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Shady Grove GMC

August 2026

Friends,

The image above is the homepage for the Global Methodist Church's General Conference, which will be held in late August in Johannesburg, South Africa. The website is beautyofholiness2026.org. I encourage you to spend some time exploring it. You'll find information about the election of bishops, the conference schedule, the legislation we'll be voting on, and a collection of podcasts that explain many of the issues and events that will take place.

I have the privilege of serving as one of 12 clergy delegates, alongside 12 lay delegates, representing the more than 400 Global Methodist churches in North Carolina. Together, we'll join delegations from 51 other annual conferences around the world for 10 days of worship, learning, mission, and decision-making on behalf of our denomination. It is an honor to serve in this role, and I'll keep you updated by email throughout the conference.

As many of you know, I am also one of 21 nominees who may be elected during the conference to serve as a bishop beginning in November. I have always believed—and still do—that the likelihood of my election is low, but not zero. Whatever the outcome, I trust God's leading and appreciate your prayers as the election process unfolds.

Many of you are already receiving the daily 40 Days of Prayer guide leading up to General Conference. If you're not receiving those emails and would like to, please contact the church office at sggmc@shadygrovegmc.com, and we'll be happy to add you to the list.

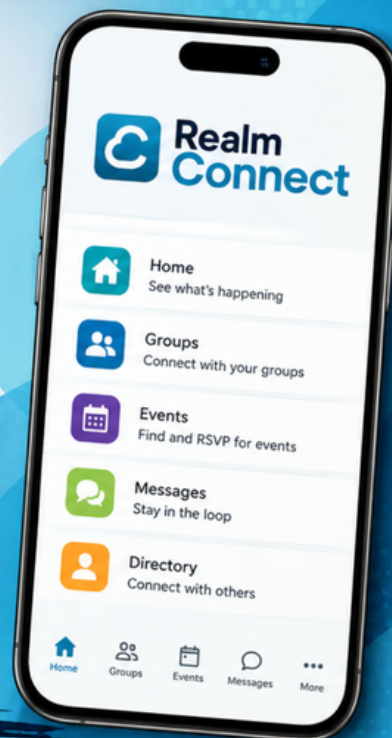
See you Sunday,

Tom

Coming this month!

NEW
COMMUNICATION APP

called
**Realm
Connect**



Watch for sign up information
in the **bulletin** and the **lobby**.

*in loving
memory*

Gifts were given in memory of
Alvin & Charlotte Brucke by:
Fred & Jean Brucke, Thomas Brucke

Gifts were given in memory of
Jane Hege by:
Joe & Irene Parkins, Fred & Jean Brucke
Greg & Angela Meredith, Elaine Smith
Tommy Brucke, Craig & Bobbie Burris
Joni DeLellis, Renee Brucke
Woodie & Libby Long, Patty Johnson



BLOOD DRIVE

**AUGUST 21**

**1:30 TO 5:45 PM**



Contact
JENNIFER SMITH
at **336-491-2120**
to make an appointment
or online at
redcrossblood.org.



**American
Red Cross**



*Your donation
can save
a life!*

Upcoming Events

First Monday Prayer

Monday, August 3
at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall

Methodist Men

Meeting on Sunday, August 9 at
7AM for breakfast and fellowship.

Joy Group

Meeting on Monday, August 10
at 7PM in the Grove

Trustees

Meeting on Sunday, August 16
at 6PM in Room 201S.

Finance

Meeting on Tuesday, August 18
at 6:15PM in Room 201S

Leadership Team

Meeting on Tuesday, August 18
at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall

Friends of the Grove

Friends of the Grove will meet at the church on Thursday, August 13 at 10 AM for a planning session, then will travel to the Classic Restaurant in Denton for lunch.

August Serve Opportunities

Leader Meetings

Rotation Sunday School: Tuesday,
August 12 at 6:30 in Room 203W.

Clubhouse Leaders: Monday,
August 31 at 6:00 in Room 201S.

Preteen Leaders: Monday,
August 31 at 7:00 in Room 201S.

He Cares

August 8 & 22
7 AM
12 W Guilford St
Thomasville, NC

Bags of Blessings

Saturday, August 22
Tuesday, August 25
9AM in The Grove



August

MISSION = PROJECT =

School Supplies Drive

We are collecting school supplies for children in our community.

Choose a few items from the display in the lobby then place all supplies in the bins in the church lobby by

Sunday, August 23rd

for distribution to our local schools.



BACKPACK BLESSINGS

AND

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Aug 23 at 9:45

Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing for the upcoming school year!

Children's Update



SWIM N STUDY
K-4TH GRADE

MAKE A SPLASH.
Dive Deep!

WALLBURG POOL | JULY 16 - AUG 13 | 6 TO 8 PM

REGISTER ONLINE!



Sprouts KICK-OFF!
What a SPLASH!
PRESCHOOL SPLASHDOWN

AT THE **PICNIC SHELTER**
SEPTEMBER 13TH
2:30 TO 4 PM

- WATERSLIDES
- POOL FUN
- ICE CREAM SUNDAES
- NOAH'S ARK BIBLE LESSON

COME READY TO GET WET, HAVE FUN, AND LEARN ABOUT GOD'S GREAT PROMISES!



CLUBHOUSE KICK OFF
AGENTS IN ACTION

MISSION: TRAIN TO BE GOD'S AGENT!

- TOP SECRET BRIEFINGS
- DISGUISES
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- DECODER CHALLENGES

SEPTEMBER 13TH | **3:30 TO 5:30** | **IN THE WORSHIP CENTER**

Calendar of Events

August 6
Swim n Study
6 to 8 PM
Wallburg Pool

August 13
Swim n Study
6 to 8 PM
Wallburg Pool

August 23
Promotion Sunday
9:45 AM

September 13
Kick-off Sunday
Sprouts
2:30 to 4 PM
Clubhouse
3:30 to 5:30 PM



Leader Meetings

Aug 12: Rotation SS Leaders at 6:30 PM
Aug 31: Clubhouse Leaders at 6:00 PM
Aug 31: Club 56 Leaders at 7:00 PM

Preteen Update



**PRETEEN
SWIM
&
STUDY**

BIBLE STUDY • FRIENDS • FAITH • FUN

JULY 16 to AUGUST 13

6 TO 8 PM

GROW IN FAITH.
BUILD FRIENDSHIPS.
MAKE A SPLASH!

REGISTER ONLINE!



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3:30 to 5:30 PM



PROMOTION SUNDAY
AUGUST 23
AGES K-12
TIME TO MOVE UP TO THE NEXT GRADE LEVEL



SEPTEMBER 13TH

**PRETEENS
BATTLE
ROYALE**

KICK OFF!

**POOL NOODLE BATTLES
AND
THE ULTIMATE COLOR WAR**

"Fight the Good fight- 1 Timothy 6:12"

3:30-5:30



**BACK
TO
SCHOOL**

Youth Update

August is here! We have had a wonderful summer of mission trips, camps, and community! August brings returning to school and routine. This month we will continue our series *Strange Love*, and spend time studying the love of Christ. We'll explore what it means to show mercy, be encouraging, and practice obedience; all through the lens of the love of Christ.

Calendar of Events

August 2
Basketball & Bible Study
6:30 to 8 PM

August 9
Hike at Linville Falls
12 to 9 PM

August 16
Snow Cones & Soft Golf
7 to 10 PM

August 23
Promotion Sunday
9:45 AM

September 13
Kick Off Sunday



20 AUGUST 26

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Celebration Sunday 6:30 Basketball & Bible Study-Youth	3 7 First Monday Prayer	4 7 Choir 	5 7:30 Praise Team	6 6 Swim n Study 	7	8 7 He Cares 12 W Guilford St Thomasville
9 7 AM GMM  12 Hike at Linville-Youth	10 7 Joy Group	11 7 Choir	12 6:30 Rotation SS Leader Training 7:30 Praise Team	13 10 Friends at Grove 6 Swim n Study 	14	15
16 7 SoftGolf at Tanglewood-Youth	17	18 6:15 Finance 7:00 Leadership 7 Choir 	19 7:30 Praise Team	20	21 1:30-5:45 Blood Drive 	22 7 He Cares 12 W Guilford St Thomasville 9 Bags of Blessings
23 	24	25 9 Bags of Blessings  7 Choir	26 7:30 Praise Team 	27	28	29
30	31 6 Clubhouse Leader Training 7 Preteen Leader Training 7 Choir					

August

Birthdays

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| 1 Kenny Edwards | 17 Hayden Beach |
| 1 Ty Opengari | 17 Samuel Cable |
| 2 Jewel Brock | 17 Sydney Smith |
| 2 Sherry Caslin | 18 Terri Bailey |
| 2 Terri Howard | 18 Mandy Beach |
| 2 Fletcher Shuping | 19 Anna Collins |
| 3 Steve Tilly, Sr | 20 Blake Bowers |
| 4 Steve Grubbs | 20 Eli Tuttle |
| 7 Ansley Edwards | 20 Rick Young |
| 8 Cayleigh Hammond | 21 Abbey Edwards |
| 8 Samantha Harris | 21 Chris Gallimore |
| 8 Connor Ward | 22 Lauren Mendenhall |
| 9 Lindsey Gallimore | 23 Joey Green |
| 9 Isabel Varner | 23 Rachel Humphries |
| 10 Haylee Smith | 23 Richard Mendenhall |
| 11 Gina Chaffin | 23 Terri Shore |
| 13 Regina Cardwell | 24 Chris Hundley |
| 15 Dixie Flynt | 24 Angelina Lee |
| 15 Mark Schall | 24 AnnaLynne Simpson |
| 16 J.P. Kelley | 25 Russ Clodfelter |

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| 25 Amber Epperson |
| 25 Brenda Morgan |
| 25 Willie Wall |
| 26 Ben Shaw |
| 27 Jerri Jilcott |
| 27 Colbin Kepley |
| 27 Erica Taylor |
| 28 Ryan Fitzgerald |
| 29 Tyler Berrier |
| 29 Annie Sechrist |
| 30 Joyce Cecil |
| 30 Beth Gantt |
| 30 Connie Smith |
| 30 Justin Venable |
| 30 Dalton Zimmerman |
| 31 Nancy Green |
| 31 Reese Mendenhall |
| 31 Maria Pericozzi |
| 31 Sara Snow |

Anniversaries



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| 10 Fred & Jean Brucke |
| 11 Brannon & Jamie Brock |
| 13 Tony & Terri Howard |
| 16 Todd & Heather Venoy |
| 17 Reggie & Gerry Bauguess |
| 19 Jeremy & Linda Robinson |
| 21 Isaac & Shea Yost |
| 22 Jeff & Marie Petroff |
| 23 Keith & Dianne Armstrong |
| 23 Charles & Christen Little |
| 27 Brian & Catherine Sapp |
| 27 Shann & Tammy Dalton |
| 29 Kelly & Beverly Clinard |
| 31 Garland & Barbara Griggs |
| 31 Tony & Janet Allen |



Budget Report
Financial giving through
June 30, 2026 to the
General Fund.

Revenues: \$61,477
Expenses: \$174,042



**Please have all
information for
the September
Newsletter
to the church
office by
August 18th.**

August Volunteer Schedule

NURSERY BIRTH THROUGH 2 YRS Ladena Davis-Coordinator

8:30		Ladena Davis
9:45	2	Ladena Davis Rose Lambeth Hillary Edwards
	9	Ladena Davis Pam Harrelson Marcie Owen
	16	Ladena Davis Neta Mitchell Kendall Hartsook
	23	Ladena Davis Piper Mills Linda Robinson
	30	Ladena Davis Lizzy Kepley Emily Boger
11:00		Ladena Davis

FINANCIAL ASSISTANTS

	2	Charles Fitzgerald Dan & Libby Huss
	9	Charlene Fitzgerald Mark Schall
	16	Charlie Shore Fred & Jean Brucke
	23	Charlene Fitzgerald Elaine Smith
	30	Charlene Fitzgerald Elaine Smith
		GREETERS
8:30		Jim & Susan McAbee
9:45		Paula Hinkle Christopher Martin
11:00		Vicki Asbill, Sue Hepner

WELCOME TEAM

1st SUN	Frank Cathey Joey Green Mark Mason Roger Thompson
2nd SUN	Mike Hester Jim Myers Mark Schall John Little
3rd SUN	Dustin Essick JD Mitchell Chris Golden Paul Pericozzi Cheryl Pericozzi
4th SUN	Randall Thompson Keith Vestrat Jeremy Robinson Chapin Robinson Sam Edwards
5th SUN	Jody Davis Mark Smith Clay Harris Mark Overby