



# Tranquil Tidings

Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ in our Community since 1820.



You will be blessed when you come in  
And blessed when you go out.  
Deuteronomy 28:6



Rev. John P. Bolin

You've heard that expression I'm sure!

Fill'er Up! We want whatever we are filling filled to the brim! We want our money's worth! We want it to meet our satisfaction.

So, what about God's house? He wants it to be filled to the brim. He wants the walls to push out with overflowing. He wants to help you reach your destination...Eternal Glory! In order to get there you've got to have fuel! Where do you get that fuel? By coming to his house.

In God's house there are many ways that can help you get filled up.

- Believing
- Acceptance
- Salvation
- Baptism

So, what happens if I am already a believer and I accept Jesus Christ as my Savior; I have received the plan of salvation and I have been baptized?

But are you Filled Up?

## fill'er Up



You might be low on commitment. Your service may need adjusting and your support may need an overhaul.

We could probably all use a complete check up.

When you become a member of His house you come with a commitment. A commitment that you will serve, support, and be present.

God expects from you just what you expect from that nozzle pumping out your fuel.....the best that it can be.

Commitment to get you where you are going!

The church can help you get to where you're going you just need to be filled up!

The challenge this month is to come into His house and bring a friend or acquaintance. Let us FILL THIS HOUSE! Give someone the opportunity to receive the ways in which to be filled as well.

Amen?

## Keep Jesus at the wheel!

Revised 4-10-24

## 2024 Officers & Committees

# ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Chairperson	JoAnn Purkerson
Lay Leader	Sandy Shaffer
Annual Conference Delegate	Elaine Turner
Alternate AC Delegate	Martha Vincent
Finance Chairperson	Steve Durham
Finance Secretary	Leslie McKaba
S/P.P.R.C. Chairperson	Judy Davis
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Board Recording Secretary	Jane Price
Sunday School Secretary	Sandy Shaffer
Sunday School Superintendent	Martha Vincent
Native American Coordinator	Jackie Hall
Higher Ed & Campus Mi. Coord.	Deanna Willis
Music Director	Jack Cauley
Salkehatchie Coordinator	Sandy Shaffer
Epworth Local Church Rep	Jane Price
Outreach Committee	Ann Coker
United Methodist Women President	Martha Vincent
Older Adult/Nurture Coordinator	Rev. & Mrs. Jim Davis
Membership Secretary	JoAnn Purkerson
Children's Church Coordinators	Lauren Greene and Brooke Culbertson

At Large Member	Nancy Buchanan
At Large Member	Joe Langley
At Large Member	Jean Corley
At Large Member	Patsy Anderson
At Large Member	Claudette McKinney
At Large Member	Linda Goldman



### Nominations (Lay Leadership) Committee

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Helen Watson</b>	<b>Bubba Davis</b>
Class of 2025	Cindy Davis	Jerrel Goldman
Class of 2026	Leslie McKaba	Janice Sumner
	Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader, Vice-Chair	*Rev. John P. Bolin, Pastor, Chairperson

### Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee (S/P.P.R.C.)

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Kevin Fallaw</b>	<b>Ernie Sumner</b>
Class of 2025	Judy Davis	Bubba Davis
Class of 2026	David Frady	
	Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader	Elaine Turner, AC Delegate
	*Rev. John P. Bolin, Pastor (ex-officio)	

### Board of Trustees

<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Bubba Davis</b>	<b>Kevin Fallaw, Chair</b>	<b>Jane Price</b>
Class of 2025	Austin DePree	Sandy Shaffer	Elaine Turner
Class of 2026	Ronnie Beverly	Jerrel Goldman	Lisa Stevens

### Worship Committee

Cindy Davis, Chairperson	Gail Murph	Kathryn Butler	Patsy Anderson
Carolyn Ferry	Linda Goldman	Jane Price	JoAnn Purkerson
*Sherry Bayne (Sound)	*Jack Cauley (Music Director)		*Judy Cannon (Pianist)
Ann Coker	*Rev. John P. Bolin, Pastor		Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader

### Finance

Steve Durham, Chair	Kevin Fallaw, Trustee Chair
*John P. Bolin, Pastor	Lee Murph, Treasurer
Elaine Turner, AC Delegate	Ann Coker, Outreach Committee
JoAnn Purkerson, Admin Bd Chair	Sandy Shaffer, Lay leader
Judy Davis, SPPRC Chair	Joe Langley, At Large Member

### Nurture Witness and Family Ministries

Ann Coker, Chairperson	Jennifer Byrd	Cindy Davis
Kathryn Butler	Linda Goldman	Jane Price
	Sandy Shaffer, Lay Leader	

### Cemetery Committee

Patsy Anderson	Charles Buist	Norma Hammond
Joe Langley, Chair	Ernie Sumner	Lynn Lyons

## STEWARDSHIP

### April Offerings

Yearly Budget:	\$ 214,746.00
Needed weekly for budget:	\$ 4,129.73
Yearly Budget needed to date	\$70,205.41
Yearly Budget received to date:	\$66,169.39 (-\$4,036.02)

*Giving is Worship*

*Giving back to the One who gave*

## SERVING

### May Trustee of the Month

Kevin Fallaw  
(H)864-229-1235 (C)864-941-7315

### May Counters:

6	Cindy Davis
13	Linda Goldman
20	Patsy Anderson
27	Ann Coker

### Altar Guild Volunteer for May:

Martha Vincent

### Ushers for May:

Elaine Turner  
and Martha Vincent

## ALTAR FLOWERS

### May Altar Flowers

5	In honor of Nolan's Birthday By Richard and Ann Coker
12	In honor of Pam and Wally's Anniversary By Sandy Shaffer
19	In memory of Garrison Murph By Lee and Gail Murph
26	In memory of Fred McKinney By the Goldman and McKinney families

## LECTIONARY READINGS

May 5	Acts 10:44-48 Ps 98 (UMH 818) 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17
May 12	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Ps 1 (UMH 738) 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19  Ascension Sunday Mother's Day Festival of the Christian Home
May 19	Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34, 35b (UMH 826) Rom 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May 26	Isa 6:1-8 Ps 29 (UMH 761) Rom 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

## CHILDREN'S SERMON ORDER

1st Sunday	Sandy Shaffer
2nd Sunday	Cindy Davis
3rd Sunday	Bill Turner
4th Sunday	Pastor John

On 5th Sundays—Cindy Davis

### Lay Speakers

May 5	Martha Vincent
12	Rev. Jim Davis
19	Jane Price
26	Sandy Shaffer

# CELEBRATIONS



## May

### Birthdays

- 2 Taylor Long
- 4 Jodi Oliver
- 5 Betty White
- 11 Ann Tharpe
- 12 Kevin Fallaw, Christy Harrison
- 14 Steve Durham
- 18 John Collins, Claudette McKinney
- 20 Deanna Willis
- 22 Weldon Durham, Robert Moore, Sr.,  
Gee Simmons
- 23 Richard Coker, Darryl Hammond
- 24 Laurie Fallaw
- 27 John Bolton
- 28 Benjamin Bundrick, David Frady
- 29 Mary Walker
- 31 Laura Hamilton

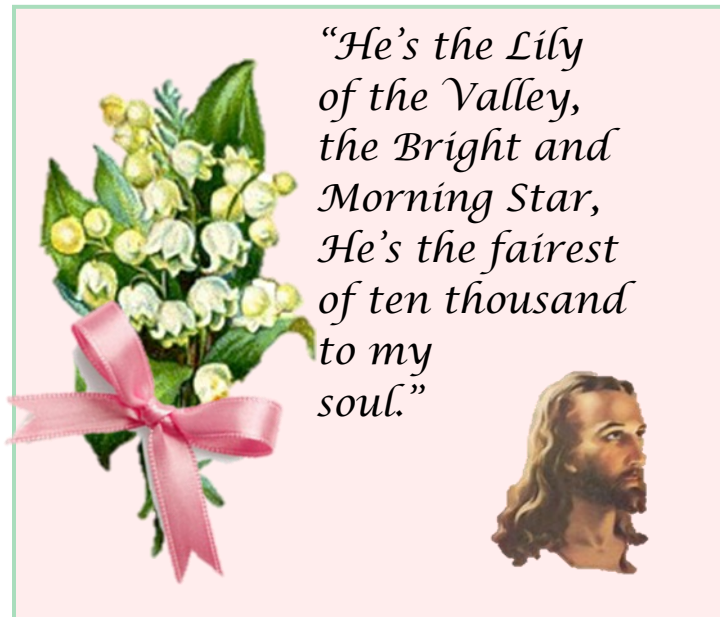


**Birthstone:** Emerald

### Anniversaries



- 5 Derrell and Josephine Bartley
- 6 Greg and Laura Beth Poore
- 8 Chris and Diane Eubanks
- 14 Wally and Pam Altman
- 18 George, II and Sara McKinney
- 19 Alan and Susan McIntyre
- 25 Wade and Betty Jeanne Cupcheck
- 30 Steve and Yancy Mikeal



*“He’s the Lily  
of the Valley,  
the Bright and  
Morning Star,  
He’s the fairest  
of ten thousand  
to my  
soul.”*

**Flower:** Lily of the Valley



*A Mother's Love*

Happy  
Mother's  
Day

*A Mother's love is WHOLE, no matter how many times it's divided.*

Prayer  Requests

Riley Addis  
Jean Corley  
ERT Disaster Resp. Team  
GG  
Gene Gifford  
Jim Hagan and Family  
Rut and Norma Hammond  
Von Hill  
Israel  
Larry and Francine  
Maggie and unborn baby



Our Country and Leadership  
JoAnn Purkerson  
Wendell Rhodes  
Buddy Ridings  
Sonny Tharpe  
Stephanie  
Those in addiction  
Unspoken  
Blair and Anne Willingham  
Benzie Witt

Prayer requests can be submitted by calling or emailing the church office at 864-223-5333, [tranquilumc@wctel.net](mailto:tranquilumc@wctel.net) or by accessing the church website at [www.thetranquillife.org](http://www.thetranquillife.org).



**Memorial Day**  
**remember and honor**

**We remember** the many  
brave men and women  
who have given their lives  
through the history of our country  
to protect us from danger and harm.  
We remember all those  
who sustained injury  
in mind and/or body in the course  
of their service.  
We salute all those  
who served in the military.



Air Force



Coast Guard



Navy



Army



Marines

# *In Memory and In Honor*

## *In Honor*

**In honor of May Birthdays**

**By the following:**

Fred and Jane Price

## *In Memory*

**In memory of Jo Nell Fallaw**

**(Kevin Fallaw's Mother)**

**By the following:**

Nancy Buchanan

Richard and Ann Coker

Bubba and Cindy Davis

Jackie Hall

Clyde and Leslie McKaba

Lee and Gail Murph

JoAnn Purkerson

Bill and Elaine Turner

John and Martha Vincent

Helen Watson

Blair and Anne Willingham

**In memory of Linda Hagan**

**By the following:**

Richard and Ann Coker

Bubba and Cindy Davis

Carolyn Ferry

Lee and Gail Murph

Sandy Shaffer

Helen Watson

Blair and Anne Willingham

## *In Memory*

**In memory of**

**By the following:**

**In memory of Jane McFate**

**(Jackie Hall's sister)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

Bubba and Cindy Davis

Carolyn Ferry

Claudette McKinney

Lee and Gail Murph

Blair and Anne Willingham

(These names were omitted in the March Newsletter. Notification letters were mailed)

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Ronnie and Twiler Beverly

John and Martha Vincent

**In memory of Elizabeth Mathis**

**By the following:**

Fred and Jane Price

**In memory of Gary Roper**

**By the following:**

Ronnie and Twiler Beverly

John and Martha Vincent

Blair and Anne Willingham

*Tranquil greatly appreciates the gifts that have been made in honor and in memory.*



# *In Memory and In Honor Continued...*

## *In Memory*

**In memory of Jerry Lee Reynolds**

**By the following:**

Bubba and Cindy Davis

**In memory of Claire and Billy Smith  
at Easter**

**By the following:**

Connie, Gail and families

**In memory of  
June Trotman**

**(Bubba Davis and Ann Tharpe's sister)**

**By the following:**

Jean Corley

Harriet Creswell

Bubba and Cindy Davis

Lee and Gail Murph

John and Martha Vincent

Helen Watson

Blair and Anne Willingham

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Ronnie and Twiler Beverly

Carolyn Ferry

# *Thank you!*



*Thank you so much for the thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards following the recent passing of my mother, Jo Nell Fallaw.*

*Sincerely,*

*Kevin Fallaw*



When your loved one  
becomes a  
*Memory,*  
Every memory  
becomes a  
*Treasure.*

# Meetings & Practices



**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
Each Sunday 2:00 p.m.,  
Brockwell Sunday School Classroom

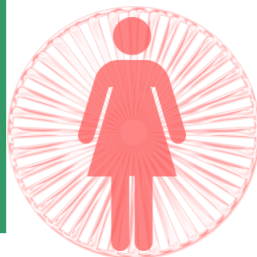
## BE PRESENT

**BOBBIE WILEY BIBLE STUDY**  
Mondays  
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Council Meeting**  
Monday, May 6, 2024  
6:00 p.m.—Brockwell Classroom

**Tranquility Circle**  
Monday, May 20, 2024  
6:00 p.m.—Fellowship Hall

**Pauline Botts Circle**  
Monday, May 20, 2024  
Noon—Montague's  
Hostesses: tba



## Tranquil's Web Page

Have you visited Tranquil's Web Page?  
You can access Worship Information, the Monthly Newsletter, Online Giving, Online Worship, the Thought for the Day, Current Church Ministries, Kid's Corner, Contact and Staff information and so much more! Prayer requests can also be submitted. CHECK IT OUT!!!! [www.thetranquillife.org](http://www.thetranquillife.org)

*GIVE, SO THAT IT WILL SPREAD ...*



**DONATE**  
to the  
**Greenwood**  
**Food Bank**

Donated  
items may be  
placed on a  
designated  
table near the  
church office.  
Deadline is  
May 26th.

FOOD BANK OF GREENWOOD COUNTY

**MAY**

**Dried Beans**  
**Rice**  
**& Pasta**



*LIKE SEEDS THAT ARE PLANTED*



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**OUTREACH PROJECT**

## Support Epworth Children's Home

Did you know?

**151**

Number of children who lived at Epworth last year, each one from our own communities in S.C.

**313**

Number of children served through Epworth's Foster Care Program.

**100%**

Of your Mother's Day offering provides comprehensive care for the children at Epworth. Epworth is not an apportioned item in the Annual Conference budget. Mother's Day is your opportunity to support



## Epworth's Mother's Day Offering Sunday, May 12, 2024

You can be a part of the Epworth team that stands in the gap to care and provide for children when their parents cannot do it. Please make a generous gift today to Epworth's Mother's Day offering knowing you are transforming the futures of precious children who are in need of care....some due to physical neglect, some due to inattention and no encouragement, distrust, and inability to thrive.

Epworth provides tutors, mental health counselors, house parents, and faith leaders.

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# MAY be funny!

### Woman With Strong Faith

An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived a non-believer who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted "PRAISE THE LORD, GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn't."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, 'PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them.

# Tranquil's Oldest Mother

Margaret Simpson, mother of member Anne Willingham, just celebrated her 102nd birthday on April 7, 2024. Still bright and beautiful, she is the epitome of having lived life to the fullest.

Tranquil is grateful to be able to celebrate her long life as our oldest Mother.



Happy Mother's Day, Margaret!



United  
Women  
in Faith

**REACHING OUT...**  
**In our community**

United Women in Faith President Martha Vincent and Treasurer Jane Price purchased \$750.00 in Walmart gift certificates from the funds raised at the Tranquil Soup and Sandwich lunch held on [February 11, 2024](#). The gift cards will be used by Woodfields Elementary School case manager Mary Anderson to provide for the needs of the homeless children at the school.



Photo left to right  
Woodfields Principal  
Janette Miller,  
Martha Vincent,  
Mary Anderson,  
and Assistant Principal  
Dr. Julia McClanahan

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THE LILY OF THE VALLEY

English Melody

1. I have found a friend in Je - sus, He's ev - ry-thing to me, He's the  
 2. He all my griefs has tak - en, and all my sor - rows borne; In temp -  
 3. He will nec - er, nec - er leave me, nor yet forsake me here, While I

fair - est of ten thou - sand to my soul; The Lil - y of the Val - ley,  
 fa - tion He's my strong and might - y tow - er; I have all for Him for - sak - en,  
 live by faith and do His bless - ed will; A wall of fire a - bout me,  
 D.S. - Lil - y of the Val - ley.

*Fine.*  
 in Him a - lone I see all I need to cleanse and make me ful - ly whole,  
 and all my i - dons torn From my heart, and now He keeps me by His pow'r.  
 I've noth - ing now to fear, With His man - na He my hun - gry soul shall fill.

the Bright and Morn - ing Star, He's the fair - est of ten thou - sand to my soul.

In sor - row He's my com - fort, in trou - ble He's my stay,  
 Though all the world for - sake me, and Sa - tan tempt me sore,  
 Then sweep - ing up to glo - ry to see His bless - ed face,

*D.S.*  
 He tells me ev - ry care on Him to roll. He's the  
 Through Je - sus I shall safe - ly reach the goal. He's the  
 Where riv - ers of de - light shall ev - er roll. He's the



May

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**Worship**—11: 00 a.m.

**Choir Practice**

2-3 p.m.—Brockwell SS Class

6

**Bobbie Wiley Bible Study**

10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

**Administrative Board Mtg**

6:00 p.m

Brockwell Classroom

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27 **Memorial Day**



**Bobbie Wiley Bible Study**

10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

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Worship Services are available on Facebook, You Tube and our Website [www.the.tranquillife.org](http://www.the.tranquillife.org).

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	<p>9</p>  <p>Girl Scout Leaders 6-8 p.m.—Fellowship Hall</p>	10	11
	16	17	18
	<p>23</p> <p><b>Mountain Movers</b> 7 p.m.—Brockwell SS Class</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>Placement of flags along the drive. Volunteers meet at 8:30 a.m.</p> 
	30	31	



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*in our community since 1820*

*Jesus Christ*  
THE LILY OF THE VALLEY

He will bless them that fear the LORD, both small and great. Psalm 115:15

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