by Steve & Patty Starr, Norman & Edna Causey. In memory of Claude Church by Norman & Edna Causey. In honor of Lois Sharpe by the Sherlie Andrew Sunday school class. In honor of Lilly Snider by the Sherlie Andrew Sunday school class.

**To the Cemetery Care Fund:** In memory of Ray Allred II by Darrell Parker. In memory of Claude Church by Shirley Johnson, Hank & Debbie Gill.

**To the Youth Ministries Fund:** In memory of Barry Grubb by James & Nancy Ellis.

**To the Children's Ministry:** In honor of Joy Thomas by Shirley Johnson, Debbie Gill.

**To the Todd Luke Cistern Ministry:** In honor of Hannah Starr by Nancy Dyson.

### Stephen Ministry: Equipping God's People for Ministry and Caring for Hurting People

- submitted by Lee Shores

Alamance Presbyterian Church has long been a Stephen Ministry congregation. Many of us have served as Stephen Ministers, and others have received caring ministry by Stephen Ministers.

As an Elder, committee chairman, Sunday school teacher, and Stephen Leader, I have had the privilege of seeing our Lord work: bringing healing, wholeness, and peace into hurting people's lives.

My experience as a Stephen Leader has allowed me to experience our Lord in a completely surprising manner. The first part of the experience was our training. It drew everyone closer together, sharing hurt and pain, followed by healing within the small group. We found growth in understanding Scripture in new ways. And, we have encouraged one another to love and to do good works. We have discipled one another, therefore experiencing a deeper relationship with one another and with our Lord. The most profound aspect for me is to have the privilege of what I refer to as a front row seat in God's movement and working in people's lives.

Becky Brinkley, Melinda White, and I plan to begin a new Stephen Ministry class. I would ask that, if you are reading this, you would prayerfully consider becoming a part of this dynamic ministry that will

invigorate every aspect of your Christian walk.

If you have been asked to become a Stephen Minister, there is a reason for that. You have been contacted because we have prayerfully considered that you would be a great Stephen Minister. I would ask that you would consider why you should participate in the ministry, and not think of reasons why you cannot.

An anecdote: I worked in restaurants for many years. Here is one of my experiences: When people described eating establishments in the city where I worked, one was described first as being very expensive; and secondly, that the food and service were good. Another restaurant nearby was first described as having great food and service, and secondly as being quite expensive. This anecdote is given to show that the ministry is powerful, and in participating you will be a changed person. There is a commitment to small group, discipleship, and ministry to others. You will gain more than you give.

If you have any questions concerning Stephen Ministry do not hesitate to reach out to Kyle, Jess, your Stephen Leaders, and your Stephen Ministers.

The Stephen Ministry is a "distinctly Christian caregiving ministry" that provides high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. Members of the APC Stephen Ministry actively engage with the Congregational Care and Outreach team to connect people in our congregation with local community resources for help, in times of emergency or distress.

APC Stephen Ministry Leader Becky Brinkley can answer your Stephen Ministry questions (336.269.6096, [ranb2005@gmail.com](mailto:ranb2005@gmail.com)).



## Live-streaming Worship Services

Look and listen to Sunday morning worship at Alamance live, on-line. This is a nice option all the time, and is a vital resource during the current pandemic.

1. Go to our website, [www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org). At the top of the page, choose *Livestream*. That option takes you directly to the latest worship service, and any prior recorded services that are still available for you to view.
2. **Before you can access the live streaming service**, you must open an account with Livestream, either with your e-mail or your Facebook account. The Livestream site will send you an e-mail that will instruct you how to enter a password of your own choosing.

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We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church (USA) form.  
We are a **Matthew 25** church.  
We are a Stephen Ministry church.  
We are a Hunger Action congregation.

#### CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Kyle Goodman**, Lead Pastor  
**Rev. Jessica Rigel**, Discipleship Pastor  
**Andrew Long**, Director, Youth Ministries  
**Katie Long**, Director of Music  
**Rebecca Oden**, Pianist  
**Joy Thomas**, Dir., Children's Ministries  
**Dana Adams**, Financial Coordinator  
**Lynn Barnes**, Secretary  
**Mary Ellen Shores**, Director, Child Development Center  
**Jane Preston**, Asst. Director, CDC  
**Missionaries: Jesse & Erin Atkinson**, Linguists, Wycliffe Bible Translators

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### Current Officers

The Session is the governing body of our congregation. Officers are called Elders. Each "class" serves a three-year term. Stated meeting is on the **fourth Sunday of each month, at 6 p.m.** in Brown Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted).

#### Class of 2022:

Barbara Alexander  
Tom Cimino  
Scott Mendenhall  
Steve Starr  
David White

#### Class of 2024:

Kris Burns  
Terry Busby  
Graham Dail  
Willie Goncharow  
Pat Lovell

#### Class of 2023:

Darren Hadley  
Tim Hobbs  
Kathy Medder  
Judy Uniatowski

#### Youth Elder:

Nathan Garrett

#### Clerk of Session:

Graham Dail

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APC now has a QR code to connect you quickly to our website ...



... **and** one that will take you directly to the Serve page, for info about how to volunteer.



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It is strictly prohibited, however, from engaging in political activity which includes, but is not limited to, participating or intervening, directly or indirectly, in any political campaign on behalf or in opposition to any candidate for elective political office. Violation of these limits may result in the revocation of exempt status and the imposition of certain excise taxes.

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### Connect with Us Electronically

**"Like us" on Facebook!** We maintain several pages on Facebook. "Like" the pages to receive automatic notice on your own Facebook wall.

... **and check the website!**  
**It's updated weekly.**

[www.alamancechurch.org](http://www.alamancechurch.org)

### Our mission statement:

We welcome all to the community of Jesus: to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action congregation.

We have a Stephen Ministry.

### Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the **September, 2022** issue of **The Relay** is **Friday, August 26**. Post your articles by "snail mail," by e-mail ([lynn@alamancechurch.org](mailto:lynn@alamancechurch.org)), strap on your high heeled boots and hobble here in person, or phone the office (336-697-0488 x 121) to deliver the news.

