



SEPTEMBER 2025

# CHAPEL BELLS

## *A Letter From The Pastor*

BY KEVIN ANDERSON

It is hard to believe it has been almost a year since Hurricane Helene affected us here in Lake Lure. (September 27th)

Our lives changed dramatically on that Friday in September, and in the days following the storm. Some in our community and in the surrounding area lost loved ones in the storm. Some of our neighbors' homes and businesses were destroyed. Familiar places were changed overnight by the strength and power of floodwaters. Neighbors helped neighbors recover. Strangers came and lived among us, serving meals, restoring power, repairing and rebuilding. Almost one year later, the work continues in many places!

The Sunday after the storm, I came to the church to see if anyone would show up, not having any way to communicate with members after the storm. Five of us came to the church that day. We prayed for one another, for neighbors and church members, sang songs of praise and read scripture. This is the passage I read:

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear though the earth give way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. (Psalm 46:1-3)*



## *A Letter From The Pastor continued...*

God is greater than any storm we encounter! He is the only safe place for our lives. When the unimaginable happens, whether it is a literal hurricane, or an overwhelming flood of personal tragedy, God is the one stronghold for our lives. How are we to respond to the Refuge, Strength, the very Present Help our God is?

*"Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46:10)*

One year later, may you calm our hearts before You, O God!

Faithfully,

*Kevin*

**Thank  
you**

"Thank you to everyone for all the prayers, food, cards, and visits while I healed from my knee surgery. It was all greatly appreciated. Love you all."

**Tammy Martell**

# Chapel Finances (as of July 31)



General Fund Budgeted: \$236,833.33

General Fund Receipts: \$268,765.41

*While this number is healthy, giving during the summer is usually below normal. This fund will have to cover whatever is approved for landscaping that exceeds money in B&G Reserve Fund.*



Building & Grounds Reserve Balance: \$9703.88

*This is our most under-funded account. In addition to landscaping, our 7 heat pumps are getting long-in-the-tooth, the parking lots are going to need repaving, and several other facility needs have been identified.*



Compassion Fund Balance: \$7556.02

Compassion Fund YTD disbursements: \$9330.88

*(Disbursements from the Compassion Fund assists local people with housing needs, food, utilities, and car repairs.)*



Scholarship Fund Balance: \$9819.45

*We give \$10,000 in scholarships each year. This fund is almost there for next June's awards, but it is never too early to start donating for 2027's awards.*



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## Upcoming Worship Highlights

- Communion Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>
- Rev. Barrie Flitcroft preaching, Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

## Coffee For Veterans

Our next meeting will meet on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (Patriots Day) at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Since the Air Force Birthday is September 18<sup>th</sup>, **we'll be celebrating with our Air Force veterans, though as always, all veterans are welcome!**

**Coffee - Camaraderie - Connections**



## Men's Breakfast

Meets Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM in the Fellowship Hall. **Sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the Chapel Office to attend.**



## Pathfinder's Student Ministry

Meets Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Chapel Fellowship Hall. Come join us for food, games and Bible study! **For all students 6<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.**





## **Women's Ministry Lunch Outing - Friday, September 5th at Fly Boy Pizza in Rutherfordton, NC - 12:00 noon.**



All ladies are invited to join us for our monthly lunch outing! We will meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. to carpool to the restaurant. **There's a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for your RSVP.**

## **Women's Ministry Dinner & Book Exchange - Wednesday, September 24th - 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please join us for a **Soup & Salad dinner** - our treat - and enjoy an evening of fellowship with other ladies! We will also have a **book exchange** following dinner, so bring a book, or two (gently used books - no requirement to purchase a book!) and exchange for new reading material! We will also be selling **raffle tickets for two beautiful quilts made by Linda Huber** and giving those away at the dinner. All proceeds from the raffle tickets will go to the church Scholarship Fund. All ladies are invited - **there will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for your RSVP.**





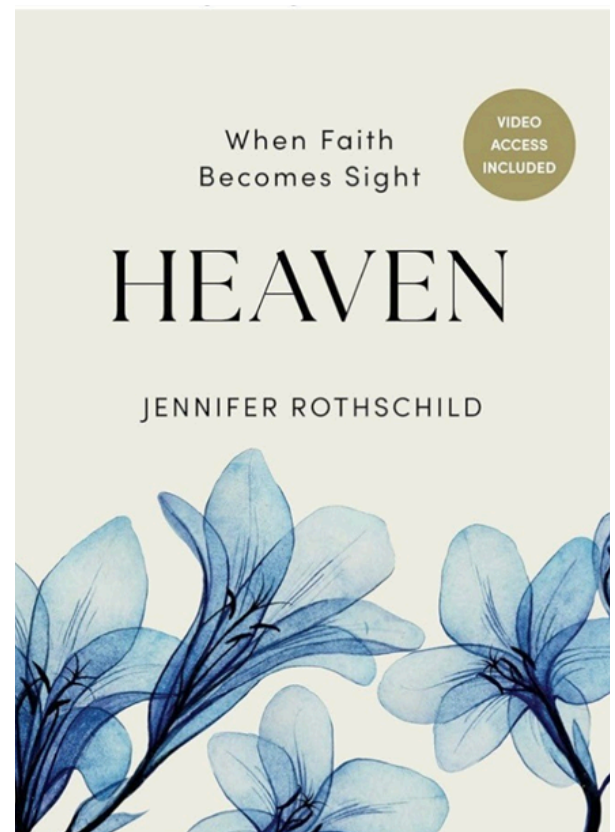
## **Ladies Fall Bible Study: Heaven - When Faith Becomes Sight by Jennifer Rothschild - Tuesday, September 9th at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Facilitated by: Lanita Anderson**

Heaven. Who goes there? Where is it? What will we do there?

Questions like these arise when we consider an eternal future beyond this physical life. How can we know the truth about what comes next?

In the Bible Study, **Jennifer Rothschild** will explore the subject of Heaven from a biblical perspective and will separate what's true about Heaven from what's based on legend, media depictions, and hopeful guesses.

You will not only gain a deeper understanding of what God has prepared for His children but also learn how to live with confidence as you look forward to the glorious unending that awaits. **Don't just wonder about Heaven - embrace it with a faith that turns anticipation into excitement and peace!**



All ladies of the church are invited to attend the session that works best with your schedule! **There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for your RSVP.**



*Intentionally Pursuing Christ*  
LADIES' FALL RETREAT  
SPEAKER: STEPHANIE HUXTER  
WORSHIP LEADER: JANELLE FLINT

DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2025  
TIME: 9:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
COST: \$40.00  
(CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH  
INCLUDED.)  
LOCATION: FAIRFIELD MOUNTAINS CHAPEL  
1384 BUFFALO CREEK RD  
LAKE LURE, NC 28746  
FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TICKETS, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE CHAPEL OFFICE AT 828-625-2411.







**SAVE THE DATE**



## JOSHUA MESSICK **FREE** CONCERT

**Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm**

Enjoy an inspiring afternoon of music with world-renowned hammered dulcimer artist **Joshua Messick**.

Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall

**Admission is FREE.**



A freewill offering will support *Restore Lake Lure*, a community campaign for the cleanup and restoration of the lake.  
[www.restorelaketure.com](http://www.restorelaketure.com)





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