

e p i s t l e

July 2020



St. Timothy
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
B R E V A R D , N C

I have always been fascinated with the way Paul introduced himself to the church in Rome. I will paraphrase his words in hopes of introducing myself to you. I am Tony, a devoted servant of Jesus Christ on assignment, authorized as a pastor to proclaim God's words and acts. I write this letter to all the believers of St Timothy's, God's friends.

Paul continues, sharing the Good news of Jesus Christ:

"The sacred writings contain preliminary reports by the prophets on God's Son. His descent from David roots him in history; his unique identity as Son of God was shown by the Spirit when Jesus was raised from the dead, setting him apart as the Messiah, our Master. Through him we received both the generous gift of his life and the urgent task of passing it on to others who receive it by entering into obedient trust in Jesus. You are who you are through this gift and call of Jesus Christ! And I greet you now with all the generosity of God our Father and our Master Jesus, the Messiah."

I thank God through Jesus for every one of you. That's first. People everywhere keep telling me about your lives of faith, and every time I hear them, I thank him. And God, whom I so love to worship and serve by spreading the good news of his Son—the Message!—knows that every time I think of you in my prayers, which is practically all the time, I ask him to clear the way for me to come and see you.

Friends, like Paul, I can't wait to serve the Kingdom alongside you, break bread with you, and get to know you. I am praying that sooner, rather than later, we are worshiping in person and that I can sit down with you to learn more about you and your walk of faith. Please feel free to reach out to me at 828-447-8992 or via email at tmoreau@wnccumc.net.

Your Brother in Christ,

Tony



Stewardship



BY OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers:

Jack and JoAnn Bryson
 Lorraine Pearsall
 Jeanne Eden
 Mary Lou Rhodes
 Anne Weed
 Jean Pottet
 Helen Meece
 Tink and Hilda Siniard
 Bill and Frances Siniard
 Judy and Larry Whatley
 John and Helen Barker
 Al and Cathy Seal
 Chris Barila
 Jayne Nash
 Marie Watson and family
 Andrea Brewer and family
 Virginia Penland's family
 Bob Szabo (David Mackey's friend)
 Glana and Maurice Stanley (Al Hooper's sister)
 Lexi (Carol Roth's great niece)
 Lisa Sprouse (Butch & Bunny Sprouse's daughter-in-law)
 Nikki Blackwell (Gales' granddaughter)
 Janet and Bob Shultz (Gladys & Dennis Taylor's friends)
 Pam Fleming (friend of Debbie Mackey)
 Jared Whealton (David Mackey's friend)
 Michelle Tripp (Elaine Gales' friend)
 Susie Aruffo (Billy West's friend)
 Michael Weinstein (Susan & Dave Donaldson's son-in-law)
 Rivers Stillwell (John & Helen's Barker's grandson)
 Doris Hurst (Anne Weed's sister)
 Dana Mason Stevenson (Larry Sherrill & Elizabeth Leff's friend)
 Ken Rice (Lu Ashworth's brother)
 Angie Martin (Billy West's sister)
 Dawn Bingham (Debbie Mackey's twin sister)
 Jan and George Bauer
 Don Paddick (Garry Paddick's brother)
 Max and Terry Dajnowicz
 Julia Winchester (Margaret Scheinling's mother)
 Edna Hill (Elizabeth Leff's sister-in-law)
 Roger and Susan Levi (Billy West's friends)
 Elizabeth Hamilton Cantrell (Elizabeth Galloway's friend)
 Chris Seal (Al Seal's mother)
 Mary Jo Hicks (Windy Hodges' sister)
 Roger and Susan Levi (Billy West's friends)
 Max and Terry Dajnowicz
 George and Jan Bauer
 Darrell Peek (Diane Huey's brother)
 Kathryn Burns (Elizabeth Leff's niece)
 Gaston Siniard

OUR PRESENCE

		Sunday School	Worship
June	7	Covid-19	
June	14	Covid-19	
June	21	Covid-19	
June	28	Covid-19	

BY OUR GIFTS

2020 Ministries Budget	230,695.00
Budget requirements for the month	19,225.00
Amount received for General Budget for May	14,445.00
Oak Grove rent	0.00
Amount Spent from General Budget in May	\$20,098.55
Additional Receipts	
ABCCM Veterans Project	50.00
Angel Project (Diapers)	50.00
Backpack Buddies	50.000
Bread of Life	150.00
Building & Grounds Capital Fund	575.00
Crossnore Children's Home	50.00
Davidson River School	275.00
Fellowship Hall Campaign	770.00
The Haven	25.00
Imagine No Malaria	25.00
Sharing House	310.00
Society of St. Andrew	85.00
Total Additional Receipts	\$2,415.00

BY OUR SERVICE

Greeters		
July	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
Nursery Attendants		
July	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
Ushers		
July	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	
Lay Readers		
Jul	5	
	12	
	19	
	26	

If you would like to receive the newsletter and financial giving statements electronically, please email the office.

Security Check for July
 Mae Clayton



JULY



birthdays

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| 7 - Daniel Damaschke | 15 - Kyle Kenney | 21 - Coleen Byrd |
| Dennis Taylor | 16 - Jackson Bradley | 23 - Tamera Edwards |
| 8 - Bob Johnson | 17 - Bill Sutton | Roger Stansel |
| 10 - Cliff McCormick | 19 - John Barker | 24 - Betty Brewster |
| Bonnie Sutton | 20 - Rhae Mozley | 26 - Barbara Russell |
| 13 - William Fleming | | 29 - William Surrect |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 Tony's first day in the office	7	8	9	10	11
12 Tony's first service at St. Timothy	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

V o l u n t e e r N e e d s

Once things return to normal, we will be in need of volunteers. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Space or contact Elizabeth in the office.

O u t r e a c h

Our Angel Project for July is school supplies for The Boys and Girls Club (“B&G Club”, Rise & Shine School (“R&S School”) and Davidson River School (“DRS”). B&G Club and R&S School provide vital after school programs for hundreds of at risk children in our county. Children are provided tutoring support and learning experiences they otherwise would not have. And DRS is our alternative school with which we have a special partnership. Especially at the beginning of a new school year, each of these organizations has a great need for supplies such as: pencils, erasers, notebook and copy paper, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, tissues, batteries (especially AA), flash cards (all math), board games (ages 6-18), decks of cards, chalk (school and sidewalk), glue sticks, manila folders, scissors, etc. In past years we have had separate collections for these three organizations. But this year we decided to simplify and combine the collections into one, hopefully much larger collection, which will be distributed to the three organizations. So we are counting on your generous support for this combined collection. Many stores will have good sales on many of the above supplies in July and this would be an excellent time to buy several items for our collection. Of course, monetary donations continue to be very welcome alternative to donating supplies.

Our Third Mile Offering for July is for the ABCCM (Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministries) Veterans Programs. ABCCM serves western North Carolina veterans, including those from Transylvania County, with a wide array of programs including: transitional and emergency housing for about 300 homeless veterans at its Veterans’ Restoration Quarters (VRQ) and Steadfast House; job training, work clothes and tools; medical support and counseling for mental and physical health problems, substance abuse and addiction; and other types of support such as winter coats and clothing. Your generous support of this ministry will help express our gratitude to those who have sacrificed so much for us. For more information go to www.abccm.org.

Sharing House Needs. The Sharing House faces a constant challenge of depleted shelves and needs and appreciates our support and our collection of food and supplies each month. Monetary gifts are especially welcome at this time. Needed items always include paper products, broth and creamed soups, canned beans of all types and canned fruit. Canned food of any type, personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste and other supplies also are most welcome. A list of most needed items can be found in a pocket folder on our Outreach bulletin board and in the Transylvania Times each Monday.

June Outreach Report. Our support for our Outreach causes continues to be substantially lower since we have not been having our regular church activities. However, any support that we provide to those on the front line of meeting pressing needs of our neighbors is appreciated. Hopefully in the near future we can resume some of our regular church activities, even if modified, and also resume our long-term generous support for our Outreach causes.

Project AGAPE Advance Notice. As mentioned in the June Epistle, for our Angel Project in September we will collect clothing, etc., for Project AGAPE, a ministry of the North Carolina UMC to the impoverished Christian community of greater Armenia. This advance notice will help us plan for this important project. We will collect the following items: new or gently used, clean clothing of all types and sizes (underwear must be new and still in original wrapping); new shoes only (with the tag still on) of all sizes; sewing fabric and supplies; small kitchen utensils (e.g., knives,

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silverware, cooking and measuring utensils); and small personal tools (e.g., hammers, wrenches, screwdrivers but no power or battery operated items). Between now and September, save any of the foregoing items that you may have and we will collect them in early September.

We also will be collecting Christmas Shoe Boxes. Al Hooper once again will be preparing shoeboxes for those who prefer to make a monetary donation of \$30 to sponsor a very nice shoebox. If you prefer to prepare a shoebox(s) yourself, please see Al Hooper for instructions and suggested contents as many suggested items will be on sale at back to school sales in July.

A Word of Thanks From the Trustees

A big thank you goes out to Bob Huey for cutting up a very large limb that fell from a tree in Prayer Garden and trimming the bushes in front of church.

We have received live streaming equipment for Pastor Tony's use. Parker purchased the equipment he is using and will take with him.

Eugene Owens Home Improvement Co. will clean and repair gutters at church and parsonage. Gutters were overflowing on East side of Fellowship Hall during a recent rain storm.

A bee keeper removed a honey bee hive and hive material from parsonage. Repairs to the garage ceiling and siding will be repaired first week in July.

Thank you to Paula Paddick and Keith Worley for working on a list of issues around the church generated by Lise Brown. Remarkable improvements have been made to the janitor's closet and the Fellowship Hall storage room.

Gutters were cleaned and repaired at church and parsonage on June 23. A 3' maple tree was pulled out of the Fellowship Hall down spout and Eugene Owens Home Improvement's owner Debbie, plans to replant it at their Cedar Mountain location.

Needs at the parsonage are: tighten stairwell post, repair/replace porch screens and paint walls, floor and doors, power wash garage and screened porch floors replace light switch at front door, replace fluorescent bulb in downstairs closet, repair or replace bi-fold closet door, repair garage ceiling and siding as needed after honey bee removal, adjust swinging door between kitchen and dining room, clean ceiling vent, secure towel rod and install new toilet seat and mirror in hall bathroom, install cover on light fixture at bottom of the stairs in lower level, paint interior walls and trim including ceiling in master bathroom, garage walls and shelves, remove tree limb from backyard fencing, cut back limbs on left side of garage, mulch, trim and weed entry area to house, remove anything from house and garage that needs to be trashed and clean up sandbox area off screened porch.



Good Bye from Pastor Parker

Dear St. Timothy,

Greetings to you, to all the saints at St. Timothy, in the name of our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I greet you as the Apostle Paul did to many of the churches to whom he wrote letters in the New Testament. In many ways, this feels like a similar letter. Just like Paul and those early Christians, we are far from each other. We cannot greet one another in person, we cannot worship together, and although some of us have communicated through social media, many of us have not. So if you have ever wondered what Paul's relationship and communication was like with the Christians in Corinth or Rome or Philippi, now you know.

I give thanks to God that he sent me to you. You have been so gracious not only to me, but to my family Alisha, Wesley and Luke. You welcomed us here, you walked alongside us, you showered us with hospitality and generosity, and now you have sent us off with love and care. I am so grateful that God has given us all the gift of the church, a community where we can love and cherish each other's presence. I could not do this journey alone without your encouragement, your patience, and your steadfast faith. Not many people have the opportunity for their companies and co-workers to get to know their family and live alongside them, but through the church that is exactly what you have done. I especially think about Wesley and Luke whom you nurtured and raised here and the impact that you will leave on their lives. Luke was baptized here on Easter of 2019 and I will always remind him that you are praying for him and that you have already modeled for him what it means to be a saint. One day, when he is older, he will return and remember his baptism and remember you and give thanks.

Together, we have grown and matured in our discipleship of Jesus. I know that I am now a more faithful and humble Christian than when I came and I know the same is true of you. Although we have a separation of the clergy and laity through ordination, the truth is that in the early church there was no such thing. At Pentecost, through the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit, God has made us all priests, ministers of the gospel, saints in the church of Jesus Christ. And so while I hope I have challenged you in your faith, helped you grow in discipleship, and taught you the beliefs of the church, it is much more true that I have learned from you. Of course I have learned much in what it means to be a pastor, but more than that, I have learned what it means to be a Christian.

I remember the day when I received a call from my District Superintendent telling me I had been appointed to St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Brevard, NC. I wondered and speculated and pondered. What was Brevard like? Would the parsonage be adequate? Would our children have a spot at a daycare? But most of all, I wondered about you. What would you be like? What kind of people would they be? What kind of character would they embody? After two years, the guessing game has long been over. You are kind, generous, faithful, humble, penitent, devoted, but most of all, you are love. You not only have and show love, you are God's love in the world. Fulfilling your mission "Connecting People with God's Love" doesn't require you to give away lots of money or do extravagant things for others. All you have to do to connect people with God's love is get to know them, because it will be obvious to them that you are a gift and a loving presence who will bless their life.

I pray for you and especially for your relationship with your new pastor, Rev. Tony Moreau. I have been blessed to get to know Pastor Tony and I know he has an abundance of gifts he brings to St. Timothy. Our conference policies indicate that I cannot return to the church for one year in order that you may grow in your relationship with Pastor Tony. I request that if you have needs for pastoral care, wedding or baptism ceremonies, or funeral services that you contact Pastor Tony and ask for his leadership. I will also have limited contact with you so please do not be upset if I do not respond or redirect you to speak with Pastor Tony. This will be hard for all of us. But it is a good practice and one that Ann did for me and that I hope to receive at my new appointment.

On behalf of my family, I wish you the very best. I pray that the Holy Spirit fills you with joy for the life that truly is life. I pray that the presence of the risen Christ fills this church and your lives. I pray that the living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit opens up to you the kingdom of God in ways you have never seen before. And I pray that you remain faithful disciples of Jesus Christ until we meet again in whichever life it may be.

Peace of Christ,

† Parker

Farewell!



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Sunday Worship
9:45 am Sunday School
10:55 am Worship Service



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