





WHAT IS PROVIDED?

The BBQ meat smoked during the church campout will be the main course for this month's 5th Sunday Potluck on the 29th.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Sign up on the list provided for the BBQ buns, side dishes and desserts. Nancy McKelvey's service team will be staffing the potluck.



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Welcome to our time of Worship

Attended Nursery for ages 0-3years available down the hallway.

Attendants: Lora Leatherwood and Debra Williams

Order of Service

Opening Announcement • Time Godley

Song Leader • Glenn Elliott

I Surrender All - (Slides)
I Need Thee Every Hour - 837

Opening Prayer - Charlie Pollard

Oh, to Be Like Thee - 429 Have Thine Own Way - 552

Lord's Supper • Gary Stephenson

Lord's Supper Attendants:

Bob Huff
Sam Williams
Alex Carpenter
Matt Carpenter

Children's Worship Dismissal Ages 4 Years—2nd Grade Teachers • June and Jim Scott

Sweet Hour of Prayer - 827

Worship God With My Prayers

Ethan Brown

Softly and Tenderly - 934

Closing Prayer • Dan Heck

Thank you for throwing away trash in cans in the lobby and recycling papers in table basket

Weekly Bible Classes In-Person for All Ages

9:30 AM Sundays 6:30 PM Wednesdays

Tomorrow

Forward for Freedom 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM Fellowship Hall

This Week

Annual Camp Out September 27 - 29, 2024 Pavilion—Annex

5th Sunday Potluck - BBQ September 29, 2024 Pavilion - Annex

Carley and Alec Wedding Celebration September 28, 2024

Mark Your Calendar

Southeastern Children Home Tour October 10, 2024 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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Prayer is one of those activities that human beings do that is simple as long as we don't think about it, but very mysterious the moment we begin to think about it at all. As long as we don't think very deeply about what's happening, it is as natural as breathing. But when we begin to think about what is going on in prayer and why we do it, it becomes very strange in deed.

At one level, prayer is a conversation between our minds and the mind of God. Its very much like any other conversation that we have with other minds. When two people talk to each other, they share their thoughts and feelings through the words that they say to each other. Prayer is like that - we tell God about our thoughts and feelings.

But prayer is like a conversation between human persons only by analogy, because prayer isn't a conversation between two humans. Prayer is a conversation between a human person and God. That means that on the one side of the conversation is a finite mind with limited experience and knowledge, one that cannot see into the mind of its conversation partner. On the other side of the conversation is the opposite off all that: a mind that is infinitely wise, eternal, having had all experiences that are possible since the creation of the universe, who was already infinitely experienced and wise before creation, and who is able to see into the depths of the conversation partner - evening seeing things about us that we don't know about ourselves.

When we think about it this way, a lot of what we are doing in prayer becomes odd. Why tell that Person anything? He already knows; he certainly doesn't need me as an information source. He's my source, but I cannot inform him. Why ask him to do anything? Surely, he doesn't need my advice. If I were able to change his mind, wouldn't I be convincing him to do something less perfect than his original intentions? Yet the history of prayer shows that God does often act responsively to prayer, and that if we don't prayer there are things we miss out on. What is going on? It's all so strange.

If thinking this way about prayer makes prayer strange to us, why do it? Well, perhaps what we are doing needs to be challenged by this kind of thought. So often our prayers are reduced to asking God to do things for us - heal this person, give that person a job. What if prayer could be more than a list of requests?

At it's very heart, prayer is about opening the human spirit to God's Spirit. It is about becoming attentive and open to him. The praise and adoration that we say in our prayers don't necessarily do anything to God, but these activities can transform us. When we confess to God our weakness or sin, or we cry out to God about our needs or the needs of those we love, it changes our posture about all these things.

The truth is, our minds, hearts, bodies, and spirits desperately need the conversation with God much more than we need anything that might come of it. We need to be with him, and it is in prayer that we open ourselves most directly to his presence.

Ethan Brown



Pray and Care for Our Shut-Ins:

Reba Haynes Pat Jarvis
Eva Watkins Pete Hunter
Esperanza Harrington Jim Keevert

Prayer Updates are listed on the back. Long-term prayer lists are on the Prayer Board in the lobby.

How to send prayer requests and praise reports

- Use the "Prayer Request" and "Praise Report" forms on HvlCoC Connect at hvlcocnc.churchtrac.com.
- Fill out a paper card and put on the board, give to an elder, or give to a member of the Prayer Ministry Team.
- Email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayerhylcoc@gmail.com.

Coupons for Troops sends product coupons to military families. Please put coupons in the box in the lobby or give to the Farleys'.

Domestic

Palmetto Bible Camp (SC) Southeastern Children's Home (SC)



Foreign

Eastern European Missions—EEM Nekemte (Ethiopia) Samrit Kammanee (Thailand) Steve & Dianna Teel (Baxter Institute, Honduras)

Recent Sunday Attendance		
Date	9:30AM Bible Class	10:30AM Service
09/15	66	No Data
09/08	56	100

Contribution Numbers

Sept. Contribution	\$ 20,503	Place contributions in the boxes near the auditorium entrance, mail to the church office, or give online through HvlCoC Connect.
Sept. Budget	\$ 32,149	
Contribution YTD	\$ 207,894	
Budget YTD	\$ 237,902	

CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

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Our Mission Statement

As forgiven people who have been rescued by Jesus Christ, our calling is to:

- * Proclaim the good news of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus
- ★ Praise and honor our Father by seeking to live as Jesus did and taught
- ★ Teach and equip one another for works of loving service
- * Reach out and share the love and saving grace of Jesus with all people

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MINISTRY LEADERS

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Karen Fitzpatrick: Stephen & Care Ministry Jackie Gass: Forward for Freedom Ministry Evan & Karen McGee: Prayer Ministry

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