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Note From The Pastor



Wow! We are almost into June and I am almost as confused as I was in March & April. I feel I often have more questions than answers! When do we resume “normal” activities? When do we do this or do that? The simple answer is, “We are not sure!” We have made efforts to be safe and keep our church family safe and will continue to do so! We are happy to announce that we are “open for business” on Sunday mornings.

We have hand-sanitizer and masks available and we are skipping 3 pews between people. It worked well this past Sunday! Please note – we want you to feel safe and will be happy to continue to join by means of Face Book & WCAB.

We hope to have a big celebration and fully resume “normalcy” in July, but this depends on a lot of factors. We will keep you informed as we know more. Kelly, Colby and I are scheduling and planning, but we don’t want to do anything that goes against the given guidelines or anything that may cause the spread of this virus.

I know there are church members and friends who feel we should “just open everything and resume all activities.” As well, there are those who feel “we should stay locked down!” We want to make all happy and be as smart as we can. Please pray for our wisdom!

I have found that **#SPENCERSTRONG** is a real thing! This church has done more “ministry” in the past few months than any church I know of. From feeding people to offering financial help, to praying and encouraging, **#SPENCERSTRONG** has got it done! Thanks for your faithful giving, we have continued to be able to do the things we need to do! Sorry for writing so much (not really my nature)! I guess it excites me to be a part of such a great group of people. From a staff to the leadership to the members to the visitors, we have “been found faithful!” Keep up the good work. We will be back to normal someday. In the meantime, stay **#SPENCERSTRONG**

Congratulations

RS Central High School Graduates

Austin Alexander, attending Limestone College

Molly Giles, attending Appalachian State

Ethan Rector, attending UNC Chapel Hill

Jake Watson, attending UNC Charlotte

Payton Diver, plans to be decided

East Rutherford High School Graduates

Kallie Brooks, attending ICC

MacKenzie Jernigan, attending UNC Charlotte

University High School Graduate

Ray Fonfraiss, attending St Thomas University, Miami

College Graduates

Beth Alexander, College Charleston

Makayla Greene, Isothermal Community College

Cara Johnson, Appalachian State

Savannah Scala, UNC Charlotte

Haley Sims, Appalachian State

Jack Wallace, McDowell Technical

Haley Wilson, Isothermal Community College

Post Graduate Degrees

Julia Caldwell, Master of Healthcare Administration, Winton-Salem University

Olivia Caldwell, Master of Nutrition, Appalachian State

Stacy Dalton, Master of Art, Duke University

Kelly Settlemyre, Master of Divinity, Gardner-Webb School of Divinity

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Class of 2020

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Youth Director

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Pianist

Bruce Caldwell

Kelly T. Settlemyre

Colby Fagan

Linda Tribou

Steve and Cheryl Koon

Jay Seagrave

Sunday Schedule *

8:45 – Bells of Praise

9:30 – Donuts & Coffee

10:00 – Life Groups for all ages

10:55 – Morning Worship

5:30 – Children & Youth Activities

* We will let you know when our regular Sunday Schedule will resume.

Bruce

Friendly Reminders

The Following groups will NOT meet in June

Spencer Serving Seniors
Senior Adults to Eat
Caring Hearts Sewing
Circle of Sisters

Stewardship Committee and the Deacons Committee
WILL meet in June.

Please meet in the Family Life Center

Stewardship Committee

Tuesday June 9
5:30pm

Deacons

Tuesday, June 9
7:00pm



For the month of June, our Spencer Youth will be serving as greeters. Please practice social distancing and pick up your own bulletin.



Blood Drive, Spencer Baptist Youth Building

Wednesday, July 8. 1-6pm

For more information, please contact Olivia Caldwell,
at 828-447-0720



The Spencer Church family would like to WELCOME our newest members:

Debbie & Ben Bailey who joined by letter on March 8, 2020.
Debbie & Ben's Deacon is Ed Toro

William Bivens who joined by profession of faith on March 8, 2020. William's Deacon is Ed Toro



A Note from Kelly

I have missed all our Spencer kids so much over these past few months! Our Zoom sessions and activity packs have been great but I can't wait for the time that we can all be in the same room! To help us think about our summer plans, I would love to hear from kids and parents about the kinds of things that we could do together safely each week for Terrific Tuesdays. We don't have a start date yet since we are waiting to see how our state will move into new phases of reopening. But we are dreaming! Call me, text me, email me, or comment on our social media pages to let me know your grand ideas for faith, fun, and fellowship within our kids ministry this summer.



"You don't know what you've got until it's gone..."

I think that is a line from a song, isn't it? Speaking of songs, it's been a while since our Adult Choir has been able to lead in song, hasn't it? Though music is an integral part of our church and our worship, we aren't quite ready to begin singing again. While we are waiting, I want to encourage all members of the choir (and even those who plan to join the choir soon) to take a look at our new Adult Choir webpage. The page is connected to the church's website, but you will only be able to access the site by entering in the complete web address. This is to protect the copyright law. On the site, you will find recordings, printed music, rehearsal tracks, and more. I will be updating the site often, so you may want to bookmark it on your device so you can easily come back for more! Friends, our music is not gone – but it is interrupted for now. Take this time to rehearse on your own and worship with this music that we will be singing together again soon! You can find the site at: www.spencerbaptist.com/adultchoir



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Subscribe to our [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/spencerbaptist) channel. Go to Youtube.com and search for Spencer Baptist Church. After you click on our church name, please click "subscribe." You can also click here to access the channel, but you still must subscribe.

Spencer Church Office will be closed

Friday, June 12th.
If you have an emergency,
please call Kelly or Bruce.



With Deepest Sympathy

Spencer Baptist Church family wishes to express our sincere Christian sympathy to the families of:

Perry Jones and Bob Hensley

From the Family of Perry Jones,

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot convey the gratitude our family feels for the love and concern you have expressed to us during the illness and passing of Papaw Perry. We have been surrounded by a multitude of friends who loved Perry as we do.

Perry received many cards while he was at Oak Grove, and our family has received many texts, visits, calls and cards during this difficult time. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

We also appreciate the many of you who traveled to Walls Baptist Church cemetery for the celebration of his life. Bruce was at his finest, and Kelly's voice added to our joy that "Amazing Grace, Perry's Chains are Gone".

Special thanks goes to the men and women who provided the meal on Saturday after the service. Many of our family commented on how wonderful it was.

Please remember to keep our family in your prayers. You are all in our hearts.

Sincerely, *The Jones and Caldwell Families.*



UPDATE: Unfortunately, the leadership at Lifeway has decided that all CentriKid Camps for 2020 are cancelled. I know that this was a hard decision, but I also know that everyone involved wants the kids, the adult leaders, and the camp staff to be safe and healthy. We are in the process of reimbursing families now. If you donated to camp and would like a refund, please let Kelly know ASAP. Otherwise all donations will be held for 2021. We are looking at an alternate camp event for kids that could happen in late summer but can't say for sure if or when that will be decided. Please be patient with us as we try to be healthy and safe in the coming days.



Curb-Side Pick-up starts at 6PM

Menu will be announced on FB and on our website
Reservations for Wednesday Night Curbside Meals can be done by signing up on our web page, www.spencer@spencerbaptist.com, or on our Face Book page, or you can call the church office. 286-2355.



Join Bruce, Kelly & Colby for
Wednesday Night Live at 7pm



June 7

Faye Thompson
167 Pinkwood Drive
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

June 21

Jean Thompson
134 Courtland Street
Spindale, NC 28160

June 14

Ray Pegram
Oakland Living Center
704 Poors Ford Road
Rutherfordton, NC 28139

June 28

Lois Hodge
139 Vista Drive
Forest City, NC 28043