

ANNOUNCEMENTS - August 1, 2021

CELEBRATIONS:

Rich Morrison & Patti Scotten 23rd Anniversary
Madilyn Parrish's birthday is August 1st
Pat Melvin's birthday is August 2nd
Geri Toro's birthday is August 2nd
Hank Howell's birthday is August 5th
Nancy Willis' birthday is August 5th
Shirley Hough's birthday is August 6th
Patti Scotten's birthday is August 6th
Lindsay & Daniel Collins' 10th Anniversary
Robert & Sandy Merritt's 60th Anniversary
Bob Mundy's birthday is August 7th



WAYS TO SERVE:

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COMMUNICATION – BE IN TOUCH!:

The **Phone Tree** is up and running again! Calls will come from the church's phone number. You can receive updates from the church by text, e-mail, and phone. If you are not receiving messages in your preferred manner please contact the church office and we will get you added into the system! The phone tree ministry was started in memory of Wilford H. Hardin.

You can **contact Pastor Lindsay** at 910-862-3706 – press the extension for “pastoral care.” Or at collins@nccumc.org

EVENTS:

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8/22 - Mark your calendars now for **G.I.F.T Back to School Bash!** 3-5pm Sunday, August 22nd! Bounce Houses, Sunset Slush, Popcorn, Carnival Games, & More!

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS:

8/8 - Staff/Parish Relations Committee meeting will be held August 8th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

8/15 - Missions Committee will be meeting August 15th at 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members include Chair Mary Greene, Carl deAndrade, Dianne deAndrade, David deAndrade, Ann Dowless, Hank Howell, Linda Jones, Bob Latham, Phyllis Latham, Sharon Natale, Maryann Olsen, & Clark Valentiner.

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