

GRAY ROCK CHURCH

Independent Methodist * Ministry and Missions

Letter from Pastor Brandon Hendricks



Greetings Gray Rock Church Family,

We are going *full send*.

So, what exactly does this mean? “Full send” is a modern term used to convey “the full commitment to an action or choice with maximum effort and no fear.”

For as Paul teaches in 2 Timothy 1:17, “God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” In fact, that is exactly what we will be doing in the forthcoming season: pressing into the power and love of the Lord. As I had Savannah mention last Sunday at Gray Rock, upon my return, we will be focused on “encountering and living out the love of God”

What this will look like will become clearer in the coming weeks. The Lord shall be our shepherd and our guide. Therefore, what we must do in the meantime is press in with prayer. Not superficial words of eloquence with no heart; but honest, raw, and passionate prayer poured out in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I leave you with the same passage I had Savannah read for you that I encourage you take a moment to read... Stop... And then read again. Make a commitment to reading 1 Corinthians 13 in the coming weeks. As you read it, you will be transformed and be prepared for what lies ahead. Walk in faith, not fear. Run in zeal, not apathy. Sprint towards what lies ahead, not what rests behind. Yes, “fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you” (2 Timothy 1:6).

In the power of Christ’s Spirit who dwells within you and the sanctifying grace of His blood – amen:

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don’t love, I’m nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate. If I speak God’s Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, “Jump,” and it jumps, but I don’t love, I’m nothing. If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don’t love, I’ve gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.

– 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Brandon Hendricks

SEE YOU SUNDAY, 16 AUG 2026!

WHAT'S THE SCHEDULE ???

NURSERY & CHILDREN'S CHURCH	DEVOTION	SANCTUARY CLEANING
AUGUST 2026	AUGUST 2026	CLEANING 2026
2 SONDRA, BETTY, SYDNEY	2 ELEANOR	AUG - TYSON & SHELIA
9 OLLIE, ELIZABETH, SARAH	9 TYSON	SEPT - MELISSA
16 DAWNEE, KELLY, ADDISON	16 SHELIA	OCT - MELINDA & KYLE
23 MELINDA, PAM, CINDY	23 DONNA	NOV - PAM
30 STACY, ASHLEY, SYDNEY	30 JODY	DEC - MELISSA
SEPTEMBER 2026	SEPTEMBER 2026	
6 SONDRA, BETTY SYDNEY	6 JARVIS	HOMEcoming
13 OLLIE, ELIZABETH, SARAH	13 PAT	IS SEPTEMBER 27
20 DAWNEE, KELLY, ADDISON	20 JOHN	Mark your calendars!!!
27 MELINDA, PAM, CINDY	27 HOMEcoming	
	** No Sunday Sch. 27th	
AUGUST CHOIR PRACTICE	SPEAKER SCHEDULE	GRASS MOWING 2026
20 - THURSDAY - 7:00 pm	AUG 2 - KYLE	AUG - DICKIE & OLLIE
27 - WEDNESDAY - 7:00 pm	AUG 9 - KYLE	SEPT - JASON, TREVOR, RILEY
	AUG - 16 PASTOR	OCT - KYLE & CURTIS
	Brandon Hendricks	
	returns from military duty	
	to resume his ministry	
BELOW: MISSION TRIP MOMENTS !!		



OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Koinonia | every Tues. | 12:30pm @ Fellowship Hall - 7:00 pm @ Hockaday's

Nursing Home Choir | every Tues. | 10:30 am

Youth Group | every Sun. | 6:30 pm

Iron Sharpens Iron | Wed, August 5th | 6:00 pm

100th Birthday Celebration for Rachel | Sat, August 15th | 5:00pm at church

Welcome Home Luncheon for Pastor and Family | Sun, August 16th | after Church

Ice Cream Social | Sun, August 23rd | 6:00 pm

Administrative Board Meeting | Sun, August 23rd | 7:00 pm

HOMEcoming | Sun, September 27th

Women's and Men's Fellowship Meetings:

Our Men's and Women's groups will resume in September. Dates and times TBA.



Ice Cream Social

Has it been a HOT July??? Want to cool off with a sweet, cold treat??? Well, come on down!!! NO - Bob Barker will not be there, but we certainly hope you attend and enjoy some cool fellowship.

Our annual Ice Cream Social is set for Sunday, August 23 at 6:00 pm.

***Ice Cream makers**, please arrive NO LATER than 5:15pm, so ice cream is ready to serve at 6:00pm.

Attention All

The Administrative Board Meeting is at 7:00pm directly after the Ice Cream Social at 6:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come to these meetings. You, the church members, are the voting body.



Get involved with your community of believers and share your gifts!
because we need you.
YES, YOU.



The Newton Family would like to extend an invitation to a 5:00 pm cookout on, Saturday, August 15th to celebrate the **100th birthday of Rachel Jones** at Gray Rock Church! The family has graciously extended the invitation to everyone!!!! Please RSVP to Cindy at 919-691-2366.

FAITH IN ACTION AT GRAY ROCK CHURCH - FOR THE GLORY OF OUR GOD !!!!!

MYF NEWS

On July 5th the youth & young adults enjoyed a pool party at the Preddy's house. Thank you very much Billy and Ginny for letting us party at the Preddy's! The meetings for July 12th and 19th were cancelled this month, as the majority of the youth were on the mission trip. On the last Sunday in July we got together for bowling and dinner at Pizza Inn. Its been great to have the young adults home for summer break from college to join in the fun. As always, we encourage our youth and young adults to bring a friend to any of our events.



Above: Gray Rock volunteered at ACTS (Area Christians Together in Service), in Henderson, this past July to help prepare food for the homeless.

Our August plans:

Aug. 2nd - 6:30 pm mtg.
Aug. 9th - ACIM
Aug. 16th - Luncheon
Aug. 23rd - Ice Cream social @ church

Right: Some exploring on ATV's after a long week of mission team work .



Mission Team News: *Isaiah 6:8* - Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am. Send Me"

Praise the Lord for a safe and productive mission trip in July! Big thanks to everyone for their prayers and support for our mission trip. Please continue to pray for those in western NC who are still waiting for homes and repairs.

For MANY more scenes of our trip, check us out on Facebook!!

Food Ministries : *Proverbs 22:9* - The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Mother's Love, INC. - Gray Rock participates with this organization to help feed homeless people in Granville County. Every Tuesday **two** volunteers from Gray Rock, cook or purchase a meal for 10 to 15 people and take it to Pam at the fellowship hall. She plates these meals in to-go containers and delivers them to Mother's Love, INC., who then takes them to the homeless in our community. If you want to help with this ministry **in any way**, please **contact Pam**.

ACIM - Area Christians In Ministry, always needs our monthly food donations. Any donations you feel led to make can be placed in a basket marked ACIM in the fellowship hall. Our youth group volunteers monthly at ACIM restocking shelves and preparing food boxes - **anyone is welcome to volunteer with us**, not just youth. We typically volunteer on the 2nd Sunday of each month, so this month we will volunteer on August 9th.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR :

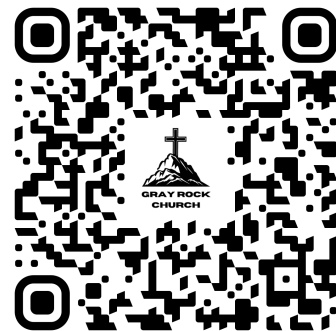
Caroline (Wade and Melissa's granddaughter), Barry Hatcher, Jason Carroll, Colorado wildfires, Venezuela earthquake victims, Kentucky flood victims, Barb Rote, Samuel, Savannah and Pastor Brandon, Rachel Jones, Len Priode, Christine Martin, Whitaker Hicks family, Isaac Edward family, Jay Cox, Thomas Albrighten, Jaxon Valdes, Addie Daniel, Sonya Carver & family, Taylor Driscoll, Joanna, Jeremy's dad, Joan Sinkonich, Gina Nelson, Madison, Carlos Valdes, Ken's family, Tommy Rebant, Johnny Medford, John Montague, village area Christians in India, Kaden Miller, Dorothy Munn, Michael Hayes, Macon congregation, Brooke & family, Kat's grandma, Lorelei & Kent Hendrickson, Aaron & young man, Eddie Wright, Jay's house situation, Pam's cousin, Ainslee Kidd, Megan Adcock, Brittany & baby, Josh's grandma, O'Hagan brother-in-laws, Ken Sutton, Donna Hockaday, heart of the church, Haight family, Kenny Stutts, SSG Nelson's son, Tracy Watkins, Crystal Salter & family, Renee Gooch, Caroline's grandfather, Evan Valentine, Isaiah Mixtega, Elijah Stewart & family, 1SG Boucher, Barbara Wilson, Phyllis Wilbur, Judy Carter, Davis family, Cindy's friend, Sarah Shed, Boone family, Elizabeth Richardson & family, Isabelle Jones, Autumn Adcock, Tyson Ward, Kenny Wilson

Koinonia = Fellowship of Believers

Christians need the support of each other in life, not just on Sunday. Koinonia is just that!

Come join us and grow in the Spirit, knowledge, and friendship.

Koinonia is every Tuesday at 12:30 pm at the fellowship hall and every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm at the Parsonage (returning there August 18th) for those that work or can't make the afternoon gathering. Its a wonderful support for living the Christian life !!



August

2026

July							September						
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26	27	28	29	30	31			27	28	29	30		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27		28	29	30	1
						BD - Phyllis
2	3		4	5	6	7
BD - Scarlett		NH Choir - 10:30 am KON - 12:30 & 7 pm	Iron Sharpens Iron- 6:00pm	BD - Karen Tingen	BD - Pam	
YG - 6:30						8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
YG - ACIM		NH Choir - 10:30 am KON - 12:30 & 7 pm				AUGUST 15th - Rachel's 100th BDAY - @ church ANV - Greg & April
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
BD - MD Sparks Welcome Back Luncheon Hendricks Family - after service YG - Luncheon		BD - Rachel BD - Joe Harris NH Choir - 10:30 KON - 12:30 & 7pm	BD - Russell BD - Savannah	Choir Practice - 7:00pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Ice Cream Social- 6:00pm Admin Bd. Mtg - 7:00pm		NH Choir - 10:30 am KON - 12:30 & 7pm BD - Carter S.	ANV - Horace & Lucille	ANV - Wade & Melissa Choir Practice - 7:00pm	BD - Addison	

YG - Youth Group	KON - Koinonia	NH - Nursing Home Choir
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Name: _____

Date: _____

Names of God

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The Lord who Heals You
Jehovah Sabaoth
Jehovah Shalom
Jehovah Nissi
Lamb of God
Holy one
Shepherd

The Lord is my Banner
Jehovah Shammah
Jehovah Jireh
Bread of Life
Son of Man
Emmanuel
Savior

The Lord of Peace
Prince of Peace
Jehovah Rapha
Jehovah Raah
Son of God
Holy One