



*Our Mission:*

“Introducing people to Jesus Christ and strengthening lives through Him”

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**Worship**

10:00 am in-person Worship,  
and live-streamed on [YouTube](#)

**Sunday School Classes**

Cornerstone Adult Bible class - 9:00a-9:45a

Children's Bible classes - 10:00a-11:00

ages 0-12 years

September-May

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# NUMC NEWSLETTER

AUGUST  
2025



## The Pastor's Pen

Dear Beloved Family of Norwood UMC,  
Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As I write these words, day one of Vacation Bible School is in the books—and what a beautiful day it has been. I must confess, my heart is full. I was truly blown away by the hospitality, care, and joy that radiated from each and every volunteer. From the moment I walked into the building, it was clear: this is a church that loves Jesus and delights in sharing His love with others.

The decorations throughout the church were not only creative and colorful, but they also reflected the deep intention and passion behind this ministry. Every detail pointed to a desire to help children encounter the living Christ. Hats off to those who prepared crafts, transformed our space with vibrant decor, and gave so generously of their time and talents.

As I visited classrooms, I saw teachers who weren't just filling time—they were bearing witness. With passion and conviction, they shared the story of Christ's birth, and in doing so, they reminded me of my own early days in Sunday school. One moment especially stood out: a teacher read from John 1— "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Even as adults, we wrestle with the depth of that mystery. And yet, these little ones were joyfully shouting the name of Jesus every time they heard the word Word. What a holy and joy-filled moment!

I share all of this because amid the laughter, lessons, and even the inevitable VBS chaos, I sensed something sacred. The Spirit of God was here—present not just in the lessons, but in the small conversations, the warm greetings, and the shared purpose of pointing hearts toward Christ. It didn't feel like people were just "getting through the day." It felt like we were beholding something holy together.

Strahan Coleman, in his book *Beholding: Deepening Our Experience in God*, describes it this way:

"Beholding is the practice of gazing into God, gazing into us, gazing back into Him."

Isn't that beautiful? We look into the heart of God, and in turn, discover that He is looking into us with love—and

suddenly, we begin to see Him more clearly. Coleman goes on to say,

"Communion with God can be very ordinary because it involves our processing all parts of life with Him as we go... whether we see or feel Him there or not, He is there—like oxygen."

That's what I experienced at VBS. In the ordinary moments—passing out snacks, laughing with volunteers, talking with parents—God was there. Like breath in our lungs. Like joy that quietly steadies us.

As we enter the heart of summer—during the poolside chats, family barbecues, long walks, and even quiet evenings at home—I invite you to behold. Pause. Notice. Invite Jesus into your ordinary. Open the Word with a glass of sweet tea or lemonade in hand. Let His presence surprise you in the simple and the sacred alike.

I am so thankful to be beginning this journey with you. I already see the beauty of who you are, and I can't wait to see all the ways God will move in and through us in the days to come.

Have a joyful and blessed summer.

In Christ's love, Pastor Scott

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SAFE websites / forms. Click & explore!**

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Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry-our local food bank-a ministry of the Prospect Hill Baptist Church-needs donations for the upcoming fall and winter season. Please place donation in tote in narthex. *This is an opportunity to show our thankfulness for all God has given to us.*



always needs:  
condiments, sugar, flour,  
cooking oil, toiletries, paper  
towels, tissues, toilet paper



*"I sought the Lord, and He delivered me, and delivered me from all my fears."  
Psalm 34:4*

### Ongoing Prayer Needs

All those affected by violence & war, and for peace between world governments	Miriam Martin
Russell & Bethany Alexander	Janice MacBride
Bob Arrants	Mary (Gina Dukes)
Bobbie Blum	Liz Murray (Lynn Seidel)
Joe Bradford	Rev. Bill Neff
Brooke & Natalie (Maggie McCans)	Donna Riegel
Jim Chambers (Sally Vickers)	Linda Sams
Jerry Chreiman	Lynn Seidel
Michael Fletcher (Lynn Seidel)	Ruth Schenkenberger
Bill Gibbs	Sandra Shanahan
Eugene Holt (John Venafra)	Bernie, Bobbie & Katie Shimkus (Laura Welch)
Tina Kadri (Judy Arrants)	Sue (Mary Thompson)
Robin Kim	Michael Tate
Jamie King (Lynda Stine)	Jacob Tercha (Bobbi Blum)
Gary Leranian (Madeline Deane)	Joan Touhill (Lynn Seidel)
	Toya (Gina Dukes)

*Need a loved one added or deleted from the On-Going Prayer list? Simply call or email the church and we'll make the changes.*

### June 15 to July 13 Prayer Requests

Sabre/Luther Family	family of Byron Linthicum
Joan Schaefer	Military
Bill Gibbs	Paul
Mallory	TX flood victims
Mary Lou Smith	Doug
Lynn Crump	



Summer Worship schedule **ends September 1.**  
We currently meet downstairs in the air-conditioned Social Hall.

We will return **upstairs** to the Sanctuary on **September 7.**

There will be No Adult or Children's Bible Classes during June, July or August. Cornerstone Bible Class, Little Sprouts and Bible Bunch classes will resume September 15, 2024.  
~ Commission on ED

## New Addresses!

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Cards & calls welcomed!

**Pastor Domingos Fernando**  
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# Parents Corner

## Teaching Respect to Children

[DiscipleLand Staff](#) July 12, 2012 [Children's Ministry Curriculum](#), [Children's Ministry Resources](#) [1 Comment](#)

Dr. Scott Turansky, founder of [Biblical Parenting](#), writes, "When children lack respect, relationships suffer. Disrespect can be hurtful and embarrassing. It's important to teach children to be respectful in words and actions toward parents, other adults, and even toward each other. Respect focuses acting in a kind and humble way when interacting with others. It includes things like manners, greetings, and proper conversation techniques. Children need to learn how to show respect in practical terms so clearly define what is appropriate and what is not."

Respect begins with reverence

Children wonder, "Why fear God?" Though kids often hear about God's love, they rarely learn about the fear of the Lord. They are largely unaware that God commands people to fear and revere Him. As a result, children show disrespectful, indifferent, or flippant attitudes toward God.

Dr. James Dobson says, "Scripture teaches that children ought to respect their parents (1 Timothy 3:4) and that everyone should 'Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly' (Leviticus 19:32). This attitude of respect for our earthly elders also leads us more easily into proper respect for our heavenly Father."

To those who fear Him, God promises deliverance, love, protection, restoration, and reward. Those who know the Lord God Almighty possess a deep reverence and awe for Him. The "fear of the Lord" provides exclusive access to the halls of knowledge and wisdom. In fact, learning cannot take place until we fear the Lord! (Proverbs 1:7).

Teach children about God's majesty—His character, attributes, and nature. In [Core Bible curriculum](#), children will discover God's greatness. The more

they know about God's holiness, the more they will revere and love Him. God's very name is holy; speak about Him with great reverence (Exodus 20:20). Fear of the Lord sets God's children apart from those who profane the Almighty.

"Children will take their cues from you," says Dr. Robyn Silverman. "Simply put, if children are around respectful adults, they're more likely to show respect; however, when they're around disrespectful adults, they're more likely to show disrespectful behavior. Yelling, cursing, grabbing, shouting over, and sarcasm are transferable!"

The language children grow up hearing is the language they will speak. Respect begins at home and the best way to start is by [instilling the Word of God into our children from birth](#). It is never too late to remember what the Lord commanded us to do: "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Practical Idea: Bible Verses About Respect  
A child's heart is so moldable and requires persistent training to develop in the right direction. Take a look at our [new 416-page Bible StoryBook](#) or use the following verses to teach your children Biblical truths about respect.

Respect for the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Romans 1:20-22; 1 Peter 3:14-6; Revelation 4:11, 5:11-12

Respect for Elders and People in Authority

Leviticus 19:32; Romans 13:2, 7; 1 Timothy 6:1-2; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17

Respect for Family Members

Exodus 20:12; Matthew 15:4; Colossians 3:21; Ephesians 5:33, 6:2; Hebrews 12:9; 1 Peter 3:7

Respect for Neighbors and Others

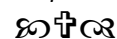
Philippians 2:3; 1 Peter 2:17

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Men's Breakfast will resume  
October 4<sup>th</sup>



Women's Breakfast will resume  
October 11<sup>th</sup>



**Handy  
Hands**  
will resume  
in  
September

### AUGUST Church Meetings

Tuesday August 5  
7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting  
Wednesday August 20  
7:00pm Trustee Meeting



Jane Hutchinson .....	2
Mary Thompson .....	5
Michelle Griffith .....	8
Deborah Choi.....	10
Monica Paye .....	19
Joyce Parcell .....	21
Breindel Agudzi-Baidoo.....	24
Logan Dreyer .....	26
Rev Rodney Longmire Sr .....	29
Lynn Crump .....	31
Melanie Passarella .....	31



### COMMUNITY EVENT NIGHT

May- September=Summer break.  
Will start up again in October.

Mo.	Liturgist	Joys	Ushers	
3-Aug	Ashley G.	Ashley G.	Bill F.	Jim V.
10-Aug	Delano A.	Sally V.	Holly G.	Carol H.
17-Aug	Joyce McKay	Anna G.	Bob G.	Lynda S.
24-Aug	Delano A.	Sally V.	Lynda S.	Jim V.
31-Aug	Jim V.	Anna G.	Tom G.	Bill F.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Word Search Puzzle



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**Find these words related to the month of August**

BOAT  
GARDEN  
CAMPFIRE  
BIKING  
FLOATIE  
FISHING  
RIVER  
AUGUST

KAYAK  
BARBECUE  
OCEAN  
CANOE  
PICNIC  
BEACH  
ICE (as in ice cream)



SUN  
SHADE  
VACATION  
SWIMSUIT  
SWIMMING  
POPSICLES  
READING

WARM  
LAKE  
TOWEL  
POOL  
PARK  
CAMPING  
SUNSET



The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

## AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Pastor's Day Off 9:00am Vacation Bible School 6:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm Vacation Bible School Closing Ceremony 10:00pm N.A.	<b>2</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>3</b> 10:00am Holy Communion during worship service 10:00am Worship Service	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Worship Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>7</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>8</b> Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>9</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>10</b> 10:00am Worship Service Newsletter Deadline	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>14</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>15</b> Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>16</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>17</b> 10:00am Worship Service	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Trustee Meeting 7:30pm N.A.	<b>21</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>22</b> Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>23</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>24</b> 10:00am Worship Service	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30pm N.A.	<b>28</b> 5:30pm N.A. 7:00pm Nar-Anon	<b>29</b> Pastor's Day Off 6:00pm Youth Group 10:00pm N.A.	<b>30</b> 11:00am N.A.
<b>31</b> 10:00am Worship Service						