

*September 2020*

# *North Spray News*



## **A LINE FROM LEM**

*By Lem Hardison, Minister*



### **THE DAY APPROACHING**

I just finished reading a book entitled "The Day Approaching." It was written by Imir Tsarfati, a native Israeli and former major in the Israeli Defense Forces. He is the founder and president of Behold Israel, a nonprofit ministry that provides access to news and information about Israel from a biblical and prophetic standpoint.

As a Jewish native Israeli, who is a Christian, he has a distinct perspective that weaves biblical history, current events, and Bible prophecy together to shine light on the mysteries about the end times. From his vantage point in the Middle East and through careful Bible study, he points to evidence that informs us the return of the Lord is imminent.

His book is a message of warning and hope for the last days. I am getting more and more questions about the subject so would like to share some of the Bible's teachings and his research in the coming weeks.

See You Sunday on ZOOM,  
Lem

### **Notes from the Secretary:**

*As we continue our recovery efforts at the church, we want you to know that Lem and I are still here to serve and assist you in whatever way we can. We have each set up temporary off campus offices. If you need assistance, you can still call the church phone and leave a voicemail. We will respond as soon as possible. Also, during office hours 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., you may reach me at 336-552-5697. Thank you for your love and support.*

*The Secret Place and Our Daily Bread, our quarterly devotional books have arrived for fall. They have been placed **on the table just inside the back door into the fellowship hall.** If you don't have a key to the church and would like to have this material,*

please call me at the church phone number, 336-623-2371, and leave a voicemail message or call my cell number during office hours (336-552-5697), and I will see that you get them.

## **JOIN US ONLINE!**

*Service Hosted on Zoom!*

*Each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.*



Join Online: <https://zoom.us/j/99879722687>

Join by Zoom App: 998 7972 2687

Join by Phone: 646.558.8656 (Access Code: 998 7972 2687)

Due to the fire at the church of July 11, we will continue having our online services until further notice. Here are the methods you can use to join us:

### **Online**

<https://zoom.us/j/99879722687>

### **Zoom App**

Download the Zoom Cloud Meetings app in your app store and join us using the access code of 998 7972 2687.

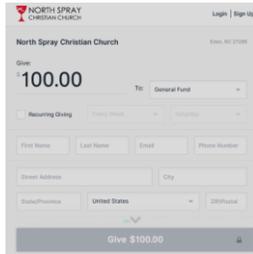
### **Phone**

Call 646.558.8656 and use 998 7972 2687 as the access code.

We encourage you to continue to **give your tithes and offerings during this time.** Our church property still needs to be maintained even though we are not meeting at this time. You may mail your offering to the church at 521 Washburn Avenue. Our mail is being checked daily.

**Please Note: When you send your tithe by mail please include your numbered offering envelope with it, so that we will have a record to keep after the money is deposited. Deposits are made on Tuesdays, so if your offering is received after that, they will be deposited the following week.**

Also, remember our online giving option. Gifts can be made to our General Fund and Memorial Fund, as well as for special offerings. You can give a one-time gift or setup recurring giving if you wish to give every week or month. Options are available to give either by credit/debit card or bank draft.



Visit [northspraychristianchurch.com/giving](http://northspraychristianchurch.com/giving) to get started. If you have any questions, please contact Thomas Knight at [tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com](mailto:tknight@northspraychristianchurch.com).



**F.Y. I. (For Your Information)**

*By Sylvia Brown, Editor*

**Labor Day  
Monday, September 7  
Office Closed**



**Patriot Day  
Friday,  
September 11**

Because of the Coronavirus restrictions and our building experiencing fire damage repairs, we unfortunately will not be able to have our annual **Homecoming service and meal on the grounds** this year. We look forward to next year in the hopes that we can celebrate 112 years together!!

**Birthdays for September**

- Mike Gray 6
- Karen Hankins 7
- Louise Washburn 8
- Obera Harris 9
- Charles Washburn 11
- Pauline Litaker 13
- Judy Barnes 14
- Pat Marsh, Kathryn Ragland 18
- Olivia Strader 19
- Lou Strutton 23
- Nicole Wade 24
- Rhonda Knight 28



Thomas Strader 29

**Anniversaries for September**

- Alan & Carolyn Pratt 9
- Doug & Karen Hankins 20
- Roger & Lugene Compton 22



**Service Opportunities:  
Cooperative Christian Ministries (CCM)**

*By Sylvia Brown, Editor*

**The CCM food pantry is located at the Leaksville Moravian Church.** The food pantry is open 9:30-12:00 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Those in need should go to the church at these times and they will be assisted once a month. We are asked to bring food on the **first Sunday of each month** and place it in the box in the hallway. There is always a need for **2 lb. bags of sugar & flour, peanut butter and jelly, rice, Jiffy muffin mix, spaghetti sauce, powdered or canned milk, cereal, crackers, and all canned goods, especially meats, soups, and fruits.**



**CCM is more than a food pantry.** You may also give monetary donations to help clients with utilities and for purchasing extra food. These can be put in a pew envelope and marked for CCM on the outside or send your donations to PO Box 931, Eden, NC 27289-0931. All of your donations, food and funds, are greatly appreciated.

***Thank you to Barney and Lou Strutton for delivering our donations to the food closet each month!***

**Salvation Army Service**

We are serving meals at the **Salvation Army** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Fridays each month. This month our date will be **Friday, September 18.** Our thanks to those who serve so faithfully. If you would like to volunteer to help with this ministry, please see Bobbie Hill.





**Operation Christmas Child** Collection time is right around the corner. Now is a good time to start purchasing your items to go in your shoeboxes.

**Shoeboxes will be distributed a little differently this year. Or you can purchase a plastic shoebox to put your items in. More information on shoebox distribution to come.**

The Triumphant Quartet Bus Trip has been rescheduled for **Saturday, November 14**. We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m. We look forward to this time of fellowship and great gospel music!

## Youth Yak. . .

By Beth Lewis/Heather Wakefield

Please remember our youth, their parents, and the teachers in our community as they begin a new school year and deal with all the issues of educating during a pandemic.

## Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF)

By Faye Wood, President



The **CWF** has **boxed greeting cards** (priced on box) and **Danny Duzit scrubbing pads** (\$2.00 each) on sale. These may be purchased from any member of the CWF. Money can be given to Michelle Walker or the church office. These items are in the closet just beyond the coat rack in the hallway.

## Christian Men's Fellowship (CMF)

By Paul White, President



Stay tuned to our social media for information about future CMF meetings.

## A Word from the Board

By Heather Wakefield, Board Chair



**North Spray Christian Church gratefully**

**acknowledges a gift given to us from the Spray United Methodist Church to aid us in recuperating from our fire damage. We also thank them for their generous assistance in repairing the hole in the yard near the labyrinth.**

**Thank you also for the gift from Stephen Bailey for our recovery efforts and the anonymous gift to replace some of Lem's books.**

The next meeting of the board is scheduled for **Monday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m.** Stay tuned to our social media for information about whether it will be a virtual meeting.

Please note: If you are making a purchase for a committee you serve on, remember to always get the approval of the committee chair before proceeding with the purchase. We need to remember to be good stewards of our funds.



We are still participating in a fundraiser with **Recycling Fundraiser** (formerly

EcoPhones), which will accept **inkjet cartridges, all cell phones, all tablets, and select other portable electronic devices**. If you have any of these items you would like to donate, drop them in the box in the corner of the Communion Room. Please support our church by recycling your used electronics. See Thomas Knight if you have any questions.

**Each Monday night** some of our members are meeting at the church to pray. We share prayer concerns and Bible study, pray, and share communion beginning at **6:30 p.m. Come, join us!**

**The Thursday Bible Study group** will resume their meetings as soon as repairs are made from the fire and we feel it is safe for us to meet together again. Watch our social media for announcements.

**REMEMBER THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS:** (\*NSCC members)



### Immediate Needs:

\*Bill Koontz – lost hearing in right ear – may be permanent – doing tests in Chapel Hill – 408 Highland Drive

Shelvia Koontz – Bill's mother – Room 520, Brian Center – diagnosed w/COVID-19

\*Kim Morrison – Broken arm from fall – 230 Hidden Valley Dr., Apt. 237

Mike Nunn – Kathryn Doss' son-in-law – 74 Frye Street, Bassett, VA 24055

\*Clay Perkins – 420 Cedar Street – Cancer has returned and gone into brain; under Hospice care  
 \*Mary Lee Perkins – recuperating after hospitalization – 420 Cedar Street  
 Kim Pulliam – shoulder surgery on 9/1 – 1025 Klyce Street, Apt. 1  
 Martha Spurlin – Barbara’s daughter – Sioux Falls, SD  
 \*John Stacey – under Hospice care - 1106 Harris Street  
 \*Jerry Walker - Heart issues – 148 Laurell Drive, Eden  
 \*Charles Washburn – dental surgery on 8/26 – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148

#### **Ongoing Needs/Homebound:**

Belle Banks – 1305 Wentworth St., Reidsville  
 \*Judy Barnes – 316 Harry Akers Street  
 Bernice “Tootsie” Carter – 714 Church Street  
 Jackie Chandler – 123 Taft Street  
 \*Faye Clark – Room 189, UNC Rockingham Nursing Center  
 Hazel Compton – Roger’s mother – Brian Center  
 \*June Gatewood – 408 Highland Drive  
 Shirley Gray - Mike’s mother, UNC Rockingham Nursing Center  
 Malta Hagler – Betty Shively’s cousin/Bill Koontz’s aunt – Trinity Glen, 849 Water Works Road, Apt. 401A, Winston-Salem, NC 27107  
 Ron Hardison – Arbor Glen Apts., 637 S. Pierce St., Apt. E  
 Lawrence Harris – 93 Ford Street, Collinsville, VA 24075  
 \*Obera Harris – 810 McConnell Avenue  
 Luanne Joyce – Sylvia Brown’s sister – Room 403, Brookdale, 2931 Vance Street, Reidsville 27320  
 \*Diane Kennon – 340 Daniel Adkins Street  
 \*Connie Koontz – 408 Highland Drive  
 Geneva Lawson – Nursing Home in Banner Elk – Severe Dementia  
 \*Pauline Litaker – c/o 5215 Southwind Road, Greensboro, NC 27455  
 Ashley Long – Diagnosed w/Ankylosing Spondylitis (a rare, genetic autoimmune arthritis) 148 White Oak Court  
 \*Lillie Meeks – Room 15, Brookdale, 314 W. Kings Hwy.  
 Roy Mouldin, former pastor at Kings Hwy. Christian – 14671 Hwy. 87  
 Mike & Lynda Perry – 407 Lynrock Street  
 \*Kathryn Metro Ragland – 312 Coleman Street  
 LaRue Roberts – 251 N. 114<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit 412, Apache Junction, AZ 85120  
 Kayla Sawyers & family – 411 Sherwood Court  
 Bobbie Shough – 236 Harrison Street  
 Jill Slaughter – Room 306, Brian Center

Martie Stephens – Alzheimer’s Unit at Meadows Mennonite Community in Chenoa, IL Send cards to: 14529 Saturn Circle, Bloomington, IL 61704  
 Nancy Stone – Angie Strader’s cousin – recuperating from heart transplant surgery at home – 460 Hanson Ave., Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
 \*Ray and \*Angie Strader and family – 636 Riverside Drive  
 Susan Talley – 213 Portsmouth Drive  
 \*Nathan Townsend – 241 Turner Drive, Unit C, Reidsville  
 Patsy Vestal – 640 E. Stadium Drive  
 Scott Vestal – 555 Victor Street  
 Peakie Ward - Jean & Rhonda’s cousin - 1127 Lawson Street  
 \*Louise Washburn – 201 Saturn Dr., Ridgeway, VA 24148  
 \*Harriet Washburn – 1229 Harris Street  
 Joyce White – Frankie’s mother/Nancy’s sister – 206 Howe Street  
 \*Marissa Wright and Family – 519 Orchard Drive  
 \*Faye & \*Melvin Wood – 9730 Hwy. 87, Reidsville, 27320

#### ***Our Christian Sympathy is extended to:***

*Mary Barrett at the death of her mother-in-law, Annie Pendleton, on July 29.*

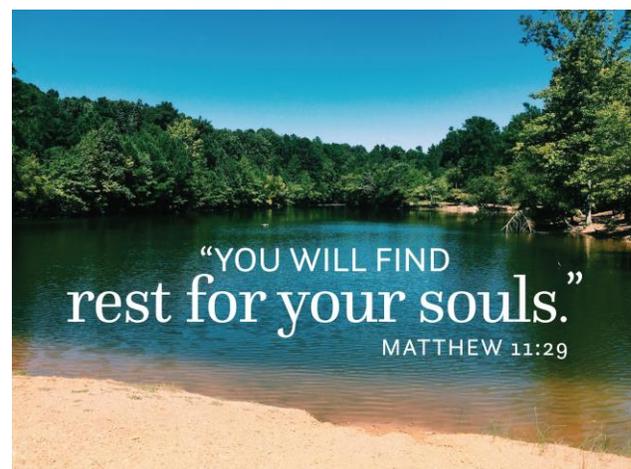
*The family of Sandra Davis at her death on Saturday, August 15.*

*The family of Chris Caldwell, Heather Wakefield’s boss at Gildan, at his death on Saturday, Aug. 22.*

*The family of Millie Woods at her death on Tuesday, August 25. Millie was Betty Shively’s niece and Pat Marsh’s sister.*



If you would like to make a prayer request visit [northspraychristianchurch.com/prayer](http://northspraychristianchurch.com/prayer) to submit your request.



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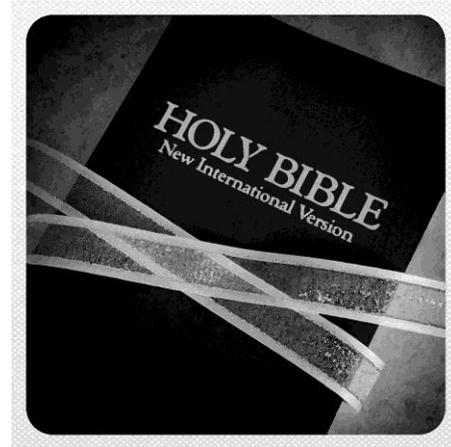


*Three things we should do about the Bible:*

*... We should love it*

*... We should learn it*

*... We should live it!*

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