



# The Knoll Word

AUGUST 2018

Monthly News of Grace Unbounded at Knollwood Baptist Church

## Welcome Back Sunday



### August 26

The Sunday before school begins is “Welcome Back Sunday” at Knollwood. All Knollwood friends and members are encouraged to pour into our Sunday school classes and to gather for worship after a summer filled with travel and other breaks from regular patterns. If you haven’t been in a Sunday school class for a while—or ever!—this is a great time to explore options for weekly Bible study, conversation, and faith-enhancing community.

Our church is blessed with a rich range of offerings for children, youth, and adults. Chrissy Hardy can help with questions about children’s Sunday school and Josh Godwin with questions about youth. Diane Lipsett or our other ministers and teachers can help with navigating adult offerings. Sunday school begins at 9:45 but don’t miss the conversational buzz of Knollchat – with coffee, breakfast treats, and fellowship in the Dining Room from 9:15–9:45. Worship on “Welcome Back Sunday” (beginning at 10:55) will be a time of celebration and dedication, challenge and reunion.

**9:15 AM KNOLLCHAT**

**9:45 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**

**10:55 AM WORSHIP**

### Music Ministry Transition/ Search Committee Report

By JANET RAY

The Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee will complete a series of listening sessions with music stakeholders in August. By the end of the month, the committee will have met with the Chancel Choir, Adult Bells, Knollwood Brass, Parents, Youth and the Ministerial Staff. Each of these stakeholder groups shared with committee members their expertise and opinions about the leadership necessary to continue our strong investment in music. Each group also imagined the role music could take in the church’s growth.

The information we have heard from these music stakeholders as well as the excellent feedback from the two congregational meetings in May and June will serve as the basis for a Leadership Profile for our vacant Music Minister position. The Leadership Profile will outline the skills and attributes we are looking for in a Music Minister as well as primary roles and responsibilities. The completion of the profile, scheduled by the end of September, will mark the

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## The “People of Wednesday Night”

By BOB SETZER JR.



In an article titled, *A Catholic Looks at Baptist Spirituality*, Dr. Samuel Weber calls Baptists the “People of the Wednesday night.” He implores Baptists to cherish and protect this part of their common life: “I urge you to preserve the Wednesday night. Guard it faithfully and keep it continually. Do not allow the pressures of modern living to take over. You do the world a great favor and bring many blessings on all of us when...you gather together to hear the word of God, to pray, and to break bread in...the ‘company of those who believe.’”

In encouraging Baptists to remain, “People of the Wednesday night,” Dr. Weber is taking a page out of the book of Acts. There we read of a vital early church that “Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, *they broke bread and ate their food with glad and generous hearts*” (2:46). This “breaking of bread” continued Jesus’ own emphasis on shared meals and shared fellowship. Not coincidentally, Jesus put a meal--the Lord’s Supper--at the center of his kingdom.

Gathering with fellow believers to rub shoulders, pass the potatoes, and say our prayers continues to be a vital part of the Christian life. However, finding time for shared meals at home, much less at church, is a growing challenge. Almost everyone, it seems, is busier than ever. And for many families, after school sports and other activities spill over into week nights and weekends.

Despite such challenges, our church seeks to make Wednesday night a “sweet spot” in the rhythm of our congregation’s life. By committing 90 minutes from 5:30-7:00 PM on Wednesday nights, one can enjoy a good meal with others, pray for those who are struggling in our church and world, and learn a valuable Bible or life lesson, all while growing in one’s sense of connection and community with one’s church family.

During that sacred 90 minutes, our children learn to sing in age-appropriate choirs while youth learn music by practicing bells. Then the children enjoy engaging times of meal conversation and learning with our able, attentive Children’s Ministry Associate, Chrissy Hardy. The loving, affable Josh Godwin creates a safe pace for our youth to gather and decompress. The remarkably resourceful Diane Lipsett and her Faith Formation team create compelling learning opportunities for adults.

For those who can stay longer, children and others often head over to the Wellness and Community Center at 7:00 PM for a game of pickup basketball, hula-Hoop, or a walk around the track. And Lauren Winkelman and our new interim Choral Director, Bryon Grohman, welcome both returning veterans and newbies to the 7:00 PM Chancel Choir practice.

With “Welcome Back Sunday” on August 26, almost upon us, now is a great time to reassess priorities and schedule, and make time for what matters most. Hopefully, that includes gathering with your church family on Sunday mornings. I also hope we will ever be a “People of the Wednesday Night.” Because it’s hard to be family or to feel like family without eating together at least once a week.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted.

“Gathering with fellow believers to rub shoulders, pass the potatoes, and say our prayers continues to be a vital part of the Christian life.”

# Music Ministry Transition/Search Committee Report

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end of the Transition process. The Leadership Profile will serve as the basis for the formal Search process that will begin this fall.

The committee is grateful for the participation of the congregation and stakeholder groups in the critical process of thinking, sharing and listening to each other as we dare to dream about the role of music in Knollwood's future. We continue to ask for your prayers and support as we complete our work of transitioning from Dr. Wilson's able leadership into the search for leadership that will help us move where we are called.

## Volunteer Need at Bolton Elementary Pantry

By SPENCE O'NEILL

The Bolton Elementary Pantry opened on April 10, and we are so pleased by the enthusiastic response of the Bolton families who are coming to our pantry each month to get nutritious food. In July we served 21 families, and we anticipate that the beginning of the new school year will mean lots of new families enrolling in our program. The pantry is open twice a month and is staffed by rotating volunteers from Knollwood, Trinity Presbyterian, and Wesley Memorial Methodist (where the pantry is housed, next door to the school). We are fortunate to have a wonderful intern from the WFU Divinity School helping to run the program each week.

We do have an urgent need at the Bolton Pantry: we need a KBC volunteer to help with set-up and be the on-site manager for the pantry on the days it is open. The time commitment is from 12:30-3:30 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month. If this is something you would like to learn more about, please contact me at [spenceoneill@gmail.com](mailto:spenceoneill@gmail.com) for details on how you can help our pantry succeed.

**Bolton Pantry Collection Items for August/September:** black beans (canned or dried) and individually packaged toothpaste/toothbrushes

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## KNOLLWOOD SUMMER CALENDAR

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**

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

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**FRIDAY, AUGUST 17**

Church-wide Dash Game (Registration closed)

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 25**

Back To School Potluck at 5:30 PM

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Events Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y97jdq7z>

## AMONG OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We continue to remember **Dr. Tim Pennell, Betty DeVault (Lucy Davis' stepmother), John Harrison, Anne Haxton, Carol Jeane Hooks and Gene Beck** who were released from the hospital.

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to **Susan Borwick** on the death of her mother **Edythe Harden**, July 29.

To **Caroline Gentry** and family on the death of her husband, **Marvin Gentry**, July 14.

To **Julia Gregory**, on the death of her father, **Frank Gregory, Jr.** (charter member) July 2.

To **Charles Massler** and family on the death of his stepmother, **Glenna**, July 6.

And to **Cathy Morrison**, on the death of her father, **Harold Brooks**, July 30.

Congratulations to **John Henry Jackson**, son of **Tommy and Jackie Jackson**, who graduated from High Point University with a Bachelor's Degree. He majored in Political Science and International Relations with a minor in Economics.

Congratulations to **Betsy Clauser** on the occasion of her grandson, Chief Petty Officer **Jeremy Clauser's** retirement from the Navy after 20 years of service.

And to **Ken and Adrienne Meyers** on the birth of a second granddaughter, **Mabel Beatrice**, born to **James and Natalie McBride**.

## NEWSLETTER

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**KNOLLWOOD**  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
*Grace Unbounded*

## Find Your Place *Music Ministry Kick-off*

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Children's Bells	Sunday, August 26, 3:30 PM
Middle School Bells	Wednesday, August 29, 5:15 PM
High School Bells	Sunday, August 26, 4:00 PM
Chancel Bells	Sunday, August 26, 5:45 PM
Children's Choirs	Wednesday, August 29, 5:15 PM
Youth Choir	Sunday, August 26, 4:45 PM
Chancel Choir	Wednesday, August 29, 7:00 PM
Knollwood Brass	Sunday, September 9, 8:30 AM

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## Come Blow Your Horn

*with the Knollwood Brass Ensemble*

The Knollwood Brass is preparing to come back together for another year of enhancing the worship music of special moments in the life of Knollwood Baptist Church. We are inviting all interested brass players of high school age and older to come join the group. Even if it's been a while since you picked up your instrument, if you currently play in a high school group or played in a high school level ensemble or more advanced group at some point in your past we invite you to please come join. Rehearsals are on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:30 AM.



Patricia  
Hughes Ball

Patricia Hughes Ball, Knollwood Member and Director of Bands at West Forsyth High School, will be leading the ensemble this year. Please contact her as soon as possible if you would like to be included in the ensemble so that she can prepare a folder for you. Email her at [knollwood-brass@gmail.com](mailto:knollwood-brass@gmail.com)

Rehearsals begin on Sept. 9 in B224.

## We Welcome Dr. Bryon Grohman As Interim Choral Director At Knollwood

By BETH SANDERS

*Chair, Personnel*

The personnel committee at KBC is excited to introduce our new Interim Choral Director, Dr. Bryon Grohman. Bryon is an Assistant Professor of Music at Wake Forest University, a post he assumed in 2017. Prior to that, he was on the music faculty at Palm Beach Atlantic University in Palm Beach, Florida. Starting August 15, he will bring much experience in choral conducting and voice instruction for all age groups as well as a desire to enrich our collective worship through music.



Dr. Bryon Grohman

Bryon's responsibilities during this interim period will be on a part-time basis and will include the direction of the youth and chancel choirs; the planning, direction and implementation of our Christmas Festival; and the coordination of other programs in conjunction with staff and volunteers in the music ministry at Knollwood. Bryon and his wife Kristin Brouwer live in Pfaftown with their four daughters.

Read more about Dr. Grohman here: <http://college.wfu.edu/music/dr-bryon-grohman-joins-the-department-of-music-faculty/>.

## A Special Thanks to David Winkelman

By BETH SANDERS

*Chair, Personnel*

We are so appreciative of Dr. David Winkelman's work with the Chancel Choir since Dr. Wilson's departure. David enabled us to continue our strong tradition of choral music at Knollwood.



Dr. David Winkelman

We are very blessed to have such a fine musician, conductor and music educator in our congregation!



Conetoe Youth enjoyed the grand tour of Winston-Salem and Hanging Rock.

## Conetoe Youth Visit Winston-Salem

By BETH FIELDS

On Friday, July 27, eleven excited participants from the summer program of the Conetoe Family Life Center traveled with one of their mentors to Winston-Salem for a weekend of fun, adventures and new relationships. During their stay, the Conetoe kids visited the 27<sup>th</sup> floor of the Wells Fargo building for an interesting perspective of our city, dined at Mellow Mushroom, swayed to the jazz at Corpening Plaza, celebrated Krispy Kreme’s 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, toured Wake Forest’s campus garden, stopped by Winkler’s Bakery, picnicked and hiked at Hanging Rock State Park with some KBC youth, and enjoyed the gym in the WCC. Several Knollwood families got to know the kids better as they housed them on Saturday evening.

On Sunday morning, Jamie Williams, a Conetoe Family Life Center mentor, presented an overview of the program’s efforts to involve the kids in the growth, cultivation, and preparation of healthy produce for their families. The Conetoe kids also shared some of their experiences during this time. Reverend Richard Joyner, pastor of the Conetoe Family Life Center challenged us to be willing to be vulnerable to make a difference during worship.

It is hoped that a contingent of Knollwood youth will visit Conetoe this spring to further develop our relationship with this group.

Many thanks to Lisa Sykes, Mark Jensen, Cathy Larmore, Charlotte Hubbard, Bert and Beth Sanders, Bill and Crystal Leathers, James and Rachel Mitchell, Ben and Dorothy Wagener, Josh Godwin and Beth Fields for sharing their hospitality and making this adventure possible.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Edythe Harden**

February 21, 1918 - July 29, 2018

**Frank White Gregory, Jr.**

Charter Member

April 8, 1924-July 2, 2018

**Marvin Gentry**

March 16, 1935 – July 14, 2018

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:45 AM

Worship Service ..... 10:55 AM

Knollwood Brass rehearsal..... 8:45 AM

Knollchat ..... 9:15 AM

Children’s Bells..... 3:30 PM

HS Handbells ..... 4:00 PM

Youth Choir ..... 4:45 PM

Youth Fun and Food..... 5:45 PM

Sunday Night Youth Group..... 6:45 PM

## SUNDAY AUDIO RECORDINGS

Dr. Bob’s Sunday sermons are available online at [knollwood.org](http://knollwood.org). Recorded worship services are available on CD for \$1.

Contact the church office, 336-725-1343, or [frontdesk@knollwood.org](mailto:frontdesk@knollwood.org).



Diane Lipsett,  
Minister of Faith Formation  
and Education



## Summer Performance and Potluck

*“Growth” in Music and Story*

**August 8  
5:30-7:30 PM**

On July 18, we enjoyed a warm and creative church family gathering, with music from Dan Knight, Emma Gibson and Joy Vermillion Heinsohn, Richard Vinson, Mark Jensen, and Bill Poole. We heard original stories from JoAnne Goetz, Chip Mims, Peggy Haymes, and Mary Hix, a poem from Annabel Martin, and a reading of “watery Psalms” from Annabel, Rosalie, and Katharine Martin.

Our second “Performance and Potluck” promises to be equally uplifting. To contribute to the meal, please bring a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert. Beverages will be provided. Child care for infants through kindergarten will be provided.

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT KICK OFF SCHEDULE

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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

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## Welcome Back Wednesday

**August 29**

### *A “Learning and Doing Fair”— For All Ages*

Come see, hear, and touch some of the great ways Knollwood folks are involved within our church in small group faith formation opportunities as well as out in our community and our world. As you move from hands-on activities to informative conversations to engaging displays, perhaps you’ll find new ways you want to be involved.

You may also linger with FACES OF BELOVED COMMUNITY – a thought-provoking, stirring photo exhibit from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions. Come see a bit more about how we’re seeking to grow as the body of Christ and to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our world.





## Spirituality and the Body in Ancient Corinth

*An Adult Sunday School Elective*

Led by *DIANE LIPSETT*

The series continues on August 12 and 19, 9:45-10:45, in the Chapel, Building A

We'll continue our summer study of 1 Corinthians and its explorations of embodied spirituality – including interactions between Paul and this ancient congregation about food, gender, death and other body-spirit matters. If you haven't yet found an adult Sunday School class, or your class is taking a summer break, or your whole class wants to give your teacher(s) a break, this study may be for you. Entering into these old conversations between a strong-minded apostle and a sometimes unruly church may sharpen our thinking about spirituality, bodies, and being church now.

## Summer Women's Book Club

**August 20, 7 PM**

Interested in a late summer gathering of one of our women's book clubs? The group will gather at Rachel Stinehelfer's home to discuss Amor Towles' *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Aug. 20, 7 PM at 2813 Regency Drive, Winston-Salem. This book can be purchased at Bookmarks for 20% off the retail price. For information and directions, contact Rachel at ledalucy21@yahoo.com.



## “Falling in Love with God”

*Contemplative Retreat—Knollwood Baptist Church*

By *KATHY STILLERMAN*

At the third annual KBC small group retreat, July 20-22, we explored the theme of “Falling in Love with God.” Surrounded by the natural beauty of forests, wildlife, and water at Haw River State Park, we delved into the meaning of loving God with heart, soul, body, and mind—and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Rebecca Husband Maynard, ordained minister and founder of Stacking Stones, an ecumenical ministry of spiritual formation for churches and individuals, led and facilitated the retreat. She skillfully guided us through a schedule that balanced periods of silence and solitude with group conversation and worship.

The extensive menu of daily opportunities to discover God's loving presence included:

- Walking a labyrinth
- Hiking around the Lake
- Time for personal meditation
- Participating in a yoga class
- Swimming
- Small group processing
- Worship
- Finger Painting
- Drum Circle
- Communion

The goodbye hugs and parting words on Sunday reflected our renewed love for God and our recognition of the divine in one another. We all felt the spirit of God had dwelt among us in this place and time.



*Haw River, photo by Kathy Stillerman*

## Highlight of the Week

By *CHRISSE HARDY*

*Children's Ministry Associate*



I had lunch this week with one of the valued members of our Children's Sunday School team. As we talked through some plans for next year, she told me that Sunday mornings with our children is the highlight of her week. Think about that for just a moment. Not a volunteer obligation that she's willing to fulfill in order to meet the needs of our church. It is the HIGHLIGHT of her week. Then, consider this: she is not the only one. I've had many of our outstanding children's faculty tell me that they look forward to Sunday mornings all week long. We are so blessed.

Many of my children's ministry colleagues in other churches are constantly bemoaning how difficult it is to find volunteers to cover all their slots or asking for how to get people to follow through on commitments that they have made. Not only do our children's leaders at Knollwood show up and do an outstanding job week after week, but they genuinely love doing it.

We have lots of great events planned for our new school year together: retreats, learning opportunities for parents, special events, service opportunities, Wednesday night programming, and more. But if I had to choose just one time for you to be at church (please don't make me choose one time, I'd really like you for all of it), Sunday mornings will have the biggest impact on your child's developing faith. These teachers love your children and are deeply invested in sharing the love of Jesus through the stories of our faith with them. The relationships that they build over the years with our children give your children trusted adults outside of your family to lean on as they grow and develop. Sunday mornings matter.

This year we will have a kbc.kids "Back to School night" with a potluck and important informational meeting on Saturday, August 25 at 5:30 PM. Bring a dish or two to share and enjoy the opportunity to fellowship with families you may not have seen over the summer. I'll have our 2018-2019 calendar for you and you'll have a chance to meet your children's Sunday School teachers, find out about Wednesday night schedule and opportunities, complete important paperwork and more. It will help us to have a smoother morning on our official "Welcome Back Sunday" on August 26 as children and parents will be able to move from Knollchat (9:15-9:45) directly into their Sunday School classes on time.

As you're looking at your fall schedules – and I know they're full – remember that there are remarkable men and women for whom an hour with your child is the highlight of their week.

## *kbc.kids* & Passport Camp

*at Montreat, North Carolina*



## Small Group Offerings at Knollwood

Faith formation small groups are starting again in September. You may contact organizers for dates, places, and topics (and watch for more details in next month's newsletter).

**Companions in Christ:** For information, contact Melanie Wilkinson, melanie.o.wilkinson@gmail.com, or Evalynn Davis, ebdavis@yadtel.net.

**Early morning Women's Bible Study #1:** For information, contact Dean Clifford at cliffordconsult@mindspring.com or 336-418-0278.

**Early morning Women's Bible Study #2:** 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:** Begins Sept. 11, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Contact Chrissy Hardy at chrissy@knollwood.org.

**Monday Morning Men:** Resumes Sept. 10 at 7 AM. For information, contact Chip Mims, cpmims3@gmail.com.

## Racial Equity Task Force Formed

by DIANE LIPSETT and FORREST CAUSBY

Since our church's founding and our first pastor, Knollwood has been committed to the struggle of civil rights and the cause of racial justice. Currently, this commitment is evident in topical studies, book groups, sermons, and missions efforts to improve equity for communities of color in our city and region.

With that rich foundation, a significant number of Knollwood members are expressing a desire for even more initiatives that will: (1) invite deeper understanding of the dynamics of discrimination, the continuing effects of racism, the advantages that accompany being white, and the complex goal of racial justice; (2) equip and enable members of Knollwood to act in informed ways to contribute to equitable treatment, opportunities, and outcomes in our places of employment, our community involvements, and our social relations.

Whether or not Knollwood is likely to become a more racially or ethnically mixed congregation, we work and live as Christians in a diverse society. We want to live out our faith in informed ways that contribute to righteousness and justice, relationship-building, and the wellbeing of all members of our community. We therefore want to know and do better in addressing root causes of racism, including in ourselves.

To that end, the DEC has appointed a task force to undertake three tasks. First, to host a training opportunity at Knollwood for members, teachers, leaders, deacons, and staff on the topic of racial justice. Second, to evaluate the outcome of the training and determine what steps may follow. Third, recommend how we might incorporate our learning into the life of our congregation, and how we might intentionally carry forward the work of racial equity in our church and community.

The task force is made up of the following members: Forrest Causby (Chair), Diane Lipsett (Staff Liaison), Gayle Anderson, Joy Vermillion Heinsohn, Mark Jensen, Katharine Martin, Kevin Mauney, and Spence O'Neill.

This group welcomes your prayers and suggestions, and looks forward to sharing the details of the training in the coming months. Please direct any questions to Forrest Causby, fcausby@gmail.com, or Diane Lipsett diane@knollwood.org.

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBER



**Shepherd Causby**

son of

Forrest and Corinne Causby

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## THANK YOU TO KNOLLWOOD

Thank you so much to our Knollwood friends for your thoughts, prayers, visits and other acts of kindness during our time of stress and grief. Special thanks to the reception committee.

*Sincerely, The Marvin Gentry Family*

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 14**

**Senior Adult Committee Year  
Planning Meeting and Lunch**

12:00 PM in A161

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 26**

**Lunch Trip to Pirate's Landing**

Join us for lunch after church at this pirate-themed seafood and steak restaurant in Elkin. The bus will depart from the front of the church.

You may also choose to drive yourself.

Sign up by Thursday, August 23.

## YEAR TO DATE MINISTRY BUDGET

Ministry Plan Budget YTD	\$728,316
Ministry Income YTD	\$632,442
Ministry Expenses YTD	\$627,192

# TTWS Summer Fun Continues

By LUCRECIA NORMAN

Minister of Senior Adults & Weekday Preschool



Summer Fun Week Three - “What Do I Want To Be When I Grow Up”

Our children used their imaginations to pretend what it would be like to be a Veterinarian, Dentist, Builder, Fire Fighter, Police Officer, and an Astronaut.



## Light With Truth Mission In Uganda



A recent \$3,000 missions gift from Knollwood is helping to build a new school at the Light with Truth Mission in Uganda; those monies also help provide teachers’ salaries and food for students.

The Rev. Samuel Kiguli, a Ugandan pastor presently in the U.S., regularly worships at Knollwood. Pastor Kiguli leads the Light with Truth Mission.



## Call Out For Knollwood Cookbooks

If you have a Knollwood Cookbook that you are willing to donate, please bring them to our library. We would like to add these to our existing resources.



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## WCC SUMMER SCHEDULE

### 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.

### GYMNASIUM SCHEDULE

[www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith](http://www.knollwood.org/exercising-faith)

### WCC WALKING TRACK

MON, TUES, THURS - 8 AM - 8 PM

WED - 8 AM - 5 PM

FRI - 8 AM - 5 PM

# Summer Ends, New Adventures Begin

By JOSH GODWIN

Minister of Youth and Recreation

As we near the final weeks of summer 2018, I reflect on what an incredible summer it has been with KBC. ym. We've gone across oceans. We've helped navigate the rolling rivers of VBS. We've served communities through PASSPORT-missions camp. How all of this was done in the span of five weeks, we may never know.



But those five weeks were an incredible experience for all involved, especially me.

Watching the joy and dedication with which our young people served was inspiring to watch, and a true treasure to be part of. The group who recently returned from PASSPORTmissions at Furman University worked, cried, and laughed our way through a week of serving the community of Greenville, South Carolina. When we weren't sorting books at the local Goodwill or getting covered in clay and tar while waterproofing the basement and foundation of an old neighborhood church, we were learning about what is "Enough." Bible studies, group devotions, and thoughtful worship services all helped us explore how God's grace is sufficient for our lives.

While summer is normally a time for seeking quiet and relaxation for recharging, these experiences have recharged my batteries more than any day off. And it's a good thing, too, because we aren't slowing down anytime soon! There are a few more happenings going on in August for current youth. Information for these can be found on the Youth Ministry page of our website. In addition, we are excited about welcoming new friends into our group at the end of this month. To all of the incoming folks into our ministry, get excited! You are about to join a dynamic family of folks who love each other, love our community, and love God. Sometimes that takes the form of acts of service; sometimes that takes the form of silly games. Either way, we are excited to welcome you into our family soon!



KBC Youth at PASSPORTmissions Camp at Furman University

# Being a "First Friend" to Visitors

By BEN WAGENER

Minister of Welcome and Engagement

Try this Personal Inventory to challenge yourself as a "First Friend" to Visitors.

Imagine for a moment that you are a visitor to Knollwood Baptist Church. You may want to slip in and out or you are interested not just in the worship or programs but also want to be warmly welcomed.

Is there anyone reaching out to you and not just handing a bulletin to you? Do church members even notice that you are there? Many of us may not remember how difficult searching for a new church can be.

A group called the EXODUS network which helps people relocate and connect to church communities in the US and Canada offers this inventory as a way to affirm and challenge you.

1. I search out visitors and newcomers at my church  
 Always  Sometimes  Never
2. I try to remember the names of the newcomers and introduce newcomers to other people in the church.  
 Always  Sometimes  Never
3. I invite newcomers to eat lunch with me or encourage them to join me to a church program or event.  
 Always  Sometimes  Never
4. I am able to look past a person's color, clothing, social standing, gender, or any other category.  
 Always  Sometimes  Never
5. I try to assist newcomers to locate resources and information they request that may be helpful about the church or community.  
 Always  Sometimes  Never
6. I don't look for visitors but just stay with my same friends.  
 Always  Sometimes  Never
7. I invite a neighbor, stranger, co-worker, or school friend to come with me or meet me at church.  
 Always  Sometimes  Never

How can we welcome the stranger as Jesus encourages us? Commit yourself to invest in an area above. Ask a staff member or a friend in the church to assist you as needed.



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PERIODICALS POSTAGE AT  
WINSTON-SALEM, NC

**AUGUST 2018**

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