



KANNAPOLIS  
church of  
CHRIST

# The Lighthouse

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## Putting Life in Focus

**Life is a Temporary Assignment.** The Bible often describes life as fleeting and temporary, using metaphors like a mist, a fast runner, a breath, and a wisp of smoke. Job 8:9 reminds us of the brevity of life, and King David prayed for God to help him see life from a divine perspective (Psalm 39:4). We are described as aliens, pilgrims, foreigners, strangers, and visitors in this world (Psalm 119:19; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 Peter 2:11). This perspective helps us remember that our time on earth is short and that we are just passing through. The Devil, however, wants us to believe that this world is our permanent home.

**Your Identity is in Eternity, and Your Homeland is Heaven.** God calls His children to think differently about life compared to unbelievers (Philippians 3:18-20). He warns against living for the here and now and adopting worldly values, priorities, and lifestyles (James 4:4). Instead, we are to be role models and ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20), focusing on the eternal rather than the temporary (2 Corinthians 4:18). As C.S. Lewis aptly put it, "All that is not eternal is eternally useless."

**We Were Created for Something Much Better.** The fact that earth is not our ultimate home explains why followers of Christ often experience

difficulty, sorrow, and rejection. We are not completely happy here because we were made for more (John 16:33; John 16:20; John 15:18-19). The Bible's "hall of fame" of faith, including Noah, Abraham, Jacob, and Moses, shows that it takes faith to live as a foreigner in this world, not extreme riches and power (Hebrews 11:13, 16). We need to desire something better, something eternal.

An often-repeated story illustrates this point well. A retiring missionary or preacher returns to America on the same boat as the president of the United States. While the president is welcomed with cheering crowds, a military band, a red carpet, banners, and media coverage, the preacher slips off the ship unnoticed. Feeling self-pity and resentment, he complains to God, who gently reminds him, "But my child, you're not home yet." Keeping this thought in our hearts and minds can help us see life as less trivial and overwhelming.

If you are not a Christian, remember that this life is almost over; it is a vapor. God has a home prepared for you if you simply obey His commands. We are not promised tomorrow, and our eternal home is prepared. Let's get ready to go home.

--Jared Boser, Fishers church of Christ, Fishers, IN

# 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	03/08/26	03/15/26
<b>Presiding Shepherd</b>		<b>Baptismal Clothes</b>	Gabby Stiltner	Casey Lancaster
Jon Keller		<b>Building Monitors</b>	Tom Whitaker	Darrell Carroll
<b>Announcements</b>			Jeff Deason	Brad Fortson
Darrell Carroll		<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>03/08/26</b>	<b>03/15/26</b>
<b>Lord's Table</b>		<b>Lead Singing</b>	Joe Eagle	Olian Holladay
<b>Preside</b>	Mike Sills	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Lewis	Cameron Goldman
<b>Servers – Table</b>	Larry Gregory Mike McFalls	<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Ray Andrews	Jim Craddock
<b>Servers – Sides</b>	Scott Chamberlain Rusty Trent	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jeff Hall	Darrell Carroll
<b>Ushers</b>	Ron Bean Tom Whitaker	<b>Greeters</b>	Ron Bean Tom Whitaker	Jeff Hall Jerry Hall
<b>AV Room – Sun AM</b>	G Stiltner T Dunphy	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Brad Fortson Jeff Hall	Stone MacPhee Tom Whitaker
<b>AV Room – Sun PM</b>	M Bennett B Simoneaux	<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Brittany Honeycutt	Betsy Carroll
<b>AV Room – Wed PM</b>	B Simoneaux D Johnson	<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>03/08/26</b>	<b>03/15/26</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	E Lawing C Simoneaux B Damron	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Darrell Johnson	Cameron Goldman
<b>Food for Families</b>	Casey Lancaster	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Ron Bean	Joe Eagle
<b>Please use the microphones when speaking in a public manner to ensure those with hearing impairments may hear the speaker.</b>		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Darrell Carroll	John Rowden
		<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Cameron Goldman Darrell Carroll	Garrett Fortson Jeff Deason
		<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<b>03/11/26</b>	<b>03/18/26</b>
		<b>Lead Singing</b>	Cameron Goldman	Elliotte Lawing
		<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Rusty Trent	Jeff Hall
		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Tom Whitaker	Brad Fortson
		<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Brad Fortson	Cameron Goldman
<b>If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact</b>				
<b>Mike Sills at 919.273.3018</b>				

## Opportunities

(FCR =Family Communications Room)

### The Lunch Crew Tuesdays at 12-noon

March 10<sup>th</sup> Mayflower  
 March 17<sup>th</sup> Parkway House  
 March 24<sup>th</sup> Charros  
 March 31<sup>st</sup> Harrisburg Family

### Men's Day Fellowship

Gold Hill Rd church of Christ  
**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 9 AM – 3 PM

### Ladies Retreat

**2026 Bloom Retreat**  
**April 17-19**

Registration is open @  
[carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom](http://carolinabiblecamp.org/bloom)

### Area Meetings

G. Sikes @ Jericho 3/15-3/18  
 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](http://carolinabiblecamp.org)

### Ladies' Brunch

**March 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM**  
 in the Fellowship Hall

We will prepare Sunshine Baskets.  
*There are 2 sign up sheets in the FCR;  
 one for attendance & one for food items.*

### Congregational Potluck

**March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 after morning worship

### Taco Bowl Night

Join us for Taco Bowls and Fellowship  
**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 @ 6 PM before Bible Class



### Area-Wide Singing

@ Mtn. Island  
 7 PM, Friday, **March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**REMINDER:** Send bulletin announcements or updates to [info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org](mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org).

## 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

Kirk Sams 704.699.0902 | [kcocsams@aol.com](mailto:kcocsams@aol.com)

### Shepherds

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 Jon Keller 479.719.8268  
 Elliotte Lawing 704.785.8473  
 Bret Simoneaux 704.254.5804

### Deacons

Ron Bean 704.451.8421  
 Darrell Carroll 704.907.9028  
 Jeff Deason 704.791.0243  
 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

### Weekly Contributions

	02-22-26	03-01-26
Bible Class	66	52
Sunday AM	123	104
Sunday PM	39	41
	02-25-26	03-04-26
Wednesday	62	51

Weekly Goal	\$5,990.00
02-22-26	3-01-26
\$6,301.00	\$7,901.25



# 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](mailto:info@kannapolischurchofchrist.org)

## New Requests:

- Pat Bost** has completed her radiation treatments and is feeling good. Your prayers have been appreciated.
- Sharon Taylor** (Flo Hoel’s daughter-in-law) is having strokes and is still undergoing tests.
- Harrison Watson** is requesting prayers for effective medical treatment.

## Updates/Continued Prayers:

- Ray Beam’s** cancer is contained to his throat. He will meet with his physician to discuss a possible stent to help with swallowing.
- Ronald Bost** (Don Bost’s brother) is in ICU at Rowan Hospital. Prayers appreciated.
- Samuel Brockman** (Elliotte Lawing’s cousin) is receiving medication for pain management.
- Jessie Clowney** (Lorene’s husband) is undergoing treatment and is very weak.
- Lewis Clowney** (Geraldine’s husband) is recovering at home from successful gall bladder surgery.
- 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.
- Olian Holladay** had successful shoulder replacement surgery and is recovering at home. Prayers are appreciated.
- Tony Hill** (Tom Whitaker’s brother-in-law) is at home under palliative care.
- Nancy Lewis** has been diagnosed with early-stage Alzheimer’s and will begin medication soon.
- Shellie Long** (Bobbie Seabolt’s niece) is scheduled for surgery at Baptist Hospital March 16.
- 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.
- Pat Putnal’s** lung disorder is being monitored by doctors and treatments are being adjusted.
- Karen Rogers’ 2-year-old granddaughter, **Nevaiah**, has a blood disease and is awaiting further testing to determine the severity.
- John Rowden** is adjusting to new medication to address fluid retention.
- Tim Shipman** (friend of the Johnsons) is battling cancer. Prayers are appreciated.



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.



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## 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 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)



## March Anniversaries

B&P Putnal	16 <sup>th</sup>
R&F Andrews	18 <sup>th</sup>
J&T Keller	18 <sup>th</sup>
M&P McFalls	18 <sup>th</sup>
B&C Simoneaux	22 <sup>nd</sup>



## March Birthdays

Darrell Carroll	03/08
Andrea Shuping	03/09
Addison Long	03/10
Elsie Campbell	03/16
Kim Athey	03/17
Justin Long	03/17

The Memorial Service for **Bob Lemasters** is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 2 PM at the Salisbury National Cemetery.