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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 1-12: Thailand Mission Trip

September: Office Closed

September 3: Choir Practice @ 5:45 PM, Mission Journey Kids and Student Discipleship @ 6:00 PM

September 7: Promotion Sunday, Student Foundation Night @ 4:30 PM

September 9: Luna Belle Meeting @ 6:00 PM

September 10: Olive Bessent Meeting @ Noon

September 14: Acts 1:8 Meeting @ 3:00 PM, Brotherhood Men's Meeting @ 5:00 PM

September 17: Wednesday In The Word @ 11:00 AM, Choir Practice @ 5:45 PM, Mission Journey Kids Mission Day and Student Discipleship @ 6:00 PM

September 18: Senior Adults lunch in Calabash

September 20: Senior Adults Ocean Drive @ 4:30 PM

September 21: Mission Sunday, Deacons Meeting @ 3:30 PM, Family Conference @ 5:00 PM

September 24: See You At the Pole @ 7:30 AM, Wednesday In The Word @ 11:00 AM, Choir Practice @ 5:45 PM, Mission Journey Kids and Student Discipleship @ 6:00 PM

September 28: WMU Event @ 5:00 PM

NCBC WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sundays

8:30 am - Prayer Warriors
8:45 am - Common Grounds (coffee)
9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Morning Worship

Wednesdays

11:00 am & 6:00 pm - Wednesday In The Word
5:45 - 7:00 pm - Celebration Choir
6:00 - 7:15 pm - Student Discipleship
6:00 - 7:15 pm - Mission Journey Kids



THE OUTREACH

North Conway Baptist Church Newsletter

September
2025



Current Sermon Series

On That Day: Major Lessons from the Minor Prophets

Though small in size, the Minor Prophets are large in truth. They want us to remember that a day is coming when the Lord will return and judge the unrighteous and bless the righteous. On That Day, we want to be sure that our hope is fully anchored in Jesus Christ. In this series, we will examine a book a week to see its key meaning and focus.



Welcome New Deacons

Glenn Cole, Eddie Goff,
Barrett Grooms, and
Rocky Reavis

WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD

New Format

WEDNESDAYS
Starting September 17
11:00 AM & 6:00 PM



No lunch will be provided; however, there will be a time for discussion following the message. Everyone is encouraged to form groups and go out for a meal together afterwards.





Family Conference

Remember to join us for this month's Family Conference Sunday, September 21 at 5:00 PM

Mission Sunday

Mission Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, September 21. This year, we will focus on our church plant partners, including Coastway Church and Pathway Church in Conway, Wellspring Church in Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, and The Church at Morgantown in Morgantown, West Virginia. We are excited to welcome guest speaker Tom Gore, the Strategist Church Planter from the Southern Baptist Convention, and special guest Pastor Jay Thompson, and Pathway Church members.

WMU Church-Wide Event

All ladies in 7th grade to adult are invited to a WMU Church-Wide event on Sunday, September 28, at 5:00 PM. You can learn more about WMU groups, and we will discuss a new mission partner opportunity. Please note that this event will replace the normal Salt and Light meeting. Salt and Light will resume their meetings on the last Sunday of the month in October.

Table for Eight Supper Club

It is not too late to join the Table for Eight Supper Club! We will have one last session in September through October. As part of our Koinonia focus this year, we seek ways to foster true fellowship throughout our congregation. A great way to build new relationships is around a meal. So this year, we will be offering a church-wide supper club. Some meals will be hosted in homes, while others will be in restaurants. Each group will decide what they prefer. Sign up today on the church app or website and get connected.

Pastor's Note

Proverbs 12:25

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.

I trust I don't have to spend a ton of time convincing you that anxiety is at an all-time high today. A quick Google search yields an avalanche of articles and statistics testifying to this. Whether due to social media comparisons, financial stress, health issues, increasing isolation, or just the daily grind of life, people today are more anxious and stressed than ever.

The effect of anxiety, as the proverb says, is that it weighs us down. In other words, it saps our strength, steals our joy, and drains our lives. Anxiety is the thief of all that is good and beautiful in life.

Thankfully, Solomon doesn't leave us hanging. While anxiety weighs us down, "a good word makes him glad." Wow—so simple! This immediately made me think of the importance of encouraging one another in the church.

A church member dealing with some health issues said something to me the other day that hit me. He said, "Sometimes I just need some encouragement." My heart went out to him. How often are people all around us weighed down by anxiety and the cares of life, aching for someone to give them "a good word"? I think it is safe to say that 99% of the people you talk to today need some encouragement.

In his book Love One Another, author and professor Jerry Sittser put it this way: "Encouragement is to people in the church what maintenance is to cars and trucks. We have to encourage people to help keep them going as disciples of Jesus over the long haul. When our brothers and sisters in Christ are lacking in zeal and passion, when they lose heart, when they're discouraged and facing disappointment, we must come alongside them with words of encouragement."

Here's what's cool: If we will commit to encouraging others, the Bible tells us we will be encouraged in turn (see Prov. 11:25). Brothers and sisters, let's not let one day go by without encouraging someone with a good word—that will make them glad!

-Pastor Will

2025 Church-Wide Focus:

Koinonia - Building Authentic Community in the Body of Christ

This year, our focus will be on fellowship—not just casual gatherings for meals, but true biblical fellowship. This is where believers in Christ come together in love, faith, and encouragement. As described in the Book of Acts, koinonia played a vital role in the early church's rapid growth. The same power is available to us today. As we work towards building community this year, we pray that God will use our efforts to bless us profoundly.

Our Deepest Sympathies are extended to

... Faye and Tony Barker, upon the death of Faye's mother, Ruby Lewis.
...Janice Woods, upon the death of her son, Gary Sauerwein.

With Gratitude

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot fully express how grateful I am for the love, prayers, and support you extended to me and my family during the passing of my beloved husband, Marshall Godwin. Your kindness, compassion, and presence brought comfort to us in one of the most difficult times of our lives.

Thank you for the beautiful service, the thoughtful visits, the meals, the cards and most of all, your prayers. Each gesture reminded me that we are not walking this journey alone. I felt surrounded by the warmth of a true church family.

Your love and support have been a blessing, and I am deeply thankful to be a part of such a caring and faith-filled community.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Jenny Godwin and Family

NEWS & UPDATES

July 2025

Year to Date Snapshot

Budgeted - \$617,071	
Spent - \$523,807	
Budget Receipts - \$538,786	
General Operating Funds - \$213,482	

Happy Birthday

- 1 Kathy Harris
- 3 Erich Kemper, Cynthia Johnson
- 7 Russell Porter, Laura Fowler
- 8 Ellison Johnson, Ernest Sapp
- 9 Lance Cooper, Bryce Skipper, Darlene Hickey
- 11 Kale Skipper, Chuck Fowler, Loren Richardson, Judith Green
- 12 Emma Anderson, Rocky Gregory
- 13 Emma Tufts
- 14 Mason Faine, Angie Johnson, Clara Rogers
- 17 Helen Vaught
- 19 Cheryl Backus
- 20 Greg Backus
- 21 Scott Hayes
- 22 Shane Day, Jeffrey Fulmer, Richard Sarvis
- 24 Kennedy Grooms
- 25 Priscilla Johnson
- 27 Judy Shelley
- 28 Josh Pierce
- 30 Adam Wood, Laura Murdock

2025 Offering Goal:

\$2,220,100

Season of Prayer for State Missions

September 7-14, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monthly WMU Meetings
Luna Belle Strickland
Tuesday, September 9, in the West Wing.
Olive Bessent WOM
Wednesday, September 10, due to Labor Day, at Noon
in the Conference room.
WMU Event
Sunday, September 28 (In place of Salt and Light



Sunshine Ladies
The Sunshine Ladies will meet for lunch and fellowship on Monday, September 15, at 11:30 AM. They will gather at Navado's, located at 3080 Hwy 90, Conway. If you need a ride, please get in touch with Patsy Ray at 843-421-5068. Don't forget to sign up at the Next Steps Desk in the Welcome Center.



See You At The Pole
On Wednesday, September 24th, students from around the world will gather around school flagpoles to pray for their schools, friends, families, nation, and the world, asking for God's help and guidance. Through our Heart4Schools partnership, NCBC will host the SYATP prayer rally at Conway Elementary School at 7:00 am.



Senior Adults

Ocean Drive Concert
On September 20, the senior adults will visit the Church of the Lost and Found in North Myrtle Beach to see Rivenbark Ministries. They will depart from NCBC at 4:30 PM.

Lunch and Fellowship
On September 18, the Senior Adults will be going to Calabash for lunch. Departure from the church will be at 10:30 AM. The cost will be \$10 and can be paid on the bus. Please sign up by September 14.

Save-the-Date Fish Fry
Senior Adults, join us for a Fish Fry Lunch at the church on October 9th at noon. Everything will be provided.

Sign-ups for all the events are at the Next Steps desk



MISSION JOURNEY: Kids
READY, SET, SHARE
2025-2026 Theme!

Mission Classes for Preschool and Elementary Kids
Wednesday Nights | September - May

September 3
Classes Begin 6-7:15 PM
Preschool Children's Wing
Elementary Fellowship Hall

FOOD TRUCKS | TRUNK OR TREATING | GIFT BASKETS

FAMILY FALL EVENT
S'MORE OF JESUS
NORTH CONWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
1608 SESSIONS STREET, CONWAY SC
OCTOBER 19 | 4-6 PM | FREE

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NCBC STUDENTS

Promotion Sunday
September 7

Foundation Night
September 7
Fun Warehouse
4:30-8:00 pm

Fall Retreat
September 21 - Sign Up Deadline
November 21-23 - Middle School
November 23-25 - High School

Note From Bryce
Sometimes I do enjoy having the power of the pen here in my little corner of the newsletter. Today I am offered the opportunity to embarrass a few students and I'm going to do just that. This summer, several of our guys have really taken to golf and a few have made it their mission to beat me on the course. Their determination is commendable. I have given them repeated chances yet they continue to falter when it matters. The wager is Krispy Kreme Donuts so make no mistake, the motivation is there. I assume writing this will only add to that motivation. Don't give up fellas. Motivation and determination can be a powerful combination yet sometimes, we still fail! As our students get back to school and find themselves in the slog of a new school year, motivation and determination are critical to success...in more ways than one. Returning to school each fall can bring back the anxieties of making friends, excelling in the classroom, and facing temptations avoided at home during summer. This can be especially true for students who are new to Middle or High School. What we need in these times are motivation and determination to pursue Christ in all things...including school! We need to understand that Jesus is the answer to every uncertainty, every fear, and every temptation we may face. Students, my prayer for you is that you will have boldness to represent Christ this school year. You can do ALL things through Him. He is your strength. Surround yourself with Christian friends. Be that friend! Pray daily for the Holy Spirit to lead you. You've got this! Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go...including Mrs. Johnson's Physics class.

-Mr. Bryce
"Want to change the world? There's nothing to it!"

Brotherhood MEN

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 14 BBQ DINNER

- 5:00 PM
- NCBC FELLOWSHIP HALL
- GUEST SPEAKER: REV. DAVID BRANNEN
- TOPIC: MANAGING OUR LIFESTYLES AND STILL PUTTING JESUS AT THE CENTER OF OUR LIVES
- FREE
- NO SIGN UP NEEDED

OCTOBER 12 SEAFOOD BASH

- 5:00 PM
- RUSSELL FOWLER'S FARM
4441 HWY 319
- GUEST SPEAKER: REV. JASON DEFOOR
- TOPIC: BIBLICAL ROLE OF MEN IN THE CHURCH AND REACHING MEN IN OUR COMMUNITY
- \$12
- SIGN UP BY OCTOBER 5

On the church website or app

MORE INFORMATION:

- www.northconwaybaptist.com
- North Conway Baptist Church Center App





"STUDENT VBS FUN"



"PEACHES FOR EVERYONE"



"STUDENT VBS FUN"



"THE OUTSIDERS"



BROTHERHOOD AT
PELICAN'S GAME



MEN'S GROUP
PELICAN'S GAME FUN

Celebrating the Baptism of



Blake
Lewis



Justin
Faulk



Bruce
Cummings



Thailand Mission Team

Please pray for the Thailand mission team led by Pastor Jay. They will be serving in Bangkok, Thailand, from September 1 to 12, collaborating with our mission partner, Ann Nagy. Their project will focus on one-on-one evangelism and conversational English with college students.

Prayer Requests



- Pray for our Ministry Teams:
 - Personnel Team—Praise God for the hard work and effort that our Personnel Team put into updating the Personnel Handbook that was adopted in our August Family Conference.
 - Ministry Placement—Praise God for the hard work and effort our Ministry Placement Team put into recruiting new volunteers for our 2025-2026 ministry year. Please continue to pray for all of our new officers, team members, and volunteers as they begin a new year of ministry.
 - Building and Grounds/Stewardship – Pray for our teams as they work to make the final decisions and begin the work to renovate and expand our student suite in the East Wing. This is a big renovation, and we hope to finish it by the year's end.
 - Deacon/Elders—Pray for our newly elected deacons: Glenn Cole, Eddie Goff, Barrett Grooms, and Rockey Reavis. Pray for them as they serve the church over the next three years as Deacon/Elders.

- Pray for our Upcoming Events
 - 2025 Vision: Koinonia—Pray for our Table of 8 fellowship groups. Our second group has been formed and is planning their dinners for the next two months. Pray for our group leaders as they organize this new set of meals. Pray as well for the dinners that they will be effective ways of building strong relationships in our church.
 - Mission Trip to Thailand—Pray for our church's mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand. Our team of ten will work with IMB Missionary Ann Nagy from September 1st through 12th.
 - Waccamaw Baptist Association Annual Meeting: Pray for the WBA annual meeting that will be hosted at our church on September 22nd. Pray for our worship team as we lead the music, and for Dr Jeff Gaskins as he leads the meeting.

- Pray for our Student Ministry
 - Pray for our upcoming Fall Retreat as we begin planning for what we hope will be a life-transforming weekend for our students.
 - Pray for safety and boldness for our students, teachers, school staff, and parents as school starts back up.
 - Pray for our upcoming Sunday School promotion and the new students joining our youth group.



- Pray for our Children's Ministry
 - Please pray for our Mission Journey Kids classes that will kick off this month.
 - Pray for Mission Journey Kids Leaders and Children's Sunday School Teachers as they begin a new year.
 - Pray for students and teachers at Conway Elementary School as we partner with them this school year. Pray that we can meet their needs in a way that shines Jesus.
 - Please pray for the Good News Club for the Fall Semester at Conway Elementary School. Pray for the leaders and students. Pray that the gospel is clearly presented and that hearts are changed.

- Pray for our Music Ministry
 - Please continue to pray for another audio/visual team member. Our desire is to train a new volunteer by the end of next month so they can begin serving in October.
 - Pray that we would not only gather to worship corporately on Sundays, but that we would come already prepared—hearts engaged in daily prayer, worship, and time in the Word. May our preparation throughout the week make our corporate worship even sweeter and bring greater glory to God.

- Pray for Pastor Will's Ministries
 - Pray for our upcoming Wednesday in the Word series through the Gospel of Mark, for good attendance in both the afternoon and evening sessions, and that God would use it to help us all grow deeper roots in Him.
 - Pray for our Sunday School classes as they host fellowships, inviting new people and reaching out to the community.
 - Pray for our First Impressions Ministry, that they would be encouraged as they faithfully welcome new people every Sunday morning.