

AUGUST 2019

LIFE AT MEMORIAL

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

"For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. The wild animals in the fields will thank me, the jackals and owls, too, for giving them water in the desert. Yes, I will make rivers in the dry wasteland so my chosen people can be refreshed. I have made Israel for myself, and they will someday honor me before the whole world." (Isaiah 43:19–21 New Living Translation)

Summer is coming to an end, and school is almost here. Students are already gearing up for a new season of fall sports, band and other activities. Parents are getting ready too. It's the time for back to school shopping, so that we make sure that everyone has some nice clothing that fits well for that first day back.

In this passage in Isaiah, God spoke through the prophet to His people to prepare them for something new. Even though the Israelites didn't know it, Isaiah is already talking about a coming Messiah who would fulfill Isaiah 43:25 – *"I—yes, I alone—will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again."* (Isaiah 43:25, NLT) What a wonderful promise!

We're preparing for a new season at Memorial Presbyterian Church too. Soon, we will start up our Wednesday Night meals once again and our Wednesday Night Children and Youth ministries. I hope you will be able to join us on Wednesdays, and invite your friends, family, and any kids in your neighborhood who will want to come too. We're looking forward to a fruitful time of sharing our lives with each other and seeing God at work in our community. Hope to see you there!

Pastor Tim

From the Choir Loft:

One of our choir members came up with the most wonderful book of "singable" Psalms. It arranges the words of the Psalms in a manner that they can be sung to popular hymn tunes. I love the way that the Psalms address so many aspects of our worship: praise, thanksgiving, confession, joy, freedom from sin, etc. Please join your voice with ours as we include these wonderful arrangements in our worship.

And, as always, we welcome new voices to our choir! You need not be a soloist or an accomplished musician. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30-7:30, and we would love to see new faces and hear your voice blend with ours!



Watermelon
Cutting
Social!!

Sunday, August 18
6:30 PM
On the Church Lawn

Invite your friends,
family and neighbors for
fresh watermelon, yard
games and fellowship!



Sheds of Hope Construction Continues...

Men, don't forget that Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30 pm has been set aside for continued work on the Disaster Response Sheds of Hope. If you can give an hour or two some Tuesday, please join the other men as they work at 720 Oak Street, Elizabethton. Hopefully we will have a few completed soon to be sent to the PCA Disaster Response Warehouse in Rome, GA.



Our mid-week activities are schedule to resume on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. That means our **Wednesday Night Dinners** will begin again at 5:30 pm and the **Children and Youth Programs** will follow at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars and plan to start attending!

Serving FFTM in August

Memorial will be serving FFTM on Saturday, August 24th at 9 am. Please consider picking up a casserole pan and ingredients (available on Sunday, August 18th). Plus we can always use help to serve, washing dishes and mop floors on the 24th!

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40



Remember to keep the teachers and students in your prayers as school is back in session this month (city schools resume on August 8th). What an influence the right teacher can have on a child!