



# Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church

P. O. Box 187

Catawba, North Carolina 28609

The Reverend Paul Gregory Alms, Pastor



**JANUARY 2018 UPDATE WEBSITE [www.redeemercatawba.com](http://www.redeemercatawba.com) 828/241-2371 – CHURCH**

## THE SILVER CROSS CHALLENGE

**What is it?** It is 500 small silver crosses that fit into your pocket. The challenge is for each of us to take a handful and put them in our pocket, our purse, our handbook, our car, wherever. Then when you have opportunity share one. Invite someone to church. Tell someone you are a Christian. Tell someone about your church. Leave the cross as a token that you care. Have a prayer with someone.

**Why do this?** To encourage us all to see our lives as opportunities to share God's love. Your opportunities will be different than mine. Your words and actions will be different than mine. The people you know and see and encounter are different. But the love of God is the same. We gather each week and are blessed to be in the presence of a forgiving God who sent his Son to take away our sin. That Jesus gives himself to us each week in Word and Supper and Spirit. We have the opportunity to share those blessings.

**That's the silver cross challenge.** The crosses will be in the narthex starting in January. Take some. Share them.

## 2018 FLOWER CHART

Please take a few minutes to reserve your special Sunday to honor or remember a special individual or occasion. The new chart is posted in the educational wing.

## REDEEMER HOSTING 2018 CATAWBA COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

on January 11th 2:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer. Phillip Davis is looking for donors and volunteers to assist during the drive. A sign-up sheet for volunteers is posted in the parish hall. To schedule your lifesaving appointment go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter the keyword CATAWBA or call 1-800-733-2767



## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Resumes January 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. join us for fellowship, prayer and Bible study each Wednesday.

## WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Resumes January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Join us for this short service of prayer and scripture readings.

## JANUARY MEETINGS AT REDEEMER

- ❖ Elders at 7:00 p.m.—Monday, January 8th
- ❖ Voter's Assembly following worship Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup>

## NEW ADDRESSES

**Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Brown**  
5918 Sherrills Ford Road  
Catawba, NC 28609

**Nicholas Littlejohn**  
2925 Michelle Drive  
Newton, NC 28658

**Paul Westray**  
100 Honeysuckle Lane  
Cary, NC 27511

**Carolyn Galloway**  
New Phone 828/609-6140

## MEMORIALS RECEIVED

In loving memory of ..... Johnny Galloway



*Kenneth and Nancy Edwards  
Tony and Amy Huffman  
Bill and Fran Little  
Ronnie and Dianne Wesson*

In loving memory of .....  
Everette & Nesarre Miller and  
Woodrow & Mary Edwa

*Greg & Pam Fisher*



# THANK YOU'S AND CELEBRATIONS

## THANK YOU'S RECEIVED

My dear Redeemer Family

I want to thank you for all your prayers, cards and support given us during Johnny's illness and passing. My Church family means so much to me. I love each and every one of you so much. Love always, in Christ *Carolyn Galloway*

Christmas is a time to stop and see what God does for you. The baby in the manger, the forgiveness of sins, the Supper where he comes to you and gives you himself, the Gospel pouring out of the Scriptures. And it is a time to see the people he fills your life with, who give and bless and sacrifice and give. That's you, Redeemer Lutheran. We are grateful for you. For all you do for God in this place, for all you do for your pastor and his family. Thank you. We can't say more than that ..... *Pastor Alms and Family*

Thank you to everyone who supported the Angel Tree this Christmas ..... your generosity made Christmas very special for these children and their families. On behalf of Catawba Elementary *Connie Burkett*

Thank you to those who assisted with the Foster Children Christmas Wishes in December. Your giving spirit filled the hearts of these children with joy for sure. On behalf of Catawba County Children & Family Services *Fran Little*

**JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Johnston (4), Mr. & Mrs. Donnie Houston (6), Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Medlin (12), Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Yount (21), Mr. & Mrs. Brian Bixby (25).

**JANUARY BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES:** Becky Laney (1), Larry Littlejohn (7), Amanda M. Eury, Gerrit Motes (8), Jackson Canipe, Jackie Sherrill (10), Nicholas Bumgarner, Cameron Bixby (12), Brad Chandler (18), Tony Johnson, Tom Johnston (21), Heather Cross (23), Jeffrey Medlin (24), Jody Sigmon (25).

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:** Addy Garvin, Randy Honeycutt, Avis Matthews (1), David Burke, Arlene Wagner (3), Johnny Galloway, Mark Eury (6), Leonard Radintz (8), Troy Korn (9), Tom Johnston (11), Paul Westray (11), Sandy Knauf (20), James Murray (21), Kevin Sigmon (26), Jessica Bumgarner, Larry Littlejohn (30), Tony Johnson (31).

*If your January celebration is not listed above, please drop a note in the basket on the church office door.*

## YTD DECEMBER 27, 2017

Average Sunday Attendance	124
Budgeted Needs	\$196,025.00
Contributions-Receipts	<u>\$196,645.56</u>
Over/(SHORT) of Budget	\$ 620.56

# JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>PROCESSION</b> (7th) Will Burkett, Connie Burkett, Bryson Burkett, Luke Burkett</p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<p><b>7</b> BAPTISM OF OUR LORD      WHITE 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation 6:00 pm Bell Choir Elder: Carroll Yount and Kelly Matthews Offertory Processors: M/M Bill Little Flowers:</p>	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm Elders Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 7:00 pm Crossways	<b>11</b> 2:30-7:30 Blood Drive 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<p><b>14</b> 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY      GREEN 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 am 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Confirmation 6:00 pm Bell Choir  Elder: Devin Houston and Derran Medlin Offertory Processors: Ushers Flowers:</p>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 7:00 pm Crossways	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<p><b>21</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY      GREEN 7:00 am LLL Breakfast and Meeting 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 am Voters Meeting 6:00 pm Bell Choir  Elder: Phil Davis and Bob Eury Offertory Processors: M/M Kelly Matthews Flowers:</p>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 7:00 pm Crossways	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<p><b>28</b> 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY      GREEN 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Divine Service w/ Lord's Supper 11:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 6:00 pm Bell Choir  Elder: Robert Benfield and Johnny Sigmon Offertory Processors: Ushers Flowers:</p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 10:30 am Midweek Bible Study 7:00 pm Crossways	<p><b>GREETERS:</b> Mr. &amp; Mrs. Tony Huffman <b>ACOLYTES:</b> Joselyn Lael, Madeline Rose <b>USHERS:</b> Pem Andresen, Steve Andresen, Bill Little, Kelly Matthews <b>SHUT-IN SERVERS:</b> Mike Grandstaff</p>		