



KANNAPOLIS  
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CHRIST

# The Lighthouse

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Sunday A.M. | Where is Your Faith | Luke 8:22-25

Sunday P.M. | In the Shadow: King David | Psalm 3

## *Baptism and EpiPens: It's What's Inside That Counts*

When someone has an allergic reaction and they are in grave danger because their throat is swelling and they can't breathe, does an EpiPen save them?

Obviously, yes it does; some of us have probably even seen the process. But what if someone presses you? What if they ask, "How does that EpiPen save them? It's just plastic and a metal needle." Of course, it's the epinephrine in the EpiPen that does the saving; it's the real medicine that counteracts the effects of the sting.

But we say the EpiPen saves because we are speaking cumulatively, not just of the pen itself, but also of what's in it. And without the pen itself, the epinephrine doesn't go into the body or save the person's life. It just sits there, perfectly able to do what it's intended to do; but without being used, it does nothing.

### **Now let's bring baptism into the equation.**

We affirm baptism saves because the apostle Peter instructs us that it does (1 Peter 3:21). When a person is lost in sin with no hope in and of themselves, does baptism save them? Of course it does!

One might press and say it's just an outward sign of an inward change, but that description is never used in the Scriptures. The perfect life, the sacrificial offering, and the priestly work in heaven carried out by Christ are the real medicine that counteracts the effects of sin (Hebrews 4:15; 9:11-14; 10:12-14).

And when we say baptism saves, we are speaking cumulatively, not just about the immersion

in water itself, but about what is happening spiritually in it. Without baptism, that salvific work of Christ isn't applied.

You aren't washed (Acts 22:16), you aren't united with Him (Romans 6:3-5), you aren't raised to new life (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12), you aren't added to His body (1 Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:41, 47), you aren't clothed with Christ (Galatians 3:27), you aren't experiencing spiritual circumcision (Colossians 2:11-12), and you haven't been regenerated or renewed by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), none of it.

**Without baptism, the saving work of the Father, the Son, and the Spirit isn't received; it's just sitting there, waiting for you to accept it, perfectly able to do exactly what God intended it to do.**

And unlike the EpiPen that must be used each time a reaction occurs, after one is added to the Lord in baptism (Acts 2:41; 1 Corinthians 12:13), they never have to take that "shot" again. If they are committed to living faithfully for the Lord and striving to live a Christ-shaped life, then when they fall short or stumble and sin, the blood of Christ continually cleanses them (1 John 1:7-9).

Even if one should walk away from the faith, if the time comes before their death that they return, confess their sin, and repent of it, the loving Father welcomes the prodigal child home with open arms (Luke 15:11-32).

--BulletinDigest.com

# 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 April		Weekly	04/19/26	04/26/26
<b>Presiding Shepherd</b>		<b>Baptismal Clothes</b>	Freeda Holladay	Geraldine Clowney
Elliotte Lawing		<b>Building Monitors</b>	Jeff Deason	Trent Fortson
<b>Announcements</b>			Jeff Hall	Brad Fortson
Ron Bean		<b>Sunday Morning</b>	<b>04/19/26</b>	<b>04/26/26</b>
<b>Lord's Table</b>		<b>Lead Singing</b>	Joe Eagle	Mark Bargeloh
<b>Preside</b>	Jon Keller	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	John Rowden	Ray Andrews
<b>Servers – Table</b>	Harrison Watson Jim Craddock	<b>Scripture Reading</b>	John Lewis	Mike McFalls
<b>Servers – Sides</b>	Stone MacPhee Darrell Carroll	<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Darrell Carroll	Rusty Trent
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Hall Larry Gregory	<b>Greeters</b>	Annette Hall Kelly Craddock	Anita Gaines Tom Whitaker
<b>AV Room – Sun AM</b>	C Simoneaux B Simoneaux	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Cameron Goldman Darrell Carroll	Garrett Fortson Kirk Sams
<b>AV Room – Sun PM</b>	B Simoneaux M Sills	<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Betsy Carroll	Lisa Putnal
<b>AV Room – Wed PM</b>	M Bennett C Goldman	<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>04/19/26</b>	<b>04 /26/26</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	E Lawing R Bean M Bennett	<b>Lead Singing</b>	Darrell Johnson	Cameron Goldman
		<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Darrell Carroll	Darrell Johnson
		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ron Bean	Brad Fortson
<b>Food for Families</b>	Beth Bean	<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Jeff Deason Darrell Carroll	Garrett Fortson Kirk Sams
<b>Please use the microphones when speaking in a public manner to ensure those with hearing impairments may hear the speaker.</b>		<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	<b>04/22/26</b>	<b>04/29/26</b>
		<b>Lead Singing</b>	Darrell Johnson	Mark Bargeloh
		<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tom Whitaker	Bert Putnal
		<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Darrell Carroll	Mike Sills
		<b>Shut Down Building</b>	Cameron Goldman	Kirk Sams
<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

April 21<sup>st</sup> Parkway House  
 April 28<sup>th</sup> Charros  
 May 5<sup>th</sup> Concord Family  
 May 12<sup>th</sup> Mayflower

### Golden Years Luncheon

April 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Theme: Mediterranean Cuisine

### Area-Wide Singing

@ University  
 7 PM, Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

### Ladies Outing

UNCC gardens  
 April 25<sup>th</sup> @ 9:45 A.M.  
 Sign up by 4/19 in the FCR  
 Wear sturdy shoes; bring lunch & drink.

### Area Meetings

A. Richardson @ Gold Hill Rd 4/19-4/22  
 Youth Rally @ Wilkesboro 5/01-5/03  
 Young Adult Retreat @CBC 5/15-5/17

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



### Graduates

### Celebration Lunch, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Please provide Annette Hall with the names of members who have or will graduate this school year.

### Update Directory and Pictures

This month, you can have your picture for the **directory and the wall** updated. Also, **please check your information** for accuracy in your listing.

Congregational Picture will be taken on **April 26**.

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

## God's Steps to Salvation

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

### Minister

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 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

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00PM

#### Monday - Friday

Online Devotional-

with Kirk Sams



All services are streamed on the church Facebook Page and YouTube

### Weekly Attendance

### Weekly Contributions

	<b>04-05-26</b>	<b>04-12-26</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$5,990.00</b>
<b>Bible Class</b>	53	50	<b>04-05-26</b>	<b>4-12-26</b>
<b>Sunday AM</b>	118	98		
<b>Sunday PM</b>	35	45	\$7,117.00	\$13,483.40
	<b>04-08-26</b>	<b>04-15-26</b>		
<b>Wednesday</b>	57	68		



# 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:

**Carol Miller** (Bobbie Seabolt’s mother) fell and broke her shoulder and pelvis. She is in Cardinal Healthcare & Rehabilitation in Lincolnton.

**Mike Putnal** (the Putnals’ son) will have a melanoma cancer removed from his shoulder on Monday. Prayers are requested for a successful outcome.



## *With Sympathy*

**Jess Clowney, Lorene’s husband**, passed away Sunday, April 12th. His memorial service was Friday.

**Ray Beam** passed away peacefully Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Arrangements are pending.

## Updates/Continued Prayers:

**Cane Anthony** (neighbor of the Sams household) continues chemo treatments.

**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.

**Sandy Brotherton** requests continued prayers.

**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.

**Susie Henson** (the Rogers’ neighbor) has been diagnosed with metastatic carcinoma of the brain. Treatment has not yet been determined.

**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) is gradually improving but still has a long way to go.

Karen Rogers’ 2-year-old granddaughter, **Nevaiah**, has a blood disease and is awaiting further testing to determine the severity.

**Bobbie Seabolt’s** foot is healing and she will not need surgery.

**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.

**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.

**John Yoders** requests prayers for healing and rest as he recovers from a medical procedure.



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 & 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

J&P Yoders 04/19

K&P Sams 04/28



## April Birthdays

Dean Treadwell 04/19

Olian Holladay 04/23

Eddie Seabolt 04/25

Fran Wehe 04/26

Gay Bolick 04/30

Jon Keller 05/02