

Ministry of Caring

August 4, 2026

Care

Pray, Write, Call, Reach Out to:

Our Families at Home

Alice Ann Wallace, Matt Belitz, Mary Hicks,
Steven Fish, Barbara McCulloch, Chic Stinson,
Keri Hale, Karen Lamon, Jady Tipton, Linda
Jo Dees, Russ Cobb, Myrt Powell, Al Shiver,
Judy Humphreys

Our Families in Care Facilities

Legacy Park: Joyce Fulton

Shannondale: Jean Jordan

Asbury Place: Dixie Petrey

Brookdale (Sandy Springs): Steve Spice

Our Extended Families

Haley Allen, friend of Michelle Delozier;

Zane, friend of Michelle Delozier; **Susan**

and Alex's son, neighbors of the Wilsons;

Barbara Whaley, Jerry Holden's sister;

Sheila Clinard, Lisa Hill's sister-in-law; **Jill**

Baron, friend of Ruth Harris; **Bill Benson**,

brother of Betty Holden; **Kayla Olive**,

daughter of David & Kathryn Olive; **Roe**

Boone, brother of Gail Garland

Impact

AUGUST

Dollar in the Pew

Community Food Connection (CFC) was started in 1991 when local churches, concerned citizens, and the Blount County Ecumenical Action Council joined forces to address hunger more effectively. Their stated mission is simple: to ensure that no one in Blount County goes without food. They provide groceries to every family that seeks their help. With 5,000 monthly client visits, CFC relies on the generosity of individuals, area churches, schools, businesses, and organizations to keep their shelves stocked. They are located in Midland Plaza.

Calendar Items

- **Aug. 5-** Kids & MVS Wednesday night activities resume!
- **Aug. 7-** Packing for Mobile Food Pantry, from 1:30-2:30 PM
- **Aug. 8-** Mobile Food Pantry, from 9-11 AM

DONATION

Donations of beanie weenies and fruit cups are needed for the MVBC Blessing Box.



LOST & FOUND

If you have misplaced or lost anything at the church, please come check our lost and found box in the church office.

Message from Pastor Rick

Monte Vista Family,

This Sunday at Monte Vista, we begin our second week of Wrestling and Walking: Faith That Doesn't Let Go. We'll observe a special time in worship to appreciate and encourage our educators/teachers, administrators, counselors, coaches, and support staff who have this week begun a new year. On the cusp of their second full week, with a real sense of what they're dealing with, we want to surround them with prayer — to lay hands on the sent ones in our midst and say: we see you, we are for you, and you do not go alone. If you are an educator or school employee — member of Monte Vista or neighbor in our community — we want you here this Sunday. Bring a friend. Come and be prayed for and pray for your colleagues, and hear a word about what your feet are carrying each day into the lives of students. The news you bring is more beautiful than perhaps you know.

What a great weekend it was last weekend! You want to know the best thing about whitewater rafting? Watching Chris love on our students and young adults. Then listening to Holly and family on the way to Laurel's baptism on the Little River in Townsend Sunday afternoon (Shane is a natural John the Baptist; thinking about getting him a camel hair shirt, let me know if you want to pitch in). Watching and listening to each of them talk about their ministry revealed an abiding love for the disciples whose formation they're leading.

I'm excited to announce that carpet was laid on Monday in my office! Part of a functioning office is a place at your desk where you can plug in your laptop, and to that end, I'm deeply grateful for David Reece's contribution of running conduit and installing a receptacle at my desk last week. David's work is outstanding. I hope to be hanging things up soon — perhaps we'll host an "open office."

I'll be at Smoky Mountain Brewery again tomorrow (Wednesday) for my weekly dose of red meat. If you're free, feel free to join me — I'll wait in the front lobby until noon to see what size table we need. Last week we had 10(!), which made conversation a bit challenging, but the fellowship even more delightful.

Grace and peace —

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Connect



Greeter Ministry Meeting

For our greeters and anyone interested in being a greeter...
Saturday, August 22, 9:30 - 11:00.
Continental breakfast included.

