As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 
If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS today were placed in memory of her mother, Helen Douglas, by Patty Crowder.

CONGRATULATIONS to our graduates and their families as they mark this milestone event in their lives.

HOPE FOR SUDAN is an effort of the Holston Conference to empower the people of Sudan with the tools to rebuild their lives since the 25-year civil war ended in 2005. Stories of their struggle are on the bulletin board. Your gifts will be used for jobs, food, health, and spiritual care. Please be generous in today’s offering.

SUPER SATURDAY is May 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. Children from age 4 years through 5th Grade are invited to join in fun and games.

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PENTECOST SUNDAY is a day we set aside to recognize the gift of the Holy Spirit. The color red is symbolic of the Spirit. Let’s all try to remember to wear something red on May 31.

FIFTH SUNDAY SING will be on Sunday, May 31. We had a great time at the last sing and hope you will join us at 6 p.m. as we praise God in spirit and in song.

A HANDS-ON MISSIONS collection container for school supplies for Liberian children is at the side entrance. The packs cost about $30/each. Donations may be made by placing your check in the offering plate marked “Hands-On-Mission Project,” or you can pick up a Needs List and a bag to fill at the side entrance. We need ten more packs to meet our goal by June 7.

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GREETING EACH OTHER IN CHRISTIAN LOVE

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*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

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