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*Gibsonville United Methodist Church exists to **Welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ, **Equip** us with a faith that helps us grow as disciples, and **Send** us into the world to serve and to make a difference for Jesus' sake.*

Gibsonville United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School Registration Form

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**Concrete and Cranes-
 Jesus Our Strong Foundation!**
 Monday, August 2nd through August 6th
 from 6:00 pm-8:30 pm.
 For ages 3 years to a rising 6th grader!
 Please call the office or email Ezekiel with
 any questions!



Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____

Zip: _____ Age: _____ Email: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Last School Grade Completed: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Emergency Contact & Phone Number: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions: _____

Name of friend your child might like to be with: _____

Authorized person(s) for pick up: _____

T-Shirt Size: Child: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ Other _____

Adult: Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____ Other _____

Photo and Video Release permission: Yes _____ No _____

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August 2021

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We live-stream our worship service at 9am and 11am on Sundays. For live-streaming go to www.gibsonvilleumc.org. On that page, click on your choice:

Watch Worship **Live** @ 9AM
 Watch Worship **Live** @ 11AM
 Watch Worship @ Other Times
 Watch on Facebook
 We worship in person at 9am & 11am.

Our worship team loves to hear your feedback, so please feel free to let us know you are watching and any other comments at blemons@wnccumc.org. *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!* (Psalm 150:6)



A Pen And A Thought



Barry on the Farm

I was back on the farm for my one day monthly clergy retreat on July 12. There are about 5-6 of us who are led by a group of facilitators from an organization called Sabbath Life. We meet on the second Monday of every month, 9am-4pm.

As you know if you have been reading my NSL articles going back to March 2021, one thing we do while on the farm is farm work. (I know, hard to imagine). We work at assigned/suggested tasks from 9-11am. This month, I was again back in the bog, clearing away grass from an area that used to be a pond but has been drained. As soon as the grass is cleared away, several truckloads of mulch will be dumped on the bog and it will make a beautiful place to sit, reflect, enjoy the wildlife, meditate, and things like that.

There must be tons of grass that I am pulling away by hand (no one else volunteers)! I am super-motivated to get it done because I know the end product will be so worthy of God. (It will be



an amplified version of our prayer garden beside the front entrance of the sanctuary, to which everyone is invited to spend as much time as you would like, 24/7/365).

The theme for the month of July was DELIGHT. The key Scripture was Ps. 16:11 – **You show me the path of life. In your presence is fulness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

We receive a poem each month to read through several times and to reflect upon. Following is the poem and my reflections:

Mindful
 Mary Oliver

Everyday
 I see or hear
 something
 that more or less

kills me with delight,
 that leaves me like a needle

in the haystack
 of light.

It was what I was born for –
 to look, to listen,

to lose myself
 inside this soft world –
 to instruct myself
 over and over,

in joy,
 and acclamation.
 Nor am I talking
 about the exceptional,
 the fearful, the dreadful,
 the very extravagant –
 but of the ordinary,
 the common, the very drab,
 the daily presentations.

Oh, good scholar,
 I say to myself,
 how can you help

but grow wise
 with such teachings
 as these –
 the undimmed light

of the world,
 the ocean's shine,
 the prayers that are made
 out of grass?

from *Why I Wake Early.* @ Beacon Press, 2005.

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Questions for Reflection:

How do you define delight? What “kills you with delight?”

Delight means to be grateful.

What “kills me with delight,” is to be alive; to be thankful for the presence of the Lord; to make time to immerse myself in God’s love, presence, wisdom, guidance through the means of grace; to hear the birds sing; to feel the breeze blow; to feel the sun’s warmth; to work in the dirt; to teach, to preach, to speak with the lonely and confused; to watch recovery; to be in recovery; to move; to stand in the ocean in mid-morning; to look at a freshly mowed lawn while the dew is still on it; to grow in holiness; to grow in purity; to be used by God; to see how far I have come in one lifetime; reconciliation with others; closeness with my honey; learning new things; mastering the Bible’s teachings; writing; winning over idolatry; helping others; being fit (able to walk and stretch); to swim; to work outdoors.

Barry Lemons

July 12, 2012

WELCOME NEW STAFF

We welcome our new Director of Traditional Music, Tony Sanders. Tony will be awarded the D.M.A (Doctor of Musical Arts) degree on August 6 from UNC-G. Tony has been with us since July 4. He is simply a very gifted musician, playing a broad range of instruments, including the piano, organ, and trumpet. He is good enough to tell your friends about and bring them to worship to hear him play!

How Deep Is Your Faith?

Lyrics to the Bee Gees’ 1970s hit song “How Deep Is Your Love” came to mind as I pondered the “depths” of my faith. Sometimes I prefer to stay securely in the shallow end, while other times I fearlessly launch off the diving board, ready and willing to be drenched by God’s love.

If you’ve ever tried to coax young swimmers to jump into the deep end of a pool, you may remember their excitement (and relief) after they finally take the plunge into your arms. To experience that joy in your spiritual life, evaluate your location in your own faith “pool.” Are you wading safely in the shallows or exploring the freedom of the depths? No matter where you’re at, you can jump confidently into Jesus’ outstretched arms. From the edge, hear his promises: “Jump in! I’ll catch you! I’ll keep you safe! Trust me!”

—Julie Lee

Prayer Challenge Class & Disciple Bible Study I

Congratulations to those who have completed the book and class, *The Wesley Prayer Challenge: 21 Days with the Wesley Prayer Covenant*. They are now “experts” on the prayer John Wesley wrote in 1755 called the Wesley Prayer Covenant. The class involved 21 days of reading and answering questions, plus 4 weeks of attendance at a 1.5 hour weekly group discussion on readings and challenges. Congrats to Shirley Beyer, Carol Dees, Jan Dillon, Susan Ezekiel, Ezekiel Gillie, Jessie Gillie, Sue Hudson, Barry Lemons, Claude Little, Ben McMillian, Sandy McMillan, Susan Owen, and Sue Wood.

Disciple Bible Study I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study Begins Sunday, August 22 4:00pm Conference Room (Church Library)
(The following article is revised from the July edition of the newsletter).

Beginning Sunday, August 22, at 4pm, we will begin **Disciple Bible Study I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study**. Disciple Bible Studies are intense studies designed for those who are serious about understanding the entire Bible. The class will be facilitated by the Pastor. There is about 30-45 minutes of study, reading, and writing six days a week. The class meets together once a week for 2.5 hours for additional learning and discussion. The class lasts 34 weeks, with occasional breaks for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas/New Year, Super-Bowl, and Easter.

There is so much to learn from a thorough, well thought-out Bible study.

As of this writing, I (Pastor Barry) am open to suggestions about days and times to meet. If you would like to make a suggestion as to meeting times, or have any questions, I am open to hear your idea(s). **You can call or text me (336) 239-5705 or email me at blemons@wvncumc.net.**

I told Donna recently that I am so motivated to do this study (for the fourth time) that I will study it by myself if need be. It is that great!

If you think you do not need to study the Bible again, please reconsider. *You cannot* overstudy the Bible. “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy. 3:16-17).

There is one major request: I know we sometimes get covered up by life; however, I do ask that participants commit themselves to the daily reading and weekly sessions *as faithfully* as they can. There is no substitute for people who have put in the weekly prep time each week to help the weekly sessions be fruitful and worthwhile.

We will have an Orientation Session on Sunday August 22 at 4:00pm. With five weeks off for Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, and Easter, we would complete our study the week before Memorial Day, 2022.

Please give this DBS your utmost prayerful consideration. It is not an opportunity that happens often.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS theme this year is “Concrete and Cranes” -Jesus Our Strong Foundation! Building on the love of Jesus shows kids the foundation that lasts! VBS will be held August 2nd-6th. From 6:00 pm-8:30 pm. Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be a part of our VBS team this year. We still need more people to join us. Please contact

ezekiel.gillie@gibsonvilleumc.org

Officially Invited To Join The VBS Team!

Station Leaders/assistants/helpers

Food Truck: Snack Leader— lead a team to prepare and set up snack....And manage the lunch for next day

Bulldozer: Crafts Leader— prepare and teach crafts, and oversee a small team of 2 helpers.

Excavator: Missions Leader— Lead 1 helper and discuss mission project with kids. Must know how to operate a DVD players.

Wrecking ball: Games— lead 2 volunteers and run the daily games outside/inside

High Steel: Worship Rally-Be on the worship team that knows how to groove and dance! Lead by Jessie Gillie

Blue Print: Bible Story— Lead the daily bible story and oversee an assistant

Other Positions: Crew Leader, Set Up Crews, Kitchen Crew, Registration Crew, Nurse, Security, and help us build the stage!

Become a Sponsor!

GUMC is always looking to partner with local businesses and individuals to serve as a sponsor in our Vacation Bible School program. This year it will be from August 2nd-6th. Contributions will be used to purchase T-shirts and Lunches for everyone who participates in VBS. This is a FREE week long program to anyone in our community who signs up. Our Goal is to reach between 40-60 children! Please fill out a check with the information provided below!

Yes I would like to support GUMC’s Vacation Bible School and the children and families in the surrounding community, by making a donation in the amount of:

_____ \$100.00 _____ \$75.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$25.00 _____ Other

Name or business Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Missions & Outreach

Fruit and Protein Collection First Sunday of Every Month:

The Gibsonville First Baptist Church operates a food pantry that serves our community. Each week families/individuals receive food. Our church supports this mission by collecting food and delivering it to the food pantry. Please remember to bring non perishable food to church on **Sunday August 1** and place it in the bins in the welcome center or in the closet off the narthex. Suggested food items include the following: peanut butter, canned meat, canned meat stews, rice, beans, quinoa, and canned fruit. **Please check expiration dates on all donated food.**

Back to School Supplies:

We are collecting school supplies for our back to school supply drive. A drop-off supply box is located outside the Welcome Center. Needs for the beginning of school are: glue sticks, crayons, notebooks, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, folders, 3 ring binders, and markers. Monetary donations can be made in order to purchase back packs. Make checks payable to GUMC and earmark "Back to School". The event is August 14th from 9:00am – Noon in GUMC's parking lot.

Prayer Books for Prisoners:

Disciple Bible outreach ministries

is distributing prayer books to inmates in the correctional system. The books are distributed freely to the inmates. If you would like to help with this project you can send a donation of \$10 per book to GUMC and earmark "Prayer Books".

Covid Vaccine Update: A total of six people were vaccinated at Gibsonville UMC's recent vaccine clinics. Also, vaccines can now be administered at home for the immobile/homebound by a vaccine specialist working with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. Call (866) 303-0026, or go online at www.ptrc.org/covid. A specialist will call within three days to schedule a home vaccination.



Gibsonville United Methodist Church will sponsor a blood drive on **Monday, August 30 from 2:30pm—7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Come give the gift of life

A Glimpse of Grace

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!" (Isaiah 55:1, NIV). I thought of this verse when I read about a seven-acre farm in Atlanta where people can pick fruits and veggies straight off the trees and vines, like a fresh-air produce market but bigger — and all free!

The Food Forest at Browns Mill, located amid a "food desert" in a city where one-fourth of the population experiences food insecurity, offers 2,500 edible and medicinal plants for anyone in need. People take only what they can use, and volunteers harvest extras to distribute in the community. It's one of about 70 free-food forests in the United States. To me, it looks like a glimmer of God's kingdom.

Imagine a world where everyone's basic needs are met: food, clean water, shelter, clothing, health care, education, meaningful work, love — and the fulfillment of assisting and supporting one another. Isaiah envisions this reality coming true. Sometimes, even in our troubled world, we catch a glimpse of God's abundant grace, tangibly lavished on all. Even better, sometimes we're blessed with the privilege of helping it happen.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Thank You!

July 7, 2021

Dear GUMC Church Family,

Perhaps my favorite room of our current home is to the immediate left as you walk in: it is our music studio, my man-cave, and what I call the world's most perfect practice space. Atop the acoustic piano is your beautiful engraving reminding me every day now, "Never underestimate the difference you made and the lives you touched."

If I go to the digital piano, facing me is your handsome framed quotation of J.S. Bach – my hero – telling me each time that I practice, "The end and final aim of all music should be nothing other than the glory of God and the restoration of the soul..." Sipping morning coffee from the retirement mug you gave me, I revel in these your gifts.

As much as these tangibles, though, I treasure the gift of your presence in my life these past 3-2/3 years. I'm thinking of our extraordinary congregation, our outstandingly caring staff, and our dedicated, skilled musicians. THANK YOU, brothers and sisters! We have worshiped God together through laughter and tears, and we have been richly blessed.

Martha joins me in wishing for you all the best of everything good as a new chapter of life unfolds. We intend to stay in touch with you, and we hope that you will do the same with us. "May the Lord bless and keep you, may the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace!"

In Christ's love,
Rob Hallquist
Director of Traditional Music (2017-21)

Dear Heavenly Father...Open my eyes, Creator of the universe, that I may see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; open my ears, that I may hear what the heavens are telling me about your glory, which transcends all material bounds and yet deigns to reside with human beings.

May I ever marvel at your tender care for us, and give you thanks and praise forever. Amen.

—Prayer suggested by Psalms 8 & 19

The Miracle of Summer

A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed, "I like the time when everybody loafs and fishes!"

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AUGUST, 2021

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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The Youth Art Auction was a big success! Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support the youth and buy some artwork. We raised \$1,500 to continue renovating the youth room. We plan on doing this every year and making it bigger and better!

VBS is gearing up! Concrete and Cranes begins August 2nd-6th from 6:00-8:30 pm.

You can register online at www.gibsonvilleumc.org. You can also pick up a form from the office and fill it out here! We look forward to seeing you!



We had a great time eating popcorn and candy and Pepsi!! We also enjoyed watching the 1996 classic: Space Jam! If there is a movie you'd like to watch contact Ezekiel and we will put it on the watch list for our next movie night!

Youth Group will be meeting Sundays from 4:00-5:30 in the youth room.

Kids Hour is every Thursday from 4:00-5:00 pm

August 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Fruit & Protein Sunday 8 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 4-5:30 PM Youth Activities	2 7 PM Boy Scouts	3 7 PM Alive in Christ	4 No Chancel Choir Rehearsal	5 No Praise Team Rehearsal	6 Tony Sanders Graduation D.M.A.	7 10:30 AM Out of the Garden Project
Vacation Bible School - 6:00-8:30 PM						
8 8 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 4-5:30 PM Youth Activities	9 7 PM Boy Scouts	10 7 PM Alive in Christ	11 No Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12 10:30 AM Care & Share 7 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	13	14 9 AM—Noon Back to School Supplies
Meals On Wheels - Monday through Friday						
15 8 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 4-5:30 PM Youth Activities	16 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM Circle #3 Church Parlor	17 7 PM Alive in Christ	18 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 7 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	20	21
22 8 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 4-5:30 PM Youth Activities 4 PM Disciple I (Orientation)	23 Alamance & Guilford County Schools First Day 7 PM Boy Scouts	24 11:30 AM Circle #2 Wharton Class Room 7 PM Alive in Christ	25 7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	26 7 PM Praise Team Rehearsal	27	28
29 8 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:45 & 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Traditional Worship 4-5:30 PM Youth Activities 4 PM Disciple I (Session 1)	30 7 PM Boy Scouts 2:30-7 PM Blood Drive	31 7PM Back to Scouting Cub Scouts 7 PM Alive in Christ				



- 2 Sylvia Hoffner
- 6 Emery Duquette
- 8 Barry Lemons
- 9 Jimmy Allen
- 12 Tommy Norwood
Susan Randolph
Cathy Shelton
- 13 Carol Kirkman
- 14 Tommy Summers
- 17 Joel Isley
Josh Rickard
Brent Shepherd
- 19 Henry Buckner
Matt Randolph
- 25 Sally Duquette
- 28 John H. Lea, Jr.
Ginny MacKenzie
Donna Rickard

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is listed incorrectly, please notify the church office so that we may correct our files.



- August 6**
Don & Glenda Blalock
- August 13**
Jeff & Edith Younger
- August 14**
Barry & Linda Raker
- August 23**
Buddy & Bobbie Blakely
- August 31**
Kent & Emily James

Thank You Notes

My GUMC Church Family: Thanks be to God for each one of you! I thank you for blessing me in so many different ways; I thank you for the many cards, gifts, flowers, gift cards, love and prayers. I was truly shocked at my 70th birthday party. If you weren't able to be there; please watch the video—Amanda Johnson posted it on Facebook! I am so blessed to have so many wonderful friends. Thank again for all your love and support!

Donna Hughes

Meetings & Information

- Circle #2:** Will meet Tuesday, August 24 at 11:30am in the Church Parlor.
- Circle #3** will begin meeting on Monday, August 16 at 7:00pm in the Wharton Class Room.
- Care & Share:** Will meet Thursday, August 12 at 10:30am in the Wharton Class Room. Please read Chapter 3 in your book "If You Want To Walk On Water, You Got To Get Out Of The Boat" by John Ortberg. Contact Lois Fuller at (336) 446-1117 if you need additional information.
- Back to Scouting:** Pack 265 is having a Back to Scouting Celebration on August 31st from 6:30-8:00pm in the Fellowship Hall for any boys in kindergarten through fifth grade. There will be games and activities and a chance to get information about the Pack.
- Meals on Wheels:** Delivery Monday, August 9 through Friday, August 13.

Memorials & Specials Gifts to Honor Friends & Loved Ones

IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF
<p>Carol Beck Mark & Lisa Cheek Carla Whitesell Dahl Max & Pam Litten Leonard Mangum Faye Martin Richard & Kay Noff Amy Whitesell</p> <p>Helen Coudriet Joel & Julie Isley</p> <p>Suzie McGunn Jean Butcher</p>	<p>Cov Jarrett's Birthday Ginger Jarrett</p> <p>Donna Hughes Tim & Sue Wood</p> <p>Carol Younger's Birthday Ginger Jarrett</p>



We welcome our newest members, John and Jo Ann Fox. John and Jo Ann joined our community of faith at the 11:00am worship hour on July 18. Their address is 7523 NC Hwy 61, Browns Summit, NC 27214. Home phone number is (336) 656-3964.

We also welcome Brandon and Angel Cash, and their daughter Aleigha, (Aleigha was baptized on June 20, 2021). The Cash family lives at 2227 Kivett Drive, Greensboro, NC 27406. Home phone number is (336) 294-4067.

Offering Counters for August—Purple Team
Deleno Flynn, Howard Hendricks, Nancy Shepherd

Our Gifts

By our Gifts (as of 6/30/21)	
Annual Budget	319,886
Operating Fund Received in June	25,231
Operating Fund Received Year to Date	134,096
Operating Fund Needed Budget to Date	159,943
Above/(Below) Budget to Date	(25,847)
Building Fund received in June	5,888
Building Fund received Year to Date	41,523
Mortgage Payments Year to Date	42,720
Above/(Below) Mortgage Payments YTD	(1,198)
Mortgage Principal Balance	638,469

A complete copy of the current financial statement is available in the Welcome Center.