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Open Minds,
Open Doors...

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**Burkhead
United Methodist Church
5250 Silas Creek Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27106**

**Rev. Julie O'Neal
Pastor**



JOIN US

**Sunday School
classes**

9:15 & 9:30 am

Fellowship Time

10:15 to 10:25 am

Worship Service

10:30 am in

our Sanctuary.

**Virtual worship is
available through
our website and
Facebook page.**

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Burkhead News



We've changed !

Check out our new times!

The **New Life Sunday School** class meets in the Parlor at **9:15 am**. They are studying "*Be Hopeful*", Warren Wiersbe's commentary on 1st Peter. The **Seekers Sunday School** class meets in their classroom at **9:30 am**. They are studying "*In the Beginning...*", starting with Genesis. You are welcome to join either class! **Fellowship Time from 10:15 am to 10:25 am** in the Common Area outside of the Kitchen is for everyone. Our **Worship Service is at 10:30 am** in our Sanctuary. Thank you for wearing your masks while inside the building. Hope to see you soon!

Red Cross Blood Drive



Please **help our local Red Cross** provide the blood that is urgently needed in our hospitals!

We are **hosting a blood drive Thursday,**

September 23rd. Appointments are available beginning at 1:30 pm through 5:30 pm for all types of blood donors.

You can easily schedule your donation by calling the church office at 336-765-6590, extn 3 or by contacting the Red Cross at www.redcrossblood.org or 1-800-RED-CROSS (use sponsor code "Burkhead" to reach our drive).

We also need volunteers to assist with the donor registration process anytime between 1:00 pm and 5:30 pm. Please call Darlene in the church office to volunteer! Thank you!

Doing Unto Others?

In an effort to learn all I can about different perspectives surrounding how people who follow Christ perceive mask-wearing, I've been doing a lot of reading lately. The following are excerpts from articles I've seen:

One Tennessee pastor has given his members two options: Come to church maskless or be kicked out. Pastor Greg Locke told members at Global Vision Bible Church in Mount Juliet he will ask anyone with a mask to leave.

The warning from Locke comes after various states and communities reinstate mask mandates because of rising coronavirus delta variant cases.

"If they go through round two and you start showing up (with) all these masks and all this nonsense, I will ask you to leave," Locke said during a service on Sunday. "I will ask you to leave. I am not playing these Democrat games up in this church."

On Tuesday, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control recommended that even vaccinated Americans wear masks in indoor public places in high transmission areas to prevent further spread of the coronavirus.

As of Tuesday, there were 611,000 confirmed COVID-19 related deaths in the U.S. [Note: as of August 26 there were 633,000.] The delta variant now makes up at least 83% of new COVID-19 cases.

Locke criticized pastors who have canceled services or held off water baptisms due to the delta variant. He said not only will the church be maskless, but members will also not engage in social distancing, local news outlet Lexington Herald reported.

"They will be serving Frosty's in hell before we shut this place down, just because a buck wild, demon-possessed government tells us to," Locke said in his Facebook video. -Gabriela Miranda

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/07/27/tn-pastor-greg-locke-says-masks-arent-allowed-bible-church/5385007001/>

Or:

Jesus says that everything in scripture depends on these two top commandments — love God and our neighbor — for their moral authority and proper interpretation...All we say and do as Christians must conform to loving God and loving people.

Loving God is fairly clear, but how do we love our neighbors as ourselves? The answer is in Christ's Golden Rule: "*So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them*" (Matthew 7:12a ESV). We must behave toward others in the same way we want them to behave toward us. ...If I don't want someone to transmit disease to me, then I must do whatever I can to avoid transmitting disease to them. Asserting rights is all about me, but wearing a mask is all about my care and concern for the feelings and well-being of others.

Face coverings don't protect the wearer as much as they protect the people the wearer encounters. The apostle Paul summarizes the practical implications of a Christ-like ethic toward others: "*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others*" (Philippians 2:3-4 ESV).

A simple mask is all about protecting loved ones, especially the weak and elderly, front-line medical personnel and their families, and whole communities. Wearing masks reduces the need for shut-down orders as fewer people become sick; an open economy keeps businesses from failing, workers from losing their jobs, and, by extension, preserves the security of households dependent on those paychecks...

Wearing a mask is not only considerate and polite; wearing a mask is biblical. -Rev. Rob Schenk
<https://sojo.net/articles/bible-says-wear-mask-Christians-church-coronavirus>

Or:

Come to church if you can. Join us on line if you wish. Know you are loved and seen as a child of God, whether or not your mouth and nose are covered. God's blessings on you and yours.

-Julie O'Neal

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

10th Clyde & Diane May, Jr.
 12th Don & Dawn Brown
 14th John & Dominique Patrick
 27th Bob & Alice Smith

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2nd Evan Burton
 4th Alice Smith
 5th Ian Stephens
 6th Katherine DuBois
 8th Cameron Jordan
 8th Judy LaPrade
 8th Kevin Messick
 11th Steve Gentry
 19th Gale Sink
 24th Katharine Chipman
 25th Laura Smith
 28th Russ DuBois
 28th Larry Hurst
 30th Barbara Griset

Please notify the church office if your anniversary or birthday has been omitted or is incorrect. We want to include everyone in celebrating these special occasions.

Updated contact information for

Becky DuBois - her correct email is bjdubois55@hotmail.com. Her cell phone number is 336-705-4805. The home phone has been disconnected.

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Tuesday through Friday: 10 am to 2 pm

Who knew? French-born **Leo Arnaud** made his name as a composer, most famously of "*Bugler's Dream*", better known as the Olympics theme song. His final resting spot is in the cemetery of Asbury United Methodist Church in Yadkin County.

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Aug. 1st: Prayers: Bonnie Flynn, Ben Bellus

Praises: Ron Frazier

Aug. 8th: Prayers: Barry & Joan Crotty, Mike & Peg Price, Ben Bellus, family of Paul Haerich, Spencer Willard, Eileen & Tony Petrack, David Laden Sr., Logan, Jerry Sullivan, Connie Mende, Concepcion Cabrera, Meredith Mende-Kejriwal, Sarah Blumenthal, Sarah Howell, Our nation & world fighting COVID, Reopening schools & COVID

Aug. 15th: Prayers: David Laden Sr, Larry Tant, Tim Clark, Sophia O'Neal, Ralph & Bobbie Futrell

Praises: Donna Carson, needed rain & safety in storms

Aug. 22nd: Prayers: Julie Giljames, Bobbie & Ralph Futrell, Afghanistan & its people, students returning to school, peace for people & their homelands, worldwide floods & fires, elected leaders everywhere, Susan English

Praises: Tim Clark, Sophia O'Neal

Aug. 29th: Prayers: Grace Price, Ed Jones, family of Marie Wingate, Bonnie Flynn, Ben Bellus, Zoe Ruhl, those in Ida's path, COVID, Afghanistan's people, decision makers for schools & colleges

The Chickens are coming!

That's right - **Saturday, Nov. 6th** the chickens will be coming to Burkhead for the annual Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ. It will be **drive thru only** this year and will **begin at 11 am and continue until 7 pm**. Prices this year are **\$7 for 1/2 chicken**, but if you want a bargain you can get **3 1/2 chickens for \$20**. A **meal ticket is \$10** and includes 1/2 chicken, baked beans, bbq slaw and roll. **TICKETS are on sale NOW!** We will need everyone to get out and sell, sell, sell. Take a couple of flyers home with you and distribute to neighbors, the grocery, YMCA because the more we get the word out, the better will be our sales. Thanks right now for what you are willing to do to help us sell those tickets.

From the Financial Secretary's Desk:

Financial Report:

	July	Year-to-Date
Total Received	\$11,822	\$130,001
Total Spent	\$19,496	\$128,911

We have received memorials for Bobby Johnson, Glenda Ketchie's brother, from Mr. & Mrs. Murray Sink, and Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Dixon.

We received a memorial for Eric Carder, Peg Price's brother, from Mrs. Betty Bewley.

September Lectionary Readings

These scriptures are used during our Sunday Worship Service. They are offered so everyone may read and study them throughout the week. (*Lector reading; Sermon lesson)

5th Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
 Psalm 125 or Psalm 124
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17
 *Mark 7:24-37

12th Proverbs 1:20-33
 Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
 *Mark 8:27-38

19th Proverbs 31:10-31
 Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
 *Mark 9:30-37

26th Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
 Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
 *Mark 9:38-50

School Supplies Gratefully Received

Thank you so much to everyone who donated school supplies for Open Arms Community and Carter High School. We delivered two big boxes of supplies to Open Arms and another box full to Carter High School. Open Arms gave out supplies to over 50 children and they will likely have more children in need as the school year gets underway. The supplies that went to Carter High School were given to the teachers to give to their students who need supplies.

Please keep the students and teachers in our schools in your prayers as they begin another difficult school year in the midst of the pandemic. Thank you, again, for your generous donations.

September is Hunger Action Month

This September, choose to take a stand against hunger. There are several ways to respond to this challenge. You can volunteer at a local food pantry, donate food to the Second Harvest Food Bank or directly to a local pantry, or make a monetary donation to fight hunger. This last year during the pandemic, there are many more people relying on food pantries to feed their families. The staffs and volunteers who have been working doubly hard deserve our thanks and support.

As one way for Burkhead to take action this month, we are **inviting the congregation to write a note of thanks and support** to those who are working at food pantries and feeding programs. You can pick up the supplies to help with this project on Sunday mornings or contact Gale Sink to help. We also **invite you to wear orange, the color of hunger, on September 17th, Hunger Action Day**, to Spark a conversation and share about hunger in the United States and right here in our own community.

World Relief Triad is one of the many organizations working towards resettling Afghanistan's displaced persons. They have committed to welcoming ten families from Afghanistan into the Winston-Salem area within the next year. Rev. Jonathan Musser, Mission Services Director of World Relief Triad has approached Burkhead to seek assistance with this crucial humanitarian operation. Funding is needed now in preparation for these families, and additional opportunities for hands-on assistance will be sought as the project progresses. Rev. Musser will preach here at Burkhead in October to help us determine what God is calling us towards.

The Board of Directors of the **Shepherd's Center** voted unanimously to cancel their annual used book sale originally scheduled for September 2 – 4 at the Fairgrounds. This was a very difficult decision and thoroughly discussed with input from medical providers. The primary concern in cancelling the event was for public health and safety given the uncertainty of the current spread of the Delta variant. **BUT WAIT — There are ways you can help now!** Each week more than 125 homebound older adults call the Shepherd's Center to schedule a ride to a medical appointment or for grocery shopping. We need YOUR help getting them there! At this time, getting to essential medical appointments is very challenging for many older adults. The demand has increased and **we are in need of additional transportation volunteers to assist in this important ministry.** In 2020, we responded to a record 12,000 requests for one-way trips! This trend has increased in 2021. Our volunteer drivers and riders enjoy interacting with each other and some build relationships that last years. For some of our riders, our volunteers are the only people they have seen in days. **Orientation and support is provided.** Interested individuals should contact Vicki Poore, Community Engagement and Volunteer Coordinator at 336-748-0217 or email her at vpoores@shepherdscenter.org. Thank you for supporting The Shepherd's Center!

September 2021

Join us each Sunday at 10:30 am for Worship Service in our Sanctuary.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes-	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<p>5 8:15 am - H.O.P.E. sandwich making 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>6</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> 
<p>12 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p>13 6:30 pm - Finance Committee meeting</p>	<p>14 10:30 am - Outreach Committee Meeting 6:30 pm - Trustees Committee meeting</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm - Y.A.R.N. Ministry</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Deadline for Newsletter Articles</p>	<p>23 1:30 pm to 6:00 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive — volunteers & donors are needed</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25 Girl Scout Recruitment Event</p>
<p>26 8:15 am - H.O.P.E. sandwich making 9:15 am - Sunday School 10:15 am - Fellowship Time 10:30 am - Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>		