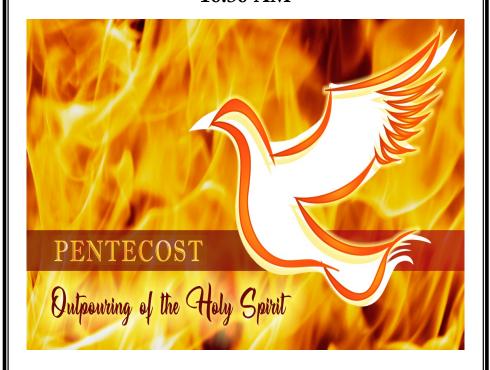
First Evangelical Lutheran Church Pentecost May 19, 2024 10:30 AM



Our Identity

- We are a diverse, welcoming, loving, grace-filled community.
- We are a safe place of acceptance and forgiveness.
- It feels good to be here.

The Rev. Matthew L. Miller, Pastor

320 South State Street , PO Box 308 Lexington, NC 27292 336.248.6018 Phone www.flclex.org

Now The Feast and Celebration Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME IN THIS PLACE!

We are so glad you are able to worship with us today. We hope you feel the love of God and the friendly warmth of our church family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to consider First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

+ + GATHERING + +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"The Church's One Foundation" arr. Karissa Dennis FLC Handbells

We turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the Altar, reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
- Amen.
- P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

(We pause for reflection.)

- **P** God, our provider, help us.
- It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.
- P Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.
- **G** Amen!

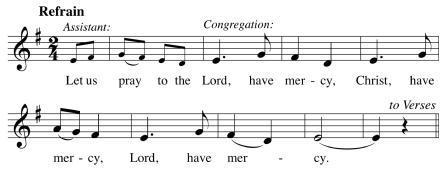
HYMN: (Bulletin, pg. 20) "God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" CWM Rhondda Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you.

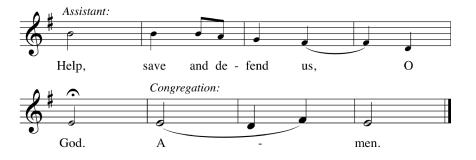
KYRIE

A In peace, in peace,



Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



HYMN OF PRAISE



HYMN OF PRAISE (continued)



PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.
- P Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

+ + WORD + +

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the

morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (read responsively)

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,

and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷All of them look to you

to give them their food in due season.

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;

you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹When you hide your face, they are terrified;

when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.

31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; O LORD, rejoice in all your works.

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;

you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

³⁴May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

35bBless the LORD, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Romans 8:22-27

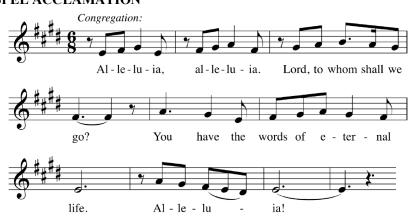
²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

L The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P The holy gospel according to St. John the fifteenth and sixteenth chapters.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will

take what is mine and declare it to you."

P The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON The Rev. Matthew L. Miller

A BRIEF MOMENT OF REFLECTION

HYMN: (Bulletin, pg. 21) "Spirit of Gentleness" Spirit
James K. Manley

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM—CONFIRMATION Ben Barr, Jaden Kilcullen, Owen Lupton

- P I present Ben Barr, Owen Lupton, and Jaden Kilcullen who desire to make public affirmation of their baptisms.
- P Let us pray.
- P Merciful God, we thank you for Ben, Owen, and Jaden whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
- Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- **G** I renounce them.
- P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- **☑** I renounce them.

- **P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- **☑** I renounce them.
- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Ben: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Owen: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

- People of God, do you promise to support Ben, Owen, and Jaden, who are confirmed today, and makes public affirmation of their baptisms, and to pray for them in their life in Christ?
- **2** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

BLESSING

- P We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.
- P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Ben/Owen/Jaden the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide her life, empower him in serving, give patience in suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.
- Amen.

- P Let us rejoice with these brothers in Christ.
- **Q** We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(after each petition)...... God of grace,

- **G** hear our prayer.
- P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- **G** Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- **And also with you.**

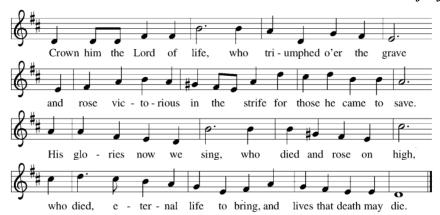
OFFERING

"We Thank You, Lord"
Chancel Choir

Nancy Price/Don Besig

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

"Crown Him the Lord of Life"

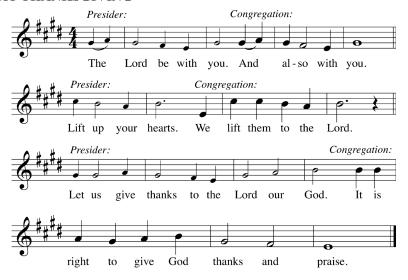


OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Risen One,
- **9** you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

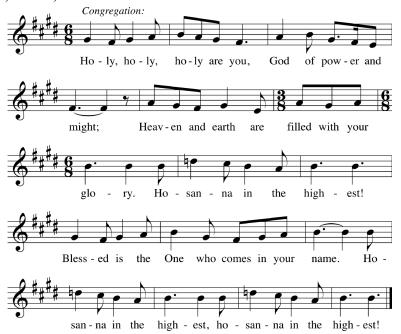
+ + MEAL + +

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P It is our duty and delight . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

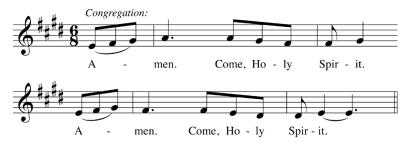
EUCHARISTIC ACCLAMATION

P Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.



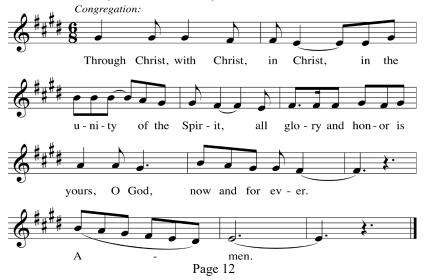
The minister continues with the Eucharistic Prayer

P Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.



P Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

THROUGH CHRIST, WITH CHRIST, IN CHRIST



P Make us bold, O Merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come to the feast!
- **□** Thanks be to God!

All are welcome to the table to receive Holy Communion. If you are unable to receive communion at the altar, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.

Please refrain from conversation during the distribution of Holy Communion in respect for those who may be in prayer.

If you prefer to receive a **gluten-free** communion wafer, please tell the minister or assisting minister as you are served. White grape juice is also available at each wine station in the center ring.

LAMB OF GOD



 ${\bf MUSIC\ DURING\ COMMUNION} - A\ time\ for\ quiet\ reflection.$

TABLE BLESSING

- P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- Amen.



POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Let us pray. Shepherding God,
- **9** you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

+ + SENDING + +

SENDING OF COMMUNION

- A Eternal God, whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are unable to be with us today. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of your Son, that we may all feast upon your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Amen.

BLESSING

- P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever.
- Amen.

During the sending hymn, we face the cross as it passes to the rear of the sanctuary, it reminds us, it is Christ who leads and calls us into God's World to bring God's healing love as we carry out his mission and ministry.

HYMN: (Bulletin, pg. 22) "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

In Babilone Timothy Rees

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Join us for a reception honoring our Confirmands in the Narthex following Worship.

+ + ANNOUNCEMENTS + +

SERVING DURING WORSHIP — May 19, 2024

Assisting Minister: Kinsley Odum and Luke Nebrich Communion Stewards: Jim Lovelace, Rebecca Moretz Communion Preparation: Don and Debi Henderson

Offering Stewards: Alex Crook, John Crook, and Sam Crook

Acolyte: Leah Lupton Crucifer: Jaden Kilcullen

Lector: Sidney England, Zeke Kilcullen, Owen Lupton

Ushers: Aaron Higgins, Connor Whitaker

Sound System: John Leonard

SERVING DURING WORSHIP — May 26, 2024

Assisting Minister: Kim Odum

Communion Stewards: Jim Lovelace, Rebecca Moretz **Communion Preparation:** Don and Debi Henderson

Acolyte: Sydney England Crucifer: Tim Conrad Lector: Darrell Parks

Ushers: Danny and Carol Leonard

Sound System: Lee Conrad

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers at the Altar are given by Rebecca Moretz to the Glory of almighty God; in celebration and gratitude for the Holy Spirit which guides us in our daily lives

SCRIPTURES - May 26, 2024

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

PRAYER LIST

Please take a moment to carefully review the prayer list. If there are changes or updates that may be made, please notify the church office.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team will meet at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 20, 2024.

PERICOPE

Join us for Pericope at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Southern Lunch.

WEDNESDAY DEVOTION

Join Pastor Matt each Wednesday for devotions on Facebook Live at 10:00 AM. Join the devotion here: http://www.facebook.com/flclex

CHOIR AND HANDBELLS

The Handbell and Chancel Choir begin summer recess and will resume in September.

BEER AND BIBLE

Join us at Goose and the Monkey at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to participate!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Thursday, May 23, 2024, in the Family Life Center. Newcomers are always welcome!

PROPERTY TEAM WORK DAY

The Property Team will have a workday on Saturday, May 25, 2024, with work beginning at 8:00 AM.

PASTORS PANTRY

We are collecting **instant mashed potatoes** during the month of May. Please place your donations on the rack on the Chapel hallway off the Narthex.

50 YEARS WITH THE SCHANTZ ORGAN

The Schantz organ was dedicated to the glory of almighty God on June 2, 1974! We invite you to join us for worship on Sunday, June 2, 2024, fifty years to the day, for an extended prelude beginning at 10:00 AM. We will worship at 10:30 AM as customary. Connie Burleson will join us as a guest musician to assist with the prelude. We will enjoy a cookout, following worship, with everything provided by the church. You do not need to bring anything at all.

PROPERTY TEAM

The Property Team will meet on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 7:00 PM.

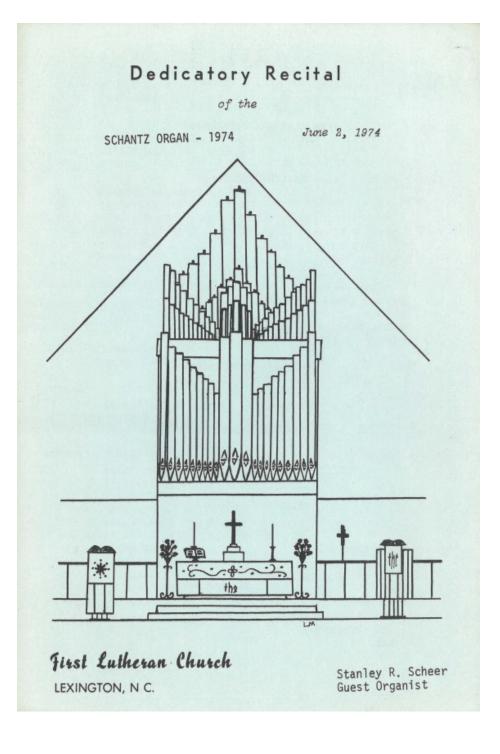
BEER AND BIBLE

Beer and Bible will meet at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at Goose and the Monkey.

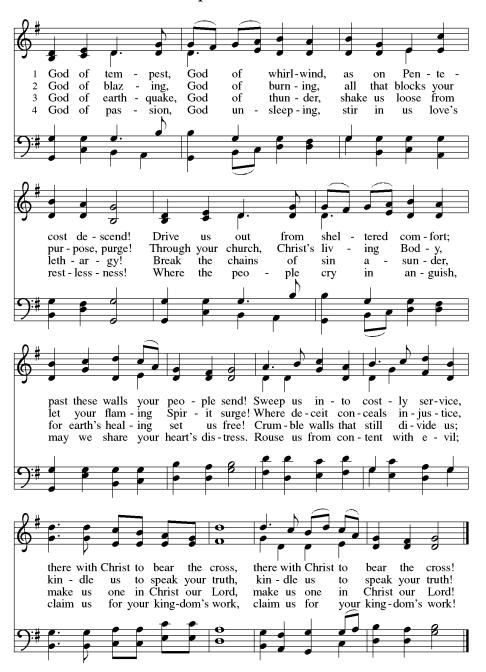
LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Worship Team:** May 20, 11:00 AM
- **50th Anniversary of the Schantz Organ** June 2, Prelude at 10:00 AM, worship at 10:30 AM.
- Church Cook Out: June 2, following worship. Everything will be provided by the church. (Sponsored by the Inreach Team)
- **Agape Circle:** June 3, 6:00 PM at Joanna Devton's home.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** June 13, 7:00 PM

Stewardship and Attendance May 12, 2024	
Attendance	111
Current	\$2,517.44
Youth	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$200.00
Clothing Closet	\$100.00
Pastor's Pantry	\$40.00
Mortgage	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$2,967.44



God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873−1932
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Spirit of Gentleness



Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940 Music: SPIRIT, James K. Manley Text and music © 1978 James K. Manley, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling



Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

Let us remember in prayer:

CHURCH FAMILY:

Christopher Bartholomew

Sam Campbell

Lorraine Carlson

Jean Conrad Darstein

Craven Ford

Rick Foster

Norma Heath

Matt Hogrefe

Dan Huber

Steve Ketner

Katie Lemly

Lewis McMillan

Tracy Miller

Frank and Pat Mills Willie Ruth Pless

Bob Redwine

Barbara Carlson Romaine

Joe Romaine

Ron Sink

Gracie Shepherd

Jody Shepherd

Dan Smith

Debbie and Terry Triplett

Laura Turlington

Deborah Wertman

Pr. Bob Young

LOVED ONES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS:

Tonya Adams (Friend of David Smith)

Larry and Donna B. (friends of John and Sabrina Conrad)

Richard and Toni Berish (Brother and sister-in-law of the Wertman family)

Brad, Melody, and Erick Bizzell (Son and family of

Susan Bizzell) Vickie Bliss (friend of Bill and Patsie Baker)

Mary Brink (Niece of Pauletta Conrad)

Anne Burkhart (friend of Pam Mabry)

Mike Byrd (Friend of Bob Sink)

Eula Carroll (Joe Carroll's mother)

Elaine Childress (friend of Sabrina Conrad)

Paul and Dawn Cohen (friends of the Wertmans)

Paul and Carolina Conrad (Larry Conrad's aunt and uncle)

Don and Jackie Craft (parents of Rebecca Moretz) Margie Coggins (friend of Kelly Newsome and FLC)

Amy and Wes Cups

Greg D'Ambrosio (friend of John Conrad)

Robert Dasch (Father of Keith Dasch)

Connie Dillard (friend of the Wertman family) Marina Dunaway& family (friends of Karen Riggs)

Juan Escobedo (cousin of Amanda Hathcock)

Danny Fine (Lynn Smith's brother)

John Fisher (Bleasha Carroll's uncle)

Abby Fobes (friend of Bing Grubb)

Kay Fortner (friend of Dalane Kitzman)

Marc Frye (friend of Craig and Robin Deal)

The Greer Family (friends of Karen Riggs)

Mike and Sharon Heffner (friends of John and

Sabrina Conrad)

Walter Henderson (father of Don Henderson)

Marion Hibbett (Rebecca Moretz' aunt)

Kenny Hirsch (friend of Rick Grubb)

Capt. Matthew Honeycutt (friend of the Carroll and

Scott Family)

Scott Hummel (friend of the Turlingtons)

Betty Jordan (friend of the Carlsons) Larry Kerns (Tim Welther's husband)

Bob and Karen Kernstine (friends of Sabrina

Mandy Kiser and son, Sammy Jones (friends of Patti Grant)

Thomas and Toni L. (friends of John and Sabrina

Conrad)

Larry Leonard (John Leonard's brother)

Franklin Mabry

Mandy Marshall (Debbie Triplett's daughter) Pam and Madison McDaniel (friends of Bob Sink)

Donna Miller (friend of Kelsey Lambert)

Sarah Montross (friend of the Turlingtons)

Matthew and Faith Moretz (nephew and wife of Rebecca Moretz)

Dermont Morris (friend of Ken Clodfelter) **Todd Morris** (father of Michael Gauldin)

Becky Osborne (friend of Karen Riggs)

Barbara Ann Owen (Laura Turlington's aunt) Linda Owings (friend of John and Sabrina Conrad)

Hap Palmer (Pauletta Conrad's brother-in-law) Mickey Persinger (Tracy Miller's cousin)

Brenda Safrit (Beth Huber's cousin)

Kim Schlueter (Trisha Reichard's mother)

Robin Schuster (friend of FLC)

Doug Sink (Bob Sink's brother) Peggy Sipe (mother of Pr. Ray Sipe)

Mark Sives (Bleasha Carroll's cousin)

Aubrey Smith (Dan Smith's dad)

David Smith (Nephew of Bob Sink)

Sherry Snyder (friend of Lynn Smith)

Marilee Strasser (friend of Bill and Patsie Baker) Johnny and Pat Straughn (friends of Sylvia Sink) **Denny Swimley** (brother-in-law of Scott and Deborah

Wertman)

Jackie Taylor (Lorraine Carlson's sister)

Juliet Teachey (great-granddaughter of Jon and Celie Lough)

Stephen Thompson (Danny Thompson's father) Mary and Doug Walser (friends of Sylvia Sink)

Charlie Ward (friend of Kim Odum)

Jennifer Way (Sylvia Sink's niece)

Jon Whalen (Denny Whalen's brother)

Mary Louise Wilkerson (Friend of FLC)

Devone Wohl (Dalane Kitzman's sister)

Nathaniel Wohl (Dalane Kitzman's nephew)

Ken Woisin (Lorraine Carlson's brother)

The families of those who have passed to life eternal:

Chuck Hoffmann (Jeff Hoffmann's father) Joann Woisin (Lorraine Carlson's sister-in-law)

Expectant Parents:

Eric and Ashlev Carroll Michael and Ciara (Carlson) Del Acqua Kathleen Lockwood and Munashe Magarira Adam and Lindsay Mills JJ and Trisha Reichard Jeb and Hailee (Moretz) Smith



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