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Pastor's Message

Our School Supply Drive concludes in the next few days, and – as always – it was a huge success! Thank you so much for your generosity in living out our mission statement to “share the love of Christ.” We will likely have collected around 8,500 school supplies that will help equip children with the necessary materials to learn most effectively.

In this endeavor, we continue to partner with Families Together and Refugee Hope Partners. Thank you, members of St. Philip, for your faithfulness in providing and serving. A special thank you to Kai Thurow for coordinating this project for us.

Speaking of serving, we will have our annual **God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday on August 31.** As it is a fifth Sunday, it will also be a Fellowship Sunday, namely one worship service at 10 am, followed by a fellowship meal.

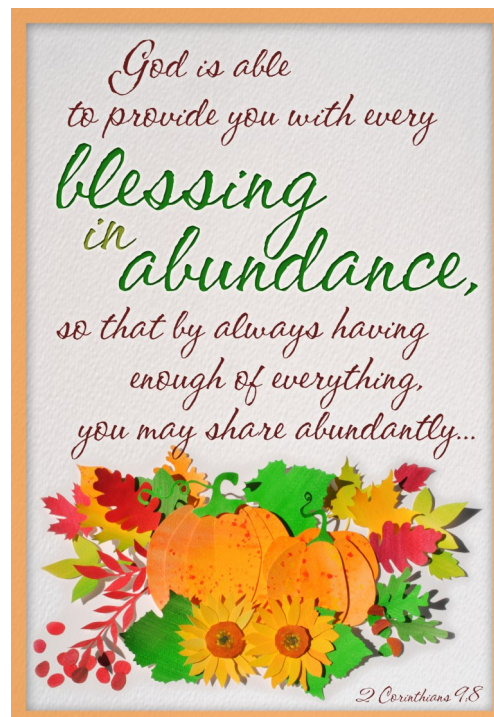
Once again, our Dave's Pub Ministry will be cooking for us immediately following worship. Following lunch, we will have several service projects to help provide for and encourage our neighbors. Please see Kai's article for further details. We look forward to seeing everyone come out and support this special annual day of service in the life of our congregation.

Thank you so much to all who contribute financially to the mission and ministry of our congregation. As I tend to say on Sundays, “we could not do it without you, we never take that for granted, and we appreciate you more than you know.”

We are able to accomplish so much ministry here – so much “sharing the love of Christ” – because of your faithfulness. Having said that, I wish to inform you that we are currently operating with a \$26,000 deficit. So, if you are able to increase your giving -- if only by a little bit (as I did recently) -- perhaps we can shrink this deficit. I appreciate your prayerful consideration of this request.

I will be on vacation from August 19th through the 29th. I pray that you, too, will be able to take some vacation time, particularly if you've not had the chance so far this summer. Rest and rejuvenation are holy aspects of our lives.

Sharing the Love of Christ,
Pastor Tim



Sunday August 31st

There will be one united worship service at 10:00 am

Following the service we will have a covered-dish lunch followed by our GWOH service projects

We have learned through the years for growing fellowship within the church family, that one way was eating together and sharing our favorite foods—and serving others, together!

The Fellowship Team will provide the goods to be grilled & condiments—the Pub Ministry team will grill—Everything else will be brought by you!



God's work. Our hands.



Join us for a day of service!

In order to plan for the day, please RSVP using this [Link](#) or scan the QR code. > > >

In addition to indicating how many people will attend, on the link you will also find a list of Food Categories, with some suggestions—you don't have to bring something that is listed—AND you don't need to decide on a specific dish—but please pick a category and enter it in the Comment section. Categories include: Vegetables, Side Crunch & Assorted Yums, Fruit, and of course Dessert!



Music Ministries

Do you enjoy church music, but feel limited by a lack of music reading ability?

Music Ministry is a fun and uplifting way to serve God and share the love of Christ with others. Please join us on God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday for a session on the basics of reading music. During this session we will learn how to read various music symbols, practice reading rhythms, and sing some hymns from our hymnal. This session is meant for people with minimal to no music reading ability. The session will be lead by Regan in the music room."

There's a place for you—

Voices of Praise Adult Choir

The choir sings in Sunday traditional services. Rehearsal is at 7:00 pm on Thursdays.

The Bells of St. Philip Handbell Choir

We meet on Sundays at 5:00 in the Sanctuary—You do not need previous experience or ability to read music. Just a desire to make a joyful noise to the Lord! (really!) Come on out and give it a try!

Crossing Praise Team

Adults and any brave high school students are welcome to join this group! This team leads worship at the 9:00 Contemporary service. Practice is held before Sunday morning worship in Kepley Hall.

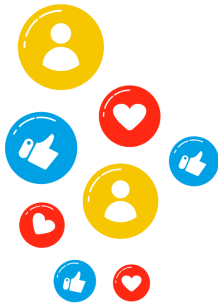
Contact [Regan Wang](#) for more information about any of St. Philip's music opportunities



A MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL

"We'd love for you to share your experience at St. Philip! Leaving a review on Google helps others discover our community and share the love of Christ. It's easy to do! Just search for St. Philip on Google and click 'Write a review.' Thank you for being a light in our community!"

**Here are some more ways to help get the word out about St. Philip—
Like us on these platforms:**



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A Gathering of Grievors 'Chat & Chew'

Tuesday, August 12th 6-7:30 pm in the Music Room

This ministry meets ONCE per MONTH on the second Tuesday of each month.

We gather from 6-7:30 PM to share our feelings, challenges, and successes surrounding the loss of a loved one. This is a safe place, a place to share things with others who understand the pain of grief.

We have a loosely structured discussion about a topic related to loss, with ample time for people to discuss what is on their mind and heart as well. Many of us bring our dinner with us so we don't have to eat alone. Feel free to share this information with friends and family who are also experiencing the loss of a loved one.

For more information, please contact Cindy Wolfe via email at CWolfeOTRL@gmail.com.

Dave's Pub Ministry

After very active service commitments in June, Dave's Pub Ministry took a break in July to enjoy the 90-degree heat and holiday celebrations.

The Pub met on July 22nd at Cape Fear Seafood, with 20 attendees. A great time was had by all. We had a very nice thank-you note from Camp Agapé for the power washing service project we completed. The men of the Pub were encouraged to invite others to join us each month.

Dave's Pub Ministry is dedicated to both fellowship and service. Our next service project will be cooking for the luncheon to celebrate God's Work. Our Hands. on Sunday, August 31st after the 10:00 united worship service.

We invite all men of St. Philip to join us on the 4th Tuesday of each month for Christian fellowship and a great meal. Our next Pub meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at Bad Daddy's Burger Bar, 9402 Falls of Neuse Rd.

Outreach Highlights



THANK YOU!

Back to School Collection Drive Success!

This July we asked St. Philip to collect school supplies to support the families that our partner organizations (Refugee Hope Partners and Families Together) support.

It's been amazing to see our congregation really step up to meet the challenge! We can't thank you enough for the way that you give so selflessly to support those in our community who need it.

Keep an eye out for an email in early August with an update with totals and how we did with our Back to School Collection Drive!



Families Together is also looking for volunteers to help with their Back to School event on Saturday, 8/2 at Hillcrest Baptist Church from 9am-12pm.

If you're interested please email Kai@st-philip.org



Refugee Hope Partner's (RHP) Coat Collection & Sale

St. Philip's Brown Bag Ministries (BBM) has partnered with Refugee Hope Partners (RHP) to help collect coats for the refugee community at Cedar Point and in Wake County.

We begin our Coat Collection on August 31 and will collect coats until October 26.

In early November, we plan to send a group of volunteers to help with RHP's Annual Coat Sale. This sale is an opportunity for those who need coats for the colder weather this coming winter to get quality coats for just a few dollars.

Please prayerfully consider if you can donate any new or gently used coats of any size. You can drop them in the labeled bins found in the office hallway, in Luther Hall, or in the Narthex.



Volunteers Needed

Make a simple meal for our **Family Ministry Nights**.

We're looking for volunteers who are interested in helping to provide simple, kid-friendly meals for our Family Ministry Nights that happen twice a month. If you are potentially interested, please contact Kai@st-philip.org to get more information. Thank you so much!

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday (8/31)

You are invited to join us for our Fellowship Sunday where we will have one worship service at 10am followed by a congregational potluck lunch and service projects on Sunday, August 31.

10:00am – Worship
11:30am – Potluck Lunch
12:15pm – Service Opportunities

**God's work.
Our hands.**

Service Opportunities:

- Pack Blessing Bags – help pack 100 Blessing Bags to help folks in the community asking for assistance
- A Joyful Noise: How to Read/Sing Hymns – explore how to read/sing hymns from our hymnal. Led by Regan Wang.
- Card Ministry – help make some cards with the Card Ministry Team to help people celebrate their birthday's, anniversaries, life events, and more!
- Make Baptismal Blankets – help make and pray over fleece-tie blankets that we give out at Baptisms.
- College Care Packages – help pack some care packages for our St. Philip College Students
- RHP Coat Collection Prep – help us prepare space and collection bins for the upcoming Coat Collection
- Help with set-up/clean-up from lunch – If you're interested in helping with the set-up or clean-up from our lunch for the day, please contact admin@st-philip.org

If you have questions about the meal, please contact admin@st-philip.org

If you have questions about the service opportunities, please contact Kai@st-philip.org

Ongoing Outreach Needs:



(BBM) – Brown Bag Ministries food donations of Salty & Sweet Snacks
(through a generous partnership with The Cypress of Raleigh Retirement Center we have all the fruit donations we need!)

(RHP) – Packing meals for Brown Bag Ministries on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays
@10:00 am

(NRM) – Volunteer at the Food Pantry

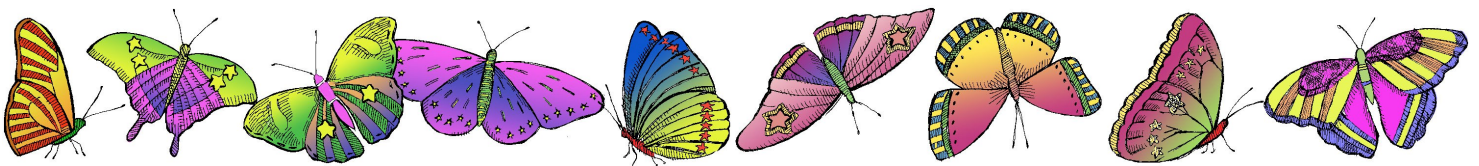
(NRM) – Volunteer at the Thrift Shoppe(s)

(RHP) – Volunteer for the “Homework Help Program”

(FT) – Volunteer to help with FT's Meal Ministry every 3rd Thursday 5-7pm

Want to get connected?

If you are interested in finding ways to plug-in or in getting additional information about any of our Outreach Opportunities, please contact Kai@st-philip.org



Back to School Blessing

Join us during either worship service on August 24 for a Back to School Blessing for all of our children, youth, parents, and teachers. You don't need to bring anything for the blessing except for yourselves!

We look forward to celebrating the start of a new school year and blessing the days of learning and growing to come.



This fall we are excited to bring back our Family Ministry Model designed to engage parents and children (ages 0 - grade 5.) This new ministry model is designed to empower and support families in nurturing their faith together in an approachable format.

Our goal is for this ministry to provide a place where families can gather, connect, and grow together.

To do this, we are planning to use a parent-centered approach that models faith, builds community, addresses the growing sense of parental loneliness and burnout in our society, and promotes healthy child development in a safe space.

We plan to meet twice a month on Sunday afternoon/evenings which will conclude with a simple dinner we can partake in together as a community.

For additional information or if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Kai@st-philip.org



Fall 2025 Children/Youth & Family Calendar

We're looking forward to another wonderful year of programming for children, youth, and family ministry here at St. Philip.

**Please note that the calendar below is potentially subject to change as the year progresses, and we will be sure to email you any updates!*

August

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| 17 - | Discipleship Academy (Confirmation) Info Meeting (grades 6-8) | 1:15 |
| 24 - | Back to School Blessing during both worship services | 9 & 11 |
| 31 - | God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday | 10:00 |
| | Worship + Lunch + Service Opportunities (all ages) | |

September

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| 7 - | Family Ministry w/ Dinner (birth-grade 5 + parents/guardians) | 3:30-5:30 |
| 14 - | Youth Group (grades 6-12) @ Grace Lutheran Church | 6:00-7:30 |
| 21 - | Family Ministry w/ Dinner (birth-grade 5 + parents/guardians) | 3:30-5:30 |
| 28 - | NO programming | |

If you would like more information about any of the items on the calendar or more information about children, youth, and family ministry please email Kai@st-philip.org

St. Philip Lutheran Preschool begins its 43rd year in September!

Our goal is to present a program of art, music and creative play that encourages the growth and development of each child in a Christian environment that is loving and nurturing.



St. Philip Lutheran Preschool

We believe each child is unique and special, so the curriculum is based on the premise that children learn in a variety of ways, at different speeds and with different experiential backgrounds provided by their parents. Our teachers strive to make their classrooms interesting, inviting and age appropriate.

We serve preschoolers ages 2-5 with a cut-off date of October 16th from September through May in a half-day program.

The staff is excited and looking forward to the 2025-2026 school year which starts on September 2, 2025. If you have a little one, friend or family that may be looking for preschool this fall, we do have openings in some of the classes.

Please visit st-philip.org/preschool for more information about the program and the registration form

As always, we thank you for opening your doors and hearts to us!



New! Young Women's Fellowship Group—

We're excited to launch a new fellowship group for women in their 20s to early 40s! This is a casual opportunity to hang out and connect with other women.

When: 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm however, we are changing the August date because several of us have conflicts.

We are going to meet on the 3rd Thursday, 8/21/25 at 6:30 pm at Tlaquepaque Mexican Restaurant

(11206 Capital Blvd, Wake Forest, NC 27587).

Contact Katie Snyder at katie.v.snyder@gmail.com



Christ Caring for People through People

That's the motto of Stephen Ministry. The Stephen Minister's role is to bring God's love into the lives of people who are going through a time of transition or experiencing a crisis.

What do Stephen Ministers do?

They listen, care, support, encourage, and pray with and for a person who is hurting. And during this confidential, one-to-one, caring relationship, God's healing love comes pouring through.

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult time—large or small—and could benefit from the caring presence of a Stephen Minister, talk to Pastor Tim or a Stephen Ministry Leader.

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

Stephen Leaders: [Kathy Blum](#) [Dan Heyl](#)



Faith & Fellowship

Monthly Breakfast Group—

Tuesday, August 19th at 9:30 am

We will meet at Falls River Café

10630 Durant Rd. (use the Bojangles driveway to their parking).

Spread the word and invite a friend for this casual time of fellowship and conversation!

Contact Frank Bouknight for more information. bouknightf@yahoo.com or 919-302-1812

Pub Ministry

The Pub Ministry Group will meet on Tuesday, August 26th, 6:30 pm at Bad Daddy's Burger Bar, 9402 Falls of Neuse Rd. Everyone is welcome! Let Joe Edwards know if you plan to attend for reservations. edwardsja@aol.com

Adult Book Club

Everyone is welcome!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 8/26 at 10am in the Parlor. We will be discussing *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers

Theo Byrne is a promising young scientist who has found a way to search for life on other planets dozens of light years away.

He is also the widowed father of a most unusual nine-year-old. His son Robin is funny, loving and filled with plans.

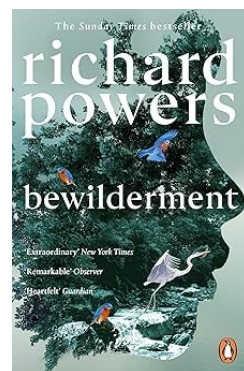
He thinks and feels deeply, adores animals and can spend hours painting elaborate pictures. But after a violent outburst from Robin at school, the strength of their close bond will be tested to its limits...

What can a father do, when those around him refuse to understand his rare and troubled child? And how can he reveal to his boy the truth about our beautiful, bewildered world?

This book is available at the Wake County Library.

Contact Kathryn Edwards for more info.

itsmekge@gmail.com



Ladies Lunch

Join us at 12:00 pm on Thursday, August 7th

Torrero's Mexicanos
4721 Atlantic Ave.



Please contact Debbie Voress
for the reservation.
919-782-2622

Every 1st Thursday!
Hope to see you there!



Supper Group

Questions or RSVP for reservations contact
Carol Rogers
parakayaker@gmail.com

Everyone is invited!!



*On a break for the
summer*

Watch for the next date and program announcement

Message from the Finance Committee

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Income in June rebounded from the low May number, but remained under our budgeted monthly amount as you'll see below.

For the month, we had income of \$49,886, or \$2,633 under plan and expenses of \$50,110, or \$474 under plan. On a year-to-date basis, income was \$290,016, or \$28,297 under plan, while expenses were \$316,100 or \$2,962 under plan. Expenses have exceeded income by 26,085 so far this year.

We clearly have some ground to make up in order to meet our Congregationally approved financial plan, so we ask for your prayers and continued generosity as we move through the remainder of the year.

Thank you for all you do to support the ministries at St. Philip!

Blessings,

Jim Beck, Finance Chair

				June 2025		
Giving						
	Actual	Plan	%			
June 2025	\$ 49,886	\$ 52,519	95%			
Year to Date	\$ 290,016	\$318,312	91%			
Category	Current Month Actual	Current Month Plan	%	YTD Actual	YTD Plan	%
Income						
General Fund	\$ 46,875	\$ 45,000	104%	\$ 271,080	\$ 270,000	100%
Other Income	\$ 3,011	\$ 7,519	40%	\$ 18,936	\$ 48,312	39%
Total Income	\$ 49,886	\$ 52,519	95%	\$ 290,016	\$ 318,312	91%
Expenses	\$ 50,119	\$ 50,594	99%	\$ 316,100	\$ 319,062	99%
Net Gain/(Loss)	\$ (233)	\$ 1,925		\$ (26,085)	\$ (750)	

The 2024 Annual Budgeted Revenue needed to meet expenses is \$636,624

Stewardship

Because of your faithful giving, lives are being changed. Each gift is a reflection of a heart shaped by Christ—serving, loving, and lifting others through generosity.

Your support helps us be the hands and feet of Jesus in our congregation and community.

As 2 Corinthians 9:8 says, “God is able to bless you abundantly... so you will abound in every good work.” Thank you for putting your faith into action and making a difference by sharing the love of Christ!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Crossing Contemporary—9:00

Traditional Style—11:00 am

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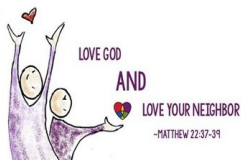
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