



The Knoll Word

MAY 2018

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church



Music Transition/Search Committee to Hold Congregational Meetings

By JANET RAY

Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee Chair

Would you like to know what the Music Transition/Search Committee learned about current trends in successful music ministry? How can this information help us understand the role music may play in becoming the church God is calling us to be?

Music Transition/Search Committee members want to share the results of their research with and get feedback from the congregation. Two congregational meetings will provide everyone the opportunity to hear from the committee and share thoughts and questions with them. The first of these congregational meetings will be during the Sunday School hour on May 20 in the Fellowship Hall. The second meeting will be after worship on June 3, also in the Fellowship Hall with lunch provided.

At both congregational meetings, members of the committee will present what we have learned from interviews with nine influential leaders currently involved in successful music ministry, teaching prospective music ministers or involved with music ministry on the national level. In addition to sharing our findings, the committee needs members' feedback on this information to guide our next steps. At both meetings, participants will have opportunities to share questions and reflect on implications for Knollwood with the committee.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Sunday, May 20, 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, June 3, 12:30 PM with lunch in the Fellowship Hall

May Missions Offering

By PHYLLIS TATE

Mission Affiliations and Allocation Committee

Knollwood is a remarkably generous congregation. Missions are very important to us and we support a number of worldwide, national, state and local missions.

May is the month for our annual special offering that benefits North Carolina agencies: Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, NC Baptist Children's Homes, WFU Baptist Hospital Benevolence Fund, and NC Baptist Retirement Homes.

When I think about agencies that have directly impacted my life and the lives of family and friends, these certainly come to mind. Who hasn't been to Baptist as a patient, for tests, or to see a friend? Do you know someone who grew up at one of the NC Children's Homes when their parents were unable to provide a safe and loving environment? Has one of your relatives or friends lived at Brookridge or been there temporarily for rehab? Did you know that CBFNC supports everything from global

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Ministry of Presence

By BOB SETZER JR.



A little boy was troubled about missing Sunday School during his family's weekend getaway. Hoping to reassure him, his father said, "Don't worry. We can worship God at the lake."

Looking up with big, earnest eyes, the child asked, "But *will* we?"

With a glorious Winston-Salem spring upon us, and summer vacations looming, it's that time of year when Sunday School and worship attendance tend to wane.

In fact, in some ways, the rhythms of the church year reverse the seasonal changes unfolding about us. A once dormant, wintry world is exploding in springtime beauty, while at Knollwood, fewer people are present to experience and be the miracle we call "church." Spring weddings, family trips, school sports, the lure of balmy weather, and more, take their toll.

And yet, amid the changing seasons bringing renewal in the world around us, what does faithfulness to the church look like? The summary of early church vitality given in Acts 2:42-47 suggests the following.

The Ministry of Presence

The church is the *Body* of Christ. Ours is an en-fleshed, embodied faith, not just a set of moral or spiritual principles. Rubbing shoulders and sharing laughs and tears in community is at the heart of what it means to be the church. Christ is present to us in our brother and sister in a way he cannot be present to us alone (Matthew 18:20). It is also in this community, formed by the Word and the Spirit, that we learn the stories of the Bible and the story of Jesus. So if you're in town on any given Sunday this spring and summer, please take your place among the gathered faithful.

The Ministry of Prayer

People in crisis routinely tell me they feel the prayers of God's people. Praying for and with one's church is important, even when one cannot be physically present. Prayer is the energy of God's love flowing in and through us, creating communion with God and others.

The Ministry of Support

The early church was remarkable in that they "sold their possessions and distributed the proceeds, as any had need" (Acts 2:42-47). Even Jesus was dependent on of those who provided for his movement "out of their resources" (Luke 8:2-3). That has not changed. So keep up your financial support of Jesus' church and mission during spring and summer absences.

The Ministry of Service

Offering loving service to others is at the heart of following Jesus. Some gifts of service are given in and through the church, from teaching a class to singing in a choir. But much of the work to which Jesus calls us beckons wherever we are. So even when away this summer, stay awake for opportunities to serve the least, the last, and the lost in Jesus' name.

As even a cursory read of this newsletter will reveal, Knollwood is not taking a vacation this summer. So whether you are present in body, or only in spirit, pray and give and serve until we meet again.

Blessings,



Beth Fields in the newly stocked pantry

New Bolton Food Pantry Opens

By SPENCE O'NEILL

Bolton Food Pantry Coordinator

On April 10, the new Bolton Elementary Food Pantry opened. The pantry is for families of students at Bolton Elementary School, and will operate year-round on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoons of each month. It is located at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, which is next door to Bolton school, and will be run by volunteers from Knollwood, Wesley Memorial, and Trinity Presbyterian.

To volunteer to help at the pantry, email Spence O'Neill, Food Pantry Coordinator at lsbrooks@hotmail.com. Nancy Scoggin is the manager of the pantry on days it is open.

Suggested donation items change each month. **MAY** is toilet paper (6-packs) and black beans (dried or canned). Collection boxes are in Foyer B and the Narthex.

Knollwood Communications Survey

Your Input is Needed

By SANDRA BOYETTE

Chair, Visual Identity Ad Hoc Team

The Visual Identity Task Force sent a communications survey in late April to all members who use e-mail. Please help us improve our print and digital communications by completing and submitting the survey by **May 15**. Responses are anonymous and will be aggregated for analysis. Those who prefer a printed copy may pick up a survey in Foyer B, the Narthex or the church office, and return completed survey at any of those locations. Thanks for assisting us in making KBC communications more effective. If you have questions, please contact Sandra Boyette (boyette@wfu.edu) or Dorothy Wagener (dswagener7@gmail.com).

KNOLLWOOD SUMMER CALENDAR

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

kbc.kids Pool Party at Westwood 5-8 PM
 Registration required, family fee

TUESDAY, JUNE 19

Park Picnic & Play Date at Miller Park 5:30 PM

JUNE 16-23

Youth in Dominican Republic

JUNE 24-28

Vacation Bible School

JULY 2-5

PassportKIDS

MONDAY, JULY 9

Preschool Playdate at KBC, 10 AM-12 PM
 Story, music, playground & bag lunch

MONDAY, JULY 9

Elementary & Middle Open Gym, 10 AM-12 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Dan Nicholas Park Family Outing
 Parents & Children Registration required. Bring \$\$
 to enjoy the train, putt-putt, zoo, gem mining & more

JULY 16-21

PassportMISSIONS (Youth only)

JULY 18

Performance and Potluck at Knollwood

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Park, Picnic, & Paddleboats at Tanglewood, 5:30 PM

AUGUST 8

Performance and Potluck at Knollwood

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Park, Picnic, & Popsicles, 5:30 PM
 Winston Lake Aquatic Park

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Church-wide Dash Game
 Registration required. \$11 per person

EVENTS REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON

Deacon Nominees Class of 2021

Called Church in Conference

Sunday, May 20

to vote on slate of Deacon Nominees

These Knollwood members have been nominated for the Diaconate and have agreed to serve a 3-year term. All members of the Knollwood congregation may vote.

**Jon Churn**

Children's Worship Leader; KBC softball team

Committees - Youth Committee

**Steve Cramer**

Deacon; DEC; Usher; Worship Care

Committees - Stewardship; Nominating; Children's; Mission Action; Missional Identity Task Force; Transition Study

**Larry Hewitt**

Substitute SS Teacher; Greeter; Kids' Cafe Tutor; Knollwood

Woodworking Projects

Committees - Facilities; Nominating; Operations

**Trina Jackson**

Sunday School teacher

Committees - VBS Steering Committee;

Memorial Receptions, chair;

Special Events, chair; Bolton Task Force;

Wednesday Night

**Bill Johnson**

Deacon, Usher, Offering Counter

Committees - Bylaws; Finance; Stewardship;

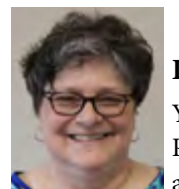
Nominating; Pastor Search; Co-Chair

Communion Set-Up

**Joe Long**

Deacon; Sunday School Teacher; Good Neighbor Teams for Refugees

Committees - Finance; Health and Wellness

**Debbie Pruitt**

Youth Mentor; Youth Productions Stage Manager; Christmas Festival

Production; Sound Tech

Committees-Agape, chair; Visitor/New Member; Communion; Peru Mission

Trips; Music/Worship/Arts

**Jamie Southern**

Usher; Worship Care; Liaison between Bookmarks and KBC for Bolton/special events

Committees - Adult Education; Communion

**Danny Stinehelfer**

Faith Matters; Cub Scout Pack 911 Den leader; Habitat for

Humanity Unity build

volunteer; Bolton Elementary backpack program volunteer; KBC softball team

**Christopher Wudel**

Chancel Choir; Rec Ministry Assistant;

Office Volunteer;

Music Ministry Volunteer;

Youth Mentor; Crucifer/Acolyte,

VBS Volunteer

**Linda Yellen**

Sew and So's

Committees - Visitor/New Member; Church With a Difference

***In Memoriam*****Barbara McWhorter***

Agape substitute teacher;

Meals on Wheels; Greeter;

VBS Worker; Worship Care;

Kids' Cafe; *Committees* - Exercising Faith

Capital Campaign Executive Board; Wellness

Center Capital Campaign Executive Board,

College, chair; Decorating, chair; Agape,

chair; Facilities; Stewardship; Nominating;

Hospitality; Senior Adults; Special Events

Springtime in the Preschool

By LUCRECIA NORMAN

Minister of Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



Spring has given our children the opportunity to garden, paint and play. This month several classes learned about plants, the parts of a plant and what each part's job is. The teachers talked about what a plant needs to grow. The children cleaned out the beds by the preschool entrance and

planted flowers. Check them out when you come to church.



Preschoolers preparing the soil for our garden



Preschoolers enjoying the warm, sunny days on the playground.

Through-the Week School Diaper Drive

The TTWS is working with *Moms Helping Moms* to help children who live in poverty. Please bring donations to the box by the Preschool office by May 14. Items needed:

Diapers Formula Wipes Bottles/Accessories

Thanks for your help in getting new moms in need off to a great start.

AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We continue to remember **Debbie Smith, Brenda McSwain, and Marjorie Holleman** who were released from the hospital, and **Gene Beck** who is in interim care.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to **Waverly Henderson, Helen Kennedy, and Michael McWhorter** on the death of their mother, **Barbara McWhorter**, April 23.

Our deepest sympathy is also expressed to **Suzanne Newsome** on the death of her father, **Alvin Newsome**, April 29, and to **Cathy Morrison** and family, on the death of her mother, **Helen Jo Brooks**, April 30, and to **Mary Reynolds Cox** on the death of her mother **Billie Wheeler**, April 23.

IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Dix McWhorter

Oct. 13, 1942 - April 23, 2018

Given Barbara's long service to our church, and her excitement about becoming a deacon, she will be recognized as a Deacon In Memoriam.



NEWSLETTER

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KNOLLWOOD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Grace Unbounded



Diane Lipsett,
Minister of Faith Formation
and Education

Persistence and Renewal

We've waited a while for spring this year. Remember the snowfall on cherry blossoms? Throughout the wait, our many small groups at Knollwood have walked with each other through some tough stuff. Sunday School classes excel at mutual support--and I don't just mean adult classes. Some of our kids' classes produce the best imaginable get well cards (though the spontaneous laughter after opening can cause an "Ouch!" after an injury). Our spiritual formation small groups and Bible studies keep email updates and prayer swirling. And the concern for others' difficulty isn't limited to our members. Thoughtful souls around here stay sensitive to challenging concerns from farther away. Our prayer bowl in the new prayer and contemplation room already gathers up a wide range of sober petitions.

Now the trees are green again. Like the ancient prophet Isaiah, perhaps we can see in the renewing trees and landscape a witness to God's commitment to comfort, salvation, and renewal both within and after hardship: "For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" (Isa 55:12 NRSV). A fine American poet, Ada Limón, helps us connect the leaves' unfurling with our own continuous living. For me, at least, these lines resonate with my faith. Consider, if you will, a poem for spring:

Instructions on Not Giving Up

More than the fuchsia funnels breaking out
of the crabapple tree, more than the neighbor's
almost obscene display of cherry limbs shoving
their cotton candy-colored blossoms to the slate
sky of Spring rains, it's the greening of the trees
that really gets to me. When all the shock of white
and taffy, the world's baubles and trinkets, leave
the pavement strewn with the confetti of aftermath,
the leaves come. Patient, plodding, a green skin
growing over whatever winter did to us, a return
to the strange idea of continuous living despite
the mess of us, the hurt, the empty. Fine then,
I'll take it, the tree seems to say, a new slick leaf
unfurling like a fist to an open palm, I'll take it all.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Dinner is served

5:30–6:10 PM

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Sharing celebrations and concerns

6:00–6:15 PM

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Evening program

6:15–7:00 PM

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KidsConnect

6:15–7:00 PM

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Middle School Bells

5:15 PM

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Children's Choirs

5:15 PM

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Chancel Choir

7:00 PM

Faith Formation

Wednesdays in May

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KNOLLWOOD'S ANNUAL MEETING

Jazz music by Dan Knight will provide the lively, improvisational sound track for this year's annual meeting. Come share in the good work of congregational governance--reports of the church year past and plans for the year ahead.

MAY 16

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MUSIC & MINISTRY

All ages together celebrating our children's choirs, the Hymns for a Lifetime and Memory Verse Challenge programs, as well as children's music leaders and Wednesday night volunteers.

MAY 23

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Are your toes longing to be down in the sand? Do you yearn for the sound of waves crashing in your ears? It's difficult to get beach sand and waves up to Winston-Salem. But, what we can get up here is the feeling and fun of a beach day together.

Our End of Year Celebration this year will be complete with all the trimmings and trappings of a beach day. We'll grill out and eat together on lawn chairs in the cool evening air (weather providing). We'll enjoy some classic beach games like ladder ball and bocce and other beach-themed group games both outside and in the gym.

For folks that enjoy a little calmer beach experience, all the classic beach activities will be in the Community Room: puzzles, card and board games, and a stack of good books to sit and read.

Anyone and everyone is invited to come and join us on this evening for a fun night together at the beach.



Class Luncheon Honors Susan Borwick

Members of the Mary Martha Class gathered at Salemtowne Retirement Community April 11 to honor Susan Borwick for her 17 years of dedicated, faithful teaching. She was presented a framed letter of appreciation, signed by all class members and a gift. Susan thanked them all, and gave an impromptu Sunday School lesson.

Falling in Love with God

A Contemplative Prayer Retreat

July 20-22 at Haw River State Park

Friday 5 p.m. through Sunday after Lunch

Come on a weekend journey to discover a new or renewed love of God. As we leave behind daily distractions, we will be invited to engage different forms of prayer and reflection. We will be offered creative ways to encounter scripture, song, and story. Worship and small group conversation will alternate with opportunities for silence and solitude.

Our whole selves will be engaged by options such as walking a labyrinth, taking a yoga class, walking on nature trails, swimming in an outdoor pool, and canoeing on a lake. Our retreat leader will be Rebecca Maynard, ordained Baptist minister and the founder of Stacking Stones, an ecumenical ministry of spiritual formation for churches and individuals.

Building on two summers of meaningful KBC small group retreats, this contemplative weekend is open to all adults (note: retreats are not just for women). Retreat brochures are available. Scholarship assistance may be requested. Call 336-725-1343 or email frontdesk@knollwood.org to request a brochure or reserve a spot.

Small Group Offerings Continue at Knollwood

Companions in Christ

Mondays, 10 AM – noon. For information, contact Melanie Wilkinson, melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com, or Evalynn Davis, ebdavis@yadtel.net.

Early morning Women's Bible Study #1

Tuesdays at 6:30-8:15 AM For information, contact Dean Clifford at cliffordconsult@mindspring.com or 336-418-0278.

Early morning Women's Bible Study #2

Wednesdays 7:30-9 AM For information, contact Rachel Wiggins, rdwiggins@triad.rr.com or Diana Long, dlong1221@gmail.com.

Seasons, Children's Ministry's Bible Study for Moms of Young Children

2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9:15-10:45 AM, led by a group of Knollwood moms. For information, contact Chrissy Hardy at chrissey@knollwood.org.

Monday Morning Men

7 AM. 380 Knollwood, Ste. 700. For information, contact Chip Mims, cpmims3@gmail.com.

Missional Moment: Welcoming Refugees

By DEAN CLIFFORD

Missional Support Team

About two years ago, Knollwood embarked on the fascinating journey of welcoming refugees to our community. This work has progressed on both personal and systemic levels and aligns well with the values outlined in our mission efforts, ***Accompanying, Partnering, Balancing, and Reflecting/Learning***. Our members are privileged to accompany these families in their adjustment to life in America, as well as partnering with a variety of local agencies and organizations to expand and enhance community support in resettlement work. Along the way, we are all learning much about both our own community and the countries from which these refugees come.

Good Neighbor Teams

Knollwood members are involved in four Good Neighbor Teams, walking alongside four families escaping war and deprivation in Syria and the Congo and building new lives here. Our first team included only Knollwood members; subsequently, we partnered with Temple Emanuel in forming three more teams. The teams provide support in everything from employment to transportation—and much more—becoming like extended family. In every case, at least one adult in the family is now employed; all are in good health and have benefitted from medical and dental services here; the children are enrolled in school (two at Forsyth Tech, the rest in public elementary, middle or high schools, and two in preschool at Knollwood and Temple Emanuel). All of these families are in the process of receiving their green cards, and all are handling the challenges of learning English and managing multiple adjustments to our country with grace and resiliency.

Systemic Efforts

Knollwood members have also spearheaded these efforts to enhance the effectiveness of community services to refugees:

- **Welcome Week:** June 18-22 is being offered at Summit School for newly arrived families. Children are involved every day from 9:30-12:30 in educational and enrichment activities, while parents enjoy informational and entertaining sessions.
- **Fantastic Thursdays/Fantastic Fridays:** On six consecutive Thursdays last summer, refugee families enjoyed swimming, art activities, fun in parks, and picnic lunches. This summer, families will return on two Fridays to the most popular of these locations, the Kernersville YMCA, for free swimming and lunch.
- **Refugee Task Force:** Since November 2017, about 30 organizations have worked on systemic improvements in the services and support provided to refugees. This work has produced guidebooks/resource information for both refugee families and Good Neighbor Teams, with progress continuing in expanding employment and housing partnerships, creating a team to provide homework support and tutoring; and creating a permanent Advisory Coalition and website for coordinated communication.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact Dean Clifford at 336-418-0278 or cliffordconsult@mindspring.com.



Dr. Kimberly Marshall, DPhil, is an organist and organ scholar, holder of the Patricia and Leonard Goldman Endowed Professorship in Organ at Arizona State University.

KBC Organ Commission to Be Published

By LAUREN WINKELMAN

Music Ministry Associate and Organist

On October 23, 2016, organist Kimberly Marshall premiered “Variations on NATIONAL HYMN,” which she commissioned from Winston-Salem composer Margaret Sandresky for Knollwood’s 60th anniversary. There are a lot of special connections behind this piece that make it very meaningful to us at Knollwood. First, Kimberly is the daughter of Shirley Noffsinger, and grew up in this church. Dr. Jack Noffsinger, Knollwood’s founding pastor who later in life married Kimberly’s mother, wrote the hymn text “O God of Love” for Knollwood’s 25th anniversary celebration, which we sing every Founders’ Day to the tune NATIONAL HYMN.

It was very fitting that Kimberly chose this tune as the basis for her commissioned set of organ variations for another KBC milestone anniversary. Those who were able to attend were blessed to hear it premiered on Kimberly’s concert, and now it’s my pleasure to pass along the news that this work is being published later in the spring as part of Mrs. Sandresky’s Organ Works, Volume X.



Recently elected to “Who’s Who in America,” Margaret Sandresky is an organist, composer and teacher, Professor Emerita of music theory and composition at Salem College in Winston-Salem.

Why Memorize?

By *CHRISSEY HARDY*

Children's Ministry Associate



This day and age, memorization is not emphasized in school the way it once was. Access to information is instant and our teaching practices have (rightly) adjusted to focus more on process and thinking and less on rote memorization.

Therefore, many children cannot rattle off the Declaration of Independence, or the poems that you and I might remember from our childhoods. But I think memorizing scripture is an exception. Corrie Ten Boom once said, "Gather the riches of God's promises. Nobody can take away from you those texts from the Bible which you have learned by heart." During this past school year, our children have been working on Wednesday nights to memorize Scripture that connects with the themes we have been exploring. In addition to the hymns they memorize as a part of the Hymns for a Lifetime program, we're hoping they will tuck away the promises of scripture as they grow and seek to understand God better.

Some of my most formative spiritual development came as a result of Bible memory challenges and sword drills. My hope is that the scripture our kids have worked to commit to memory this year is also connected with meaningful and significant experiences that help them connect these words to their lives and world.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be reviewing these memory verses and on Wednesday, May 9, (or anytime before then) our children will have a chance to see how many of these verses and references they can say "by heart." Feeling affirmed for reaching a goal is great, but I also hope that these words are really in their hearts and that they will stay there for them to draw on when they need them. Join us on Wednesday night, May 16, as we recognize our children's choirs and the children who have worked this year to store away the word of God in their hearts and minds through scripture memorization.

KBC.KIDS FAMILY PUTT PUTT

Saturday, May 12

4:30 PM

Adventure Landing, Stratford Rd

\$5 per person includes:

2 Activity tickets (Mini Golf and/or Bumper Boats)

10 arcade tokens

Email chrissy@knollwood.org for details.

Register online : <https://tinyurl.com/yajkoqs4>

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Reminder:

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Sink Spring Luncheon

Gather at 11:30 in the dining room

Lunch at noon in the Fellowship Hall

Entertainment by Martha Bassett

Thanks to all who registered.

Registration is now closed.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

To the many members of Knollwood Baptist Church who sustained us during Ginnie's recent, month-long stay in the hospital by providing prayers, cards, emails, texts, telephone calls, food, visits and offers of assistance, we sincerely thank you for your kindness and support. We know from this experience that agape love is the centerpiece of being a Christian.

Humbly yours,

Ginnie & Charlie Green

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages9:45 AM

Worship Service10:55 AM

SUNDAY AUDIO RECORDINGS

Dr. Bob's Sunday sermons are available online at knollwood.org. Recorded worship services are available on CD for \$1.

Contact the church office, 336-725-1343, or frontdesk@knollwood.org.

Recreation Ministry Celebrates our First Year

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation

This month marks the first full year in the WCC’s operation and our ever-growing Recreation Ministry. It has been an exciting year of dreams being realized and new dreams being started. New aspects of recreation ministry were started and some of those already happening have grown and expanded.

Thanks to the WCC providing us a place to practice, we were able to expand our Hoops4Him basketball teams from one high school boys team to both middle school and high school boys teams. Our offerings of yoga have grown by leaps and bounds, incorporating classes for all ages and various skill levels. Just this past week, we painted fresh, new pickleball lines on the gym floor to accommodate an always growing group of folks from our surrounding community that play together every week. The walking track served as a steady location for exercise during the winter months, and still used on a consistent basis by many people. Outside of the WCC, we are in our second CoEd softball season, and have already won more games this season than we did all of the previous season!

This has been an exciting year, and we’re only just getting started. Over the next few weeks, the Recreation Committee will be gathering to work out a summer operating schedule and slate of fun activities. If you have a sport/activity that you would like to see, or even lead, please let us hear from you. Thanks to thoughtful planning and design, the WCC gives us a brilliantly open canvas to continue creating our recreation ministry together.

SUNDAY WCC GYM ACCESS – 336-496-0403

For member access to the gym on **Sundays 1-4 PM**, This number is activated for Sunday afternoons only.

WCC WALKING TRACK SCHEDULE

MON - THURS - 8 AM - 8 PM
WED - 8 AM - 5 PM; 7 - 8 PM
FRI - 8 AM - 5 PM
SUN - 5 - 6:30 PM

GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE

www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith,
or www.knollwood.org/filerequest/6794

Knollwood’s Softball Team: Game 1

By BEN WAGENER

Minister of Welcome and Engagement

With 14 players, including eight women, Knollwood Baptist led early in the game, but Westside stormed back to score 4 runs to whittle our lead to 8-6.

In the last innings KBC scored 4 more runs to take a 12-6 lead.

However, in their last at bat, Westside scored 3 runs. With 2 outs and the winning runs on base, one of the best hitters popped out to Chuck Pruitte to end the game. 12-11 KBC! Whew!

In a co-ed softball league each team puts 5 men and 5 women on the field. There are 4 churches in this league with each team playing every other team three times.

At the end of the season on June 14, we will have the playoffs.

We would like to have more fans come out to Washington Park every Thursday night to cheer us on. We will be playing at either #2 field or #4 field.

We had a great time rooting for each other.



Back left to right: Wendy Oakley, Ed Southern, Ben Wagener, Cyndy Jones, Virginia Sparkes, Josh Godwin, coach, and Jeff Nichols.

Front left to right: Alyssa Godwin, Jamie Southern, Jackie Jackson, Corinne Causby, Jon Churn, and Chuck Pruitte. Not pictured: Rebecca Wells

KNOLLWOOD CO-ED SOFTBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Come support your Knollwood Team.

All games played at Lincoln Fields in Washington Park.

The play-off games will be June 14. Game times TBD.

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MAY 10	6:30 PM	MAY 31	7:30 PM
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MAY 17	7:30 PM	JUNE 7	6:30 PM
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MAY 24	6:30 PM	JUNE 14	TBD



Thankfulness

By **JOSH GODWIN**

Minister of Youth and Recreation

I have been truly speechless a handful of times in my life: the moment I saw my wife at the end of the aisle during our wedding, when I opened my acceptance letter to UNC, the first time I saw that moment in Empire Strikes Back, and this past Sunday morning. Youth Sunday is my favorite Sunday of the year. More than Christmas and Easter, I look forward to Youth Sunday because it is the time when our incredible young people get to shine.

Did they ever shine this past Youth Sunday. I have always been, and probably always will be, amazed by the intelligence, maturity, and excitement of this group of young people I am privileged to work with, but this was a special morning. The leadership they exhibited in that moment was incredibly moving and inspiring. It would have been very easy to just go through the motions of the service, moving from place to place and saying some words. Not only were the youth able to successfully do a worship service, no easy task, but they were also able to make it worshipful. In the midst of the smiles, readings, laughter, songs, and bell-ringing there was soul. I pray you were able to feel it along with us, and I am incredibly thankful to our young people for bringing the realness of their faith into their leading of worship.

The run-up to this Youth Sunday was not typical or simple. A surprise power-outage and other bumps along the way led to a loss of preparation time together and had the morning set up to be a stress-filled roller-coaster. But thanks to the tireless efforts of our Youth Mentor team and Music Ministry folks, everything came together wonderfully. I have an exceptional group of young people to work with and an outstanding team of mentors, fellow staff people, and volunteers with which to do this ministry. I could not be more thankful for the work they did and the steadiness they added into bringing this Youth Sunday together. Finally, thank you for being a congregation that uplifts and empowers young people to be active parts of our church. The value of young people as an integral part of Knollwood's life and mission is something for which we are very, very thankful.

May Missions Offering

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missions to disaster relief to theological education?

I have been blessed, and let's face it, lucky. I have health care, savings, and my home life has always been privileged. But this is just not the case for many people and these four agencies are there to help.

Recently, you received a mailing with more information about each of these agencies and a special envelope for your contribution. Please prayerfully consider what you can give. Last year we raised \$8,745.00 for our May offering. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could surpass this figure?

Graduate's Names Requested

If a member of your family is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, etc., please contact colleen@knollwood.org with graduate's name, school, and degree.

Let us know if this is your son, daughter, or grandchild. A listing of graduates will be printed in an upcoming newsletter.

Thank You for your Gifts

Our thanks to those who made a special, one-time gift to our church's ministry plan for 2018. Thus far, we have received \$23,265, a generous outpouring of love and support for the church and its mission. If you would like to make such a gift, you may do so at www.knollwood.org/give or by sending your check to the church office.

Year to Date Ministry Budget

18 Ministry Plan Budget YTD	\$485,544
18 Ministry Income YTD	\$431,046
18 Ministry Expenses YTD	\$421,171



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Please call 336-283-5067 if you have a pastoral emergency on a weekend.