



KANNAPOLIS
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CHRIST

The Lighthouse

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Rules Without Relationship Lead to Rebellion

I was listening to a family therapist being interviewed on the radio the other day. In the course of the program, I heard her use a phrase that really made me think. She said, “Rules without relationship lead to rebellion.” The more I thought about that statement, the more I realized how true it was. Think about it – every family has rules. Why is it, then, that some children rebel and some do not?

Could it be that no matter how many or few rules there are, if a child’s relationship with their parents is bad, then it is very likely they will rebel? I think so. Rules mean little without relationship.

Could it also be true that some children remain obedient and respectful to parents, not because of lack of rules, but because their relationship with their parents is so close that they are willing to obey whatever rules that family has? Again, I think so. With true love comes true respect.

Now, let’s take this one step further. Could it be that some Christians “rebel” against their heavenly Father simply because they never

develop a close, loving relationship with Him? Sadly, I think so. These people resent His will, which like earthly parents’, is intended for their own good. To them, following God’s “rules” are grievous.

Could it also be that some children of God remain obedient and reverent to their Father in heaven and, as a result, are willing to obey whatever commands He has for them? I know so. Those who grow and mature in the faith and continually increase their love for God will not see His commands as burdensome (Matt. 11:30), but rather will be happy to do them.

Maybe we could extend the saying to this: “Rules without relationship lead to rebellion, but rules with relationship lead to respect.”

It is very important that we check our relationship with God. What is our attitude toward His will? Please carefully and prayerfully read 1 John 3:1-24.

--Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY

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:

- o Your child/children may stay in the auditorium with you. (We love children)
- o 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

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

Thank you for being our guest and come back soon.



scan the QR code to fill in electronically.

Our Mission

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

We believe:

- o there is one true and living God, creator of all things.
- o Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the only One through whom people can be saved.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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.
- o Becoming a Christian embraces a commitment to spiritual growth in service, prayer, worship and giving.
- o Our mission is to seek the spiritually lost and to share the good news of Jesus Christ

Month of March		Weekly	03/29/26	04/05/26
Presiding Shepherd		Baptismal Clothes	Cheryl Simoneaux	Pat Putnal
Jon Keller		Building Monitors	Trent Fortson	Tom Whitaker
Announcements			Brad Fortson	Jeff Deason
Darrell Carroll		Sunday Morning	03/29/26	04/05/26
Lord's Table		Lead Singing	Darrell Johnson	Cameron Goldman\
Preside	Mike Sills	Opening Prayer	Joe Eagle	Melvin Bennett
Servers – Table	Larry Gregory Mike McFalls	Scripture Reading	Garrett Fortson	Mike Sills
Servers – Sides	Scott Chamberlain Rusty Trent	Closing Prayer	Brad Fortson	Ron Bean
Ushers	Ron Bean Tom Whitaker	Greeters	Pam Sams Lisa Winchester	Brad Fortson Jerry Hall
AV Room – Sun AM	G Stiltner T Dunphy	Shut Down Building	Cameron Goldman Kirk Sams	Stone MacPhee Jeff Deason
AV Room – Sun PM	M Bennett B Simoneaux	Nursery Attendants	Teresa Clowney	Julie Sills
AV Room – Wed PM	B Simoneaux D Johnson	Sunday Evening	03/29/26	04/05/26
Contributions	E Lawing C Simoneaux B Damron	Lead Singing	ALL--At Centergrove	Mark Bargeloh
		Opening Prayer	At Centergrove	Jeff Hall
Food for Families	Casey Lancaster	Closing Prayer	At Centergrove	Tom Whitaker
Month of April		Shut Down Building	At Centergrove	Stone MacPhee Trent Fortson
Presiding Shepherd		Wednesday Evening	04/01/26	04/08/26
Elliott Lawing		Lead Singing	Joe Eagle	Mark Bargeloh
Announcements		Opening Prayer	Darrell Johnson	Jeff Hall
Ron Bean		Closing Prayer	Brad Fortson	Jon Keller
Lord's Table		Shut Down Building	Bret Simoneaux	Jeff Hall
Preside	Jon Keller	If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Mike Sills at 919.273.3018		
Servers – Table	Harrison Watson Jim Craddock			
Servers – Sides	Stone MacPhee Darrell Carroll			
Ushers	Jerry Hall Larry Gregory			
AV Room – Sun AM	C Simoneaux B Simoneaux			
AV Room – Sun PM	B Simoneaux M Sills			
AV Room – Wed PM	M Bennett C Goldman			
Contributions	E Lawing R Bean M Bennett			
Food for Families	Beth Bean			

Opportunities

(FCR =Family Communications Room)

The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

March 31st Harrisburg Family
 April 7th Concord Family
 April 14th Mayflower
 April 21st Parkway House

Worship Tonight

March 29th
 We meet @ **Centergrove**
 for our joint evening worship @ 6PM.
 Fellowship will follow.

Men's Breakfast

April 4th @ 8:00 AM
 Gather for breakfast & devotional
 in the Fellowship Hall.

Area-Wide Singing

@ University
 7 PM, Friday, April 24th

Ladies Retreat

2026 Bloom Retreat
 April 17-19
 Registration is open @
carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom

Area Meetings

A. Richardson @ Gold Hill Rd 4/19-4/22
 Youth Rally @ Wilkesboro 5/1-5/3

See FCR for more info

Make plans now to attend
Horizons 2026
 July 5-10 @Freed-Hardeman Univ.
Registration is open



Carolina Bible Camp

Summer Camp
Registration is OPEN

carolinabiblecamp.org

REMINDER: Send bulletin announcements or updates to info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org.

God's Steps to Salvation

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear the Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Romans 10:17 ○ Luke 11:28 ○ John 5:24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Believe the Gospel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hebrews 11:6 ○ John 3:16 ○ John 3:36 ○ Romans 10:9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repent of past Sins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 17:30 ○ Luke 5:31-32 ○ Acts 20:21
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confess Faith in Jesus Christ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Matthew 10:32 ○ Philippians 2:11 ○ 1 John 2:23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Baptized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acts 2:38 ○ Mark 16:16 ○ Romans 6:1-23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be Faithful: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hebrews 10:23 ○ Luke 16:10 ○ Hebrews 3:12-19

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 Brad Fortson 214.668.8218
 Jeff Hall 304.638.3474
 Mike Sills 919.273.3018

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 and YouTube

Weekly Attendance

	03-15-26	03-22-26
Bible Class	50	73
Sunday AM	103	121
Sunday PM	42	47
Wednesday	57	53

Weekly Contributions

Weekly Goal	\$5,990.00
03-15-26	3-22-26
\$4,063.00	\$4,755.50



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:

- Cane Anthony** (neighbor of the Sams household) is continuing chemo and medication at Atrium Northeast.
- Ray Beam** had successful surgery and has begun palliative care at home.
- Sandy Brotherton** is home and Home Health is checking on her. Thanks to all who helped with her care.
- Susie Henson** (the Rogers’ neighbor) has been diagnosed with metastatic carcinoma of the brain. Treatment has not yet been determined.
- Dale Winchester** requests prayers as he talks with his doctor about a medication he is taking and help in making the right decisions moving forward.

Updates/Continued Prayers:

- Barbara Beaver** is experiencing a lot of pain in her “good” shoulder.
- Ronald Bost** (Don Bost’s brother) is in Liberty Commons Rehab Center in Salisbury.
- Samuel Brockman** (Elliott Lawing’s cousin) is receiving medication for pain management.
- Jessie Clowney** (Lorene’s husband) is undergoing treatment and is very weak.
- Mitzi Crane** (Ron Bean’s sister), her husband, **Jay**, and daughter, **Lisa Brown** are struggling with serious health conditions and would appreciate prayers.
- Rhye Glaum** (the Bean’s great grandson) continues to need prayers as he recovers.
- Tony Hill** (Tom Whitaker’s brother-in-law) is at home under palliative care.
- Steve and Peggy Lambert** (friends of Bob Damron) are both battling cancer.
- Shellie Long** (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece) continues to need prayers as she recovers from surgery. Karen Rogers’ 2-year-old granddaughter, **Nevaiah**, has a blood disease and is awaiting further testing to determine the severity.
- Tim Shipman** (friend of the Johnsons) is battling cancer. Prayers are appreciated.
- Sharon Taylor** (Flo Hoel’s daughter-in-law) is undergoing rehab following her strokes.
- Harrison Watson** requests prayers for effective medical treatment.



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)
Shellie Long (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece)
Karen Rogers (Janice Rogers’ daughter-in-law)
Lisa Winchester

Ronald Lancaster (Butch Lancaster’s brother)
Jay Miller (Bobbie Seabolt’s brother)
Douglas Scruggs (Gary Scruggs’ brother)
Dale Winchester

Shut-ins:

Lil Burton | Anna Cleveland | Fran Wehe

Military:

Ricky Ardrey (Teresa Clowney’s son-in-law)
Aaron Deason
James Schriever (friend of Coopers)
Landon & Lawson Bean (grandsons of Beans)
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)
Lee Henson (friend of Rogers)



April Anniversaries

T&V Billingsley	04/09
J&P Yoders	04/19
K&P Sams	04/28



April Birthdays

Nancy Treadwell	04/01
Mike McFalls	04/02
Elliott Lawing	04/04
Ray Beam	04/08
Aaron Deason	04/10

American Red Cross Blood Drive

2:30 PM – 6:30 PM
 May 14
 July 9
 September 17
 November 12