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“Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?”
(Psalm 85:6)

Throughout biblical history, God’s people have repeatedly turned away from Him, choosing disobedience and idols over a faithful relationship with their Heavenly Father. This has resulted in a pattern of *wandering, discipline, and restoration* which defines much of the scriptural narrative. So I ask, “Are God’s people any different today?”

If your answer is NO, then perhaps you’ll agree with me that there’s a word the church needs to hear today – a word that we don’t hear as often as we should. That word is **revival**. When we hear the word revival, we may think about a week of special services, a visiting preacher, or a time when people come forward to accept Christ as their Savior. While all of those things can certainly be part of revival, biblical revival is much more than an annual event and a series of meetings. Biblical revival is when the people of God wake up to the presence, holiness, power, and love of God. It is when hearts that have grown cold become warm again. It is when prayer becomes more than a routine. It is when worship becomes more than something we do on Sunday morning. It is when God’s Word moves from the pages of the Bible into the heart of His people. Revival is when we hunger once again for the presence of God.

In Psalm 85, the psalmist is asking God to restore His people so they may once again rejoice in Him. Revival used in this context is connected to forgiveness, restoration, peace, righteousness, and a renewed fellowship with God which provides us with the right understanding of revival. Revival is not merely a crowded service or an emotional moment. It is God, restoring His people to spiritual life so that their joy, obedience, and worship are centered in Him. We don’t need bigger churches. We don’t need better programs. We don’t need more activities on the church calendar. What the church needs is revival!

Johnie Marion

NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF AUGUST 9, 2026

The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. with all Elders in attendance and John Baker serving as Moderator.

- The **Active Membership** Role is 153.
- The minutes from the **Stated Session meeting of July 15, 2026** were approved as presented.
- Elders ratified the text vote which approved the scheduling of the **5th Sunday, August 30**, event which will feature the Southridge Bluegrass Band and Ice Cream.
- The **July Financial Report** was reviewed and approved as presented.
- **Youth Sunday** is scheduled for November 8, 2026
- **All Saints Service** is scheduled for November 1, 2026
- Approved replacing the **outside doors** (facing the parking lot and facing Hwy. 73) to the Fellowship Hall.
- Elders approved the following distributions of funds from the **Harvest Festival**....35% for Mission projects and 65% for Building and Grounds

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thanks to the generous support of the congregation and community, **62** shoeboxes were prepared this year. Thanks to **Braxton Barber** for delivering the shoeboxes and the shipping check to the Samaritan's Purse Distribution Center in Charlotte. Pray for all the children who will receive them in the USA and around the world!



Presbyterian Women will kick off their new year with a **Salad Supper** on September 13th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not currently involved in a Circle, you are encouraged to attend and join the fun! We currently have two Circles.....The Day Circle meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in the Session Room of the Fellowship Hall. Circle 3 meets in the evening on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to attend!!

HOMECOMING is on September 20th!! All Presbyterian Women are invited to help prepare and clean up for our covered dish luncheon. The meal is a WONDERFUL time of fellowship and GOOD eating!!



The **Presbyterian Men** will be meeting for dinner and fellowship on Thursday, September 24th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All men are invited.

It is time to sign up for **Rise for Hunger** which will take place on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at West End Presbyterian Church. We are excited to partner with community churches to support Rise Against Hunger (riseagainsthunger.org) to package meals to help fight hunger around the world. Please sign up with Melissa or Karon to participate. All are welcome!



Christian Education

The Christian Education ministry would like to remind everyone about our Sunday School programs. We offer several options for everyone who would like to join in learning and fellowship. Our current classes and leaders are as follows:

Preschool-Karon McKenzie, Kim Hardy, and Sharon Sweat

K-5th Grade -Stephanie Barber, Janie Taylor, and Martha Matthews

6th-12th Grade-Celeste Marino and Jennifer Cuff

Adult Class "Hope"-Johnnie Marion

Adult Class "Joy"-June Stewart

We are in need of volunteers to help with Children's Church during our 10:00 am service. A background check will be done. (See Nancy in the office. It does not require more than a few minutes). There will be a sign-up outside the door of the Children's Church classroom. If you are able to help, please sign up!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Jennifer Cuff or Robert Barber!

Congregational Care

Without a doubt, Fall has been the beginning of the busiest time of the year at Culdee. We have Homecoming and Revival in September. Our Harvest Festival and Trunk or Treat in October, Then Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Homecoming will be on Sunday, September 20th. I know everyone is looking forward to a day of fellowship and sharing a delicious meal.

Revival will be held on Monday, September 21st and Tuesday, September 22nd.



Harvest Festival will be on Saturday, October 17th. Everyone is encouraged to take part in our annual Harvest Festival. There are many opportunities for everyone to participate.

The kitchen area will be busy preparing the chicken and dumplings to be served from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Help will be needed to roll and cut the dumplings, as well as dropping and cooking the dumplings. We will need help cleaning the kitchen and setting up to serve the dumplings both for the eat in area, as well as the takeout area. If you are not available until later in the day, we would love for you to join the clean-up crew!



The Country Store will be needing donations of baked goods, jellies, jams, plants, produce, crafts and artwork to stock the store. We will also need folks to work in the store.

Our Finance Elder has prepared a bulletin board with envelopes listing businesses that have made donations in the past. Please consider selecting an envelope and visiting the listed businesses, your help would be greatly appreciated.

It takes a small army to make our Harvest Festival a success. Please consider joining us for a day of teamwork, fellowship and fun! Many helping hands make the tasks easier.

Teresa Cole & Eve Williamson



Worship

“Holy Spirit Intervention” – A look into how the church can and should grow.

“All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.” (Acts 2:4)

Oh my, how time flies! Can you believe it? It’s time for revival once again! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on the evenings of September 21st and September 22nd for this year’s annual revival services.

Each night we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a light meal and time of fellowship. Following our meal, our revival service will begin and end with music performed by our featured musical group. On Monday (9/21) our very own Culdee Chancel Choir will be performing some of their favorite anthems, and on Tuesday (9/22) the Never Better Band will share their musical talents while performing selections of their choice..

Our guest speaker will be Pastor John Baker. John serves as the pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Sanford, North Carolina. In addition, John is currently serving Culdee as the Moderator at Stated Session meetings. John’s revival message is entitled:

Holy Spirit Intervention – A look into the interactions of the Holy Spirit and Christians.

- Monday evening topic – The Gift of the Holy Spirit
- Tuesday evening topic – The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit

Over the course of two nights, John will focus on the work and effectiveness of the Holy Spirit, with an emphasis on how the church can and should grow. Please be in prayer that we learn together the insight and power of the Holy Spirit as we grow in the image of Jesus Christ, so that we might touch hearts and lives to build the Kingdom of God.

So....don’t forget to mark your calendars. Bring your family, invite your friends and your neighbors as we celebrate God’s redeeming grace through His son Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We hope to see you there! Johnie Marion

Revival Schedule

6:00 – 6:30.....Light Meal
6:30 – 7:10.....Music – Featured Musical Group
7:10 – 7:30.....Guest Speaker’s Message
7:30 – 7:45.....Music – Featured Musical Group
7:45.....Closing Prayer and Sending

BABY SHOWERS



The congregation is invited to attend two upcoming baby showers. There will be a shower for **Ashley Blue** on **Saturday, September 5th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Brandon and Ashley are expecting a girl.

On **Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**, a shower will be held in the Fellowship Hall for **Ryann Johnson**. Taylor and Ryann are expecting a boy.



Melissa Bailey	03
Patti Burke	03
Wilma Blue	04
James (Jr) McKenzie	04
Crystal Carrico	05
Wally Burke	06
Roy Anderson	07
Joshua Carrico	07
Adam Kemp	07
Floyd Black	08
Pearl Frye	09
Laine Lea	10
Macey Craven	12
Eli Carrico	14
Ryan Marino	14
Lauren Palmerton	14



Emily Marion Holmes	15
Elaina Aponte	15
Lauren Tierney	19
Lonnie McKenzie	20
Lauren Bobo	23
Susan Rust	25
Mark Seawell	25
Jimmy Lea	26
Lindsey Williamson	26
Smith Young	26
Harold Tolbert	27
Robin McKenzie	28
Camden Vest	28
Sara Cole	29
Teresa Cole	30

Finance Ministry

Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on October 17, 2026. Along with supporting Missions, the proceeds from the Harvest Festival also funds Culdee's Building and Grounds (Church and Grounds Maintenance). This is not a budgeted line item within our annual budget. 65% of the proceeds go to Church and Ground Maintenance, and 35% go to Missions. We are honored to have such wonderful caretakers of Culdee. The cost of maintaining both the buildings and grounds can be extensive and costly. This fundraiser is how we can continue to make sure that Culdee Presbyterian Church remains beautiful and ready to serve all who attend services and other functions. If you would like to help with securing auction items, please see below some ideas that may help:



- Gift Baskets (family game night, movie night, pet care)
- Pottery
- Handmade Items
- Homemade Cakes, Pies, Bread, Cookies
- Custom Artwork
- Tools
- Indoor/Outdoor Decor
- Gift Cards
- Sporting Tickets
- Photo Shoot



Please take any donated items to the Session room and any gift cards need to be taken to the office. Donation forms can be located outside of the church office. Please keep in mind that we also will have a yard sale. If you would like to donate any items to that, please also take those items to the Session room.

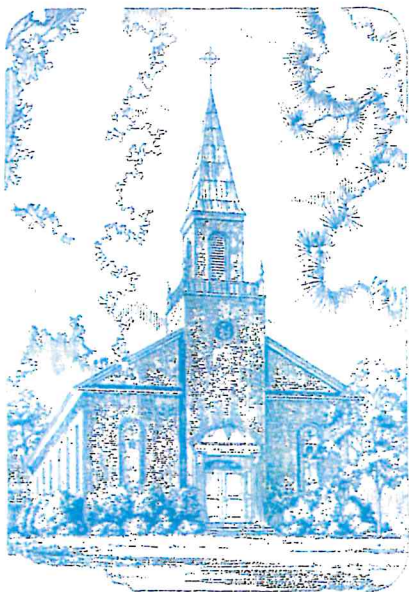
If you have any questions concerning the auction or yard sale, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Finance Committee. Shannon Bullard, Danny Aldridge, Teresa Cole, Ann Savage, or Stephanie Barber.

BUT LET ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN YOU BE GLAD;
LET THEM EVER SING FOR JOY.

SPREAD YOUR PROTECTION OVER THEM,
THAT THOSE WHO LOVE YOUR
NAME MAY REJOICE IN YOU.

Psalms 5:11





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*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his
name; make known among the nations
what He has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8*

Culdee Presbyterian Mission

Culdee Presbyterian Church will build caring relationships with our local and global community while proclaiming the Word of God and building up our faith community.

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