




TENTATIVE SCHEDULE for JULY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	THURSDAY	Friday	Saturday
JULY SCRIPTURE VERSE - ISAIAH 64:4 “From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for Him.”			1 No Evening Service	2 Aerobics 5:30 pm	3 Church office closed in observance of Independence Day Free Praise/Worship Band Concert 7-9 pm FBC Pavilion	4 
5 ZOOM SS 4 pm	6 Aerobics 5:30 pm Small Group Prophecy Study 6:30 pm Deacons' Meeting 7 pm	7	8 Wilderness Wednesday 5:45-7 pm Age 4-Grade 5 Family Prayer Meeting 6 pm Nursery provided Choir rehearsal -7:15	9 Aerobics 5:30 pm	10 11 FAMILY CAMPOUT  See Philip Arnall for details	
12 ZOOM SS 4 pm Jason Queen Japan Mission Report Ice Cream Fellowship to follow 6 pm	13 Aerobics 5:30 pm Small Group Prophecy Study 6:30 pm	14 WMU Heart to Hands Fellowship Hall 10 am	15 Wilderness Wednesday 5:45-7 pm Age 4-Grade 5 Family Prayer Meeting 6 pm Nursery provided Choir rehearsal -7:15	16 Aerobics 5:30 pm	17  7:00 PM ANY CENTER	18
19  ZOOM SS 4 pm	20 Aerobics 5:30 pm Small Group Prophecy Study 6:30 pm	21 Men's Prayer Time 6:30 am	22 Wilderness Wednesday 5:45-7 pm Age 4-Grade 5 Family Prayer Meeting 6 pm Nursery provided Choir rehearsal -7:15	23 Aerobics 5:30 pm	24  CAMP MORGANTON	25 S.A.L.T.
26 ZOOM SS 4 pm	27 Aerobics 5:30 pm Small Group Prophecy Study 6:30 pm	28  10 am—Noon Age 4—Grade 5 Parents Welcome	29 Wilderness Wednesday 5:45-7 pm Age 4-Grade 5 Family Prayer Meeting 6 pm Nursery provided Choir rehearsal -7:15	30 Aerobics 5:30 pm	31	August 1

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- 5 Cecil Anderson
- 12 Bob Brady
- 19 Mark Dressler
- 26 Shan Culpepper

CHURCH SERVICE SECURITY

- 5 Larry Dyer
- 12 Mike George
- 19 Jerry Gordon
- 26 Hollis Hope

JULY BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU CELEBRATE YOUR SPECIAL DAY!

- 1 Jason Queen
- 3 Don & Betty Wilson (A)
- 6 Jeannie Hope
- 9 Peggy Holzgreffe
- Patsy Potter
- 10 Kim Coshow
- 11 Julie Shirah
- 15 Terrell Ruis
- 16 Don Wilson
- Callon Dressler
- 18 Wade Ezell
- Emily Salas
- 20 Denise Place
- 21 Annabelle Sowers
- Emily Beavers
- 23 Rhonda Taylor
- Barbara Ruis
- 27 Annette Sisson
- 28 Lilah Shields



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Matthew 3:8 "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance."

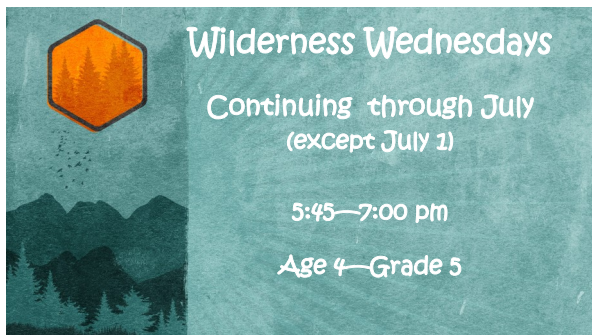
The fruit trees at our home are bearing their fruit. I love walking outside during these cool June mornings to see dew-dipped blueberries and golf ball size peaches growing on the bushes and trees. Obviously, the type of tree determines the type of fruit that I see. I have never expected to see bananas growing on our peach tree or strawberries bursting from the blueberry bushes.



Matthew 3 is describing a scene on the banks of the Jordan River: one day John the Baptist is preaching, he looks around on the congregation and sees in it Pharisees and Scribes, religious leaders who were enslaving the people by their laws and over-lording aggression, and he could not contain his emotions: "You bunch of snakes!" They were definitely not producing fruit that would indicate changed or cleansed lives. How could he baptize a man or woman which represented their desire to have their sins washed away, when they were still living in those sins? This is not unlike a person in our day that comes to the church, makes a profession of faith in Jesus Christ, is baptized, and then goes away living as wickedly as he/she came.

John and Jesus were both preaching repentance, and repentance is a complete turning away from old sins or old ways. If your life was bearing the fruit of anger before, then it should be bearing the fruit of patience now. If your life bore the fruit of sensuality before, then following true repentance it should bear fruits of chastity and virtue now. We are all fruit inspectors; the biggest problem is that, unlike the old adage, we see the forest around us and miss the tree of our own life. Are the fruits that are growing and showing in your life fitting of a life of repentance? Do they appear as righteousness since we as redeemed children of God have taken on the righteousness of Christ? The fruit is one of the best indicators of the type and health of the tree, so what is the fruit of your life telling you? What is it telling others?

Pastor Rusty



**Family
Campout**
July 10 –11
See Philip Arnall
for details



How blessed we are to be in Blue Ridge during these inconvenient times. My family and I were able to get away for a few days of rest in Amelia Island, Florida. As you travel further away from North Georgia and go into more populated areas you can almost feel the tension and irritability from the circumstances that our country is going through.

As we passed through Atlanta, we were aware of the violence that had broken out there. We passed through a small county in South Georgia, smaller than our county, that has reported over 200 cases of Covid-19! We visited a shopping mall in Jacksonville, Florida where stores could only allow a small number of people in. Long waiting lines were outside the store and masks were required. We attended a small gathering of believers in an early service that seemed overly cautious and very limited in their time of worship. Why would I say all of this? I am saying all of this to remind us to be thankful that God has placed us in this small community, where we are cautious, but not fearful. I thank God for the freedom that we have experienced in our worship services, continued ministries to children and families, and service in the community. My heart breaks for the communities that are gripped by fear, anxiety, violence, and isolation. May we pray for these communities.

Pray that the church will be loving, bold, and courageous to step out and minister fearlessly for the sake of Christ! Yes, may we all say like the Psalmist in Psalms 16:6, "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good inheritance." May we thank God everyday for placing us in this little mountain community. But may we also seek to take the message of Christ, lovingly, boldly, and confidently to a world that desperately needs to hear it.

Thankful for all of you!
Pastor Bob