





GREETINGS to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! As we enter the beautiful summer months in the mountains, let us be thankful for God's grace and mercy and for the privilege of living here. We welcome back those who have been away in Florida for the winter months!

COVID PROTOCOLS have been relaxed each month as more people are vaccinated. Masks are optional at all church events, and spacing has been reduced. Ventilation is provided. Please respect those who still prefer to wear a mask. RIDGE HAVEN STAFF PROTOCOLS: As the staff of Ridge Haven comes to worship with us in June and July, know that each one has been tested for COVID and that temperature screening checks are done daily at camp. The staff may be required to wear masks at some inside venues.

WORSHIP continues each Lord's Day at 11:00 am in the sanctuary. Video transmission of the worship service is also available in the Fellowship Hall for additional seating. On May 30th, Phil Fiol, one of our missionaries, will give a report during the Sunday School hour in the Fellowship Hall and then preach at the worship service. COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, June 6th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for adults and children welcomes all at 9:45 am prior to worship services. Rev. Tom Osterhaus continues his study through the Bible in the Fellowship Hall and the children meet in classroom #3. PRAYER WITH AN ELDER is available on Sundays at 10:40-11:00 am in the Library.

BIBLE STUDIES in person led by the pastor are "on vacation" until late summer. Watch for an announcement of their rescheduling. Dr. Howard Jones continues his Bible study at 1:00 p.m. every other Friday as long as he is able.

LUNCH will be served after worship on May 30th, June 13th and June 27th in the Fellowship Hall. The lunch on May 30th will give us an opportunity to express our gratitude to Debbie Davis, our long-time Music Director, who is leaving for another church position much nearer her home in Canton, NC. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship with the young staff people from Ridge Haven, and in July also with Brevard Music Center staff. Church members are asked for a \$5/ person donation, payable in the Fellowship Hall, and to SIGN UP ON THE SHEETS PROVIDED IN THE LOBBY for lunch. Rebecca Hagedorn will need some help in serving and cleaning up afterwards.

MISSIONS: Please pray for our missionaries each day; they covet our support as they labor in the Lord's name in places we do not go. The Stocks have returned to India, where COVID conditions are dangerous. The Luptons are on leave from Bogata, Colombia, and they will speak at our church in August. The Fiols are ending their quarantine here in the states so they can be vaccinated here. And as COVID restrictions are relaxed at Western Carolina and Appalachian State Universities, pray that students will again come forward to worship and learn with the Shanks and the Herrons through RUF.

PEOPLE: Alex and Barbara Ritchey have requested a letter of transfer to See Off Baptist Church. Godspeed! We will miss you!

FATHERS DAY June 20 (Just a reminder).

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE: Barbara Ritchey (2nd); Steve Cobb (3rd); Brett Koppin (3rd); Kelly Cobb (5th); Richard Raab (7th); Joyce Thomas (12th); Barbara Cobb (14th); Bill Noran (22nd); Eli Lipsey (23rd); Jean Martin (25th); Wayne Thomas (27th); Evie Koppin (30th).

WHAT WE BELIEVE: "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." (Mark 8:34-38)