



Dear Church family,

There are moments in the life of a church you can't manufacture... you can't plan... and you certainly can't fake.

You can only recognize them.

I believe we are in one of those moments right now.

Do you feel it?

Something is stirring among us. Conversations are going deeper. New faces are finding their place. People are taking steps of faith they wouldn't have taken just a few months ago. There is a quiet but unmistakable movement happening. Not because of anything we've done, but because God is on the move.

The question isn't *if* He's moving.

The question is... where are you in it?

Are you finding your place among the people God is gathering?

Are you growing in what you believe and how you trust Him?

Are you allowing Him to shape who you're becoming?

Are you stepping into something that's bigger than yourself?

This isn't about pressure—it's about invitation.

God is doing something here. Moments like this are gifts. They are opportunities to step closer, go deeper, and be part of what only He can do.

So I'll ask you again...

Do you feel it?

Don't just observe it. Step into it.

God loves you more than you know—and He is not finished with you yet.

Grace and peace,

*Pastor Chad*

**"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"  
— Isaiah 43:19 (NIV)**



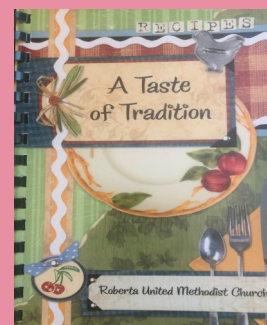
### Strawberry Dessert

Submitted by: Doris Burris

- 1 angel food cake
- 1 12oz carton Cool Whip
- 8oz sour cream
- 1 can Eagle Brand Milk
- 1 package strawberry glaze
- 2 packages frozen half strawberries in light syrup

Break angel food cake into pieces and spread over bottom of large baking dish. Use wire whisk and whip together until well-mixed the Cool Whip, sour cream and milk. Pour over the angel food cake. Mix glaze and strawberries and spread over mixture

Recipe Books can be purchased through any Lydia member for \$12.00 each.



# MINISTRY NEWS

## May Volunteers

Acolyte	
5/3	Maddie Hudson
5/10	Aurora Cochran
5/17	Mitch Kanady
5/24	Taylor Darnll
5/31	Maddie Pacious
Ushers	
5/3	Paul Pacious & Ronnie Hinson
5/10	Darrell Ridenhour & Josh Brooks
5/17	Eric Howie & Ed Anderson
5/24	Larry Pigg & Jewel Williamson
5/31	Daee Furr & George Brown
Greeters	
5/3	Tammy Weddington & Kevin Dunham
5/10	Ed Anderson & Eddie Taylor
5/17	Wendy Stirewalt & Susan Rosinski
5/24	Carolyn Pigg & Vicky Furr
5/31	Doris burris & Brenda Koerner
Children's Moment	
5/3	Doug Conner
5/10	Mother's Day Recognition
5/17	Regina Hinson
5/24	Travis Eudy
5/31	Colby Cochran
Children's Church	
5/3	Robin Kanady
5/10	Doris Burris/Corinne Smith
5/17	Lisa Linker
5/24	Debbie Cochran
5/31	Kelly Almond
Nursery	
5/3	Kelly Pacious & Kelly Almond
5/10	Jewel Williamson & Paul Pacious
5/17	Shawn Marble & Annemarie Irons
5/24	Kely Pacious & Kelly Almond
5/31	Kari Thompson & Jewel Williamson
Multi-Media	
5/3	Soundboard: Sue Ridenhour Computer: Jewel Williamson Camera: Don Smith
5/10	Soundboard: Rob Sossamon Computer: Jim Killian Camera: Susan Ferguson
5/17	Soundboard: Michael Kanady Computer: Loren Koerner Camera: Jim Killian
5/24	Soundboard: Don Smith Computer: Sue Ridenhour Camera: Alex Hattaway
5/31	Soundboard: Jim Killian Computer: Regina Hinson Camera: Loren Koerner
Opening/Closing Church - May	
William Green	

## Church Fund Balances — March 31, 2026

General Fund Operating Budget Checking Acct.	\$112,337.63
General Fund Checking	\$50.00
General Fund CD	\$105,559.72
<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$218,947.35</b>
Capital Fund / General Fund	\$11,042.90
Capital Fund / Music - Children / Youth	\$2,602.45
Capital Fund / Multi - Media	\$1,210.68
Capital Fund / Adult Choir - Hand bells	\$1,789.26
Capital Fund / Disaffiliation	\$5,387.98
<b>Total Capital Fund</b>	<b>\$22,033.27</b>
Building Fund Checking Account	\$36,211.24
Building Fund Money Market	\$9,292.56
<b>Total Building Fund</b>	<b>\$45,503.80</b>
Community Missions	\$1,104.85
<b>Missions Community Outreach Fund</b>	<b>\$1,104.85</b>
Cemetery Fund Checking	\$10,955.44
Cemetery Fund CD- 1	\$22,231.57
Cemetery Fund CD- 2	\$20,379.78
<b>Total Cemetery Fund</b>	<b>\$53,569.79</b>
Educational Fund CD	\$83,928.40
<b>Year to Date: 1/1/2026 thru 3/31/2026</b>	
General Fund Income:	\$74,962.71
Expenses:	\$71,350.81
<b>Current Budget Surplus:</b>	<b>\$3,611.90</b>

Gifts were given to the Building Fund in memory of Corky Robinette by: Kathy & Eddie Taylor, Doris Burris, Joyce & Nelson Hardister, Lisa Linker & Shirly Hudson, Ray Barbee, Buck & Melissa Little

A gift was given to the Adult Music Fund in memory of Corky Robinette by: Scott & Christine Fair

A gift was given to the Missions Fund in memory of Corky Robinette by: The Killians

An undesignated gift was given in memory of Corky Robinette by: Jim Robinette

Gifts were given to the Building Fund in memory of Carol Rebbert by: Lisa Linker & Shirley Hudson, Nelson & Joyce Hardister, Kathy & Eddie Taylor, Buck & Melissa Little and Doris Burris

Gifts were given to the Building fund in memory of Kenneth Sutton by: Doris Burris, Kathy & Eddie Taylor



## – Fran Brown



Thank you to everyone who helped make Lent and Holy Week so meaningful. Your time, flexibility, and dedication created powerful moments for our church family and community. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and they truly made a lasting impact!

Upcoming in May

- May 3 – Communion Sunday
- May 10 – Mother's Day + Youth and Children introducing "Lemonade on the Lawn"
- May 17 – The Singing Saints Chorus will be performing at 3:00 PM.

Please come and bring a friend!

- May 24 – Pentecost Sunday & Memorial Day Celebration — be sure to wear RED!

*Team Members: Please mark your calendars — our quarterly meeting will be held on May 19 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.*

Thank you for your continued heart, commitment, and willingness to serve. Let's step into May with joy and purpose.,

**"the path of the righteous is like the morning sun, Shining and Brighter" - Proverbs 4:18**

## –Music – Sharon Wooten



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Stations of the Cross on April 3 at Roberta. We are grateful for your time, effort, and willingness to help share the powerful, age-old story of Jesus' final hours. It is our hope that this meaningful presentation helped others grow in understanding and faith. Please take a moment to enjoy the photos from this special event, below.

Looking Ahead to May:

On Mother's Day, we will honor the mothers and female role models in our church and community with a special song. On May 24, we will remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice with an anthem titled "The Price of Freedom." This service will also feature some of our younger members singing solo parts, along with a special congregational song for Pentecost. It promises to be a meaningful and memorable day in many ways.

The Roberta Ringers have now concluded their choir year and will resume in September. Thank you to all of our ringers for the time and dedication you have given to the music ministry this year.





## – Colby Cochran

Even though we didn't see many April showers, opportunities to serve others are blooming like May flowers all around our church community. There are many ways you can help fulfill our mission at Roberta during the month of May:

### Aluminum Cans for Wings of Eagles Summer Camp

Please bring your empty, regular 15-ounce food cans on any Sunday in May—**May 3, 10, 17, 24, or 31**. Cans may be placed in the Narthex or in the bins located in the first-floor elevator lobby. All donations will be delivered during the first week of June.

### Food Drive—May 24 (Can -in-Each Hand)

Consider donating a can of **RED, WHITE, or BLUE** food:

*Red:* beans or beets— *White:* corn or potatoes—*Blue:* blueberry jam or Berry Blue Jell-O

Thank you to everyone who donated peanut butter and jelly in April—you truly came through!

### Lifeline Christian Mission Meal Packing

Our first meal-packing event of the year will be held on **Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM** at the Gibson Mill Complex (325 McGill Ave NW, Suite 175, Concord, NC). Please plan ahead and mark your calendars! This is a meaningful, hands-on service opportunity for all ages—especially a great way for children and youth to get involved. We are in need of **30–40 volunteers**. Through this project, we meet a basic need while sharing the love of Jesus with children, families, and communities around the world. To volunteer, please contact **Kari Thompson** at [kltopms@gmail.com](mailto:kltopms@gmail.com) as soon as possible so we can ensure we have enough participants.

## – Susan Ferguson



The Faith In Motion Team has had an exciting and meaningful start to the spring season! In April, we launched **two new ministries** focused on sharing the love of Jesus in simple, intentional ways.

The **Invite Ministry** began with an incredible response—**29 families signed up** to give out one Invite Card each week for the next 52 weeks. That's **1,508 invitations** to worship with us over the coming year! What an amazing opportunity to reach our community. It's not too late to be part of this effort—we still have invite cards available, and you can sign up anytime.

We also introduced the **"Seed Ministry,"** where **1,000 flower seed packets** are being distributed throughout our community. Each packet is a small but meaningful way to plant seeds of kindness, connection, and the love of Jesus in the lives of others.

### Coming Up – May 20 Service Opportunity

We are especially excited for an upcoming opportunity to serve the teachers and staff at **Pitts School Road Elementary School** on **May 20, set-up begins at 12:00 PM** We are in need of **two types of volunteers**:

1. Servers to help distribute food
2. Writers to handwrite thank-you cards for the staff

Faith In Motion will provide the cards—we simply need willing hands and hearts to write encouraging notes of appreciation. These ministries and opportunities are all about stepping out in faith and putting love into action. Whether it's extending an invitation, sharing a small gift, or serving others, each act makes a difference. We would love for you to be part of what God is doing through Faith In Motion!

Reach out to Susan Ferguson if you are interested in helping: [susan.ferguson60@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.ferguson60@yahoo.com)





# Kids & Youth



## The Director's Chair

Dear Parents,

Spring is in the air and we're taking in all of the beauty of God and His creation. What a blessing it is to know Him! With so many holidays coming up, graduations, celebrations, and summer vacations, I want to take this time to focus on all of the events that are quickly approaching for children & youth. These events are designed for the students, but families are always welcome to join us. Parents, grandparents, and other family members play a crucial role in mentoring these students and supporting their programs. By getting involved, you're putting the Body of Christ in action.

*"The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone."*

*(Numbers 11: 16-17)*



## Upcoming Dates:

- 5/3 Afternoon Clubs & Holy Motion  
(3:30pm - 5:00pm)
- 5/10 Mother's Day Tribute  
(10:00am Worship)  
*Holy Motion Performs*
- 5/31 Afternoon Clubs & Holy Motion  
(3:30pm - 5:00pm)

## Save the Date!

Keep On Rolling!  
@ Frye's Roller Rink  
**May 30th**  
(12:00 - 3:00pm)  
Kids & Youth Roller Skating  
*Families invited*

Vacation Bible School  
For Kids & Adults  
**June 22-25**  
(6:00 - 8:00pm)

More details on the back

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**The adventure will last:**                      **June 22-25**

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**For more Information:**                      Contact the Rome Director  
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[Mbrooks5825@gmail.com](mailto:Mbrooks5825@gmail.com)



## MINISTRY NEWS

### Roberta Fellowship Group Camie Hooks & Barbara Anderson



In April, the Roberta Fellowship Group gathered for lunch at Concord Family Restaurant (formerly Johnny's Farmhouse). We enjoyed a wonderful meal and noticed a few updates to the menu—including new senior meal options!

We meet twice a month

The **second Thursday** for lunch at various locations

The **third Tuesday** for breakfast, always at Parkway House on Highway 29

We are looking to grow our circle and would love to welcome new members! If you're interested in joining us for food and fellowship, we would be delighted to have you.

#### May Meeting Schedule

- **Lunch:** May 14 at 12:30 PM at Señor Agave, 846 South Union Street, Concord  
*(come celebrate Cinco de Mayo with us—just a little late!)*
- **Breakfast:** May 19 at 9:00 AM at Parkway House (Highway 29, Concord)

We are a group that enjoys getting to know one another, sharing laughter, spending time in prayer, and of course enjoying good food together.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like more information. We look forward to seeing some new faces!



### – Cathy Thompson & Sharon Wooten

Lydia will meet on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall, and the Men's Group will be joining us. Please note that there will be **no meal provided**, so be sure to eat beforehand. Sweet treats will be available following the program..

The evening's program will feature an informative conversation with Sian Kolozyary, Volunteer Coordinator at Atrium Health Hospice in Cabarrus County. This "Hospice 101" session will help answer common questions, clear up misconceptions, and share how hospice supports individuals and families with comfort, dignity, and compassion.

At our April meeting, Lydia voted to make a donation to the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation in honor of Carley Keller. We also began a study of **2 Peter**, using RightNow Media videos available to our church family.

Lydia, our women's group, meets on the **second Tuesday of each month** and would love for you to join us for devotions, prayer, fellowship around the table, and planning our mission projects.





Thank you to everyone who helped make the Roberta Hot Dog Sale on April 18 such a success! Whether you helped set up, baked delicious treats, worked the event, enjoyed a hot dog, or made a donation—every contribution mattered, and we are truly grateful. God is good!

We had a wonderful time filled with fun and fellowship, and it was especially meaningful to enjoy one of those *legendary* Roberta hot dogs once again. Our community responded very positively to their return! Be sure to enjoy the photos from this special event.

#### 2026 Fundraising Update (as of April 18)

- December Bake Sale: \$50.00
- Can-in-Each-Hand: \$2,170.45
- Hot Dog Sale Total: \$2,410.00 (*Sales: \$1,805 + Donations: \$605*)
- Manger Scenes: \$725.00

Building Fund Gifts (through 3/31/2026): \$15,830.00  
**Total Received: \$21,185.45**

Because of your generosity and willingness to serve, **you are making a difference!** Let's keep up the great work.

#### Financial Snapshot

- Beginning Balance (Start of ReFresh): \$450,000.00
- 2025 Donations & Projects: -\$51,054.96
- Balance at Beginning of 2026: \$398,945.04
- 2026 Projects & Donations: -\$21,185.45
- Subtotal: \$377,759.59

Interest, Tax Refund, etc.: -\$14,754.11  
**Current Balance: \$363,005.48**

#### Upcoming Event – May 16: “Walking for Jesus” Walk-a-Thon

Join us on **Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 AM** as we walk laps around the church in support of the Forward in Faith building fund. 6 laps = 1 mile, 9 laps = 1½ miles

## – Dale & Sharon Wooten

How you can participate:

- Walk with us
- Sponsor a walker (any amount is appreciated)

Invite others to join

All ages are welcome—come enjoy fellowship while getting your steps in!

#### Spring Bake Sale (May 16)

At the same time, we will host a bake sale in the Fellowship Hall.

- Please bring homemade baked goods by **9:30 AM**
- Volunteers are also needed to help run the sale (contact Sharon if you can help)

Remaining items will be sold on **Sunday, May 17** after the 10:00 AM service in the Welcome Center  
*These May 16 events will be our final fundraising efforts until the fall season.*

We deeply appreciate everyone who has contributed financially and all who have helped make these events possible. **You truly are making a difference**, and we could not do this without you.

#### Ongoing Fundraisers

##### Can-in-Each-Hand

Located on the second floor by the elevator:

- One barrel for canned food
- One barrel for monetary donations (coins, cash, or checks)

Empty cans for collection are available nearby  
 While we highlight the **fourth Sunday of each month**, donations are welcome anytime.

##### Manger Scenes

Available in the Welcome Center on the credenza near the front door.

- Suggested minimum donation: \$15

Place payment in an offering envelope or bring it to the church office

Thank you again for your continued generosity, service, and support. Your efforts are helping move our mission forward in meaningful ways!



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## May Calendar

Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday, May 2, 2026	Spring Cemetery Clean Up	Cemetery	10-11:30 AM
Sunday, May 3, 2026	Communion & Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Afternoon Clubs / Holy Motion	2B / Sanctuary	3:30 - 5:00 PM
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
	SPRC Meeting	1st Floor Conf Room	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 6, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Sunday, May 10, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Mother's Day Rehearsal for Students	Sanctuary	8:45 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Mother's Day Recognition by students	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Lemonade on the Lawn - Hosted by Students	Church Lawn	11:00 AM
Tuesday, May 12, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
	Lydia Meeting (Men too) Hospice Guest Speaker	Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 13, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Thursday, May 14, 2026	Fellowship Group Lunch	Senior Agave - S. Union	12:30 PM
Saturday, May 16, 2026	Walk-A-Thon	Fellowship Hall	ALL DAY
Sunday, May 17, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Singing Saints Performance	Sanctuary	3:00 PM
Monday, May 18, 2026	NO MENS MEETING	Fellowship Hall	--
Tuesday, May 19, 2026	Fellowship Group Lunch	Parkway on 29	9:00 AM
	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
	Worship Mtg	1st FL Conf. Rm	6:30 PM
Wednesday, May 20, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Sunday, May 24, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Memorial Day Recognition by students	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
Tuesday, May 26, 2026	Living Word Circle	1st Floor Conf Room	11:00 AM
Wednesday, May 27, 2026	Faith Forward	Facebook	12:00 PM
	Choir Practice	Choir Room	7:00 PM
Saturday, May 30, 2026	Keep On Rolling - Kid's & Youth	Frye's Roller Rink / Concord	12:00 - 3:00 PM
Sunday, May 31, 2026	Connections: Sunday School	Various	9:00 AM
	Worship Service	Sanctuary	10:00 AM
	Afternoon Clubs / Holy Motion	2B / Sanctuary	3:30 - 5:00 PM
	Great Awakening	Fellowship Hall	5:00 PM



COLTEN & SHAWN MARBLE 5/8  
 JOSH & MARI BROOKS 5/12



RICKIE LEE STIREWALT 5/4 DEAN HOOKS 5/11  
 MICHAEL THOMPSON 5/4 NADINE MAINS 5/13  
 DAVID KELLER 5/5 BARBARA ANDERSON 5/15  
 JAMIE BOYKIN 5/6 SHARON WOOTEN 5/15  
 DONALD SMITH 5/6 RUDY LAVINE 5/22  
 ROBIN CLARK 5/7 MELISSA MAY 5/23  
 TIM NATOLE 5/8 KITTY KINARD 5/25  
 WENDY STIREWALT 5/8 PAUL PACIOUS 5/25

