

July Birthdays

Stella Manion- 2nd
David Mainord-4TH
Marge Miller- 6th
Marshall McCloud- 11th
Sunny Crabtree- 18th
Mason Massa- 22nd
Tyler Gaudette-22nd
Jason Randall- 27th

Locust Grove Church upcoming events:

**Tonight, July 12th Sunday Night Bible Study 5pm -In the Fellowship Hall-
Mark is the teacher.

July 17th- Ladies Lunch 11am- Ladies lunch at Cracker Barrel 11am.

July 19th Sunday Morning Bible Study 9am,- David will be away and Dusty Manion will be teaching.

July 19th Sunday Morning Worship 10am- Mark will be away and Donald Moss will deliver our lesson.

July 19th Sunday Night Bible Study 5m- In the Fellowship Hall – Mark will be away and Donald Moss will the teaching.

**Moved to July 26th Sunday -Birthday Meal /Fellowship meal- Will be on the 4th Sunday this month due to several families being away. Immediately following worship service. Bring a dish and join us as we celebrate this month's birthdays and have fellowship with one another.

July 26th- *Today*June 28th- Sunday 9am. - David Mainord's Question & Answer Bible Study- Class held in the fellowship hall. David will answer questions placed in the Question Box. The box is located on the countertop in the back entryway. Pastries and coffee will be served.

August 8th Saturday 6pm- Ice Cream Social and Game Night

August 10th- Monday Men's meeting 6pm- Men's meeting in the church building.

August 16th Sunday -Birthday Meal /Fellowship meal- Immediately following worship service. Bring a dish and join us as we celebrate this month's birthdays and have fellowship with one another.

If anyone would like to rent the Fellowship Hall, please contact Carolyn Chaffin for availability and payment at 931.261.5683.

Locust Grove church of Christ

July 12, 2026



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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class- 9AM- Worship- 10AM

Sunday Night Bible Study- Fellowship Hall- 5PM

Wednesday Bible Study- 6:30PM

Wi-Fi password- lgcoc2021

Missionary Work- Gospel Chariot Missions

Elders

Larry Brown-931.252.1412 Lewis Chaffin 931.260.6999
David Mainord- 931.252.0737 Donald Moss-931.319.8284

Minister & Wife

Mark & Nikki Herren- 931.261.3085

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Out of safety concerns for everyone, the back door and front door of the church building will be locked at the time services are to begin. Someone will be appointed to monitor the front door and will have it unlocked upon your arrival.



Prayer List:

Faye Moss, Bobby & Carol Vinson, Lewis Chaffin, Marshall McCloud, Daniel Murphy, Nikki Webb, Phyllis Leonard, Wanda Sue Stout, Stefanie Eldridge, Julie Massa, and Glenda Thomas at NHC room# 206A.

Family & friends

Larry Howell (Glenda & Wayne's brother)

Sue Brna- (Faye's sister)

Virginia Fields-Nikki's mother

Scott Crawford

Lynn & David Littrell

Devin Redolent-

Donna Coffelt- Debbie Langford's sister

Faye Nelson

Britannia (Tani)- Lisa Chaffin has macular degeneration of both eyes

Wade Dyer

Lillie Lafever- Sunny's aunt

Tommy Ford-Faye's brother

Carolyn Plumlee

Chad Conner

Dori Dyer

Matt Langford- recovering for surgery

Naomi Stewart- Wanda Stafford's friend

Brenda Grubbs- Sunny's friend

Myra Maberry- recovering for knee surgery

Caraline Hamley- little girl is recovering from a dog attack

Cancer Patients

Dwight Duke, Brayden Goolsby, Erin Rose and Jennifer Dewalt



"Therefore, confess your sins to each other & pray for each other so that you may be healed." James 5:16.

The Lasting Impact of Our Words

Today's Passage: Prov. 12:22: Church, as we this week's reading, we find a wealth of practical wisdom for everyday life. These chapters help us discern what is good, what is harmful, and how we can live in a way that honors God. Today, let's focus on one key truth that Proverbs 12:22 touches on: the lasting impact of our words.

Scripture is clear—lies have a destructive source. Jesus said that Satan is "a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). It was through his deception of Eve that sin and death entered our world (Rom. 5:12). Just think about that for a moment. One lie can cause significant harm—both to the one who lies and to the one being lied about. A lying tongue can ruin a reputation, harm relationships, and rob a person of influence. Even if a lie seems small or momentary, its consequences can last a lifetime (Prov. 12:19). A vicious falsehood can destroy someone's good name and damage their character beyond repair.

That's why it's so important to keep our tongues in check. We must think before we speak and ask ourselves whether our words are truthful, kind, and necessary. Will this comment help or hurt? Will it build up or tear down? Words carry great weight, and once spoken, they cannot be taken back.

But Scripture doesn't only warn us about the harm our words can cause—it also reminds us of the life-giving power of our speech. When the Holy Spirit guides our words, they can bring healing, hope, and joy. Thoughtful, sincere words help heal wounded spirits crushed by dishonesty and cruelty. "The tongue of the wise brings healing" (Prov. 12:18), and "the lip of truth shall be established forever" (Prov. 12:19). A kind word can lift a heavy heart (Prov. 12:25), and the lips of the wise spread knowledge (Prov. 15:7). The truly wise don't just know the truth, they live it out (Prov. 13:16).

To gain this kind of wisdom, we must pursue it earnestly. We are told to "cry out for insight" and "search for it as for hidden treasure" (Prov. 2:3-4). This isn't about study—it's about prayerfully seeking God's help. It takes diligence and a heart that fears the Lord. And that's where it all begins: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge" (Prov. 1:7). Honoring God is the starting point for living wisely.

So, as we walk through this week, let's be mindful of the power of our words. Let's not only refrain from saying things that harm, but intentionally choose to speak life, truth, and grace. Never forget: "Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Prov. 18:21). Let's ask God daily to guide our speech, so our words reflect His character and bring Him honor.

By: - Jeff Arnette preaches for the Central Haywood church of Christ, Clyde, NC.