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Well, May is upon us, and it will soon be summertime, when lots of good things come out of the garden! I came across a devotional reading the other day that I had tucked away to keep, and I wanted to share it here as so many of us are getting ready to grow things. Maybe we can grow shared blessings, as well as flowers and food!

The Scripture referenced here is Galatians 5:22. Credit for this writing belongs to a Canadian pastor named James Hurd.

“A man tells the story of how his neighbor’s bean stalk pushed through the fence between their gardens, giving them plump beans to eat. At the same time, a branch from his own rose bush pushed through the fence to his neighbor’s garden, gracing them with beautiful roses. Both plants remained firmly rooted in their own gardens, but graced those nearby with beauty or food.”

“As ‘branches,’ we can offer beauty and nourishment for others, while we remain firmly rooted in Jesus Christ. Which of the fruits of the Spirit will you let ‘grow over the fence’ today – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness or self-control?”

Indeed, which fruits of the Spirit will you grow this year?

Connie Weaver, Pastor

NOTES FROM THE STATED SESSION MEETING OF APRIL 13

June Stewart, Clerk

The meeting was held in Room A/Session Room of the Fellowship Hall building at 6:00 p.m. with all Elders in attendance and Pastor Connie serving as Moderator.

- Active Membership: **154**
- The minutes from the **March 9th Stated Session** meeting were approved as amended.
- The Session declined the **Board of Elections'** request to use Culdee's Fellowship Hall building as a voting site in 2026.
- The Session approved **Josh Lowery's** request to use the sanctuary on May 24th from 2 – 5 p.m. for his piano students' recital.
- The **March Financial Report** was received into the record.
- The Session approved two revised personnel documents: **Youth Group Leader's Procedures** and **Youth Group Leader's Job Description**. The session also approved up to \$800.00 to advertise the Youth Group Leader position.

Congregational Care

The Congregational Care Committee met on March 30th with eight members present. Establishment of Visitation Teams to visit our homebound/ nursing home members was discussed. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or if you would enjoy a visit, please let us know or contact the church office.



NEWS ALERT!!

Are you aware that Culdee provides a medical alert device free of charge to our members? Lifeline is a medical alert system that lets you summon any type of help whenever you need it, any time of day or night - even if you are unable to speak. All you have to do is press the help button and a Trained Care Specialist will make sure you get the help you need. Lifeline now offers a GPS type unit necklace device that allows you to summon help whenever you are away from your home, as long as there is cell coverage in the area.

If you would like more information or if you are interested in obtaining or switching to the GPS medical alert device, please contact Nancy in the Church Office at 910-295-6685.

Senior Luncheon

Inviting all seniors, age 60 and above, to attend our Senior Luncheon on **Sunday, May 4th** in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our Church Service. Please make plans to join us for a delicious meal and Christian fellowship.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



We have an exciting event scheduled for **Sunday, June 29th** from 4:00 – 6:00 pm in our Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to come join us for an afternoon of Bluegrass featuring the Bluegrass band **SOUTH RIDGE**. Come join the fun and fellowship as the musicians share their musical talents. Homemade ice cream will be served during intermission.

We welcome everyone to be a part of our Congregational Care Committee. Please make plans to attend our meeting held the last Sunday of every month in the Session Room immediately following our Church service.

Wesley Cole & Eve Williamson
Congregational Care Committee

Cemetery Committee News

A big thanks to Lonnie McKenzie, Bud Monroe, Floyd Black, Darrell McKenzie and Marshall Sweat for spraying all the tombstones and monuments in the graveyard with “Wet and Forget” to remove mold and mildew. We appreciate all their hard work and support.

Wade Garner
Cemetery Committee



Crop Walk 2025
\$3,174.00 was raised. Many thanks to all who participated and those who gave! Thanks to the musicians who kept us going!!

Christian Education

April was an exciting time here with the Community Day Easter Egg hunt and all the activities that day. Many thanks to all who donated time and talents to make it such a wonderful event!

Now May is shaping up to be another exciting time here at Culdee. Beginning on May 4, we will be offering new Sunday School classes at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings. There will be a new adult class taught by Johnie Marion in the fellowship hall. It will be a series featuring a video message followed by time for group discussions of the topic covered.

Children's classes will continue to be offered with a class for preschool and a class for K through 6th grade. A Youth class will be offered in the classroom in the fellowship hall.

Please be in prayer for these new additions to our worship experience. We are always looking for additional hands to help carry out these activities. Call the church office or Robert Barber 910-690-8851 or Janie Taylor 910-603-5594 for information.

Sunday
School

Vacation
Bible
School

It is also the time of year to begin thinking about our Camp Monroe Vacation Bible School. This is a great opportunity for our youth to participate in this program provided to us by Camp Monroe staff. The dates this year are June 23-27 and will include 3 days (M-W) of worship and activities here at Culdee. Thursday the campers will travel to Camp Monroe for an overnight stay and return on Friday.

We will be asking for donations for lunches and snacks again this year, and if you are interested in sponsoring a camper this year, call the office for information.



Community Funday with Easter Egg Hunt



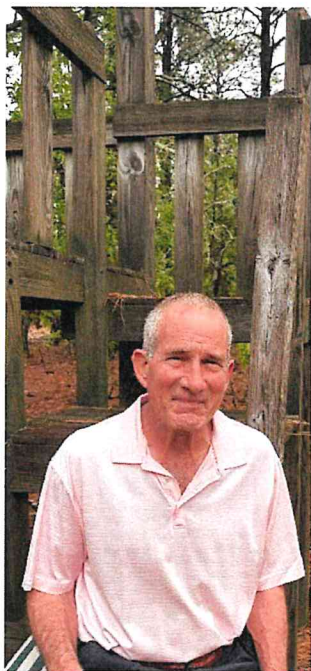


COMMUNITY FUN DAY WITH EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, June 8th, is Pentecost Sunday! This is the day we celebrate the coming of God's Holy Spirit upon believers following the resurrection of Jesus. You are invited to wear "the colors of flame" (red, yellow, orange) for Pentecost Sunday, and to spend a little time reading and pondering the first two chapters of the Book of Acts, in preparation for the celebration of Pentecost.



Session 2025 Member



Rick Mathews was born in Denver, Colorado and moved to Southern Pines in 1967. He is married to Martha, is the father of Jamie, and father-in-law to Peyton. Avery is his grandson.

Rick retired in 2022 as head of hotel maintenance of an old hotel in Southern Pines. Nowadays you can find him in his woodworking shop messing with wood.

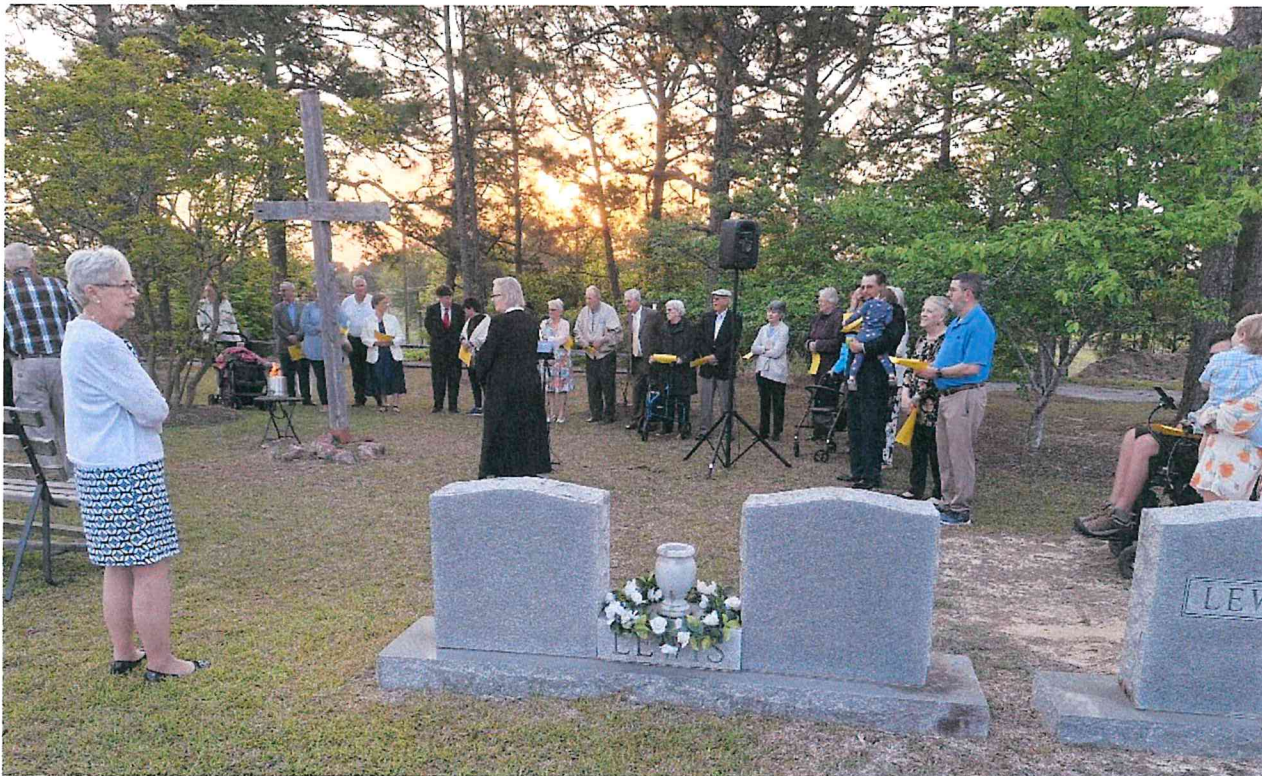


Easter Sunday



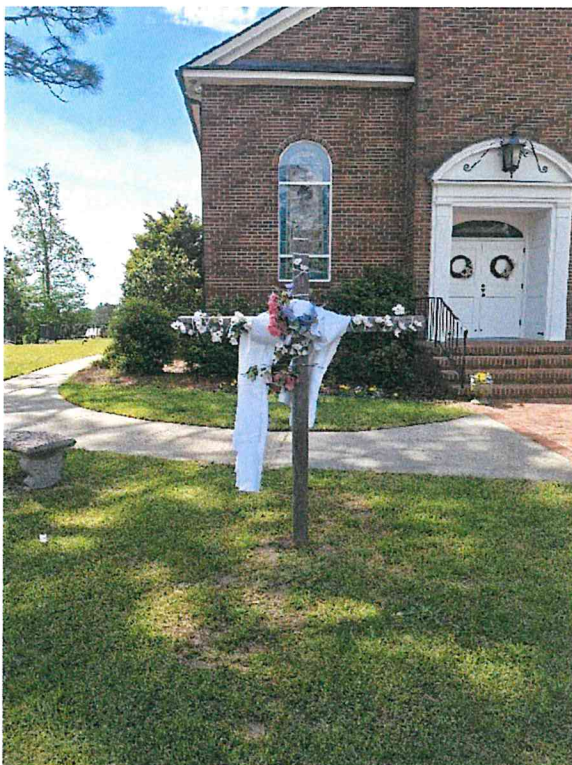
Chancel Choir, in their new robes, getting ready for Easter services.





Sunrise
Service at
7:00 am

Easter Morning Breakfast At 7:30 am
cooked & serviced by the men.



Christ sacrifice
life rejoice joy
Jesus hope crucifixion
SAVIOR
He is
REDEEMER
amazing grace
LOVE mercy

Finance Ministry News



Luke 21:30 As soon as they put forth leaves, you see for yourselves and know that summer is now near.

During our April 13, 2025, Finance Ministry Meeting, we began by discussing the ongoing parking lot landscape project. Diann Fortune, Catherine Sears, and Faye Ritter have been instrumental in making sure that this project continues to be successful with a few more changes under consideration.

The March 31, 2025, Financial Report shows that while we were short on our monthly income, our monthly expenses were less than projected. The Stifel Nicolaus Investments has earned \$1,315.05 year to date dividends, interest and realized gains, with year-to-date expenses of \$563.35. The investments have an unrealized loss of \$2,601.58 leaving the balance of \$242,382.46 as of March 31, 2025.

Your Finance Ministry is actively working on ideas on how to gather items for the Harvest Festival auction. Stay tuned for how you can help. If you have any items that you would like to donate to either the auction or the yard sale, we will gladly accept them. If you need help getting these items to the church, please do not hesitate to ask anyone within the Finance Ministry- Shannon Bullard, Danny Aldridge, Faye Riggsbee, Ann Savage, Roy Anderson, and Stephanie Barber.

Your Finance Chair,
Shannon Bullard

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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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