

**HEALTH CONCERNS**

Donna Bowman (recovering from cataract surg.)  
Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)  
Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)  
Lucy Dillon (health issues)  
Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)  
Bernie Krecklow (resident at Brookdale Lawndale Park, 336-286-3432)  
Kae Mattingly (home recovering from a stroke)  
Judy Maxwell (health issues)  
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer)  
Millie Vernon (health issues)  
Rodgers White (health issues)

Bolen Isaac Bunch (broken collarbone); Marie Spainhour (broken leg); Steve Martin (recurrence of cancer);  
Ron Smith (cancer); Carmen Spoon (dementia); Lila Bolen (cancer); Amy Ikerd (health issues);  
Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)  
Bowman Stephanie Piraino (daughter—cancerous thyroid removed and undergoing treatment)  
Budkey Killean Phillipp (injured right leg in hit-and-run motorcycle accident—leg completely turned around  
and knee will have to be rebuilt); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)  
Downing Steve Miller (Shari’s brother—cancer)  
Kerr Roger Kerr (Kerry’s cousin—health issues); Kelly Kerr (Kerry’s brother—Stage 4 prostate cancer);  
Marla Kerr-Lawson (Kerry’s sister—dialysis)  
Mattingly Lisa Tuttle (stage 4 emphysema)  
Murray George Murray (recovering at home from procedure to fix two subdural hematomas)  
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)  
Roudabush Tim Roudabush (Dottie’s son—was hospitalized with seizures—now home but still being monitored  
for seizures); Dottie’s daughter-in-law’s mother (bladder cancer)  
G. Sharp Larry Mabe (neighbor—cancer); Joyce Wyramon (neighbor—cancer)  
S. Sharp Maria Gomes (friend of Spence & Paulo)  
Tincher JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)  
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

**PRAYER OF PRAISE**

Watts Kent Watts (Ellen’s son—doing well after stent surgery on 8/8)

**SPECIAL CONCERNS**

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)  
S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—safe travel home from Kosovo)  
Vernon Prayers for family members

**SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO**

The family of Eric Blauch (who died of a heart attack)



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August 27, 2023—Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth. Come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

**All: *If God were not on our side, we could not live. If God were not for us, we would be swept away.***

One: God has gifted each one of us in unique ways. In our variety, we complement one another.

**All: *We rejoice in God’s love and faithfulness. Blessed be our God, whose word is true.***

One: In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs. We are here to pay attention to God’s instructions.

**All: *We are here, seeking to discern God’s will. We are open to God’s transforming Spirit. Let us worship God!***

\*HYMN NO. 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ST. ANNE

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we did not realize that we are among the rich oppressors of this world. We think we are poor when we cannot have everything we want. Keep us from misusing the power we have. We confess our fear of those who are unlike us. We set up barriers against them when we are afraid. Keep us from acting in ways that alienate and divide. When we are tempted to conform to the world's standards, set before us the higher model of sacrifice and service that is given to us in Jesus, in whose name we pray.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

### RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God gives us grace to think with sober judgment and to act with confident faith. By that grace, we have unique gifts to use within the body of Christ. God forgives and heals and empowers us with new insights and expanded capacity to serve. In humble obedience, we learn the joy of following Jesus and living for the highest good for all. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People:** *Thanks be to God.*

Mark 8:34-37

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

### SERMON

*"Our Time is God's Time"*

Rev. Scott Forrest

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 265

*"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"*

DUKE STREET

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN NO. 263

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

CORONATION

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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**Serving Today (Aug 27)**

Greeters/Ushers: Ellen Watts, Nancy Bolen

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**Serving Next Sunday (Sep 3)**

Greeters/Ushers: Ellen Watts, Nancy Bolen

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