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### **Looking Toward this Sunday July 8, 2018**

Scripture Lessons: Ezekiel 2:1–5 and Mark 6:1–6

Larry Lyon will preach at 8:30 and 9:45 in Lingle Chapel and 11:00 in the sanctuary.

Not too long after he began his second career, Jesus returned to his hometown, Nazareth. He was not greeted warmly. People thought the carpenter Jesus had become quite the upstart. The "box" in which they had placed Jesus had been shattered.

This Sunday Larry Lyon will explore perhaps why Mark says the people of Nazareth "took offense" at Jesus. To this day, do we take "offense" at Jesus? Do we truly seek to be "Jesus Followers?" Or is being a "Bible believer" more important to us? If we are honest with ourselves, does Jesus comfort us, or afflict us, or both?

Join us this Sunday at either of our three worship services: 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00. Even in the heat of summer, consider worship a priority.

Julie and Kline Pepper; Jane and Gordon Peck will sing *Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God* at the 8:30 service.

The Summer Choir will sing *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* at the 11:00 service. Helen Goldsby will sing *There Is a Balm in Gilead* during the offertory.

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## **Fellowship**

***HYMN SING AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL*** THIS Wednesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. in Lingle Chapel. John Kuykendall and Jane Cain will team up to lead us all in sharing and singing our favorite hymns. Following the hymn sing there will be a time for further fellowship over ice cream. PLEASE BRING a gallon of your own homemade ice cream (or store bought) to share with others. The Fellowship Ministry will provide some tasty toppings to accompany your ice cream masterpieces.

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## **Music**

***SUMMER CHOIR*** In the summertime, many people go to the beach and stick their toes in the water. Why not stick your musical toes in the water this summer and try out Summer Choir? Each week, anyone who likes to sing is invited to come to the choir room at 10:20 and learn that Sunday's anthem. The commitment is for one week at the time. Ideal for people who can't commit to regular weekly rehearsals or who travel too much.

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## **Serve**

***HELP FEED THE CHILDREN*** of the Huntington Green neighborhood in Huntersville this summer. Without your help they will go hungry. DCPC will partner with Caterpillar Ministries to provide 225 bags of food for these children this summer. Instructions are located at the Information Center. Questions, contact [Catherine Bragg](tel:704-617-9905) (704-617-9905) or [Rosemary Klein](tel:704-439-7864) (704-439-7864).

***HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION*** You are invited to the dedication of the Habitat House at 9814 Psalms St.(off Bailey Rd) in Cornelius, on **Sunday, July 15 at 3:00 p.m.** This celebration will not only dedicate this house, but also celebrate the completion of the entire Poole Place Habitat community! The more the merrier, so please come out to welcome new homeowner Melech and his daughter Yemina to their home.

***SPECIAL OFFERING FOR NICARAGUA*** We continue to remember our partners in Nicaragua in our prayers as they endure a great deal of violence and unrest in their country. Many of the groups scheduled to visit our partners CEPAD and Jubilee House this summer have cancelled their trips. DCPC Global Missions Committee has already authorized \$3000. Let's see if we can match that with individual contributions. You may leave cash or a check in the offering or give online clearly marked "Nicaragua" in the memo line.

***THANK YOU*** to the DCPC congregants for the generous gift of a week of VBS for the children of La Escuelita San Alban! They had a great time and were able to make new friends and enhance their English through learning about the GOOD NEWS!

***KENYA PARTNERS ARE COMING*** We have just learned that two of our Kenya partners from Sigona Presbyterian Church in Kikuyu, Kenya are planning to be with us in October. We are very excited about this news and invite you to keep them in prayer as they prepare for their trip and as they continue the good work of ministry in their community and through the Sigona Presbyterian Academy. Please keep the students, faculty, administration and all the families of the Academy in your prayers.

***CHARLOTTE PRESBYTERY DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM NEEDS YOU*** The Charlotte Presbytery coordinates disaster response teams and they need a representative from DCPC (or several!) who would be willing to be contacts for disaster response when crises arise. This person would receive communications from the Presbytery and pass them along to DCPC members. You could also join the disaster response committee at the Presbytery level. If interested, contact [Margo Wehrung](#).

***LOAVES AND FISHES*** Bring your canned goods or other non-perishable food items and place them in the grocery carts or baskets for Loaves and Fishes. Deliveries are made each Monday morning.

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## **Faith Formation and Children's Ministry**

### ***Adult Faith Formation***

Summer ABC – Summer ABC – This summer's ABC (Another Bible Class) continues all the Sundays in July in room 201 at 9:45 am. To prepare for future classes, please read the chapters below for each Sunday:

July 8 – Parables of the Yeast and the Pearl of Great Wisdom

July 15 – Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Pharisee and Tax Collector

July 22 – Parables of the Laborer's in the Vineyard and the Widow and the Judge

July 29 – Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

Maloney (9:45 am, Parlor) The Pines (Marshall Room)

July 8 – Jesus Criticizes the Unjust Judge, Luke 18:1–8

*Youth and Children Ministry*

The Family Bible Reading Challenge is ON! This summer, read Bible stories with your family. Children and youth can win prizes on Rally Day in September. Pick up information at the Faith Formation bulletin board (across from the copy room) or

[CLICK HERE](#) to print your own. Don't stop learning and growing in faith!

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