

Dear Church Family,

Have you ever been driving while tired or drowsy? You've gone some distance and had an instantaneous scary thought, "how did I get here?"

While I was in seminary, one day I was driving back home and I was roughly an hour into my three hour trip when I had one of these moments. I hadn't fallen asleep but I couldn't remember about 20 minutes of my drive. Oh man, it scared me to death.

I came across a column the other day and it was talking about God's guidance in our life and how He leads us, even when we are unaware of what is going on. The column mentioned a farmer and author by the name of Wendell Berry and his novel Jayber Crow. In the novel the character Jayber says this about God's guidance in his life.

"Often I have not known where I was going until I was already there. I have had my share of desires and goals, but my life has come to me or I have gone to it mainly by way of mistakes and surprises. Often I have received better than I deserved. Often my faintest hopes have rested on bad mistakes. I am an ignorant pilgrim, crossing a dark valley. And yet for a long time, looking back, I have been unable to shake off the feeling that I have been led—make of that what you will."

I think sometimes in our lives we can relate to drowsy car driving. We don't know how we got into situations and circumstance that we find ourselves in. While we might find ourselves in those thought patterns at times, I often find myself fully understanding that I could not have gotten to the point that I am in this life if it wasn't for the grace of God.

*"Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"* Isaiah 30:21

Joshua 24:15,

Rob Brazell



For the past 25 years, Samaritan's Purse has been collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivering them to children in need around the world. Each box is an opportunity for a boy or girl to experience the love of God in a tangible way and hear the Gospel. Monetary gifts are also appreciated and used for gift purchase or shipping

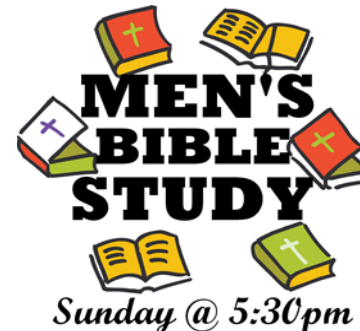


A love offering for the Food Closet will be received Sunday, August 5th during the Morning Worship Service.



In July your contributions to the Food Closet provided food for

194 Families  
617 Individuals



### Deacon Nomination

August 5th  
On Sunday morning you will have the privilege of placing four names in nomination for the coming three-year term of service as a

Deacon. Please give prayerfully consideration for the person most qualified for this position.

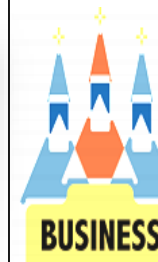


### Family Ministries Pastor Candidate

August 5th  
It's time to make a decision regarding the new Family Ministries Pastor. Ballots are available. Please seek God's guidance as you cast your vote for this important position.



Sunday  
4:30pm  
Join Us!



August 15th  
6:30pm  
Bring your favorite dish to share and bring a friend.



August 30th @ 11:30  
Sophia's



### August Birthdays

03 David Williamson	14 Jas Skinner	30 Charley Grace Norris
03 Ashley Reardon	14 Lee Wilkes	30 Pamela Chandler
03 Glenda McTeer	21 Jimmie Perkins	31 Charlie Raines
04 David Howell Sr.	21 Missy Grooms	
05 Candyce Chapman	22 Jon Flowers	
07 William Grooms	22 Joshua Hester	
11 Payton Howell	27 Brayden Maksin	
12 Jacob Raines	28 Angela Howell	
12 Amy Welch	29 Marguerite Perkins	



### August Anniversaries


01 Roy and Miranda Loyd	18 Adam and Amanda Howell
09 Jerry and Carolyn Cribb	21 Joshua and Stephanie Hester
12 David and Nancy Williamson	31 Adam and Shannon Privette
18 Wayne and Pat Howell	



### August Workers

#### Nursery

08-05 Stephanie Rollins, Kelly Radcliff  
08-12 Mary Adele & Zan Tomlinson  
08-19 Shannon Privette, Adam & Amanda Howell  
08-26 Amanda Williamson, Marianna & Kirsten Burgess



#### Toddler’s Church

08-05 Jennifer Tiller & Amy Welch  
08-12 Libby & Mike Welch  
08-19 Casie Yarbrough & Jessi Garrick  
08-26 Shannon Privette & Missy Grooms





### Greeters & Building Security for August



Mike Welch & Chris Chapman

### Altar Flowers for August

08-05 Carolyn Cribb	
08-12 June Perdue	
08-19 Adam & Amanda Howell	
08-26 Libby Welch	




### Harvest time!

With harvest underway or imminent, fields of ripe grain, tall cornstalks and soybeans turning brown recall Jesus’ words to the disciples: “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:37-38, ESV).

Nowadays farmers use fewer laborers and bigger machines than in decades past. But what about harvests of faith? Leading people to know God’s love can’t be done “mechanically.” Studies show that newspaper ads or door-hangers left anonymously are less effective at bringing people to church than a warm personal invite.

Right after urging his disciples to pray for harvest workers — in a classic instance of “You might be God’s answer to your own prayer!” — Jesus sends them out as those very laborers! How will they work the harvest? Not by guiltng people into faith. Not by pronouncing judgment or biblical law. But by using Jesus’ authority to counter evil, illness and brokenness among those they befriend.

Ponder and pray about where Jesus is sending you as his laborer to cultivate and reap Christian faith and assurance of God’s love.

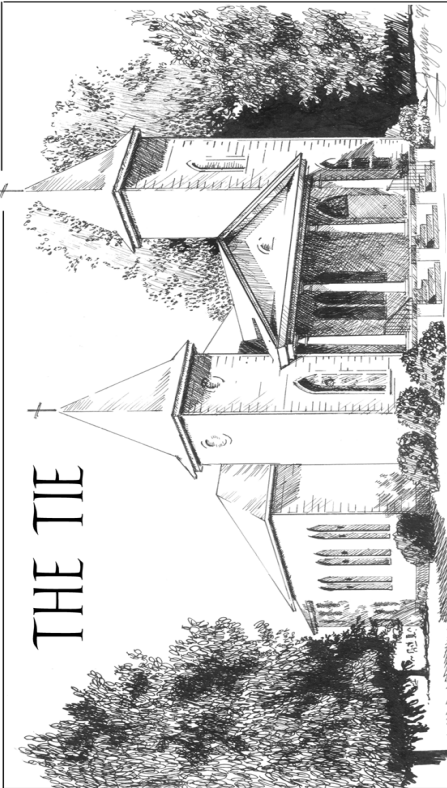


### Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Please have all announcements for The Tie turned in by the 3rd Wednesday of the month. This can be done by emailing the church office at [mtelon@mtelon.com](mailto:mtelon@mtelon.com), leaving a note on the secretary’s desk, or calling the church office.

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THE TIE

Mr. ELON BAPTIST CHURCH  
LYDIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

Pastor: Rev. Rob Brazell  
Church Office: (843) 332-7068  
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The vision of Mt. Elon Baptist Church is to obey and serve God by sharing Christ and His love with others, and to encourage the growth of a personal relationship with Him.

Reverting Our Lives To God’s Purposes

The mission of Mt. Elon Baptist Church is to teach others about God through meaningful worship, training, prayer, missions and Christian fellowship.

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# BUMBLE BEE BALLS

Make these yummy treats as a summer snack.

## What you need:

- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1½ oz. instant oats
- ¼ cup honey
- ½ cup instant milk powder
- ½ cup dark chocolate chips
- 40 mini chocolate chips
- 20 slivered almonds
- 40 sliced almonds
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. In a bowl, mix peanut butter, oats, honey and instant milk powder into dough. If too dry, add more peanut butter or honey.
2. Roll dough into 20 long balls. Place them on a cookie sheet and refrigerate.
3. Melt the dark chocolate chips and place them in a zippered baggie. Cut a tiny bit off one corner.
4. Remove dough from refrigerator. Squeeze thin lines of chocolate as stripes onto the bee bodies.
5. Use two mini chocolate chips for eyes, a slivered almond for a stinger and two sliced almonds as wings. Enjoy!

# Bible Quiz

Who had a staff sprout, bud, blossom and produce almonds, indicating that God had chosen him for a special reason?

- A. Moses
- B. Zechariah
- C. Aaron
- D. Nathan



Answer: C (See Numbers 17:1-11, specifically v. 8.)



*Holy and awesome is his name.*

PSALM 111:9

## Actual income and expense for June

	MTD	YTD
Receipts from offerings (actual income)	\$ 18,580.43	\$ 115,165.77
Actual expenses	\$ 16,021.73	\$ 105,122.60
Difference between offerings and spending - more/(less)	\$ 2,558.70	\$ 10,043.17

## Prayer from the heart

John Bunyan said, "In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart." A story told by a 19th-century Jewish rabbi shares the same idea:

A disheveled old man entered a synagogue for the first time. Not realizing he was holding the prayer book upside down, he tried to follow the congregation's singing, but his words were incorrect. Finally, he simply looked toward heaven, repeating one Hebrew word over and over.

After worship, some people complained to the rabbi, "Why didn't you ask him to leave?" He replied, "That man said more to God with his one word than some of us will ever say in our whole lives. God hears the words of the heart."

## A sermon on legs



I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day:  
I'd rather one would walk with me than merely tell the way.

The eye's a better pupil,  
and more willing than the ear.  
Fine council is confusing,  
but example's always clear.

—Edgar A. Guest



# PUZZLE

## GOD'S amazzzzing BEES

God created bees to pollinate flowers and make honey. Psalm 119:103 says God gives us something that's even sweeter than honey.

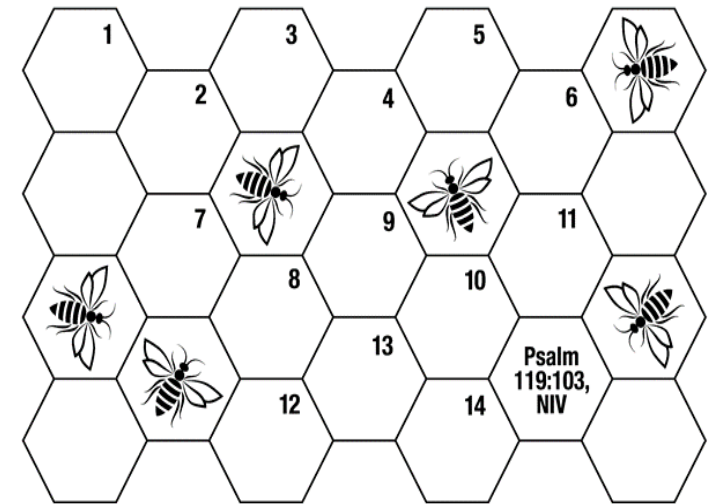
*Directions: Find the word that fits each clue. Then write the answers in the correct numbered honeycomb shape to complete Psalm 119:103, NIV.*

## CLUES

1. rhymes with cow
2. opposite of sour
3. pronounced "R"
4. rhymes with four
5. Letters create \_\_\_\_.
6. not too or two
7. rhymes with by
8. the tongue's job
9. more sweet
10. rhymes with pan
11. golden liquid
12. Pleased \_\_ meet you.
13. rhymes with fly
14. body part

## WORD BANK

than your to are  
sweet sweeter How  
my honey mouth  
words to taste, my



Answer: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Psalm 119:103, NIV

**Sunday Schedule**  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
4:30 pm Praise Team Practice  
5:30 pm Men’s Bible Study  
5:30 pm Ladies Bible Study



# August



**Wednesday Night Schedule**  
6:30 pm Youth Activities  
6:30 pm Adult Bible Study/Children’s Activities  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pastor & Family on vacation		<b>1</b> Roy & Miranda Loyd(A) No Youth Activities No Choir Practice	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> David Williamson (B) Ashley Reardon(B) Glenda McTeer(B)	<b>4</b> David Howell Sr.B)
<b>5</b> Candyce Chapman(B) Food Closet Love Offering Deacon Nomination Family Ministries Pastor Vote	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> William Grooms(B)	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Jerry & Carolyn Cribb(A)	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Payton "Puddin" Howell(B)
<b>12</b> Jacob Raines(B) Amy Welch(B) David & Nancy Williamson(A) Deacon’s Meeting 8am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Jas Skinner(B) Lee Wilkes(B)	<b>15</b> Family Night Supper 6:30pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Wayne & Pat Howell(A) Adam & Amanda Howell(A) Food Distribution 8:10am
<b>19</b> Business Meeting (am)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Jimmie Perkins(B) Missy Grooms(B) Josh & Stephanie Hester (A)	<b>22</b> Jon Flowers(B) Joshua Hester(B)	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Fellowship Hall Reserved 7am-9pm
<b>26</b> Building & Grounds Comm. Meeting 8am	<b>27</b> Brayden Maksin(B)	<b>28</b> Angela Howell(B)	<b>29</b> Marguerite Perkins(B)	<b>30</b> Charley Grace Norris(B) Pamela Chandler(B) New Vision Luncheon 11:30am (Sophia’s)	<b>31</b> Charlie Raines(B) Adam & Shannon Privette(A)	