



The Lighthouse

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Jesus First Words

Sometimes we like to give special emphasis to a person’s **last words** before their passing. As such, we frequently give particular attention to Jesus’ last words on this earth — i.e., the Great Commission (**Matt. 28:18-20**; **Mark 16:15-16**). Equally important and even more exciting for parents is to wait to hear their child’s **first words**. What will be the first thing their child says? “Daddy”? “Mommy”? “Bye-bye”? “Bible”? “Love you”? Many parents listen eagerly for that first recognizable utterance. Then, they write it down in the baby book, call their friends, post it on Facebook, and spend time bragging (if it happened to be their name).

Have you ever wondered what Jesus’ first words must have been? “Father”? “Angels”? “Must be fulfilled”? “Where am I?” We do not know; it is not recorded in Scripture. However, we can give attention to the first words that Scriptures record as coming from His lips.

The Sermon on the Mount is the first sermon recorded, but we have some words from before that. He spoke when tempted by the devil, but we have some words from before that. When He was baptized, He spoke a few words, but we have some words from before that.

The first words that we have recorded from our Lord’s mouth are found in Luke 2, when He was

only 12 years old. Could the words from a 12-year-old’s mouth be as exciting as the first words from an infant’s mouth? Well, when we’re talking about Jesus’ words, the answer is obvious! We read only two sentences from Him, but they were enough to hold us for those first 30 years of His life.

When Joseph and Mary finally found Jesus in the temple, after being separated for three days, we hear these words from Him — **“Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?” (Luke 2:49)**. Think about this statement. What a tremendous thing for a 12-year-old to say. In fact, it is a tremendous thing for any responsible individual to utter. **“I must be about My Father’s business!”**

Rather than be embarrassed by our Christian lives, when was the last time we were excited enough by the words of Jesus or doing our Father’s business that we called our friends, posted something on Facebook or spent time bragging about Him “calling our name”? Throughout His life, even from a young age, Jesus lived by one philosophy — **“do my Father’s business!”** Do you?

--Kirk Sams, Kannapolis church of Christ

Welcome,

We are so glad you are here!

Please know

- We will not ask you to stand and then focus our attention on you.
- We do not expect you to give money when we take a collection from our church members, however any gifts will be graciously received.
- We partake of the Lord's Supper each Lord's Day (Acts 20:7). You have the option of participating, or not, in the communion when it is served. Read 1 Cor. 11:23-29

- For those who have small children, the following options are available:
- Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
 - We have a staffed nursery for children 0 -2 years old during Sunday morning Worship.

Please tell us a little bit about you by filling out a Visitor form in the lobby OR scan the QR code to fill in electronically.

Hang around a bit after service & get to know us!

Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.



Our Mission

We take our stand on the Bible. Affirming it to be the complete, inspired, and authoritative Word of God.

We believe:

- there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- We are saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our own works, but God's power through the blood of Christ that saves us.
- The true church is the one found in the New Testament. Therefore, our effort and desire are to believe and do what the church did and taught.
- The New Testament teaches that a person encounters the saving blood of Christ at the point they are moved by faith to repent, confess Jesus as Lord, and be immersed in baptism for the remission of sins.
- Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- Our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Month of October	Weekly	10/26/25	11/02/25
Presiding Shepherd	Baptismal Clothes	Lisa Winchester	Lisa Winchester
Darrell Johnson	Building Monitors	Jeff Deason	Jeff Deason
Announcements		Brad Fortson	Trent Fortson
Mike Sills	Sunday Morning	10/26/25	11/02/25
Lord's Table	Lead Singing	Joe Eagle	Olian Holladay
Preside	Opening Prayer	Ron Bean	Tom Whitaker
Servers – Table	Scripture Reading	Aaron Deason	Stone Macphee
Servers – Sides	Closing Prayer	John Rowden	Darrell Carroll
Ushers	Greeters	Pam Sams Darrell Johnson	Connie Rowden Larry Gregory
AV Room – Sun AM	Shut Down Building	Joe Eagle Aaron Deason	Darrell Carroll Aaron Deason
AV Room – Sun PM	Nursery Attendants	Kim Deason	Teresa Clowney
AV Room – Wed PM	Sunday Evening	10/26/25	11/02/25
Contributions	Lead Singing	ALL(Olian Holladay-Inv/Com)	Joe Eagle
Food for Families	Opening Prayer	Darrell Carroll	Elliott Lawing
Month of November	Closing Prayer	Mike Sills	Tom Whitaker
Presiding Shepherd	Shut Down Building	Bret Simoneaux Jeff Deason	Darrell Carroll Aaron Deason
Jon Keller	Wednesday Evening	10/29/25	11/05/25
Announcements	Lead Singing	Joe Eagle	Mark Bargeloh
Darrell Carroll	Opening Prayer	Mike Sills	Rusty Trent
Lord's Table	Closing Prayer	Darrell Carroll	John Rowden
Preside	Shut Down Building	Cameron Goldman	Kirk Sams
Servers – Table	If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Jon Keller at 479-719-8268		
Servers – Sides			
Ushers			
AV Room – Sun AM			
AV Room – Sun PM			
AV Room – Wed PM			
Contributions			
Food for Families			

Fellowship Opportunities	
The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon	
October 28 th November 4 th November 11 th November 18 th November 25 th	Charros Johnny's Mayflower Parkway House Charros
Golden Agers Luncheon	
November 9 th Taco Bar Provided bring side dishes & desserts	

THE

BETTER

CONFERENCE

BETTER: ONE DAY CAROLINA

Carolina...
on my mind...

NOVEMBER 6 2025 9am-3pm

Kannapolos Church of Christ
Chuck Monan, Keith Parker, Jeff & Dale Jenkins
REGISTER @
<https://www.thejenkinsinstitute.com/better>

Sunshine Baskets

The ladies’ group will be making Sunshine Baskets for members who could use encouragement.



Please check the FCR for a list of suggested items & important details.

Ladies’ Breakfast

When: November 8 @ 9 a.m.
Where: Fellowship Hall
What: Food & drink provided. Sunshine baskets to be assembled.
RSVP: Sign up in FCR

God’s Steps to Salvation		
• Hear the Gospel: ○ Romans 10:17 ○ Luke 11:28 ○ John 5:24	• Believe the Gospel: ○ Hebrews 11:6 ○ John 3:16 ○ John 3:36 ○ Romans 10:9	• Repent of past Sins: ○ Acts 17:30 ○ Luke 5:31-32 ○ Acts 20:21
• Confess Faith in Jesus Christ: ○ Matthew 10:32 ○ Philippians 2:11 ○ 1 John 2:23	• Be Baptized: ○ Acts 2:38 ○ Mark 16:16 ○ Romans 6:1-23	• Be Faithful: ○ Hebrews 10:23 ○ Luke 16:10 ○ Hebrews 3:12-19

Minister			
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Shepherds		Deacons	
Darrell Johnson	704.223.1871	Jeff Deason	704.791.0243
Jon Keller	479.719.8268	Brad Fortson	214.668.8218
Elliotte Lawing	704.785.8473	Jeff Hall	304.638.3474
Bret Simoneaux	704.254.5804	Darrell Carroll	704.455.5260

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:00AM
Ladies Bible Study: 9:00AM
Morning Worship: 10:00AM
Evening Worship: 6:00PM

Monday - Friday

Online Devotional-
with Kirk Sams



Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00PM

All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page

Weekly Attendance			Weekly Contributions	
	10-12-25	10-19-25	Weekly Goal	\$5,770.10
Bible Class	48	45		
Sunday AM	103	80	10-19-25	10-26-25
Sunday PM	34	28	\$5,568.06	\$4,826.25
Wednesday	10-15-25	10-22-25		
	42	43		



PRAYER REQUESTS

“Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will in Christ Jesus.”

– 1 Thes. 5:16-18

Have a Prayer Request? Please send email to:
info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org

New Requests:



Ray Beam – will have another procedure on December 2 with a endoscopy to address the cancer in his esophagus. Prayers requested for success and for the date to be moved up as well.



Donna Bowden (Kelly Craddock’s sister)- was diagnosed with early stage breast cancer. Prayers appreciated.



Tony Bush (Anette Hall’s brother)- was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Prayers requested



Bob Lemasters -needs our prayers as Palliative care comes to assess how they can help with his current health condition

Continued Prayers/Updates:



Doug Bailey, Melissa King’s dad, is at home under Hospice care with congestive heart issues. Prayers appreciated.



Barbara Beaver - our thoughts and prayers continue to go up for Barbara after Tony's passing for strength and comfort.



Cassie Cannon- The family is thankful for all the prayers, texts and visits, but requests no visitors at this time.



Shannon Copper (Annette & Jeff’s 37yr old niece) received a good report from her recent surgery. Thank you for all the prayers.



Karen Lovell is in communication with the hospital in Virginia, UVA about pain in her lower back. She is consulting with a surgeon about further surgery to address the pain. Prayers appreciated.



Tim Pinkston continues to heal from previous surgery & hopes to go home soon. Prayers appreciated.



Justin Sandlin- (son of Jim Craddock’s colleague) it appears the chemotherapy may have killed the cancer. Follow up tests will be done in November. Prayers appreciated.



Dale Winchester – has requested prayers as he adjusts to a new normal with regard to his aortic aneurysm and for peace and strength through the process.



Please keep these people in your prayers & send cards as you are able
Addresses are on the bulletin board in the FCR or scan QR code.



SCAN ME

Long-term Healing Journey:

Ray Beam

Joseph Lee (Craddock’s son-in-law)

Jay Miller (Bobbie Seabolt’s brother)

Douglas Scruggs (Gary Scruggs’ brother)

Dale Winchester

Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece)

Karen Rogers (Janice Rogers’ daughter-in-law)

Lisa Winchester

Hurricane Helene survivors

Shut-ins:

Lil Burton | Wayne & Cassie Canon | Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe

Military:

Ricky Ardrey (Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law)

Aaron Deason

James Schriever (friend of Coopers)

Landon Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)

Marquita Allen (Daughter of Ray Andrews)

Brian Mullins (Northview COC)

David Jones (Dan Payne’s nephew)

Cameron McAllister (C&B Lancaster’s nephew)

Dante Durant (friend of Yost & Edwards’ family)

Lawson Bean (Grandson of R&B Bean)



October Anniversaries

C&B Honeycut

29th



October/Nov. Birthdays

Mark Bargeloh

31st

Brad Fortson

1st



Food for the Holidays

Do you know of families in need that might not have much this Thanksgiving?

We are collecting names during the month of October so we may serve these families in need this Thanksgiving.

Forms are available in the FCR.

**Please submit forms by
Wednesday October 29th to Bret.**

Please see Bret with any questions.

SAVE A LIFE



GIVE BLOOD

2025 Dates

November 13th

**American Red Cross
2:30 pm – 6:30 pm**

Sign up in the FCR