

The Levy Update

Pastors are Off on Fridays

Wednesday, July 30th

Library Hours 5:15 p.m.—5:45 p.m.

Call to Dinner at 5:30 PM—Cost: \$10.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for kids 4-12 & kids 3 & under are free (**R.S.V.P. by noon Tuesday**)

Menu— Chicken & Dumplings, Southwest Salad, Brussell Sprouts & Pound Cake

Missions Class for Kids at 6:00 p.m. in Children's Library

Business Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 3rd

Library Hours 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.

Morning Worship at 10:15 a.m.

Torchlighters for Kids at 6:00 p.m.

Levy at Nite at 6:00 p.m.

Watermelon Supper

Wednesday, August 6th

Library Hours 5:15 p.m.—5:45 p.m.

Call to Dinner at 5:30 PM—Cost: \$10.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for kids 4-12 & kids 3 & under are free (**R.S.V.P. by noon Tuesday**)

Menu: — Cheeseburgers, Baked Beans, Tater Tots & Brownies

Missions Class for Kids at 6:00 p.m. in Children's Library

Midweek Prayer & Praise at 6:15 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.



Memorial gifts are necessary to the well-being of any congregation because of what they represent — one person's legacy, one congregation's act of worship.

A memorial gift has been received in memory of
Bernard Singleton by:
Tom & Faye Brown
Mark & Dena Sowell
John & Julie Drake



Is the Gospel Still Good News?

Let me ask you something, friend: is the Gospel still *good* news? In a world where cynicism is applauded and reverence is ridiculed, many are beginning to doubt whether the message of Jesus Christ is still relevant—let alone *true*. Some folks hear the “old, old story” and say, “That’s just it—it’s *old*.” And to them, it sounds too good to be believed.

Recently, I came across a song by a band called *The Wonder Years*—and let me tell you, I was heartbroken. The song is titled, “*I Won’t Say the Lord’s Prayer*,” and it may be one of the most bitter indictments of the Christian faith I’ve ever heard set to music. The singer defiantly declares—*twice*—“I refuse to live life on my knees.” Over and over, he portrays Christians as backwards, dangerous, and irrelevant. And then the last line cuts deep: “*I don’t need saving*.”

Beloved, that’s not just defiance—that’s deception. That’s a soul lost in the wilderness, building an altar to self rather than surrendering at the foot of the cross.

And yet, as a pastor, I don’t find it in my heart to be angry. No, my heart breaks for them. Many who scorn the church have been wounded by it. And some of their criticisms? Well, sadly, they’re not always wrong. As a wise old preacher once told me, “The church is the bride of Christ—but sometimes she can be a cruel mistress.” We must be honest about our failures. We must echo the words of the Apostle Paul: “*All have sinned and come short of the glory of God*.” That includes me. That includes you.

Here’s the glory of the Gospel: Jesus didn’t come for perfect people. He came for sinners. He came for the bruised, the broken, and yes—even the bitter. He didn’t come to patch up your pride. He came to crucify it and give you a brand-new heart.

The truth may sting, but it will set you free (John 8:32). And the same Word that convicts us of sin also proclaims a mercy that is **new every morning**. The Gospel *is* still good news—because I still need it. Every day. Every hour. Every moment. And thank God, His faithfulness never runs dry.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness.” —Lamentations 3:22–23

St. B. T. E.



🍉 Join us for a sweet slice of summer! 🍉

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Following **Levy at Nite** on **Sunday evening, August 3rd**,

we’ll gather in **Waymack Hall** for our beloved **Annual Watermelon Supper**.

There’s nothing quite like cold watermelon on a warm August night—
we’ll save you a seat and a slice!

Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You,
Happy Birthday God Bless You!

Happy Birthday to YOU!!



Aug. 1st—Jeannie West

Aug. 2nd—Gail Hart

Aug. 3rd—Kendall Claxton

Aug. 3rd—Rita Sexton

Aug. 3rd—Connie Crace

Aug. 3rd—Brenda Hooten

Aug. 3rd—Patrick Puckett

Aug. 5th—Janet Watkins

Aug. 7th—Paul Walker

Aug. 7th—Michael Deal

Aug. 11th—Nicole Krische

Aug. 12th—Miranda Grundy

Aug. 12th—Barry Baker

Aug. 14th—Ricky Hammon

Aug. 15th—Sylvia Parker

Aug. 19th—Jaxsen Cossey

Aug. 23rd—William Jones

Aug. 24th—Chris Chambers

Aug. 24th—Anita Brown

Aug. 25th—Jean Shinn

Aug. 27th—Susan Baxter

Aug. 28th—Jamie Cossey

Aug. 29th—Ethan Davidson

Aug. 30th—Mark Sowell

AUGUST IS NATIONAL CATFISH MONTH!

What better way to celebrate than with a plate of crispy, delicious Arkansas catfish?

JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY FISH FRY

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

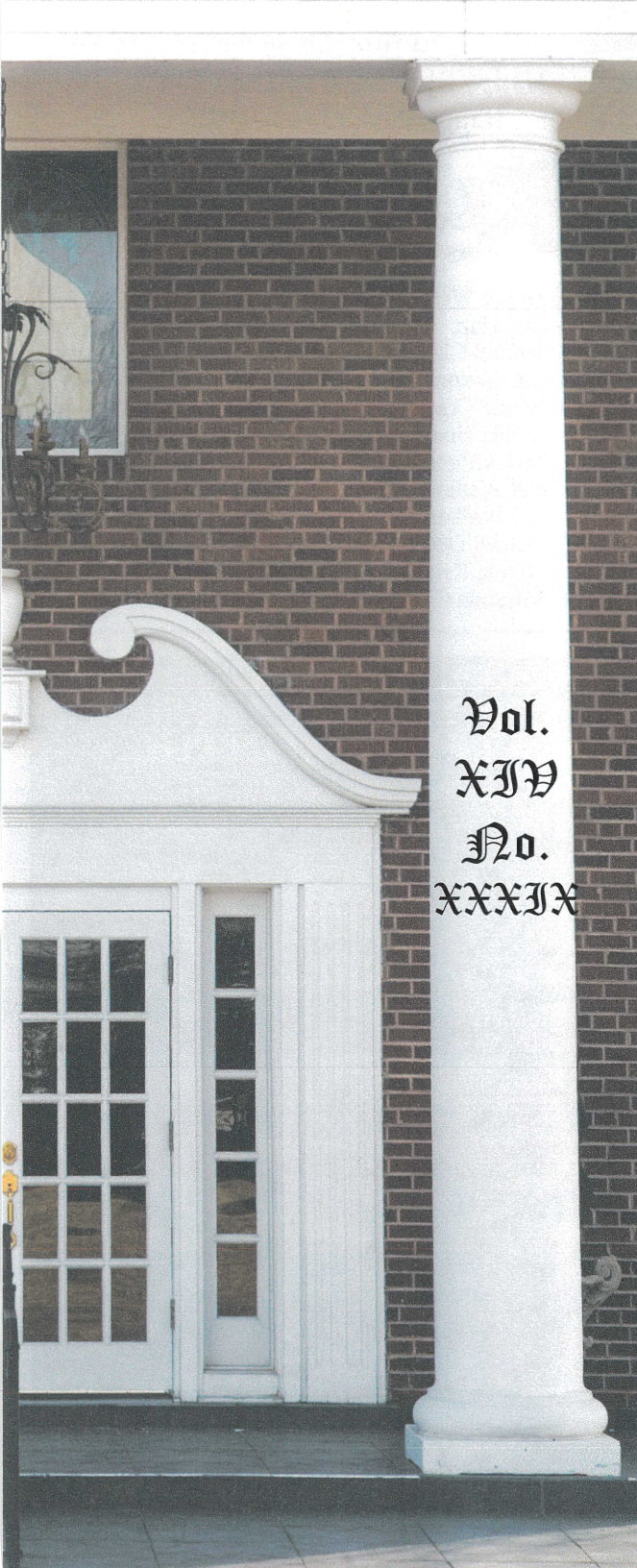


• fried catfish or chicken • coleslaw
• hushpuppies • baked beans • fried pie

\$15.00

LEVY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Summer Church Luncheon: A Shared Table of Fellowship

Sunday, August 24th | Following the 10:15 a.m. Service | Waymack Hall

You are warmly invited to join us for a luncheon immediately following morning worship. The church will graciously provide chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, and rolls.

To ensure a bountiful and diverse table, we ask Levytes to bring a dish to share, based on the first letter of their last name:

- **A–G:** Vegetable or Side Dish
- **H–N:** Salad
- **O–Z:** Dessert

In order to prepare appropriately, we kindly ask that you notify the church office of your attendance by Thursday, August 22nd. This will help us ensure that there is ample food and seating for all.

Let us gather in joy and gratitude as a church family around the table of fellowship.

