

October 2026

KMC Notes



Jesus said "Abide in my love"



OCTOBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1 Circle of Help meet at 1:00 p.m. (The Dalton) Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	2	3
4 Anniversary Sunday Walk Up Offering	5 Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	6	7 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	8 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	9	10
11 Outdoor Worship	12 Finance Committee Zoom Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	13 Joint Board Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.	14 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	15 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	16 Mission Blitz 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	17 Mission Blitz 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
18 Circle of Faith meeting after church (lady's parlor) KMP Carnival 4-7 pm	19 Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	20 Circle of Hope meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sheila Patterson	21 Circle of Joy meeting at 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	22 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Candle Tea Workday 10:00 a.m. (fell. hall)
25 Junior Youth Preschool after church Sally Hartgrove Memorial 4:00 p.m. at KMC	26 Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	27	28 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	29 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1 - Holly Mathis
1 - Eirik Oseguera
3 - Zeb Mathis
4 - Ed Deal
4 - Bill Hall
4 - Corky Newsome

4 - Gary Montieth
4 - Zollie Smith
5 - Annette Covington
5 - Louisa Covington
5 - Karen Gordon
8 - Don Elliott

8 - Bill Pulliam
9 - Gina Handy
9 - Tom Tomchik
10 - Renee Smith
10 - Susan Sullivan

11 - Nate Sapp
11 - Russell Sapp
12 - Tommy Reeves
13 - Mark Johnson
15 - Brody Shore

18 - Kim Hill
19 - Tina Pratt
19 - Scarlett Smith
10 - Liam Grubbs
21 - Mallory Finn
21 - Naomi Stevens

22 - Danny Young
22 - Sara Morgan
24 - Margie Hall
24 - Beth Easter
25 - Ann Deal
26 - Sam Hall

27 - Darrell Goins
27 - John New
28 - Kelly Nickell
29 - Paul Horner
31 - Liz Hensley
31 - Natalie Durham



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1 Walk Up Offering	2	3	4	5 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	6	7
8 Church Council after church	9 Finance Committee Zoom Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	10  Joint Board Meeting Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m.	11 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	12 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	13	14 Youth Lock In
15 Circle of Faith meeting after church (lady's parlor)	16 Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	17 Circle of Hope meeting at 6:30 p.m.	18 Circle of Joy meeting at 11:30 a.m. Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	19 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	20 Candle Tea 5 - 8 p.m.	21 Candle Tea 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
22 Junior Youth Preschool after church	23 Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	24	25 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	26 Church Office Closed 	27 Church Office Closed	28
29 First Sunday of Advent	30 Handbells at 6:00 p.m. in the old sanctuary	1	2 Choir Practice Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	3 Bible Study in the old sanctuary 7:00 p.m.	4	5

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3 - Joni Boaz
3 - Lisa Ingram
5 - Hailey Thomas

5 - Bascom Earley
6 - Ethan Harper
6 - Don Jennings
7 - Anna Russell

9 - Kevin Newsome
11 - Larry Boles
11 - Ken Sevier
11 - Geoff Gentry

14 - Victoria Smith
17 - Isabella Watson
20 - Taz Witt

20 - Keely Finn
22 - Nichole Newsome
23 - Ken Lyda
23 - Gordon Grabs

25 - Nate Hundley
26 - Andi Sells
27 - Doug Jones
27 - Austin Key

28 - Kent Wall
30 - Louise Cape
30 - Rhonda Huff

Monthly Musings

Funerals

It is a joy to be back home! My trip to Ireland was informative, restful, and taught me a great deal. My subject of study, learning from Northern Irish Moravians about how they navigate tension in community, was fascinating, and it needs more time for reflection before I write more about it. So that will have to wait for a later date.

What I want to talk about today is one of the things Moravians do best, and that is funerals. In the past two months we have had two funerals, and there will most likely be another near the end of October. So it's fair to say funerals are on my mind. Along the way, many of you have asked me why we do what we do, so I thought I would go a little deeper into the why.

On the surface, a Moravian funeral has many of the same elements as funerals in other denominations: music, scripture, poetry, pictures, and words about the life of the person. What makes our practice a little different is how we focus and what we focus on. For us, a funeral is a worship service. God is worshiped and honored by focusing on the life of a person who has just passed into the more immediate presence of their Lord and Savior. That phrase alone tells us a lot about what we believe, particularly the words "more immediate." If something is more immediate, it suggests that what came before was already immediate. In other words, while we are living, Christ is already close to us. There is already a direct relationship. Death does not begin that relationship; it deepens it.

So if a person lived a life for Christ, or a life inspired by Christ, or even simply tried to follow Christ's leading as best they could, then all we need to do is tell the story of that life. Through sharing the details of a person's life, God will be praised, and whatever message God intends for us to hear will be heard. That message might be different for each person sitting in the pews, and that is exactly as it should be. This is why the memoir holds such an important place in our tradition. Moravians have been writing and reading memoirs for centuries, sometimes even writing their own, because we believe God's work shows up in the details of a life. But the message doesn't come only through the memoir. It comes through everything. It comes through the hymns, whether they were known favorites of the person or hymns that simply embodied their spirit. It comes through the scripture, whether passages the person treasured or passages that speak to the life they lived. Even the style of the service should reflect the person. If someone had an appreciation for what we might call "higher church," the service might include more classic hymnody, a longer liturgy (particularly the Easter Morning Liturgy), and a more formal memoir. If someone loved a more relaxed, "lower church" style, the service will reflect that too. Either way, God's message is present, because we are focusing on a person who tried to make God a part of their life.

What is so special is that we don't have to manufacture a message at a funeral or force a lesson out of a loss. The life is the lesson. A life lived with God is itself the message, and the message is simply this: God was with them. The same is true for us, and when the day comes for our own services, that same message will be told.

If you were planning your own service, what scriptures, hymns, or other elements would you want included? Once you've answered that, write it down and give it to your loved ones. It will go a long way in helping them make sure God is praised through the unique details of your own story.

Peace,
Zach





Church Picnic

“Weather was perfect
Food was good and abundant.
Fellowship was
simple and special”

Zach Dease



Zach Dease
Robert Jones
Rocco Tavani



“So, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together.” 1 Corinthians 11:33

New Faces New Members New Positions



Congratulations to
Steve and Leslie Peters and now
big sister Scarlett
on the birth of their son/brother
Elias



We want to welcome
KMC's newest members,
Thanh Thi Phuong Cao &
Hung Luong Bui
(Henry and Lindsay)



Rev. Rich Thierolf
KMC's new Intermediate Pastoral Assistant



King Moravian
Church



Max Lambert,
Associate in Arts & Accounting,
Surry Community College
KMC's new Treasurer



*"A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born
for a time of adversity."*

Proverbs 17:17

Come and join us for an outdoor
Worship Service
Sunday, October 11th at 11:00 a.m.



Bring your  or a  as

we sit on the lawn and
Worship together.

Psalm 19:1

*"The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims the work of His hands."*

KMC
Anniversary Sunday
&
Lovesfeast
October 4th



God has blessed us with beautiful music.
The KMC Handbells kicked off their fall season
on Sunday September 20th.

If you missed it, please check out the
King Moravian Youtube channel.



A Renewing of the Prayer Garden



A year ago, I passed by our Prayer Garden, the space between the two sanctuaries, and noticed weeds two feet tall growing in the pathways. As I walked into the garden, I realized that our Prayer Garden had been neglected for some time.

I love working outside and enjoy landscaping my own yard. Quite often, I come home from Lowe's or a lawn and garden store with plants or flowers. And I'm often asked, "Where are you going to plant those?"

I got to thinking, This is something I can do for the church.

I got together with our Master Gardener, Drake Flynt, and we started coming up with a plan to renew our Prayer Garden. Keeping in mind that this is a prayer garden, not a memorial garden, we decided it was time to get rid of the overgrown shrubs and weeds. Maybe we could create an area where people could sit and talk, take a moment to themselves, and simply pray and feel closer to God.

And while we were at it, let's spruce up the front of the church and make it look like someone lives here!

The ideas began to take shape. With the Trustees' permission and new guidelines for the Prayer Garden in place, we started to work. Drake began delivering shrubs, trees, and plants, and with the help of his crew, along with Ty Marshall and Bill Pullium, we started planting.

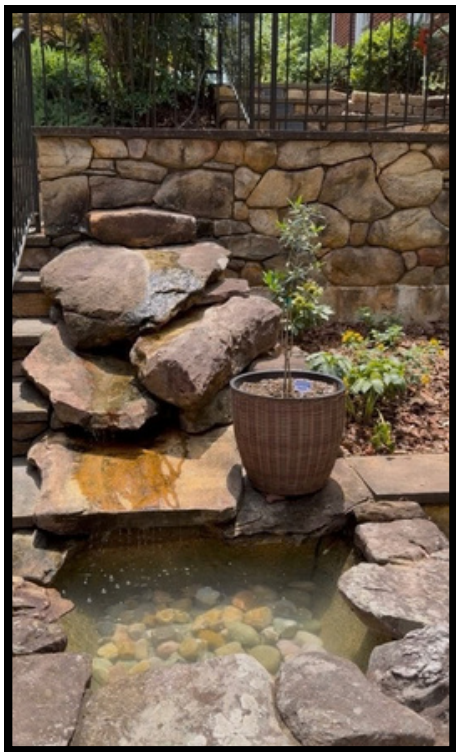
For the meditation area, we wanted to utilize the faux window on the side of the church by adding a cross silhouette. The goal was to bring depth and elevation to the garden. After doing some research, I found that African teak, also called Iroko wood, is water-resistant and hardy in the natural elements and would be perfect for the project.

After locating the wood, Dwayne Pratt took it and created the beautiful cross that now hangs in the garden. A seating area was also created with new furniture and plantings—a nice, quiet spot to sit, reflect, and enjoy the garden.

The project also meant relocating the rather heavy memorial bench to another area of the garden. After consulting with several people, Steve Carroll with Carroll Memorials, Inc., was up for the job.

To my surprise, I found out that Steve was the person who designed and built the fountain in the Prayer Garden when it was constructed in 1993. The fountain also needed some refurbishing. Fortunately, that was an easy fix, and the water is flowing again.





In the Fall, the Junior Youth Group planted bulbs in the garden just in time for Easter blooming. With additional plantings completed, it was time to spread mulch and pine needles. Thanks to Jerry Saunders, John New, and another church member, that work was taken care of.

At the same time, the Women's Fellowship purchased new furniture for the patio. The guys stayed and helped Holly and John Mathis, April Strader Bullin, and me assemble and place the furniture on the patio. It has become another great place to meet and fellowship.

To make the patio even better, while cleaning up the old picnic shelter, April and I found a never-used Weber grill that someone had donated. The donor had moved into a new house where the previous owner had left the grill. Knowing they would not use it, they wanted to get rid of it. Their neighbor, Ann Deal, mentioned to them that the church would love to have it.

And so, here it is—making our patio an even more useful place for fellowship.

Another interesting fact: April and I were going to have some rock work done at our house. Mike Redmond, the “rock guy,” came by to give us an estimate. Come to find out, Mike had worked with Steve Carroll and had done all the rock work in the Prayer Garden when it was originally constructed.

The Prayer Garden is still a work in progress as we continue to bring new life and color to the space. Please take some time to walk through the garden, or sit and enjoy its beauty and peacefulness. Nature is one of God's many gifts to us.

Our church itself is like a garden—always a work in progress.

Cultivating can be a good thing in the church. A new pastor, new members, a new baby, or even a new song can bring new life to the church. But it doesn't always have to be something new. Sometimes, we simply need to add a little water and fertilizer (*Faith, Hope, & Love*) to what we already have to help it grow and flourish.

“For he has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”

****Ecclesiastes 3:11**

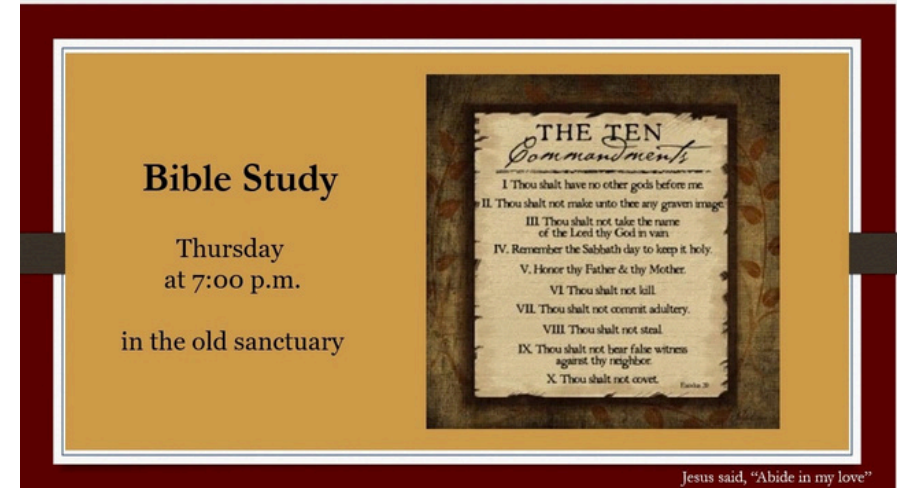


Chris Bullin



For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18:20



Want to volunteer?

Not only Share in the Blessing but receive a Blessing in return.

Contact Desty McEwan

336-817-3501

Come and study the Ten commandments

led by Rich Thierolf

Four vertical banners for the 'Circle of Faith, Hope, and Joy' meetings. Each banner features a circular logo with a lamb and the text 'OUR LAMB HAS CONQUERED', 'CIRCLE OF FAITH/HOPE/JOY', and 'LET US FOLLOW HIM'. The banners are yellow, pink, blue, and light blue. The text on the banners is: 'Meeting this Thursday October 1st at 1:00 p.m. At the Dalton Downtown King', 'Bring your lunch and join us Sunday October 18th After worship on the Church Patio', 'Meeting Tuesday October 20th at the home of Sheila Patterson 1327 Robertson Ridge Rd King, NC', and 'Meeting Wednesday October 21st'. At the bottom, it says 'Jesus said, "Abide in my love"'.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Chicken Pies

The women's fellowship are selling chicken pies, 2 for \$20, cash or a check made payable to KMC Women's Fellowship. Please reach out to Michelle Newsome at church or by text/phone at [336-971-6711](tel:336-971-6711).

Candle Tea

On Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 in the fellowship hall we will be having our Candle Tea workday. Please join us to help wrap candles, make stars and enjoy fellowship as we get ready for our Candle Tea! The King Moravian Candle Tea will be held on November 20 (5 p.m. - 8p.m.) and November 21 (11a.m. - 2 p.m.). Tickets will be available starting November 1. Please join us for this extraordinary event!



Kids at KMC



build a foundation for faith through
age-appropriate Bible learning



CREATION STATION

ages 2 - Pre-K

Our first Creation Station for our preschoolers was a wonderful time of learning, exploring, and playing. We read about how God created the world and once He was done He said "IT IS GOOD". There were sensory bins filled with the dirt of the Earth, the water of the Ocean, and the animals He created. Our paint station was filled with colors of the sky and the green grass. After some playtime our friends went on a Creation Hunt around the Church and found so many beautiful things God has created.



Climb aboard Noah's Ark with all
of the animals. Please remember
to pack lunch for your child.

Our Junior Youth explored the parable of The Shepherd and the Lost Sheep and reflected on its central message:

EVERY person is important to God.

To deepen this lesson, a series of clues that led them through several worship spaces in our church where they discovered that worship is not limited to one room. It can happen anywhere we gather in God's name. Their final clue brought them into the sanctuary, where they found the lamb in the stained-glass Moravian Seal, a joyful moment that connected the story, the journey, and the meaning of worship in our community.

At our second gathering, the theme of belonging continued by practicing Passing the Peace. We talked about how sharing peace is one way we show others they matter, just as the shepherd cared for the lost sheep. The children learned simple ways to offer peace — with a smile, a gentle greeting, or a kind gesture — and practiced passing peace to one another. It was a warm, joy-filled reminder that God's peace is something we carry and share wherever we go. Peace be with YOU.



Ms. Sue will bake the communion bread
with the children. Then we will openly
discuss the act of communion with the
guidance of Zach.



Chris Spaugh, President/CEO of Moravian Ministries Foundation, joined us for worship on Sunday, August 30, and provided a short introduction to the work of MMFA at our luncheon. Chris delivered a presentation on estate planning with the Church in mind and addressed the following:

- The importance of having a will and powers of attorney, healthcare directives, and free resources available online at MMFA.
- Ways to give to the church through Planned Giving - with the aim of awareness of opportunity and benefits of doing so, as well as understanding the “how to”.
- Follow-up – If interested, you can schedule a confidential conversation with Chris by emailing him at cspaugh@mmfa.com or **calling MMFA at 336.725.2589.**
- Chris will spend this time with individuals or couples to discuss your planning needs and/or address any questions you have. If you signed up on August 30, thank you for doing that in advance, and Chris will be in touch to finalize your meeting details.



KMC Circle of Joy ~ Mission Blitz

Feminine Hygiene Products Collection

Feminine hygiene products cannot be purchased by King Outreach Ministry. The Circle of Joy will collect these items as our contribution to Mission Blitz and donate them to KOM.

Please drop off donations in the labeled box in the vestibule on the following dates:

- ➔ October 4th
- ➔ October 11th
- ➔ October 18th

THANK YOU!!!

An illustration of a woman with short dark hair, wearing a white dress with green polka dots, sitting and holding a large white flower with green leaves.An illustration of two hands holding a female symbol (a circle with a cross at the bottom) that has a heart inside it.

....Freely you have received; freely give. Matthew 10:8

Sunday School

Begin the morning together

10:00 a.m.
Sunday mornings

The Wired Word

women's parlor

A weekly conversation that connects scripture with what's happening in the world around us. Using The Wired Word, we explore thoughtful articles and reflect on how Christian faith speaks into current events.

The Present Word

fellowship hall

A deep and steady walk through scripture. The Present Word follows a six-year cycle of themed studies, guiding participants into the meaning of each passage and its relevance for life today.

Share Inspire Nurture Grow

choir room

A reflective time shaped by the words the choir sings. Each week, we read and respond to the lyrics of our anthem, allowing them to inspire faith, connection, and spiritual growth.

K-5th Grade

classroom

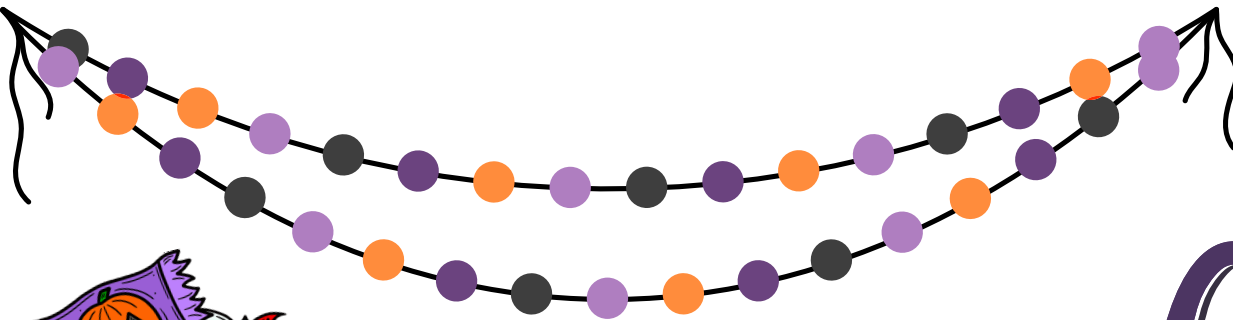
Our Kindergarten through 5th grade class follows the Deep Blue curriculum, offering Bible lessons that move through the seasons of the church year. We use Deep Blue specifically with our elementary-age children, shaping each lesson to fit their age and understanding.

Middle/Senior High

church office

Our Middle/High School class explores Scripture through conversation, reflection, and age-appropriate activities that help them connect faith with everyday life.





Sunday, October 18th
4-7 p.m.

KMP HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL



The following items are needed:

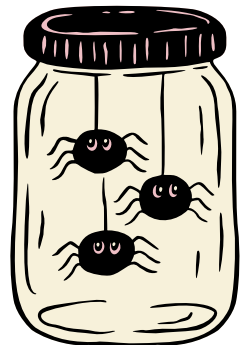
individually wrapped bags of candy. (ANY KIND IS WELCOME!) individual small bags of plain potato chips, individually wrapped/packaged desserts (can be store bought or homemade)



We are in need of a few donations and would greatly appreciate your help! Items may be brought to KMP between 8:30-12:30 any day, or the church office between 9-1 daily.



The following items are needed the weekend of the event: Cakes or other yummy desserts for the Cake Walk! Slaw, chili, diced onions for hotdogs.



LIBRARY



Also pictured
is Sally Hartrove's great-
granddaughter



Special **THANK YOU!**
to Don & Desty for helping at
the library!

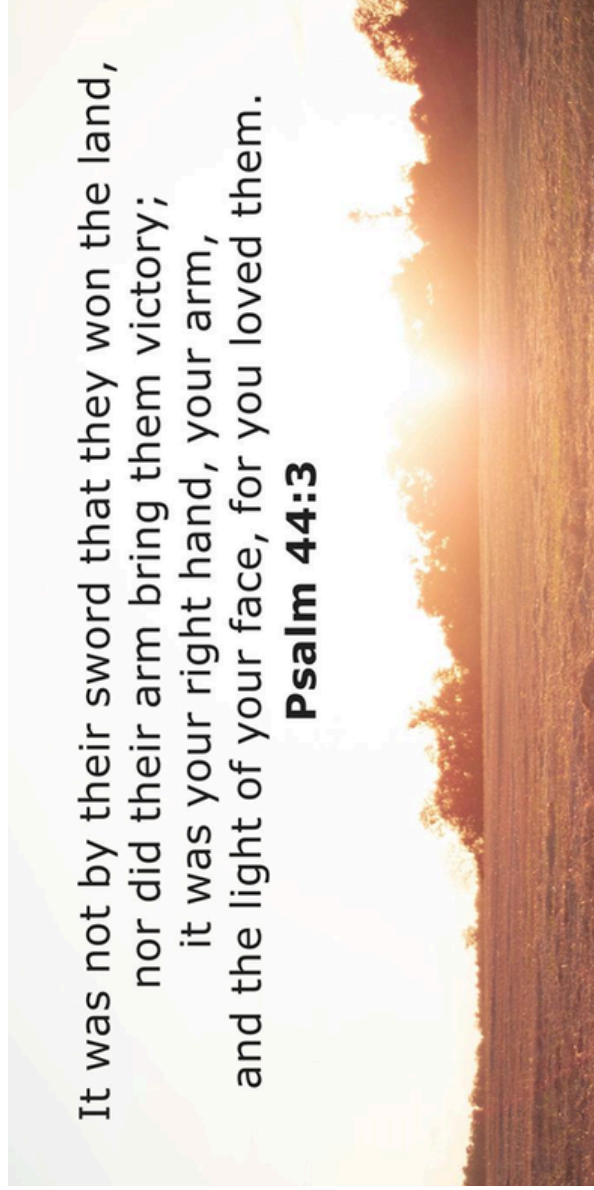


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It was not by their sword that they won the land,
nor did their arm bring them victory;
it was your right hand, your arm,
and the light of your face, for you loved them.

Psalms 44:3



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